



November 2011

SPOKEN WHEELS

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW... We have been busy this month.... Our Halloween Party/Meeting was fun (although some of our members were participating in Home Coming activities at El Monte High School). Members who dressed in costume were acknowledged and winners were awarded Hershey prizes. (The President was really impressed with David Lutz's outfit.) We enjoyed a Laurel & Hardy Halloween movie, provided by John Chandler; and thanks to Bob Moore for the use his video projector. We had a fun evening. We changed the raffle format and the attending members enjoyed the change.



Our organization relies on many volunteers to make our group successful. Thus... "Thank You" are important. Thanks to our "Raffle Buyers" Debbie Rodriguez and Jim Austin; to our "Cookie Bringers" Ruth Ann LeVay, Gerry Green and Elsie Johnson, for our holiday treats at our October meeting. *Continued on page 7*

GENERAL MEETING - Friday, Dec. 2 - 7:30 PM - Arcadia Red Cross, 376 Huntington Dr., Arcadia
Be aware - This is a date change - The November meeting is in December.

Our program this month will be presented by Tim Murphy. Tim is associated with "Doctors Without Borders," a group of doctors who are also pilots. They fly into the interior regions of Mexico to bring medical services to the impoverished people. Join us for a heartwarming story of sacrifice and service.

BOARD MEETING - No meeting in December.

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SAA'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

25 - See Dec. 2nd

December

- 2 - November General Meeting moved to here
- 12 - Ladies' Brunch - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 11:00 AM
- 9 - City of Hope Tour - See page 4
- 10 - Christmas Party - See page 4
- 15 - Men's Breakfast - Annia's, El Monte Airport, 9:00 AM
- 15 - Christmas Lights Tour - See Page 4

January

- 17 - MAFFI Car work session. Meet at Marlin Perry's house at 8:00 AM for drive to work site. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.
- 27 - General Meeting - **7:00 PM** Auction Night - See page 4

March 2012

- 29 - April 1 - CCRG (Central California Regional Group) Jamboree. See page 5

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays

- 3 - David Lutz & Ken Mallory
- 5 - Pat Utter
- 7 - Doug Nielsen
- 11 - Andy Sais
- 12 - Joann Smith
- 16 - Eric Sandberg, Joe Blaylock, & Debbie Rodriguez
- 17 - Gracie Fant & Barbara Farino
- 19 - Thurston LeVay
- 23 - Mel Gross
- 28 - Richard Lowe
- 29 - Connie Case
- 31 - Joe Principe, Carl Rogers & Elaine Perry

December Anniversaries

- 12 - Michael & Amy Srio
- 16 - John & Sue Chandler, Chuck & Nancy Sharpe
- 18 - Larry & Connie Case, John & Dorothy Knox
- 20 - Thurston & Ruth Ann LeVay

OTHER MODEL A CLUB EVENTS

January

28, 29 - Turlock Swap meet

December

1,2,3 - MAFCA National Banquet - Santa Rosa

THE SUNSHINE LADY - SALLY BAQUET

Thinking of you cards were sent to:

Mary Garduno and Judi Moore

Sally and Harold Baquet wish to thank all the members for the cards and prayers during Harold's recovery from surgery.

NEW MEMBERS

Here are the new members who joined in the last six months. Welcome them to our club.



Harry & Helga Mycroft

Temple City, Joined August 16, 2011
1928 Roadster PU, 31 Deluxe 2 door Phaeton



Frank & Cristina Izbinski

Temple City, Joined June 26, 2011
1931 Tudor Sedan

FICTION & FACT

Ponder This

by Joe Wilson

I counted 23 members at the November men's breakfast, a good turn out. This is second only to our General meeting in terms of participation, other than a few of the more popular day tours. We see some members there that may not attend our regular meetings. What makes this such a popular event? It's fun.



