



August 2018

Spoken Wheels

THE NEXT MEETING

General Meeting - 7:00 PM, Friday, August 31

Live Oak Community Center, 10144 Bogue St. Temple City

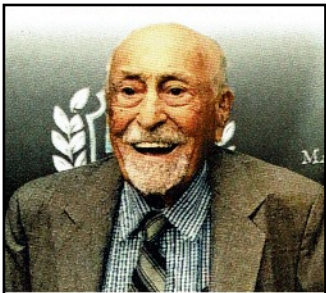
Program

The presentation this month will be presented by Rob Barrosa. Rob and his wife Marianne are one of our newest members and Sue Chandler's son-in-law and daughter. The presentation will be on the electric vehicle.

The last 12 years Rob has worked to support the rollout of electric vehicles by delivering products and service to charge at home and in the public. Today Rob is the Director of Utility Strategy and Operations for "Electrify America" a wholly owned subsidiary of the Volkswagen Group. He is responsible for strategy and business development with special focus on the California region.

NEWS BITS

Joe Giocomarra Passes



Joe Giocomarra passed away at his home on July 22, 2018. He had been hospitalized with pneumonia for several days, then was sent home under hospice care.

Joe had celebrated his 100th birthday on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018. He was recognized at

our May meeting and was presented a Certificate by the Los Angeles County. A memorial service was held for Joe at St Bede's Church in La Canada on August 8th. We had 19 SAA's club members attend the service. Nine Model A's were there on display along with Joe's nice 1931 Sports Coupe.



Joe Giocomarra's beautifully self restored 1931 Sports Coupe.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

BOB TRAVIS

Time continues to fly as it is almost September and maybe the start of some cooler weather. Sadly the club experienced the loss of two long time members, Joe Giocomarra and Mary Gardunno.



Speaking of time, about five years ago I presented a power point program entitled "What's My Car Worth"? It focused on the estimated values of all Model A body styles in terms of low-medium-high based on the then going market price. It did not cover the basis for establishing the value of an owner's car who is preparing to sell it.

The July-August issue of the V-8 Times contains an article which I think offers good advice. It is interesting that the article is entitled "What's My Car Worth"? I have asked our editor to reprint the article in its entirety (with permission of the V-8 Times). Hope you find it useful. You will find it on page 9 of this newsletter.

International Model A Day is coming up on September 22. We are planning a special outing. See page 4. Until next time drive an A everyday.



Our tour to Chuck Davies' "Elation Professional Lighting" facility provided us with a demonstration of light and sound presentations used on stage performances.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & TOURS

August

24 - Wrightwood Tour, Meet at McDonald's, La Canada, 9:30 AM

September

10 - Ladies' Brunch, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 11:00 AM

12 - Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Live Oak Community Center, Temple City

20 - Men's Breakfast, Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport, 9:00 AM

22 - International Model A Day, A special tour, see page 4

28 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Live Oak Community Center, Temple City

October

28 - Alzheimer's Walkathon, see page 4

7 - Ticket to the 20's, details TBA

BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERESARIES

September Birthdays

6 - Bonnie Nelson
6 - Richard Ware
7 - Larry Rummens
9 - Suzan Wiley
9 - Less Eddington
13 - John Lacey
14 - Suzanne Rummens
15 - La Vada Hancock
18 - Sondra Kurtz
20 - Stewart Levin
20 - Steve Voors
21 - Patty Dolan
21 - Terry Lawrence (Kennedy)
21 - Catherine Levin
23 - Mark Henzel
29 - Vicky Balmot

September Anniversaries

4 - Hal & Joanne Anthony
6 - Howard & Adele White
6 - Les & Lyla Eddington
6 - Tom & Sheri Johnson
8 - Art & Olive Moore
8 - Bob & Patsy Harbicht
10 - Joe & Karen Blaylock
13 - Mike & Beverly Kniest
29 - John & Carol Emanuelli

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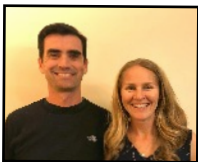
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NEW MEMBERS

Here are the new members who joined in the last six months. Welcome them into our club.



