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Sprayed 'arrest me red' the Hudson is a shadow of its former self.

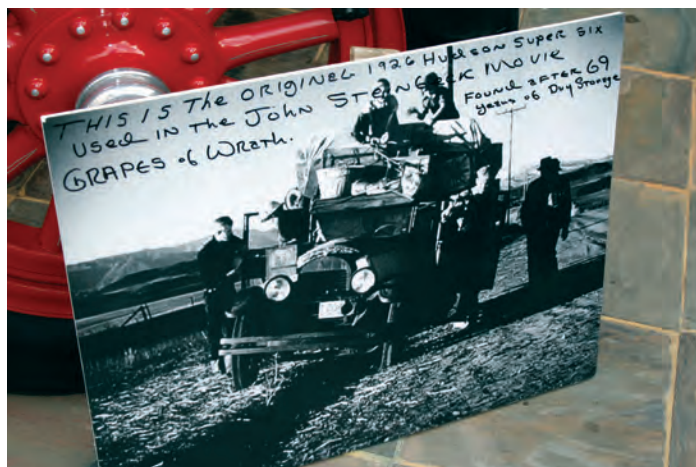
1926 Hudson Super-Six

Alchemy for *The Grapes of Wrath* Hudson

Few films and novels hold the seniority of *The Grapes of Wrath*. In 1989, the film was elected among 25 for preservation in the National Film Registry at the Library of Congress for being, "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." It told with tremendous heart the struggles of so many families during The Great Depression by illustrating the journey of the Joad family of Oklahoma on their quest to California, hopeful for a better life. A key element in the film and novel was the family car, a 1926 Hudson Super Six sedan, cut into a truck to make room for the entire family and their belongings. It's one of the most famous, recognizable movie cars ever, and until 2008, it was off the radar.

"We found it here in California, having gone through several owners since the movie, each intent on restoring it, but each never getting around to it," said current owner Gary Wales. "Because of that, it was here and there, and basically sat in storage for 69 years."

Despite having covered less than 8,000-miles from new,



An image of the Hudson as seen in the movie.