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Dear Vickie aficionado:

I am sorry to take so long in getting back to all of you. Since my last letter, I have fully retired and have been on the go ever since. I don't know why, I just keep busy all the time or I'm travelling.

I was pleased to get 13 responses to my letter in the Model A News. I wrote to The Restorer but I didn't see the letter in it.

One very nice and informative letter was from a friend, Tim Johnstone. Tim is the editor of the Woody Wagons newsletter "Wagon Wheels" and Tim gives a lot of good information on forming this Vickey club. The Woody Wagon club got started with 20 members and now has 200. They have a quarterly newsletter. The copy Tim sent to me was 12 pages including a list of all the members. He has edited the letter for 8 yrs. He has everything on a computer. He suggests that we set up a formal dues structure. This way we can print the letter etc.

I would like to continue as is for the remainder of this year and see what develops.

Since my last letter, I have had only one letter from one of our members. I have several beautiful pictures of Vickies from around the country. I wish I could print all of them in color for you but that is impossible.

Most of the people writing are wondering where to obtain items. I don't have answers as most of us look in swap meets and look in the magazines and Hemmings.

Most of the members have sent stamps so I have a pretty good supply. I want to thank those of you that have contributed as this will help a lot with the mailings.

One final thing, someone said that I was a Vickey expert. That isn't so. I have an early 31 Vickey and it is ready for the interior and fenders then it will be complete. It runs great and I have 18 miles on it around the block. It is maroon and black. I have the vermillion wheels and stripe to add color. I have learned from doing my car and asking questions.

Now, I will read each letter and print requests. If you can be of help to these folks, write or call them.

Sid Gough of Canada - 31 leather back - Briggs.

Trying to locate the Female dove tails that accept the female. These are mounted on the door posts. Sid wants the special trim around the roof, also rain gutter. The roof trim is not duplicated to my knowledge but the header strip is. Terry Burtz 345 Budd Ave., Campbell, Ca. 95008. #1 molding 5/8" wide, \$13.00.

I need the right locking door handle (outside) and two window cranks. Charlie Viosca Also need two rear seat arm rests.

Paul H. Moller just bought a basket case Vickie and he is a new Model A'er. He's always loved Model A's. He asks no questions but I'm sure he'll have plenty in the future.

Roger Van Houten of Monroe, Mi. has a late 31 Murray Steelback. Roger, we don't have an application but we would like your phone no. and wife's name. Sometimes people like to call instead of writing. Roger needs a Murray body tag. Let him know where he can get one if any of you know. Roger asks if this will be a private club or a chapter of one of our national clubs. Since we are just beginning, it will be private but hopefully we can become a chapter of one of the national clubs.

Ernest O. Smith of Munster, In., has a Vickie since 1969. It has original interior and paint. He has been to most nationals with her. Ernie could be a good source of information since his car is original.

David L. Carr of Muskegon, Mi. has a 31 Steelback. Is looking for front seats.

Ben Webber of Powell, Tr. has a 31 Vickie, Green with Green interior, black tires and has luggage rack.

Floyd Bradsher of Hurdle Mills, N.C. has a Vickie that he painted like the one on the Ditzler paint book. The color picture he sent to me is beautiful. Everytime he finds a part that is better than one on the car, he gets it and makes a change. So far it's one of the nicest looking I've seen even though it isn't an original color.

Harold Eason of Broomfield, Co. has 3 Vickies, mostly complete and hopes to restore two for himself. He has two more bodies all Murray's. He is trying to find documented information on a Briggs built Vickie. He's looked at over 200 at various shows and has never found one. Can any of you shed light on this?

Russ Dean of Adrian, Mich. has a steel back that he bought 6 yrs. ago. he fixed it up to drive then he decided to show it so he fixed it up again. It is black and maroon. Russ belongs to the Western Lake Erie Region of the Model A Restorers Club. He wants to know if there are any books on the Vickie. I don't know of any books specifically on the Vickie but if any of you do, let us know. He needs both outside door handles, both inside door handles and window cranks.

Steve Ciccalone has a Briggs Steel Back, a late 31. He is the third owner nad he has aquired the goodies he needs to restore it. It is running and a good solid car. Steve is in the Coast Guard and as yet hasn't had time to restore it. Steve is living in Slidell, La.

Ken Marshall of St. Louis, Mo. has a Vickie and is interested in a Vickie club.

Bill Chernby, Des Plains, Il. is restoring his Vickie and hopes to have it running this summer.

The last letter I received was from Sandy Pedersen of Maitland, Fl. Sandy has a Kewanee green body with Elkpoint green top and Apple wheels and stripe. You should see his Vickie Carriage House. I know our Vickies would love it or one like it. Anyone that would desire seeing these color pictures of other Vickies, let me know and I'll send them but you must return them so others can see them.

I think that by the next news letter in about three months, I'll get up an information sheet for each of us to fill out.

Please let me hear from you. Let me know what the dues should be, what information we should obtain from the members etc.

What would be helpful would be for one of you that has a home computer and likes to fool with it to volunteer to feed Vickie information into it. We would then have a central location to go to. Some of the things would be where to obtain things we do know of. For instance where can we obtain the various wood kits, moldings, interior materials etc. If interested, please contact me about this.

So far, we have 28 names. I think this is enough to consider us a club. Let's keep in touch. If you have any information you think the other members would like, please write me so I can put it in the letter. If you want information, let me put it out to the members.

Here is some information taken from Hemmings, this is from several issues. Some of you get the magazine but some do not.

Victoria rear window frame \$47.50, Walker Rodimon, Box 353 Pike, N.H. 03780 603-989-5557 9am to 10pm.

Victoria front seat frames \$35.00, Leo Parks, 88 Old Farmers Rd., Long Valley, N.J. 07853 201-876-4669

Victoria door glass frames \$200 pr. Front seat frames \$175, dash \$45, re.window frame \$35. 615-821-8267 Chat. Tn.

Vic. seat frames. metal only \$95 pr. Some vic. trim Garretson, 14227 Briggs Cir. Omaha, Neb. 68144 No calls please.

Many Victoria parts, R. Millette 203-228-0588 or 228-3693, Ct.

Vict. dash rail \$65., windshield frame \$195, Victoria body \$850, Pages Model A Garage, Haverhill, N.H. 03765 603-989-5562, 989-5592.

Complete Victoria chasis, unrestored, mint serial numbers match, spare engine, rear end, wheels and boxes of spares \$3,000 or best offer. Ron Pollock, 1441 Pepperwood, Niles, Oh. 44446 216-652-7970 eves.

Until next time, Charlie Viosca