Although breakfast doesn't start until 9:00, some arrive early so they can kick tires, brag and share their latest "A" problems. Others use this as an excuse to put aside the "To-do-list" and get out of the house. In any case, it's a popular event and I encourage those who have never been there, give it a try. Just show up at Annia's restaurant at the El Monte airport no later than 9:00 AM on the third Thursday of each month.

We need to thank Marlin Perry who started the Men's breakfast gatherings 9 years ago. A word of caution; he has a "call list" which he uses every month to remind everyone to come. Once you are on the list, you will get to talk with Marlin once a month whether you want to or not.

Think About It

Sign in a Laundromat -

"Automatic washing machines: Please remove all of your clothes when the light goes out"

I have been many places, but I've never been in CAHOOTS. Apparently, you can't go alone; you have to be in Cahoots with someone.



New Member "Spotlight"

by Randy Harper

Wilbert Smith

Wilbert got interested in Model A's when a guy in 1972 wanted to sell a Model A for \$2500 or trade for a 57 T-bird, so he paid him \$2000, and drove the car home.

Wilbert holds a Ph.D. from UCLA in Business Management. He wrote a book titled, "Hole in the Head" then produced a documentary film on the same subject which won a "Directors Choice Award" from the International Film Festival. This is a shocking story of love, compassion, forgiveness, and Christianity.

A trailer for this film can be viewed at (smithleonardproductions.com). Click on "Hole in the Head". Wilbert writes curriculum for high school, and is currently working with USC and Notre Dame writing graduate curriculum. Wilbert, welcome to the Club.

New Santa Anita A's Web Site

by Joe Wilson

Those of you who haven't looked at our Web Site recently would not be aware that it has been missing for a number of months. A "Volunteer" was located last month to take on the job as "Web Master" and a new Web Site has been designed and put "Online". The Site has been revised and will incorporate some new features which will make it a useful, easy-to-use resource. I invite you to take a look at it before our next meeting; there will be a quiz.

The site currently includes information about the club, a list of the Board members & Committee Chair-people and all of the 2011 issues of Spoken Wheels. The site will be significantly expanded and modified during the coming months.

The web address remains the same: santaanita.org

As with the newsletter, members who fail to check out and use the new web site will be punished by the use of ACLU approved discipline procedures.

New Raffle System

by Joe Wilson

In response to the recent club survey responses, the board of directors has decided to modify the way the men's and ladies' raffles are conducted during the General Meetings. Rather than drawing tickets for winners, who then pick a prize from the table, members will now place their tickets in one or more of the "Cups" that have been placed next to each prize. This will allow members to increase their odds of winning the prize they want by place additional tickets in the cup. One ticket will be drawn from each of the cups to select the winner of the prize.

This system was used on a trial basis at the last meeting. The number of prizes will be reduced and their value increased for next month's raffle.

MAFCA Recognizes Long Time Members

The recent issue of The Restorer Magazine listed the "Member Longevity Awards" for 2011. Among them can be found five Santa Anita A's families: **30 Years** - Mel & Jackie Gross, Michael Kniest, Art & Olive Moore: **25 Years** - Mickey & Bea Fruchter, Ken & Betty Mallory. Each received a lapel pin reflecting their years of membership.

MAFCA does not divulge the age of members when they joined, but you can do the math.

Lost and Found

Looking for a Santa for Dec. 10 th. Read info on page 12 Contact Mickey Fruchter. Do it for the kids

COMING EVENTS

City of Hope Facility Tour

Friday, December 9

by Bob Moore



The City of Hope is a National Cancer Institute designated, Comprehensive Cancer Center. How fortunate we are to have this leader in treatment and

research in our backyard. We have been invited by the City of Hope for a VIP tour of their facilities. The tour will be a little less than two hours. Following the tour, we will be their guests for lunch.

Meet at the facility, 500 Duarte Road in Duarte at 9:45 AM. The tour begins at 10:00 AM. Parking has been secured for our group at the northeast corner of LOT A, which is on the left as you enter the facility.

