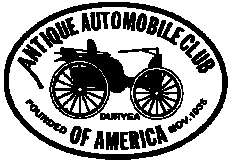


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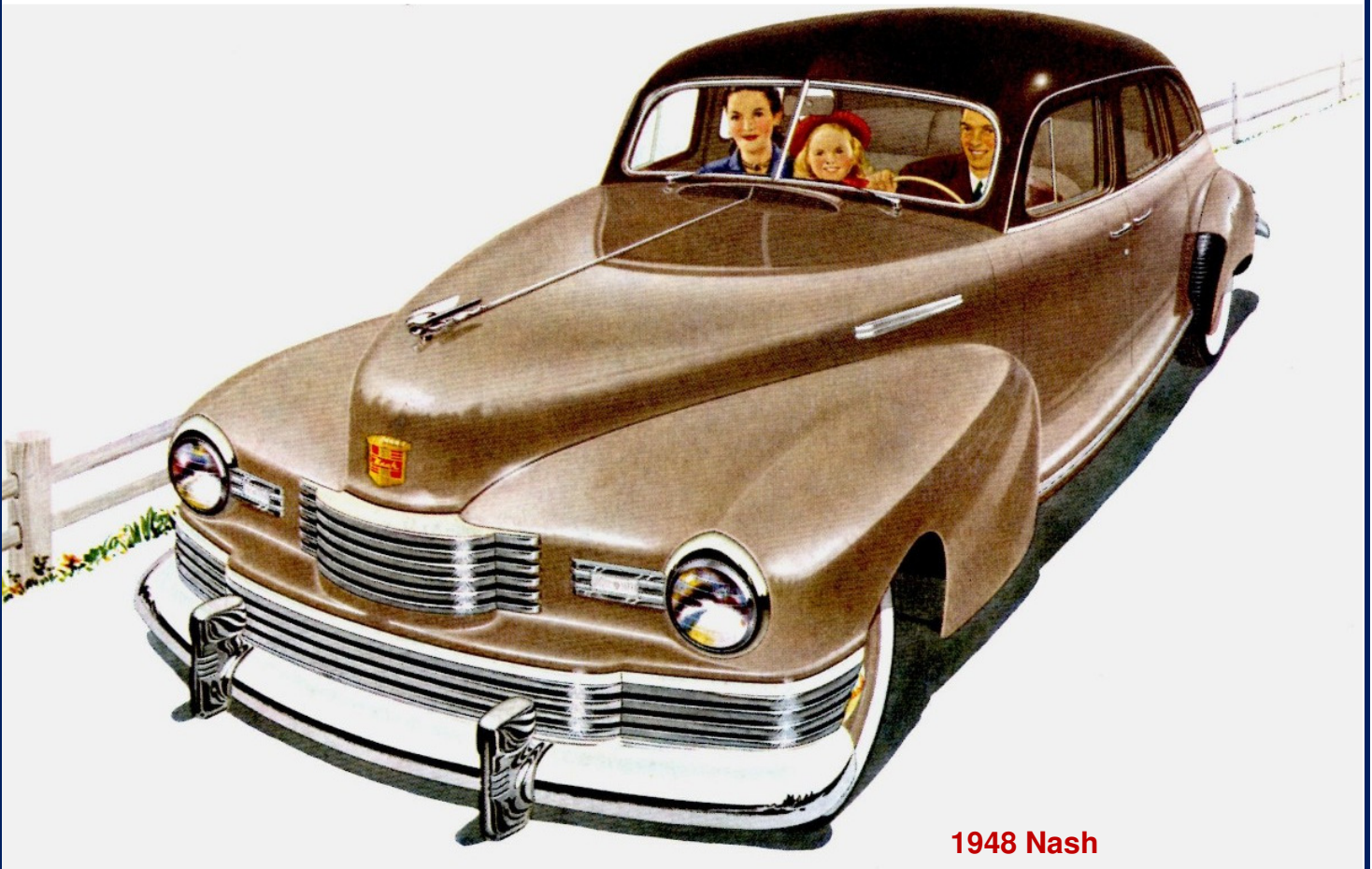


