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Dear Victoria Association members,

It's time to do the December newsletter. The time has sure gone fast for me. Building and moving into the new home was really keeping me busy. I don't know how I did the newsletters but I did manage. Now, I can do it at a more relaxed pace.

I want to discuss the fact that I have been mailing the newsletters in the brown manila envelopes. The last newsletter cost quite a bit including the postage and I am going to mail this one differently. I am going to mail it folded over and stapled and I have a place that will bulk mail it for me. I don't know if the membership will like this or not. I do want to try it to see how we make out. Those of you that care to, please send me your comments regarding the mailing. As long as we can afford it, I would prefer to mail it in the envelopes.

I want to thank you on behalf of our Victoria Club member, Jerry Bengel, he was elected to the MAFCA Board of Directors. I would like to think that the Victoria Association helped him over the top. I know that Jerry appreciated all the votes our members cast for him.

I had a call from Don Vagasky, 2220 S. Plasetta Perlozzo, Tucson, Az. 85748. Don is the person that makes the Victoria garnish moldings.Don said that he now has the windshield post moldings at \$20 a pair. He also makes and has in stock the windshield header upholstery strip at \$40. This piece, the windshield post molding and garnish moldings are almost impossible to find. Those of you that need these items are lucky to be able to get them. Don has a few items for sale and these will be found on the items for sale sheet. Don was telling me he is going to make a run of the metal strips that go over the Victoria doors. This strip covers the wood on the body over the door opening. It is screwed up to the body wood and held in place with seven screws. This piece is different on the Steelback than on the Leatherback. Don is making both left and right pieces for both body styles. He didn't have a price so if you are interested, call or write him.

There was a gentleman making the visor brackets, in Ohio. I mentioned in the last newsletter, that he had three sets left and was not going to make any more. We have a member in Colorado that contacted him and he is going to make them now. As soon as he tells me he has them in stock and how much he charges, I'll let you know. (Probably by the next newsletter).

I mentioned before, that the rivets that hold the visor to the brackets are $3/16 \times 1/2$ plated tube rivets. Some of you might not have access to these and if you need them, let me know and I'll purchase them for you and mail them. (I estimate \$2.00 PP).

One item that is hard to find is the assist strap brackets. The correct ones for the Victoria have vertical holes. Bratton's Antique Auto Parts lists them as part #A48801 @ \$3.50 a pair. Stainless screws are available, part # A48802 @ \$1.00 a set. I wrote and found out that they are in stock.

I am exploring the possibility of having a Victoria get together in 1989 during the High Country tour in Breckenridge, Colorado. I would like to hear from all of you that might like to attend this event. It seems to me that Denver is a pretty central location. It would really be nice to have as many Victorias as possible attend. See the enclosed flyer.





A member of the Dallas Model A Ford Club makes name badges. These badges are black with white etching. They are available in the various shapes of the Model A Body styles. The name hangs on a separate tag under the body as shown on the lower right tag. I have had many requests by members that wanted them so I thought I'd run this in the newsletter. If any of you are interested, please contact Vincent Simmons, 4630 Lawler Rd., Garland, Tx. 75042, Ph (214) 276-2848. His price is \$5.50 including postage.

Marilyn Kuban does an excellent job of producing the newsletter for the Fort Worth Cow Town "A's". Marilyn sent a drawing to me of a Victoria in front of an old house. I thought some of you might like to have a copy so I am printing it in this newsletter without anything on the back. Many thanks to Marilyn.

I had the opportunity to go to the Premier of Victor Duncan's "Carburetors and Carbohydrates". This is another excellent film or tape by Victor. Mr. Duncan is retired now and hopes to keep making these films and tapes for the Model A Hobby. Victor used his own money to finance this project and hopes to get most of his investment back so he can produce other movies. This particular tape is very interesting even to the women. It has a lot of humor in it and a super, surprise ending. I strongly suggest that you purchase a copy of this tape. It will be a great item to have and will be great at a club meeting. To obtain a copy, please write to "Carburetors and Carbohydrates", Double D Productions, 4423 Crooked Lane, Dallas, Tx. 75229. Price is \$59.00 postpaid in the U.S.A.

