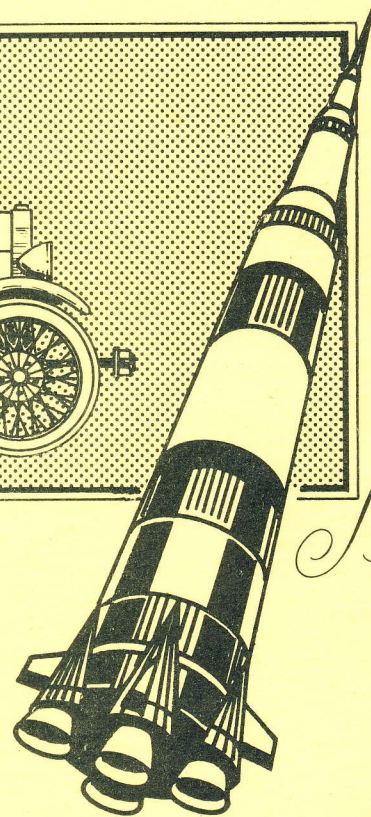
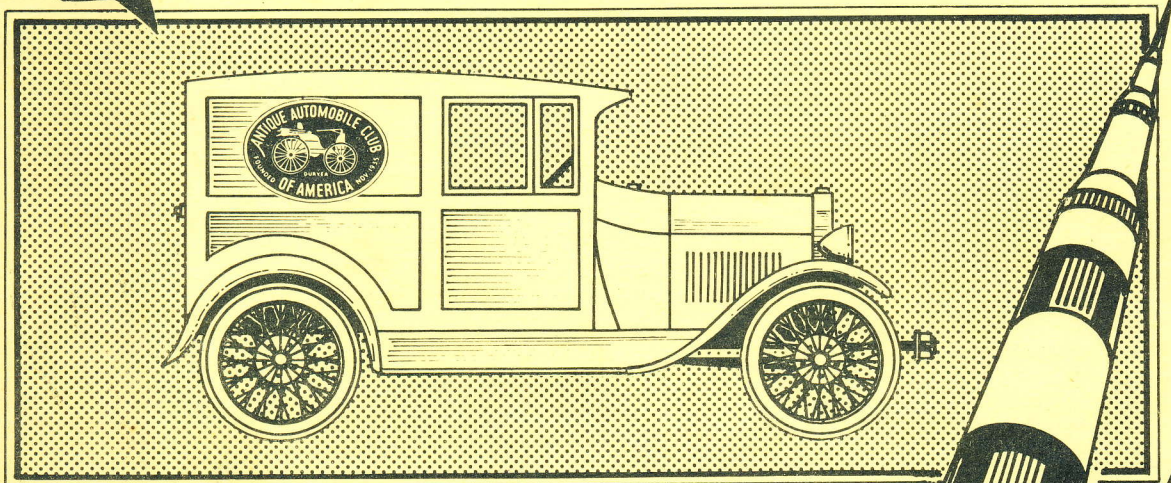
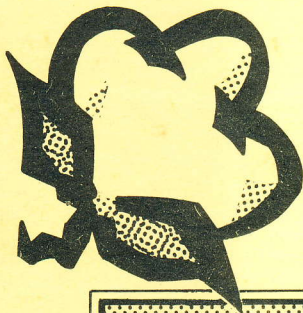


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## NEWS SECTION

Car Storage -- Room is still available in the warehouse for your cars, parts for cars, boats, airplanes, covered wagons, etc. The space is primarily for storage, not heated, but protected from the elements. The area is patrolled by an armed guard 24 hours a day and overhead sprinklers are provided.

Paid Your Dues Yet? -- Regional dues must be paid by March 1. The Auto Antiquarian News is sent to paid-up members only. Dues are to be paid directly to Don Pryor (2620 Guenevere Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama 35803) and are presently \$3.00.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19.....Huntsville Chapter Picnic

May 17-18.....Bowling Green Invitational  
Meet, Ralph W. Proffitt, Fountain  
Run, Ky. 42133

June 20-22.....Stone Mountain Meet, P. O. Box  
427, Stone Mountain, Ga.