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1948 Nash

## Coming Events

- May 1 Florida Region First Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive,  
Between Keller St. & Forrest City Rd., 9:00 AM
- May 7 Founders Day Car Show, Geneva, 2 PM (see enclosed flyer)
- May 11 Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, Formosa Ave., Winter Park 6:00 PM
- May 11 Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, Formosa Ave., Winter Park 7:00 PM
- May 21 Arlis Goff's Pot Luck Luncheon, Seminole Woods, 1 PM (see enclosed map)



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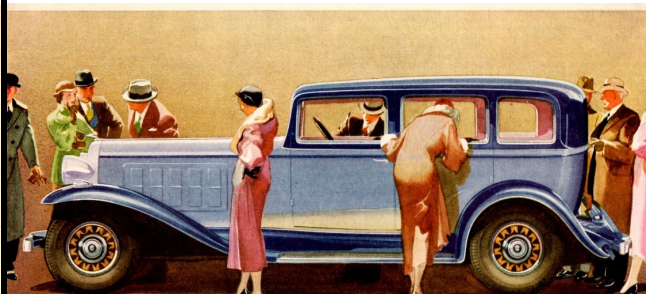
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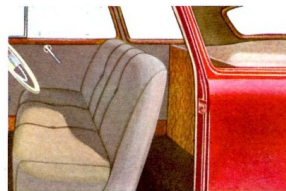


1932 Oldsmobile

## Cover Car

This month's cover features the 1948 Nash four door sedan. Nash offered two series of car this year, the 600 and the Ambassador. The 600 cars had a 173 cu. in. 85 hp L-head six and rode on a 112 inch wheelbase. The Ambassadors had a 235 cu. in. hp L-head six and rode on a 121 inch wheelbase. Factory prices ranged from \$1,478 for a 600 series business coupe to \$2,355 for an Ambassador Customline convertible. Directional signals and foam rubber cushions were factory options available this year. This was the last year that the Nash came on a separate frame. Calendar year production was 118,621 units or approximately 3% of the U. S. market. Company founder, Charles Nash, died at the age of 84 on June 6, 1948.

## *The Nash "600"* *Deluxe Business Coupe*



Wide, soft seats add to the comfort of motor travel. And there's plenty of extra space behind the seat. This compartment is lined with washable plastic leather.



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● One of the most popular of all automobile body styles is the Business Coupe. For 1948, Nash makes available a new De Luxe model in the "600" series.

Featuring new beauty, unusual luggage room and a new low price, the Nash "600" Business Coupe fills a long-felt postwar need.

Salesmen and fleet owners particularly will appreciate this new model. With its amazing gasoline economy, easy parking and handling, the smooth ride of coil springs on all four wheels and the comfort of Weather Eye Conditioned Air, it is the perfect answer for the traveler whether his driving covers long-distance highway trips or constant operation in a city.

The Business Coupe is a big car. Look at its size in the picture above. And look, too, at the beauty of its long, graceful lines, its clean sweep from bumper to bumper.

Rear compartment is sturdily lined and covered with plastic leather. There's a full carpet behind the seat. Interior trim is smartly tailored in serviceable fabric, with harmonizing headliner and panels, and cream tentie fixtures. Washable plastic leather kickpads are at the bottom of both doors. Available in all standard solid body colors.

You'll like the beauty, performance and downright value of the new Nash "600" Business Coupe.

## Happy Birthday

Don Allen May 4  
Mike Adams May 26  
Clayton Elliot May 9  
Nancy Barr May 10  
Ray Morrison May 16

Bud Gross May 17  
Tina Prior May 17  
Becky Koehn May 24  
JoAnn Pyle May 29

## President's Letter

By: Bob Coolidge, FL Region President

From all appearances the two-year planning effort that went into preparation for the Founders Tour resulted in a very successful event. Beginning with the opening banquet on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> to the closing banquet on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, everything fell into place as planned. This was my first tour and while I was able to participate only on Friday and the opening and closing banquets those were all enjoyable. A big thank you goes out to the Tour organizers Gene Roy and Tom Holt as well as the many Florida Region members who handled all the tasks required to make the Tour a success.

We have one AACA Regional car show left this spring. The Volusia Region's Lake Helen Heritage Classic Show is set for Saturday, April 30 in Blake Park, Lake Helen. This show usually has 150 to 200 vehicles and is held in a nice setting.

With the May Florida Region meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>, we will return to regular programming. The goody bag stuffing performed on April 11<sup>th</sup> went quickly and was one of the final preparations for the Tour. Al Adkins has arranged the May and June programs so we know they will be interesting.

