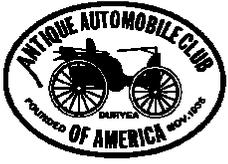


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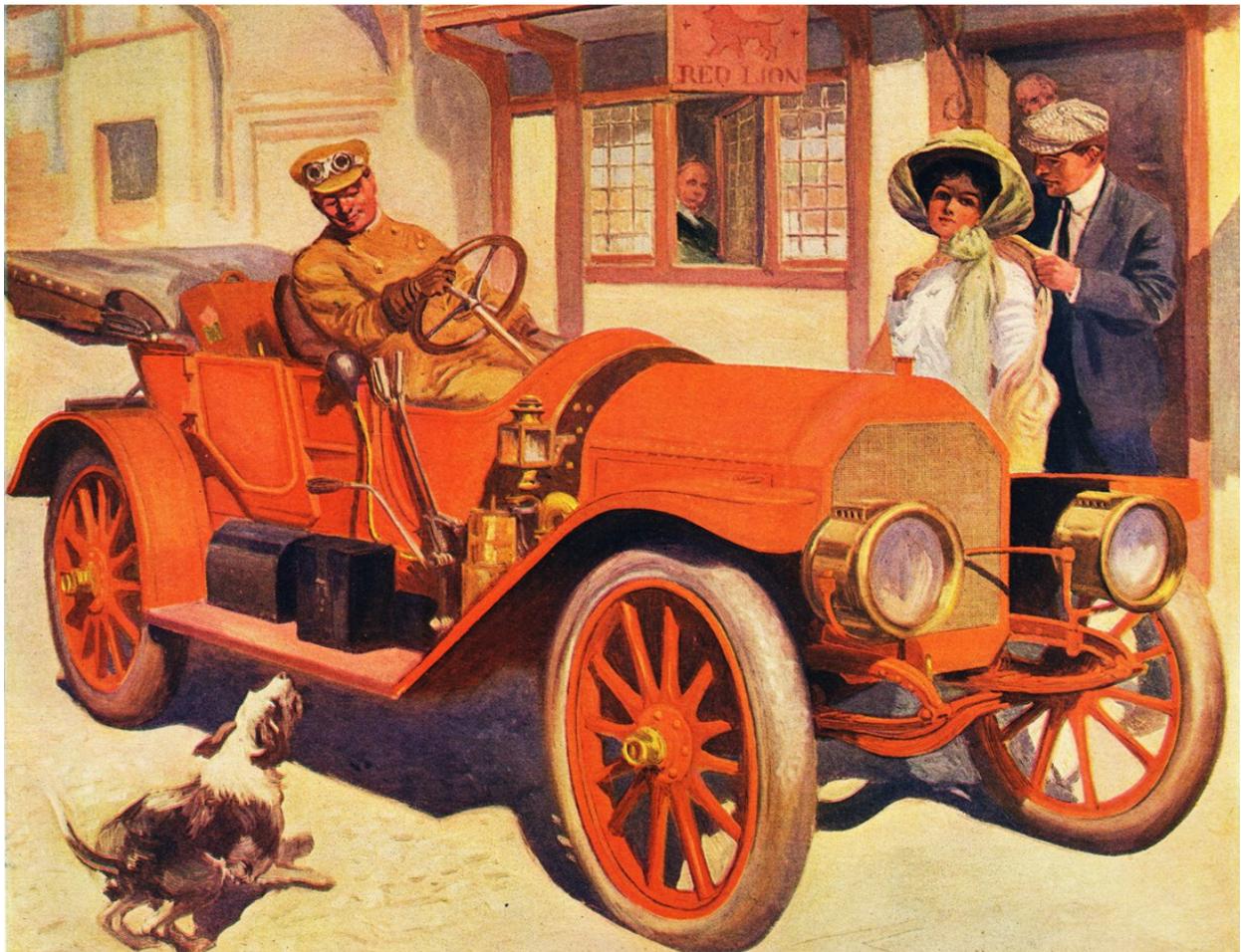


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1951 Ford

Cover Car

This month's cover features the 1910 Columbia Touring Car. This car had a 115 in. wheelbase, weighed 2,720 lbs, and was powered by a 299 cu. in. 4 cylinder engine rated at 32 hp. The factory price for this car was \$2,750. In 1910, Columbia Automobile Company was acquired by the United States Motor Company (USMC). In 1912, the USMC went into receivership and was sold at a public foreclosure sale in 1913. Of the many USMC brands, only the Maxwell survived. Walter Chrysler took a controlling interest in Maxwell in 1921, merged it with Ailing Chalmers, and then reorganized forming the Chrysler Corporation in 1925.



