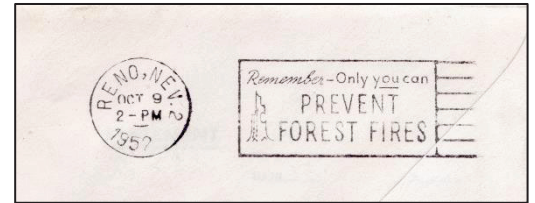


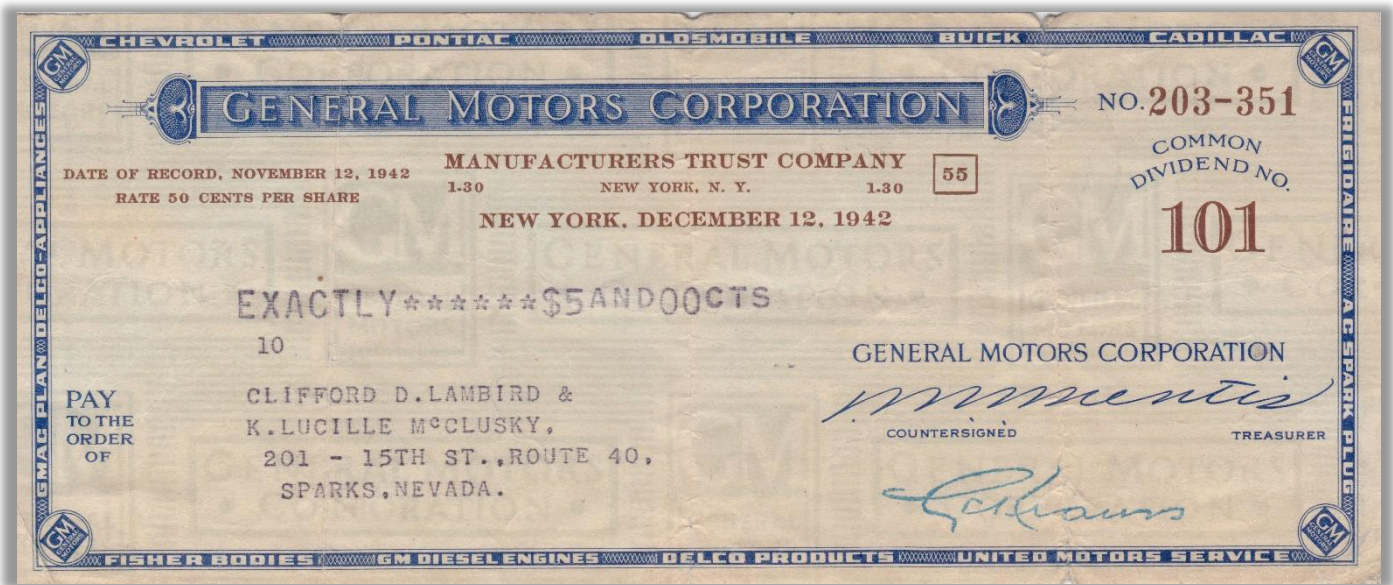
Return To Sender – A Raffle Prize By Howard Grenzebach

Remember this cover? It showed up one day on the raffle table. It was one of the 10 raffle prizes that day. I noticed it was “recycled” and appeared again at several more meetings. I was able to grab a few of these “Return To Sender” covers for my own investigation. The first thing I noticed was that they remained unopened after all these years (1952 cancel) so, I opened one or two.



Original cancel is Oct. 7, 1952, and on the back re-canceled on Oct. 9 to be returned to Dr. Lambird.

Inside I found a smaller envelope, pre-addressed to C. David Lambird, M.D., in Sparks, with an invoice for “professional services” with handwritten “Immediate payment is requested at this long overdue account of \$124.00.” Ah, for the good old days!



Also inside the envelope was a folded piece that turned out to be a check (endorsed), from the General Motors Corporation. It is a dividend check for five dollars and was written to the good doctor and his wife on December 12, 1942.

I wonder if it's still good. Think of all the interest over the last eighty years. Our meeting raffles can sure pay off!

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