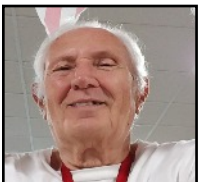
Rob & Marianne Barrosa

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Joined Feb. 2018 1931 Dlx Roadster



Richard Morgan

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Joined June, 2018

No car



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Joined July, 2018

1930 Tudor

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sunshine Lady - Diana Kincart - Mrs. Sunbeam

A thinking of you and well wishes from all of us card was sent to Jack & Barbara Dawson

Cookie Bringers - Vicky Bartlett - Head Cookie

Terry Mills, Kathy Concidine, Joyce Travis, Patty Lutz

Photo Donors -

Chuck Davies, Jim Kroeger, Joe Wilson

Model A Ford Club of America

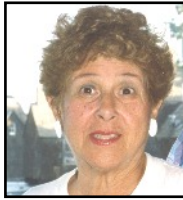
Santa Anita A's is a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It is a California not-for-profit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. We encourage our SAA members to also participate in the MAFCA organization. Check out their web site. It contains a wide variety of information about the organization, activities, technical references and instructions on how to join the organization. (www.mafca.com)

NEWS BITS - MORE

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Mary Garduno Passes

Mary died on August 6, 2018. She was born on September 4, 1922 and had been a member of the Santa Anita A's since 1988. No service has been scheduled and no other information is available at this time.



Paulette Bruns thanks members

Thank you all for the kind thoughts and prayers for Ted. He is now in rehab and is doing fine.

Paulette Bruns



A Flushing Seminar

Saturday, August 4

by Joe Wilson

The seminar on cleaning your cooling system was a "flushing success". Over 25 members were on hand at Bob Travis's garage where Tom Endy demonstrated how to thoroughly clean your cooling system. He "back-washed" an engine block using special hose adapters and garden hose water pressure.

Nancy Stancil's sedan was used for the demonstration and now she has the cleanest system in town.

The seminar started with coffee and donuts and ended with a "running board lunch". Although there was some initial concern, we were served a lunch consisting of sandwiches, not running boards.



Model A Fords identified as Significant Contributors to Global Warming

A recent government report identifies all major contributors to the recent increase in carbon dioxide(CO²) levels which is now accepted by some as the real cause of global warming. Collector cars in general and Model A Fords in particular were high on the list as "problematic vehicles".

The report did not provide specific information on each vehicle but rather listed them in groups of "high", "Medium" and "low level" offenders. Our Model A's were included in the list of "high level" offenders.

The report has been referred to a US Senate committee that is charged with creating legislative cures. However details on what action will be taken has been deemed "classified" and will not be made available to the public at this time.

Speculation as to what action will be taken runs from possible vehicle confiscation to requirements that CO² collection devices be installed on our cars. Annual vehicle inspection may also be required. Financing the program does not appear to be a problem as funds would be transferred from other existing programs.

We will keep you apprised of this situation which may have drastic implication on the collector car hobby and may require organized nationwide demonstrations.

If you haven't figured it out yet, this is just another example of fake news.

PONDER THIS

- I consider "In Style" to be my clothes that still fit.
- The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
- Lately I've noticed people my age are so much older than me.
- These days, "on time" is when get there.
- I thought growing old would take longer.
- Some days I have no idea what I'm doing out of bed.



COMING TOURS & EVENTS

International Model A Ford Day

Saturday, September 22

by Joe Wilson

The Santa Anita A's will celebrate International Model A Day by participating in the Annual Route 66 parade in Duarte. This will be an all new parade venue for our club.



This year's parade will feature retired Los Angeles County Supervisor, Michael D. Antonovich as the parade's Grand Marshal. High school bands from throughout Southern California will also perform and compete for trophies.

Following the parade we will follow Route 66 to the Legends Diner where we will have a 50's style lunch.

This will be a new experience for our club and you are encouraged to participate. A sign-up sheet will be available at the August 31st meeting.

Further details will be available at the meeting. If you can not attend the meeting, contact Bob Travis to reserve your spot in the parade (626-827-0666).

Alzheimers Walkathon

Sunday, October 28

by Tracy Butkus

I will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's for the San Gabriel Valley again this year. All funds raised through the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. This event is very near and dear to my heart.



The Walk will take place at Pasadena City College on October 28. I am hoping I can get 10 volunteers again this year to display their cars on the campus.

Last year it was such a fun day having you all there to cheer us on and give your support! We really appreciated you all being there and we hope you will be able to make it again this year.

