

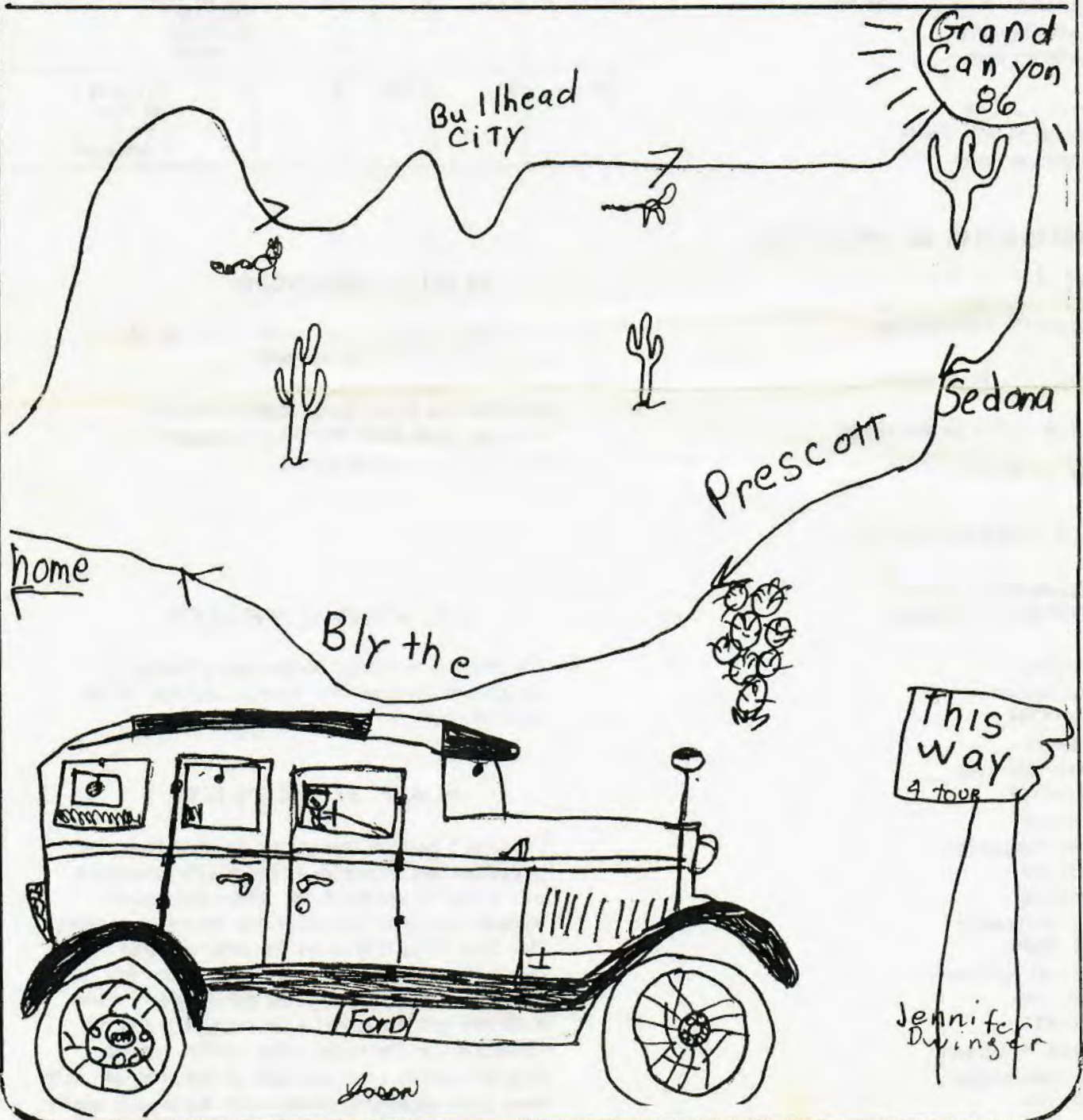
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CALENDAR

