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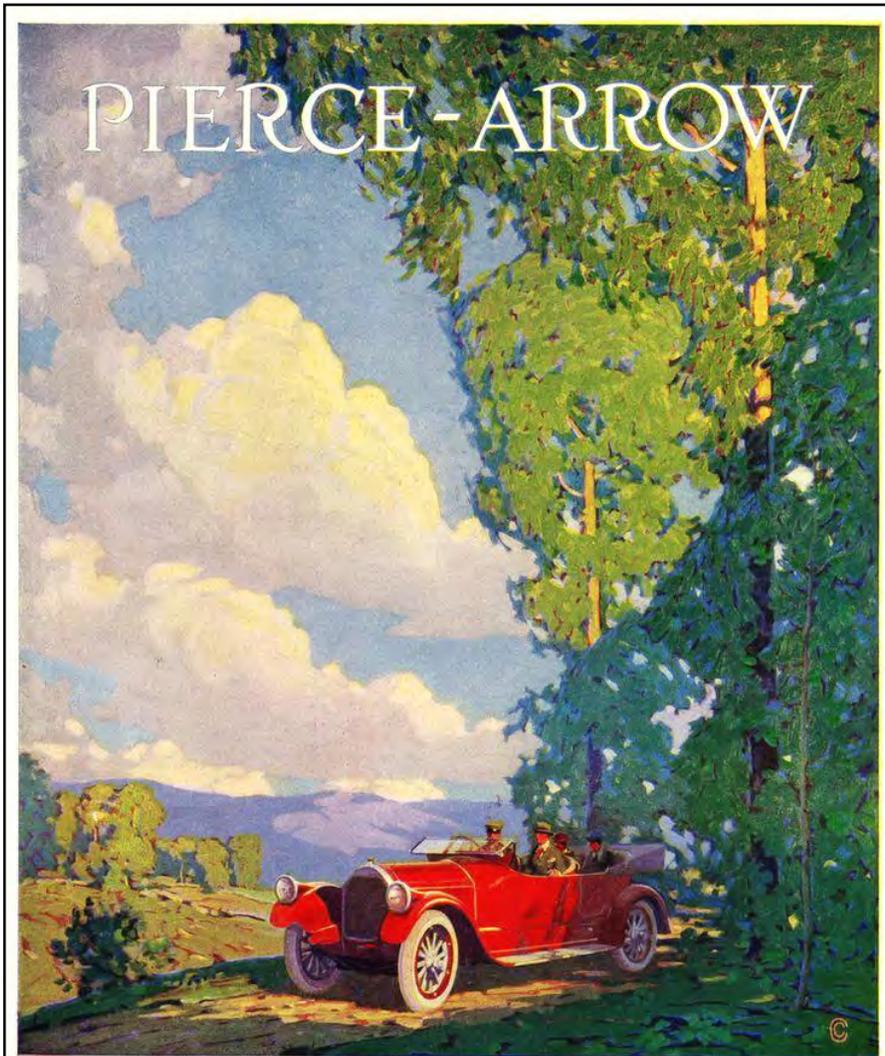
# SPRING 2025

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**Greetings from  
The State of Jefferson**

**Where "the roads are impassable, they're hardly jackass-able!"**

*A Mountain Road near  
Yreka, Calif.*

## *Checkin' the dipstick*

Other than the occasional weather break there aren't too many signs of Spring in our neighborhood, just yet. A few daffodils are pushing up in the sunnier spots, and once in a while I'll catch the throbbing croak of a toad somewhere, or spot a few new flocks of finches and sparrows stopping by for a look around the yard; that's about it. The old springtime weather teeter-totter is in full effect. It tilts to warm and sunny for a while and then over to cold, windy, cloudy, rainy, snowy, sleety, frosty, foggy drizzly or some other hard-to-categorize-but-yucky combination of weather, then back again to warm and sunny. And just about the time you start getting used to one of them, it changes to the other. At least, when it *is* out, the sun is trekking higher and the days are getting longer.

