



BOMBSIGHT

The Bombsight is published by the
Los Angeles Chapter of The Buick Club of America.

Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the automobiles built by The Buick Motor Division.

The Los Angeles Chapter Logo
reflects who we are and what we do.
Our members' cars are used
in motion picture and TV productions.



Steve's Corner



Saturday, April 9th, members of the LA Chapter of the BCA had an opportunity to tour Mike Fennel Enterprises. Since 1972 Mike has established an automobile restoration facility that is recognized by the entire res-

toration world. Mike Fennel Enterprises has supplied literally hundreds of cars and special vehicles to the motion picture studios. This auto wonderland is located at 25655 Springbrook Ave. in Saugus, California. Mike's office is the building pictured at the right. This building, No. 11, is full of trophies, car models of all sizes, and posters received from grateful custom car owners. Gideon Fridman made the arrangements for the tour and we thank him very much. It was a very enlightening day.



Steve Post

The Customer Is Always Right

Mike Fennel's client, who owns the 1935 Bugatti, shown to the right, wants the head lights moved from their present location within the fenders themselves to the original position of the lights on pods between the fenders and the radiator. This results in a rather costly, time-consuming operation, which probably could not be done in a lesser shop. If the Bugatti's owner wants to compete in the next Concours d'Elegance in August, 2012 it will certainly be finished on time by Mike and his crew. This change in appearance could add to the value of the car by several thousand dollars. The yellow on the radiator shell is the color of the protective tape used to save the brilliant, chrome-plated surface of the shell.



This 1949 Delahaye sedan, was bodied by Saoutchik. It is a one-up car. Mike keeps special cars—cars that he owns and those that are destined to be "hero cars" for TV and the movies.



A Complete Restoration Service...On Time

For 39 years Mike Fennel has provided a complete restoration service to the most demanding clients from many parts of the world. In the course of an afternoon it became obvious that the time it takes to do a first class job is the most critical factor. Mike explained, "When we have had three cars to be shown at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, I have had as many as 30 experts on hand in order to be sure the cars are ready *on time*." Normally, 10 good people can handle the shop schedule. Mike is able to work efficiently by having an in-house capability to fabricate sheet metal, to do his own metal finishing, to prep and paint, and to do a complete upholstery job within the facility. The time saved on these services alone is enormous and allows him to meet his clients' requirements.



Fennel Likes Buicks

Yes, Mike likes Buicks. He has 5 of them. In fact he is close to finishing up three 1957 Buick Caballeros. Please note: most of the hoods are off or not completely closed. The people, who work for Mike, know better than to slam a hood down on a sparkling, new paint job. Another thing they know is that a perfect restoration job takes time. So, they do it right the first time.



With this many makes of automobiles, Mike Fennel Enterprises is able to supply the motion picture business with their "hero cars." The three chapter members below, all of whom have Buicks of their own, listen intently as Mike



explains how three two-barrel carburetors will work on a 401 nail-head Buick engine. Mike answered most everyone's questions.



Paul Mochel



1947 Cadillac Convertible / Owner Mike Fennel

Photo Paul Mochel



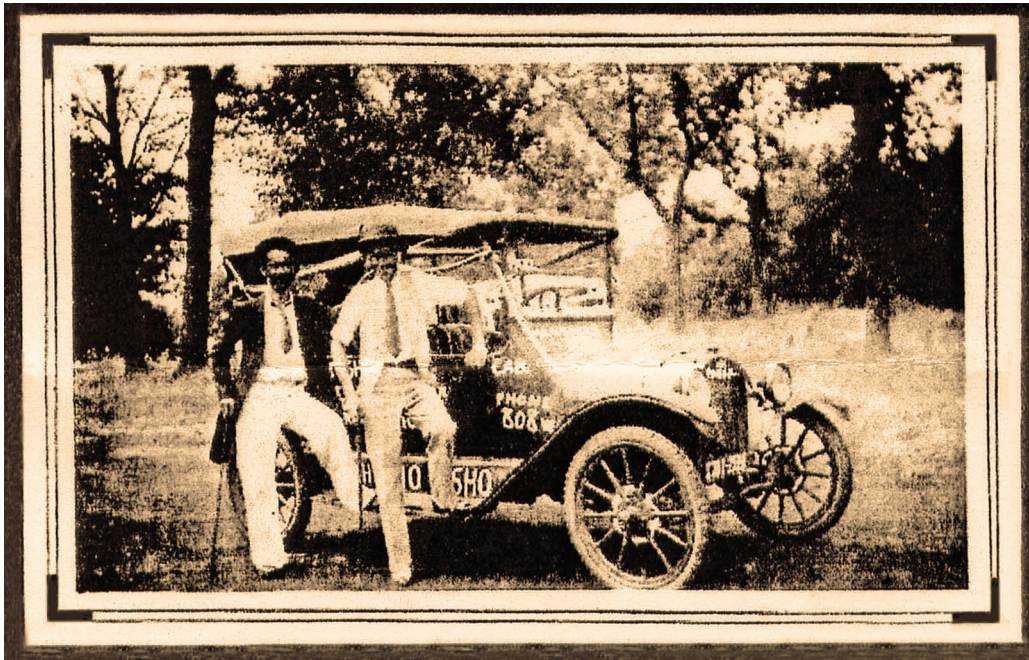
1957 Buick Caballero / Owner Mike Fennel

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22nd Annual

SPRING "FUN" CAR SHOW

Presented by The Coastal Valleys Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association



Saturday, May 21, 2011

New location - a paved parking lot behind the church

Northridge United Methodist Church

9650 Reseda Blvd., Northridge.



**A benefit for the Guide Dogs of America
All profits will be donated to raising
puppies and training the blind.**



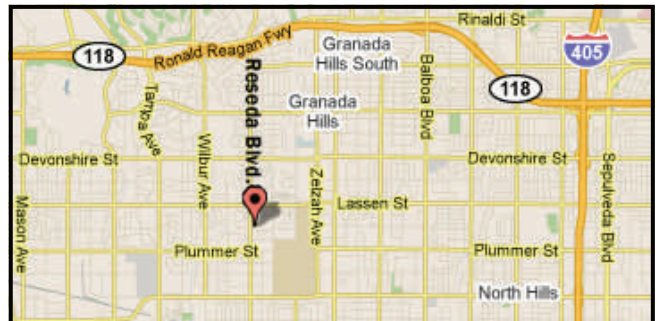
Arrive early to receive a Goodie Bag. Also a door prize & 50/50 raffle.

Show Time: 10 am - 2 pm

Show Entry Fee: \$15.00

No pre-Registration

**Pancake breakfast & lunch
available for purchase**



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