

ON THE HOMEFRONT

Overcoming obsolescence

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My son and I have just celebrated our first year of car ownership and, with a generous helping of father's mechanical know-how, our 1970 Malibu 'Beast' purrs like a pussycat.

Obtaining an old car is similar to taking possession of a new baby. You have to learn how it sounds and relate quickly to a cough, a splutter, a too-fast turn-over, something called 'motor run-on', damp weather reluctance and all manner of strange quivers, jerks and vibrations.

I have learned not to drive beyond a service station when the gas gauge has indicated 'E' for 3 days (even when it has been Richard's turn to feed her). I know how to check the oil level, the transmission fluid and have discovered, much to my surprise, that the battery needs water: (Well, don't laugh! I never had to put water in my camera batteries or in 'Baby come back', so how was I to know?).

MINOR CHANGES

Internally, only minor changes have been made. Richard installed a tachometer, the function of which escapes me entirely. I have to admit, however, that the little flickering needle strategically placed in front of the floor gear shift imparts a rather sporty appearance and might lead an uninitiated passenger into believing this partnership knew what they were doing.

A tape deck has also been added, but not having yet had an opportunity to tape some Barbra Streisand or Gordon Lightfoot for my own enjoyment, I am presently somewhat restricted to Supertramp and have been subjected to some rather strange looks from my mailman as I roar past him on my way to work in the morning with strains of "Breakfast in America" floating in my wake.

Externally, however, the Beast has seen many changes.

RUSTSPOTS

Silver grey with rust spots when we took possession, she then went through a rather diseased period of red body filler, somewhat resembling a silver lady in a pink skirt needing a face lift. It was at this time, the car being highly visible within the community, that I received the admiring glances from young passing females who mistakenly believed Richard to be behind the wheel. It was also during this colorful stage of transition that I was forced to uphold my son's image by burning a little rubber while taking corners, safely sheltered behind a pair of outsized sunglasses. No matter that my groceries spilled all over the car and that my 10 year old thought I had gone suddenly mad - the mother of a teenage boy has certain social obligations.

Now, however, I have been able to revert to my normal, staid, middle-aged self. The Beast has been painted a sleek, glossy black and, with a white vinyl roof and white interior, she now not only looks as good as any other car on the road, but has been rechristened the 'Black Beast'.

Only one major problem has reared its head. While she was a mottled, bedraggled, pink lady I had no trouble finding her in the nation's parking lots, now as a glistening, conforming black beast she gets lost in the crowd. I am obviously going to have to train her to respond to a whistle.

Legion welcomes summer visitors

Car club draw winners are 130 Pat Comer, 83 Mildred Herbert, 35 George Webster, 198 Hilda Braun, 84 Dennis Thorogood, 445 Ormie Carter.

The Saturday evening entertainment continues to draw a good crowd. This Saturday is mini-bingo and the popular entertainer, Bob Hillier will be there.

Two of our comrades are in Georgetown hospital, P. King and R. Wiggins. Ivan Reynolds is on the sick list at home.

Edna Rippon, the Ladies Auxiliaries convener reports that comrades Elsie McLue is improving after her operation, Margaret Hunter is feeling lots better and Jenny Taylor has had a couple of good days. It would be nice if some of you gals would spend a little time with these comrades or send them a card to make their days a little brighter. If anyone knows of any member of the L.A. who is sick or hospitalized give Edna a call at 877-0612.

Veteran affairs minister David MacDonald has proposed legislation to increase the ba-

sic veteran allowance by \$10 per month, single \$12 per month, married. There is also other improvements included. All that is needed now is the government approval. If any veteran, whether a Legion member or not, has any problems regarding pensions, please get in touch with Buster Hale, the branch services officer. He will take it from there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hinshelwood of Scotland, who are visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Franks were welcomed guests in the lounge Saturday. John is the brother of Mary Franks.

Quite a number of visitors have been guests in the branch this summer. Unfortunately it's impossible to get around to everyone, every night, so rather than have a visitor left out it would be easier for the persons bringing guests to drop a note with the Steward to be passed on. This will ensure no one is overlooked. Will save me feeling guilty of not putting a nose in were it might not be wanted.

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