



1949 Cadillac 6207 Fatback Coupe

# Adolphe Menjou's Dapper Fastback



You may not remember Adolphe Menjou by name, but you certainly must remember his face. The debonair, aristocratic wax-mustachioed actor appeared in nearly 150 Hollywood films between 1914 and 1960. Some of his best-known films included "The Sheik" (1921), "Farewell to Arms" (1932), "State of the Union" (1948), and "Paths of Glory" (1957). He was voted "Best Dressed Man in America" nine times over the years, and his autobiography was appropriately entitled, "It Took Nine Tailors". We can conclude that the country's best-dressed man fancied an automobile equally as stylish. In 1949 Menjou purchased this Cadillac series 6207 Fastback Coupe from Don Lee at Hillcrest Motors in Hollywood. For two decades the car was a familiar neighborhood sight as Menjou drove it back and

forth to the Beverly Hills Golf Club. The pale teal & emerald green car has a beautiful brown leather interior with matching hand-stitched leather steering wheel cover. The car has Hydro-Lectric operated window lifts and 4-speed Hydra-Matic transmission.

## Rhea LaFort Takes Ownership



The tinsel-town connection did not end with actor Menjou. Following his death in 1963 at age 73, the car came into the hands of his friend and silent screen co-star Rhea LaFort. And so yet another Hollywood celebrity became linked to this handsome automobile. When the aging but still beautiful LaFort took possession of the car, she found in the glove compartment the original bill-of-lading and the car's build sheet. And in the trunk was a large alligator attaché case

containing the actor's old career clippings and other memorabilia. What a treasure! In 1995 when she passed away at age 89, the actress' son (Robert VonHeck) inherited the car. He kindly provided the images for this article. Alas, he recently sold the car to a private collector. So who knows when it will surface again?



*The sleek fastback styling of the 6207 Club Coupe was (and still is) quite a head-turner.*