

The Monthly Newsletter of Queen City Model A Club, Charlotte NC

Dedicated to the Restoration and Preservation of the Model A Ford and we like to drive them too.

Our Website is queencitymodelaclub.com

July, 2023

The Prez Sez,

Happy 4th of July!!! While the club has no activity planned for the 4th, get out and show off your A Model.



Those of us that work in Jim's shop will be spending the month of July preparing Claude Palmer's Roadster for Touring Class judging at the MARC National Meet in Ohio. QCMAC will have a large contingency of members attending the meet. In addition to this being the meet where both Fine Point and Touring Class judging occurs, there are seminars, a tour, a model A flea market, Fashion judging and show and much more.

If you have not yet made your reservations for the Linville Falls tour and the beach tour, now is the time to do it. Also, you may need use July as the time to go over your car making sure it is tour ready. We are expecting a good turnout for both of these tours. The Fishers and Palmers have developed great plans.

See You Down the road. Kalei



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	2023 QCMAC Event Calendar		
<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	April 6th Northside breakfast
7 th Board meeting at Captain's Cap 16 th General Meeting Golden Corral Brad & Jane Fisher hosts	20 th General Meeting John's Restaurant Glenn & Carrie Swann hosts	20 th General Meeting Sports Page Troy Dalsing Host 25 th Blow of the cobwebs Tour Try Dalsing 29 th Breakfast at BigView9am	13-15 Charlotte AutoFair 14-15 Old 96 flea market 16 th QCMAC Car Show White Home 17 th General Meeting Golden Corral Geoff & Clare Leek Hosts
May 6th-7th Mystery Tour 11th Northside Breakfast at Corine's Cafe 20th Landsford Canal Tour 15th General Meeting John's Restaurant Bill & Anne McDonough Host	June 10th BBQ Picnic, Fort Mill 19th General Meeting Sports Page Glenda & Dwight Jackson Hosts 22nd Northside Breakfast at Corine's Cafe 28th Southside Breakfast at big View Diner @ 9am	July 17 th General Meeting Showmars Danny and Susan Phillips Hosts 27 th Northsid Breakfast at Corine's Cafe	August 21st General Meeting Golden Corral Danny & Linda Foster Hosts 26-28 Linville Falls Tour Brad & Jane Fisher
4 th Matthews Car Show 18 th General Meeting John's Restaurant The Hylands Hosts 23 rd Murray Mill Tour 29th-1 st Beach Tour, Ocean Isle. Claude Palmer Host	16 th General Meeting Sports Page Sandeep Berry Hosts	November 20 th General Meeting Showmars Rion Rutledge Hosts	December 11th Christmas Meeting 9th Harvey Hood Memorial Christmas Parade Tour 9th Denver NC Parade

Meeting place addresses

Golden Corral – 11025 E Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC

John's Restaurant – 2002 Westinghouse Blvd, Charlotte, NC

Sports Page – 8400 Bellhaven Blvd., Charlotte, NC

Showmars – 7260 Hwy 73, Unit 119, Denver, NC 28037

September 29th thru August 1st will be our <u>2023 Beach Tour</u> to Ocean Isle Beach. We will stay at the Islander Inn, front row, where we have stayed on a number of occasions. Claude Palmer is our leader and details on next page.

<u>Rumors could be True!</u> Troy Dalsing is actually planning a tour in 2024 that would take you South through Georgia and Florida to Key West. This would be a 10-14 day tour with a time frame under consideration of May 29th thru June 15th, 2024. If you are interested, mark your calendars and let Troy know you wish to be considered. At time of press, the editor is aware of 5 members indicating interest. This is a trip requiring long range planning and Model A preparation.

Mountain Tour in August

Save the date and make your reservations when you are ready to commit to being part of this well planned event tour. Brad and Jane Fisher are your leaders and have arranged good activities you will find enjoyable. Don't miss this opportunity for a fun filled weekend.

Queen City Model A Club
Linville Falls Tour
Highlights
Saturday, August 26th-Monday, August 28th

Saturday August 26th, 2023

- Saturday morning, we will meet at McDonalds off Mt Holly Huntersville Road at Hwy 16 in time for breakfast and departure at 9 am.
- 2. Drive the back roads to Marion where we will briefly stop for refueling around 12:30.
- Drive to Nebo, NC to our home on Lake James where we will eat a light lunch and take folks out to tour Lake James Saturday afternoon.
- 4. Dinner will feature Steaks on the grill at our home around 6pm.
- Around 7:30-8pm we will drive to the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Marion 279 Kadire Drive, Marion, NC 28752) and check into our rooms for the weekend. We have a block of rooms reserved for \$124 per night. Just call 828-527-0035 and mention that you are with the Queen City Model A Club and the dates above to reserve your room.