I received a stack of raffle tickets from AACA National. For a \$20.00 donation you have the chance to win one of the following prizes. First prize is a 2000 Plymouth Prowler, Second prize is a 2010 Harley Davidson and third prize is \$3,000.00 cash. The donation goes to support the AACA Library and Research Center and the AACA Museum. The drawing will be held at Hershey on October 8, 2011 and one does not need to be present to win. Please contact me to purchase a ticket and help to support these worthy antique vehicle facilities.

Following a forty-two year interlude, on April 10<sup>th</sup> I was back riding my Go-Kart. This little motorized racing vehicle was delivered to my house on January 3, 1961. I was 12 ½ years of age at the time. The original Go-Kart Manufacturing Co manufactured it in Azusa, California. I worked to save money back in that day and was matched with a contribution from my father. Bush Holley, the local Harley Davidson dealer and Phil Bachman now a GM dealer who were selling karts in my hometown of Greeneville, TN, delivered the kart assembled in a big box.

For three days after the delivery rain fell constantly so all I could do was look at it sitting in the basement of our house. The original engine was a 2-½ hp

Clinton two cycle. After a few months of riding with Clinton power we sold that engine and installed a McCullough MC-6. The MC-6 was one of the best power plants going then for a single engine and allowed for speeds in the 50 mph range.

The Greeneville Go-Kart track was a quarter mile paved somewhat in the form of a four-leaf clover. We rode there as well as area tracks in Newport, TN and Johnson City, TN. The kart is in the original condition as when I last rode it in June 1969.

Last year I had a chance meeting with another older go-kart enthusiast who told me about vintage kart groups in Ocala and Jacksonville, FL. That conversation spurred me to have the carburetor rebuilt and a weld done at the seat/frame junction. I installed a new spark plug and replaced the forty five year old racing slicks with a new set, obtained a new drive chain, greased the Timken tapered roller bearings, tracked down a source who could tell me the proper settings for the two adjustments on the carburetor and was ready to go.

My kart has direct drive with a solid live axle and no centrifugal clutch so starting it is by either pushing it then jumping into the seat or being pushed. I had two big boys attempt to push me but with no success. The engine fired but did not stay running before the pushers ran out of energy. A neighbor who has a large electric powered riding cart devised a towline and started pulling me on the paved road that we share. After about a quarter of a mile of pulling the McCullough roared to life stayed running and it was the 1960's again!

There is nothing like 50 mph two inches above the ground. The shake down run exposed a little problem with the throttle plus the shut off valve at the bottom of the gas tank dripped when opened. I hope to solve those little items soon and make contact with the Ocala and Jacksonville vintage kart riders.

It surely was good to have Gene Roy present at the Tour closing banquet last evening. To all of our Region members who are contending with medical issues, you remain in our thoughts and prayers and we hope that you will be able to join in Region activities soon.

See all of you on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Best Wishes, Bob



## Sunshine and Tidbits

By: Dena Holt

Sending get well wishes for a speedy recovery to Shirley Stallings who underwent back surgery on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Shirley.

Marianne Main had to be transported from the Rehab facility back to the hospital due to a respiratory infection. After several days in the hospital, she is back at Rehab for therapy treatments on her shoulder. And hopefully it is all uphill from here on in!

Rachel Veitch's 1954 Mercury Comet is being featured in a documentary by a French movie company that was filmed in the Titusville, FL area on March 25<sup>th</sup> and will be shown in Europe only. Seems there's no stopping Rachel and her Comet they just keep on going and having a great time!

Gene Roy is finally home as of April 12<sup>th</sup> after a long siege which began on January 27 but has ended on a very happy note with his full recovery and hopefully Gene will be back with us very soon.

Darrell Cole, Larry Cole and Tom Holt participated at the Orange Blossom Regional Show in Haines City, FL held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. They each brought home a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in their Class. Darrell for his '47 Cadillac Convertible, Larry for his '59 Dodge and Tom for his '50 Olds Coupe. Hear it was a well organized show and a fun day. Congratulations to the members of the Orange Blossom Region.

Bud Gross has joined the elite group of our club cataract recipients, as he had cataract surgery on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Besides being fashionable; now you won't be missing a trick Bud!