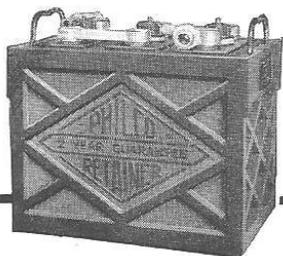


I am looking forward to the longer days and the longer spells of good weather because I feel, and am, more productive out in the sunshine. Years ago, a wise old friend watched me raking leaves on a sunny day and suggested that I was solar-powered. We both chuckled at the idea, but then I realized that he recognized an obvious truth which had never occurred to me – I *am* solar-powered; it's like the sun's energy soaks right through my skin and into my muscles. But maybe it's not just me; maybe we are all solar-powered, just like all of the plants and critters and creepy-crawly stuff in the world. Of course, whether the sun beats directly on us or it don't, we need it all the same. Even a bat is solar-powered in a roundabout, trickle-down kind of way. Anyhow, somethin' to philosophize on.

As usual, there's a long list of things to do out in the jalopy garage; not all at once, but maybe sometime over the course of the next six months, or so. None of it is real important, just the kind of perpetual tinkering around that tends to keep us from having idle hands (and minds)...so maybe it is sort of important. I cleaned off the workbench a while back, so that was a good start. To be honest, though, I just put a few tools away and rearranged a bunch of other stuff so it didn't look as messy. So, to be *really* honest..... I still need to go clean off the workbench. - RG



Courtesy of Mrs. H. A. B., Jr.  
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It’s true that in many instances it will make a comfortable profit for its owner doing only this type of hauling.

But the man who gets the most out of his new Ford V-8 Truck will also use it regularly in the fields. His truck will be on the job wherever there is hauling to be done.

For the Ford V-8 Truck is built for on and off the road operation. It has the power to start a load out

in the fields where there are no roads—the correct gear ratios for fast-hauling on the highways. Its V-type eight-cylinder engine has proved its performance and economy on all types of hauling jobs. It has the transmission and rear axle and chassis to handle the jobs as they come.

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FEATURES OF THE 1939 FORD V-8 TRUCKS

- New 95-horsepower V-8 type eight-cylinder engine. Ford now widens the range of power available for the Ford-and-a-half Truck by offering the new 95 hp V-8 in addition to the improved 85-hp V-8 engine.
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- Ford Engine and Parts Exchange Plan. The Ford way to low-cost truck maintenance. You can have an entire factory-reconditioned engine and many factory-reconditioned parts installed quickly, at less than the cost of an ordinary overhaul.

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**REGULARS**—114-in. and 127-in. wheelbase. Platform and stake bodies. Easy to have sideboards made to fit cover seats. Either 85-hp or 95-hp engine. A big, practical truck for the livestock, grain, or general farm.



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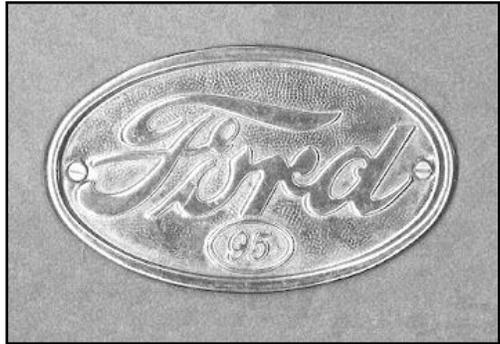
**COMMERCIAL CARS**—112-in. wheelbase. Pickup, platform and stake bodies. 85-hp or 95-hp engine. Just right for the drayman, the postman, or wherever smaller loads must be moved quickly from farm to market, or home to field.



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FORD V-8 TRUCKS for 1939

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, BUILDERS OF FORD V-8 AND MERCURY CARS, FORD TRUCKS, COMMERCIAL CARS, STATION WAGONS AND TRANSIT BUSES



Submitted by Russell Nussbaum

Left: New for 1939 “Ford now widens the range of power available for the Ton-and-a-half Truck by offering the new 95 hp V-8 engine as an option in addition to the improved 85 hp engine.” as well as “new” brakes and piston rings, and “improved” clutch.