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10

by Joe Wilson



Santa has a special treat for all of us this year; he will be bringing puppeteer/ventriloquist Nancy Mitchell and a few members of the cast of her **Winter Wizardy** holiday revue to our Christmas party. Ms. Mitchell is a second

generation professional puppeteer who has presented her Minikin Puppet shows to an estimated four million children and adults in 20 states and Canada. Her performance will follow the catered dinner.

But first, you must sign up and pay for your reservations by Friday, December 2nd (that's the November general meeting day). For club members and adult guests, your cost will be \$10.00 each. Anyone bringing kids or grand kids under 18, will pay only \$5.00 per body.



So, bring your money and sign up for the party at the next general meeting. Better yet, make your reservations and send money to Carol Emanuelli today. We need to contact Santa by December 2 to tell him how many people will be expecting him.

The party will be held, as last year, at the Sierra Madre Methodist Church, 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. (NE corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Michillinda). Be there by 6:00 PM and park in the rear lot.

Remember: If you want Santa to hand out a present to your Child/grandchild at the party,

you must wrap it and put the name of the child on the package and place it under the tree for Santa to pass out.

Also please bring non-perishable foods to the Dec. 2nd meeting, or the party on the 10th for donation to the Foothill Unity Center for families in need,

Christmas Lights Tour

Thursday, December 15

by Joe Wilson

There is a change of venue for this year's "Christmas Lights Tour and Cookie Sing Along". Our lights tour will begin at 6:30 PM, leaving from Coco's restaurant in Pasadena, proceeding West to the home of Joy & Joe Wilson where we will have our normal sweet snacks and "Sing Along".



Our Lights Tour route will include a portion of Hastings Ranch, the Balian house, Christmas Tree Lane and selected sights in La Canada.

Bring a dozen or so cookies, fudge, brownies or other snacks for the event. Drinks will be furnished by the Wilsons. You may want to get to Coco's early and have your dinner prior to our 6:30 PM departure. Rain is not included in our schedule, but an enjoyable evening is.

January Auction

General Meeting- January 27, 2012

by Joe Wilson

You may think it's too early to worry about the annual Santa Anita A's Auction, but let me explain. You will be pretty busy with all of the Holiday events coming up so you need to plan ahead and take advantage of the excellent timing of the auction.



First, on those rainy days, sort through your attic, garage and closets to find those things you did not throw out last year but wish you had. Now then, there are those Christmas gifts you will receive but should have been given to someone else. Put the wrappers back on, add them to the pile along with the other hand picked "surplus" you started. Cover it all with plastic and label it "For the Santa Anita A's January auction". The pile may start small, but by spreading the effort over two months you will be surprised at what you can "liberate" from your inventory.

COMING EVENTS - CONTINUED

Tour to the CCRG Jamboree

March 29 – April 1

by Bob Moore



October's issue contained an article about the CCRG in Bakersfield. One of the reasons I am excited about this event is because it is relatively close by. On previous trips to Central and Northern California, we would spend the night in Bakersfield. Now we have the opportunity to spend more time in the area with fellow Model A'ers from around the state.

You have a choice of one of the four tours offered on Friday, March 30. Tour 1 is a 160 miles scenic and educational tour to the Carrizo Plains and the surrounding areas. Tour 2 is a 100 mile oil history tour of Taft, CA. Tour 3 is an historical and educational tour of the Shafter Depot Museum, the Green Hotel in Shafter and the Bugseum. Tour 4 is a 115 mile driving tour to the historic town of Havilah. My choice is tour four as the area we are driving through is particularly beautiful and Havilah, an old gold mining ghost town, sounds interesting

Getting to Bakersfield will be non-freeway. We will assemble at McDonalds in La Canada and take Angeles Crest Highway to Palmdale, and then on to Tehachapi for lunch. Then a short trip to Bakersfield. As is usual on our tours, we will plan a business meeting for each evening that does not conflict with one of the Jamboree events.