June 1970.....Spring National Meet  
Huntsville, Alabama



Steam Power

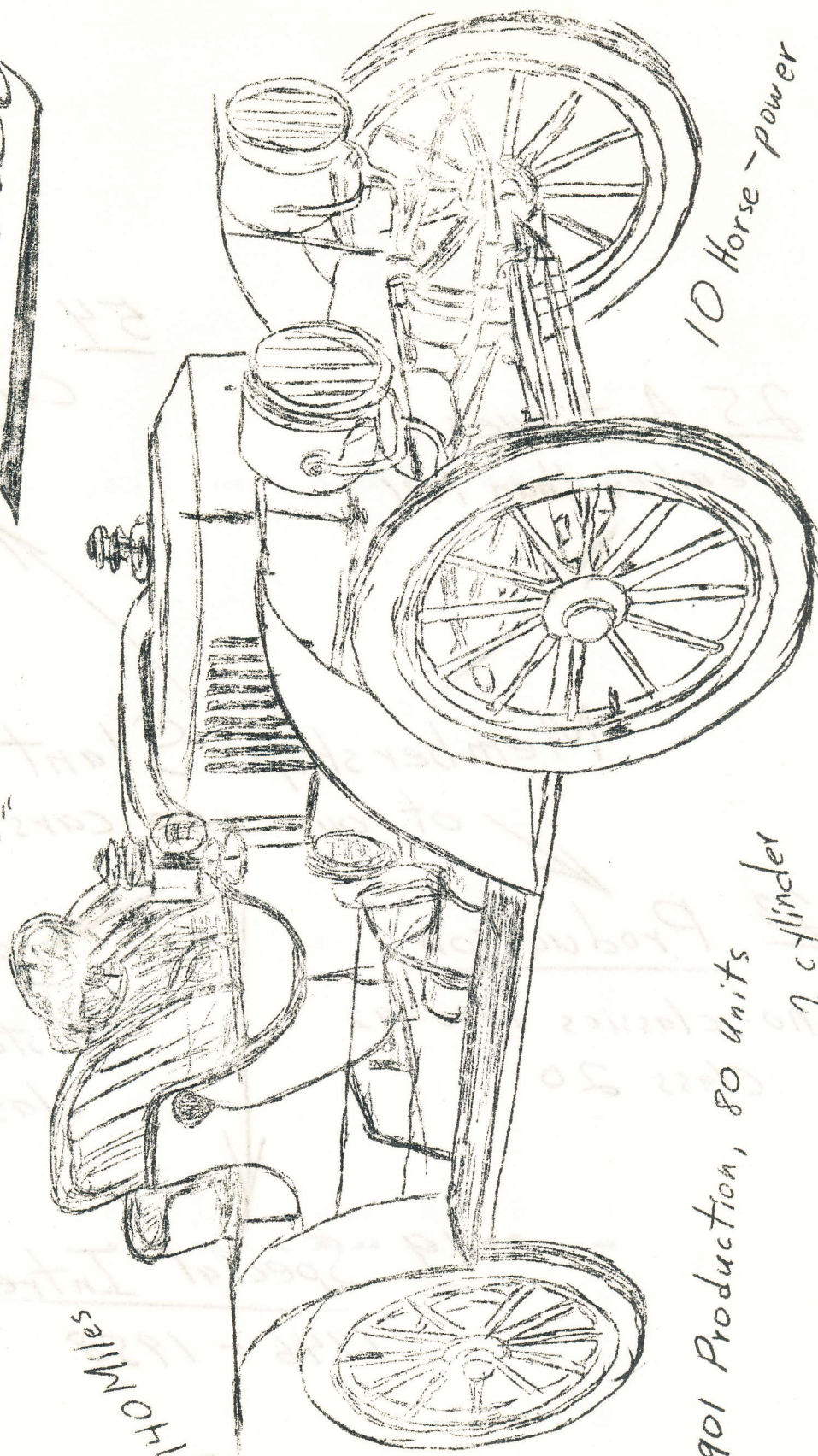
Stanley

1901

Wheelbase 90"