Below: Russell’s 1939 Ford pickup and platform trucks.





Tacoma Speedway, 1914

## RUCKSTELL AXLE

DUAL CONTROL

### Adding Thousands of Extra Miles to Model T Trade-ins

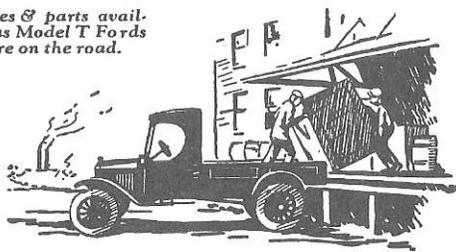
Thousands of useful extra miles are put into every used Model T trade-in with the Ruckstell Axle Gear Shift dealers are installing before re-sale all over the country.

Every trade-in sold with Ruckstell Axle installed gives the buyer four speeds forward, two reverse—flexible power on the hills and quicker miles on the open road. Ruckstell Axle doubles Ford power and speed.

Radical price reductions on Ruckstell Axle allows the dealer to install it and make a better profit on Model T than he can otherwise. Keeps Model T on the road longer—moves them off the sales floor more rapidly. Write Distributors or Factory for new Reduced Price List on complete Ruckstell Axles and all re-place-ment parts.

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Ruckstell Axles & parts available as long as Model T Fords and Trucks are on the road.



**Above:** High school dropout, commercial pilot, and engineer, Glover Ruckstell, inventor of the Ruckstell Axle. The dual range rear axle was designed specifically for Model T Ford cars and trucks, and is still commonly found on many vehicles.

#### Over 200,000 now in use—

The Ruckstell Axle has won instant success and the enthusiastic endorsement of over 200,000 users. It has been developed to mechanical perfection and simplicity after years of study, research, testing and building. Before being offered to car owners generally, the Ruckstell Axle was given every conceivable test under all road conditions over a period of several years.

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### RUCKSTELL AXLE

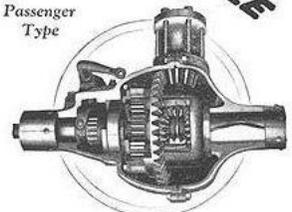
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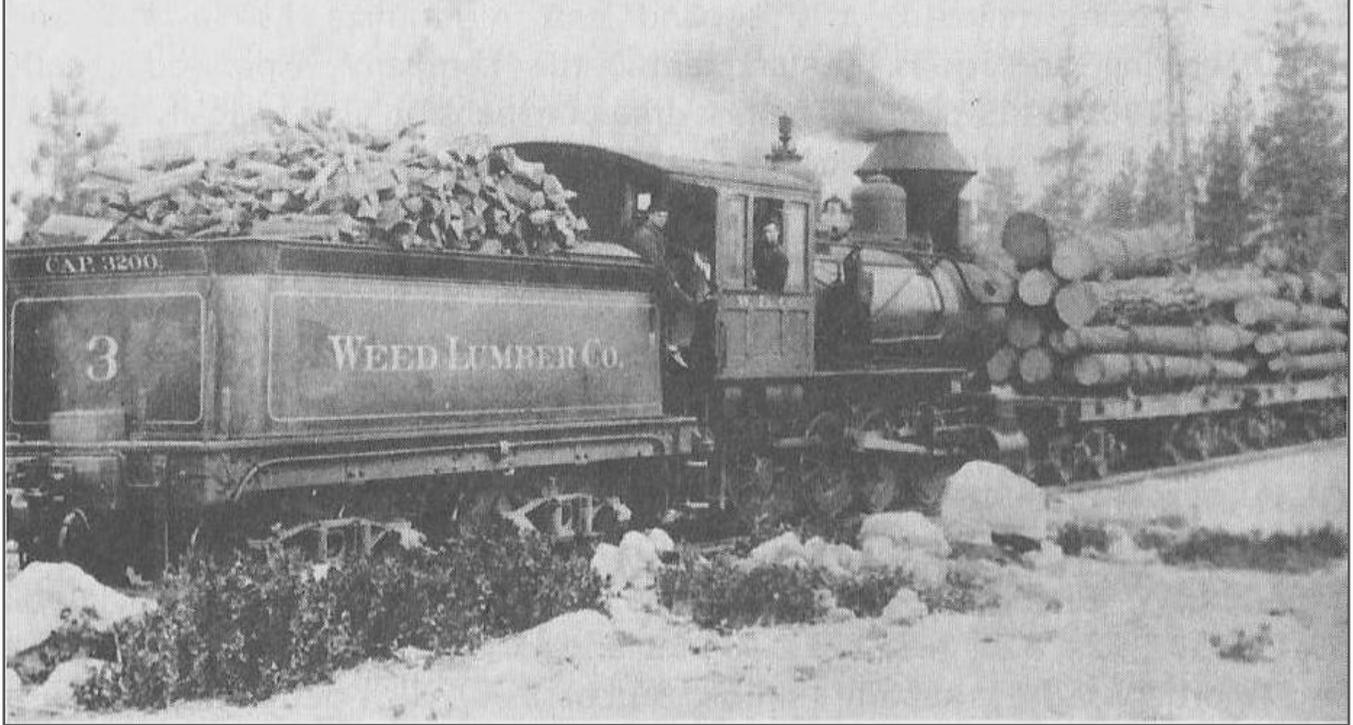
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Gives a Ford car or truck two-purpose performance

