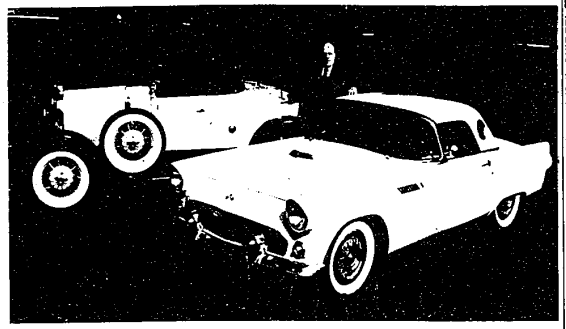

Harry Shay stands between his company's fiberglass replicas of the Model A and a 1955 Ford Thunderbird. The Thunderbird replica, built on a 1980 Ford frame, is available from participating Ford dealers.

T-Bird replicas on sale

A replica of the 1955 T-Bird is being brought out to commemorate the silver anniversary of the 1955 Ford Thunderbird. Up to 10,000 of the replicas will be manufactured.

Twenty-five years ago, the original two-seater Thunderbird was acclaimed a classic just four years after production of the two-seater stopped. It has steadily grown in collector demand over the years.

"It's the kind of super popular car that has a vast market waiting for it, and we simply serve the demand," said Harry Shay, head of the reproduction's manufacturer, Model A & Model T Motor Car Reproduction Corp.

The reproduction company was organized in 1978 by the 54-year-old Shay, who is an automotive engineer.

"We introduced Henry Ford's original 'mass production/lower cost' methods to the replica industry and, for the first time, opened the fun of the replica to a vastly expanded market," Shay said.

"We sold in advance our entire 10,000 limited edition Model A reproductions to participating Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers," he said. "Most of the dealers just as quickly sold out thier orders, and it's now difficult to find a dealer with one remaining to sell."

This made his company No. 1 worldwide in the replica industry by exceeding all others combined.

He expects an equal success with the "Shay Reproduction/55 Bird," orders for which are being accepted by participating Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers. The base model sells for $8,950.

The Bird, like the Model A, is a brand new car that presents an illusion of the original, he said.

"The fiberglass body is a duplicate of the original, and our engineers design the chassis to accomodate the 1980 Ford drivetrain without disturbing the appearance of the replica," Shay said.

"It includes the original 102-inch wheelbase and 56-inch tread. The unseen frame is similar to the original but revised to accomodate the 1980 Ford 2.3-liter engine and four-speed transmission. A V8 engine and automatic transmission are options," Shay said.

Almost all original options are available, including the "porthole" removeable hardtop introduced in 1956. Several more modern features, such as windshield wipers and seat belts, are included. Buyers can even order an on-board computer.

"We will manufacture authentic-appearing bumpers that will include, out-of-sight, shock absorbers to meet current government bumper regulations."

The government requires replica manufacturers to meet federal auto regulations.

"We're proud to be the first and only company to have federal approval for our 10,000 limited production," Shay said.

Shay started his company with not much more than token capital compared to the capital required for typical automotive production and passed $60 million in sales within months. He expects sales to reach $80 million this year.

The new company, with offices in the Renaissance Center, has created more than 200 manufacturing jobs in Michigan and expects to add 100 more employees during the next few weeks.

Between 3,000-4,000 jobs, directly and indirectly, have been created by Shay's venture into what was a relatively small industry.

"It's not much in relation to the whole auto industry, but it's very significant to the people involved" Shay said.

The company is the largest customer of Ford engines and component parts.

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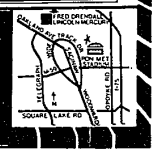

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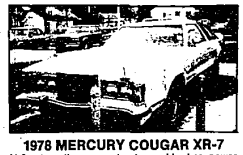

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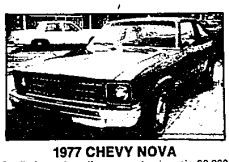

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