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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Vince,

After reading the article about Marc Tuwiner of Annapolis Classic Cars and his 1953 Cadillac Eldorado used in the movie *My One and Only*, I wanted to tell more of the story. In the spring of 2008, I received a call from Marc regarding the need for a '53 Eldorado in an upcoming movie. Marc knew there was one in my shop, Legend Restorations, Inc., awaiting restoration. The production company needed a mechanically sound and nice car for use as the main vehicle. Though this one had been restored 25 years ago, it was still in good condition.

The production company did require a few changes to the car including an exterior color change from Azure Blue to a softer blue, removal of the continental kit, and changing the wire wheels to standard steel rims with standard 1953 Cadillac hubcaps (wire wheels could not be used due to the sparkle and flash the camera would pick up).

In August 2008, I received a call asking if I would be willing to join the film production in New Mexico to oversee some of the driving scenes. This was a really enjoyable experience and one I will never forget. As it turned out, not only did I have to make some minor mechanical adjustments to the cars, but I ended up being part of the film dressed as Renée Zellweger's double driving the Eldorado! After the filming in New Mexico ended, the car was sent back to my shop where it underwent a complete restoration with the exception of exterior paint (to maintain its 'movie' integrity).



Fast forward to August 2009 and I was driving the car again, this time down 56th Street and 5th Avenue in Manhattan dressed as a 1950's gentleman. The red carpet premier was a terrific experience, with the car roped off in front of the Paris Theatre as a real movie star herself. Thank you, Marc, for always keeping your ear to the ground and finger on the pulse of the Cadillac world!

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