Weight, 1300#

Range, 140 Miles



10 Horse-power

1901 Production, 80 units  
2 cylinder



25 Antiques  
earlier than 1931

54 Fords

Classes 10, 11, 18A  
to 1931

Membership Slant  
of our 139 cars

23 Production

no-classics 1930-42  
class 20

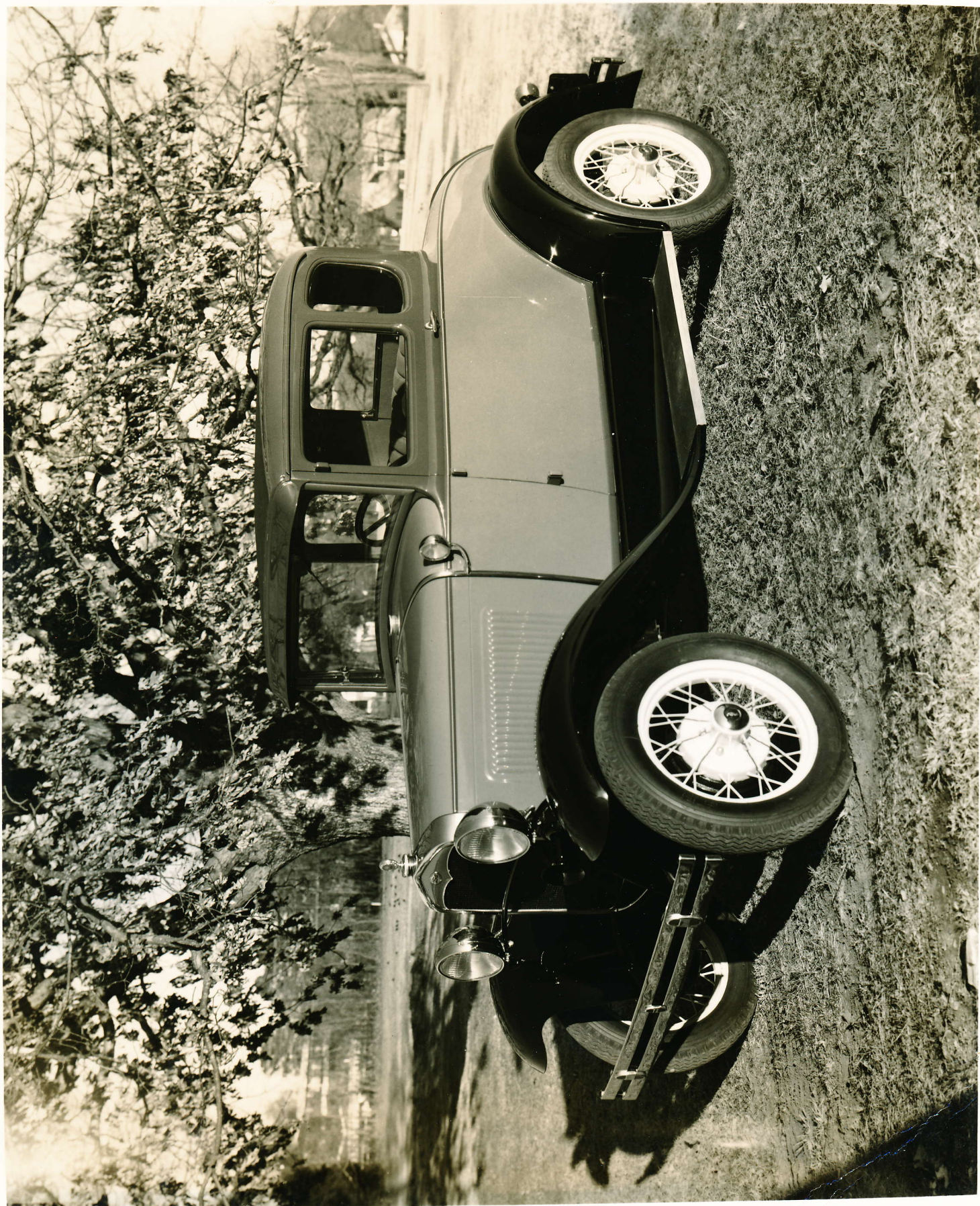
18 Classics

listed by AACA  
class 19A & B

19 Special Interest

1946 - 1958







## BERNIE AND CAROL GIER'S 1931 FORD, DELUXE COUPE

by

Tom Holley

Passing the home of Bernard and Carol Gier at 3615 Purdy Drive, N W. Huntsville Alabama 35810, one would never dream that such a car as pictured is in the garage under cover. The prize winning antique is a 1931 Ford Deluxe Coupe that Bernie has had since May 13, 1957 -- before a lot of us became interested in such a sport as antique cars.