Thursday, June 12, 7:30 PM
General Meeting
Yorba Jr.H.S., Orange

Friday, June 13, 7:30 PM
Technical Seminar
Riha's Home

Saturday, June 20
Depart for Summer Tour

Thursday, June 26, 7:30 PM
Board Meeting
Sterlings Home

Friday, July 4
Fourth of July Party
Johnsons Home

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Carrions Cherry Orchard Tour	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Gen'l. Meeting Yorba JRS 7:30 PM	13 Tech. Seminar Rihas 7:30 PM	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Depart for Summer Tour	21
22	23	24	25	26 Board Meeting Sterlings 7:30 PM	27	28
29	30	1 JULY	2	3	4 Fourth of July Party Johnsons	

COMING EVENTS

July 13, Poker Run

August 15, Angels Game

August 24, Beach Party

Sept. 6-7, Rim of the World

Sept. 14, Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 4, Progressive Dinner

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MALL SHOWS

June 14, La Habra Fashion Square, 9:30 AM
to 5:00 PM. Cars are needed.

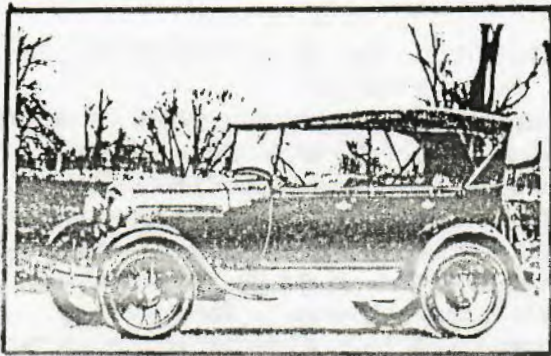
June 14, Los Altos Mall. More details at
meeting. Call Jerry Sterling if you can
be at either of these shows.

COVER CREDIT

Thanks this month go to the young Dwingers,
Jason and Jennifer, for a cover appropo of the
summer tour.

MAY MEETING

President Heiland brought up the question of a
possible dues increase, as originally discussed
in the last Board meeting. After discussion,
members present voted in favor of a dues increase.
(See Board Meeting notes for later action.)
Duane Hampton won the hard luck trophy for
shaping his fenders with the garage door. Larry
McKinney got the Model A driver award and the
Johnsons won the name badge raffle. We all
enjoyed a white elephant sale as the program, with
many lucky members leaving with marginally useful
items.



JON'S JABS

by Jon Heiland, President
836-4244

Congratulations to all the graduates, be they from elementary school, Jr. High, High School or College, who are among the family members of our club. We wish you every success in the future.

Along with graduations, June is going to be a very busy month. We have two mall shows the same day (June 14) and at the same time, so if you haven't signed up for one or the other, please contact Jerry Sterling immediately. Our club needs your help.

The Summer Tour is leaving on Friday, June 20th at 7:30 PM from Kenos on Imperial at the 91 Freeway in Anaheim.

If you are one of those who can't make the Summer Tour, don't be disappointed because we've got lots of great activities coming up, such as the 5th annual 4th of July party, poker run, Angel baseball game, and beach party. Information on all of these will be forthcoming in Les Nesbitt's articles throughout the summer.

For the months of July and August our meetings will, as in the past, be held at Hart Park in Orange and will begin with potluck dinners.

One final note, the club extends deepest sympathy to Keith and Carol Justice as they mourn the passing of Keith's brother.

Have a great summer and "do it in an A!"

Jon

BOARD MEETING NOTES

by Jerry Sterling
586-8469

The May 29, 1986 meeting was called to order by Jon Heiland at 7:40 PM at Lou and Pearl Spielberger's home. Present were Jon Heiland, Les Nesbitt, Lou Spielberger, Jerry Sterling, Carol Justice, and Dick and June Riha.

The minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Editor's Report: Keith Justice was not present due to the passing of his brother. The members expressed their sympathy to Carol. Articles due by Sat. the 31st.