Happy Birthday

Linda Bryant	April 1
Vonell Cooley	April 4
Bob Rader	April 6
Perry Lynn Rader	April 6
Mary Downing	April 16
Thomas Tart	April 26

President's Letter

By: Bob Coolidge, FL Region President

The Florida Region was well represented at the AACA Winter Meet in Homestead. Judges included Chief Judge Earl Beauchamp, Lanny Boden, Dave Main, and Ray Morrison. Exhibitors and award winners included Mike Adams, Judy Beauchamp, Bob Coolidge, Darrell Davis, Tom Holt, George Koehn, and Bob & Marlyn McMullen. I think we all had a good time at the event and if I omitted anyone's name that participated I apologize.

Under the capable direction of Mickey Bryant, the Florida Region's show at the Apopka Fair came off very well. We had about 49 vehicles on display and the crowds of visitors that viewed them were large all day. Thank you to the many members who helped with all the details of putting on this event.

Time is rapidly dwindling before the Founders Tour April 17th through the 22nd.

We will have the final Tour planning meeting on Monday, the 4th. Please bring items for the goody bags as well as door prizes to this meeting. There will be approximately sixty good bags. The program for our regular monthly meeting on April 11 will consist of filling the sixty bags and final preparation for the tour. Please let's everyone make an extra push to ensure that this part of the Tour will be a success.

Thanks go out to Bob and Shirley Stallings for their invitation to the Florida Region members this past weekend. Thank you Howard for taking the lead in coordinating this.

I was unfortunately not able to accept the Stallings invitation due to participation in the Studebaker Drivers Club's Southeast Zone Meet held in Tifton, GA. I had a good trip in my Transtar truck there and back. It had been several decades since I had traveled on US Highway 41, which I used, between Lake City, FL and Tifton. I find the old US Highways to be more interesting than Interstate travel now. The old Florida Welcome Center building with covered picnic tables in site of the Florida-Georgia state line was built in 1952 according to the plaque attached to the building. The structure has been sold and is used sometimes as a bar. My guess is this facility was in use for about ten or eleven years as I recall my first trip on I-75 took place in April 1963. I expect that most through travelers switched over to the new Interstate highway as soon as it was opened.

We are right in the midst of the AACA regional vehicle shows. Shows that I am aware of are as follows:

Sunday, March 27th: Kingdom of The Sun Region-Ocala is holding their Live Oak Carriage & Car Show.

Saturday, April 2nd, The Orange Blossom Region-Polk County is holding their Day in the Park show at Lake Eva Park in Haines City.

Saturday, April 2nd, The Cape Canaveral Region-Cocoa is holding their Celebration of Cars show west of Coca in the Burton Smith Park on State Route 520.

Saturday, April 30th, The Volusia Region is holding their Heritage Classic & Antique Car Show in Blake Park in Lake Helen.

I hope that Florida Region members will be able to participate and support these nearby shows.

Carole and Don Allen have finished compiling the 2011 Membership Registry. These were distributed at the March meeting along with new membership cards and will also be handed out at the April meeting. Please plan to pick up your new Registry. Thank you Carole and Don for nicely handling the tedious task of compiling all the membership information and details.

The news about Gene Roy's recovery is good and we all hope and pray it will continue. It seems that at any given time we have several members that are battling various medical conditions and situations. We need to remember each in our prayers and thoughts and help them in any way possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the April Tour Planning meeting and the April monthly meeting.

Best Wishes
Bob

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Sunshine and Tidbits

By: Dena Holt

Sylvia Bowman flew up to Greer, SC on March 13 to visit with her daughter Maribeth and they will attend a quilt retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC on March 15-20th. Sylvia will be back amongst us on the 22nd. Enjoy!

