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1903 - 2003. The 100th anniversary of *The Ford Motor Company*. It hasn't gone unnoticed in the automotive industry or hobby, and the huge Knott's show was no exception. To honor the centennial the show sponsors, The Ford Car Club Council, Western Region, attempted to gather representative models of the earliest of each line of FoMoCo's various products in the Special Display Area. There were examples of the first years of the Falcon, Mustang, Maverick, etc., and some other products were "close", like a '40 Mercury rather than a '39.

While I would have preferred to have gone to the Coastal Valleys show at the Gene Autry Museum on the same day, "Yeller", the '58 Pacer convertible which was built August 20, 1957 was selected to be shown in the special display area at Fab Fords as the Edsel representative. As an honorium for putting our cars in the special display, each displayer was presented a large, lovely (and heavy) book "The Ford Century", sub-titled "Ford Motor Company And The Innovations That Shaped The World".

There were some Ford products I didn't even know existed, like the 1955 Mercury M-100 pick-up, a Canadian built version of the F-100.

But most impressive was a beautiful 100 year old 1903 Model A. Not a repro but the real thing, Number 687. It cost \$850 new. The motor was a two cylinder, and was said to have been an inspiration for the Model 1' 4-banger. When we think of 1903 cars the familiar curved dash Olds is probably the first thing that comes to mind, but this Model A was far advanced over the Olds. The owner lives in Escondido.

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