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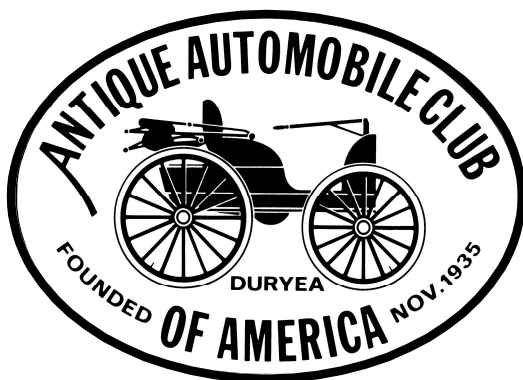
The Steering Column

I was trying to determine the most significant event that is celebrated in August so I let my figures do the walking and I searched the Internet. I discovered that among other things, in August we celebrate: National Fajita Day, National Bad Poetry Day, National Ice Cream Pie Day, International Blind Dog Day, National Ride the Wind Day, and National Never Give Up Day. With that wealth of knowledge, I decided it was time to give up. Turns out, National Collector Car Day was in July.

Hope everyone can make it to the meeting at Catfish Parlour on Tuesday, August 8th.

Here's to good health and good friends!

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Meeting

July 11, 2023 – Catfish Parlour

Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary, CTR-AACA

Meeting Greg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Membership Wayne was not in attendance and Greg noted that there were no new members or guests.

Secretary's Report The minutes of the June 13th meeting were published in the last FenderTalk. Bob made a motion and DJ seconded it to accept the report. We all voted in favor of adopting the motion.

Treasurer's Report Duane reported that June was a quiet month. No money came in; no expenses went out. Karen made a motion to accept the report and Joe seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sunshine Committee Ronnie indicated that she had not heard of any illnesses, except Vic's back pain. We hope his doctors can offer him some relief.

Website Rich said he added some screenshots to the site and added a couple of photos.

He posted a good article about our online presence in the last newsletter.

Newsletter Leif was grateful for the articles sent in to FenderTalk by Rich, regarding our social presence on Facebook, the website and networking, and George on his Ice Cream Social.

Past Activities

- Father's Day Car Show in Florence, TX – Rich said they had live music and there were shady spots to sit in and a 'cooling room.'
- Fourth of July Parade in Wimberley, TX – Several members were in attendance, but they didn't all find each other that day.
- Pistons-on-the-Square in Georgetown, TX
- Lampasas Historical Society had a car show and displayed lots of old-time photos.
- Hill Country Kids Show featured bikes. It was out 729 at Club Camp McCullough.

Upcoming Events

- Buck's Back Yard on 1646 –

Third Anniversary Siena Car Show.

- Luckenrod Car Show and Music Festival.
- 22nd Annual Main Street Show 10am to 7pm in Marble Falls.

Member's Projects

- Joe P said he put the top on his Packard.
- Wendell B is working on his REO.
- Todd and George B are still working on the Corvette.
- JC has a copy of 8mm film from the 2nd Texas Tour. Wendell put it up on the Archives.
- There was also a discussion begun by Joe P about how to set the timing with a digital timing light.

Pate Swap Meet DJ reported on the Pate Swap Meet Board Meeting. The contract has been extended through 2025. At the meeting, the directors discussed keeping the track for a long time. They need new drivers, trailers and golf carts in the form of another club to help out. There was discussion on having RV sites available for \$70/night. →

Secretary's Report

→ They also discussed meeting up with the "Good Guys" to combine efforts for a community sponsored event. What about having the Car Show and Swap Meet inside the track?

Meeting During the meeting, Greg showed photos of several Unique Old Cars and had us try to guess what they were. They ran from a '33 Dynamaxian to a Dodge Turbine Car to a '67 English Bradford Camper (a la VW Camper) all the way to a


vehicle built by Riley Motor Cars (Amphibicar) in 1898. Most of these were pretty weird looking to my way of thinking.