Information on all the tours, activities, hotel and registration is available on the Bakersfield Chapter's website www.bakersfield-MAFCA.com. The Bakersfield Chapter is the first MAFCA chapter and was formed in 1957. Since both the Santa Anita A's and the San Gabriel Valley MARC Club's are members of MAFCA, this will make a great joint club tour. If you cannot access the web site, contact Bob Moore for an application or additional information.

PAST EVENTS

Temple City Car Show

October 22

by Marlin Perry

One More Time

Yes, once again Santa Anita A's were busy running and working the Temple City car show. Every year we do it because the city gives us a place for our Board Meetings.



This year found us all paying ten dollars instead of a five-dollar fee. Debbie, the lady we work for increased the amount of trophies given out in the different classes. Our club did well; Nancy Stancil won one with her Sedan, and she was all smiles. Also Tony Catroppa, Joe Farino and Harry Mycroft won trophies.

This year we missed Hal Anthony helping us due to his recovering from heart problems and, also, Toni Caswell whose husband started the show years ago. We, as a club, thank all our members who helped.



PS I think Pete Henderson would have gotten a trophy; problem was he was in a stock class.

Jeopardy Filming Tour

October 26

by Carolyn McBride

Twenty-six members of SGVMARC and/or Santa Anita A's headed off for Culver City. We all ran into horrible traffic and a few members didn't make it in time for the taping.

The taping was great fun. The crew was so efficient. It is amazing what they accomplished in a relatively short period of time. In 2 1/2 hours they taped 3 shows. During the breaks, the host Alex Trebec, would come forward and speak with the audience. He was very personable.

After the taping, we headed to Twohey's for lunch. Some members had never been there, so we had to introduce them to the Hot Fudge Sundae and to the Onion Rings. Yum! Members attending: Bob & Judi Moore, Don & Carolyn McBride, Bev Kniest, Joe Blaylock, MaryAnn Sepulveda, Nancy Stancil, Jim Constantian, Tony Cortese & Robin, Bob & Joyce Travis, Pete & Gloria Henderson, Dick & Norma Canzoneri, Brad & Vicky Balmot, and Elsie Johnson.

PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Oak Glen, Riley's Apple Farm Tour

Thursday, Nov. 10

by Bob Moore

What could be better than a trip to the mountains and Oak Glen with sun shining, light wind blowing and 75 degrees. Not much, but the trip we made this year was a little cooler, a little less sun with no breeze. It was a little nippy.

Two weeks ago, I realized that we would be over two hours getting to Highland on surface streets with perhaps 75-100 traffic lights. After checking with the tour members and getting their agreement (some welcomed the change), I switched the routing to the freeway. We departed Wal-Mart on time and headed for the McDonald's in Highland.



After a short hour's drive with only two lane changes when the freeway narrowed, we were at McDonald's. It was then only a short 40 minute drive over back roads and up the hill to Oak Glen and Riley's Apple Farm.

Riley's is about as country as it gets. After parking in an old apple orchard, we walked to the check-in barn. There were apple trees all around, but only one lonely apple still on the trees. An early frost had reduced the crop considerably. The trees had all been picked. We started our day with field events which included archery, tomahawk and knife throwing and a men's only limited log rolling.



The results are in -
Knife Throwing Champions:
Men's – Bob Travis,
Women's – Carol Emanuelli
Tomahawk Throwing
Champs: Men's -Bob Travis
(Must be his Army training)
Women's – Nancy Stancil



Archery Champion: Men's - None. Many came close to the target. Mickey gets dishonorable mention for shooting his arrow over the top of a 25' wall (when the target was 4' off the ground.)

He also gets the same mention for shooting his arrow the farthest when it went over the wall. This is of note since some arrows only went 2'. Women's Champion: None. Didn't do any better than the men.

After the exhausting field events, we went off for a saw mill demonstration. Several of the men who helped roll the log liked this event for it brought them in contact with Susan Anton. Actually it was a log from the Anton farm just up the road. Following the saw mill, we made apple cider the old fashioned way – hand pressing.

