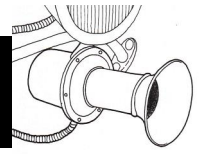
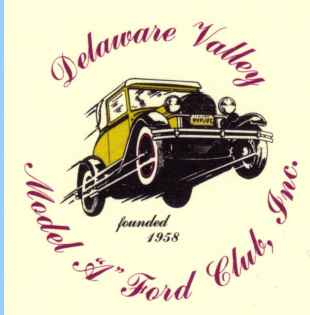




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August 2015



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The Newsletter of the

Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club, Inc.

Founded in 1958

Who are we:

The Klaxon is the monthly newsletter of the Delaware Valley Model "A" Ford Club, Inc. and is circulated to all club members and other interested clubs. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Daley's Service Center, 2749 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA 19020.

If you wish to contribute articles for publication in the Klaxon please do so by submitting them to the editor Jim Maier. Other pertinent information can be obtained from the officers.

Technical and historical questions are encouraged and we'll do our best to get the answers. Questions can be submitted via E-Mail at: M2116x6@comcast.net.

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President's Message



Greetings:

Boy, this summer is flying by !! At the 4th of July parade in Lawncrest we had 15 cars . At the Cheltenham Parade there were 12 cars. On July 11th at the Pennypack Parade we had about 12 cars . It was a great turnout for all three events . Let me tell you from the applause of the crowds we were well appreciated. At this point, August looks like a quiet month. As to our banquet coming up in September, only five members have turned in the forms. See you at our August 6th club meeting and if the weather's good bring out your cars .

All the best,
Ted

Editor's Message



Hello:

Congratulations are in order for John Sheaffer and Edna, his 1930 Model A for taking first place at Newtown Antique & Classic Car Show recently.

In this issue you will find the RSVP form for our annual banquet. Please send one in even if you are not going. If you do not wish to tear this out of your newsletter, there will be copies available at our meetings. In addition, if you contact me I will email a copy of the RSVP form to you.

See you on the 6th!
Jim

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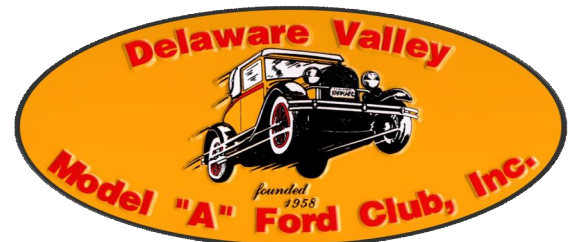
8/6/2015 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

9/3/2015 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthday for August 2015!

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Rick Foltz	21
Rose Marie Gray	31

DVMAFC ANNUAL BANQUET
Sunday September 27th 2015
Irish Rover Station House Inn
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Details on page 5



UPCOMING LOCAL AUTO RELATED EVENTS

From Hemmings Motor News and other sources

See enclosed club event listing for our club events

The New Hope Automobile Show

August 08 to August 09, 2015

The New Hope-Solebury Community Association will present The New Hope Automobile Show, Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9, 2015, 9:00am-4:00pm on the grounds of the New Hope-Solebury High School, 182 West Bridge Street, New Hope, PA. The New Hope Automobile Show features the finest in classic and antique vehicles. This year marks the 58th edition of the show, which will celebrate the convertible. Proceeds provide funds for scholarships to New Hope-Solebury High School seniors and Fox Chase Cancer Center. For more information, call 215-862-5665 or visit www.newhopeautoshow.com.

When: August 08, 2015 9am-4pm

Location: 182 West Bridge Street, New Hope, PA

Cost: \$5.00 general admission \$3 senior citizens. Free for Active Duty Military, National Guard, and Reserve

