

1912 EMF 30 Touring Car

Sale & Provenance Package

- Year: 1912
 - Make: EMF
 - Model: EMF 30 Touring
 - Engine No: 36156
 - Ownership by Pearsall Family Since: June 18, 1987
 - Current Location: Shaver Lake, California
 - Appendix 1 – Current Condition Photographs
 - Appendix 2 – Restoration Progress & Historical Photographs
 - Appendix 3 – Documentation & Provenance
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A remarkably complete, highly original and exceptionally honest brass-era restoration candidate.

Executive Summary

Offered for sale by the Pearsall family, this 1912 EMF 30 Touring represents a substantially complete and highly original brass-era restoration project with a professionally rebuilt engine and drivetrain, extensive original components, and nearly four decades of documented family stewardship.

Restoration work undertaken between 1987 and 1997 by longtime mechanic and engineer Larry Pearsall included professional machine rebuilding of the engine, restoration and rebuilding of major drivetrain assemblies, and careful preservation of original components and hardware.

Reference Appendix 1 for current-condition photographs of the automobile, drivetrain assemblies, loose parts, brass components, and accompanying restoration materials, including:

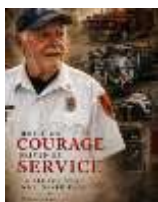
- Original body components
- Original brass lamps
- Original top irons
- Extensive original hardware
- Original wood structures remain substantially intact
- Upholstery remnants including original horsehair material
- Professionally rebuilt engine, drivetrain assemblies, wheel bearings, and wheel assemblies
- Extensive loose parts inventory
- Manuals, parts books, receipts, notes, and correspondence

Existing documentation includes 1981 and 1987 bills of sale. Ownership history prior to 1981 is unknown, and no title or registration documents are currently available. Known missing components are limited to the magneto and a valve associated with the engine lubrication system.

In 1997, following retirement, Larry and his wife Virginia relocated to Shaver Lake, California. He intended to continue with the restoration; however, at his first HOA meeting, Cal Fire shared a presentation about the risk of wildfire in their new community.

Shortly afterward, Larry founded the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and then served as its Fire Chief from 1998 through 2018. Instead of returning to the EMF project, Larry found himself restoring a 1953 fire engine – and eventually several others – as the department grew.

Although the vehicle was never recommissioned following restoration work, the EMF remained stored indoors in his barn/shop, preserved and largely untouched while public service and department leadership consumed his available time.



With Larry and Virginia now in their 90's, the vehicle is being offered for sale by the family.

Additional background regarding Larry Pearsall and the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department is included in Appendix 3.



















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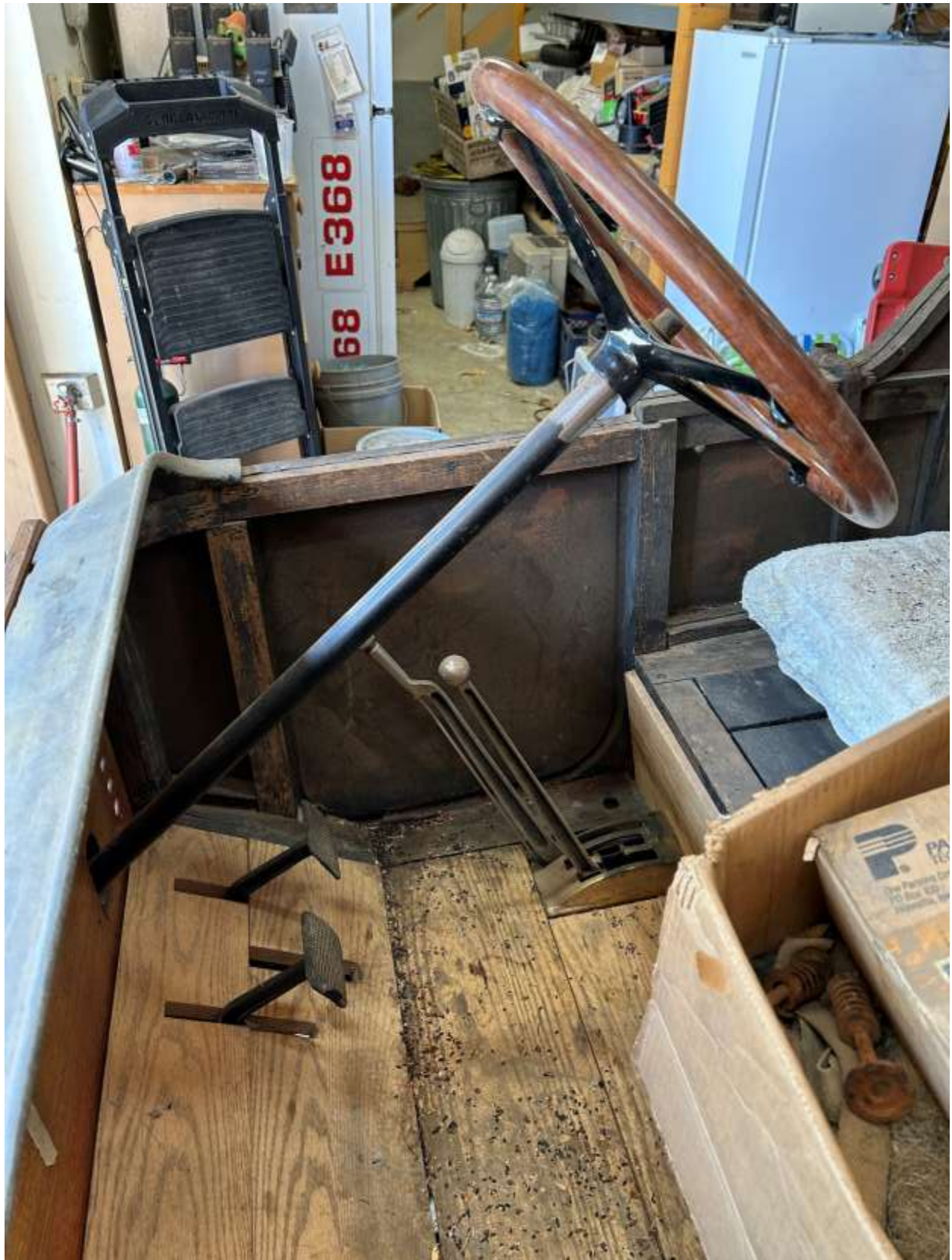








