



BARN FINDS: THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE!

By John Milliken



In my many years of service as technical advisor to both the CCCA and Cadillac-LaSalle Club for 1937 to 1941 Cadillacs and LaSalles, it's not unusual for me to receive several inquiries about these cars every month. Usually, these are questions about authenticity or where to find parts. Sometimes I hear about an old car languishing in some garage or barn.

Offered here is my most recent find about a Full Classic® that is located in the Santa Monica area, stored there since 1961. I plan to see the car in person in the next few weeks. Leslie tells me I am watching too much TV these days in retirement. Does that sound like an invitation to take on another project? That's how I interpret it! Since my other two Classics are open cars, perhaps I should obtain a Classic closed car. This one certainly looks worthy.

Stay tuned and read on. >>>



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Greetings Mr Milliken:

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner! Some recent issues and health concerns have delayed me from many things! However I was able to put together some information and some pictures so you might better have an idea of what this 1940 Cadillac is all about! I believe a brief history is in order!

History: This vehicle was purchased by my parents in 1948 (June 12 to be exact). It was purchased from Deaton Motor Company located in Beverly Hills California. The car is designated # 7219F Touring Sedan with a Division Window! I would imagine that it was originally purchased somewhere in the Beverly Hills vicinity? I also understand that after the War, cars were somewhat difficult to come by there being a time lag because of the auto industry committed to the War effort! The car was used until approximately 1960-61, at which time it was garaged and has been there ever since! At the time our family situation made it impossible to attempt to resurrect this car! It had some heating issues and was not reliable enough for my Mother. I was too young at the time and had basically little or no knowledge about auto mechanics! There is more to the story which I could elaborate on at a later date!

Detailed Information:

The VIN # of this Cad is 7220487! My understanding is that there were only 100 units produced of this model! I think that the total production number for the 72 Series stand at 1,524! This is a five(5) passenger model and not the rarer Seven(7) passenger model! As you can tell from the firewall ID plate, it is # 4 off the line!!! (I'm not quite sure what that means, but I wonder where #'s 1; 2; and

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3 are located? (If they still exist). Who knows how many are left of the 100 after the passage of 75 years? I would like to find an appreciative home for this Limo! The 2016 Cadillac Membership Directory shows only ONE??

Extras:

Some time ago at a Harrah's Swap Meet in Reno, I picked up some parts! I purchased a spare Engine (V8) and some NOS Engine parts that regrettably I did not get a lot more!! I have a front Bumper Grill piece that may or may not go with this model! The Wheels are off and the car is on blocks!

The car does not show any body cancer, but has a few body conditions! The right rear lower part of the fender got sheared off, but I believe I still have the piece! The driver door does not open from the outside. And the running boards look "rough". I believe with its obvious rarity, it would make a very desirable and rewarding project!

There are a few individuals who have also expressed an interest in the car. But nothing definite! I have not placed any specific value and/or asking price! I am concerned about it going to a good home that has the intent and ability to do this car "justice"! After viewing these pictures you will have a better idea as to what this "barn-find" has to offer and the potentiality thereof! If you have any further concerns and/or questions(?), please feel free to contact me! Thank You!

Warm Regards.

Robert Armstrong

P.S. - I HAVE THE ORIGINAL BILL OF SALE
& THE DMV REGISTRATION CARD (DATED 1948)



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