Good news on the Gene Roy front he's been taken off all machines and well on the road to recovery. He was able to even enjoy a slice of Marilyn's home made lemon pie..now that's what you call TLC. As we all know "you can't keep a good man down for long!"

Our Region was invited to a picnic at Bob and Shirley Stallings on Saturday, March 19th and a chance to view his vehicles, 50's diner and memorabilia... More details next month.

On a sad note, Jack Swain's brother Eddie Swain passed away on March 13 in Crystal River, FL. In moments such as this, memories and times they shared always come to mind of those happy days. Jack, our condolences and prayers are sent your way.

Marianne Main had rotor cup repairs and a right shoulder replacement on March 15. Wishing you a speedy recovery as know you are a busy lady and no time to be lollygagging around. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

It was delightful seeing Frankie and Carl Weisinger at our Region's annual car show on March 13 as both have had some serious health issues. Carl is feeling good but Frankie is still having issues with a knee replacement of a few months ago and may need further surgery. Frankie you are in our thoughts and prayers too...keep us updated.

As Hospitality Chairman for our upcoming AACA Founders Tour on April 17-22, I am asking for help from the ladies of our Region as I will need a variety of baked goods and also anyone that can give me some hours in the hospitality room during the week. Please contact me at 407-656-7974 or E-mail me, I will be ever grateful.

Happy Birthday to our April region members and may your year be one of friendships, happy times and good health.

Florida Region History

By: Howard Gilkes, Historian

In my last Historian Column, we established that the original Florida Region /AACA (which covered the whole state of Florida) was chartered April 25th 1953.

In 1957, the Florida Club was working hard to have a bill introduced into legislation creating an addition to the State Vehicle Code; whereby, special license plates designated

"Horseless Carriage" would be issued to owners of a motor vehicle thirty five (35) years or older.

The reason for the special "Horseless Carriage" tags was that the "Q" tag was issued for cars with windshields, dimmers on the forward lights and high standards for the brakes and tail lights. Antiques didn't have these features and therefore could not legally be driven on public roads.

The real importance of the "Horseless Carriage" plates was to establish publicly and legally that these cars were not just worn-out automobiles, but are truly historic machines worthy of preservation and they were used principally for exhibition purposes and driven carefully and infrequently.

Senator Jerry Foley got the bill passed and it became law on August 7th 1957. Mr Jerry Foley III of Florida was issued license plate #1 for a "Horseless Carriage". He also received the next nine (9) tags. He was the Director of the Florida Region AACA.

My "Horseless Carriage" license plate is #5340. What's yours ? Email, Telephone, or just tell me and I'll publish them with your name and see if any patterns are formed.

Florida Region Board Meeting Minutes 3-14-2011

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on March 14, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coolidge at 6:00pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were, Mickey Bryant, Howard Gilkes, Marilyn Roy, Bob McMullen, Dick Gauchat, Tom Holt and Jerry Eakins.

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

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

Mickey Bryant reported on our Apopka Auto Show held on March 13th. We had forty-seven (47) cars and trucks. \$820 income, \$628 costs, \$192 profit.

Tom Holt gave the report for our Founders Tour. Fifty-three (53) cars have registered. The registration deadline is March 20th. Forty-seven (47) hotel rooms have been reserved.

Tom Holt recommended the following shows that are coming up: Cairo, Georgia 5/13,14; Volusia Region at Lake Helen 4/30; and Cape Canaveral region 4/2.

Upcoming tentative monthly activities include the following :

April 17-22	Founders Tour
May	Saturday Brunch
June	Florida Pioneer Village, Barberville

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Minutes (cont.)

July	Picnic in the Park
August	Villages Region Get Together
September	Mystery Tour
October	Busy.....Hershey
November	DeLeon Springs Pan Cake Run
December	Christmas Party

The program for April will be last minute preparations for our Founders Tour, Apr 17-22.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Howard Gilkes, Secretary

Florida Region General Meeting Minutes 3-14-2011

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on March 14, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Coolidge at 7:00pm. Thirty-seven (37) members and guests were in attendance.