I want to clarify something concerning windshield wipers for the Victoria. I noticed from the photos sent to me by the members, that a lot of the windshield wipers are parking to the right. Marshall Lewis told me, when he saw mine, that the correct windshield wiper parks to the left. (That's looking forward from the drivers seat). Also the windshield wiper is mounted with the flat side down and the round part up with the vacuum line on the right. The wiper motor is held on with the nut on the outside of the metal header. As to the wipers parking to the right like mine, this is incorrect. I have purchased a new motor and had the name and address in the last newsletter. To be correct, it looks as though many of you will have to replace this item.

There has been a lot of conversation concerning the Briggs Victoria and Murray Victoria bodies. I have a very nice letter from our member, Mr. Sid Gough of Canada. Sid wrote to Ford of Canada asking about the above debate. Ford Canada answered that there were 6306 Victorias built in 1930 and 33906 built in 1931. Also they said that according to "Henry's Fabulous Model A", "The Victoria Coupe bodies having a fabric-covered rear top quarter were made by the Briggs Company; those with the steel rear top quarter were made by Murray." I am not familiar with the publication but something is surely wrong. We have 125 members and over 50% have Leatherback's. All of them with body tags attached are Murray bodies. It is obvious that Murray made Leatherback's too. All we are trying to establish is what is correct concerning who made what and how to tell what kind of Victoria body members have, that do not have body tags. At this writing we still do not have a verified Briggs Victoria. If, in fact, Briggs made Victoria bodies, wouldn't you think that someone would show up with a Briggs body tag? One of the purposes of this organization is to seek out the correctness of our body style Model A. Hopefully, someday, someone will come along with the Briggs body tag and then we can in fact tell everyone just how to be sure that they have a Briggs body. Of course, I am trying to help those that have no body tag. The owners with a tag have no problem. As we get new members and their data sheets, I add them to our list of owners in order for those of you with no body tags to try to fit their bodies into the proper place so that they can add a body tag to their car.I hope this is clear to you members but if not, please contact me. I also want to hear from you if you have any comments about Mr, Sid Goug's letter from Ford of Canada and the statement they made. Thanks to those of you that do comment. I am going to ask our research member to see if he can come up with something, on this, from the Archives. Please refer to copy on page three.

Through MAFCA, I received a letter from Mr. Bevan Sharp of Australia about a car race he has entered which will be from London to Australia. As of this time, I do not have an itinerary but he will not be arriving in the U.S. until sometime after the first of the year. I sent him a copy of the Victoria Association roster as well as one from MAFCA and told him that if he should need help, to try contacting members on the two rosters.

Hopefully, he will not need help but if he does, and calls, please help him if you can. His route is roughly from the NY area to Nashville, to New Orleans, to Houston, Dallas/Ft. Worth to Amarilo, to Phoenix and to Long Beach where he will ship the car to Australia. This should prove interesting and I am trying to get the story in the Restorer.

Mr. Jim Schoelen, of Fernandina, Beach, Fl. wants drawings of the early and late seat wood and hardware to mount to the floor. I assume he means front seats because of the hardware request. I do not have anything on this except the Don Ross article. If any of you have drawings of the front seat wooden frames, please advise. If I can get some full size drawings, I can run them in a future newsletter. Mr. Elmer Widman of Colorado, sent the full seat pattern to me but they are not a drawing showing how the frame is made - just outside an pattern. If this will be of help to any of you - just ask and I'll send a copy.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that Mr. Ralph Patterson is a source for female dove tails. I failed to mention that the original Victoria dove tails did not have rubber inserts. The are metal with springs. Mr. Patterson makes a reproduction that can be used on cars not for show. Thanks to Don Ross for reminding me of this important point. If any of you know a source for the female dove tails or the inserts, please advise.

The following is copied from: "The Ford Model "A" "As Henry Built It" By: George DeAngelis, Edward P. Francis and Leslie R. Henry. I have underlined some interesting items. I have contacted our researcher with regard to obtaining Briggs - Murray built Victorias. I'll report in a future newsletter.

step-down design. The Victoria's new bustle back, which provided a luggage space behind the rear seat, marked the beginning of a new trend in body design. In addition, not only was the front seat adjustable but both seats folded back, permitting easy entrance to the rear seat from either side.

At introduction in November of 1930, the customer had a choice of five exterior color combinations: Ford Maroon, Brewster Green Medium, Kewanee Green, Chicle Drab and Black. Brown mohair or brown Bedford cord were available as interior trim. There was also a choice of two top treatments, artificial leather back and a steel back. The artificial leather back bodies were covered with a tan two-tone diagonal grain pyroxylin-coated material. These bodies were made by both Murray and Briggs.

