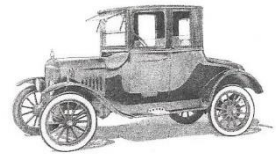


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The 1915 Model T That Survived the Paradise Fire Contributed by Carlton Carl



PARADISE, Calif. — Ron Westbrook's house is gone. The burned hull of a washer is visible in the rubble. A mangled satellite dish, too. In his collapsed garage, two cars, including a beloved 1941 Plymouth, are no more than blackened shells.

But at the end of Mr. Westbrook's driveway, in the shade of charred pines, a 103-year-old Ford Model T somehow escaped with only minor paint damage, standing out like a museum piece in a vast landscape of destruction.

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