You will need to arrive by 7:30 AM and should be done by 11:30 AM. There will be vendors there giving away free food and beverages.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the August and September meetings. I would like to thank you in advance for your support. Please feel free to contact me at 323-646-7153 with any questions.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

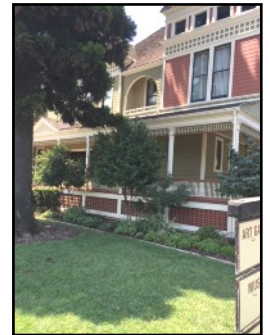
Walker House Tour

Sunday August 12

by Jim Kroeger

We are having one of the hottest summers on record but this did not deter 45 Santa Anita A's from touring to San Dimas for a visit to the Walker House.

Designed as a hotel in 1885, Oregon pine and California redwood were floated down the coast on large lumber rafts to San Pedro where they were hauled by wagon to San Dimas. The Queen Anne style structure was completed in 1887 and had 30 rooms, 13,200 sq. feet of floor space, 14 fireplaces and 7 chimneys. The large Deodar Cedar and Hoop Pinetrees are of the original plantings and are among the tallest and oldest in California. Unfortunately, the hotel never had a paying guest due to the collapse of the anticipated land boom that never came.



James and Sue Walker of Kentucky purchased the hotel in 1889 and it became the center of town activities. For nearly 90 years Walker Family dependents



lived in this home until 1978. An \$8.6 million dollar restoration project began in 2009 and was finished 22 months later.

Following our history lesson, we drove over the hill to Legends Cafe & Diner for lunch in a section reserved for people driving 90 year-old cars. The food was great and the camaraderie even better.



PAST TOURS & EVENTS - MORE

Lights and Sound Tour

July 21

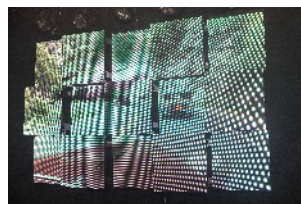
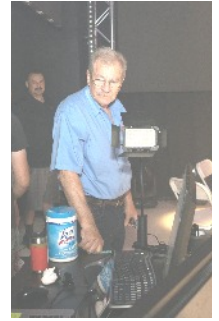
by Jim Kroeger

When they shoot a scene in Hollywood the director calls for lights, camera, action. At Elation Professional Lighting in Commerce, owner Chuck Davies calls for lights, sound and lunch.

A record 51 Santa Anita A's gathered for a tour that began at the home of Chuck and Myriam Davies in Pasadena for coffee and donuts. Thirteen Model A's, one Model T and several modern cars drove straight down Atlantic Blvd. and pulled into a large warehouse complex with the word showroom on the front door.

Inside we were treated to a light and sound show like no other. Elation provides lighting and sound equipment to companies that put on large entertainment events - think Super Bowl half-time show. Following a Q&A session we were treated to a wonderful, catered taco lunch cooked on the spot.

Thank you Chuck and Myriam for hosting a tour to remember.



ERA FASHIONS

BY SUSAN HOMET

In 1930 and 1931, the dresses became more tailored and designed with a waistline. The earlier bras were flat offering no support, the idea was to flatten and hide the bust. Later in '30 and '31 a new "uplift style", was introduced and was attempting to obtain a more feminine look. Fabrics used for these included rayon, rayon jersey, cambridge, batiste, cotton brocade and satin. The price range ran between



17 cents up to 59 cents. In 1931 a new uplift style was introduced called the "Swanee Uplift" and was made out of silk jersey.

Bloomers were popular during 1928 and 1929. They were big, with an elastic waist holding up longish, full legged shorts, reaching to the knees. They were meant to be functional and were not decorated. Another style of underwear was called Step-Ins. They were short, and loose at the leg with elastic or buttons at the waist, with a piece of fabric going across the crotch. They frequently were embroidered or trimmed with lace. A step up, in my opinion, from the basic bloomer. They came in a wide variety of colors and materials. They cost more at \$2.00 a pair compared to bloomers! By the later two years "Panties" came along. They were similar to the step-ins idea. They sold on average for a dollar.



New corsets came out in 1928 and continued through 1931 and beyond. Corsets had a bra and girdle combination. Corsets were heavily boned; they were not comfortable and, came with supporters to hold up stockings. A girdle was less constricting than a corset. It was worn almost as a party style.