To Register: call Steve Williams at 215-862-5665

Demo Day at The Simeone Museum

August 08, 2015 12PM

The Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum is home to our world-famous Demo Days, which are an automotive experience you'll never forget. Each Demo Day features cars from our collection, as well as guest cars from other collections, in a themed presentation and demonstration run. Using the expansive 3-acre parking lot behind the museum, you can see, hear and smell history come to life through these magnificent machines. The program begins promptly at 12:00 noon outdoors in the back parking lot. In the event of inclement weather, the Demo Day will be held indoors. Please be sure to check our homepage for weather updates. We begin each Demonstration Day with a brief lecture on each car's importance and its place in history. Immediately after the lecture, each car is demonstrated outdoors in the parking lot in a controlled manner, weather permitting. After the demonstration runs are complete, we lower the ropes and allow guests to see each car up close and take pictures. Please check our website for any last-minute changes, before coming to see the event. This event is titled: Alfa Romeo Perhaps the greatest and most successful sports racing cars of all time were made by Alfa Romeo, particularly if one takes history back to the 1920s. In the mid-1990s the company left the USA for lack of sales but they are planning a rebirth in America. We highlight some of their greatest products. Cars featured are: 1925 Alfa Romeo RLSS1934 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Mille Miglia Spyder1937 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900A

When: August 08, 2015 12PM

Location:

The Simeone Museum 6825 Norwitch Drive
Philadelphia PA, 19153

Cost: \$12

To Register: call The Simeone Museum at 215-365-7233.

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Andre's Philadelphia Care Care Center Summer Slam Car Show

August 16, 2015 9a.m. - 3p.m.

Sunday, August 16 9 AM - 3 PM Rain Date: Sunday, August 23 Andre's Philadelphia Car Care Center Summer Slam Car Show 9127 Marshall St., Philadelphia, PA Next To Bluegrass Shopping Center. Hosted By Latin Cruisers Car Club. Open To All Makes, Years & Models. Over 100 Trophies Car Competition \$20.00 &/Or Sound Competition \$25.00 - Spectators Free Partial Proceeds Benefit Fallen Police Officer's Families

Sponsor: Fallen Philadelphia Police Officer's Families

When: August 16, 2015 9a.m. - 3p.m.

Location: 9127 Marshall St. , Philadelphia PA, 19154

Cost: \$20 DOS Cars / \$25 DOS Sound

To Register call Eddie Flores at 267-259-6409

Mealeys Furniture Dog Days of Summer Event

August 22, 2015 9a.m. - 3p.m.

Mealeys Furniture Dog Days of Summer Event Saturday, August 22nd, 2015 Rain Date August 29th, 2015 9am-3pm registration until 12pm All Car/Truck Makes & Models Welcome \$20 Registration DOS 75 Plus Best of Trophies. Mealeys Furniture, 179 Lincoln Hwy 1 mile north of Oxford Valley Mall, Fairless Hills, PA 19030 Event Proceeds Support the Justice Animal Rescue Charity Dog Wash, Music, Auctions, 50-50, Giveaways, Free Hot Dogs/Ice Cream. Eddie Flores 267-259-6409 www.latincruisersofphila.com/mealeys-furniture-dog-days-of-summer-event-aug-22th-2015.html

Sponsor: Justice Animal Rescue

When: August 22, 2015 9a.m. - 3p.m.

Location: Mealeys Furniture, 179 Lincoln Hwy 1 mile north of Oxford Valley Mall , Fairless Hills PA, 19030

Cost: \$20 DOS

To Register: call Eddie Flores at 267-259-6409

18TH ANNUAL FREEHOLD FORD CAR SHOW

September 13, 2015 10am - 3pm

Hosted by the New Jersey Region - Shelby American Automobile Club. Show Address: Freehold Ford, 3572 US Highway Route 9 South, Freehold, NJ. Open to ALL FORD powered vehicles of ALL years. Over 30 show car classes with awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class. Raffle prizes Dash plaques Live entertainment Food vendors. Rain date Sunday September 20th, 2015

Sponsor: Freehold Ford

When: September 13, 2015 10am - 3pm

Location: Freehold Ford, 3572 US Highway Route 9 South, Freehold, NJ 07728

Cost: \$15 per show car - spectators are free

To Register: call Bob Barranger at 908.451.5801



DELAWARE VALLEY MODEL A FORD CLUB, INC. ANNUAL BANQUET

Where: Irish Rover Station House Inn 1033 S. Bellevue Ave. Langhorne, PA. 19047

When: Sunday, September 27, 2015 from noon to 4pm.

Menu: Buffett with menu choices as follows;

- Baked Flounder with White Wine Sauce
- Roast Beef
- Chicken Parmigianino

All meals will include Salad, Entrée, Dessert and Beverages (Coffee, Tea or Soda). There will be a cash bar available.

There will be a secure area to park your Model A. Weather permitting, please bring your car.