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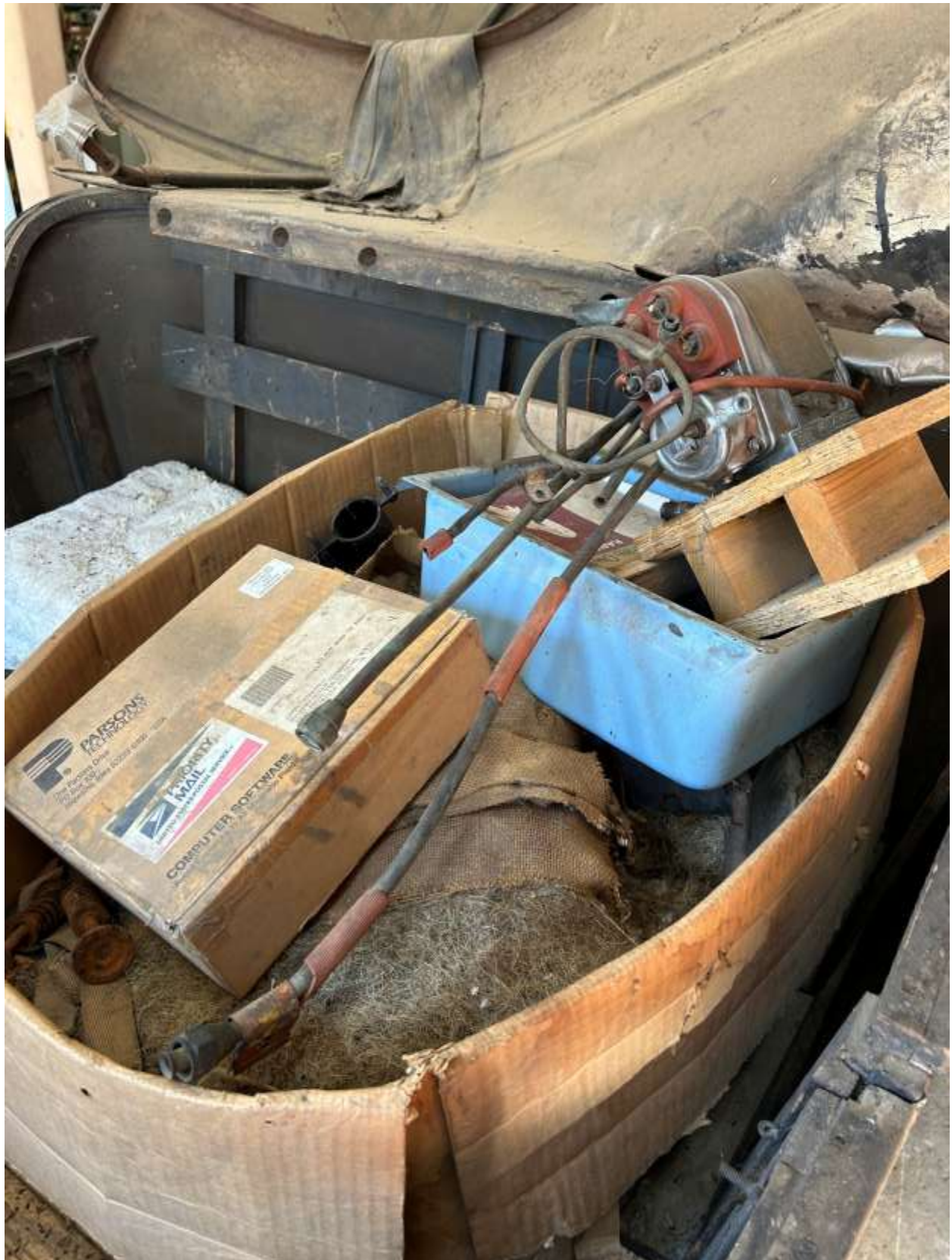
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Appendix 2 – Page 1 – Photos circa June 1987 through September 1997
Condition When Purchased: 1912 EMF 30 Touring Car – Engine No 36156