I say, "We've come a long way baby in women's undergarments since the 1930's!"

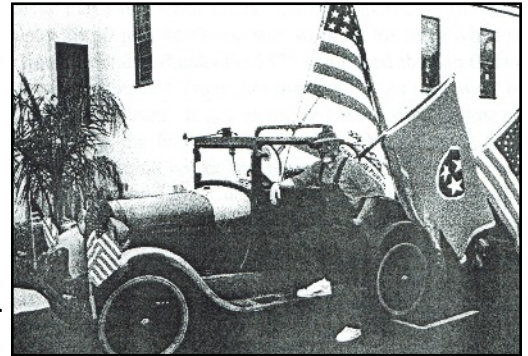
A BIT OF HISTORY

This story on Cliff Mount's Model A written by Ken Nielsen appeared in the Spoken Wheels many years ago. Cliff still has the car and has been successful in maintaining it in the same unrestored condition.

Cliff and Alice Mount's 1929 Business Coupe

Cliff purchased his Coupe in 1989 from a friend and fellow teacher at the school where he works. It had been owned by his friend since the late 1960's. It was found on a farm in Hacienda Heights.

Cliff describes his A as being unrestored and the body color as "various." He says all that is needed to get it on the road is a battery. He thinks the car has about "ten million"



miles on it and he says he is still waiting to receive a trophy. The car has been seen in parades and was spotted at the Pancake Breakfast in Orange County last year.

Cliff says this unique A, with its trademark heavy gage rope wrapped around the front head lights and brass horn fastened to the top of the windshield frame of the topless car, is the most popular of the club when it is in parades! When asked if he had taken the A on any trips, he simply says he was taken for a trip when he bought it.

One thing is certain, when you see Cliff driving his car, he is having a good time. Isn't that what owning an A and being in the club is all about? You don't need to have a high point trophy winner, you just need to get into your A and join in the fun!



Cliff Mount's car as seen in the 2017 4th of July Parade

More Volts for Your Model a Ford.

Or maybe the question should be, I have 6 Volts now, do I need more? Well the answer to this question depends on how you are using your Model A.

A 6 volt electrical system as long as it is in good condition will work very well for the way most of us use our cars. Our Model A's were designed with a 6 volt electrical system which was found to be very adequate.

Today however, problems occur with many Model A's because they either do not have an electrical system that is in good condition or are not being driven often enough to keep the battery fully charged. Some owners feel the solution to electrical system problems is to convert to 12 volts.

Converting to 12 volts with an electrical system that is in poor condition will just mask the underlying problems. A better answer would be to do the necessary repairs to insure the electrical system is in good condition and then drive your Model A on a regular basis. Driving your Model A often will help keep all the mechanical systems operating as they should.

Now that said, if you find that you need more electrical power for additional electrical equipment such as CB Radios or the installation of Air Conditioning, it may be beneficial to convert the system to 12 Volts. Les Andrews in the 2nd volume of his Model A Mechanics Hand Book series has a very good section on converting your Model A to 12 volts.

Some components that have to be considered for change when converting to a 12 volts system include:

WIRING - As long as it is in good condition, Model A wiring is more than adequate for 12 volts. Actually, newer cars that were designed with a 12 volt system will have wiring of a smaller gage because fewer amps are required to operate the same type component than what would be required if that component was operating on 6 volts. The only change that is suggested is to replace the original 20 amp ammeter with a 30 amp unit.

GENERATOR - The original 6 volt generator will have to be replaced with a 12 volt alternator. Some owners have converted a 6 volt generator to operate with 12 volts but this is not commonly done. Lower output alternators are recommended because alternators with a very high output may require modifications to the Model A wiring system.

LIGHTS AND HORN - All lights will have to be changed to 12 volt bulbs and the horn will either have a resistor added to reduce the voltage down to 6 volts or the fields will have to be re-wound for 12 volt operation.

COIL - The Ignition coil will have to be replaced with a 12 volt coil or an external ballast resistor added to reduce the voltage to the coil.

