



## Did you know?

**Tim Deese of Progressive Basics with his artist's rendering of what became the Nissan Pathfinder.**

Tim had an idea in 1983 of building an import SUV based on the fact that the baby Bronco and the baby Blazer had made such a hit. Realizing there were no such competitors, Tim sought out a truck that could be made into a sport utility vehicle that would be extremely versatile. Tim designed, engineered and manufactured the first years production under contract with Nissan Motor Company, the truck, (Trail Hustler). At that time Nissan's 4X4 truck was known as the Little Hustler i.e. the name Trail Hustler. Tim manufactured these vehicles in Jacksonville, Florida and Anaheim, California where the chassis were drop shipped and the truck was then built and shipped on to the dealers. The truck made its debut in the '83 New Car and Truck showing in Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee, was the hit of the show and was ordered from the Nissan truck book for 1984 production. On the dash of those initial Trail Hustlers, which in '84 became the Pathfinder, was embossed (Tim Deese Production). They are now considered classics.