Dessert Break We took a break for complementary cobbler provided by Catfish Parlour.

Program DJ brought an unusual soccer video. Once again, it was hilarious. It was another show from the Top Gear British TV Series featuring the infamous three-

wheeled car. England vs Australia: Reliant Robin Football

<https://youtu.be/nORCM9rMvBo>

Adjourn George B made the motion to adjourn and Wally G seconded it. The meeting was then adjourned. 



Monthly Meeting – July 11, 2023 – Catfish Parlour, Austin, TX

Past Activities

Independence Day Parade – Wimberley, TX

By Leif Allred

It was a very early morning to start the trek from Florence to Wimberley to participate in their Independence Day Parade. In fact, it was still dark most of the way to the south side of Wimberley. The parade route already had pop-ups and chairs and some people there reserving their spots. Having left in plenty of buffer, I had my choice of where to park at the City Hall – Staging Part I – opting to use a fire hydrant and trailer ramps to prevent people from boxing me in from behind. Driving back up the parade route to the High School – Staging Part II – spectators got the second preview of upcoming attractions. I was then early enough so that our group got the first position of the last segment of the parade. After reserving spots, I decorated the car and sat down to enjoy a second breakfast when John and Connie Robertson joined up. We had a nice chat and then tolerated a divisive participant – that is until he realized John had information he needed – and were thankful for the overcast skies and gentle breeze and restrooms at the tennis courts (new this year – and by George’s encouragement and persistence).

George Pierce was accompanied by his wife Debbie, friends Colleen Cody (age 95 from Bulverde, TX) and Jeff and Kathy Walters (from Boerne, TX). Right as they joined up, the parade marshal instructed us to immediately start lining up at the middle school so we led our section forward to where we were last year at that point. What they really meant was to go all the way up to the Subway at Texas Blvd – which is how we lost George and company right off the bat. →



JOHN ROBERTSON

1929 REO Flying Cloud – Staging Part III



LEIF ALLRED

1931 Ford Model A – Staging Part II



JOHN ROBERTSON

1953 Ford F100 – Staging Part III

Past Activities

→ Even though we left him room, he was unable to leap frog around the floats but then somehow showed up at Subway and snuck back in line – Staging Part III. More visiting and sharing the old cars with other groups, we waited there about 30 minutes until they told us to rush back to our vehicles to get underway. That we did and turned onto FM 2325 making it about halfway down the street – Staging Part IV – where the parade backs up behind those coming out of Market Days and other parking. We watched those entries slowly pack in for another 20 minutes or so as the morning (and vehicles) started to heat up. The Ford was doing fine so I just let it idle as the last thing I needed was an issue getting it restarted (something I was needlessly concerned over).

Now we're off! The parade route seems wide to start with as people nonchalantly remain in their chairs and wave while mostly passive children welcome unexpected candy hurled near their feet. Then as the procession nears FM12, the crowds are packed tighter and kids stand waiting with sacks close enough to almost catch free treats. By the time one reaches the bridge over Cypress Creek, the crowd has encroached on the street and are standing shamelessly in the road asking for candy. Their desperation must be fueled by competition and the fact that most floats run out earlier or started rationing. Then, anyone on the hill up to downtown doesn't even get a wave because old cars with a clutch don't want to get caught on the steep ramp and leave room then make a run for the top. We rounded downtown and neared FM 3237 (the end) in about 40 minutes and turned into City Hall where George and I trailered the cars and gave thanks for a successful breakdown-free exhibition. The Robertsons hung out a while then climbed the hill to visit with a friend, George and company ventured towards San Marcos, and I made the long trek back north to drop off the car and return the trailer.