Such items as cowl lights and inside sun visors

were standard equipment on all Victorias.

There were no changes in body design between the 1930 and the 1931 models. However, in 1931 there was a new interior trim scheme, tan broadcloth. The upper radiator shell panel was painted body color in 1930 and 1931. The lower panel was to remain black, but there is evidence that many plants painted both the upper and the lower the same color.

In the area of interchangeability with other models, the Victoria door handles are interchangeable with the slant windshield Cabriolet, Fordor and A-400. The body front assembly (cowl) is similar to the slant window Fordors. On the other hand, the rear quarter and back panels are not interchangeable between the Briggs-built and the Murray-built Victorias.

Production figures show that 6,306 were built from November to January, 1931. Production was 33,906 for 1931.

1930 MODEL "A" VICTORIA EXTERIOR COLORS

Lower Body and Reveals	Upper Body, Belt and Moulding	Stripe
Brewster Green Medium	Black	Apple Green
Ford Maroon	Black.	Vermilion
Kewanee Green	Elkpoint Green	Apple Green
Chicle Drab	Copra Drab	Straw
Black .	Black	Apple Green

Top - Leather Back -

Tan Two-Tone Diagonal Grain Artificial Leather

Top - Steel Back -

Black Long Short Grain Artificial Leather

Wheels — to match Stripe

1931 MODEL "A" VICTORIA EXTERIOR COLORS

Lower Body	Upper Body, Belt, Moulding and Reveals	Stripe
Ford Maroon	Black	Vermilion
Brewster Green Medium	Black	Apple Green
Chicle Drab	Copra Drab	Straw
Kewanee Green	Elkpoint Green	Apple Green
Black	Black	Apple Green

Top - Leather Back -

Tan Two-Tone Diagonal Grain Artificial Leather (Dropped April, 1931)
Top — Steel Back -

Black Long Short Grain Artificial Leather

Wheels — to match Stripe

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VICTORIA WANTED; must be roadworthy, not necessarily a show winner; prefer a metal back but would take a leather back if good. Send description, photos, name, address and phone number to: Tom Schwartzer, 1726 Beckley Dr., New Cumberland, Pa. 17070. Ph. (717) 774-4565 Victoria Association member.

Antique Auto Woodwork, Frank E. Lawson III, Rt. 1, Box 32, Sophia, N.C. 27350 - (9/9) 431-2266. (Brother of Russ Lawson, Victoria Association member).

Russ Lawson, (Victoria Association Member) Rt 10, Box 360, Mongantown, NC. 28655 has some spane Victoria pants for sale. He will consider trading on sale. I complete set of garnish moldings. Extra door, etc. cowl. (704) 438-4891 or 437-4280.

Steve Cannon (Victoria Association member) has Victoria Wood kits for sale. Classic Wood Mfg., 1418 NC 150 W., Summerfield, Nc. (919) 643-7373.

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Don Vagasky, 2220 S. Plasetta Penlozzo, Tucson, Az. 85748 (602) 296-1130. Has "L" brackets that secure the door quarter pillar to the floor sill. Has the inside spare tire metal support. (This goes from the rear cross sill up to the center of the rear wooden member from quarter window post to quarter window post, located under the rear window). If you inquire on these items, you might ask if he has other items for the Victoria.

Wood - Fred Steiber, 35 Canasawacta St., Norwich, N.Y. 13815 (607) 334-3089. That's all I have on this.

I have written to all of the above wood vendors and I will report to you when and if they answer. I have inquired as to what they have for the Victoria.

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I would like to let all of you know that J.B.Moates of Ft. Worth, Tx. was re-elected to the Board of Directors of MAFCA. I know your votes helped him in this effort. J.B. has served MAFCA very well during the past two years. I know that he will do a great job during his next term. December the 5th. is the date of the installation banquet which will be held in Fresno, Ca. When I do the next newsletter, I will let you know which board positions the members will have. I hope to retain the Public Relations -Publications post.

I would like to encourage some of you to consider running for a position on the Board of Directors for the Model A Ford Club of America. Yes, it is a job that you do have to work. It isn't all glory and fun, but it is rewarding and the friends you meet makes the work well worth it. It will cost you money out of your pocket. So, if you can spend some of your money and have some time to spare each month and you love to meet people and travel, give the board a serious consideration. I'm glad I did.

A member, Jack Knowles (MARC, MAFCA) and Victoria Association member, Sent in the following item.