Sunday August 27th, 2023

Sunday morning, August 27th, after the complimentary breakfast in the Holiday Inn, we will leave
the hotel at 9 am and head up Hwy 221 toward the town of Linville Falls where we have a
number off interesting stops planned. Currently, we tentatively plan stops at Banks Creek Barn,
Linville Falls Winery and Anvil Arts Studio for our tour this day. Afterwards, we can head back to
Marion and walk around the town and have dinner on our own before heading back to the
hotel.

Monday August 28th, 2023

Monday morning, after breakfast at the hotel, we will head back to Charlotte the way we came
up on Saturday morning.

Beach Tour - September 29th Thru October 1st

We are going to the beach!! Ocean Isle Beach is our destination and we will once again be at The Islander Inn where we have stayed a number of times in the past. Claude Palmer and Heather Fowler are our leaders for this tour.

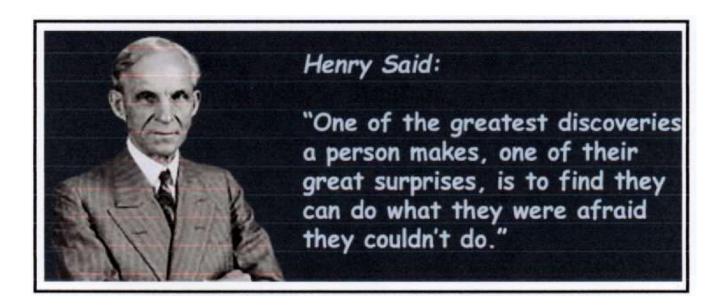
Twenty rooms have been reserved with prices varying from \$143.10/night+tax (12 rooms) to \$161.10/night+tax (8 rooms). The more expensive rooms are ocean front with Balcony while the others are Island side without balcony. The motel itself is on ocean front. Cut off date is 15 August 2023.

Make your reservations by calling (910)575-7000 identifying you as a part of the Queen City Model A Club tour.

Matthews Auto Show

The Matthews Chamber announces that their 32nd Annual Auto Reunion and Motor Cycle Show is scheduled for Monday September 4th, 2023. Registration is now open. Details along with applications are available at Matthews Auto Reunion & Motorcycle Show 2023.

Sandeeep Berry is our leader on this event. She attended last year and received the invitation for us to be part of it this year.



Meeting Minutes of June Meeting

By Carrie Swann

June 19, 2023 the QCMAC club meeting was held at Golden Corral in Matthews, NC. The host/hostess were Dwight and Glenda Jackson. Leading the meeting was Kalei Unea. The meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm. The blessing was asked by Glenn Swann. There were 23 members in attendance. Reading of the minutes and treasures report were dispensed and will stand as written in the newsletter.

New members that attended the meeting were introduced, Henry Hines, George and Erica Banks and everyone got a chance to introduce themselves and get to know each other.

A report of the Lily Tour was given by Carrie Swann. There were 27 that attended the event. City Bar B Q was the meat and everyone brought side dishes and enjoyed the picnic. The star was a cake made by John Foster's. The lilies were in perfect bloom. The path to the observation deck was a nice walk of .08 mile. The huge eagle's nest could be observed, the chicks had already flown the nest. Jon Dalsing (Troy's son) had a great time fishing. A great time was had by all and it has been proposed that we make the lily tour an annual event.

Geoffrey Leek gave a summery of the Bar B Q Picnic at the Home of Sue Neil (Chris Neil's Mom's home). The catered meal of BBQ pork & chicken, Mac & Cheese, baked beans, Key lime pie, drinks of every kind, was delicious!!! Later we had Model A Trivia questions, the Model A car games. Thanks to Bob Wessmiller and Chris Niel (a new members also) for such a wonderful time!!!

Danny Phillips gave an additional report on the planning of the Mystery tour and tours in the past.

Brad Fisher gave a preview of the mountain tour Aug 26th - 28th (Sat – Mon). Linville Caverns, Lake James, swimming, bring lawn chairs. More information to follow, rooms for the weekend, ect.

