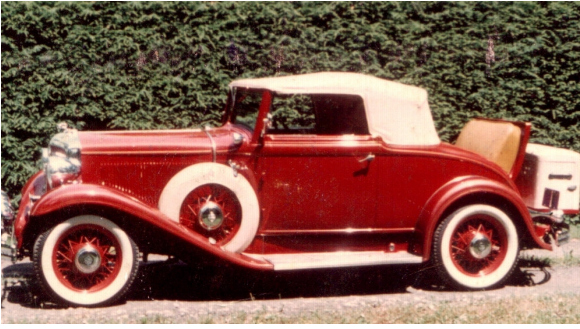


CARS I REMEMBER



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The Ford Speedster was a fair weather fun car. Painted yellow, it was great for parades and a sunny tour. But, I needed a car that Ann would ride in. In the spring of 1968 a friend who was an auto mechanic and I drove to Canton, Ohio to look at a 1931 Chrysler roadster advertised in HMM. A winner of AACA 2nd Junior, I talked to the owner who assured me it was a really nice car. I took the trailer, and arrived in Canton about noon, called the owner who directed me to his: home. It was setting in the garage behind his rather large home. Merle and I looked it over.

The AACA judges had to be blind. The gap around the doors was really bad. Merle said he didn't think it could be improved. So I told him I wasn't interested. He wasn't a antique car man. He asked me to make an offer. No; In another week reading a current HMN I saw an ad for a 1932 Chrysler convertible coupe. I called, and talked to the owner, and found the car was located in Washington, PA. I told him I had bought a car there earlier, and he wanted to know if I had bought a Speedster. YES, so he went on to tell me he knew that car, and he would trade me.

So on June 10th, with the Ford on the trailer, I drove to Washington, looked at the Chrysler. and we made a deal. The Chrysler was restored, wide white sidewall tires, sidemounts, rumble seat, trunk, driving lights, mirrors and lots of nice chrome. It was painted a non original color, I think it was a Mopar color, which he seemed to use a lot of, a red with some metallic. I brought the car home, and drove it to The Western PA show in Somerset where it won a first place trophy. At other local shows it always placed.

At a show at Altoona, a man looked at the car and wanted to know if I wanted to sell it. I told him No. He asked me for my name and telephone number. He called me every month, and finally in December he made me an offer I couldn't refuse. When he picked up the car a few days later, I learned he was one of the owners of the Chrysler garage in Altoona. It set in their showroom for several years, a~ few years later it sold at the Atlantic city auction to a buyer from OKLA. . Again I needed a car, and winter weather is not the best time to look for a car.

And Warren, perhaps F' 11 borrow your line for the next car. 🗄️