Cost: \$10.00 per member and \$10.00 for member's first guest. \$25.00 for each non-member.

**Please tear off and mail your RSVP and check made payable to DVMAFC to:
Ted Kulesza 6023 Hulmeville Road Bensalem, PA. 19020**

Member Name: _____

I WILL be attending: _____ Number attending: _____ I will NOT be attending: _____

Cut-off date for returning the RSVP is September 14th, 2015

Please RSVP even if you are not attending

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Mr. Bullwinkle & the 20-millionth

by Lorin D. Sorensen

The building of an eventful Ford—one which is singled out as a milestone in the production history of the company—doesn't happen by chance. It goes without saying that the selection of the car which came off the assembly line as precisely 'Ford 20-millionth' from among Ford Motor Company's 32 operating domestic assembly plants in the spring of 1931 would have required an entire staff of officials with a coast-to-coast party line. And that doesn't even take in to consideration Fords being assembled on a large scale in foreign lands!

Milestone cars are designated! When the time seems near, a car body in the plant most needing the publicity is simply affixed with the proper signing . . . newsmen are called in to witness the imminent event and top officials in the company gather at the end of the assembly line to be photographed with the historic automobile.

Not a sham ceremony so much as a practical one in light of the logistics.

So it came to pass that the '20-millionth' Ford ever made would officially be a 1931 Model A Fordor Sedan assembled at Dearborn April 14, 1931. That it was the new 'slant-windshield' model just announced in March and still not available

to any significant degree beyond Detroit may have weighed on the decision to assign the number to a Dearborn sedan.

Following the ceremonies at the end of the assembly line where officials such as production men Sorensen and Martin beamed as Henry and Edsel Ford inspected their gleaming trophy, the crowd moved outside and watched as the senior Ford got behind the wheel and drove off to his Fairlane estate. There, in front of a battery of cameramen, he posed the car alongside his famous 1896 Quadricycle.

Then by prearrangement, the car was turned over to Kentucky Colonel, C.D. Hilton, who would lead a convoy made up of 20 new Model A Fords on a nationwide publicity tour. The group would leave the Rouge plant that day with Colonel Hilton driving the main attraction and programmed to visit the major cities and many Ford dealers in the U.S. Mailed out to dealers prior to their departure were window banners to be displayed during the caravan's visit and reading, *See the Twenty Millionth Ford Here Today!*

The caravan toured first East to New York where it was driven by Eleanor Roosevelt (whose husband was then New York's governor) then headed for the West Coast. A memor-

able stop was the session of mutual admiration with Sidney Smith, creator of the Andy Gump comic strip—at his palatial home in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Most states visited by Ford 20-millionth assigned license plate number 20,000,000 and many governors, mayors and other dignitaries signed the car's logbook. The car visited Ford dealers; received the checkered flag at the Indianapolis Speedway; was inducted into the Sioux tribe and was the first privately owned car to descend to the bottom of Hoover Dam. Arriving in Los Angeles, California, it very timely joined in for that city's 150th birthday celebration and received even greater accolades when film star, Douglas Fairbanks, chauffeured it in the parade.

From southern California, the caravan of Model A Fords drove north and arrived at the Richmond Assembly Plant on the morning of September 16, 1931. Situated on Richmond inner harbor off San Francisco Bay, the new Ford facility had just been dedicated that August 1st.

The Bullwinkle Tour

Now 80 years young and living a comfortable life at his home in Berkeley, California, Clarence A. Bullwinkle was the manager of the Ford Assembly Plant at Richmond from the time it was opened in 1931 to the time he became a Ford dealer in 1940. The important management position was the high-point in a career with Ford that began in 1912.

The photos illustrating this article are from Mr. Bullwinkle's personal scrapbook and were taken during the 20-millionth Ford's 1931 visit to his sales territory.