The restoration that began in October 1963 was virtually completed at the National Meet in Chattanooga, Tennessee, back last October and resulted in a tie with Mr. James Hogue of Clarksville, Tennessee for first prize. The colors of this beautiful A are black fenders Chicle Drab middle and Copra Drab upper. To the writer, the Drabs are a variation of green, but to an ex-GI, oh well, they are a beautiful combination of colors. By the way, how do you suppose a Model A would look without black fenders?

The one-owner car was purchased from Mr. Willis C. Dupont, Collins Center New York with 78,000 miles showing on the odometer for the sum of \$30.00 (yes, the decimal point is correct). It had been in dry storage for about seven years and had resulted in flat tires and a frozen engine. Other individuals had tried repeatedly to buy the car during the years, but Mr. Dupont could not stand to see it fall to the fate of the 'Hot Rod'. As usual, Bernie promised Mr. Dupont that when the restoration was completed he would return and show the car to him. This seems to be a standard bargaining practice for buying antiques.

After the sale was completed and the towbar was hooked up for the 25 mile trip to Eden New York, Mr. Dupont couldn't quite understand how the vehicle could be towed without a driver. After satisfied that it would follow the tow vehicle, the owner for 26 years sat behind the steering wheel for what turned out to be the last time. Mr. Dupont passed away a short time later without seeing the car again. After talking with Mr. Gier, I'm sure that Mr. Dupont must have felt that he did the right thing by selling to Bernie.

After arrival at Eden New York, the old Ford received another engine and was made roadable again. It was at this time in the Ford's life that the owner was required to 'do time' -- U. S. Army, October 1957 - October 1959. The newly acquired possession was again in storage and was only run when Mr. Gier was home on leave. Bernie was stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, for about six months. He has quite a story about how he got away from here.

After the U. S. Army tour, the Ford was stored two years until towed to Fayetteville, North Carolina, and again stored two years until restoration really began in October 1963. Let Bernie tell you about backing a tow setup down a snow-covered mountain.

Bernie also took time out along here for things such as an illness marriage, etc.



As the restoration was getting well underway, the move to Huntsville, Alabama, came about. Again the towbar was hooked up. If anyone has questions about towing, see Mr. Gier, he is experienced. During the restoration the biggest problem was splash aprons. One was obtained from Texas, the other from North Carolina. Some other parts were obtained from as far away as Canada and California. The car was completely disassembled, inspected, and repaired during the restoration. The major painting was done in North Carolina before coming to Huntsville.

While unattended one afternoon, the front fenders were used as a slide for some children and resulted in a thorough rubbing off of that beautiful paint job. Mr. Leonard Brown and Mr. Gier repaired this damage beautifully.

When the upholstery was about 70 percent done, panic hit. It seemed there would not be enough material for completion, but there was. The Bedford cord material took six months to obtain. The upholstery was made and installed in one day by two people who worked 42 hours. Figure that day out.

As one has a tendency to do, Mr. Gier got behind and was required to work 14 hours a day for about 3 days in order to make the National Meet in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in October 1968. Mr. Gier was working just ahead of the judges at that meet. It paid off because he tied for first place in his class. He also shares the Tocky Award with Mr. Herb Fulmer for 1968. The Tocky Award was presented at the Christman party in December 1968.

Bernie and Carol enjoy their new 38-year old car very much. They drive it weekly, weather permitting, etc.

Congratulations on a fine job that Mr. Dupont and Mr. Ford would be proud of.



## DISPLAYS

Each display should be accompanied by a comprehensive poster so that the people observing can be informed or what they are seeing at our mall shows. The posters need not be fancy, but they should be legible. They should be readable from at least eight feet away. In past shows I have observed people walk by a car (without any more information presented than a name and year on a small sheet of paper) and never give it a second look. On the other hand, the same people would read every word on a poster by an adjacent car and would even strike up a conversation with other bystanders about the car. Simple handwriting on relatively stiff card stock with a felt-tip pen would be sufficient.

The type of information that people are interested in is as follows:

1. Where it came from (barn, geographical location, etc.)
2. Did it run (good, almost, are you funning me??)
3. Any oddity in getting it home (outlaw fuel system, friends saw you, but didn't (wouldn't) know you)?
4. Any odd thing found inside (like two 1929 dimes and a snake skin, year undetermined)?
5. Weight, length, etc. '
6. Engine specifications
7. Unusual systems (chassic lube, hand crank, etc.).
8. Extensive use of materials, or techniques, such as aluminum casting, etc.
9. Time spent in restoration.
10. Original cost.
11. Estimated value (If desired. Be careful not to exaggerate).
12. Prizes won.
13. Color names.
14. Number produced, and remaining.
15. Does it run? (It's amazing how many people ask this question.)