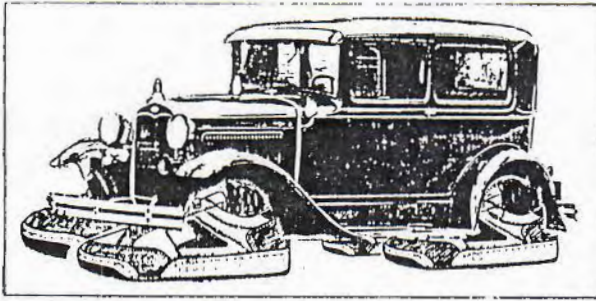
Technical Report: Thanks are in order to Bob and Patti Ferazzi for the use of their home and garage for the seminar. See Dick's article for details.

The program for the next meeting will be a movie: "Fifty Golden Years".

Mall Shows: The mall show on May 17th and 18th was held at the East Lake Village Shopping Center. Eight cars attended each day. Thanks are in order to Gordon Kenward, Bob Kelley, Joe Recker, Dick Riha, Karyn Sitter, Bob Sitter, Roger Sowersby, Les Nesbitt, Jim Willett, Jerry Sterling, Keith Justice, Jim Marquardt, and Walter Dent. The next mall show will be June 14th, 9:30-5:00 PM and will be at La Habra Fashion Square. Cars are needed. A second show on June 14th at Los Alisos Mall is in the works. More detailed information at the meeting. So please call and let us know if you can make it.

Old Business: At the last general meeting the members voted to raise the dues to \$12.00 a year. In response to this, Les Nesbitt moved that dues be raised to \$12.00 per family. Seconded by Dick Riha, the motion carried unanimously.
New Business: None.

The next board meeting will be held at the Sterling's home at 7:30 on June 26.
Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM.



NESBITT'S RUNS

by Leslie Nesbit
730-9365

We've had a busy month which included a summer tour organizing meeting/potluck at the Johnson's on May 3rd, followed by the Whittier Narrows Fun Day on May 4th. A good turnout and lots of fun for the group which left the Orange Mall at 9:30 AM. The Mothers' Day Parts Exchange Meet was held on Sun. May 11th. Not many mothers showed up. There was a mall show at Yorba Linda Sat. and Sun. May 17th and 18th. Thanks to all who participated and an extra thankyou to the Sitters who had two cars there Sat., and also provided overnight parking for those who showed their cars both days. The final event for May was the Antique Nationals held at Los Angeles County Raceway on Sun., May 25th. Three Model As (McKinney, Wavra and Justice) and two moderns left the Orange Mall at 7:00 AM. Model A's picked up 200 miles.

Cherry picking time! Let's go! Meet at 9:30 AM at Orange Mall on Sun., June 1st. End up at Carrion's Cherry Orchard in Banning.

The summer tour will leave on Fri., June 20th. On Fri., July 4th we will have the 5th Annual Dwinger's party which will become the 1st Annual Johnson's Party directed by Piet Dwinger at the Johnsons.



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Any housewife, no matter how large her family, can always get some time to be alone simply by doing the dishes.

## ANTIQUE NATIONALS

by Keith Justice

Our tour group consisted of Larry and Gerry McKinney (leading), Joe and Marion Wavra, and Keith and Carol Justice in A's; John and Chris Heiland, and Pieter Dwinger in moderns. We had a pleasant drive out the 91 to the Ontario cutoff, then onto highway 60 at Ontario and thence up 15 to our breakfast stop at Tiffany's. Somehow I had imagined this to be an elegant roadhouse patterned after its New York namesake. Instead it is one of those rare non-chain (independent) roadside eateries, the kind where biscuits and gravy is the specialty of the house. Unfortunately, something went wrong with the gravy-making operation just as we got there, and it caused a near panic among the gourmets in our group.

Upon arrival at the meet, we found Dan Simmons and Duane Hampton helping with the operations. The Antique Nationals are organized by the "Four Ever Four Cylinder" car club and held at the Los Angeles County Raceway near Palmdale. The meet is open to all pre-1948 vintage cars of any make, but we saw (and heard!) lots of model A's, ranging from lightly modified to full dragster treatment. There were also T's, and V-8's from the '30's and '40's. With all the strange sights and sounds, I thought it was a really fun day, if a bit warm.

Highlight of the day was a quarter mile time trial by Larry in Black Beauty. His time was 23 seconds and speed was 57 m.p.h. Next year we will see nitro tanks on the old girl, I suppose.