Murray's Mill Tour will be Sept 23,2023

June 2023 Review of QCMAC Checkbook

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2023	\$6,430.61
Income:	
BBQ/Picnic (cash)	\$250.00
June 50/50	\$50.00
Total:	\$6,730.61
Expenses:	
BBQ/Picnic	\$250.00
BBQ/Picnic (bal)	\$50.00
Landsford Picnic, Carrie Swann	\$118.94
Checking Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$6,311.67

Sunshine and Clouds

Please keep all these members in your prayers. And also please make Bertha Haack aware of those needing our prayers. She does a wonderful job of giving care to those who need it.

Some longer time members will remember **Yates and Helen Gilbert**. We learned recently that Helen has passed on April 6, 2023 The report was that Yates is in his nineties and had lost energy to be active.

JoAnne Bryant is suffering from inflamed cartlidge in the right collor bone causing extreme pain from shoulder to ribs.

Glenn Swann's arm is slowly healing and the swelling is diminishing.

Wayne Helderman fell and broke his thumb. I note when speaking to him, it did not seem to break his spirit.

Danny Foster is suffering from extreme back and shoulder pain and is to undergo a treatment in early July in hopes of controlling the pain.

Dave Frintner continues to be in our prayers and Dawn too. This is a note Dawn sent me indicating their current situation.

June	BIRTHDAY!
Terry Hill	07/17/23
Erica Banks	07/17/23
Ron Bryant	07/08/23
Brad Fisher	07/13/23
Jane Fisher	07/28/23
Linda foster	07/19/23
Dave Habersang	07/28/23
Dave Hinds	07/11/23
Clare Leek	07/25/23
Dennis Lyle	07/21/23
Chris Neil	07/31/23
Everett Titus	07/29/23

From the length of this list for the month of July, there must be something about November that draws families to share romance. Maybe it is the cooler nights. Bertha thought it might be something in the water. Then, it might be as simple as QCMAC is growing and we are seeing more birthdays. Anyway, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!!

Dear Jim,

Hope you are doing well and ready for summer. I wanted to take a moment to give our friends an update on Dave's battle with Parkinson's disease and dementia.

Dave has adjusted well to his assisted living accommodations at HarborChase Riverwalk in Rock Hill. The staff is very caring and the facility looks very much like a hotel. Dave is walking without the assistance of a walker and he has exhibited no tremors.

I'm able to bring Dave home quite often. It gives him a change of scene and a break from the facility. We stay home for a few hours and then return to HarborChase.

His voice has become softer which is a common result of Parkinson's disease. We will be looking into hiring a speech therapist. There is one onsite at HarborChase. Dave has occupational and physical therapy twice a week with very caring therapists. He enjoys working with them.

The restaurant is very good and we often have meals together there. In addition I keep Dave's kitchen and refrigerator stocked with snacks, sandwiches and ice cream.

We are adjusting to our "new normal" doing so with the help of our family. Our kids and neighbors have been outstanding with their care and support.

We feel we are in good hands.

Fashion from Sears 1929 Catalog



Photo History of The Fordor Project Car

By Jim Townsend

The Fordor as it looks as this newsletter goes to press. Member Danny Foster has purchased the car and he and Linda plan on joining us on tours in it.





left, At the Fordor it as arrived in Jim's trailer in early 2022. It had been pulled from an Indiana barn in the mid 70's, taken apart and some restoring started. The owner died and it was passed to son who his moved it Charleston,

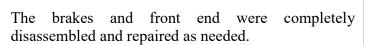
saving it for a future project. The son aged out and was closing his collection of cars and parts. We were introduced to him when he advertised his '30 Victoria for sale, the car members Brad and Jane Fisher purchased. Claude Palmer bought the Fordor and we also obtained a load of parts, some free and others purchased..



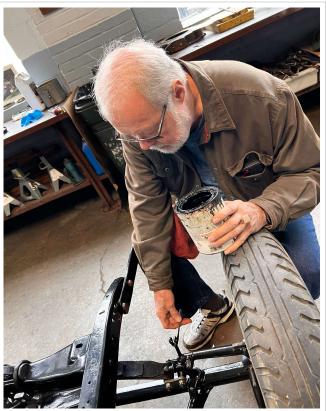
The restoration began on December 27th, 2023 after we completed other work in the shop. We started by complete disassembly and restoration of the frame. Five partners joined in working and sharing expenses, Claude Palmer, Danny Foster, Geoffery Leek, Kalei Unea and Jim Townsend.