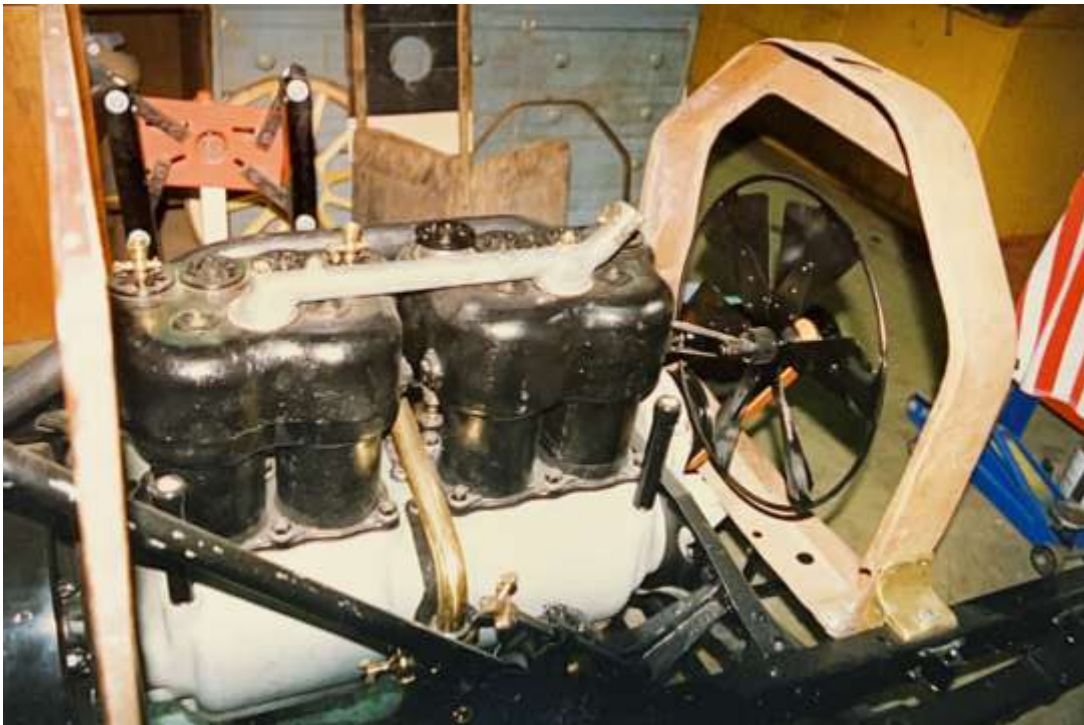
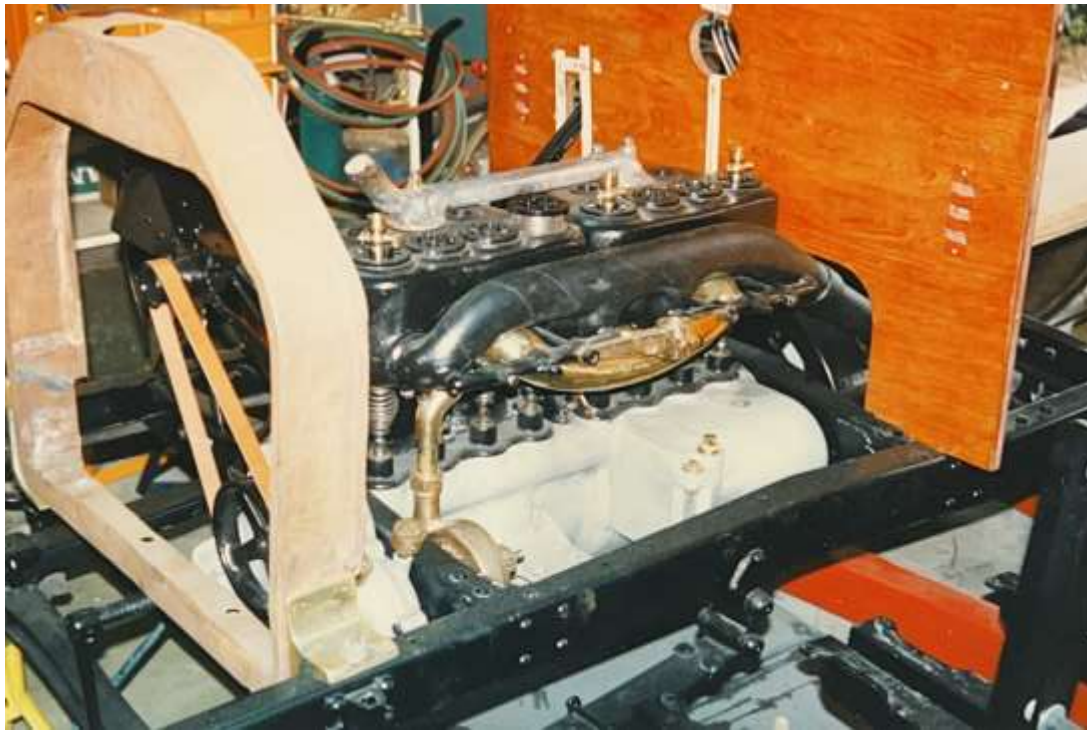


