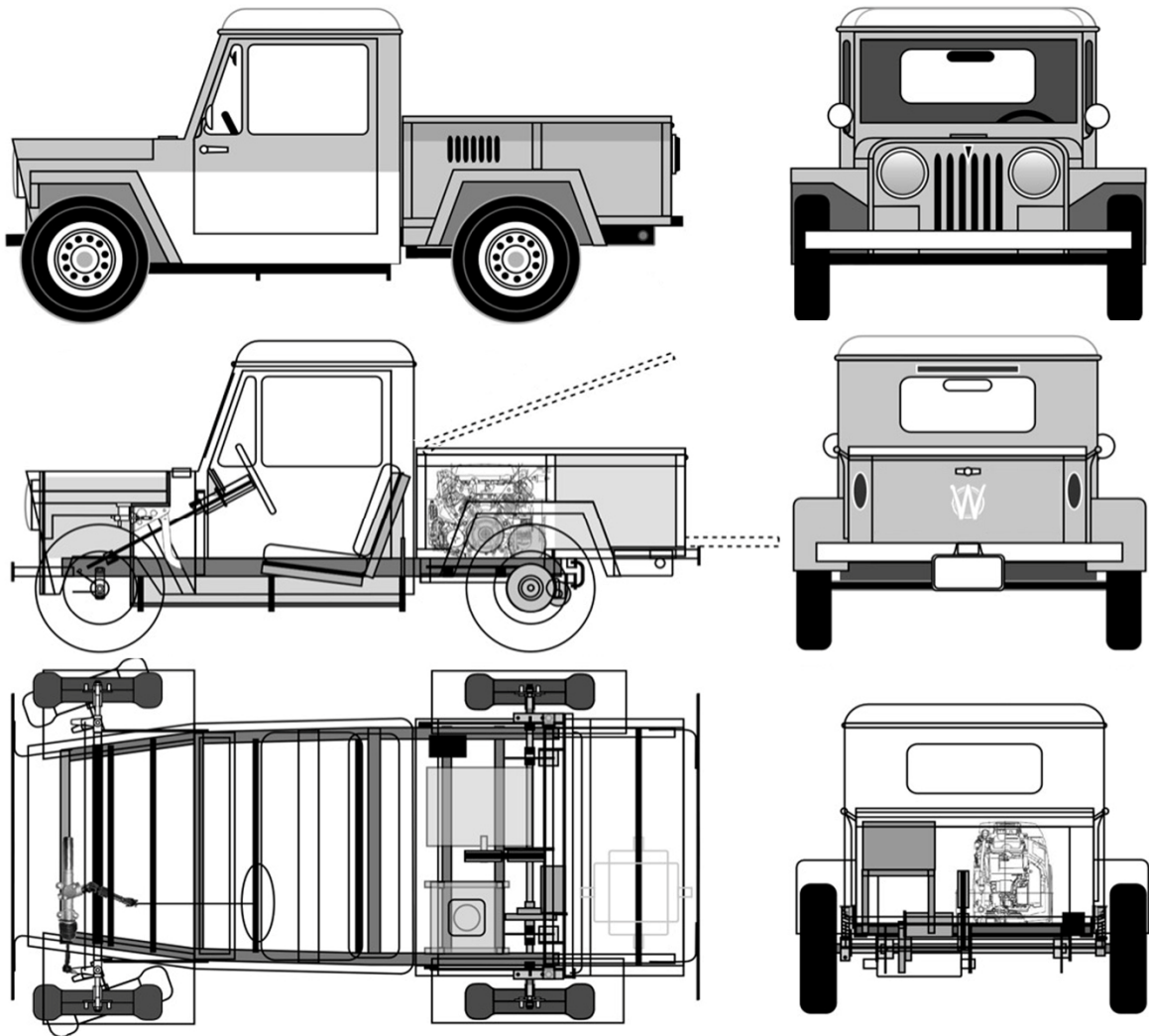# Club Special Jeep & Others — By Bob V.

Mark Frost is a retired graphic designer from Minnesota. He bought *Make Driving Fun Again*, the Club Special plans, and set about designing a personalized version. Life issues intervened, so he may not be able to proceed, but wants to share his ideas with others.

His drawings to-date fill some 31 pages, too much to print here, so consider this Jeep Pickup a teaser. He includes other Jeeps too, such as a Jeepster. If you want to know more, the whole package is posted on our website www.kingmidgetcarclub.org/links.html. See Club Special updates, X-Dream Designs.pdf. Mark's not an engineer, so these are concepts; neither proven nor demonstrated engineering solutions. As with the Club Special plans themselves, use at your own risk, and feel free to add your own flavor.

His approaches are based on the Club Special Model 3 version, scaled up a bit. He found the Club Special seat a little narrow for overall comfort, so he proposes a widened steel frame and seating the width of a Model 3.

Minnesota's registration laws have a loophole enabling licensing a vehicle as a street rod if it "is or resembles" a 1948 or older vehicle. Nifty! So he focuses on adaptations having the look of M3s, Jeeps, Model Ts and the like. Mark's designs will require substantial sheet metal or fiberglass body work. He was intending to use the techniques for "Poor Man's Fiberglass" www.instructables.com/id/Poor-Mans-Fiberglass-make-nearly-anything-weatherp/ using 1/4" plywood underlayment rather than a foam base. Mark successfully built a sturdy boat using this technique.

Mark's designs will be considerably heavier than the Club Special, so he's proposing more power, larger wheels with hydraulic disk brakes, a larger Comet drive, differential and the like. His package includes many sources of parts and prices. You'll want a good welder or a good friend with one and a considerably bigger budget than the prototype we built, but the potential surely looks promising. Look for Mark at the Jam this summer, introduce yourself and make him welcome! ∎