VICTORIA

Encyclopedia Americana

reference:

Please don't call her "VICKEY"?

Not only is your 1931 Model A Ford Victoria fifty-six years old, but her name is over 2000 years old and her heritage includes a goddess, a queen and an asteroid.

About 300 B.C., Victoria was worshipped by the Romans as their Goddess of Victory and was the inspiration for the conquering legions and emperors. In the Art of the time, she wore a laurel wreath on her head, had wings on her shoulders, carried a palm branch, spear or shield aND WAS CLAD IN A FLOWING ROBE. Her counterpart in the Greek culture was a Nike, Goddess of Victory. The famous statue "Winged Victory", carved about 200 B.C., and now standing in the Louvre museum in Paris, is that of the goddess. An appropriate radiator ornament for the Victoria? Yes, but unfortunately her head and both arms are missing!

To add to the perpetuity of her name, an asteroid discovered in 1860, was named in honor of Victoria the goddess.

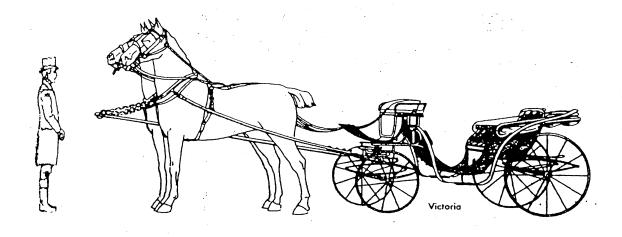
Then, of course, there was Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India; namesake of states, cities, mountains, lakes, and falls - and a Carriage. The carriage is described as being stately, low, having one seat for two passengers, an adjustable top, a two-horse team and an elevated seat for the driver. The Model A Victoria, like her predecessor, was a deluxe "carriage trade" vehicle, just as she was pictured in the Saturday Evening Post of January 3, 1931, with a chauffer behind the wheel.

So let's show some respect for the Goddess, the Queen and our own Grand Old Lady - Victoria! (see p. 6)

Our October board meeting was held In Sturbridge, Mass. Thiw was for the board members to see first hand what they had to offer for the 1988 MAFCA National meet. I want to tell all of you that the facility, the people, the country side and everything else makes this a first quality choice location. From what we saw, what they presented and the prople that will lead this effort will make your trip to the 1988 National Meet, well worth your effort to attend. If you go, and you should make every effort, I know you will enjoy every minute of the entire trip and event. I have already registered. Have you? If not, I urge you to do so right away so you will not be left out of the good things they offer. If any of you do not have a registration blank, there is one in the September-October Restorer of 1987. This event is hosted by: Minuteman Chapter of Massachusetts, Model A Ford Club of Connecticut and Little Rhody Chapter of Rhode Island. You can write to me and ask for a copy and if I get enough requests, I can run a copy in the next newsletter.

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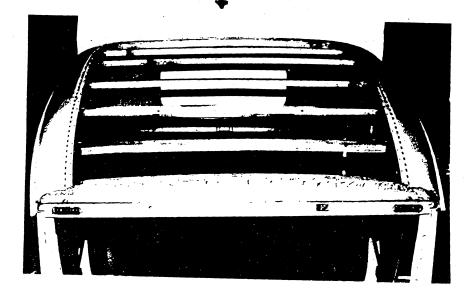


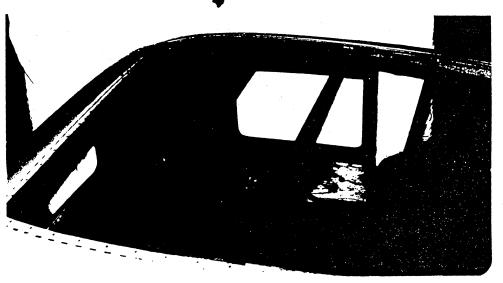
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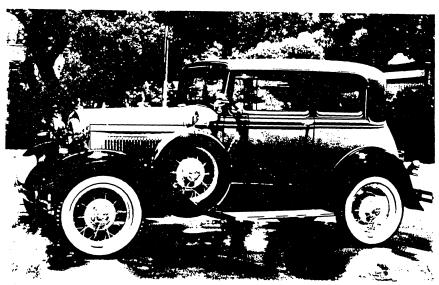
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e two pictures below are of Elmen Widman St. Lback Victoria. Two trings to notice cross piece around the back below the rear window and the dome light mount is not as on the Leatherback. The dome light mounts under the steel on a piece of wood from the top of the window frame to the last bow of the roof. Notice that the cross piece is not stepped up but rather on one line.