Many parts were donated from our individual stocks. The engine was from Geoffery Leek's station wagon, replaced by a fresh rebuild. We repaired the fault found with this one salvaging a very good one. The transmission and rear end were disassembled and repaired as needed.







When the body was pulled out and inspected, we were pleased to find that the roof wood had been replaced and that the rest of the wood in this Briggs body was very solid. The sheet metal had been cleaned and a primer put on it. There was little rust to deal with and only minor dents. I can't say that about the fenders and hood. They required major body work before painting.



After sanding, removing a few dents, filling as needed and priming, Jim is putting on his "back yard" paint, a single stage Urethane. The top is black and the bottom is Brewster Green. Wheels were painted Apple Green as was the pin stripe. As noted here, all parts were painted before assembly on the restored frame.

The final stage of restoration is upholstery. The car came with a partial upholstery kit by LaBaron Bonney. I'm not sure what happened to portions of the kit but we bought a headliner, carpet and mohair fabric from Clastique to complete the job. We cut waterproof hardboard to form the panels used to finish off the areas below the headliner and covered them with the purchased fabric. It was not a perfect match but it blended well and the interior is fresh and clean.



Earlier, I mentioned the five partners, but I did not give credit to others joining in, volunteering their help. Don Houser always comes to our aid when we need fabrication or other assistance he can give. Troy Dalsing, Rhea Faris, John Haack, Larry Long, Bob Wessmiller, and Brad Fisher all had their hands on it along the way. Wayne Helderman, although unable to be with us in the shop donated several items we needed. Sandeep Berry and Dawn Frintner even assisted with sanding. Others came by offering their support and company. We have a wonderful Model A Club with friends willing to help and share our joy as we work together.

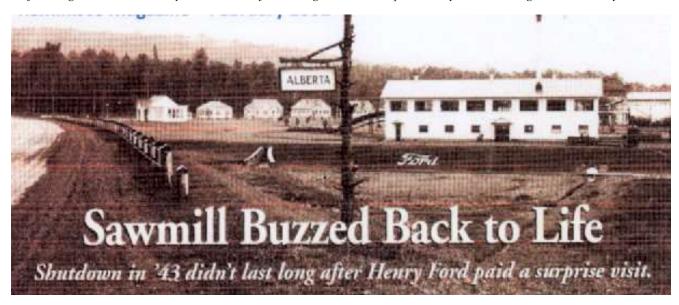
We are not professional restorers or painters or engine builders. We are learning by doing and what we are doing is getting better. One of Henry Ford's quotes I saw recently is appropriate.

"Start by doing what is necessary. Then do what is possible.

And suddenly, you are doing the impossible"

Sawmill Buzzed Back To Life

The following article was written by Robert Boivin of Cedarburg Wisconsin and published by Reminisce Magazine in February 2002.



One August morning in 1943, I was helping my father, Alexander Boivin, air out the Ford Motor Company sawmill in Alberta, Michigan when a car stopped at the mill entrance. My father was the caretaker of the shutdown plant and recognized the three men who got out of the car – Henry Ford, Mr Ford's chauffeur and Leo Cannon, superintendent of all Ford Upper Peninsula (Michigan) operations.

Mr. Ford, who knew my father from past visits when Dad was supervisor of mill operations, asked why everything was idle. My father said he had been ordered to cease all operations at Alberta in 1942 until the war ended. Mr Ford had not known this because Edsel was running the company at the time. He became very upset and immediately walked back to the car without setting foot in the mill. Tat was unusual, because Alberta had always been his favorite place to visit.

Alberta was Ford's "dream Village", named after his daughter, and the mill was one of seven that ford owned in the Upper Peninsula. Workers and their families lived in the village in houses Ford built. He also provided schools, teachers and lunches for the students. The mill was powered by the waste it produced. A conveyor belt under the mill floor carried sawdust and scraps directly to the furnace.