LEIF ALLRED

Staging – Part IV



DJ STAMP

Children Ringing Cow Bells for Candy



DJ STAMP

Independence Day Parade – July 4, 2023



LEIF ALLRED

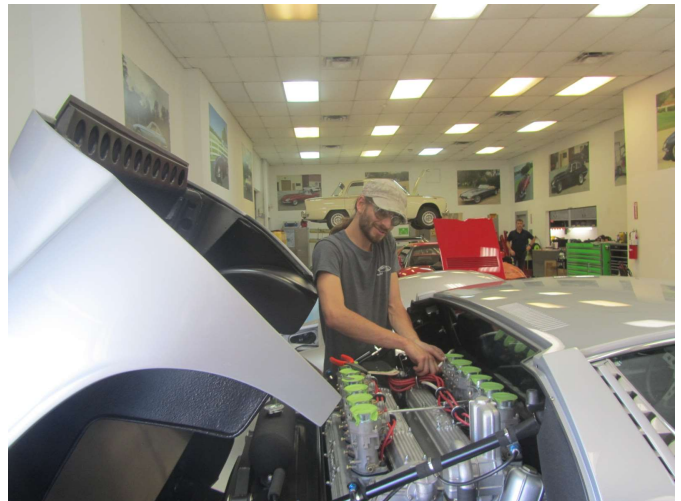
1970 Chevrolet C10 – Staging Part I

At the Garage

If You Have to Ask, You Can't Afford it

Mostly True Story and Photos By DJ Stamp

Got passed by a Lamborghini Miura on the way home from New Braunfels Swap Meet. Last time I took up the challenge I was in my XK 150 and got passed by a Mercedes. When I passed him I was doing 130 in a car that's capable of 150 (so I'm told). This time the challenge was greater as a Miura has a transversely mounted V12. CHALLENGE ACCEPTED – before long I had my little Ford Ranger all wound up with my foot glued to the floor 'til “that's all there is; there ain't no more.” Rounded a curve and sideswiped a truck (whispered a prayer just for luck). I was goin' so fast the telephone poles looked like a picket fence. Finally caught him on down the track - that's when I learned they travel in packs. When we finally stopped and I had a chance to look back I saw silver one right there on the rack. Who'd a thunk there'd be two of these multi million dollar beasts in one place – “three, he said, there's another out back.” The alloy bodied E type coupe next to it wasn't bad either – along with the rest of the shop.



Automotive History

Early Texas Tour Movies Now Online

By Wendell Bell

Short home movie films of early Texas Tours in 1954 and 1955 are now available for online viewing at the Texas Archive of the Moving Image (TAMI):

https://texasarchive.org/2022_00597



Texas Tour (1954 – 1955) – film digitized

The films were made by the late Boone Dowdy of Austin, one of the early organizers and a long-time participant. Besides capturing the origins of this long-running tradition showing a colorful parade of pre-war cars, it is notable that spectators' vehicles in the background are all sought-after antiques today. Most of the 26-minute clip is from the 1955 tour while a few minutes at the end are from 1954.

After Dowdy passed away, the original films, along with a number of color slides and other materials, ended up in the possession of J.C. Carter. I borrowed them and made arrangements to take the movies to TAMI for digitization and publication. The originals are now back with J.C. There is a digital copy on a thumb drive as well.


Established in 2003, TAMI is a non-profit organization working to discover, preserve, provide access to, and educate the community about Texas' film heritage. TAMI partners with the Office of the Governor's Texas Film Commission to administer the Texas Film Round-Up program, which provides free digitization for Texas-related films and videotapes, online access to a selection of the contributed materials, and statewide public programming. It also creates educator resources to use these newly digitized Texas media in the classroom. I was one of its first clients and they archived all of my father's 8mm home movies made between 1953 and 1985. I can't say enough about what a good job they do and what a great website they have for viewing an incredible range of Texana. If you have any home movies or videotapes that need to be preserved, TAMI would be happy to add them to the archive. Here's a link for information about how to proceed: <https://texasarchive.org/round-up>

