

DREAM CARS



BY MIKE KOSKO

In this dream I am driving on a tree-lined 2-lane road somewhere down south. With me is Girlie Grille, a hamburger chef at Carlson's drive-in restaurant, Route 30, Greensburg.

Girlie has long, flowing black hair, blue eyes, and a shapely mouth. Plump but not overweight, she is warmhearted and quiet. She loves me, but I love blonde bombshell Quintella Penelope Dall (Q.P. Dall). I do date Girlie Grille, who wants to be with me as often as possible. (I think I'm too stupid to realize that Girlie Grille is good enough for me, and in terms of looks I'm no John F. Kennedy Jr. myself.) Girlie is wearing blue shorts and a flower-print halter top. I have on long cotton jeans and a blue plaid oxford shirt. We are in a lime-green 1970 Plymouth Barracuda. We are going 90 miles an hour.

A haunting sound commenced. Errrrrrrr it wailed behind us, undulatingly. Girlie turned her head. "What's that?" She said, startled.

I looked in the rear-view mirror. My heart jumped. "Smokey", I said.

The big white squad car pulled up on our left. I had slowed down; the officer pointed his finger at me to get off the highway. We pulled off the road to a stop. We turned off our motors, and the pall of southern heat and bathing sunshine and natural quiet came over us.

He walked to our car from behind. He was portly, yet he looked as if he could move fast. He was about age 50, had a fleshy face, thick neck, and bologna-rolls arms that rather bulged his shortsleeve trooper shirt. He wore stylish, tinted wire-rim glasses and was clean-shaven. He looked like a southern sheriff if there ever was one.

He smiled, his teeth gleaming even more than his badge.

“My name is Sheriff Joe Higgins, Georgia Highway Patrol,” he announced, with surprising friendliness. “You were doin’ 90 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone. You in a heap of trouble, boy.”

“Uh, I’m sorry Sheriff. We didn’t realize we were going so fast. I think we’re in a dream.”

“Whether you in a dream or not, you in a heap a trouble, boy. You might be on the Georgia chain gang, cuttin’ weeds on this highway 301.”

Girlie held onto my right arm as if I would be arrested any minute. I showed him my driver’s license. I thought quickly, desperately. Then I said, “Uh, could I show you the engine, Sheriff? She’s a real stormer. She instigates a lead foot.”

Unexpectedly he said, “Go ahead.”

Girlie and I got out and I opened the hood.

“It’s a 1970 Plymouth Barracuda,” I said. “This air scoop that sticks out of the hood makes for strong breathing.” I took the scoop off. “There, Officer,” I proclaimed. “Three Holley two-barrel carburetors, sitting on top of 440 cubic inches of displacement. She has 390 horsepower at 4,700 r.p.m.” “She do look mighty fine,” said Sheriff Higgins, grinning. “You sure you ain’t runnin’ shine in this fish boy?”

“Oh no, Sheriff.” We went to the back of the car and I opened the trunk. Thank God it was empty.

I went on: “It has a 4-speed manual transmission, a Sure Grip differential and Rallye Road mag wheels. She goes fast without trying, Sheriff.” 🗑️



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CARS I REMEMBER



BY FRED NICHOLLS

The year is 1965. and I visited Page's in April. Page's Model "A" Garage was located in Haverhill, NH., which was a typical New England village. The garage was owned by N. F. Page, an executive of a large American Corporation.

His interest in Model "A's" began when he bought a new Ford roadster in 1928. The car started him on the road to love Model "A's". In 1940 he restored a 1932 Ford Station Wagon, to which he put a great deal of work. In 1949 he restored a 1930 Tudor Phaeton, and his sons also took an interest. Soon the hobby began to change into a business, and grew into the present garage, which employed four full time employees.

When I visited he had an inventory of over 50 "A's". Cars not suitable for restoring are stripped down for various parts. I visited some of the barns, garages and warehouses where he stored many of the cars and parts. He had 13 locations over a 10 mile radius. When I visited he had just bought a huge barn, capable of holding many cars.

He had in stock most of the 20 odd body styles that Ford manufactured. A restored 6 wheel roadster with rumble seat completely restored ran \$2,995.00. This was their top restoration. One outstanding car was a A-400, which is a rare car. It was mostly original, and was priced at \$4,000. It was great, and I almost considered it. A nice Tudor was \$1,295. They also had some other cars for sale; a beautiful 1957 T-Bird at \$2, 095., also a variety of 34, 36, on up to 1942. It was truly a very interesting visit, and at that time I bought my 1931 Roadster.

Next article will tell of my trip to pick up my purchase. 🗑️



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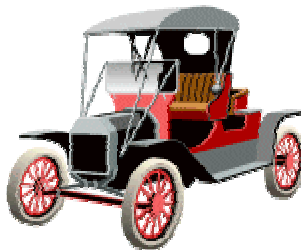
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