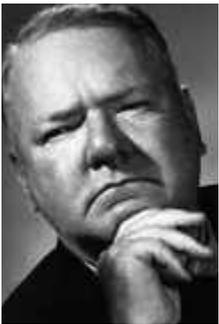




1938 Cadillac V-16 Series 9033 Formal Touring Car

W.C. Field's V-16 Little Chickadee



William Claude Dukenfield ran away from home at age eleven to pursue a vaudeville career in juggling. In 1923 he switched to comic acting, first on the stage and then in motion pictures. His stage name was W.C. Fields, and he went on to become one of America's greatest comedians. Fields' first movie was "Pool Sharks" in 1915. He was thirty-six years old. He made most of his 38 movies for Paramount. But in 1939 he switched to Universal where he made and starred in films written mainly by himself. These were the films that were to become best associated with the great W.C. Fields: "My Little Chickadee", "The Bank Dick" and "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break". His legendary love of drink was for real, and this was matched only by his love of big Cadillacs. Hollywood made Fields a

rich man, and he could afford to purchase several big Cadillacs over the years. Most (if not all) of them were V-16's. This one was the most formal of the pack. A 1938 Cadillac V-16 series 9033 Formal Touring Car. This car is body number 28 of 95 built. This little chickadee is currently in the care of the Imperial Palace Automobile Collection in Las Vegas, Nevada. The hotel purchased the car at the 1999 Kruse auction in Scottsdale, Arizona. Field's car has just undergone a complete engine rebuild and is now running like the day it left the factory. The car is currently for sale, with a price tag of \$150,000. W.C. Fields died Christmas day 1946 at the age of 66.