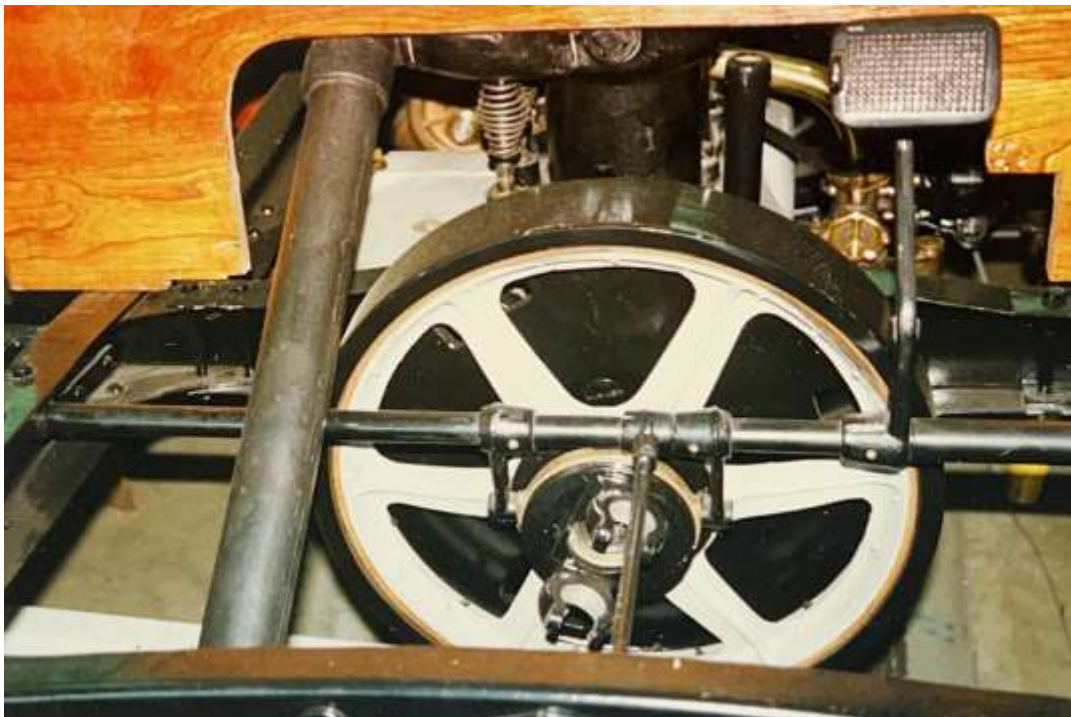
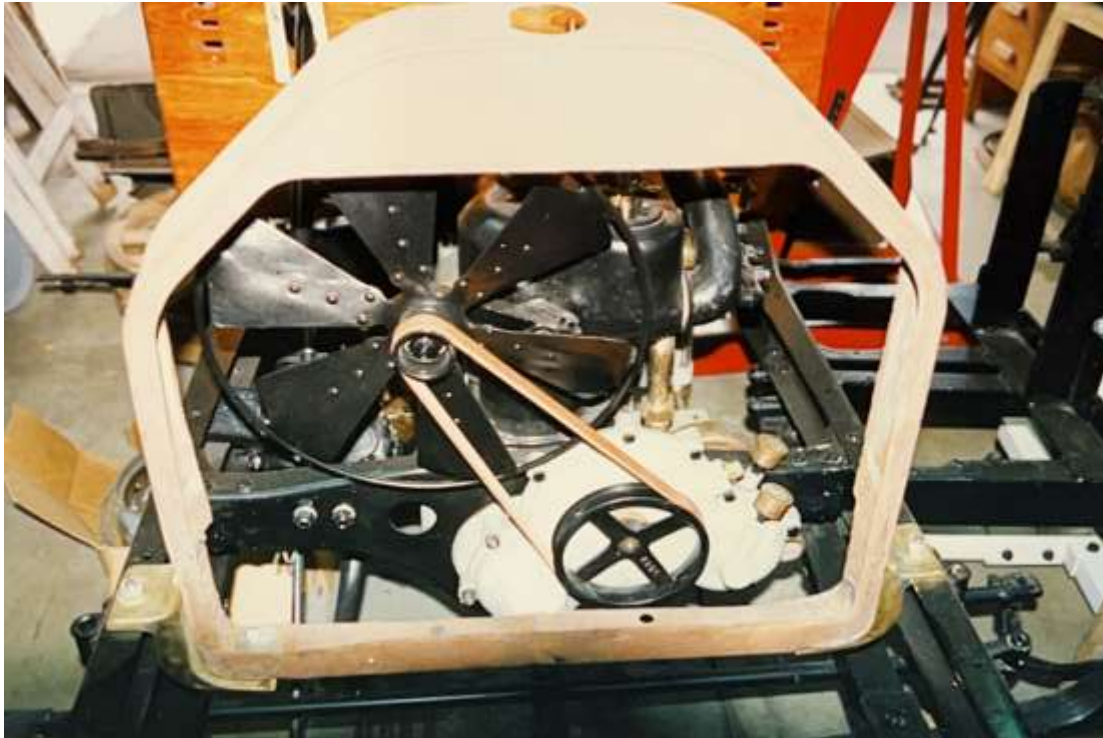