The program was an overview of our pre-launching of our web site presented by Mickey Bryant and family.

Mickey also reported on the Apopka Auto Show.

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

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

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

Tom Holt reported on registration for our National Founders Tour. Fifty-three (53) cars so far. Deadline to register is March 20th.

Earl Beauchamp reported on the Homestead National Meet where he was Chief Judge.

Earl also reported on the Boca Raton Concourse de'Elegance in which Jay Leno participated.

Larry Cole reported on the Amelia Island Show.

Earl announced the upcoming Orange Blossom Region Auto Show on April 2, 2011. It will be held at beautiful Lake Eve Park in Haines City from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Howard Gilkes made a motion that we mail all remaining Membership Rosters not picked up at our April 11th meeting. Millie Gauchat seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Jerry Eakins again. Silver Dollar winners were David Main, Charlie Steffy and Patti. Charlie Steffy also won the Olive Garden Gift Certificate door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Howard Gilkes, Secretary

Car Games

From: *The Rummage Box*

The following compendium of car related activities is intended to suggest activities that might enliven car club meetings or shows. It is not intended to be all inclusive, and these guidelines, are only suggestions and are not intended as "regulations."

This compilation was assembled as a project of the AACA National Activities Committee and includes input from many sources. Many antique auto enthusiasts have made this possible by contributing their thoughts, ideas, suggestions, warnings, and tried and proven experience in actually performing some of these activities. These are fun to organize, take part in, or just watch. Like any good cook book, this is only a starting point. You may have some different ingredients you'd like to recommend. Or, you may have something that needs to be added (or removed). If you can contribute to this work, please don't hesitate to contact AACA - Enjoy!

DISCLAIMER

These games are intended to be a part of another function such as a party, picnic, show, or meet. They are intended to supplement other activities and it is certainly not suggested you should try to plan all of them. Select the two or three events that best suit the occasion and have fun, but please take into consideration the age and type of vehicle and the ability of the driver/passengers and the conditions under which the events will be run, such as weather, temperature, suitability of the site, etc. You must also consider above all else the safety of both spectators, vehicle operators and occupants, and those organizing the activity. The same prudence must be shown in respecting the vehicle itself. Nobody wants to come away with a scratched or dented fender or broken headlight lens as their only souvenir of the event! Participation should be totally voluntary. It must be clear that anyone participating in any of these activities does so at their own risk. In organizing such activities, local ordinances and regulations regarding proper use of vehicles or property should be observed. Don't forget your AACA Fire Extinguisher!

SCOREKEEPING

Use any scorekeeping technique needed to determine winner(s). You may want to pick two or three games and

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Car Games (cont.)

give 10 points to the winner, 8 to the Second place, and 6 to 3rd, etc.

Total highest score of all three games wins. You could have 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophies, ribbons, or suitable prizes such as car care products. You can give handicap points to older vehicles, or convertibles, whatever you need to do. Remember also that not everyone may want to do all of the games. You should give individual game winners suitable awards as well as the overall winners. Obviously, there are no firm rules on this so use your imagination and have fun.

EQUIPMENT

You will not need a lot of equipment to support these games. Where specific items are required, they are listed with the particular game instructions. One item that proves quite handy is the orange traffic cone. These may be borrowed, rented, or procured as club property. They can be used to mark the course, support stanchions, mark start or finish lines, etc. Similarly useful might be a ball-field chalk marking machine that uses lime to mark lines. As an alternative you can use a device used by road crews to mark pavement. This is a device that holds and operates a spray can. It has a long handle on it and a wheel so you can just move it along the ground and apply a little orange or bright yellow marking spray wherever needed. A roll of duct tape and some nylon rope may be required for some games. Plan ahead and ensure you have the right equipment on hand for the games you select.

LAYOUT

When selecting a site for any of these games, ensure you have adequate room for the game itself, a safe vantage point for spectators and those assisting with the games, and plenty of room between games as a staging area. When running several games, be aware that not all drivers will complete them in equal time. Be sure you allow for that, especially if the weather is hot. You don't want to make this a miserable experience for someone who has to wait for a chance to play the next game while their car idles away on a hot day. If there is a wait between games, you might want to incorporate some additional activities such as one or more of the suggested tie-breakers. Cold drinks and other refreshments should be readily available, particularly at the conclusion of those games involving strenuous activity.