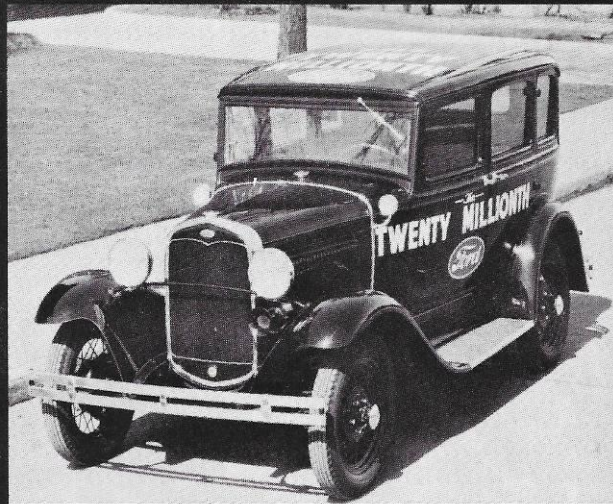
With advance notice from his parent office, Bullwinkle assembled his employees on the sidewalk in front of the Richmond Assembly Plant when the milestone car caravan arrived. Officiating at the tumultuous arrival ceremony, Bullwinkle announced a publicity tour which he would personally lead, with Colonel Hilton's collaboration of course, first across the Bay to San Francisco and then throughout his southern sales territory to acquaint Ford dealers and their townsmen of the great production achievement.

Two cycle officers, assigned by the California Highway Patrol, were to escort the party which would range the coastal valleys from the Sequoias to the Pacific as far south as San Luis Obispo.

Leaving Richmond, the party toured for a week then Colonel Hilton and his original caravan pointed north for Oregon for a stop in Klamath Falls—a parade from there to Ashland—thence north to Portland over the Pacific Highway. The group would then tour the Southwest and South then turn back to Dearborn where it would be honored again.

Here, then, is the pictorial evidence of an important Model A's visit to Clarence A. Bullwinkle's Richmond Ford sales territory in the Depression year of 1931.

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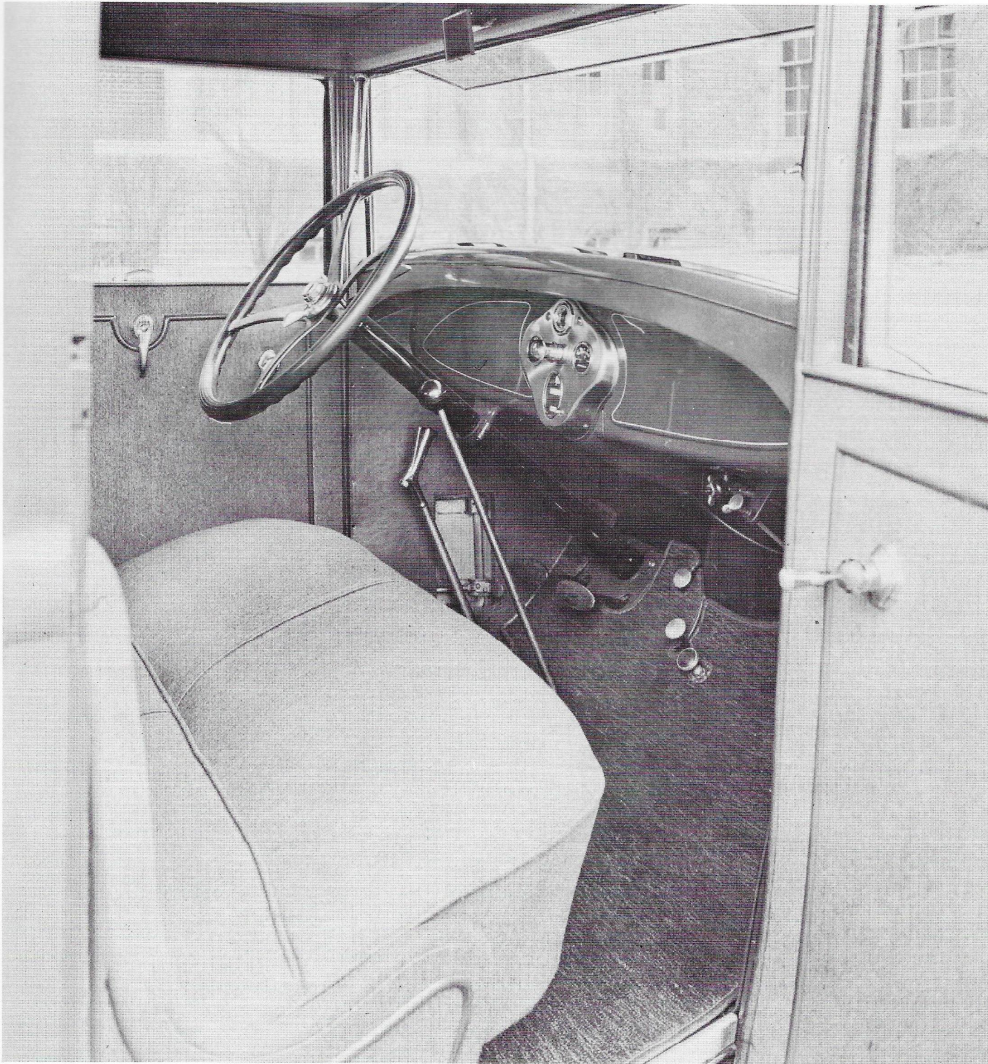
Ford 20-millionth, a Fordor Sedan, as it appeared at Dearborn, Michigan, April 14, 1931.