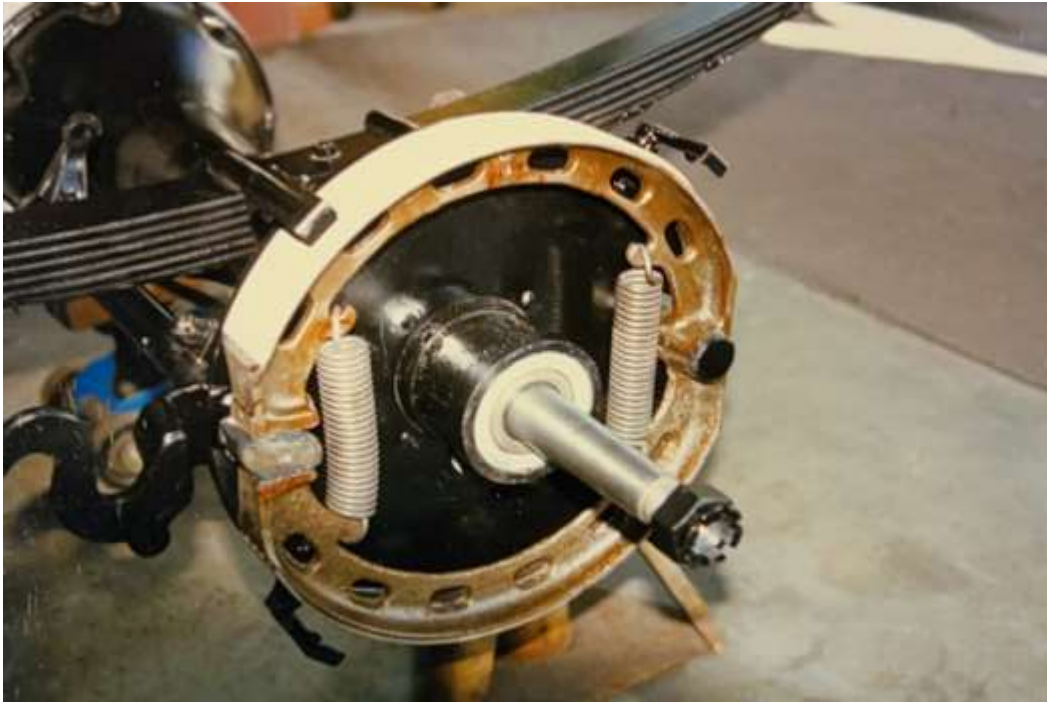




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Appendix 3 – Page 1 – Photos circa May 2026

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July 4 1981
Sold to Gennaro Costantini
a 1912 EMF (basket Case) # 36156

Milton L Stevens

BILL OF SALE - MOTOR VEHICLE

For the consideration of \$3,000.00, Dr. Gennaro Costantini (the "Seller"), of 310 N. Enrose Ave., San Pedro, California 90732, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to Lawrence Pearsall and Virginia Pearsall, (the "Buyer"), of 26734 Rolling Vista Drive, Lomita, California 90717, the following described motor vehicle (the "Vehicle"):

Make: EMF
Model: EMF-30 (Touring car)
Year: 1912
VIN: 36156 (engine number)

The Seller warrants that the Vehicle is being transferred free and clear of any liens and encumbrances.

The Vehicle is being transferred on an "as is" basis, with no warranties, express or implied, as to the condition of the Vehicle.

The undersigned Seller certifies under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this Bill of Sale are true and correct to the best of the Seller's knowledge. The transfer of the Vehicle is effective as of June 18, 1987.

Dr. Gennaro Costantini

By: 
Dr. Gennaro Costantini

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NAME LARRY PEARSON Purchase Order _____
Address 26734 RUNNING VISTA DR LANTA Date 2-6 19 90
Phone (310) 514-3343

Mileage 5 Est. Cost 125 Hr. Rate _____

Make _____ Year _____ Authorized _____

Make Two Springs - One per Spring
in this car, no sale

MATERIAL

Amount

Alloy Spring Steel

Chrome Moly. Steel

Heavy Duty Wrap Ties

LABOR

TOTAL MATERIAL

Manufacturing _____

Repairing _____

I hereby authorize the repair work herein set forth
to be done along with the necessary materials.
Terms net 30, over 30 subject to 1.5% interest.