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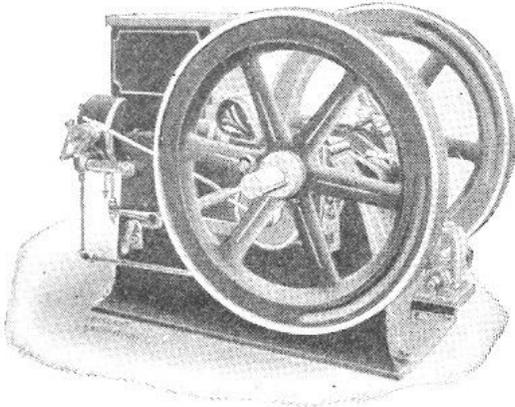
**WEED LUMBER COMPANY Engine No. 3  
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THE BEST MANUFACTURING COMPANY, SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA**



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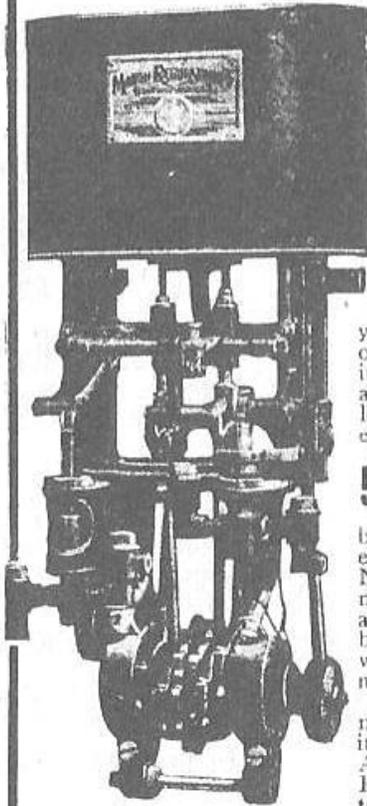
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FROM FACTORY DIRECT TO USER

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**The two-cylinder Mason steam engine, 1904**

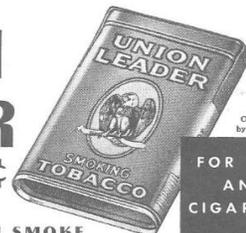


## "Some Things, Son, Just Can't be Beat!"

You young fellers are proud as Columbus, when you discover Union Leader Tobacco! You praise its fragrance. Its freedom from bite. The mellowness of its hill-grown Kentucky Burley. The economy of its big 10 cent tin . . . either in a pipe or "roll your own."

old-timer who's enjoyed Union Leader for more than 30 years. What you've really discovered is this: There are some things—like deep-dish apple pie, steak broiled over charcoal, and a pipeful of Union Leader—that have never been topped! And I'm hopin' they never will be!

