

# THE BARN FIND THAT GOT AWAY, OR DID IT?

By Steve Koller

**O**n the weekend of July 17th, my wife and I were on a four-day trip up north about 400 miles from Long Island for our Granddaughters wedding. (I still can't quite remember where it was)

Having a little free time on our hands, my son and I took a little trip around the country side. About a mile or so from the house, we made a left turn and there it was, the barn find of a lifetime, at least in my eyes. Parked on the side of the road in front of an old farm house was a 1936/37 810 Bustle Back Cord Beverly.



1936/37 810 Bustle Back Cord Beverly

Now its no secret in this household that I have been looking for a suitable 810/812 Cord project for about a year now. (Suitable meaning a project that I can manage and one that would be worth at least what I invest into it at the end.) This one fit the bill perfectly.

I knocked on the farm house door and after what seemed like an eternity, was greeted by a little old lady with a walker that predated the year of the Cord by at least 15 years. She must have been extremely lonely because she talked more than my wife and that's going some. She advised that the young man that owned the car had been renting her barn but was forced to vacate it as I believe the property was being sold. I was then advised that he was some place in New Jersey training to be a deep sea diver.

The good news was that she had his cell phone number, the bad news was that she didn't have the area code! Assuming that it was the same as her area code, I inquired as to what her area code was but she couldn't remember. Being of sound mind, she quickly responded that it was listed on her phone. The only problem was that after about ten minutes she advised that she couldn't find her phone. (You just can't make this stuff up!)

Finding the local area code was no problem but unfortunately that didn't work either. I left her my card and put a big note on the car. Hopefully I will get a call some day.



With regard to the car, as you can see from these photos, the restoration was well under way and the workmanship was quite good from what I could see.



**A shot of the underneath of the car. The floor pan may have been replaced.**



**Overall body in good Condition as you can see from the passenger side view.**

**Shocks and gas tank. The springs were repainted. The fastenings rusting.**



**Interior and upholstery needs to be done.**



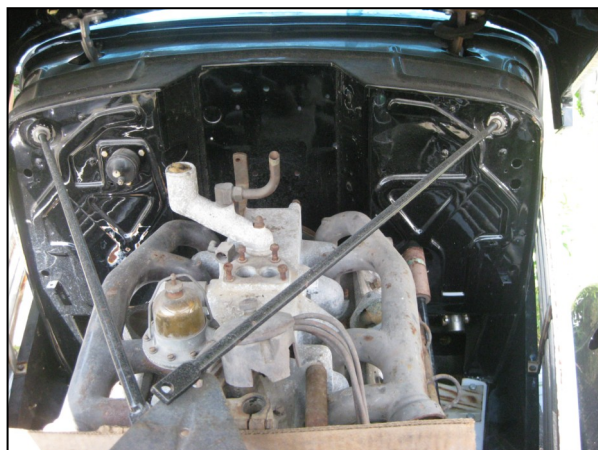
**Body does have quite a few scratches.**



I don't think the current owner did the work because if he had, he would never let it deteriorate the way he did!

Thanks for listening. - Steve

PS: If I do hear from the owner, I'll bet I will remember exactly where it was!



**Firewall appears to have been redone but is scratched up. Motor somewhat disassembled. No spark plugs. Quite rusty overall.**

*Thanks so much Steve for sharing your trip with us. Sure hope that phone rings....sooner rather than later!*