



Mobile Rust Control Business

In 1984 Bob Lawrie started a mobile rust control business spraying vehicles so they wouldn't rust. In 2008, Bob and his son Greg started to offer dealerships. For over a decade, they have helped more than 60 people develop their own successful mobile rust control business. "We love what we do," says Greg, President of Pro Fleet Care. "Everyday, we get to work with our guys in order to help them develop their business, while they help their clients

protect their vehicles".

Dervin, a young man with few prospects for a career, joined Pro Fleet Care after hearing about the opportunity from a friend. Over the next 4 years Dervin developed a stable and successful business. He was so pleased that he encouraged 3 friends as well as a client to join the business.

Al joined Pro Fleet Care after he decided he wanted a change of pace, which allowed him to leave a stressful job, move his family

out of an overly crowded city and return to his childhood town.

"Individuals can join our business for as little as \$10,000 which includes product and equipment. Besides product and equipment, a pickup truck and trailer are required. No costly rent for a store front, property tax, heat or hydro are required as dealers operate their business from their home, apartment or farm location. What we have done is eliminate the needless expenses of owning a business, while showing our guys how to make \$1,000 to \$2,000 a day," says Greg. "During down turns in the economy such as 2008, we saw a large increase in business for two reasons: people want to preserve their vehicles and secondly, people want to join a successful business, and so we expect that we will see a large growth in the future."

Clients can have their vehicles treated yearly at their farm or business for as little as \$150 for a car to \$200 for a pickup truck. Weight scales and building structures can also be treated by Pro Fleet Care. To learn more about Pro Fleet Care, go to <https://profleetcare.com/franchise-info/>. Call Greg at 1-905-741-5316 or email Greg at greglawrie@profleetcare.com.

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Rat Rod Built From A Bit Of Everything

Rich Imhoff could tell right away when he saw a 2008 Ford pickup with only 50,000 miles on it that it was rat rod ready. The body was badly dinged up.

"One taillight and the grill were the only pieces on it that weren't bent or dented," recalls Imhoff. "The doors were tied on with rope."

Imhoff has fun with cars. He was previously featured in FARM SHOW with a bi-directional car that had two front ends (Vol. 23, No. 5). He decided to also have fun with the pickup, which he got cheap.

"I stripped off the body, including the cab, and started adding stuff," he says. "Everything went together really well."

He replaced the truck cab with a cab from a 6600 Deere combine, setting it in place over the dash so he would still have a radio, heat and air conditioning. The doors would have been awkward to climb out of, so he replaced them with doors from a Peterbilt semi-tractor.

"Getting the Peterbilt doors to fit was my biggest challenge," says Imhoff. "The bottom of the cab had to be pushed in a little."

Imhoff cut out the center of the old hood and welded in the hood from an IH 504. The center grill is IH but also includes a



Imhoff used a pickup and parts from a semi, combine and tractor to create his rat rod.

Ford emblem. Expanded metal fans out to either side.

A new rear end came from a Deere 6620 combine. Imhoff laid some 2 by 4s across the rear frame of the truck where the bed had been, unbolted the rear end from the combine, and set it in place behind the cab.

"I ran lights back to the rear and screwed everything down," says Imhoff. "The opening to access the straw walkers is right behind the cab. I can flip it open to get in that way. I modified the back end of it with a tailgate that can flop down."

The rat rod even has its own invasive pests. Imhoff made bug-like creatures out

of shoe stretchers and mounted them on the hood.

To finish it off, Imhoff made a Chevy bowtie out of log chains. He attached it in front instead of a bumper.

Imhoff admits that his rat rod will likely never be finished. For one thing, he already has his eye on his next project.

"I'm thinking about selling the rat rod and building something different," says Imhoff. "I'm already planning it out."

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