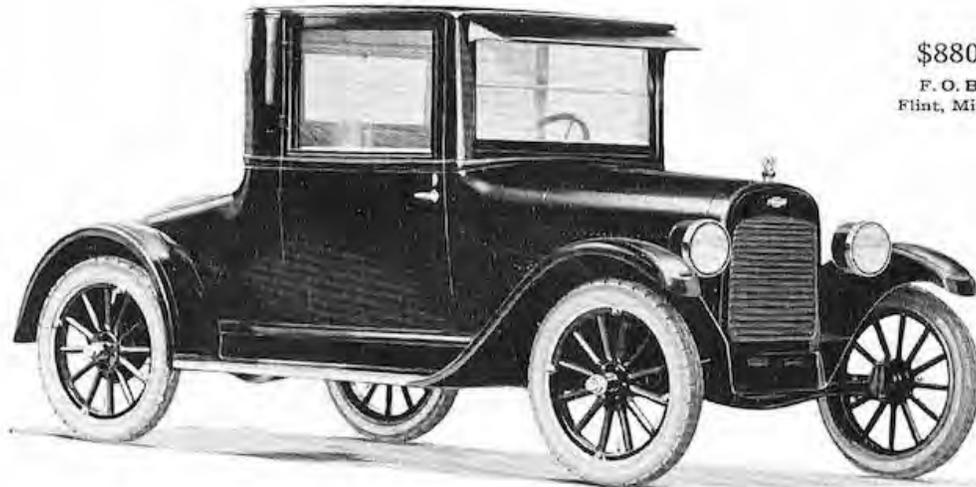
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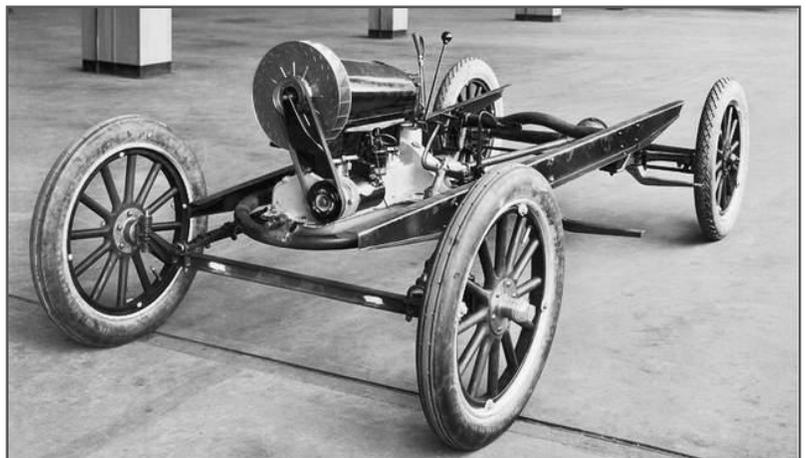
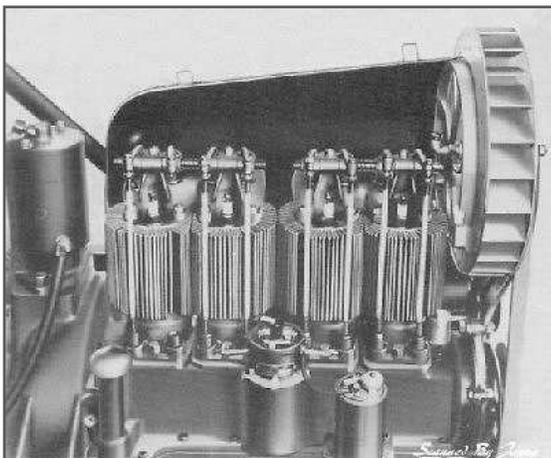


\$880  
F. O. B.  
Flint, Mich.

