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Rust bucket' becomes winner

Melder's pickup is No. 2 in U.S.

Everybody notices Jack Melder, a DPMC welder, when he drives his pickup to work.

No ordinary pickup, it's a souped-up, fixed-up 1931 Model A Ford Melder has hussed over for four years in hopes he could use it to win competitive exhibitions at car shows.

His efforts have paid off in the last year, bringing him eight first place trophies, three "best of show" and four "outstanding" trophies from car shows in the Houston area, Beaumont, Alexandria, La., and Shreveport, La.

But the honor he's most proud of is having the pickup recognized as the second-best hot rod pickup in the U.S. because of the number of points he has accumulated at car shows he has entered. On top of that, his pickup's picture is scheduled to appear soon in Street Rod Magazine.

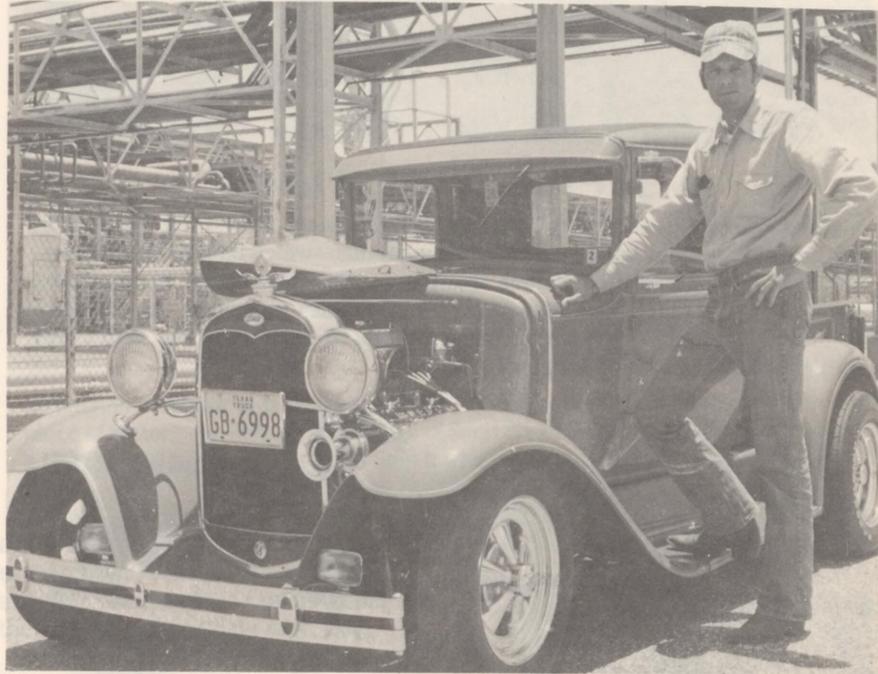
Fixing up the old pickup was the realization of a longtime dream for Melder. "It's something I've wanted to do ever since I was a kid. But I didn't have the money then."

In pursuit of that dream, he first purchased a 1938 Chevrolet sedan several years ago. But after repainting it and doing a little other work, he decided "it wasn't what I really wanted."

He found what he wanted when he bought the pickup in 1976 in Baytown. But it was no prize when he first spotted it. "It was pretty much of a rust bucket when I got it. There was no engine in it or anything else under the hood."

But he got busy, ordering some parts from as far away as Vermont. As a result, the truck's a lot different than it was when Melder first got it.

No longer the "rust bucket," it sports a coat of bright orange paint, a chrome undercarriage and crushed velvet lining inside the doors and top. It's no ordinary Model A under the hood



After four years of hard work, Jack Melder, a DPMC welder, has a winner in his restored 1931 Model A Ford—and he's got proof of that. After his first season of competitive exhibition, his pickup has been honored as the second-best hot rod pickup in the U.S.

either. It's equipped with a 283 cubic-inch V-8 engine, an automatic transmission and a four-barrel carburetor.

Melder recalls it took a long time to fix up the car. "It took up every day of my time for about a year and a half. Except for the chroming, I'm the only one that's fooled with it. But now I just tinker with it when I want to."

But he soon will spend extra time tinkering with it in order to get it ready for the 1980-81 competitive season—which will last from November to May. He hopes to bring home more trophies in the next year than during the 1979-80 season—as well as cash. Thanks to cash prizes he's won, Melder—who has invested about \$8,000 in the pickup—figures he's "just about broke even."

To do well in upcoming shows, he

plans to reupholster the pickup and add more chrome, a radio and an air conditioner.