Spring Disassembly & Assembly

Removing & Installing Springs

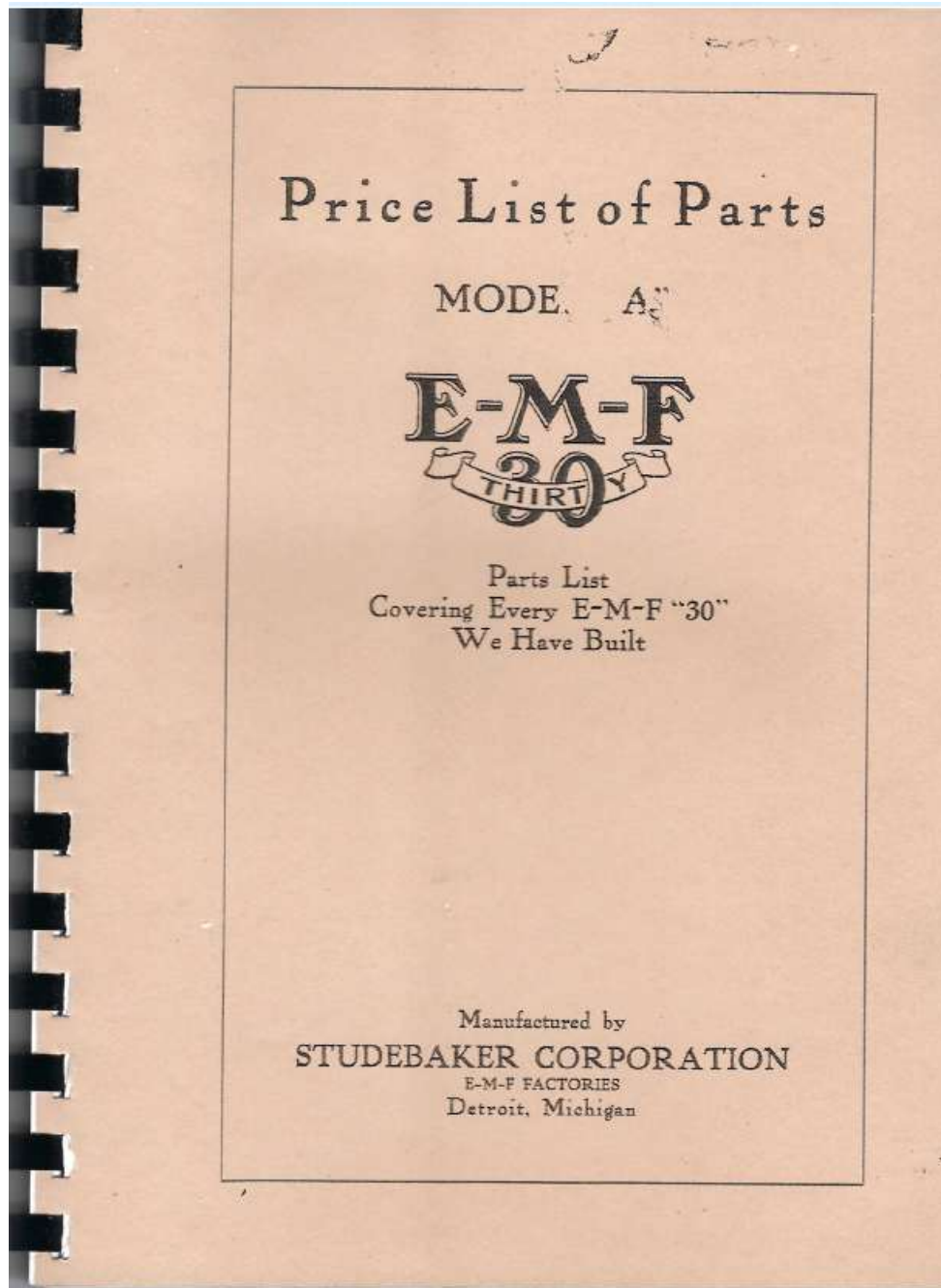
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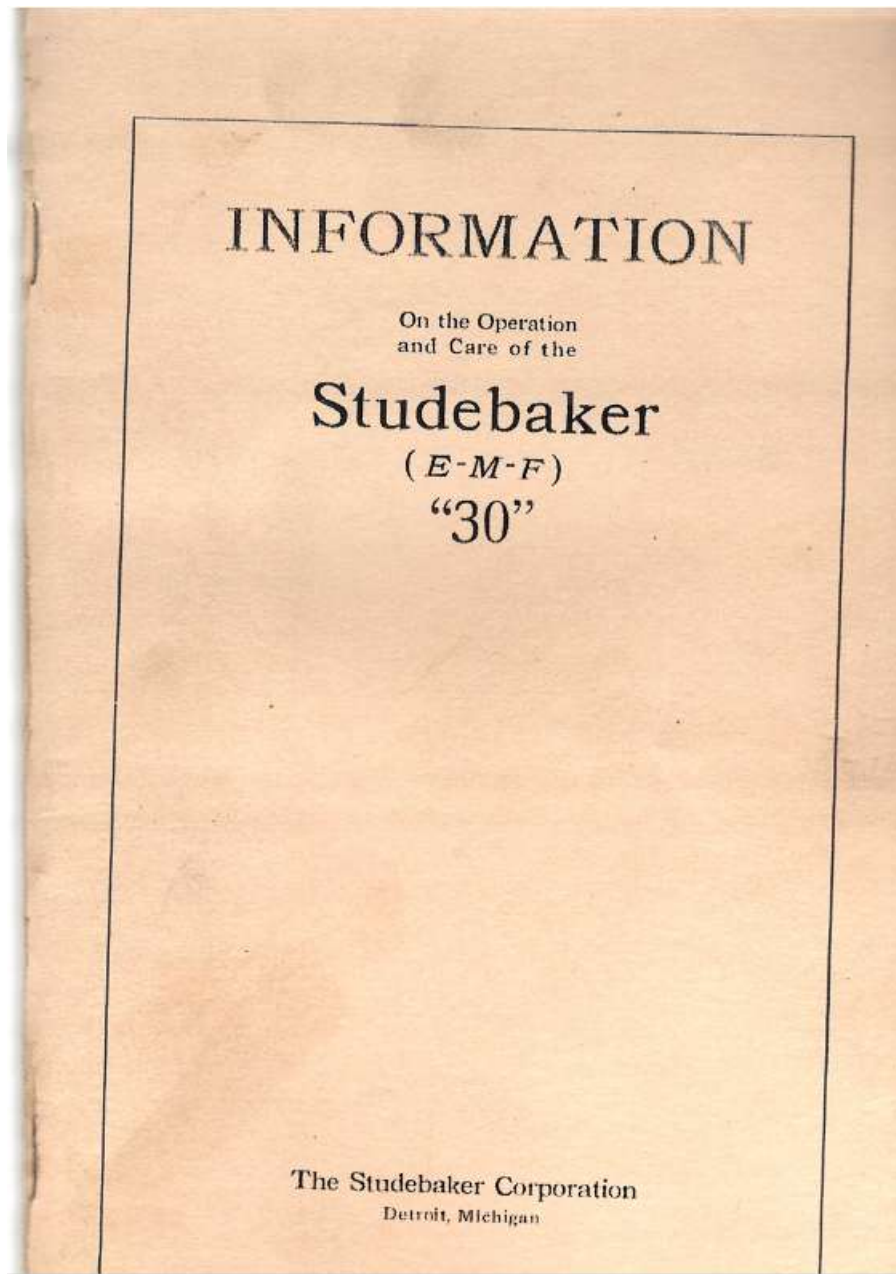
