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"RAN WHEN PARKED: I KNOW WHAT I HAVE!"

By Paul Rabeb,

The current resale market for classic cars is down 11-15% for most vehicles in the first quarter of 2025. This is mostly in part to a very tough economy and the high level of consumer uncertainty. The stock market has continued to take a huge hit, and tariffs are negatively affecting the price of aftermarket repair parts. A running/driving/stopping vehicle is valued at a higher price than one that is not. A non-running vehicle is a gamble and may be a simple fix or hiding major issues. Cars from the Southwestern United States cars tend to bring more

money in resale than cars from the Eastern States. California cars tend to bring more money given the climate and the state economy. However, a car is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it. With that being said, our vehicles continue to give us "smiles per gallon" yet many are putting off purchasing or modifying classic cars. There is still high demand for the most select years and popular models. If you are looking to buy or sell, how does one find a fair market price? Do your research and be realistic.

Classic cars are rated and evaluated based on scale of 1 to 6. One being cream of the crop and 6 being a parts car rusting in a field. Hagerty evaluates car values on the first four. Classic.com is another great resource and gathers data on the market for a specific vehicle generation, model and year. According to John "Gunner" Gunnell who was the automotive books editor at Krause Publications in Iola, Wisconsin and former editor of Old Cars Weekly and Old Cars Price Guide here is how classic vehicles are rated.

NO. 1: EXCELLENT - Concourse quality

Top quality original or restored to current maximum professional standards of quality in every area or perfect original with components operating or appearing as new; a 95-plus point show car that isn't driven. 99-point vehicle.

NO. 2: FINE

Well-restored or a combination of superior restoration and excellent original; also, an extremely well-maintained original showing very minimal wear.

NO. 3: VERY GOOD

Completely operable original or "older restoration" showing wear; also, a good amateur restoration, all presentable and serviceable inside and out. Plus combinations of well-done restoration and good operable components or a partially restored car with all parts necessary to complete and/or valuable NOS parts.

NO. 4: GOOD

A drivable vehicle needing no or only minor work to be functional; also, a deteriorated restoration or a very poor amateur restoration. All components may need restoration to be "excellent," but the car is mostly useable "as is."

NO. 5: RESTORABLE

Needs complete restoration of body, chassis, and interior; may or may not be running, but isn't weathered, wrecked or stripped to the point of being useful only for parts.

NO. 6: PARTS CAR

May or may not be running, but is weathered, wrecked and/or stripped to the point of being useful primarily for parts.

Gunnell says, "Another way to think of the condition coding system is to visualize a pyramid in which No. 1 condition is at the top and No. 6 condition is at the bottom. The point of the pyramid has only enough room for the best one or two cars of a particular model. At the next level, the pyramid can fit more cars. At level 3, even more cars can fit and so on. Think of the car or cars at the top of the pyramid as the absolute best of the best. Usually only a single car fits here, although it's conceivable that two could be restored identically. These are not only show cars, but they are also the show cars that win national awards every time."

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By Nolan Ryan Andersen,

My name is Nolan Ryan Andersen. I'm 22 years old and I grew up in Visalia, California. Ever since I can remember, I've always had a connection to cars/trucks. Trucks being more my favorite. With the Pixar movie Cars always playing in the household, and hot wheels in my hands, I've always had that love for cars/trucks. As I approached my teens, I told myself that someday I will get that classic car/truck. Most likely a truck. With growing up in a trade household and with the learnings of my parents about hard work, I knew I'd achieve that goal someday. I purchased this 1963 Ford F100 "wrong bed" in October of 2023. I chose a 1963 F100 because my father once owned one and had to sell it due to him and my mother starting a family back then. He did not have the time, money, or space to restore it. It was rusted and needed work. Too bad patina wasn't a thing back then, that style would fit right in nowadays. Growing up he always said, "Son, I wish I never got rid of that truck." That always stuck with me and I knew that was the truck I would get in honor of him. And because Ford is built tough. I saved my money for 2 years and I found a pristine 1963 F100 "wrong bed" (his was a unibody) at a reasonable price.