Mayor Rossi, of San Francisco, signed the log book of Ford 20-million for Ford's personal representative, Colonel C.D. Hilton. Richmond Ford plant manager, Clarence A. Bullwinkle (white sweater) looked on at the left. This ceremony took place in front of San Francisco's City Hall during the milestone Model A's visit September 16, 1931. BELOW: The 20-car caravan arrived at the Richmond plant to a rousing welcome from Ford employees.



close~up: Early 1928 Fordor



Many typical early interior appointments easily date this original 1928 Fordor front compartment. The brown hairline stripe seat material was used exclusively through the first year of production, but the raised moulding on the seat sides and door panels was a feature only of the early models.

The cowl vent door was also a unique item, again used through 1928. The celluloid visor was discontinued in mid-

1928, about the same time the emergency brake handle was moved front and center of the gearshift lever. Brightwork is nickel plated, and the gas tank is striped.

Conspicuously absent is the windshield wiper and motor. Perhaps the celluloid visor was an experiment in eliminating that equipment?

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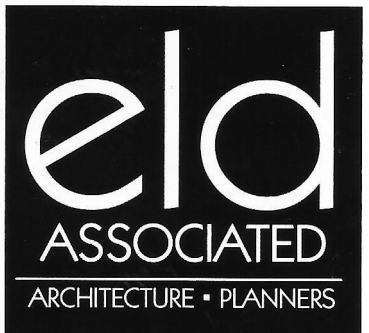


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EDITOR SAYS

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SOME weeks ago we published an account of a Ford that had been driven 73,000 miles in less than a year by three mail carriers in Iowa.

The article created much comment and brought many letters telling of the unusual reliability, economy and long life of the Ford. Here is an interesting letter from the editor of a newspaper in Kansas.

"In one of your recent advertisements in weekly newspapers you tell of a Ford that has been driven 73,000 miles in less than a year.