BATTERY - Of course, the 6 volt battery will have to be replaced with a 12 volt battery. A new hold down for the battery may also be required. Buy a good quality battery that will last for several years. The existing battery cables will work as long as the clamps can be reshaped so they fit tight on the battery posts. Just remember, the new battery will be installed so the NEG. (-) post is the ground post.

STARTER - While a 6 volt starter will work with 12 volts even for a long period of time, It is highly recommended that the starter be converted to operate on 12 volts by replacing the field windings. Because the 6 volt starter, operating on 12 volts, will engage with much more force than when operating on 6 volts, premature failure of the starter drive often occurs. In some cases, the extra engagement force will cause the flywheel ring gear to move forward on the flywheel to the point where the gear will interfere with the inside of the flywheel housing.

There is a lot involved when converting to 12 volts so be sure this is really necessary before embarking on such a project.



Tech Tip

When converting your Model A from 6 volts to 12 volts it is necessary to change the polarity of the electrical system from Pos. (+) ground to Neg. (-) ground. Part of this change includes reversing the connections on the back of the ammeter. If this is not done, the ammeter will read backwards. Also be sure to check that the coil is connected correctly. The (+) terminal should be the "hot " terminal and the (-) terminal should be connected to the distributor.

Online Edition of the Restorer Magazine

The Restorer Online (TRO) is now available (starting in January, 2018) to all active, paid MAFCA members at no additional charge. Roughly half of the membership currently receives TRO, and the rest are encouraged to sign up for it. Request it by sending an email to the MAFCA HQ at info@mafca.com and provide your name, address, member number, and your email address.

Updates to Suppliers Page

MAFCA Vendor List manager David Jones has supplied us with MAJOR additions and updates to the Parts and Service Suppliers page.

To access the suppliers page, go to the MAFCA web site (mafca.com), then on the home page click on "References", then click on "Parts and Service".

A list of local parts and service providers are also available on the Santa Anita A's web site (santaanitaas.org).

MAFCA 2018 National Awards Banquet

The MAFCA awards Banquet will be held in Tucson, Arizona on November 27 - December 1., hosted by the Tucson Model A Club.

You are invited to sunny Tucson to participate in the event, tour a club member's 100+ antique auto and fire truck collection and experience an authentic cowboy cookout at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Then explore the Pima Air and Space Museum, the largest privately financed aircraft collection in the world with over 150 aircraft and space vehicles indoors and 150 aircraft outdoors on the 80 acre site. Visit the world renowned Arizona Sonora Desert Museum.

Index to Articles in Restorer Magazine

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This index lists all of the articles that have been printed in The Restorer starting with the first issue in 1957. If you're searching for an article, this index will tell you which Restorer it was printed in.

RINDEX51-60 - Restorer Magazine Index Volume 51 - 60
Each year, The Restorer prints an index of the contents of the previous volume. These indexes have been combined electronically to allow you to search for any article from Volume 51 to Volume 60.

The indexes and other valuable information is available through the MAFCA website. (mafca.com) From the home page click on "References" then select "Downloads".

SAA General Meeting Minutes July 27, 2018

- The meeting was called to order by President Bob Travis at 7:00 PM.
- The flag salute was led by Bob Travis
- Membership: Randy Harper introduced guests Dan and Marilyn Simpson and Hannah Perry.
- Sunshine: Diana Kincart said she sent cards to Ted Bruns and Art Moore.
- Tours: Joe Wilson gave the following report:
 - 8/12 Walker House tour & lunch after tour at Pinnacle Peak meet at Walmart in Monrovia at 10:00 AM
 - 8/24 Wrightwood - Tour meet at McDonalds in La Canada at 9:30 AM.
- Spoken Wheels: Joe Wilson said he had no Spoken Wheels report. However, Joe would like the members to look at the SAA web site and also the MAFCA web site.
- Minutes: Approved as printed
- Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as read.
- Thank You's: Thank you to cookie bringers Vicky Bartlett, Gary Weber, Joy Wilson, Patty Lampassi and Chuck Davies.
- General Announcements:
 - Moment of silence in memory of Joe Giocomarra.
 - Band concert by the JPL Band Saturday.
 - Need to sign up tonight for Wrightwood tour.
 - La Crescenta Silent Movies hosted by Historical Society.
- MAFCA Convention:
 - Mickey showed the banquet center piece that he and Bea had won at the convention, he also said he won a \$250. gift card from a parts supplier at the convention.
- Program: Bob introduced Richard Bronstrup and Ed Tolman, President of Pomona Valley Model A Club who did a Hubley Derby demonstration for the program tonight. We were given a short history of the Hubley car and the rules for Hubley races, then the members that brought their Hubley car were given the opportunity to race the cars down the Hubley track.
- Break
- No raffles tonight due to Hubley car demonstration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Perry, Secretary

Interested in a Restored 1936 Ford?