This is not saying we should present a spill, a sales pitch, etc., but I do think that most people are interested to a degree and would like to know more about our cars.



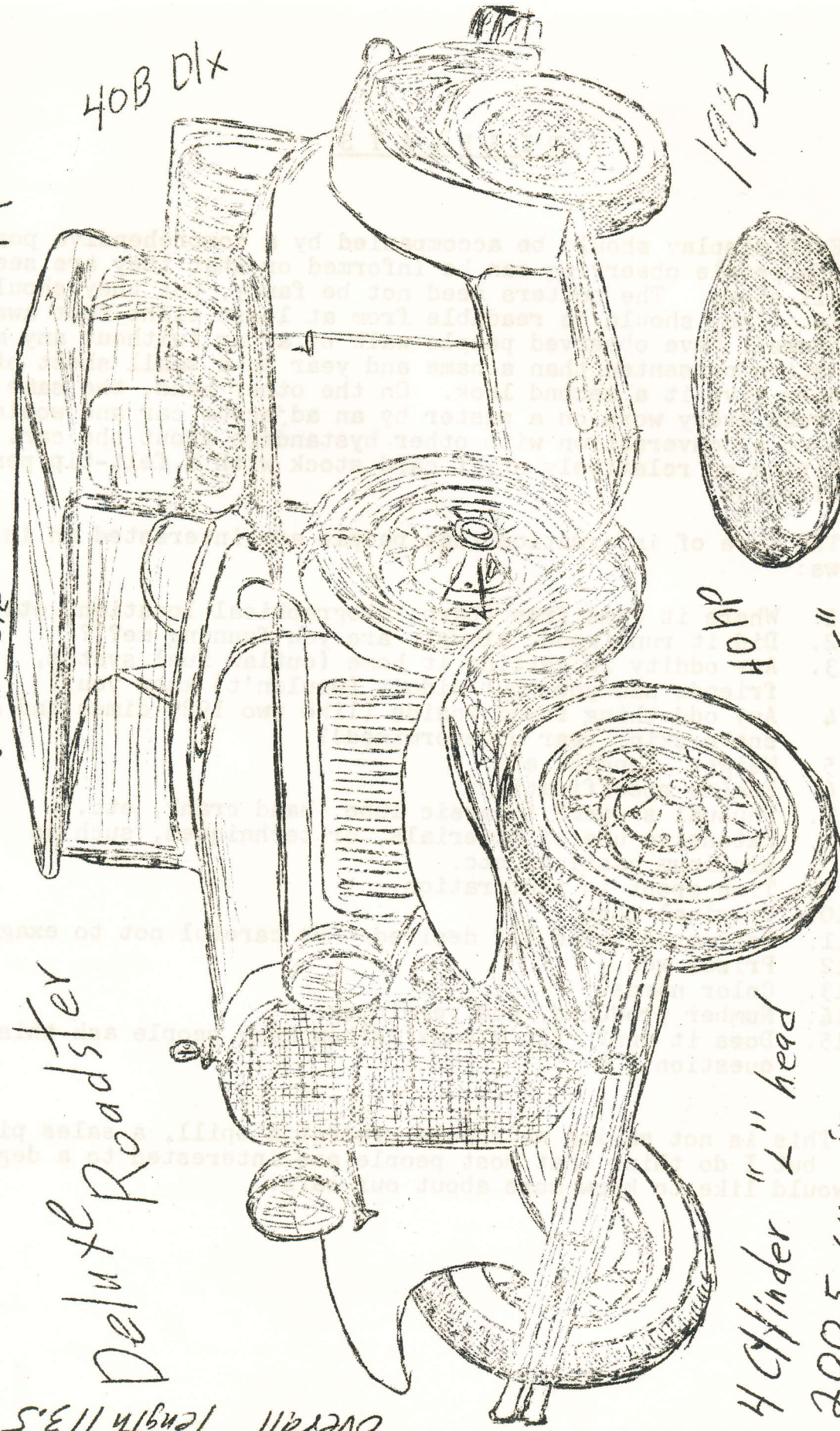
Overall length 113.5"

Deluxe Roadster

34' Turning Circle

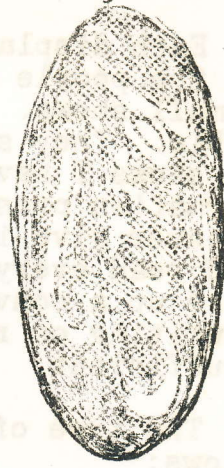
\$475

40B Dix



40 hp

1931



103.5"

wheel base

4 Cylinder "L" head

200.5 cu. in.