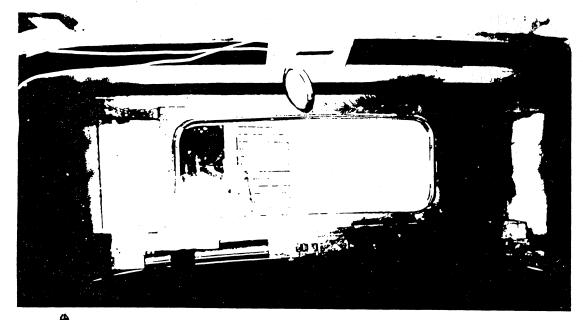


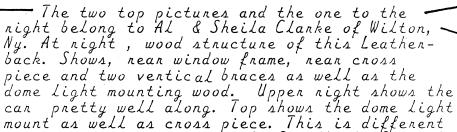
The can above is a Steelback belonging to Paul and Lornaine Sund of Pacific Grove, California.

They belong to the GRAMPA chapter of MAFCA. "Good Restored A's, Monterney Penninsula Anea"

Sounds like a good name to me. The three bodies above right belong to Bill Macnamara of NSW, Australia.

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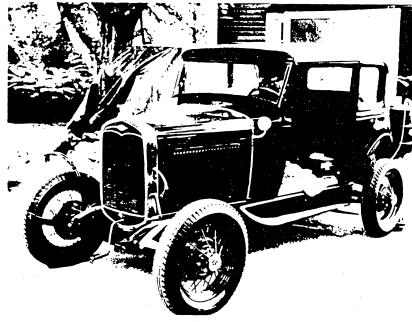


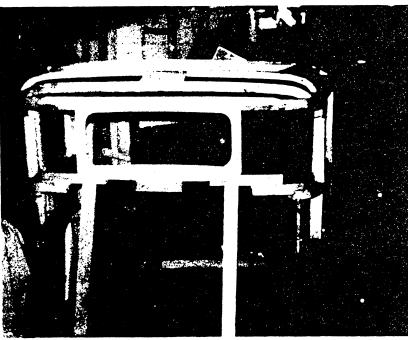
on the Steelback. See other pictures of Elmer Widman's car on another page.

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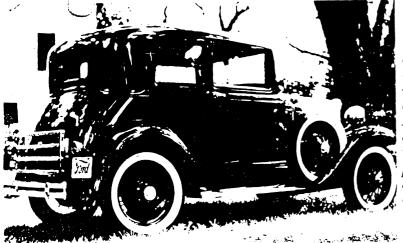


At Left is the Leathenback belonging to Sheldon Lake of Ft. Laudendule, Fl. He has owned this can fon 18 yeans. Still nuns and looks good.



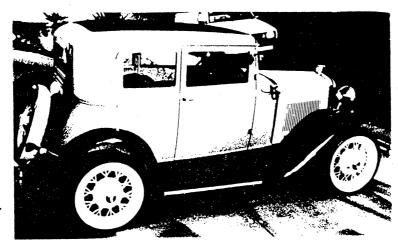


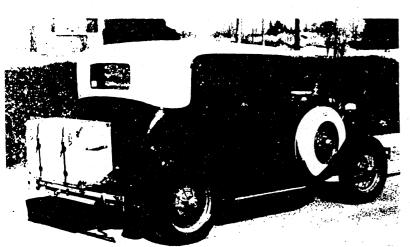




This Steelback is owned by Harold and Gyneth Stanley of Clearwater, Florida. This is a Maroon can with black top and red wheels. It looks as though it has a lighter or more red than the Ford Maroon. It is a pretty car. Sorry I can not print the pictures in color.

The Victoria at the right belongs to Ron and Sandie Snodgnass of Poway, Ca. This Steelback Looks Like a Leatherback because of the Light color on the top. Not sure but I think the hood is in painting process.

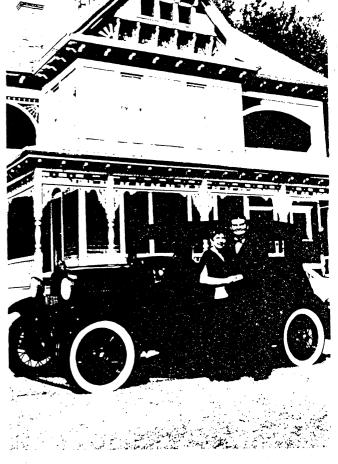




The Leatherback at Left is dark green with a light top and Apple wheels and stripe. The trunk sets it off.