Patty Ulrich flew up to New York the latter part of April to attend her future daughter-in-law's bridal shower. Wedding bells are in the horizon and a joyful time for all.

Happy Birthday to our May members and a year of happy times.



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## Florida Region History – May 2011

By Howard Gilkes, Historian

In the April 'Running Board' I offered to publish your "Horseless Carriage" license plate number and your name if you would send it to me and see if any patterns are formed. The following is what I have so far :

Mr. Jerry Foley III, # 1- 1o, Issued 1957  
Howard Gilkes, '31 Ford "A", # 5340, Issued 1977  
Al Adkins, '51 Olds, # 8135, Issued 1986  
Al Adkins, '37 Olds, #13899, Issued 2007

Al writes that the DMV tried to discourage him from buying the plate for his '51 Olds by saying they were in the process of eliminating them for cars after WWII. Again in 2007 they tried to call his '37 Olds a "hot rod". He finally prevailed and received # 13899 in the mail shortly afterwards.

Please send me your "Horseless Carriage" license plate number so we can paint a picture here. We'll analyze the patterns next month.

Thanks Al for your correspondence (email).

## Florida Region Board Meeting Minutes 4-11-2011

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on April 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coolidge at 6:pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were Mickey Bryant, Howard Gilkes, Marilyn Roy, Bob McMullen, Dick Gauchat, Tom Holt, Jerry Eakins and Mark Regnier.

Marilyn Roy gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as published in 'The Running Board'.

Tom Holt reported on the Orange Blossom Region Auto Show at beautiful Lake Eva Park in Haines City on April 2nd. Approximately 85 cars, a lot more expected next year.

Tom also reported on our Founders Tour April 17-22. Fifty-seven (57) cars registered; one-hundred-twenty-one (121) people registered.

Jerry Eakins inquired about the National Roster, who was sponsoring it, National AACA or some outsider ?

Mickey Bryant opened up a discussion on next year's Florida Region Auto Show. Tom suggested looking for a new show site. It was decided to have members seek-out new show sites and report back in two (2) months on proposed sites.

Mickey also reported that our Web Site would be launched shortly.

**Howard discussed plans for Arlis Goff's pot luck luncheon. The date was set at Saturday, May 21 at 1:00pm ( Arlis knows we are coming ). Please see map to the Goff's residence in this " Running Board ".**

Upcoming tentative monthly activities include the following :

**May 21 Arlis Goff's Pot Luck Luncheon,  
1:00pm Howard**

June Florida Pioneer Village, Barberville, Bob Coolidge

July Picnic In The Park

August Villages Region Get Together

Sept DeLeon Springs Pan Cake Run

Oct Busy.....Hershey

Nov Mystery Tour, Mark

Dec Christmas Party

The program for May will be ' The Story Teller ', Bob McMullen/Al Atkins

June: ' The Artist ', Bob McMullen/Al Atkins

July: ' Shelby Video, Mark Regnier

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Howard Gilkes, Secretary

## Florida Region General Meeting Minutes 4-11-2011

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on April 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coolidge at 7:00pm. Thirty-two (32) members and guests were in attendance.

The program was the General Membership filling "Goody Bags" for our Founders Tour.

Marilyn Roy gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the March General Meeting were approved as published in "The Running Board".

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

Kendra Gilkes introduced guest Peter Foley.

Bob Coolidge made available upcoming auto show flyers on the front table.

Ray Eckhart reported on the Charlotte Auto Show he attended with David Main and Lee Dunkin. There were 330 cars on show. Dave's van was full of stuff for the return trip.

Earl Beauchamp reported on the Orange Blossom Region Auto Show at beautiful Lake Eve Park in Haines City on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. About 93 cars, expect many more next year.

Bob Coolidge announced an AACA raffle of a Plymouth "Prowler", etc. The drawing will be October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact him for available raffle tickets.

Bob Coolidge also requested the General Membership to seek out possible Florida Region Auto Show venues.