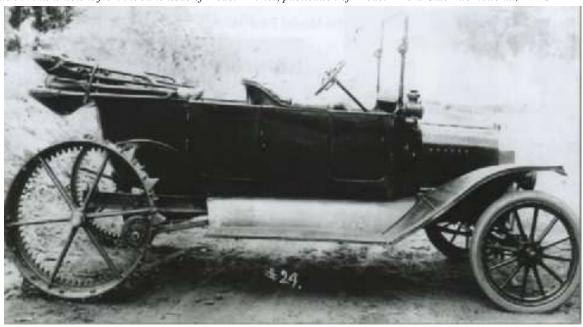
My father took Mr.Cannon and the chauffeur on a tour of the mill while I sat in the car with Mr Ford. I was 15 and he asked about school, hunting and fishing and about the war. He was totally against the war. When the tour was over, the three men departed after handshakes and farewells.

The next day, my father received word that Mr Ford had authorized the Alberta mill to reopen, so Dad invited the families who had lived there to return. During the shutdown, our damily was the only one in the village. Within a shor time, however, it was back to normal. The mill operated until Mr Ford's death in 1947. In 1954, the mill and 2000 acres were donated to Michigan Technological University for use as the Ford Forestry Center.

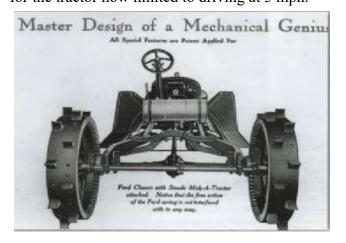
'In 1998, the Ford Historic Sawmill was dedicated by the University, and tours are now conducted there during summer months.

The Staude Mak-A-Tractor

Information in this article is from the June issue of Model T Times, publication of Model T Ford Club International, MTFCI



Beginning in the Model T era, farmers looked for ways to make inexpensive tractors to work the fields. The Model T Ford and later, the Model A became a reliable and when replaced with later models, cheap source of power. The problem was how does one gear it down to get the pulling power needed for farm duties. The E. G. Staude Manufacturing Co of St Paul Minnesota offered a kit to convert Model T's in the late teens. The kit consisted of a set of large pinion gears used in place of the rear wheels and a secondary axle with two large steel spiked wheels attached to the rear of the T. The pinion gears mated with gear teeth on the inside rim of the steel wheels giving a gear reduction needed for the tractor now limited to driving at 5 mph.



A pinion on the Model T rear axle engages the large internal gear on the wheel. The large gear reduction allows for a top speed of 5 mph in high gear!

The ads said "\$195 and a Ford, 4,000 now in actual with allows for a top speed of 5 mph in high gear!

150 being shipped daily. Unconditionally guaranteed to

do the work of 4 good horses on the farm or hauling on the road in connection with a Ford that is in good running order. Don't worry about hurting your Ford. **Note This:** In 20 minutes after you are through working in the field, you can have your car back on the road. Simply disconnect the tractor axle and place your rear wheels back on the Ford Axle - -And away you go!

Talking About Inflation

Days Gone By



Recent Happenings



Dawn Frintner submitted this photo of a building in Illinois. It was owned by a guy from whom they found a period tag for their A. The man's wife had asked him to paint the building and he instead covered it with some of his license tag collection.

Claude Palmer's idea of surfing while on vacation at the beach may not match what others do. But you will have to admit that he looks like he is having fun so who is to question his technique?



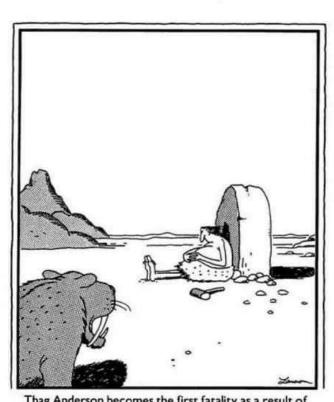
Mike of Carolina Pinstriping put the finishing touches on three cars in Jim's shop on 6/20/23. He not only put pin striping on my Roadster, he did it on the Fordor project car as well as on new member Russ Winters nice '29 Tudor. He did the three cars in about 2 hours. His method is to lay out an one eighth wide tape above where the striping is to be painted and then with a steady hand paint without ever touching the tape with the brush.



Tom and Sandeep Berry, Don Houser, Kalei Unea, John Haack and I all brought cars to the annual car show at Burns Chevrolett in Rock Hill. Don arrived early and saved parking for us in a spot with a shade tree to sit under. It was a hot day. Of the 250+ cars at the show, Don, Sandeep, Tom (He showed his Viper) and I were selected to be in the top 50.

