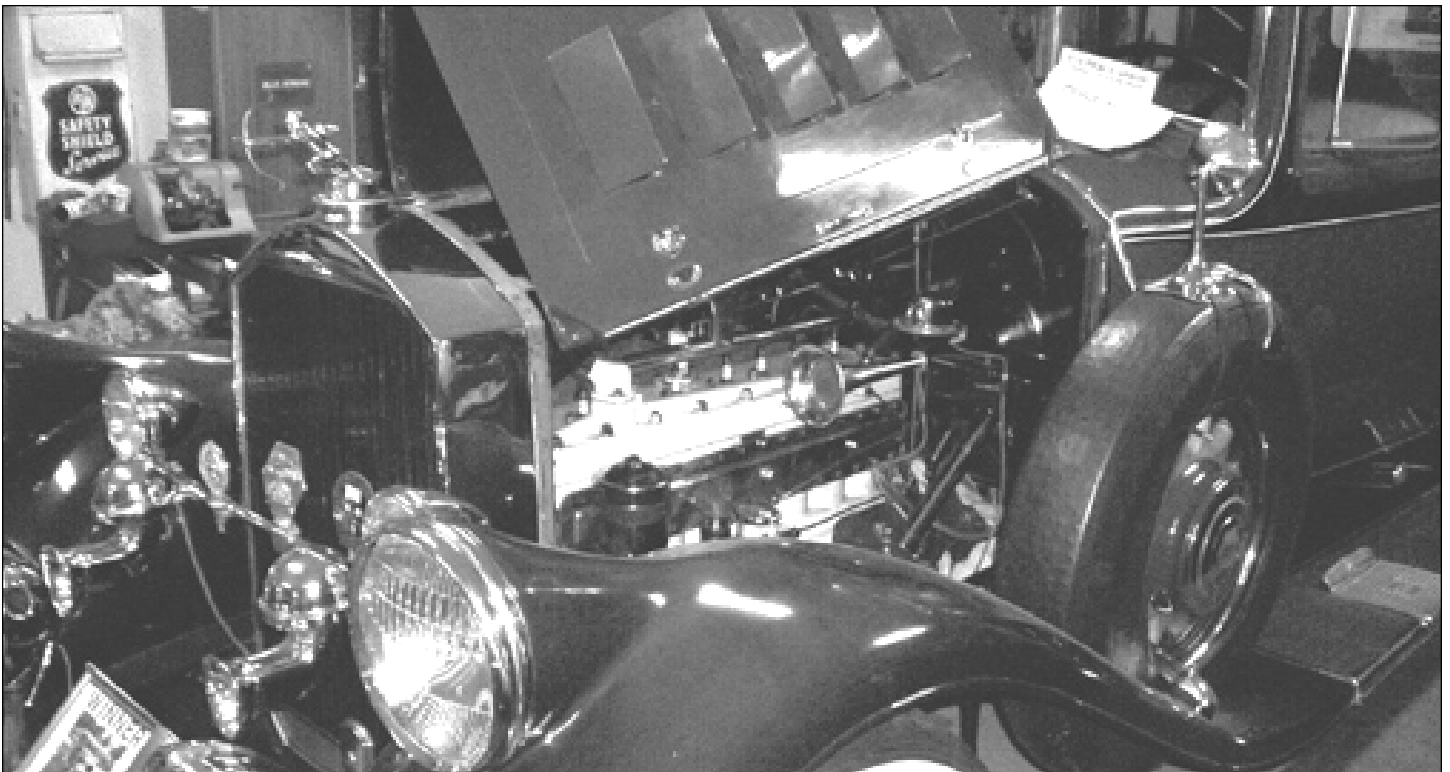




At the Tin Farm: (above) 1940 Packard 180 Sedan, (below) 1930 Pierce Arrow (Alyn Edwards photos)



EARL TUCKER

Pioneer - Collector & Restoration



1915 Simplex Crane (Alyn Edwards photo)

By Alyn Edwards

Earl Tucker was born in Vancouver in 1935 and got his first taste of cars standing on a box pumping gas at his uncle's filling station at 71st and Granville when he was five years old. As a teenager, he washed cars for Alberta Motors at 25th and Kingsway. The enterprising teenager spent his off hours fixing derelict cars that the car lot salesmen could sell with a split of the profit. Subsequently, Tucker drove a parts truck for a Ford dealer on East Hastings in Burnaby and eventually got into the auto glass business.

He has been acquiring and restoring classic cars for more than four decades. He affectionately calls his Surrey property *Tucker's Tin Farm* where a barn converted to a large showroom holds more than a dozen beautiful examples and hundreds of historical auto related items.

Among his rare classic cars is a 1915 Simplex Crane which is believed to be the oldest example in existence, a 1930 Pierce Arrow delivered new in Vancouver and a 1942 Packard 180 formal sedan delivered new to Vancouver socialite Elizabeth Rogers.

During the many years Earl operated Broadway Auto Glass, he was the man to see for locating hard to find windshields and installing glass in everything from chopped customs and hot rods to the restoration of rare classics.

The annual open house at Earl and June Tucker's *Tin Farm* in Surrey has been appreciated by thousands of enthusiasts.



Earl Tucker (Alyn Edwards photo)