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Dear Tip:

Enclosed are a few items of historical value dealing with the 1921 Dodge pickup which was salvaged from the Powers Garden Administrative site in the Galluro Mountains.

I'm sending along copies of the two articles which appeared several years ago in the R-3 Administrative Bulletin. Neither are very accurate and are the primary reason Chuck Ames became so upset over the way the old truck's history was being presented.

The two pictures of Chief Cliff in the old truck were in my personal file. You are welcome to keep them since I have duplicate copies of both.

Attached to Chuck's original report on the 'Reclamation of Old Forest Service Pickup', copy of which is enclosed, were a series of pictures, 16 in all, showing Chuck, Cecil Simms, Jack McCombs and others in the process of removing the truck from Powers Garden and later, in displaying it in Tucson. I have nine of these pictures and will be glad to let you have them to make copies in case you can't locate them in your files. You will note in Chuck's letter to me of March 20, 1984, he said he found them in your office, so maybe they are still there. According to Chuck's letter, Larry Allen knows something about them.

I also have a picture of Arthur C. Ringland in the old truck. Will be glad to let you have it to make a copy in the event you want it.

I was Regional Forester when the truck was restored so know it was done in 1966 and not in 1969 as more recent reports indicate. Also, Chuck convinced me it was a 1921 Dodge and not a 1924 model. Cecil Simms played a stellar role in salvaging the vehicle and possibly knows more about this aspect of the operation than any man alive.

Let me know if you would like additional material and how you come out in a search of your own files.

Bill Hurst  
Sincerely,

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