Since then, My father and I joined the pharaohs of Visalia a few months later in that same year and we found out about the club through my cousin Albert. Who owns a 1970 mach 1 mustang. It was the best decision I ever made. Since joining the car scene, it brought me to new places, made new friends, built new relationships, and new experiences that I never thought I'd live through in my lifetime. Plus, it's the perfect quality time I get to spend with my father and to learn about cars even more and enjoy the car culture together. Being the young guy in the car has had a positive impact on me. In ways that I can tell I've gotten a little wiser. Wiser in not just cars, but life in general. The car culture has the most friendly, down to earth, and knowledgeable group of people I have ever met. It's a group of people that I will always want to surround myself with. It has truly been a gift to be a part of the car scene. If my younger self were to see where we ended up at this part in our life so far, he'd be proud. Can't wait to see what the future holds in the car scene for me, you know the young guy. One thing I know for sure is that I'll keep on wrenching until I can't anymore. Even if I can't, I'll still keep wrenching on. Someday I'll no longer be the young guy in the car scene, and that's ok. Because someday, I'll have the opportunity with the many other enthusiasts my age to keep it alive for future generations to come.



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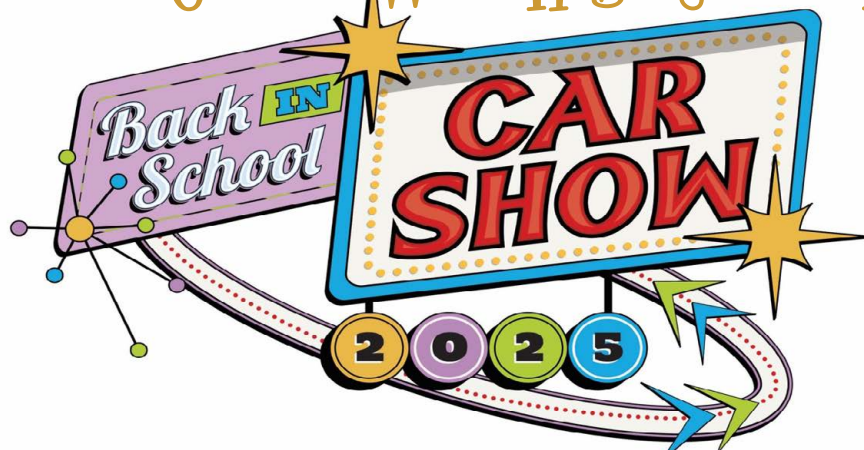
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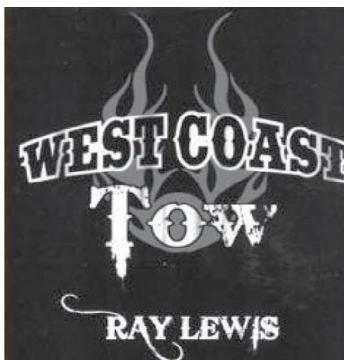
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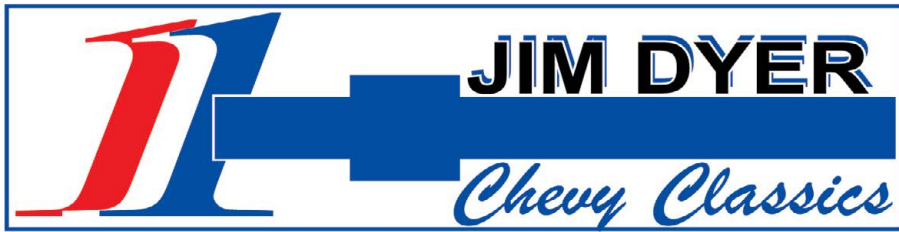


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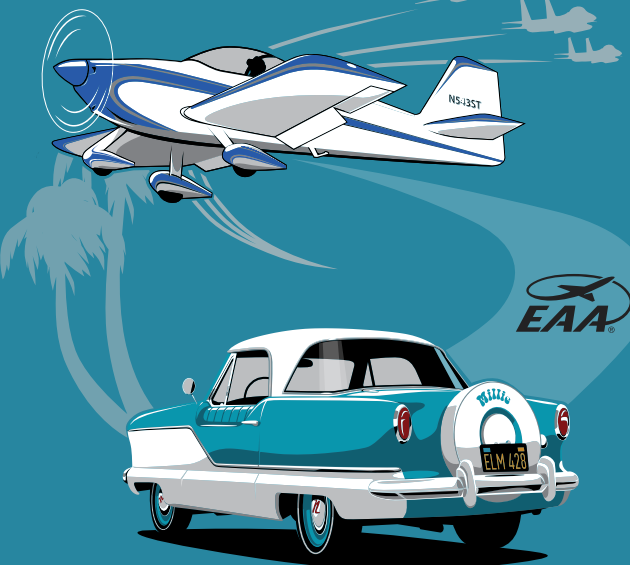
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