I know where one is hiding. I don't own it and the owner is not a member of our club so I am not permitted to run an ad for it in this newsletter. But here is what it looks like.

Joe Wilson
818-790-0995



The following article appeared in the July/August issue of the V8 Times. It was written by Dave Graham, the Associate Editor. Permission was given to reprint it here

What's My Car Worth?

Probably the most frequently asked question is "What's it worth?"

Many things determine what the value of our V-8's might be. Just because you see one similar as yours at auction bring crazy money; don't expect to get that amount of greenbacks for yours. When someone asks me that question my prepared answer is "depends if you are buying or selling".

Consider some of these conditions before you determine what it is really worth. Be realistic if you want to sell it.

- "Condition" - Is it a #1, #2 or #3. Very few cars are truly near perfect. A #3 car probably needs paint and is pretty worn or an old restoration that needs to be re-done.

- *Rarity / Body Style - Open car are easier to sell, appreciate in value quicker but I wouldn't say they were rare. Being rare in itself does not necessarily make it valuable. I had a 1941 Rupp Skylark that was 1 of 117 cars built. It took me 3 years before I was able to sell it for what I had in it. I learned a lesson.

- Engine - The old days are gone, restored cars do not bring as much as a "restorod." They are dependable, road worthy and still has the appearance of an old car. You may not agree with me but it's the truth.

- Professional Appraiser - I have had nothing but bad results from them overall. I had a 1932 Ford Phaeton that! sold for \$37,000 a few years ago- The potential buyer had it appraised for \$14,000. He charged \$180 for this appraisal that was worthless as he had no idea what he was looking at. The car sold to my buyer for what we agreed on. Forget the so called "appraisal."

- Accessories - Some people do not put that much value in lots of genuine accessories but I do. I think it sets it apart from other cars that have very few. They are expensive, add value and help sell the car.

- Location - if you live on the West Coast and buy something on the East Coast, you can expect to pay nearly \$2,000 shipping. If you are in a rural location very few people will travel too far to see it also. All of these things add up and cut into what you might expect to net from the sale.

- Asking Price - When you price a car to sell, expect an offer of at least 10% less than what you are asking. Everyone feels like they need to get some sort of "deal."

- Buying Sight Unseen - This is risky business and I got burned on a 1950 Ford from a V-8 Club member, of all things. Nothing worked that was electrical and wasn't even wired for the most part. I tried to talk with him on the phone

several times and he would hang up instantly if I called. I should have inspected the car before buying but took a chance and lost. Other than this one bad experience, I have had good luck buying cars and parts from fellow members. Advertising in the "V-8 Times" is an easy way to get good results, at little or no cost.

- Payoff- Do not release a car or parts until the check or credit card clears. You can put a stop payment on a cashiers check or credit card as you can a personal check. Most people don't know that. I prefer cash money on a sale as there is no surprises or delays. If you are selling for a larger sale price, it is sometimes difficult to demand a stack of one hundred dollar bills. If they want the car, that's the terms.

- Title Info - I prefer to have the title in my name "or" wife's name, if something happens to either one of you, they are able to sell the vehicle. The word "or" instead of "and" is the key word. I like to sign the "pink slips" and not date them just in case something unexpected happens. Just keep them in a safe place and make your spouse aware of your intentions.

The world is full of speculators. If the price is a little under market, there is always someone out there that tries to get the price down so it can be resold or "flipped."

If you can, don't be in a big hurry to sell. Put a realistic price on your car, if you price it too high, you will not get any response. Advertise in free sites such as V-8 Times, Craigslist, Ford Barn, etc.

I have never bought or sold at an auction but I do like to watch them on TV. The buyers seem to be "old gears" with too much money that pays too much for a car.

These opinions are mine, based on my experiences over the last fifty some years of owning, buying and selling many cars. Every car has an interesting history but as they change hands, much is lost.

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