LET THE FUN BEGIN

X-MARKS THE SPOT

Place a tape, or chalk mark X on the ground and instruct the vehicles operator to place one wheel of the car (you specify which one) exactly on the X. This can also be done as a "backing up" contest. Closest wins.

THE MAY POLE

Place a traffic cone in the center of an area large enough to permit a vehicle to drive in a circle around it at a distance

approximately 25 feet from center. Stick a pole (a piece of conduit works best) into the open top end of the traffic cone, and give it a couple of good whacks to anchor it securely into the ground (does not work well on concrete or blacktop). Attach a 25 foot rope to the top of this pole. Tie the other end of the rope to the door handle of the vehicle (drivers side), or let the driver hold it. Have the driver move his vehicle in a circle without stopping and without the rope touching the ground or coming loose from the top of the pole or pulling it over.

Twist on this is to drive the other direction and have the passenger hold the rope (at the end please) or tie it to the passenger side door handle. Even more interesting is to try and do this while driving backwards! In any case, you might want to give everyone at least one brief practice try first.

HOW FAR AROUND IS IT?

Place a small piece of tape at bottom dead center on any one wheel of the car. Ask the driver to move forward (or backwards) and stop when he thinks that wheel has made one complete revolution. Closest to exact wins.

BLAME THE NAVIGATOR

Mark off a "parking place" with tape, or chalk. Have the driver stop parked directly across from the parking place, blindfold the driver, and then have the passenger (navigator) attempt to instruct the driver how to park into the parking place without crossing any of the marks. (Setting a time limit is appropriate, clear space is a must!

NOW, TRY IT WITHOUT THE BLINDFOLD

Mark off a suitable but "tight" rectangular space that you designate "the garage." You can also use some traffic cones to mark the boundaries. Without stopping, have the driver first drive forward into the designated space, then come straight out, and back in. Winner should not cross any boundaries or touch any traffic cones.

POP GOES THE WEASEL

Get some balloons, some volunteers, and set up a course with about 10-12 in a zigzag pattern. You can use long rain gutter nail to hold the balloons in the ground, or duct tape if you run this event on hard surface. Run the course either forward or backward and see how many balloons the driver can pop with their tires (not with their exhaust system!) Variations - designate which tire is used to break the balloons. Or, blindfold the driver and have the navigator give instructions on how it should be done. Obviously, the one who breaks the most, wins (and gets to blow up the replacement balloons?)

BEAN BAG TOSS , or POTATO RACE

Mark off a winding course, then set out some baskets, buckets, or cans zigzag fashion along the course. About six or seven should do it.

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Car Games (cont.)

Give driver (or passenger) one bean bag (or one potato) for each basket. As the car travels the course (without stopping) the bean bag or potato is tossed into the container (hopefully). One point for each "basket" made should determine the winner. Subtract a point if the car stops along the way.

THIS ONE AIN'T NO YOKE!

Again, one of the oldest car games around. The passenger holds an egg (raw of course) in a tablespoon while the driver attempts to navigate an obstacle course. Go ahead, lay a couple of 2x4's down along the way just to make it interesting. Oh, forgot to mention, better be holding that egg out the window! Do we have to explain how to determine the winner?

CURB SERVICE?

As a variation on the above, have the passenger hold a tray with objects (soft of course) piled on top. Or, you can introduce various stops along the way and have folks add more items to the tray. Don't spill anything. (I've seen this done with plastic Champaign glasses full of water on the tray too).

JOUSTING ANYONE?

You'll need some equipment and some helpers, but this is a favorite of many! Set a zig-zag course, and strategically erect some poles along the way. Dangle a circular object from the top. You can use donuts (day old Krispy Kremes work well), bagels, rope loops taped together, or light plastic rings from a child's toy or ring-toss game. Each passenger gets a "spear" that can be made from a length of small diameter PVC pipe, bamboo, a fishing pole, or small diameter stick. While the driver moves forward the passenger attempts to spear and actually collect the rings along the way. Fastest time, most rings combination should be the winner. Its best to secure the ring with a piece of masking tape as that makes them easier to remove without knocking everything over, and also easier to replace.

