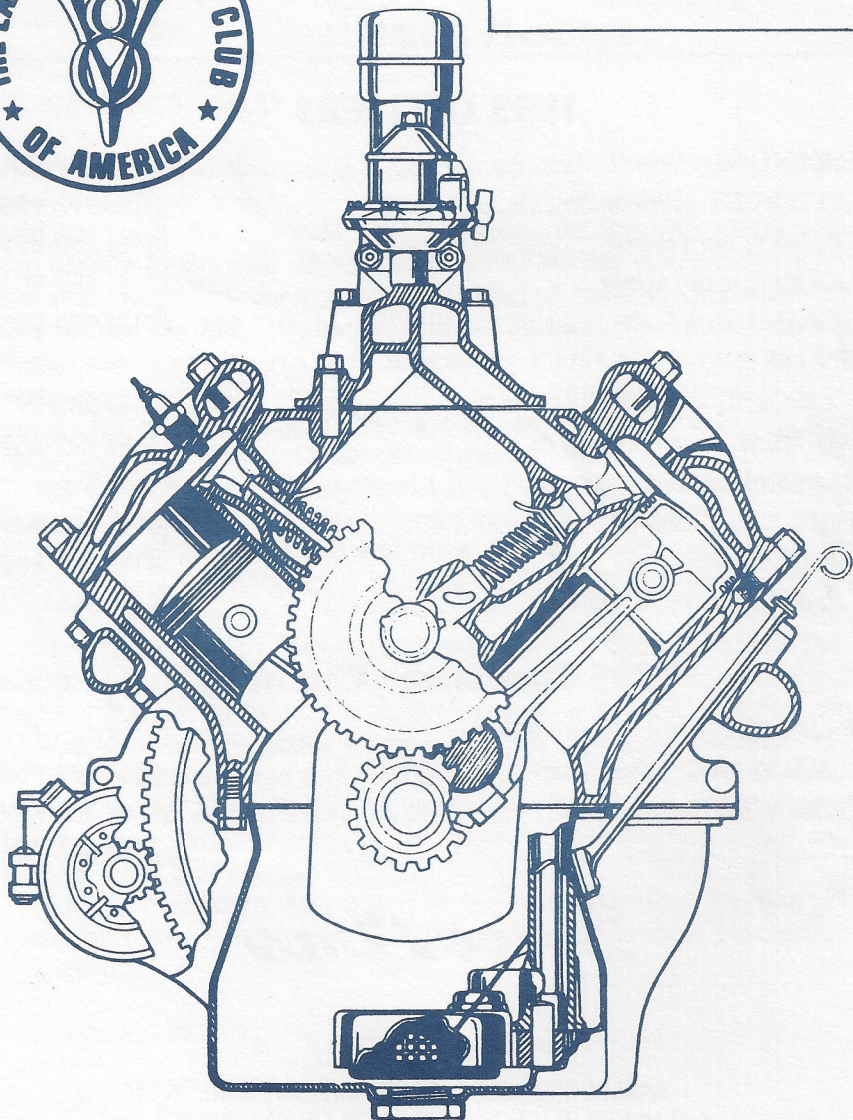


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## **President's Message**

GREETINGS VALLEY V-8ers:

The annual club auction is coming up and, it's that time of the year again for all you V-8ers to clean up your garages and collect all your junk and get ready for the MAY 7TH AUCTION. Be thinking about what you can donate to the club. This is the only real money raiser that we have for the year. Your donations can be a car part of some sort, or something for the ladies, or ??? The key is that they have to be saleable items. Remember - one man's junk is another man's treasure. Please tag or identify your items so we can make it easier on our auctioneers.

Professor Dupree is having a class on Hydraulic Brake Systems on Saturday, April 15th at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at Don Dupree's house - 23222 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills. Please R.S.V.P. to Professor Don Dupree (818) 883-2747 or Prez. Jerry Littner (818) 597-9016.

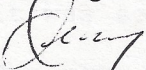
Our April 2nd meeting will have our very own Russ Sylvis as guest speaker. Russ will be talking to us about OVERDRIVE TRANSMISSIONS in 1949-53 cars.

The following is a list I hate to publish but I must. Members that have not paid their dues be aware that this is your last issue of the DRIVE LINES. Please send in your membership renewal so you can continue to receive your club magazine and be a part of a great fellowship.

Members that have not paid dues for 1995: Jim Albert, Patrick Berry, William Boyer, Albie Cortes, Hollis Cotton, Leroy Foster, Bill King, Roger Montgomery, Steve Poulos, John Powell, Thomas Riela, John Sanchez, William Scott and Art Surtees.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting. Wishing a Happy Easter and Happy Passover to all. Thanks to Jim Winnett for refreshments this month.

