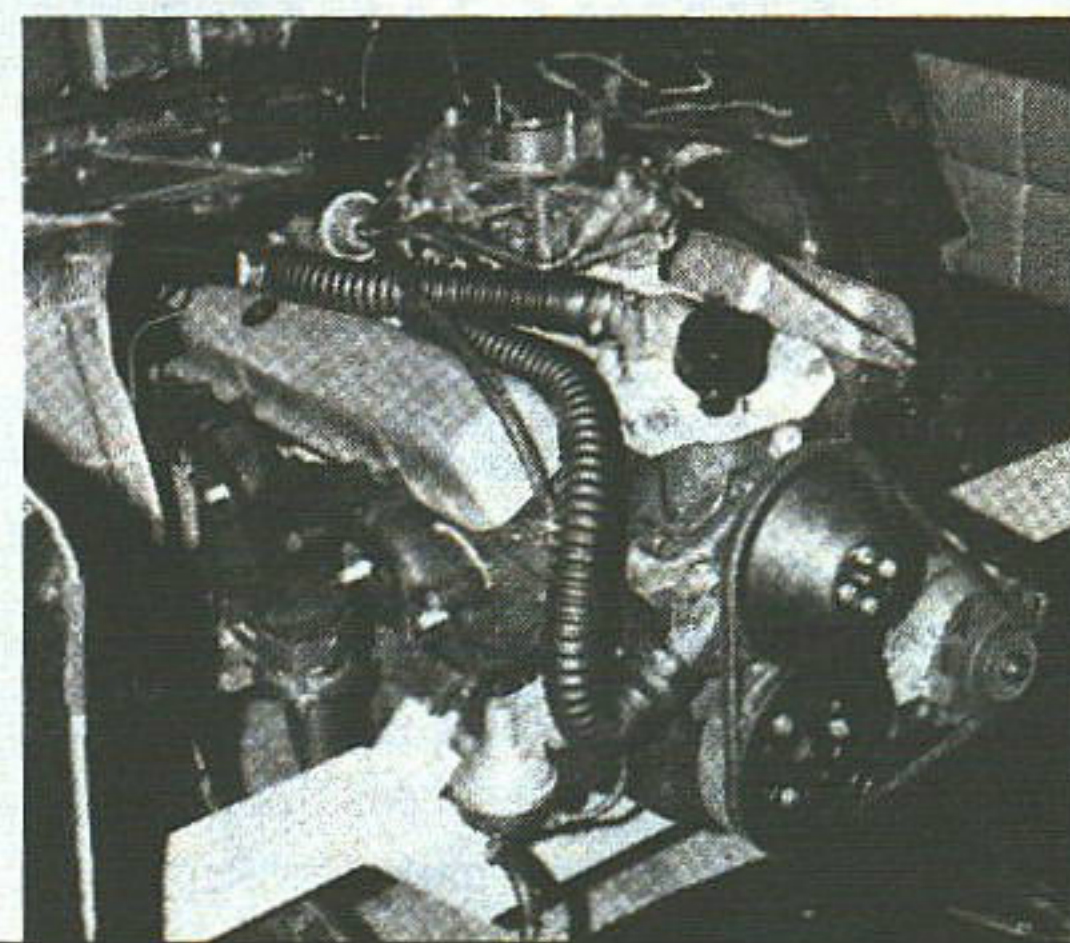
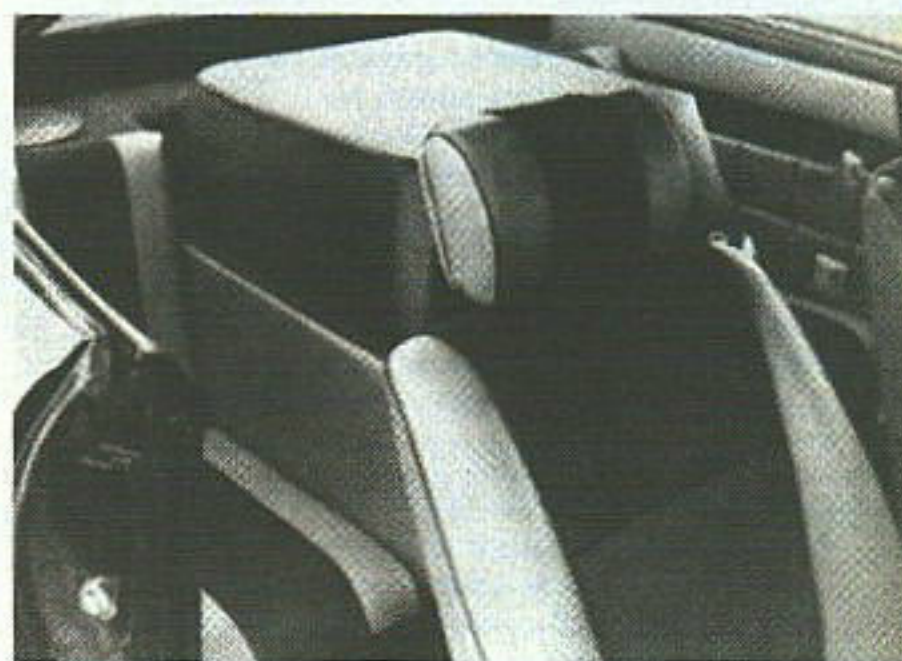


V-8 CORVAIR

OK, collectors, dig out your July '74 issue of HOT ROD to get the full back-story on this unique mid-engine Corvair. For the rest of you, here's the nickel version: Dave Kite and his crew at Antique & Classic Restorations in Germansville, Pennsylvania, have managed to dig up what's likely the only surviving Cavalier mid-engine V-8 Corvair built by Solar Automotive back in the early '70s. This particular car has a long list of custom one-offs, including suspension, wheels, interior, dash... the list goes on. Dave says the car's in shameful condition, but thanks to good resources, he has been able to track down most of the original parts. Impressive, since the car was obviously stripped of its goodies at some point. Watch it return to its 327ci glory at www.restoringautos.com —CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL



WAITING FOR GRADUATION

While visiting his uncle, Adam Leontowich from Ituna, Saskatchewan, Canada, noticed a rusty '26 Dodge three-window coupe lying in pieces out in the pasture. When Adam showed interest, his uncle happily gave it to him for free. Adam's adamant about doing all the work himself and has so far boxed the framerails with 1/4-inch steel and welded in a custom Mustang II cross-member from MacGyver's in Edmonton (www.macgyvers.com). Rear suspension will be a four-link of Adam's own design, and body mods call for a 6-inch channel and 6-inch chop. The rest of the car will be a mix of parts sourced mainly from other family members, including the 472ci Cadillac out of his grandpa's '69 Sedan De Ville. Since Adam goes to college in Saskatoon, three hours away from his car, progress only happens during semester breaks for now and will cease for the next four years when he goes away to Hamilton to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry. Chin up, Adam, you won't be scraping by and eating hot dogs to fund the Dodge anymore with that under your belt. —CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL

