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\$40-Million Auto Museum Gets Green Light, Opens in L.A.

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Burning rubber and gasoline hit the big time June 11 when the \$40-million Petersen Automotive Museum got the green light and opened its doors in L.A.'s Miracle Mile district.

Owned and operated by the County's Natural History Museum, the 300,000 square-foot, four-story building is one of the world's largest automotive museums.

"What has been recreated is a 20th Century road map of the evolution of a culture that has influenced life in all of America," said Craig Black, Executive Director of the Natural History Museum.

"It's a story that can only be told and experienced in Los Angeles," Black added, "because this is the only major city that was entirely shaped by the automobile. It's growth is totally related to the motor car."

The facility, which boasts indoor parking for 1,000 cars, is located at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue where 70 years ago the world's first linear downtown dedicated to the emerging auto age was developed—the Miracle Mile, with its wide store windows set close to the sidewalk and street and large rear entrances to accommodate the traffic.

The museum features permanent exhibits on the first floor that trace the history of the automobile. Periodically, the vehicles in those displays will be changed. The second floor is devoted to five large, rotating exhibition galleries with state-of-the-art displays of race cars, classics, early motorcycles, prototypes, movie cars, technology, design and marketing. The third floor represents art and education featuring galleries, a library and a classroom. A roof

pavilion, kitchen and corporate conference center are part of the fourth floor.

The museum carries the name of Robert Petersen, a long-time Southern California automobile enthusiast who is a trustee of the Natural History Museum's Foundation.

It was Petersen, chairman and founder of Petersen Publishing Company, who provided the momentum for the project by donating \$15 million to acquire the old Ohrbach's building and launch its renovation for the museum.

GM Unit sells Hohn Kabel

Warren, Ohio - **Packard Electric**, a unit of General Motors Corp., said it sold its nonautomotive commodity cable distributor Hohn Kabel GmbH to Draka Holding NV of Amsterdam. The amount wasn't disclosed. Hohn Kabel, Neuss, Germany, makes copper-based cable for various industries.

REGIONAL PROPERTY LIST, CALLING ALL CARS...

President Mark has asked me to come up with a list of property owned by the Region. If you have anything or know the whereabouts of any club property please give me a call in the evenings at 753-5724 or drop me a note at P.O. Box 231048, Encinitas, California 92023. Does anyone have any of the club stanchions?

This will help us plan future tours and other club outings. I would like to come up with a preliminary list within the next 30 days.

Colin Fort

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Folks,

Even though the year is only half over, we're already thinking about next year. We always have a variety of places to go and things to do each year. What is important is that we do the things you want to do. If you have a special event or activity in mind let us know about it. Your input is important, so let either Colin Fort or myself know what activities and events you would like to be on the event schedule next year.

I guess after reading last month's Predictor, you may be a bit confused. If so, you are not alone. Murpheys Law struck with a vengeance. BJ. Hill and Dave Baker have promised to have everything corrected by this issue. So please double check the Tour and Events calendar to insure the correct dates are noted on your calendar.

Happy Packarding,

Mark

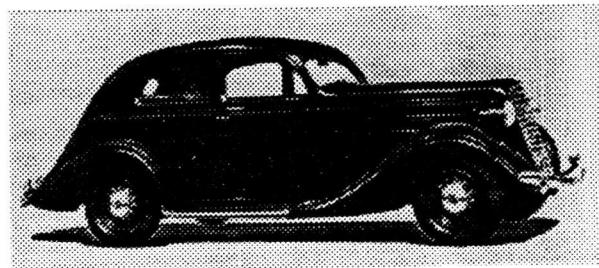
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EVENTS AND TOURS

AUGUST 3	Regular Meeting Denny's Restaurant - 6908 Miramar Rd. - 7 p.m.
AUGUST 7	Newport Beach "Afternoon of Croquet and Car Show" TL Steve and Lenora Vegh
AUGUST 14	John Bryan Garage Tour TL Fred Perkins "Auction"
AUGUST 21	Board Meeting Home of BJ and Tony's
SEPTEMBER 7	Regular Meeting Denny's Restaurant - 6908 Miramar Rd. - 7 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 10	Guy Woodward Museum/Ramona TL Joan King
OCTOBER 5	Regular Meeting Denny's Restaurant - 6908 Miramar Rd. - 7 p.m.
OCTOBER 8	Orphan Car Show/Studebaker TL Colin Fort
OCTOBER 13	Board Meeting
OCTOBER 16	Grand Salon/So. Cal. TL Steve Vegh
OCTOBER 29	Costume Halloween Party TL Carol Yunt
NOVEMBER 2	Regular Meeting Denny's Restaurant - 6908 Miramar Rd. - 7 p.m.
NOVEMBER 5-9	NATIONAL TOUR TO DEATH VALLEY HAVE YOU MADE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS YET? ALREADY 18 ROOMS ARE GONE



Mystery Car

Can you identify the above car? Come to our next monthly meeting for the answer.

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 3RD MEETING

Ray Ellis

ESCONDIDO COIN SHOP "GOLD"
Bring your coins and old gold for discussion by the speaker.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LETTER ON THE "CAR CRISIS" TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT!

To: SDAMCCC (San Diego Automotive Museum Car Club Council)
From: John Schermerhorn
RE: **Legislation: Proposed or In Effect**

Perhaps it would be helpful if I introduced myself to you. We have seen each other at the meetings, but have not had time to talk to each other.

I accepted the role of Chairman of the Legislative Committee for several reasons. First, I have had considerable experience in both Sacramento and (to a lesser degree) Washington D.C. I was deeply involved with the Legislation for Schools and Community Colleges for nearly 30 years and as the Chairman of the Legislative committee and as President of the Community Colleges Association in California I spent considerable time reading, analyzing, and leading the body in taking positions on various bills that were before the Legislature.

Second, over the years I learned several things about the people who represent us at both the State and National level.

Most of them are well meaning, hard working folks who want to do a good job.

Most of them are reasonable and can be approached if they are not yelled at and treated like the enemy. They will listen to reason most of the time.

Because they deal with thousands of Bills each session they cannot be knowledgeable about all of them and rely on information they receive from those that want a particular law passed.

Understanding the last point will give us a way to approach them and get their attention.

YES! Money is important and gives folks an entree to them, but **VOTES** are really more important. They do respond to the people who elect them, if they know what concerns the folks.

In our case we must not only let them know we are concerned but also that we vote and (perhaps) will contribute to their re-election campaign.

The problem we have is that we are slow to get started (as a voting group) and we have a strong tendency to "Let George do it." This will cost us time and effort to get involved at a higher level.

THE BASIC PROBLEM

In an attempt to control and help eliminate air pollution the Legislatures on both the State and National levels have enacted laws that have given power to regulatory groups such as the South Coast Air Quality Management District. **THESE ARE NOT ELECTED PEOPLE!**

While almost all of us agree that something needs to be done to help minimize the problem, we have assumed that the laws would be focused on those who cause a great deal of the poor air quality as well as making cars in general burn more cleanly. This by itself was our first mistake. The history of the auto industry has shown that the real big power groups can be counted to stick it to us if they can. For example, it is generally recognized that it was the Tire Companies that killed the old Trolley systems so that they could sell tire for busses.

Now we have a similar situation with our cars. Under the guise of cleaning up the air quality there is a strong push to get all cars older than 1983 off the road. **THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE MOST OF US.**

They use terms like Gross Polluters, Clunker, etc. because the folks back home can identify with these negative terms and after all it seems like it would help. **NOW, WHO WOULD BENEFIT MOST IF ALL OF THESE CARS WERE OFF THE ROAD?**

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In the past few years groups like the World Organization of Automotive Hobbyists (WOAH) has been carrying the fight for us and they have made some important contacts and have created a lot of interest in many Legislatures across the country. (This is not only a California problem.)

What we must do now is make it a point to contact our representatives and make some important points with them.

1. We must point out that many of the present laws and proposed laws are indiscriminate in their approach and scope.

2. The 1990 study by the California State Senate Office of Research pointed out that it is not the "old cars" that pollute but rather the "dirty cars."

3. Little or no attention seems to have been paid to either the hobbyist or the industry that supports it. C. Eric Baltzar, of WOAH, points out that the \$200 million restoration market would not only be severely hurt, but would be unable to assist us in getting parts for the cars we have now.

4. The California Vehicle Code #5050, finds and declares that constructive leisure pursuits by California citizens is most important. It further says that it is intended to encourage responsible participation in the hobby of collecting, preserving, restoring, and maintaining motor vehicles of historical and special interest.

A second threat that we are all aware of is the buy back gimmicks that not only cities and counties are doing, but in a effort to **DO SOMETHING THAT WILL SLOW DOWN THE NEED TO EXPEND BIG BUCKS**, the Oil companies have shown their public spirit and volunteered to spend their own money to get some of the "clunker" off the road. Of course by doing this they have earned credits that have allowed them to get out of doing what really needs to be done. Clean up the air at the source of the problem.

Our job then seems to be two fold. First, let our representative know that we are not the entire problem. That beside the points made above most of us work very hard and spend a lot of money to make our cars run cleanly. Second, they, as Legislators must not be swayed by the Big Money. If you write a letter you might also point out that after all of the "Clunker" are off the road there will still be a lot of pollution in the air caused by the Oil Companies.

Seems like an abrupt end to the letter, but that's all we got. Ed

PROGRAMS AND TOURS

We need help planning next years tours and programs. This is your club and we want to come up with some special tours that will be of interest to all members as well as programs of the caliber we have seen at so many of this years monthly meetings.

They do not have to be car related, although we are also looking for new items in this area. Hobbies, crafts, travel adventures, are some of the areas that come to mind. What type of program would you like to see at the meetings? If you come up with the idea, it does not necessarily mean you will have to plan the program. We are certainly willing to make a few calls and do whatever we can to help bring it to fruition.

We all have varied interests - give it some thought and call Colin Fort at 753-5724. If everyone came up with just one new idea, we would have more than we can handle.



Bryan Packard Garage Tour • August 14, 1994

DRIVE YOUR PACKARD

WE SHOW AT HERITAGE PARK AT LUNCH TIME

8:20 a.m. Meet at Montgomery Ward (Focus) Mission Valley

OR

9:00 a.m. Meet at Bryan Packard Garage to get an update on restorations in progress

10:00 a.m. LV to view a very rare collection of fine race and sports cars including: 1964 Ford Fairlane Thunderbolt (1 of 100 special built drag racing cars, and 2 Cobras - 1 racing.

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IT IS POT LUCK • A-H Fruit or Vegetable Salad • I-P Meat Dish or Main Entree • Q-Z Desserts (It's Tony's Birthday BJ will bring a sheetcake and ice cream)

Call Eileen Ambrose 462-9194 if you have questions.

Club will furnish coffee and lemonade (there are some things for sale there) Paper plates, forks and cups.

AUCTION

Our own Mark Rothermich will serve as auctioneer. Please bring an item to be auctioned (car related or not).

All proceeds go to the club for chapter expenses. This CAN BE A FUN EVENT. ANY QUESTIONS CALL COLIN FORT 753-5124 • IF YOU ARE FREE ON AUGUST 21, HERITAGE PARK IS HAVING AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING CARS FOR DISPLAY FROM 11-4:00 p.m.

San Diego Packard Tour to Ramona

10th of September 1994.

Leave 9 o'clock. • Cost \$5.00 • Tour Leader Joan King

Meet on Poway Rd., at the Shopping Center of the 1300 block, South side where the DMV and Builders Emporium are located.

On to Highway 67 North to Ramona, parking at 680 Main St., at the side and in the back parking lot of the Packard's Coffeehouse, parking lot.

The Guy B. Woodward Museum is a \$5.00 guided tour including coffee and donuts. The history of the Santa Maria Valley and the town of Ramona will be presented. An outdoor Ranch display area, a blacksmith shop, Hanigan's Honey House, 1900 Bee apiary, freight and stage wagons, dozens of antique machines and tools and an example of French Provincial architecture house built in 1886 - filled with interesting history including an 1890 doctor's office will be included.

After the tour of the museum, a walk back across the street to the Packard Coffeehouse for a potluck lunch.

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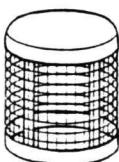
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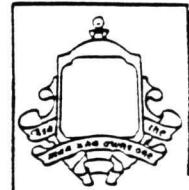
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Guests from San Diego...

Dick and Jincie are offering their home in Dana Point as a rest stop and are serving and elegant Continental breakfast on your way to Park Newport.

Two maps are enclosed. The Thomas Guide map has instructions to get to the Williams' house. The home-made map shows how to get to Park Newport from either Highway 1 (PCH), coming from the Williams', or the 405, should you choose not to make the rest stop at the Williams'.

Schedule for the Williams' interlude: *Arrive at the Highway 78 and Interstate 5 Park and Ride in Oceanside at 9:30 am. Arrive at the Williams' at 10:30. Leave at 11:15 am for Park Newport up Highway 1. Arrive at 12:00 noon.*

Schedule for direct route to Park Newport: *Arrive at 12:00 Noon. North on 5 to the 405. Left (toward ocean) on Jamboree Road. Right on San Joaquin Hills Road. First right is entrance to Park Newport.*

When you RSVP, let us know if you are planning for the rest stop, and in turn, we will let Dick and Jincie know.

Pass the invitation to anyone who may be interested in bringing a car for this unique car show. Hope you can come.

You Are Cordially Invited To...

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A special area is reserved to display the vintage motor car of your choice. Guests with no vintage cars need not purchase one to be able to attend.

Attire of the afternoon is white linen or other appropriate attire for the old fashioned croquet game setting. Please, no heeled shoes or cleats on the court.

Date: Sunday, August 7, 1994

Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Guests with motor cars, arrive at 12:00m

*Address: Park Newport Apartments
#1 Park Newport Place
Newport Beach, California 92660*

