

Auto information is available

By Peter Bohr
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Time to dip into the mailbag, with questions about hard-to-find parts and how to put a price on your valuable heap:

Q. Do you know if there is a car club for the Ford Galaxie? — S.T.

Q. I make scale models of classic and vintage cars. I have an order for a 1955 Chevrolet Nomad station wagon. Where can I find information on such a car? — W.J.

Q. I have a 1967 Ford Ranchero Fairlane 500 that I cherish. It's mostly restored, but I need new windshield moldings for it. Can you help? — G.F.

A. Ask and you shall receive. The Ford Galaxie Club of America, dedicated to the preservation of the 1959-1974 Ford Galaxie, is located at 1014 Chestnut St., P.O. Box 2206, Bremerton, WA 98310 (phone number: 206-377-4957). The club publishes a newsletter eight times a year, and annual dues are \$15.

The Nomad was one of the most attractive Chevy designs of all time. Classic Chevy International, Inc. — P.O. Box 607188, Orlando, FL 32860

(407-299-1957) — is a 78,000-member club devoted to the care and loving of 1955-57 Chevrolets, including the Nomad.

And guess what, G.F. — there's even a club for Ford Rancheros. It's called The Ranchero Club, and is located at 1339 Beverly Road, Port Vue, PA 15133. Dues are \$20 a year. Club members should be able to help you locate parts for your beloved Ranchero.

Now before you all conclude that I'm wonderfully clever to find clubs for such old and perhaps obscure cars, I'll make a little confession. I located each of these organizations in a marvelous directory called "Hemmings' Vintage Auto Almanac." It lists some 3,000 old-car specialists, including clubs, restoration shops, salvage yards and dealers. The recently released eighth edition is available at many bookstores, or for \$9.95 includ-

ing postage, from HVAA, P.O. Box 945, Bennington, VT, 05201.

Q. I own a 1964 Chevrolet Sports Coupe, and I want to sell it. It runs well, but needs paint. How can I determine what it's worth? — N.K.

Q. I have a 1968 Cadillac Coupe De Ville. It's been a fine car, but needs a tuneup now. Should I fix up the car before I sell it, or should I sell it as is? — Y.M.

A. First, make an honest assessment of your old heaps. Y.M., does your Caddy just need a simple \$50 tuneup, or does it really need a \$2,000 engine rebuild? Your mechanic can tell you which. And N.K., will a coat of paint really suffice for your Chevelle, or is the body badly rusted too?

Now keeping in mind the car's condition, you're ready to figure out what it might be worth.

1. Connie Mack's 50 years in a row as manager
2. Cy Young's 511 career victories
3. Lou Gehrig's 2,130 consecutive games played
4. Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak (1941)
5. Ty Cobb's .367 career batting average
6. Babe Ruth's .847 slugging percentage (1920)
7. Rogers Hornsby's .424 batting average (1924)
8. Johnny Vander Meer's two no-hitters in a row (1938)
9. Hank Aaron's 755 career home runs
10. Pete Rose's 4,256 career hits
11. Roger Maris' 61 home runs (1961)
12. Orel Hershiser's 59 scoreless innings in a row (1988)
13. Hack Wilson's 190 RBIs (1930)
14. Nolan Ryan's 383 strikeouts (1973)
15. Jim Bottomley's 12 RBIs in one game (1924)



NEA GRAPHICS

It will be a long time (if ever) before some great baseball records are even challenged. Connie Mack, a part owner of the team, managed the Philadelphia Athletics from 1901, when he was 38, through 1950, when he was 87. Cy Young, who starred in Cleveland, St. Louis and Boston, pitched in the big leagues for 22 years. And Iron Horse Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees didn't miss a game during 15 seasons.

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