Best regards,



Your Prez. Jerry

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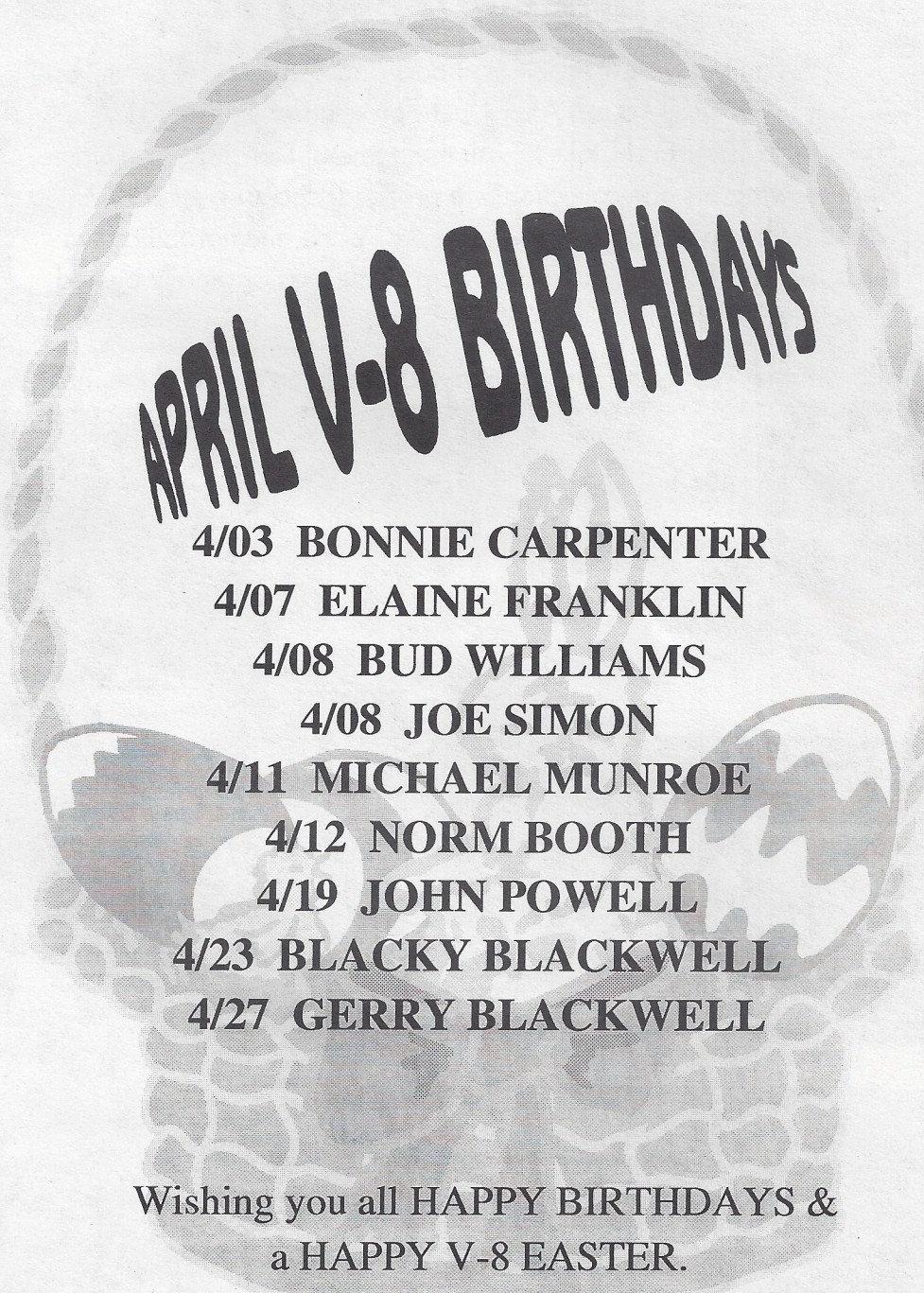
JULY -

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As you can see, we need somemore people  
to sign up for bringing the treats....

The best treats could be the ones that  
you bring, but who cares about the best  
we will eat them...it is NOT a contest.