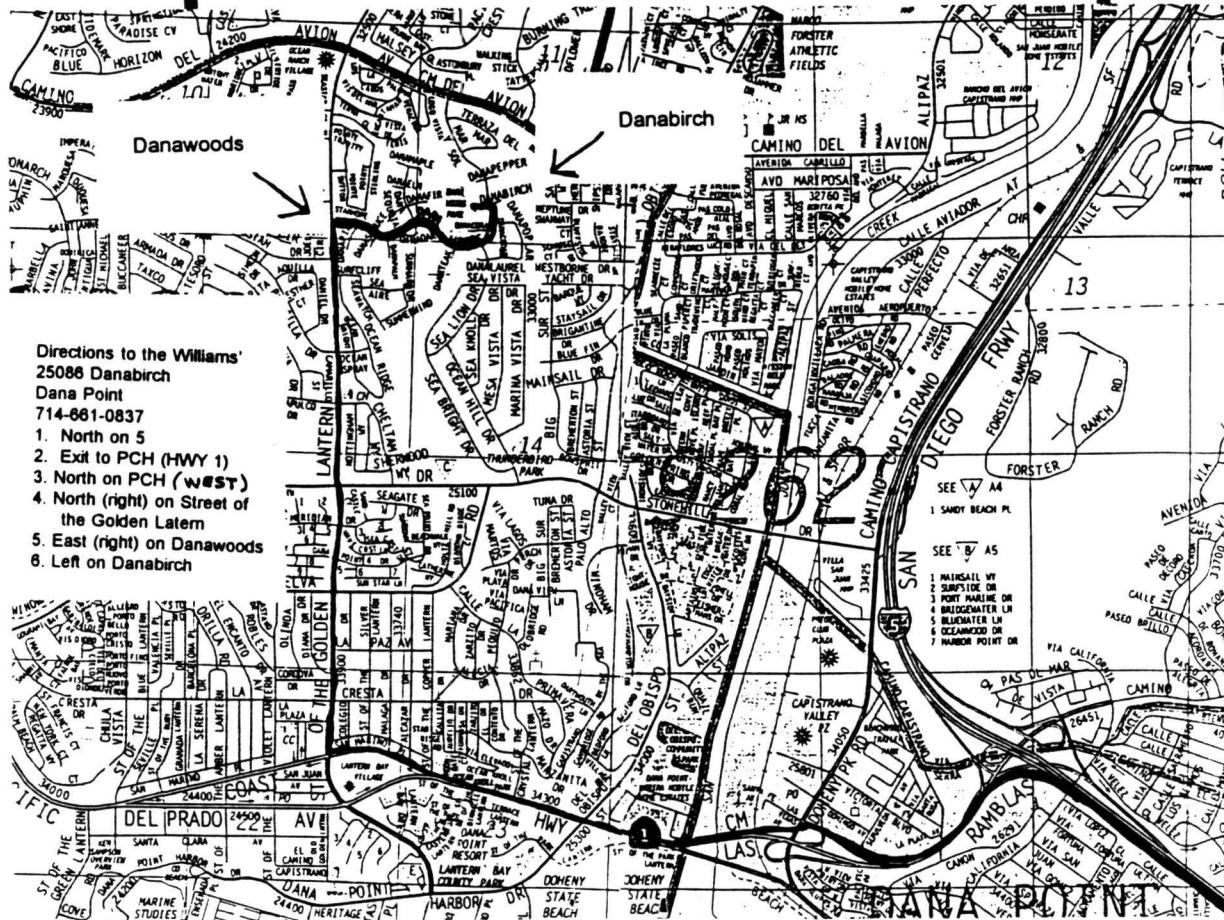
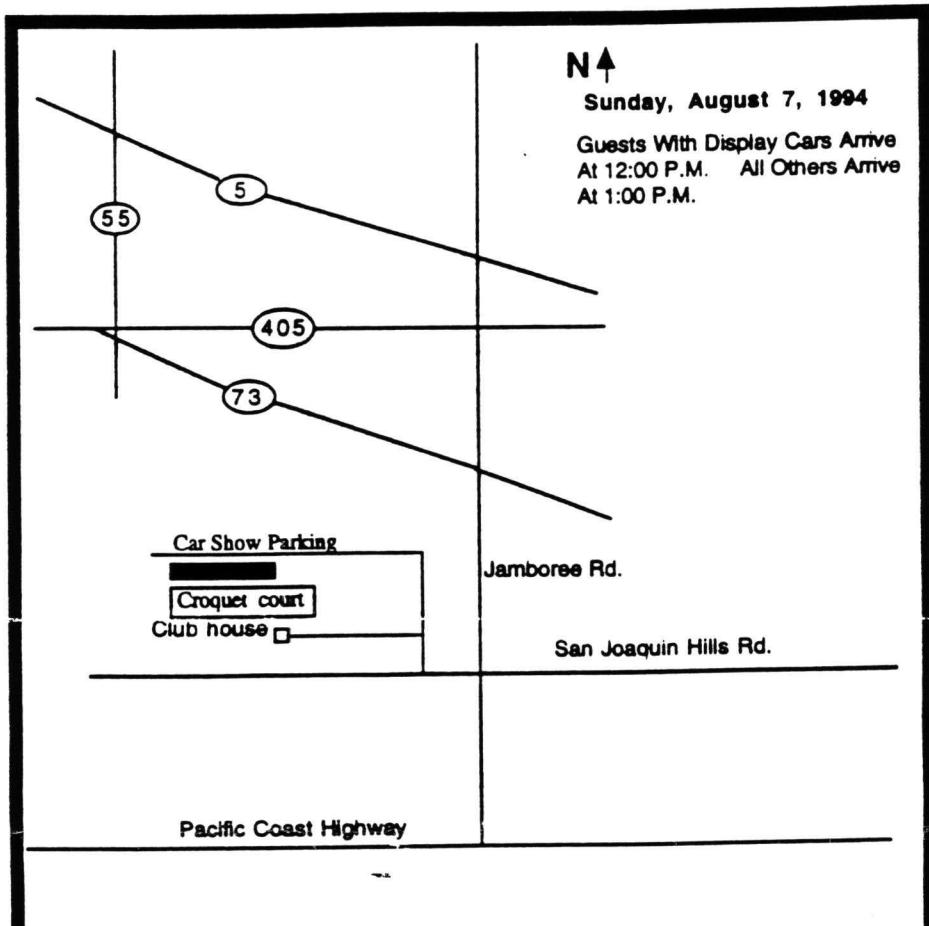
Clubhouse Telephone: 714-644-4664

RSVP By: Sunday, July 31, 1994. When responding, indicate make, model, and year of automobile.