After lunch we had a parade and recieved a dash plaque, tee shirt, and a really nice mug. On the way home we stopped at a cherry orchard fruit market for assorted goodies. Our only regret is that all the cars ran so good that we didn't get to stop and fix anything.

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#           June 5  at 7:30 PM      #
#           Yorba Jr. High School   #
#           Orange                   #
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#           Program:                 #
#           Movie                     #
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## TECHNICAL TALK

by Dick Riha  
556-4355

The May seminar that was held at Bob and Patty Ferazzi's on V-8 transmissions in the Model A was a great success. Our thanks to Lou Spielberger for using his pickup as the test car. Working their fingers to the bone were Lou, plus Bob Ferazzi, Jon Heiland and many others. I would also like to thank Dennis Griffin for his side seminar on disassembly and reassembly of a standard Model A transmission provided by Bob Ferazzi. Attending the seminar were 17 men and 2 ladies.

The seminar for June will be on Friday, June 13 at 7:30 PM at my house. The subject will be buffing and it will be led by Jon Heiland.

**TIP OF THE MONTH:** Instead of vaseline or some other product, try automotive grease with silicon on the distributor cam. It is good for -20 to 400 F. It will prolong cam rider life and help keep points adjusted. Careful, not too much. A fine coat only. Available at auto parts stores in 1 and 2 oz. tubes.

Anyone who has a tip, please let me know so that I can pass it on.

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The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intentions.

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There is no such thing as an unhappy marriage - it's just the living together afterward that causes the trouble.



## GOLDEN OLDIES

For Sale: '29 Closed Cab Pickup and '30 Coupe, complete but disassembled. Make offer. Wade Roberts. 714-675-5457.

(Eds. Note: "Complete but disassembled" is a euphemism for "Basket case".)

For Rent: Storage space for a car plus. \$55.00 per month. Glenn Johnson, 538-9429.

For Sale: 8ea NOS Champion c-17, c-7, in original boxes. \$25 per set. 19 and 21" tires. These are good, no junk. Some tubes too. \$5.00 ea. NEW 30-31 radiator; used two days. Fits!! Core is close to original looking. \$175. Any or all available for trade. \*\*\*HELP\*\*\* Can anyone repair my column mounted Boyce Motor-Meter? Suddenly, it quit. Tom Osborne, 714-537-7766 evenings, weekends.



"Stop saying, 'How does that grab you?'"

## UPSTATE NEW YORK

by Keith Justice

As some of you know, I recently had occasion to travel to a region known in the East as "Upstate New York". This is a beautiful, historic land of victorian and 1920's houses, and I thought you might like to hear of an experience I had while there.

I traveled from Albany by rental car north on a freeway they call the Northway, through the Sarasota Springs resort area to the Pottsville exit, and then 10 miles or so further on a narrow paved road to my brother's retirement home, arriving after dark. I enjoyed renewing my acquaintance with nephews and nieces whom I hadn't seen for many years, and ate and drank more than I should have.

I awoke the next morning with a feeling of unreality, which I attributed to a biologist being in a strange habitat, and perhaps mental fuzziness from the overindulgence of the night before. I pulled on my rumpled, travel-wearry clothes and sneaked out of the somnolent household. Across the road was a sturdy log cabin with deer antlers adorning the front and a sign below the gable declaring "Staten Island Camp, 1929". It made me wonder what it must have been like back then when the long drive from Staten Island was a good deal more adventuresome than it is now.

I walked up the paved road to a broad clearing with a rustic sign which recounted: "Townsite of Minerva, First Settled by the West Family, 1800. Became a Town in 1817." A rut of a road led to the right up a rise to a barn and a house in the distance. The road looked all but unused, and I felt free to continue my walk along it.