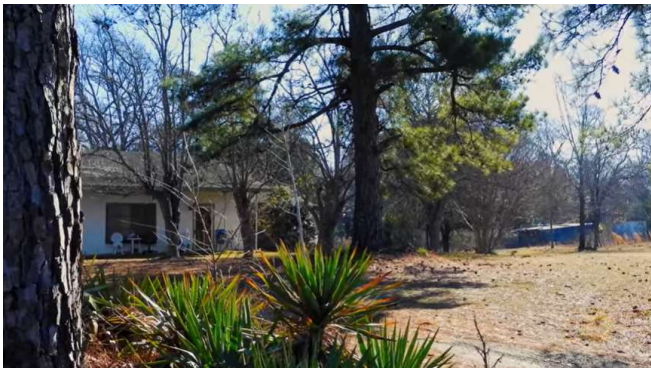


Donated to Texas Film Archives by JC Carter

On the Internet

The Edsel Man By Ken and JC Carter

Texas Country Reporter shares the story of Shelley “Shamrock” Clever and his collection of Edsel cars. I hope a car collector can find a way to preserve these cars and the memory of the Edsel Man. <https://biggeekdad.com/2023/04/the-edsel-man/>. Paul Harvey once said, “It looks like an Oldsmobile sucking a lemon.” Shamrock has owned 25-30 Edsels having fallen in love with them the first time he went to the showroom. A flopped Ford endeavor, Edsel became the moniker for failure. In the video, Shamrock gives the reporter a tape of the 1974 interview (without sound) for their reunion meeting. 



Right off the highway in Cherokee County



Original Interview August 3, 1974



Shelley “Shamrock” Clever



Edsel Made a Truck! --KC



Edsel Cheering Squad



Owning an Edsel's like . . . Falling in Love

PHOTOS FROM ONLINE VIDEO

On the Internet



Amazing Taste in Cars and Fashion



Not Many Visitors Nowadays



In its Natural Habitat – “the country”



Revisiting the Edsel Sanctuary



Unable to Give the Tour Any More



Realizing One Cannot Control Entropy



Heading to the Once Pristine “Showroom”



Celebrating that Shamrock is Still Here

PHOTOS FROM ONLINE VIDEO

Around Town

Local Shows, Events, and Cruise-Ins
by Leif Allred and DJ Stamp



75th Annual Watermelon Festival McDade, TX – July 8, 2023

In a casual question of “what are you doing this weekend?”, I found out about the 75th Annual Watermelon Festival that is put on the second weekend of July in McDade, TX. I met a buddy from Paige and a work colleague who lives on the parade route in McDade where we had a perfect place to park with a view of the small but very entertaining parade of watermelon enthusiasts, antique cars, renaissance actors, mini-bike gang and associated floats.

After the parade, we walked over to the festival that included a car show. Traveling this far away from home usually has vehicles I don’t typically see up north. But wait, that 1955 Chevrolet Convertible with the Corvette grill looks familiar! The rest, however, were mostly new to me and the grassy field had nearly 80 vehicles on display. →



75th Annual Watermelon Festival

Around Town

Pistons on the Square Georgetown, TX – July 15, 2023

A boat? That's a first, it seems. Not attached to a car but fit nicely in a regular parking spot was a 1956 Aristo Craft Torpedo 14' with 58 Mercury Mark 58E (ironically with a for sale sign). You would look like 007 in it!



1956 Aristo Craft Torpedo

The weather was superb . . . at 6:37am when I was dusting off the truck and even at 7:30am when I was basically the last to arrive. At one point, I even questioned whether it was daylight savings time and the clocks moved forward an hour. As long as you were in the shade – which is where I mostly camped out – it was quite pleasant. People started scooting out once the sun rose over the buildings and, unlike most weekends, the second wave didn't come fill those spots.