# APRIL V-8 BIRTHDAYS

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4/07 ELAINE FRANKLIN

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4/08 JOE SIMON

4/11 MICHAEL MUNROE

4/12 NORM BOOTH

4/19 JOHN POWELL

4/23 BLACKY BLACKWELL

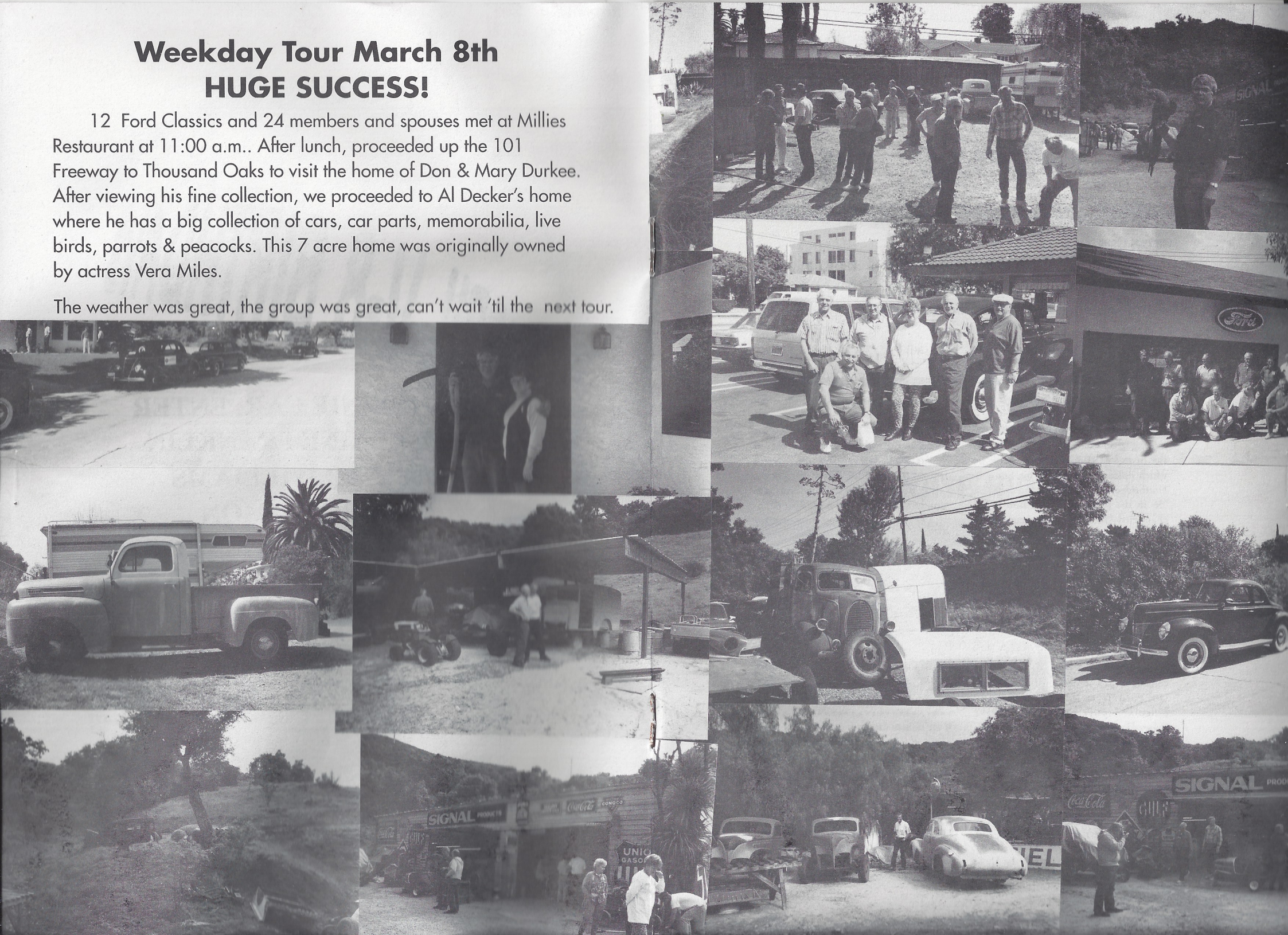
4/27 GERRY BLACKWELL

Wishing you all HAPPY BIRTHDAYS &  
a HAPPY V-8 EASTER.

# Weekday Tour March 8th HUGE SUCCESS!

12 Ford Classics and 24 members and spouses met at Millies Restaurant at 11:00 a.m.. After lunch, proceeded up the 101 Freeway to Thousand Oaks to visit the home of Don & Mary Durkee. After viewing his fine collection, we proceeded to Al Decker's home where he has a big collection of cars, car parts, memorabilia, live birds, parrots & peacocks. This 7 acre home was originally owned by actress Vera Miles.