## NEW CARS

Guenther Schmidt recently acquired a Berkley and Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Coble a 1922 Duesenberg Model "A" Boattail Speedster. How About That!

## LEADS

2 Lincoln Zephyrs 1939?  
for a running automobile (\$300 value), call Gene George 852-3315

## FOR SALE

1957 Cadillac - Eldorado Biarritz Convertible. fair-poor and 1968 Eldorado Biarritz Convertible fair-poor, both for \$300. Call Clark Moore 837-2037.

1958 Edsel, \$265; 1951 Studebaker, 6 cylinder coupe, runs good, \$100;  
1926 Model "T" Coupe, \$1200; call Ken Barry 852-7375

The following cars and parts are offered for sale by Leonard Brown, P. C.  
Box 344, Cowan, Tennessee 37318, Phone 932-7218 after 3:00 PM.

### Ford

Parts cars (3) 28-29	(1) 37 - 2 door
(1) 31 - 2 door	(3) 40 - 4 door
(1) 31 - 4 door	(5) 46-48
(2) 36 - 4 door	several - 49 up

Leonard is now a dealer for new Ford parts. He has the following in stock, which are the best quality he can buy:

Stainless hub caps 30-31

Coul bands -30-31

Running Board Trim and Mat 28-31

Wire looms, headlights, instrument panels generators coul lite cross over motometers, tire covers, all chassis parts lug nuts, etc. If interested in 30 running board aprons, please advise.

Barn full of new and used parts such as:

new 28-29 rear sedan and phaeton fenders \$75/pr  
new 40 RR fenders; 45 RF fender \$45, hubs \$10.50.  
40-48 and 37-38 Headlight assemblies - \$5.  
used 34 Grille \$18, headlight \$10/pr, wheels \$5.00 each  
used 32 Grille and shell \$30, headlights \$5.00 each  
sedan windshield \$10, dash \$12  
used 33 LF fender \$45, restored \$80  
used 28-29 front fenders VG \$45, restored \$75  
used 30-31 radiator apront mint \$20  
used 30-31 hood mint \$35, radiator shell \$35  
used 48 Lincoln hubcaps mint \$20

used 36-37 hubcaps mint \$4.50, painted your color \$7  
used 28-31 deck lid \$40  
used 30-31 2 door sedan seats nice \$35

### Chevrolet

29 Fire truck, excellent engine, bad wood \$175  
33 4 door parts car \$100  
39 4 door very restorable \$175  
42 Coupe special deluxe, new rings, brakes, tires, real nice,  
needs paint \$350  
new and Used chevrolet parts from 25 through 57  
new 41-48 RR fenders \$25  
new 36 RR fender \$30  
several other new fenders and running boards  
new 26-27 wood spoke wheels mint \$90 set  
new 26-27 running board apron  
26-27 LF fender good \$15  
new rubber grommet with small hole for early Chevrolet  
headlights, 25¢/pr. Many chassis and engine parts, several  
wire spoke wheels, all sizes.

### WANTED: New or Good Used

26 Chevrolet: radiator shell, rear brake drums, wheel rims,  
rear window shade, etc.  
29-48 Ford new sheet metal parts  
36 Ford engine, radiator  
55-57 Thunderbird Top  
31 Ford Town Sedan top moulding  
late 31 Ford gas shutoff valve  
Ford Roadster doors any year or model  
Zenith rebuildable carbs.  
28-29 Ford original radiators (round tube)  
30-31 Ford original radiators  
2 blade fans