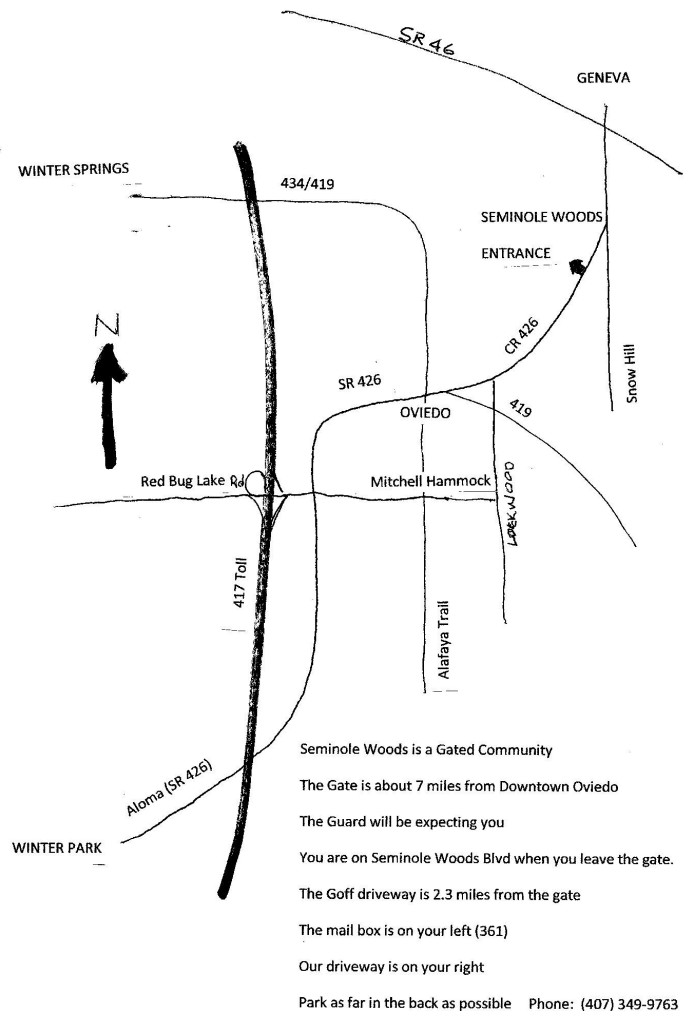
Tom Holt discussed times (hours) for different functions of the Founders Tour.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Pat Dunkin. Silver Dollar winners were Bill Morris, Patti, and Bill Pyle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm (including Goody Bags).

Howard Gilkes, Secretary

## Map to Arlis Goff's Pot Luck Luncheon Saturday, May 21 at 1:00pm



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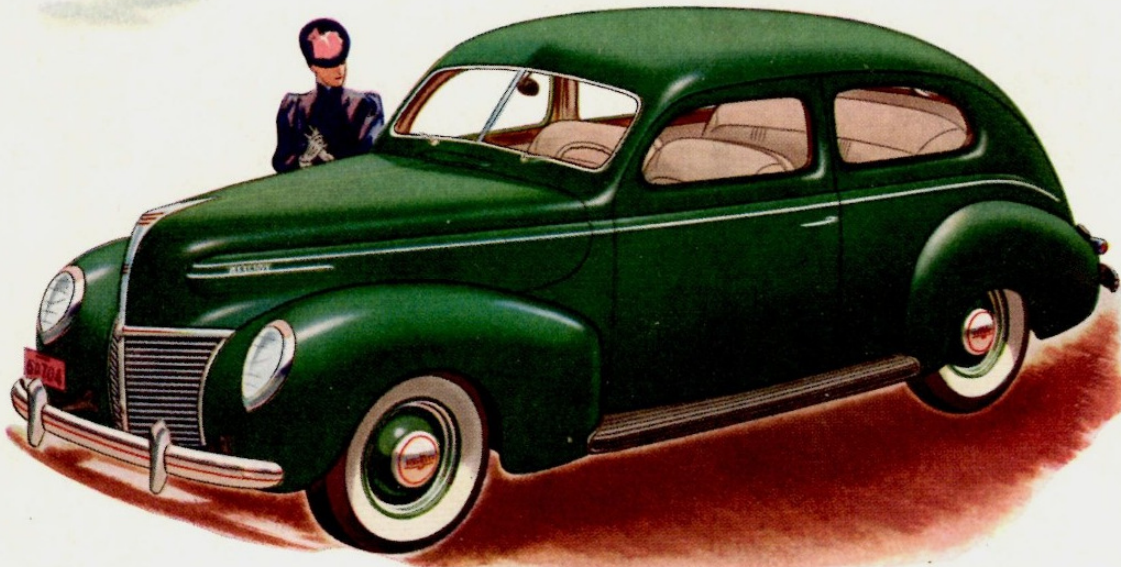