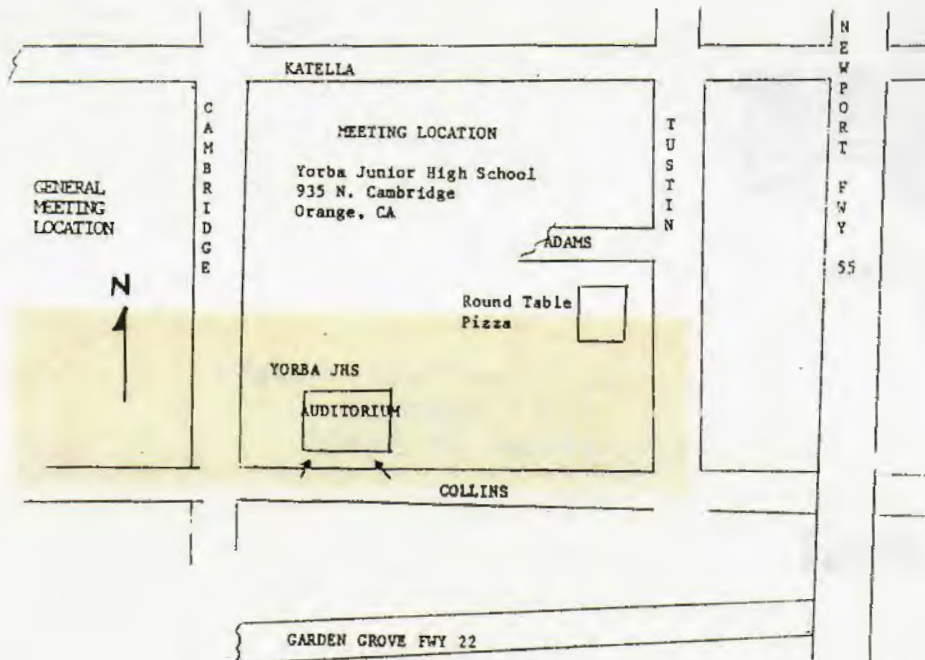
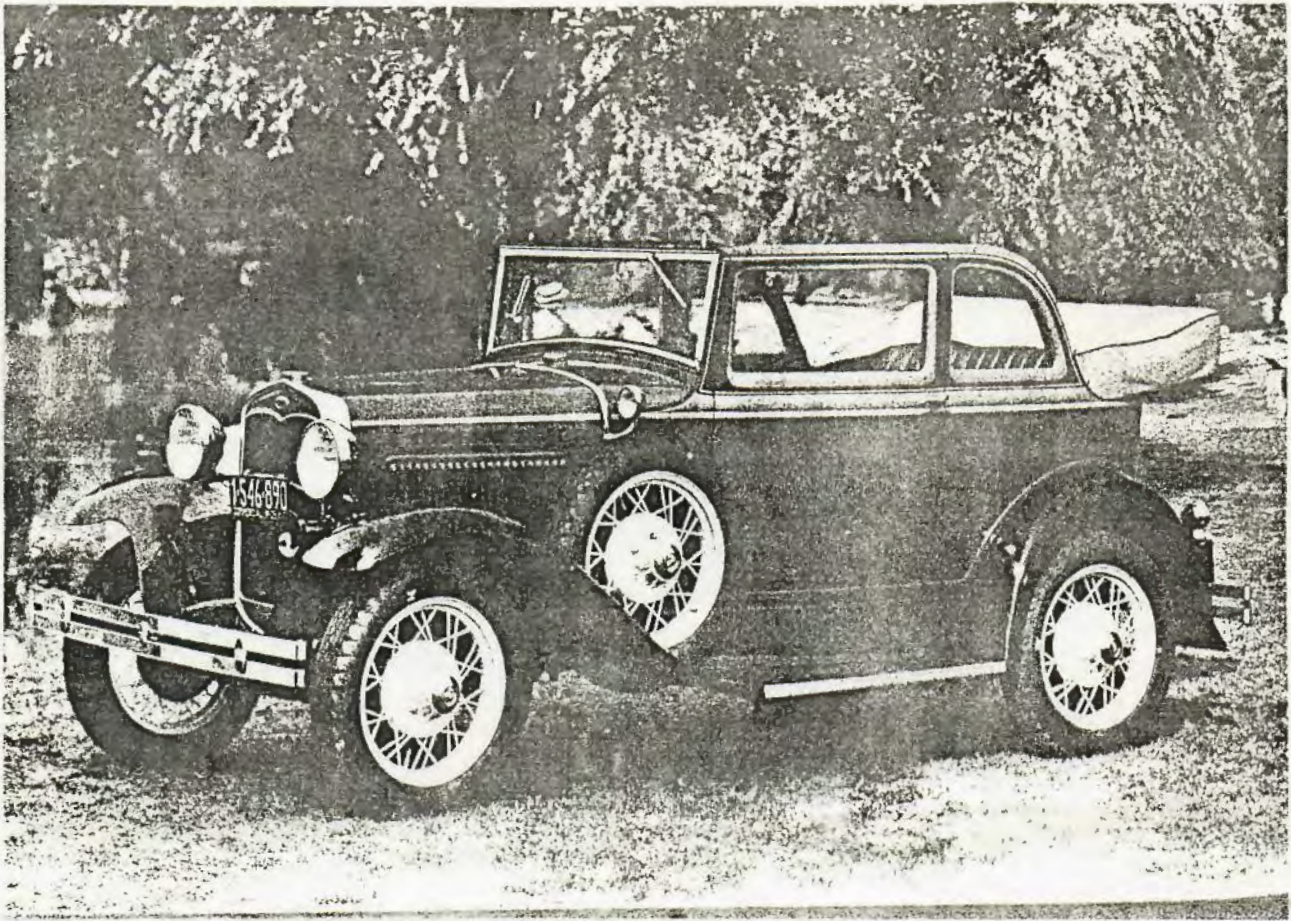
When I got to the barn, I found derelict pieces of 30's era equipment scattered about outside, and I couldn't resist the temptation to peak through the cracks in the siding. I was intrigued to see the dim form of an automobile inside, but in the gloom I couldn't tell the make, let alone the year. Needless to say, I got anxious to get into that barn. I checked the house, and it looked quite deserted, but just to make sure I pounded vigorously at the door and rattled the knob, which came off in my hand.