Ever present were a ton of Corvettes, enough Tri-Five Chevys to line the entire north side, a plethora of Camaros and trucks. An treat, however: an original 1962 Studebaker Daytona eeked in between some hot rods. The best Texas summer days have something in common – being inside by lunch. →



1972 Chevrolet Corvette



1962 Studebaker Daytona



Georgetown, TX – July 15, 2023

Around Town

Sienna Car Show

Buda, TX – July 23, 2023

By DJ Stamp

Pat and I attended the Sienna Car Show on Sunday, July 23 at Buck's Backyard down south on FM1626 near Kyle. The show is put on by the Knights of Columbus from St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church in South Austin. This was the 3rd annual event and looked to have around 60 or so cars in attendance.

We did see the Dark Knight Joe Peter and Princess Lizette who brought their land based aircraft carrier – the USS Peterprize. The number of cars seemed a little lower from previous years – maybe due to the high temps or perhaps because we were there pretty early.

There was a '57 Buick Estate Wagon similar to the one that recently won the AACA Zenith Award. That was among my favorites along with the pretty blue MG TF (not a stock color and white wall tires on the TF but I liked it anyway). Pat likes pretty much any station wagon including the Buick and the Nomad and we both like the Mustang fastbacks. Joe tried to convince me the shorty '57 Chevy was factory but to no avail. It was well done but Bill Mitchell would never have allowed a car so out of proportion to leave the factory. I also liked the old Ford tractor – I've seen these with a flathead V8 at the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.



DJ STAMP

Pat Stamp and Joe Peter



DJ STAMP



DJ STAMP

Buda, TX – July 23, 2023

Membership

Dues

National AACA dues are \$45 and our local Central Texas Region AACA dues are \$20 (requires national membership). For any questions, please contact membership chair, Wayne Heikkila at (512) 740-4212 or wayneheikkila@gmail.com.



Pay by Mail:

1) \$45 payable to AACA

2) \$20 payable to CTR-AACA

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The online registration for paying local dues online is currently undergoing renovation.

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Vests	\$18
Club Shirts	\$15
Rain Ponchos	\$15
Ball Caps	\$15
Texas Flag Badge	\$2
CTR Window Sticker	\$1
2017/2019 FDCS T-Shirts	\$Offer



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Mini-Tours

Schedule one – it will make you feel younger



National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

As Reported from AACA emails, Antique Automobile Magazine, Website, and Mailings



Quest for AACA Members! By Mel Carson Vice President - Legislation


The Antique Automobile Club of America and your Region or Chapter has a quest for new members – your leadership is essential to be successful!

Challenge your Region and Chapter Members to find those interested in enjoying family participation with antique vehicles and preserving automotive history. Many AACA leaders consider the ‘sweet spot’ for new members may be those age 45-60, with settled families and children almost out of school – and an interest in original vehicles!

Often, we see an antique vehicle being driven to the grocery store, the gas station, or just out for a ride. Sometimes we can catch up with the driver and admire their vehicle and strike up a conversation and listen about their

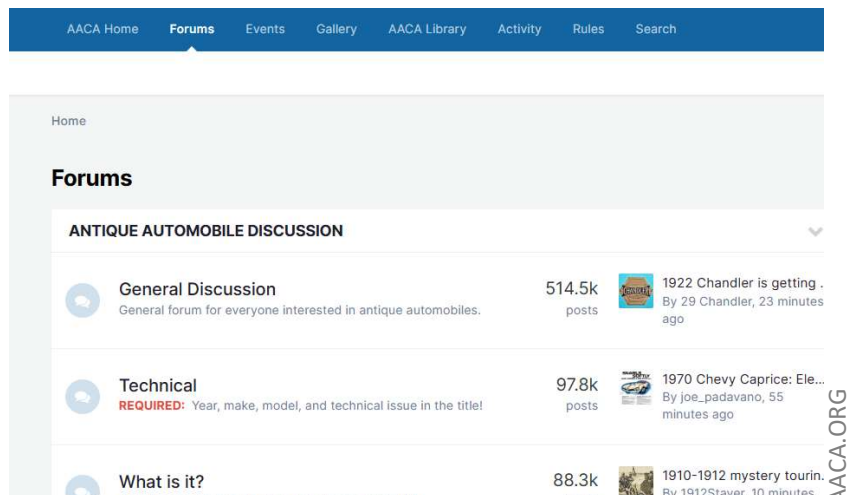
car. Encourage them to visit a Region or Chapter meeting and speak to them about the fun and benefits of joining AACA.

