

Bob and Jean Gleim are the guest writers for August. Here they tell about their fine 1931 Town Sedan, it's history, and how it came to belong to them - *Ed*.



1931 FORD

Model A Fordor Town Sedan

Owners: Bob and Jean Gleim of Bakersfield

Type 160-B Briggs Body Built in San Francisco
The exterior is painted in an authentic two-tone avocado green that is accented by soft yellow pin stripping. All hardware is full nickel in a distinctive scroll design. The body is all metal construction with spoke wheels and white wall tires. The opening slant windshield allows for cool breezes to pass through while touring. Ungraded features include etched glass wind wings, chrome dual fender mounted spare wheels, and a handy travel trunk at the rear.

Interior features include wide and deeply cushioned lounge seats. Upholstery is a soft and luxurious mohair with a brown hairline stripe in pleasing harmony with the light brown trim. Arm rests, oval dome light, flexible robe rail and embossed cloth paneling around the doors and front seats are other distinctive touches. This model is graced with two matching depression glass bud vases and a pull down shade on the back window to block the headlights of following vehicles.

Under the hood there is a reliable 40-horse engine... with speeds up to 65 miles per hour. A 3-speed transmission allows for quick accelera-

tion. Transverse springs and hydraulic shock absorbers soften the force of bumps and eliminate side sway and bouncing and allows for a more comfortable ride.

The preceding description was from an original 1931 Ford Fordor Town Sedan Model A advertisement copied and given to the Gleim's by Mr Jim Burke while on display on the showroom at his dealership during the 100th Anniversary of Ford.

History: This automobile was owned by Chuck Madl of Bakersfield when it was professionally restored from the ground up by Rick Davis in Sept. of 1986. In April of 1999, it was sold to Ed Noble of Bakersfield, and in Nov of 2002, it was purchased by the Gleim's.