Model 1201-811

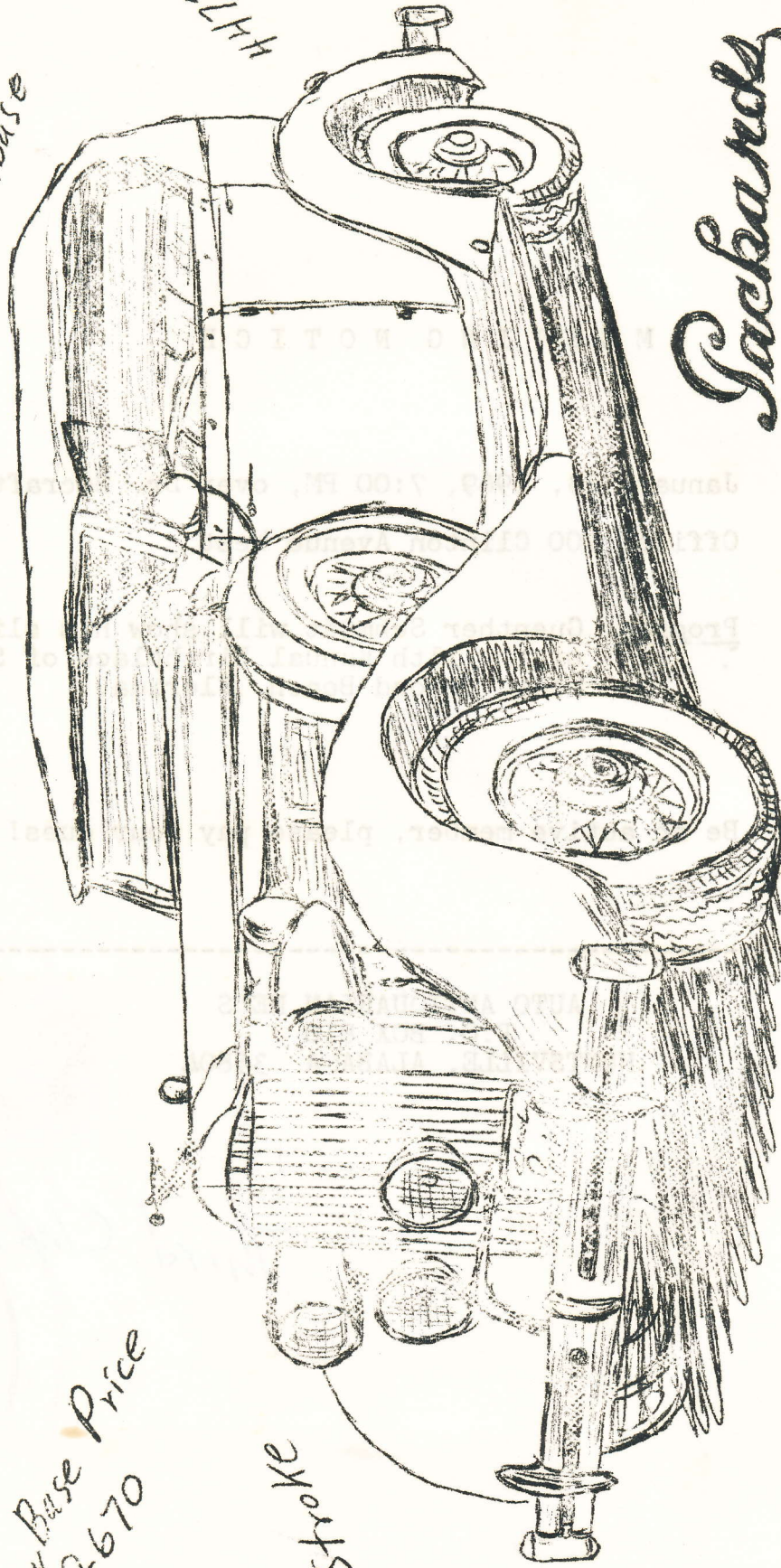
Base Price  
\$2670

$3\frac{3}{16}$ " Bore

134" Wheelbase

5" Stroke

#SLH



**Packard**

1935 Packard Eight  
Phaeton

130 HP



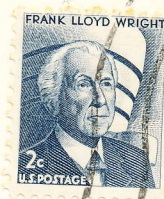
MEETING NOTICE

January 23, 1969, 7:00 PM, over Dr. Becraft's  
Office, 400 Clinton Avenue West

Program Guenther Schmidt will show his slides  
of the 11th annual Birthplace of Speed  
Meet, Ormond Beach, Florida.

Be an active member, please pay your dues!

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