RSVP To: Steve and Lenora at 714-640-1287

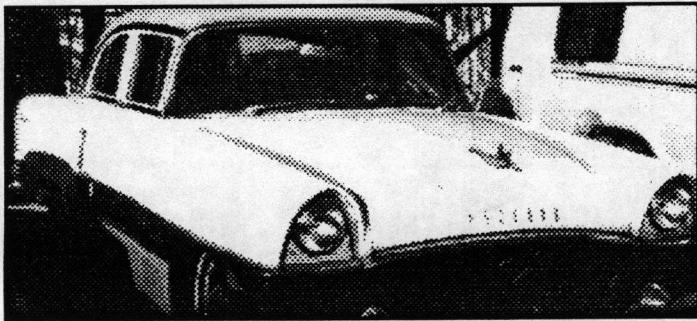
Park Newport Apartments is graciously providing the food and entertainment!

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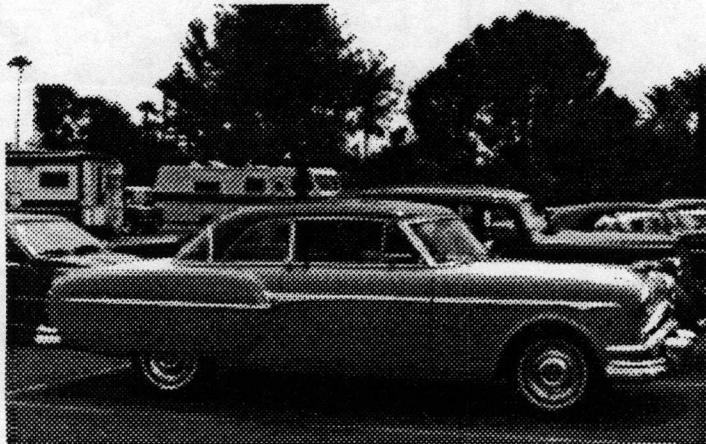
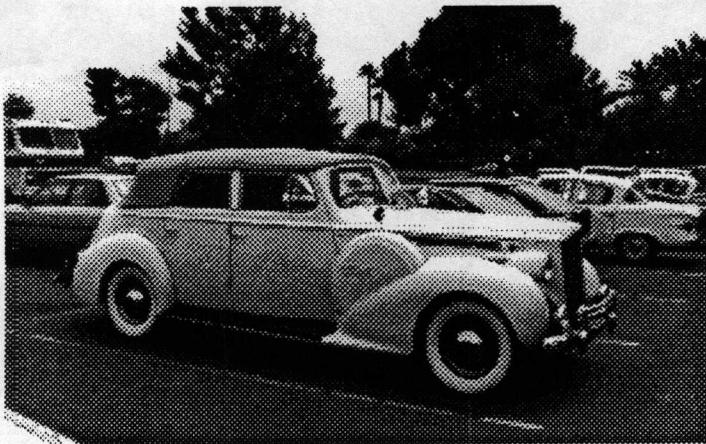
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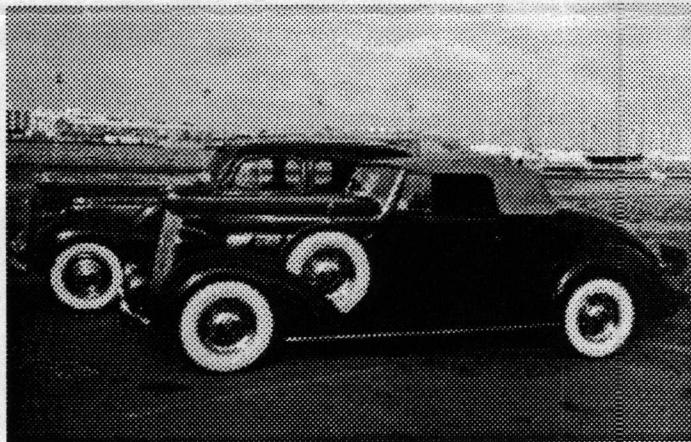
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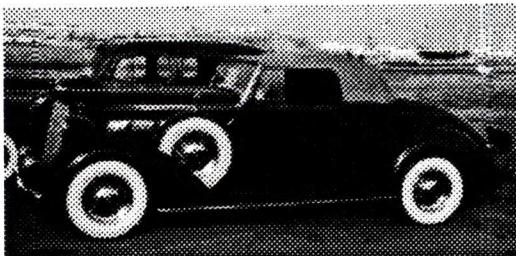
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