

## Tom Marshall's Weekly News, March 16, 2005

**T. C. M. and His Model K, 1910:** After my father's first Stanley in 1908 (a 1906 left-hand drive Model H), he bought a used 1908 Model K Semi-Racer in July 1910. We have photos of both these cars at Auburn Heights. When my dad and Hyde Ballard discovered most pieces of the Model K in Avondale, Pennsylvania, in 1945, and Hyde gathered them up for safekeeping, my dad wrote a short history of the car for Hyde, which said in part: "I drove it 5 miles in 4 minutes on a good hard road near Quarryville, PA." I know he and two friends made a trip to Piedmont, West Virginia, and return in 1910 or '11 in the Model K over terrible roads. A wrist pin or crank pin failed around Piedmont; he blocked the valve on center on that side and came home on one cylinder!

My grandfather, Israel, was on the Committee for the 200th Anniversary of Old Kennett Friends Meeting in September 1910, and he wanted to go, so my dad took him in the Model K. It was a hot day, and they ran out of ice cream. The Model K with its driver went into Kennett Square, bought more ice cream, and saved the day. The Model K in our collection contains many parts from that original car.