

# Out at the Ranch

with Bill Ellis

## THE CARS

During a recent closet clean up, we came across a box of old pictures. And there, as glossy as ever, was a picture of my Dad and my Uncle Joe, with their shiny racer car. They were nineteen or twenty and the racer looked like a Model A Ford chassis with modified body. I guess they were quite the young 'hunks' with that hot car. As a matter of fact, my Uncle Joe and his steady date, set up a first date for my Mother and Father. They all went riding in the racer.

My Dad was one of those people who just loved motor vehicles. He had a life-long love affair with cars.

My first recollection of Dad's cars was a Model T Ford four door that was stored in the farm drive shed all winter. Winter travel was by horse drawn sleighs and cutters. You can bet I was a proud little guy when he would crank up that car and we would drive into town.

I recall that he also had another Model T that had been modified into a pickup truck. Part of our farm operation was a fair sized apiary and Dad would load up that pickup with pails of new clover honey and sell it door to door in the township.

Some of his other cars stand out in my memory. Like his Al Capone car. Believe it - he bought one of those huge four door Buicks that had the two spare tires mounted in the front fenders. That car spawned the old comment that it could pass

anything - except a gas station!

And then there was a Chevy coupe - with a rumble seat! Don't ask me to explain the operation of a rumble seat. Suffice to say, it was a great place for two or three kids to ride back and forth to those sandy beaches on those glorious summer jaunts.

Another of Dad's cars I recall was an early Ford V8 model. This thing would really move! It was really good at getting away from a stop. And Dad was known to enjoy that feeling of acceleration. The speed was not particularly enjoyed by my Mother, so Dad started driving the Ford with more decorum, when Mom was aboard.

I believe Dad was always somewhat disappointed with his later cars. They were a bit too complex for his level of auto mechanics. Whereas he could really get into repairing his earlier cars, he could only tinker with the newer cars. What satisfaction is there in changing the oil and the filter?

What about the good old days, when you could skin all your knuckles replacing a clutch or replacing a drive shaft? What about the days when you would only attract fond glances when you did a good paint job on your car - all by yourself?

I can just hear Dad say - "What do you mean it has no carburetor - it is EFI what?"

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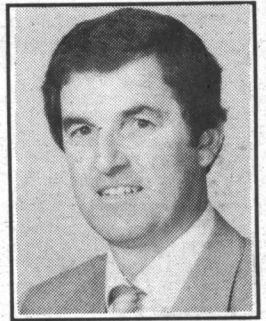
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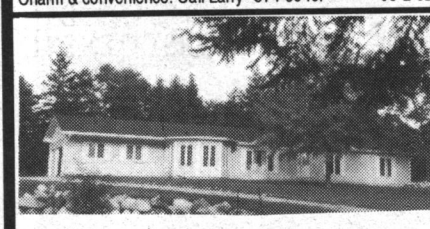
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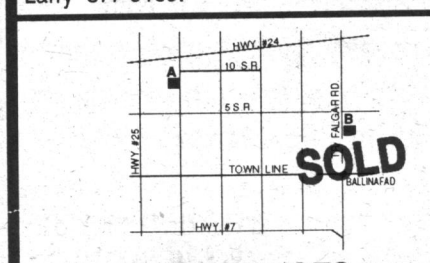
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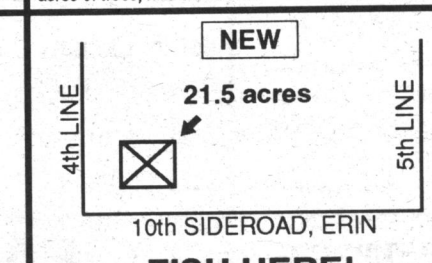
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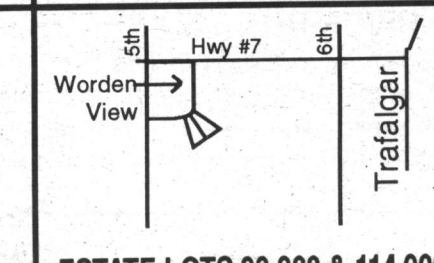
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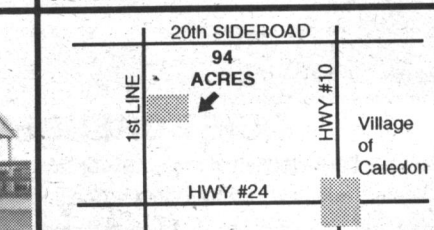
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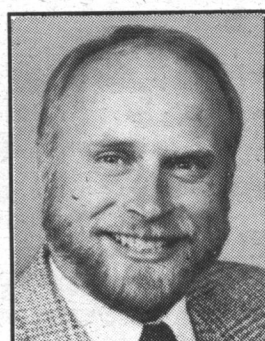
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