CLOTHES LINE FUN

A variation of the jousting contest is to erect a clothes line about roof top height for most cars, then hang some laundry on it - make it fun with some outrageous bloomers or other silly clothing. A king-sized bed sheet is always interesting! As the car drives along the route, the passenger, reaching out the window, must "bring in" the laundry. Naturally there will be penalty points for dropping that clean wash, or the clothes pins. Quickest and neatest wins obviously. You can reverse this too and have the passenger hang up the laundry. And, just to make it interesting, have the men and ladies switch places! You'll need some assistants to stand along the wash-line to keep everything picked up and reassembled for the next contestant.

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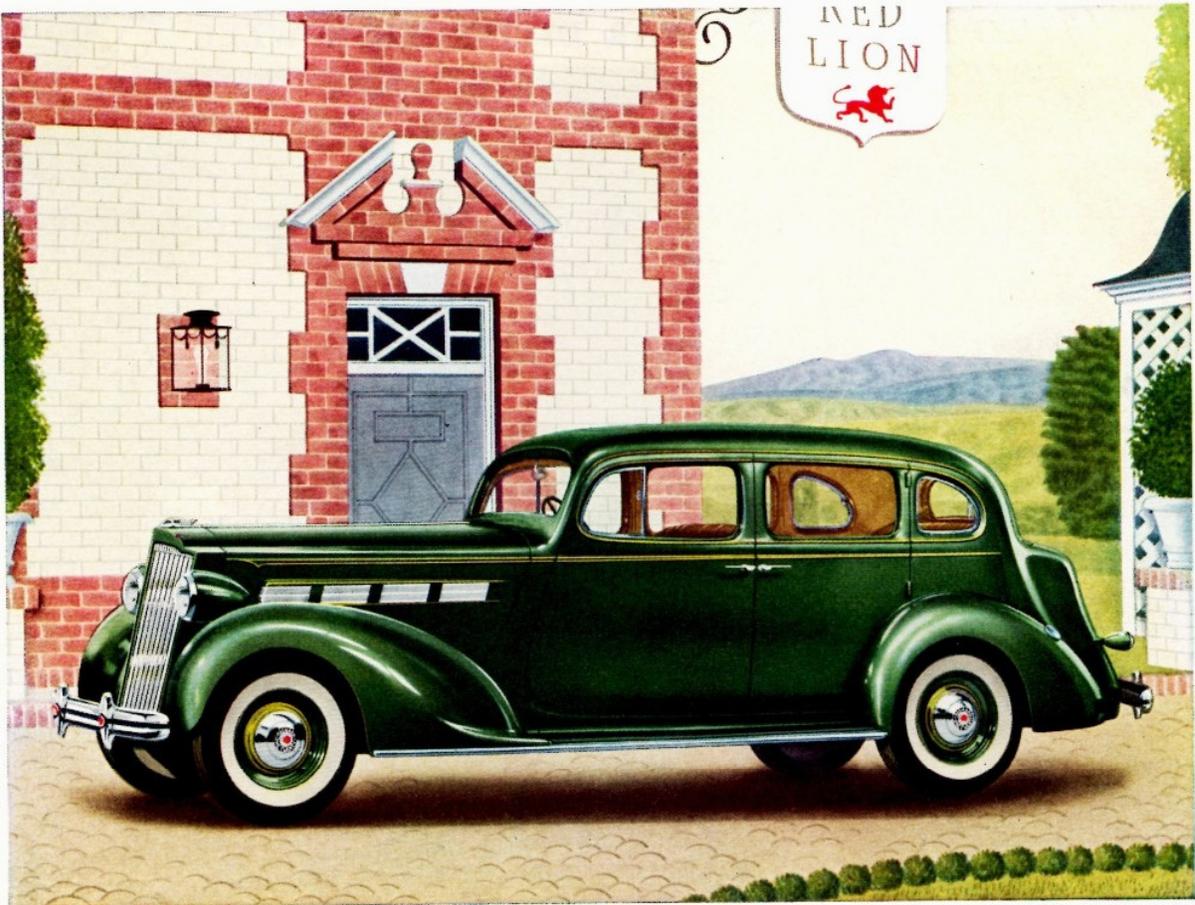
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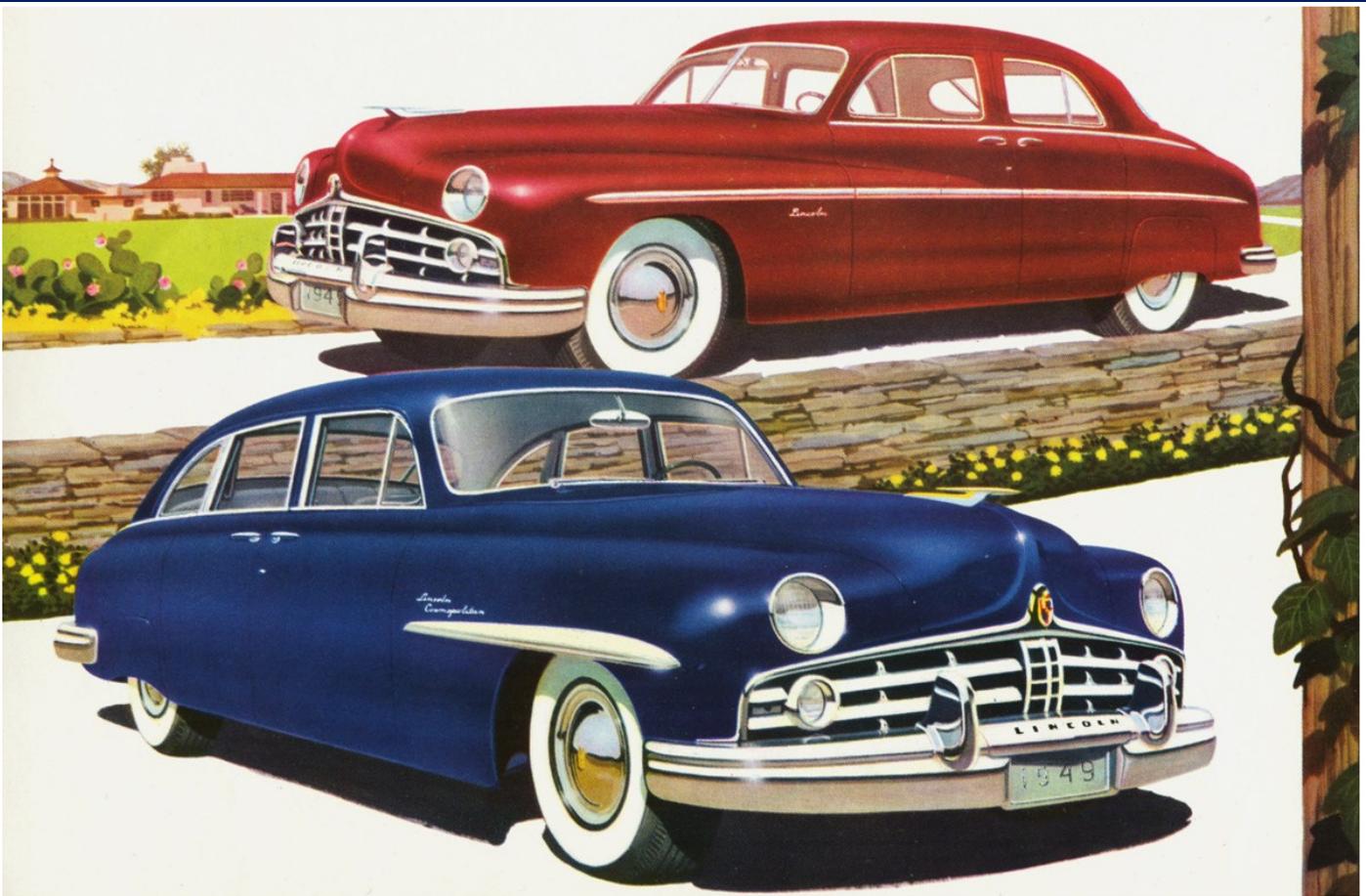
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