The key part of this quest is – your Region or Chapter and the Antique Automobile Club of America needs members – now more than ever! There are a large number of folks who are interested in the automotive hobby but don’t belong to AACA. Some may think that it is more difficult than ever to bring folks into AACA because many folks don’t readily join organizations. You can be a leader and have a personal conversation to introduce new members to AACA. Folks like to know others with collector vehicles and be able to get together to kick tires and talk about repairs and restoration.

Every Region and Chapter Member can find a prospective AACA member – encourage them with positive ideas about original vehicles and AACA. They will see your leadership and want to join you with the enjoyment of AACA! 

AACA Forums <https://forums.aaca.org/>

The newly developed AACA website includes a Forums portal with many different categories: Technical (requiring year, make, and model in the title – that makes the search engine work well), restorations projects, automotive legislation, towing advice, museums, junkyards, period photos and videos, and buy-and-sell classified ads. The search engine works well. Go check it out.



The screenshot shows the AACA Forums website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: AACA Home, Forums, Events, Gallery, AACA Library, Activity, Rules, and Search. Below this is a 'Home' section, followed by a 'Forums' section. The main content area is titled 'ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE DISCUSSION' and lists three forum categories:

- General Discussion**: 514.5k posts. Description: General forum for everyone interested in antique automobiles. Recent post: '1922 Chandler is getting...' by 29 Chandler, 23 minutes ago.
- Technical**: 97.8k posts. Description: REQUIRED: Year, make, model, and technical issue in the title! Recent post: '1970 Chevy Caprice: Ele...' by Joe_padavano, 55 minutes ago.
- What is it?**: 88.3k posts. Recent post: '1910-1912 mystery tourin...' by 1912Staver, 10 minutes ago.

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Calendar

August 8, 2023 7:00pm (earlier for food)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour – South
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

August 10-12, 2023
GRAND NATIONALS
Bettendorf, IA 309-373-2169

August 16-19, 2023
VINTAGE TOUR
Presque Isle, ME

September 9, 2023 10:00am
LUCKENROD CAR SHOW and MUSIC FESTIVAL
Luckenbach, TX
www.luckenrod.com

September 14-16, 2023
SPECIAL CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR (≤1998)
Piqua, OH 937-689-6901

September 25-29, 2023
WESTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR (≤1998)
California Central Coast

October 3-6, 2023
EASTER FALL NATIONALS
Hershey, PA 717-566-7720

October 22-27, 2023
REVIVAL AAA GLIDDEN TOUR (PRE-1943)
Thomasville, GA – VMCCA Hosted

October 7, 2023 9:00am-2:00pm
22nd ANNUAL MAIN STREET CAR SHOW
Main Street, Marble Falls, TX
<https://highlandlakeskiwanis.org/car-show>

October 14, 2023
ANNUAL FALLFEST IN DOWNTOWN
Clifton, TX Classic Chassis Auto Museum

October 28, 2023
TAYLOR CAR SHOW
Taylor, TX

November 4, 2023 9:00am-1:00pm
BELMONT SIDEWALK PARTY AND CAR SHOW
Austin, TX

LEGEND

☐ Monthly Meetings

☐ Special Events

☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☐ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events

www.motortexas.com/events/

https://www.taillightking.com/swap_list.htm

Letter From the Editor

In the National News section of this issue, Mel Carson mentions enticing new members “interested in enjoying family participation with antique vehicles” to join AACA. Not once did he mention catfish as the method for local chapter or region engagement. The calendar’s severe lack of **Road Relics Mini-Tours** and **Special Events** provides very little allure to catch a new member. Yes, we can talk them up at the car shows and cruise-ins but there needs to be what looks like a club presence – like a group of Road Relics’ cars and a pavilion of chairs and a critical mass of club members. An activities calendar requires monthly local events to attract the ‘sweet spot’ for a “Hey, you should come join us on this Mini-Tour where we’re going to meet up and drive our old vehicles through the back roads and find some obscure landmark and roadside attraction that one of our lovely members as conjured up.” Be that member.