This pretty can belongs to Don & Pat Powell of Strasburg,

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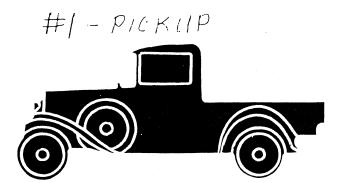


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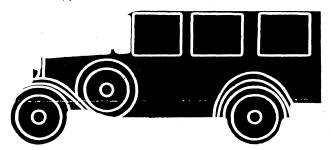
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The can above belongs to Chanlie & Felicia Viorca of Frirco, Tx. This can took me 5½ years to do from a barket care. Never again. This is our Christmas Card. The house in the background is in McKinney, Tx.

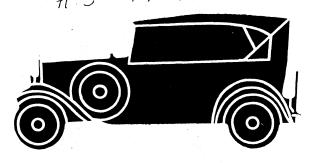
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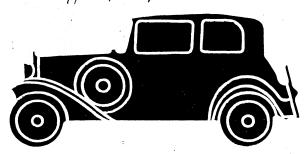
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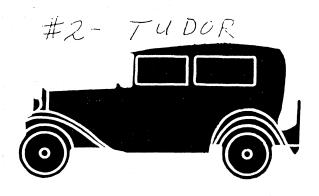


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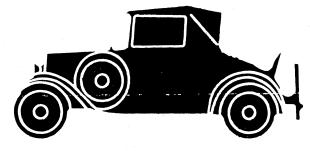


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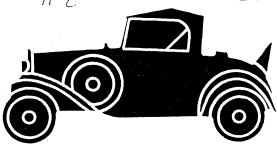
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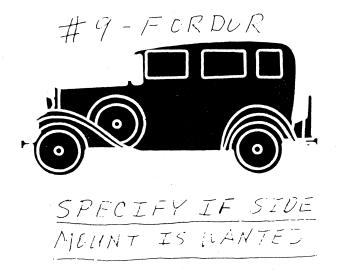


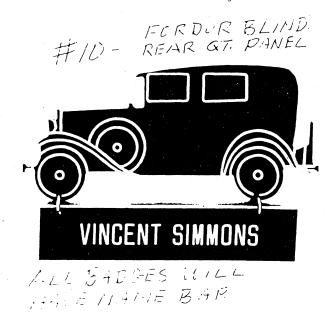
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I want to thank Patti Jones for her help in doing the roster and keeping it up as well as printing the mailing labels. This is a big help to me and I appreciate her efforts.

I have enclosed an application for MARC, MAFCA and this association. When you send in your dues for 1988 to me, all you have to do is print your name and check renewal. If there is a change since last registration, please make the corrections and mail the application to me with your check for \$10.00.

In the next newsletter, probably in March, I will give a final accounting of the 1987 dues. I couldn't print it now as I do not know what the cost of printing and mailing this one will be.

So far, three members have renewed dues for 1988 including me. Hopefully all of you will renew as soon as possible so I can print an up-dated roster for 1988. Anyone renewing after the next newsletter will probably not make the roster.

Tom Schwartzer sent me some information that I am passing along, below.

MARC Model "A" News articles: (Concerning the Victoria).

Authentically Speaking, March-April 1966 Volume XIII No 2 pp 6-7.

Other restoration narratives are in:

Sept - Oct 1969, July August 1972, Nov - Dec 1974.

Taken from November Hemmings:

Victoria indented firewall with \$250. Pages Model A Garage, Haverhill, Nh. cowl gas tank 03765-603-989-5562.

Victoria windshield pillar trim, arm rest, 31 Victoria seats, rear mount tire carrier. (No prices) SASE Mike Dennis, 1845 S. 48th. Lincoln, Ne. 68506 - 402-489-6345.

Victoria windshield frame, \$135, NOS: Victoria rear spring, \$190. Pete Brewer, P.O.Box 102, Bayport, Ny. 11705. 516-472-0809, 6-9 pm, no Sundays.

31 Victoria right door, stripped,exc condition, \$300, Victoria floor pan, \$300. Bert's Early Ford, 3825 Kendall St., Wheatridge, Co. 80033. 303-431-1929.

Well, that's it for this time. I hope all of you have a great year during 1988.

Best regards,

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