1923 Superior Chevrolet Utility Coupe, Copper-Cooled

Engineer Charles Kettering led the project to develop an air-cooled, four-cylinder engine for the 1923 Chevrolet. Similar in design to the Franklin engine, the overhead valve Chevrolet engine featured fins of thin, copper pleats brazed onto the cast iron cylinders, which were cooled by a large fan pulling air through a specially designed shroud.

Fewer than 800 units were produced, with 100 cars eventually being purchased by the public. The engine was plagued with over-heating, leading to pre-ignition and a severe loss of power. Ultimately, the cars were recalled and destroyed. Only two surviving “Copper-Cooled” Chevrolets remain in museum collections, and the idea of air-cooling was abandoned till the production of the more successful Chevrolet Corvair, which debuted in 1960 and was powered by the “Turbo-Air 6” engine.



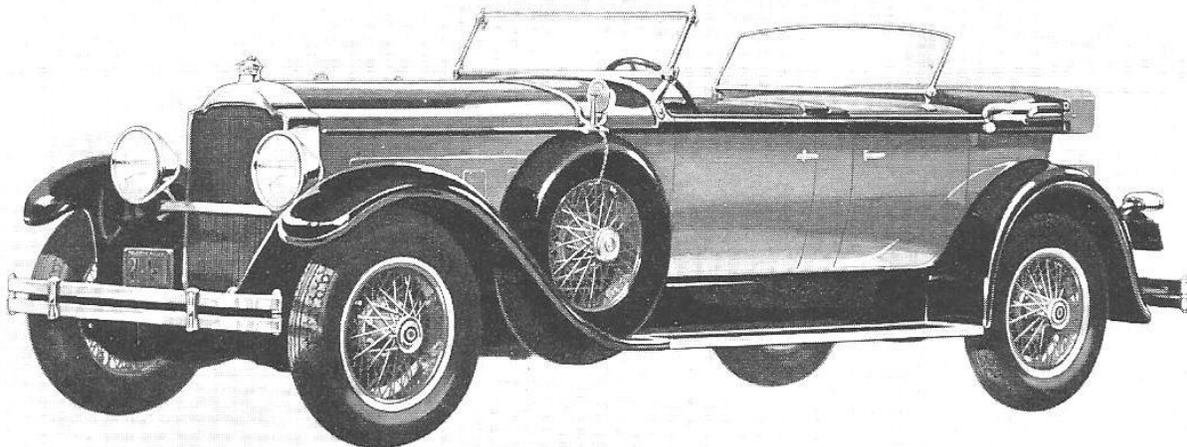
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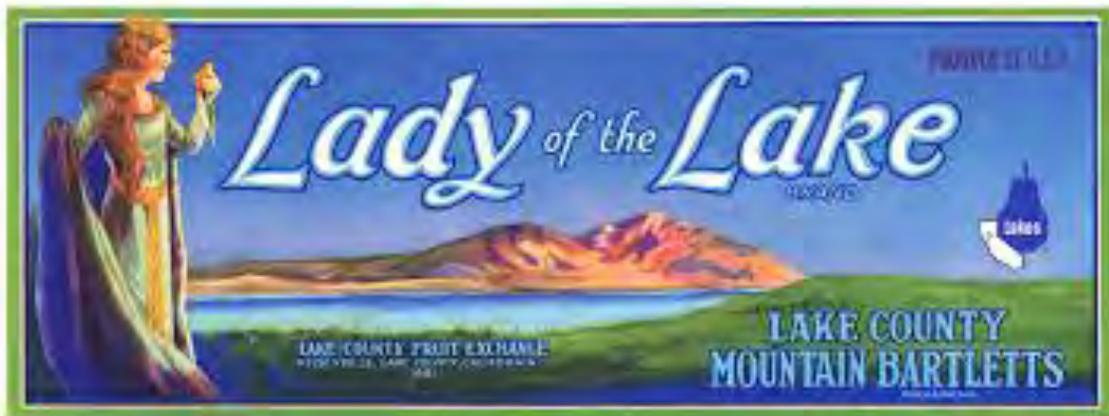


