



Jason Sanborn

Trucker/Classic Car Restorer

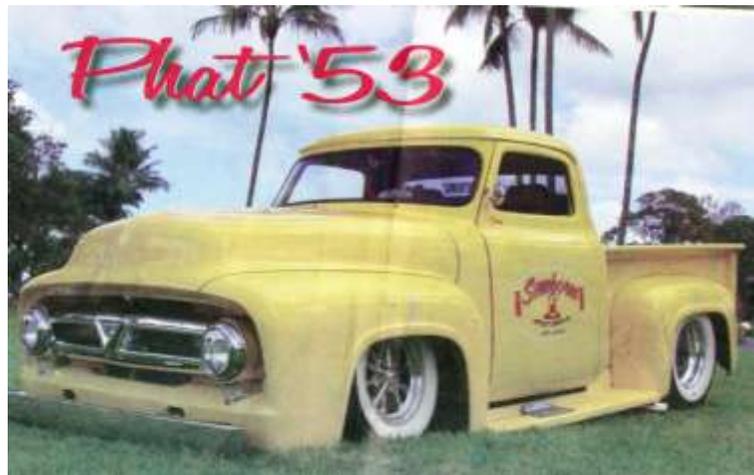
Class of 1996

By Brandon Saito-Agualo

Dump trucks, bulldozers, a 1950 Mercury and a 1953 F100 pickup truck. What do all of these vehicles have in common? They're owned and operated by Jason Sanborn. As the owner of Sanborn Trucking and Excavation, LLC, the dozers are used to clear vacant lots, prepare lots for house pads and driveways. The dump trucks are used to haul gravel and dirt to construction sites. Using an excavator, his company also digs cesspools. Every construction project requires excavation work for a

solid foundation. Sanborn trucking has seven employees including three drivers, two equipment operators and two secretaries.

Under the moniker, Sanborn Speed Shop, his Phat '53 was purchased in Arizona as bone stock when Jason was only in the 8th grade. It was this truck that his parents purchased for him when he earned a 4.0 gpa. After six years of rebuilding, the truck now has a front end featuring a Mustang II set up, 454 BBC with 800 horse power and



other top-of-the line products. The body and paint job took around 12 years to complete with six inches taken off the roof, suicide doors, hood moldings and emblems, a new truck bed Keawe wood floors. He entered this truck in the Cruise Paradise 2009 show, and later won five trophies at the Auto Value Super Show. His matching yellow '50 Mercury and his mother Jesse's candy

burn cherry Camaro were photographed for a segment of the television show, "Classic Cars" with Denis Gage.

While in high school, Jason also participated in rodeo competitions. When he went to the mainland, he would look for auto parts to fix his truck and bring them back on the airplane. (This was when the airlines allowed almost everything on an airplane). When he graduated from Waiakea High School in 1996, Jason wanted to become an airline pilot. He joined the Army National Guard and became a Black Hawk crew chief and learned how to repair helicopters. He was stationed in Fort Jackson, North Carolina and Fort Eustace, Virginia. He served nine years in the Guard.

He began his trucking business in 1998, the same time he began his college coursework at UH Hilo. While working full-time to build his business, he managed to earn his BA in psychology in 2002. When asked why he chose a degree in psychology, he credited Dr. Kimo Alameida as being a big influence.

Jason's memories of Waiakea High include all of his auto mechanics courses from Mr Derrick Kiyon, winning second place in a car show in Honolulu, music in the quad and "tipping cars" in the parking lot. He has a son, Jayden, and a daughter, Jadie.