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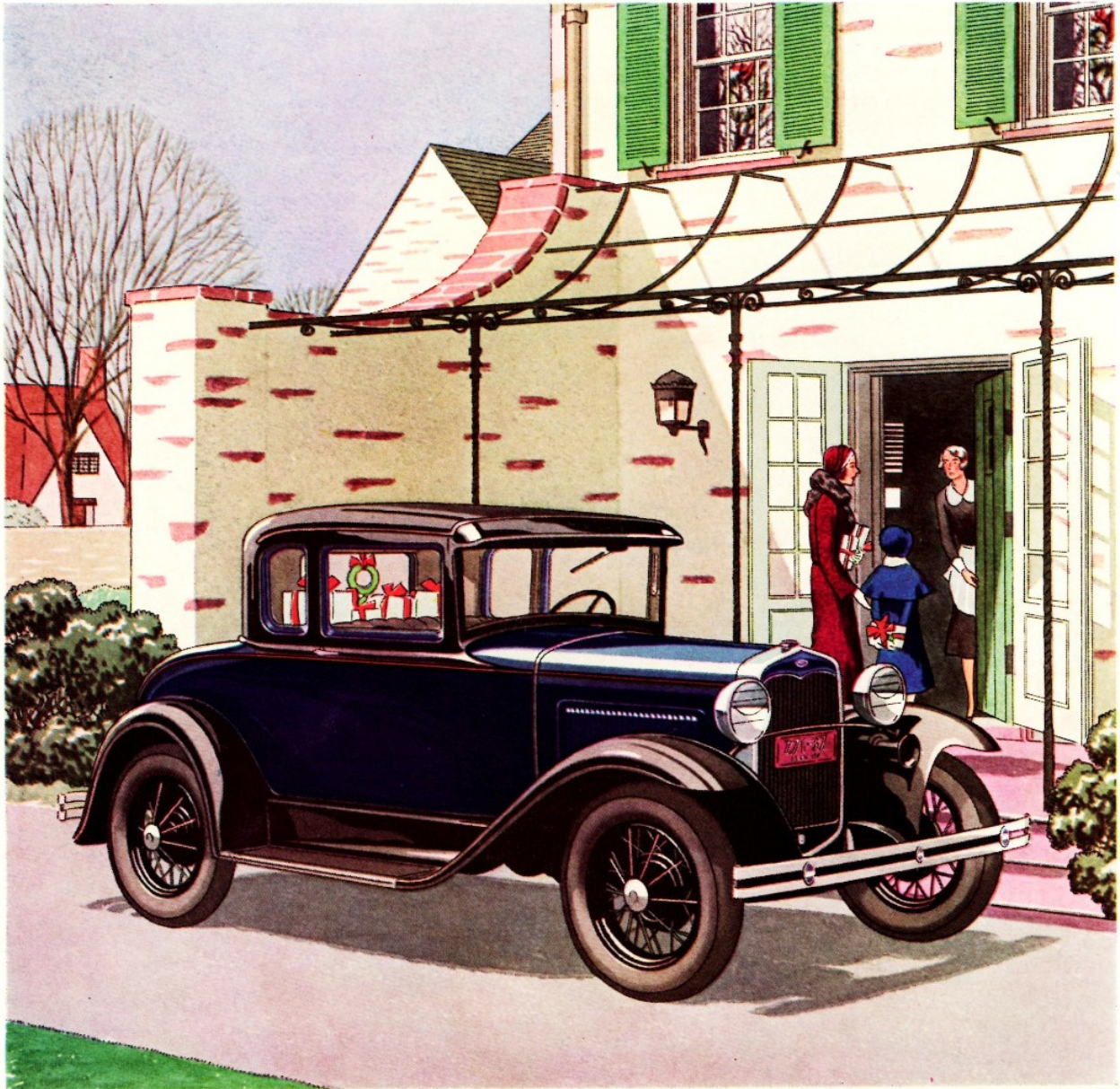
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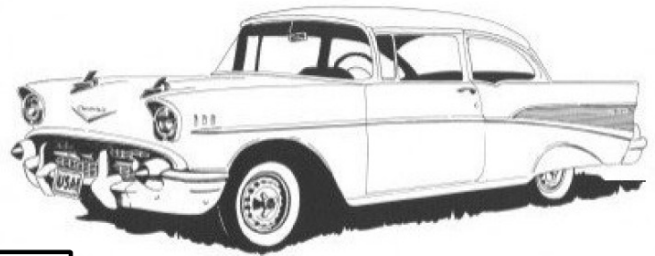