✓ ✓ I suppose I have owned every really fine car built in this country. And I even imported a couple. You know I drive myself and always get a lot of real pleasure out of my cars — not just transportation. A fine car appeals to me as much as

a good horse. I quit experimenting three years ago and went back to my first love. That car has everything I want or expect in the way of looks and performance. You'll always be glad you got a Packard. I wouldn't drive anything else.



*Illustrated above is the Packard Eight 645  
Five-Passenger Phaeton*



Greetings,

The Lake County A's would like to invite you to our 28<sup>th</sup> Spring Opener.

We have a weekend of fun planned for our Model A friends. The dates of this year's event are May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2025.

The HOST HOTEL for the 28<sup>th</sup> SPRING OPENER is the KONOCTI HARBOR RESORT located at 8727 Soda Bay Road in Kelseyville.

The Konocti Harbor Resort was built in the early 1960's. Sometime in the 1990's it was shuttered and in disrepair. A complete renovation of the Resort was completed in 2024. Every room has a lake view. They have done an outstanding job on their renovation. We are proud to have them as our venue for our Spring Opener. Be sure to view the photos of the property on the Resort's website.

Registration will be at the Resort on Friday, May 2nd, from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Raffle prizes will be on display and raffle tickets will be available.

A Friday night pasta buffet is included in your registration fee. Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Please see the Registration Form for a complete menu of the buffet.

A Saturday morning continental breakfast will be provided at the Resort for hotel guests only.

The line up for our Saturday Tour will be held in the Resort parking lot at 8:40 a.m. Please arrive with a full tank of gas. The tour will depart at 9:00 a.m. The tour will be about 2 hours driving with a rest stop. For most of the tour we will be traveling around Clearlake.

Our Saturday tour lunch is included in your registration fee and will be at the Rivera Restaurant located in Kelseyville. We will have a Taco Buffet lunch with the usual side dishes.

Our Saturday night banquet is included in your registration fee. Please see the Registration Form for a complete menu of the buffet. Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. We will have entertainment after dinner. The raffle and auction will follow the entertainment.

A Sunday morning continental breakfast will be provided at the Resort for hotel guests only.

We would like your Club to bring a raffle prize donation. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your participation.

You will need to make your room reservation online at “[konoctiharborresort.com](http://konoctiharborresort.com)”. The room rates are: \$169 standard king/double room, \$179 deluxe king/double room, lake king/double \$179, and moon suite/double \$299. Please know we have negotiated an 20% discount on the rooms.

For example; the \$169 rate reduces to \$135.20 plus taxes (about \$25).

You will need to go online to [konoctiharborresort.com](http://konoctiharborresort.com) to make your reservation. You will see “rooms” on this page. Click on “rooms” and it will take you to a link asking the dates for your reservation. It will also ask you for the promo code for your 20% discount. The promo code is: ModelA2025. Continue on to the next page for your payment information.

The Registration Fee is \$178 per person. We realize the Registration Fee is higher than last year. However, with the attractive room rates the increase is somewhat mitigated. Furthermore, Konocti Harbor Resort is the top rated venue in Lake County.

We are looking forward to having you come and enjoy a fun Model A weekend with us.

Dick Munger

Lake County A’s

Spring Opener Chair

**For registration information please visit the Lake County A’s website:**  
**[lakecountyas.org](http://lakecountyas.org)**