Leif

**FOR SALE
BY OWNER**

Club Classified Ads

1969 Volkswagen Bug

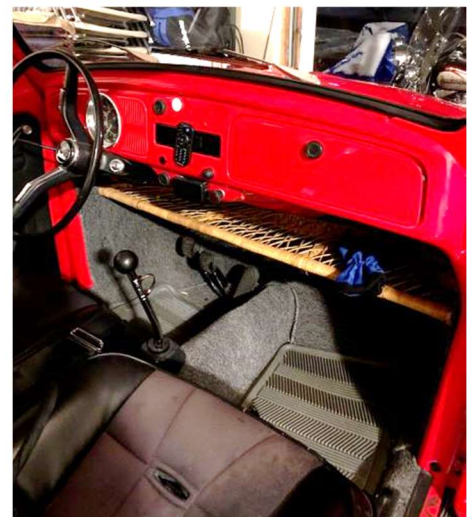
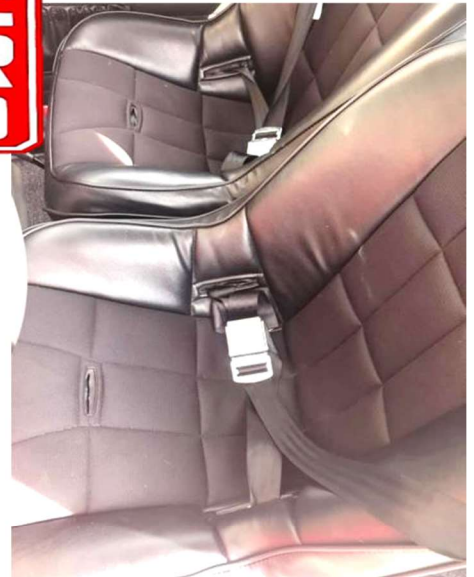
Goes by the name of "Ruby."

Recent engine rebuild. Dual carbs/exhaust. Old tires. No rust – Utah car garage kept and never driven in rain or snow. Manuals and Restoration Log. Suffers from typical long term storage issues.

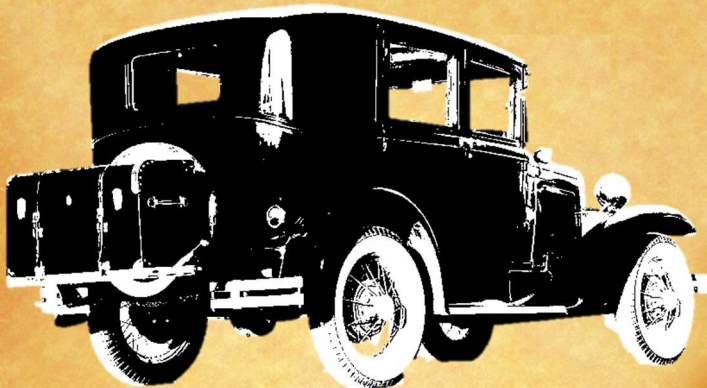
\$15,000 as is

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WANTED!



Wanted:

1928 – 1931 Model A Ford

Interested in well-maintained, running vehicle – preferably Tudor or Fordor sedan – but buyer is open depending on whims and availability. Searching for a driver – something mostly trustworthy and fun to tool around in and not something that needs an immediate overhaul or full restoration. You know, the one you restored 15 years ago but you seldom drive.

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