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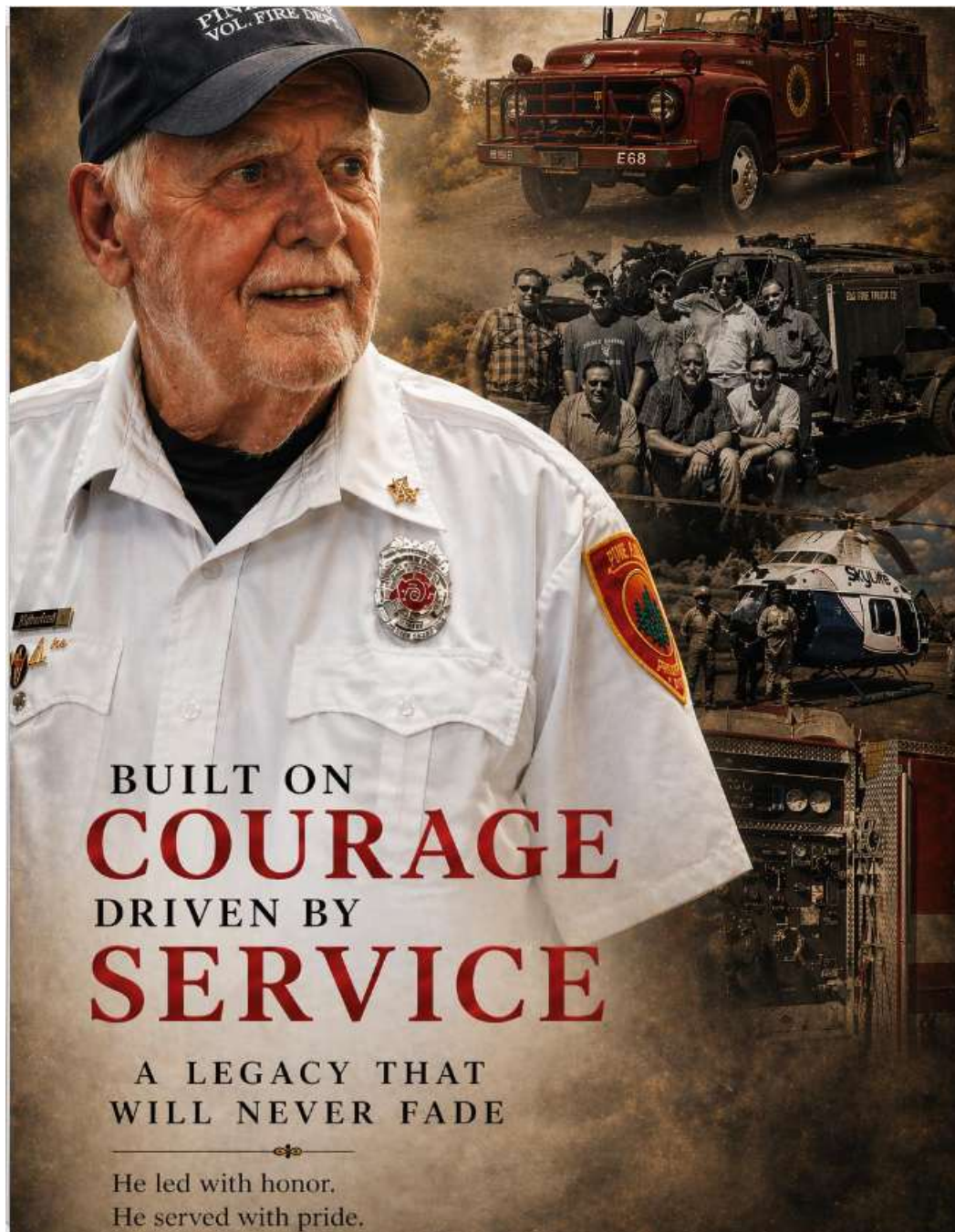
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A Legacy of Service