"That's no mileage at all for a Ford. There

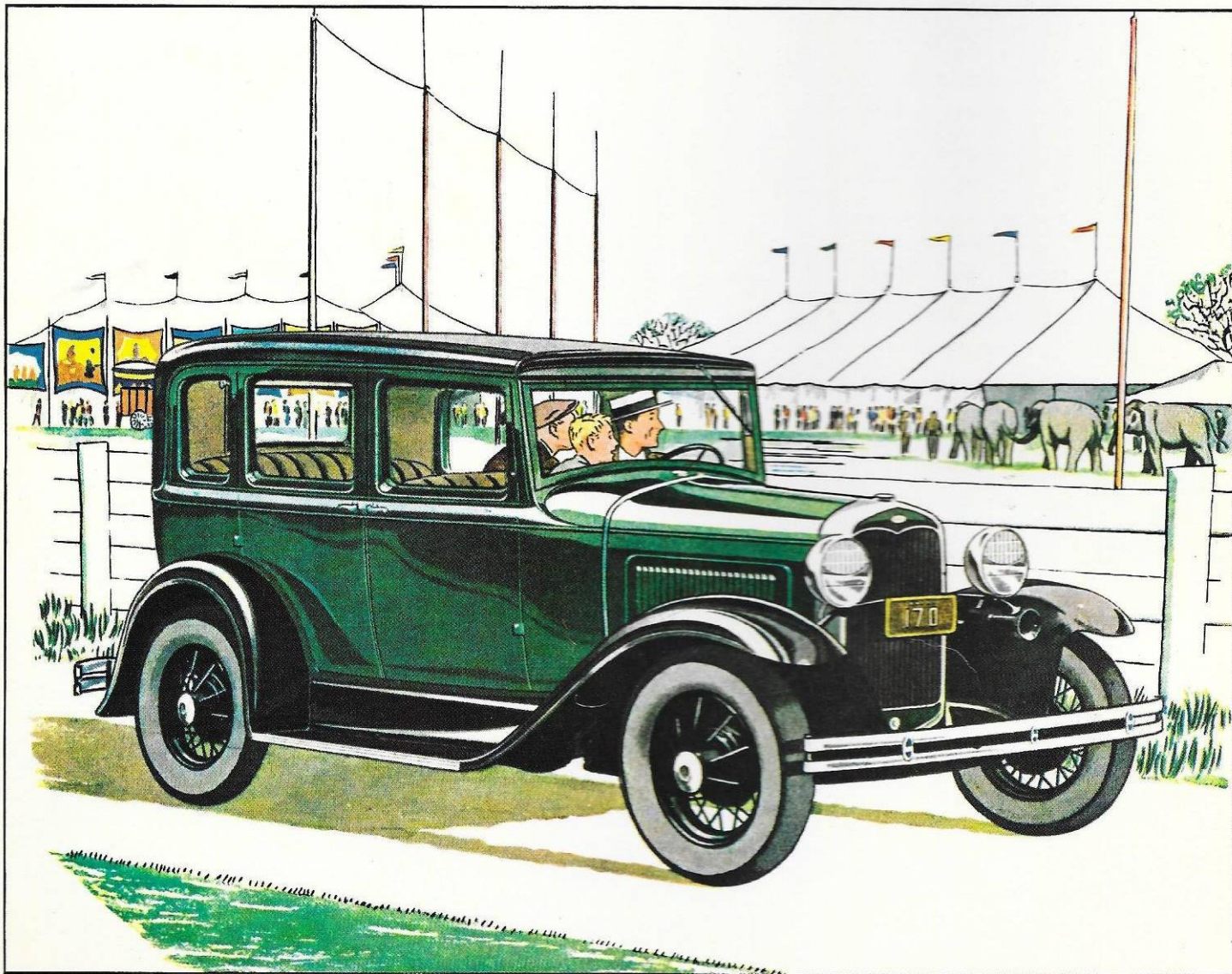
is a Ford in this community that was driven 120,000 miles before it was traded in.

"The car was bought in August, 1928, and driven until November, 1930, by its owner. He is a carrier of the *Wichita Daily Eagle*, making a route of 150 miles daily with a morning and evening paper. On Sunday, only one trip of 75 miles is made. About 50 miles of the route is over paved streets—the rest is on rough dirt and gravel streets through three small towns.

"Operating and up-keep costs were

exceptionally low. After the car was traded in for a new Ford I am informed that it was overhauled and is now giving good service to its new owner."

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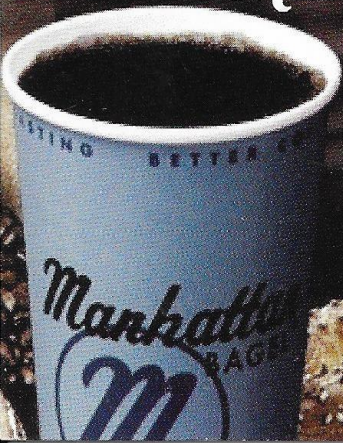
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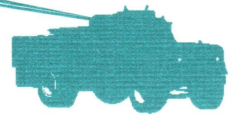
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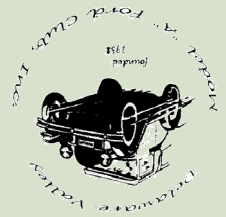
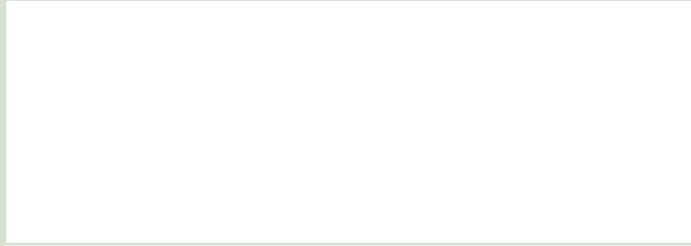


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