

Technical Corner—By Dave Smith



Vintage Auto Restoration Tips (continued)

3.) *Do I just want to restore and flip this car/truck for a profit?*



This is a very tricky question because it might be more profitable just to clean it up do a mild tune-up then sell it again do your research find out what they are going for in the condition you're vehicle is in and go from there. Most buyers are looking for two types of projects, the one that is completely done and the ones that are "unmolested" original in every aspect.

4.) *Do I have the necessary tools to perform the necessary repairs?*

You will need a good set of wrenches, sockets, screw drivers, set of jack stands and a good jack, pliers and anything else that is needed to make your life easier and most important, a gallon of WD-40.



5.) *Before you answer the above questions, consider these key factors:*

No matter how much you think it will cost to restore, that number will double if not triple, if not money, time is a huge factor.



There will be times when you will want to pull your hair out and run screaming through the streets naked. That is not a pretty picture for some of us.. At those special times it's important to take a breather and reassess the situation at a later time. If all else fails get help. Again the internet is a great place to find vintage auto restoration tips. Of course, you can always talk to your local shop depending on where you're at in the build.

Know that majority of projects rarely if ever see the light of day. Unfortunately the odds will be largely against you and what you've seen on T.V. is the result of decades of experience between several guys assigned to the project.

Other key factors are no matter what kind of car/truck you are about to restore know that there are people who would love to share their experiences and tips so that you won't make the same mistakes they did.

Once you've considered the above, all that's left is to swallow your pride and find folks who've been there and can show you the way. Whether on the internet, members of car clubs, or those who've taken out ads in magazines, they're out there. Find someone with whom you identify, folks who've felt the pain of these projects will always be eager to offer up a healthy helping of vintage auto restoration tips. If all else fails feel free to contact any PCCC Member with whatever questions you may have, we'd be happy to steer you in the right direction.

PCCC PARTS & SWAP

Contact club members for more details

Small Block Quadrajets manifold [\$40]; ; Edelbrock 750 Performer Carb - may need rebuild [\$60];
Ray Bader @ 919-387-0479

283 cu in engine, block casting 3896948 (1967 283 195 HP 2 bolt main) 2barrel carb has stamping: T0329GA [\$300] 1966 Chevelle rear bumper excellent (new) condition (reproduction) [\$100 or BO]
Ted Korab @ 973-420-2804 or 919-616-0427



Ransom E. Olds is considered by many to be the founder of the American automobile industry. His belief in a small affordable automobile led him to invent, develop, and manufacture the highly popular Oldsmobile Curved Dash and later the REO automobile and trucks.

In 1886, Ransom began experimenting with a steam-powered engine. In 1886, he received his first patent for a gasoline-powered car, and founded the Olds Motor Vehicle Company to manufacture it in 1897.

Olds sold his company in 1899 and relocated from Lansing to Detroit renaming his company the Olds Motor Works. In 1901 Ransom designed the legendary Curved Dash Oldsmobile which was the first commercially successful car mass-produced on an assembly line in the U.S. It sold for \$650.00. This was the first factory to employ an assembly line process in a manufacturing environment.

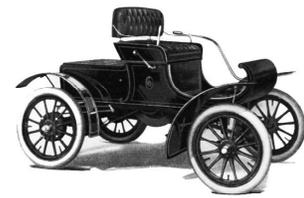
The factory was destroyed by fire in 1901, they still sold over 600 models of the Curved Dash.

Because of issues within management, Olds left the company he founded which was then later sold to be part of the formation of GM, by William Durant in 1908 and eventually became the Oldsmobile Motor Division of GM. The Oldsmobile brand, after a successful production run of 107 years, was discontinued by GM in 2004.

After leaving Olds Motor works, Olds went on to form the REO Motor Company back in Lansing, MI. The name REO came from his initials (R.E.O.) used as an acronym. By 1907 he had built REO into one of the automotive industry's leaders.

In 1938 it was reorganized as REO Motors, Inc. a bus and truck company. In 1954, REO merged with Diamond T. and became Diamond Reo Trucks, Inc. known for high-quality trucks. It went out of business in 1975. Olds remains as the only person in auto industry history to have 2 car companies named after him.

He later developed the first true pick-up truck (the REO Speedwagon). While Olds did not remain fully involved in the automotive industry throughout his career, his inventions and influence directly impacted the direction of the industry and made an enormous impact. He died on August 26, 1950, in Lansing, Michigan, at the age of 86.



As our club now includes many different makes besides Chevrolet's, trivia will now include info about all makes and models. Enjoy!!

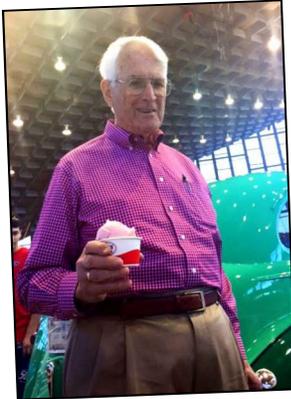
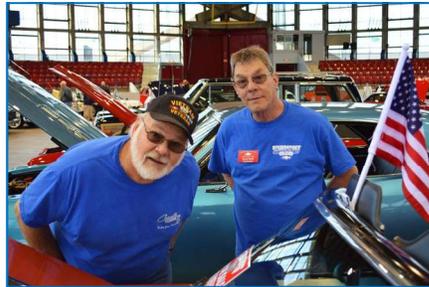
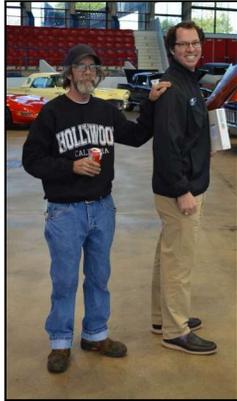
Classic Car Trivia

In 1961, what was Lee Iacocca's "Vision?"

Trivia answer will appear in The April 2017 Edition

Trivia from the February 2017 Edition

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