Geoffery and I couldn't resist suggesting a celebration at the completion of the Fordor restoration.





Thag Anderson becomes the first fatality as a result of falling asleep at the wheel.

For Sale and Wanted

For Sale by Geoffery Leek

516/319-6607 or 803/228-3427 1931 Model A station wagon New motor, less than 200 miles rebuilt steering & transmission, New starter, battery, fog lights, signal lights, full side curtains. \$24,000.



For Sale by former member Norm Culbreth — 1930 Tudor, Body off restoration about 5 years ago with about 4000 miles on it since. John Kluttz engine, Labaron Bonney interior. Over \$29.000 invested. Asking \$23,475 obo. Contact Norm at 803/207-0771 or bcculbreth@hotmail.com.





Zenith Carburetors - Cleaned, jets calibrated, and painted. New parts installed as needed. Perfect for touring or showing in touring class judging.

\$125 with exchange of rebuildable Zenith \$200 without exchange

Contact Jim Townsend 828/964-3425 or townsendj@comporium.net

1930 Bare Model A Frame #3684228 Good Condition, Call for details. Jim Butler, 704/519-5148

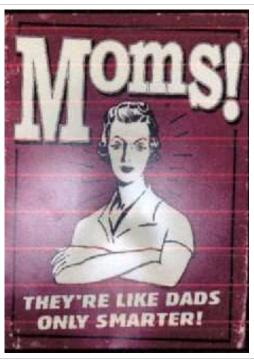
Window Regulator For Sale, fits left front/right rear on '30/'31 Fordor. Part # A-48106-B. The 4 hole mount stile used on the straight windshield 4-door sedans. New in box On line price \$60. Asking \$40. Call Bruce Hyland, 704/488-6118. or email bjhyland87@gmail.com.





1968 Ford Mustang Convertible, 289 cu in., bucket seats, Factory air Conditioning, rust Free, Total restoration in 1995, car located in south – central North Carolina. Contact Peggy Branch (former QCMAC Member) for additional information and pricing. 704/485-4196.





National Club Information

Model A Restorer's Club (MARC)

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year. This includes a subscription to the *Model A News* magazine.



Send to: MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

"MARC" membership is required of all members" Membership Application is online @

Website: www.modelarestorers.org

Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)

Dues are \$50 per year which includes a subscription to: The Restorer magazine.

Send to: MAFCA

250 South Cypress Street La Habra, CA 90631



Website: www.mafca.com

Model A Ford Foundation Inc (MAFFI)

Dues are \$25 per year which includes a subscription to: The Preserver Quarterly newsletter



Send to: 28 Peotone, IL 60468-0028

Application is online @ Website www.maffi.org

You may join any of the above national clubs on line or download the application forms to join. When you join QCMAC, you MUST also join MARC and furnish your MARC membership number when renewing your membership to QCMAC.

Auto Trivia

- The 1909 White Steamer was the first official White House car ordered by President Taft.
- Gulf opened up the first gas station in Pittsburgh in 1913.
- Oklahoma City was first to use parking meters. On July 16, 19.35.
- Royce Hailey's Pig Stand was the first drive in restaurant opening in 1921 in Dallas.
- All 1953 Corvettes were Polo white.
- The 1960 Plymouth Valiant was the first car fitted with an alternator.
- The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix was the first car to have the radio antenna embedded in the windshield
- The first car to use a foot operated dimmer switch was the Anderson (built in Rock Hill)
- Detroit first installed the three color traffic lights in 1919.
- The first drive in movie theater opened in 1933 in Camden NJ.
- The 1915 Scripps-Booth was the first car to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel.
- The quickest 0-60 mph production car was the 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409. 4.0
- Chrysler in 1949 was the first to use the ignition key to start the engine.
- Mustang was the only car to appear simultaneously on the cover of Time and Newsweek.
- The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout (roadster) at \$260 was the lowest priced mass produced American Car.
- The 1998 dodge Viper GET-R, tested by Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph. Fasted American production car.
- The 1915 Packard Twin-Six was the first production V-12 production car.
- The first car to use power operated seats was the 1947 Packard.
- The first seat belts were on the 1902 Baker electric Streamliner racer which crashed at 100 mph on Staten Island.
- Ford made the first pick-up trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates that the owners had to assemble as truck beds. The owners had to pick-up the trucks-thus "pick-up".