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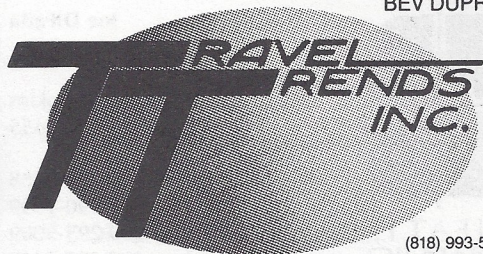
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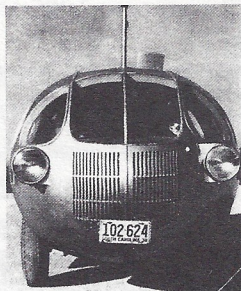
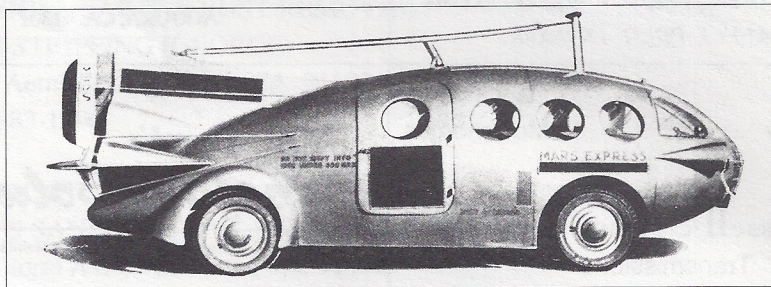
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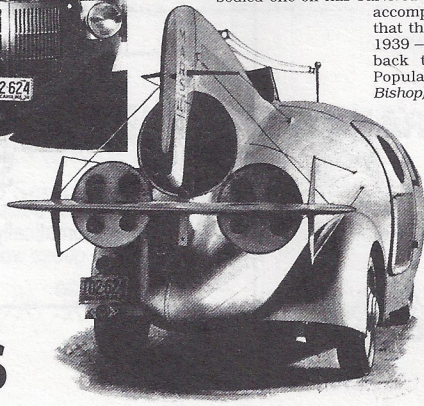
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**Whatever Happened to the Mars Express?** This startling and rather attractive bullet car was a real rocket ship, according to its creator, Peter Vacca of Buffalo, New York. Powered by both a supercharged V-8 auto engine and a rocket motor, the idea was to use the car engine to propel the Express up to 115 mph, then cut in the booster rocket for its run to maximum top end. Whether that was ever achieved is not reported, but we hope Mr Vacca changed those bald front tires before the attempt. What we'd really like to know is if this aluminum-bodied one-off has survived the ravages of time. The story

accompanying these photos noted that the car cost \$16,000 to build in 1939 — the price of a very fine house back then! (From February, 1939 Popular Science via Thomas J. Bishop)



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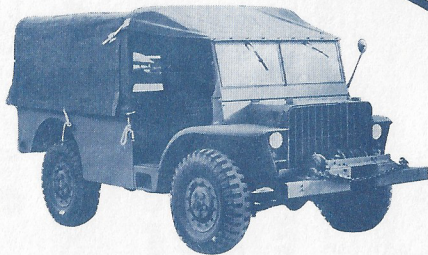
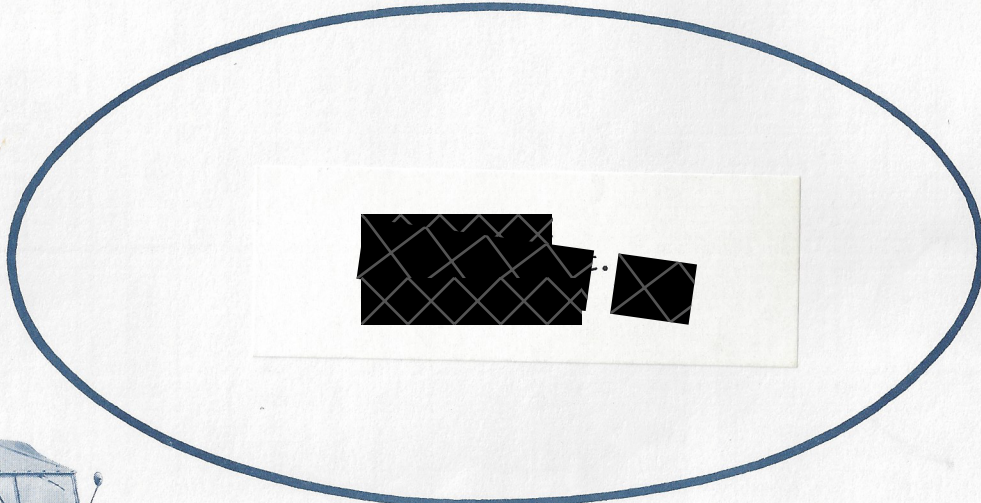
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