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The Hot Sheet

The Vintage Police Vehicles Issue



CPHS 1949 Ford as it arrived in January 2008

In December of 2007, the Cleveland Fire Museum acquired an anonymously donated police car. But Curator Paul Nelson had little use for a vintage 1949 Ford Police Car in a fire museum. Thus began the sequence of events that made the Cleveland Police Museum the proud possessor of the vintage model.

After the appraisals and paperwork had been finished, Cleveland Police Historical Soci-

ety Vehicles Chairman Greg Savernik went to work to find the necessary equipment to make the 1949 four-door black and white sedan into an authentic replica of a Cleveland Police car from the 1950-53 era. The proper radios, antenna, siren and light were found in a relatively short time; next the paint job.

In the recent past, the Ohio Technical College had helped the CPHS with the repainting and restoration of "MOTHER" the Society's vintage armored vehicle, so they agreed to tackle the '49 Ford. The original intent was to change only the white on the car to match the Cleveland cars of the time, but the black paint on the car next to the new white paint looked out of place, so the students continued with the work. Eventually the entire vehicle was repainted!

Compiled by A.J. Coates

The Cleveland Police Museum and the Cleveland Police Historical Society owe a great debt of gratitude to the proprietor of the Ohio Technical College, Mr. Mark Brenner, his body shop director, Mr. Terry Axline, body shop instructor Mr. Ken Kellogg, and the many students who worked on the car. Their hard work, skill, and dedication have made the CPHS 1949 Ford patrol car into a major part of the museum's vehicle collection. It is an asset to be proud of and a genuine work of art!



Applying the decals to the Cleveland Police Museum's nearly finished 1949 Ford at the Ohio Technical College.

Slime Green Police Car by AJ Coates & G Savernik

How many of you out there remember the High Visibility Safety Green CPD patrol cars of the 1960s & 70s? The color was adopted to make the police more visible to the general public. Sometimes called Perk Pickles after Mayor Ralph Perk, the “Slime Green” patrol cars were intensely disliked by the rank and file. Ugly they might have been, but when a replica of a 1978 Ford CPD Patrol Car in the Safety Green color parked in front of the Cleveland Police Museum in August of 2008, Ontario Street was soon jammed with police and sheriffs’ cars from all around the Cleveland Metro area.

“My dad drove one of those things,” was an often-heard comment. “I remember those ugly things,” was even heard a time or two. Most of the observers wanted to know where the car came from, who owned it, and could they drive it. The “Slime Green” patrol car was the subject of conversation for hours after it left. Driven by Cleveland Police Historical Society Vehicles Chairman; Mr. Greg Savernik, under its own power, it needed a touch up paint job after a trip to the Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show.

Starting with a 1978 Ford police vehicle that had been in service in Michigan, Savernik collected a spare frame, drive train and another donor vehicle for parts. Long searches for the proper light bar, radios, antennas and other detail parts came together in the spring of 2008. While the Cleveland Police Historical Society’s 1949 Ford was being restored by the Ohio Technical College staff and students, Greg seized the opportunity presented, and commissioned them to begin his construction project concurrently.



Greg Savernik's 1978 Ford LTD "Slime Green" CPD Patrol Car

The body shop director at OTC, Mr. Terry Axline and body shop instructor Ken Kellogg took a personal interest in the project. Selected students were assigned to the job. Before too long, the “Slime Green” police car was a pet project for the whole student body. When the actual assembly of the car was completed and it was time for paint, Greg recalls that there was some apprehension on the part of the painters when they opened the Dupont High Visibility Safety Green paint. “They painted just the trunk lid for the car and waited for me to come and check on the progress,” he said. They thought there had been some mistake when the paint was mixed. When I told them, “No. That’s the right color,” they were shocked. After that, the work moved forward rapidly.

The car was finished by the end of July except for a few decals. When Greg brought the vehicle down to the Police Museum to show the staff what he and Ohio Technical College had wrought at the beginning of August, the scene described at the beginning of this article unfolded.

If you see Greg and his “Slime Green” car on the streets and by-ways of North-eastern Ohio, and I don’t see how you could miss them, be sure to wave or honk in recognition!



*The Ohio Technical College Team Posed With Their Handy-work:
The students and instructors who performed the restorations surround
The CPHS 1949 Patrol Car, Greg Savernik's 1978 "Slime Green" CPD Patrol Car,
and his 1988 CPD Dodge Diplomat.*

Greg wanted me to be sure to thank the proprietor of the Ohio Technical College, Mr. Mark Brenner, the body shop director, Mr. Terry Axline, body shop instructor Mr. Ken Kellogg and the many students who worked on his car for their fine work. The vehicle is certainly an eye-catcher and will be a great attention getter for the Police Museum. It has already been a hit at the Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show not only for its own merit, but also for the remarkable craftsmanship evident in its construction and finish. The car has been featured on the front page of CopCar.com, a Web site for police car enthusiasts where it got rave reviews.



Greg Savernik's 1978 Ford LTD, CPD Patrol Car Replica: Mr. Ken Kellogg is at left and the 'team' of students who worked on the car at the Ohio Technical College.

Curator's Note: Our Vehicle Chairman, Mr. Greg Savernik is not resting on his laurels. He has arranged for the restoration of the Museum's 1963 Harley-Davidson ServiCar Tri-cycle motorcycle and is eyeing our 1973 Harley two-wheeler. He says it is the wrong color! He even has plans to make our 1970s vintage, MORFAX bomb recovery robot "LEROY" into an interactive exhibit for the Museum. Thank you Mr. Savernik for all of your hard work!

CLEVELAND POLICE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Cleveland Police Historical Society ATTN:Golf Outing 1300 Ontario Cleveland, OH 44113
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All Proceeds Support the Operation of the Cleveland Police Museum

The Cleveland Police Museum said good-bye to a long-time friend and supporter this past February. Retired CPD Officer Delmar (Del) J. O'Hare #304 passed away on February 28, 2009. He was ninety years old and a member of the Historical Society from its first days in 1983.

Del served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and graduated from the CPD Academy on July 16, 1946, a member of the "Pearl Harbor Class," the first to graduate after the war. Del walked a beat for several years, manned a zone car and worked in the Traffic division. He said, "The best job I ever had was walking a beat...I got to know people. When I worked in the zone car, I met people only when they had troubles." Del was the first CPD Traffic officer trained in the use of portable radar equipment. He retired from the 'job' on July 22, 1976 with

thirty-years of service to the Department and the City.

Del volunteered many thousands of hours of his time to the museum. He 'worked' two-days-a-week as a researcher for more than 24-years. Del was a master storyteller and could keep museum visitors and staff members in stitches for hours. His sense of humor and fun made him a favorite of the museum staff and volunteers. When traveling downtown was no longer practical, he continued his work for the museum at home, compiling 'scrapbooks' of CPD history for the collection.

Delmar J. O'Hare will be sorely missed.

Rest in Peace old friend.

Submitted by A. J. Coates



Thank You from Curator Allan J. Coates

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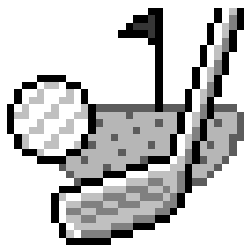
Curator's Note: To our anonymous donors, please take the time to leave a note with your contribution. State & Federal Law requires us to document the provenance (ownership) of all of the items in our collection. Your identity will be held in the strictest confidence. I offer my sincerest thanks to all who contributed to the Cleveland Police Museum.

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Cleveland Police Historical Society
in your will.

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of continued financial strength.

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