When Larry Pearsall and his wife, Virginia, retired to Pine Ridge in 1997, he thought he was stepping into a slower pace of life. A workshop, a barn, a few restoration projects, maybe a ship model or two – that was the plan. After all, Shaver Lake had always been the Pearsalls' retreat, a place for family vacations and mountain quiet. But Larry's retirement was not destined to be quiet. At his very first property owners' meeting, a pair of Cal Fire chiefs delivered a sobering message: the community was dangerously vulnerable to wildfire. "It's not a matter of if, but when." The words struck like a spark in Larry's heart. He could have gone home that night and shaken it off. Instead, he volunteered to draft a list of safety projects neighbors could tackle. Brush clearing, water tanks, evacuation routes. A list that seemed overwhelming at first began to turn into action as neighbors joined in,

and then there was the last line on the list – the impossible dream: create a volunteer fire department.

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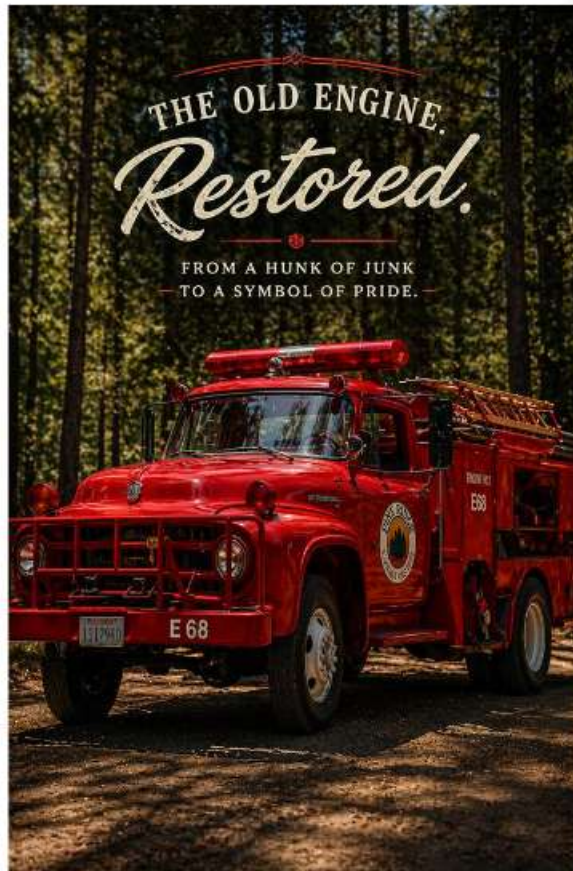
A Dream Reignited

Decades earlier, Larry had once dreamed of becoming a firefighter. He even looked into it in his forties, but missed the age cutoff by less than a year. Now, at 63, that dream found him again. At the next meeting, Larry asked for volunteers. Five men raised their hands that very night, with six members, the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department was born.

All they needed was... a fire truck. By grace, a longtime resident offered Larry an old 1953 fire engine that had been rusting in a yard for years. Most saw a hunk of metal. Larry saw possibility. He towed it to his barn, and with grease, grit, and neighborly help, brought it roaring back to life. Painted with a new logo Larry designed himself, that engine became their first truck — and today, it rests in the Cal Fire Museum.

Building a Legacy

From that humble beginning, the department grew under Larry's leadership. Within three years, the PRVFD was a true Cal Fire-dispatched company, recognized and respected.



Their very first call-out proved the turning point. The Pine Ridge volunteers arrived before anyone else and got straight to work. When Cal Fire crews finally pulled in, Larry prepared to hand over command of the fire – surely the professionals would take charge. Instead, the Cal Fire chief looked him square in the eye and said: “Oh no, you were here first. You’re the incident commander. You’re in charge. In that moment, the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department wasn’t just a hopeful idea. It was real. It was respected.

And it was ready. From there, the department grew to more than forty strong – men and women serving as firefighters, EMTs, mechanics, and “road rangers” on quads guiding engines through winding mountain roads. Training was constant. Fires were fought. Lives were saved. Nearly two-thirds of their calls were medical, so volunteers became certified EMTs and equipped engines with advanced gear.

Larry’s vision had created not just a stopgap but a fully prepared, fully respected department. And when the Creek Fire roared through the mountains, destroying 66 of 88 homes in their area, it was the Pine Ridge crew – Larry’s crew – who fought around the clock to protect what they could. Against all odds, Larry’s home and his neighbors’ homes were saved.

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Larry and the first volunteers

A Life of Service

After 21 years as Fire Chief, Larry retired in 2018. The department continues today, now under Chief James Parr, and remains one of the most fire-prepared mountain communities in California. Plans are underway for a permanent firehouse, to be named in Larry's honor — a lasting tribute to the man who turned neighbors into a force of courage and resilience. Now in his nineties, Larry still carries the quiet pride of a life well lived. He and Virginia built a legacy not just for their family, but for every resident of Pine Ridge who sleeps safer at night because a man once refused to let "if" become "when."

This is the story of Chief Larry Pearsall. This is the story of the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. And it all began in one cabin among the pines.



Contact & Sale Information

The Pearsall family is seeking a knowledgeable next caretaker for this 1912 EMF 30 Touring automobile and welcomes inquiries from collectors, restorers, museums, and early automobile enthusiasts.

Vehicle Location

Shaver Lake, California

Included Documentation

- 1981 bill of sale
- 1987 bill of sale to Larry Pearsall
- Manuals and parts books
- Restoration notes and receipts
- Correspondence and historical materials
- Extensive photographic documentation
- Shaver Magazine article regarding Larry Pearsall and the Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Condition & Sale Terms

This vehicle is offered as-is and where-is based on the family's best available information and documentation.

Prospective buyers are encouraged to perform their own inspection and independent assessment of the vehicle, components, completeness, and condition prior to purchase.

The automobile is not currently recommissioned or operational.

Transportation and shipping arrangements are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Contact Information

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cher@cherpearsall.com

Interested parties are encouraged to initiate contact by email so that a mutually convenient time may be arranged for further discussion.