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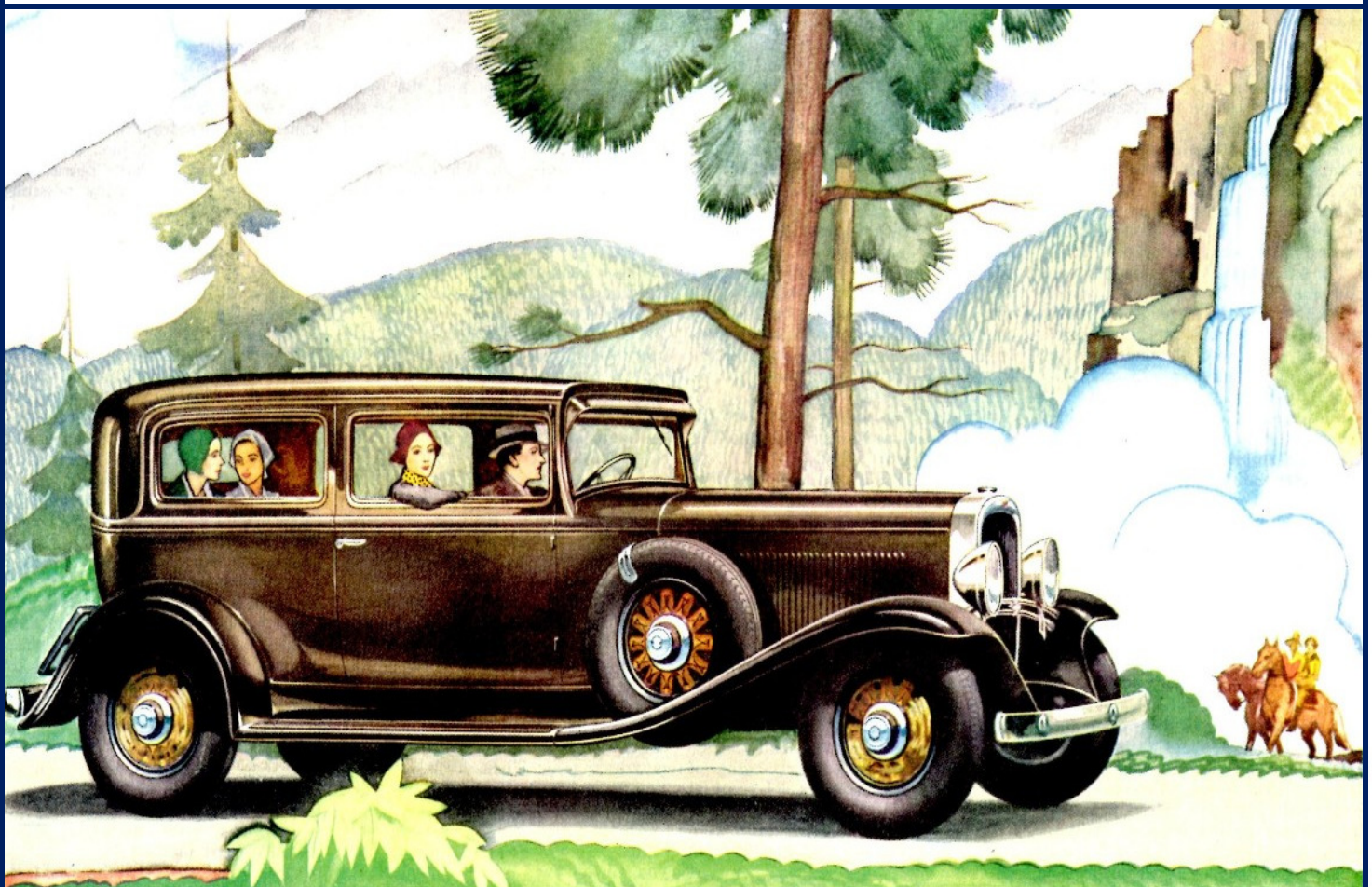


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