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\$	\$	\$	\$
\$	Provident	\$	\$
\$	Fund news	\$	\$
\$	The Provident Fund valuation is	\$	\$
\$	as follows:	\$	\$
\$	Equities Fund	\$	\$
\$	May 31 - \$3.401	\$	\$
\$	Shell Stock Fund	\$	\$
\$	May 16-31 - \$64.836	\$	\$
\$	The Shell Employee Stock	\$	\$
\$	Ownership valuation is:	\$	\$
\$	May 16-31 - \$65.195	\$	\$
\$		\$	\$



Aren't they cute?

Maxine Wallace, a secretary at DPMC North always gets a big kick out of admiring the antique wind-up toys in her collection—which include the monkey, cat, bird, acrobat, clown and duck shown here. But other people are admiring the toys now—as indicated by the first place trophies in front of her. She won them and one more at an antique show sponsored recently by the Gulf Coast Bottle and Jar Club at League City.



Lobster and sunshine

Raymond Gartman, an operator at A Department, right, got plenty of both during a recent New England vacation. Pictured with him at an outdoor lobster restaurant on the Atlantic coast near New London, Conn., are John S. Price (who retired from A Department in 1964) and Price's wife, Winnie. Price now resides at Gales Ferry, Conn.

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But would he do it all over again? He doubts it.

"If I ever sell it, I'll just buy one already finished. Fixing one up is just too much work."



SHORT SUBJECTS

Whitley completes U.S. Army course

Army Maj. Roy W. Whitley, son of Roy C. Whitley of the DPMC North Instrument Shop, recently completed the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College regular course at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

A 1965 graduate of Deer Park High school who also has attended Pepperdine University, the younger Whitley attended the 10-month course to learn how to solve military tactical problems. His next assignment will be in Frankfurt, Germany.

Chairpersons announce plans

DPMC 1980 United Way chairpersons Linda Jenkins, Smokey Mather, Augie Augustine and Irv Skaar announce plans are in the making for "Special Days for Special People."

These eventful days will feature:
—Return beepball matches against the Texas State Champion Bayou Bombers.

—An "SOB" aquatic event.
—"Special Olympic"-type events with area retarded and handicapped persons.

—"Big Brother" involvement with those who need your special, personal touch.

You and your family are encouraged to participate in these exciting "one-on-one" events. Register now with Melba Hall at 476-6568 or Debbie Wilson at 476-6515.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the personnel at BA-SR for achieving new safety records. SR established a five-year record on June 9, following the pattern set by BA—which reached a four-year safety record April 21.

Employee dies

Vickie Little of CC Gas died May 20. Funeral services were handled by Pasadena Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Dallas, who works at CFH.

1933 issue of Shell Shock discovered

1933 seems like a long, long time ago to most DPMC employees—especially those many of you weren't even born yet.

But to those who have seen a Feb. 20, 1933, issue of the Shell Shock which was found at a Harris County dump by a Houston neighbor of H.H. Stall, a DPMC North boilermaker, it seems like yesterday.

Published from 1932 to 1936—when it was replaced by the Shellegram, the Shell Shock was just one of many DPMC publications, with others including the Shellegraph and The Bulletin.

Like its successors, the Shell Shock contained lots of news.

Some of the leading headlines were "H.C. Webb Takes Over New Duties (as assistant head stillman) At Topping Plant," "Editors Announce New Schedule for Shell Publication" (once every three weeks for the newspaper instead of four) and "Shell Boxer Fights Way to A.A.U. Finals" (in boxing competition).

The issue even announced installation of the "latest equipment" at the DPMC—a vibrating mechanism consisting of a screen-holding frame, two screens, belt-driven pulleys and a motor—to mechanically grade coke.

But the Shell Shock had an identity all its own.

It was bigger (eight pages) than the Shellegram and even ran editorials and



A Houston neighbor of H.H. Stall, a DPMC North boilermaker No. 1, presented this piece of history—a Feb. 20, 1933, issue of Shell Shock—to him after rescuing it from a Harris County dump. The Shell Shock was the first publication ever issued at the DPMC.

ads from local grocers, theaters and even auto dealerships. It's something of a shock to read on those yellowed pages that a year-old-car only cost \$525.

Everybody got into the act in the Shell Shock with departmental columns that recorded not only births and accomplishments of employees' families—but lots of humorous anecdotes as well.

For example, one Boiler House report

read: "Grothe says that if his home had burned down during the recent cold weather, he would not have lost any clothes 'on account of' he had 'em all on."

By today's standards, this antique newspaper looks pretty strange. But it makes you wonder. What will people think of this week's Shellegram if they find one lying around in 47 years?