I went back to the barn and looked for a way in. It was a sturdy old structure, and had been thoroughly boarded up, as if someone knew it had to remain secure for a long time. But in a corner on the north side, where the snow had rested in the spring for many years, the wood was rotten and I pulled off two big pieces of siding and crawled in.

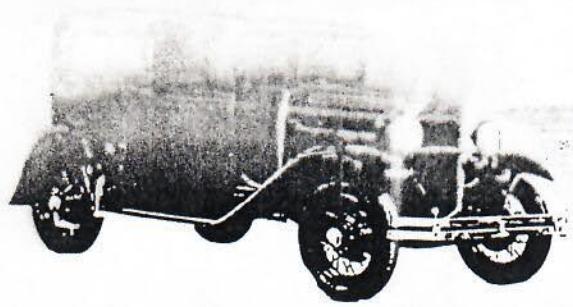
As my eyes adjusted to the gloom I saw it ... a 1936 ... Chevy. Damn! Why couldn't it at least have been a Ford. But wait, behind it, deeper in the gloom, was the old familiar lines of a 1930-31 radiator and front fenders. My pulse picked up and I felt the sweat in my palms. I picked my way closer through the debris, and wiped a my finger across a front fender. The dust must have been an eighth of an inch thick. It was an open car, but not a phaeton. The top was down and a side top rail extended from the front pillar back above the rear quarter window. Of course! It's a '31 Convertible Sedan. Only about 5,000 were made!!

The blood was rushing in my ears. This was like a dream. I leaned in and wiped the film off the face of the speedometer. The odometer read 29,873 miles. The leather on the seat showed little wear, but felt dry and brittle. I felt in the glove pocket: registration papers for 1931, '32, ... '35, all made out to the same name. I quickly checked the tags. Sure enough, 1935 tags. So that was it, a 1931 Convertible Sedan in cherry condition, stored in a barn in Upstate New York since 1936. Nobody is going to give this car away, but with a little luck I might get it for the price of a more common body style.

I started figuring how much I could get for my 1955 truck, when I heard a voice in the distance: "Uncle Keith, uncle Keith." Suddenly, I felt an iron-like grip on my shoulder. "Uncle Keith, wake up, breakfast is ready."



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