Complex employees retire in June

Joe W. Clary, 65, was one of several DPMC employees who retired in June. He stepped down as a painter No. 1 at Maintenance North, after 30 years of company service. He and his wife, Dorothy, live at 507 San Jacinto, La Porte.

Leroy F. Grove, 59, a supervisor at Maintenance North, retired after 32 years of company service. He and his wife, Ruth, live at 307 Cordell, Crockett.

Dick H. Hunt, 55, a special tester at the DPMC North Lab, stepped down after 25 years of company service. He and his wife, Shirley, now reside at



Clary



Grove



Hurry



Ramsey

Mount Enterprise.

James L. Hurry, 56, an operations foreman at Solvents and Treating, retired after 32 years of service. He and his wife, Willie, live at 318 Glenmore,

Pasadena.

John Ramsey, 63, an operator No. 1 at OP-II, retired after 28 years of service. He and his wife, Eugenia, live at 2214 Rosemead, Pasadena.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1975 four-wheel drive Chevy Cheyenne. Fully loaded. Has new tires and 50-gallon gas tank. Refinance. No equity. Call 472-0738.

1971 Cutlass station wagon. Runs well. \$500. Call 339-1069.

1974 Z-28. Original paint. Alpine stereo, new tires. \$3,400. Call 946-0486 after 5 p.m.

1972 Pinto station wagon. 73,000 miles. Many new parts, Sears best Road Handler tires, four speed, AM-FM stereo cassette, 25 miles per gallon in town. \$695. 861-2865.

1971 Chevy Kingswood Estate station wagon. Good running condition. \$500. Call 444-1782.

1974 Chevy Malibu. 350, standard transmission, good gas mileage. \$1,500 or best offer. Call 947-8888 after 6 p.m.

Cab-high Hawk camper cover for long bed. Has lights and roll-out bubble windows. \$125. Call 479-2471 after 5 p.m.

Camper top for long-wheel bed. Insulated roof vent. Glass crank-out windows. \$65. Call 479-4974.

One pair of off-road, on-road tires for late model V.W. Four-bolt wagon spoked wheels. 10-inches-wide, 11 inches by 15 inches bold tread tires with white raised letters. \$150. Call 487-2522.

1979 28-foot dual tandem gooseneck trailer. New axles. Needs paint. \$2,500. Call 472-0738.

1978 Honda Hawk II 400. Excellent shape, extras. \$1,350. Call 477-5075.

1973 CL-70 Honda. Motor disassembled. \$150. Call 473-8727.

Prindle 16 Catamaran. Barberhauer, double trapeze, new tramp. \$2,400. Call 472-2124.

Tri-hull boat. 50 HP electric Johnson. \$1,900. Call 452-4963.

30 acres pasture and timber. Fenced, 2½ hours from Houston. Near Woodville. \$1,350 an acre. Call 512-299-2298, days, and 512-681-1877, nights.

Early American sofa. Herculon, wood arms. \$160. Call 488-5583.

Sofa and matching arm chair. \$50. Large dresser with mirror. \$50. Old, but in excellent condition. Call 473-3889.

Yashica TL-Electro. \$200. Complete black and white darkroom. \$175. Call 479-4974.

FOR LEASE

3-2 home in Forest Bend. Fenced back yard. Close to shopping, schools and park. Call 334-2009 after 5 p.m.

WILL TRADE

1957 four-door Ford (six-cylinder with 63,000 miles) for 18-20 HP outboard in top condition. Call 471-0868.

PERSONAL

The family of Vickie Little acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.
—Dallas D. Little

Thanks for the retirement party, the cakes and the gifts. Eugenia and I still live on Rosemead in Pasadena. Come see us.
—John Ramsey

Thanks to all my friends for the retirement party and golfing gifts. I've been putting the gifts to use almost daily. In fact, that is why this note is so long overdue. We hope to keep in touch with you for years to come. Retirement is great.
—Ed and Norma Stanley

I would like to thank all my friends for the retirement party. I applied the money toward the purchase of a curio cabinet to display my Indian artifacts. I shall treasure all the memories at Shell, and each day as I look at my treasures, I shall be reminded of all my friends. Come to see me at the ranch or at 307 Cordell in Crockett.
—Bill Grove

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A retirement party for Mary Faye Sherman, Employee Relations analyst, will be held at 4:30 p.m., July 8, at Kings III in Pasadena. For more information, call Sandra Bradbury at 6119.

No ads will be published in the Shellegram July 3 because of the Graduate's Issue. Publication of ads will resume July 10.



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