First the apples had to be sorted and washed in ice cold water. Bob Moore and Bob Travis did the honors. John Fant jumped in to help until he realized how cold the water was. While the apples were being fed into the cutter, Nancy Sharpe, John Fant and then Joe Wilson cranked the cutting blades. It was harder than it appeared to us watchers. Joe Wilson won the cranking speed award. (I think he was trying to get warm). Next Bob Travis and Joe Principe ran the press to squeeze the apple juice out of the ground up apples. We then all had a glass of the fresh cider. It was good.



Apple Annie's in Oak Glen was the choice for lunch. At first it appeared that we were in for a long wait getting seated, but fortunately a group the same size as ours was just leaving. Chuck Sharpe deserves honorable mention for giving all of the others at lunch a "Gosh, I could have had a V-8" moment. We all ordered regular lunches and Chuck stepped right up and ordered apple pie a la mode for his. The rest of us didn't even have dessert.

The drive home was as easy as the trip up, about 1½ hours from Oak Glen. Enjoying the mountains were Mickey and Bea Fruchter, Nancy Stancil and Joe Principe, Bob and Joyce Travis, John and Gracie Fant, Chuck and Nancy Sharpe, Joe Wilson, Bob Moore, Don and Carolyn McBride, John and Carol Emanuelli and Tom and Sheri Johnson.

PAST EVENTS - CONTINUED

Ladies' Driving School

Saturday, November 19

by John Knox



Bob Travis really did not want to lead the seminar so he (2 months ahead) planned it on a day of rain. It didn't work!

We had two experienced drivers who wanted to learn more and 12 other beginners who did very well. Bob chose assistants, Nancy Stancil, who has driven on long tours, and Dorothy Knox, who has even driven hers over the Swiss Alps and on the Autobahn in 3 Euro-countries.



Bob did a great job and included his wonderful humor and the ladies learned a lot and did well driving the course. Bob Moore said he would plan a Ladies' Driving Tour.

All those ladies will then have a chance to shift into 3rd gear and earn the "This Lady Drives A Model A Badge" for driving on a tour.



The event, which included both a lecture and hands on experience, was held at Thurston LeVay's company office in Monrovia



Participating were: Sue Chandler, Carol Emanuelli, Mary Ann Sepulveda, Sheri Johnson, Ruth Ann LeVay, Gerry Green, Bea Fruchter, Vicky Balmot, Joy Wilson, Judi Moore, JoAnn Formia.

Bob Travis had three assistant Instructors: Nancy Stancil, Dorothy Knox and Bob Moore. Test cars were provided by Bob Travis, Marlin Perry and John Knox. Ruth Ann LeVay and Gerry Green provided refreshments for the seminar.



Santa Teresita Family Festival Festival

Sunday, Nov. 20

by Dena & Helen Cortez

Thank you to all the Antique and Classic Car Owners that came out to support this event. The weather was threatening but all had a great time until the rain came in the afternoon. Participants left early before the awards could be given out. Everyone got a free car wash! Hope everyone made it home safely.



Thank you to all that attended:

Leroy Gilbert - 1957 Ford Thunderbird Coupe
Mike Kniest - 1938 Ford Delux Coupe
Nancy Stancil - 1930 Ford 4 Door Sedan
Joe Principe - 1928 Ford 2 Dr. Model A
Terry Riker - 1934 Ford 5 Windo Coupe
Mario Vargas - 1940 Chevy Special Deluxe
Joe Farino - 1972 Chevy Malibu Convertible
Erine Ramos - 1948 Chevy Fleetmaster
Tom & Sheri Johnson - 1929 Ford Model A
John & Carol Emanuelli - 1931 Ford Sedan
Bob Moore
Marlin and Elaine Perry

People's Choice Winners

Pre 1931 Trophy goes to Nancy Stancil
Post 1931 Trophy goes to Mario Vargas

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Marlin also arranged cars for Rio Hondo Prep's Home Coming and it looks good for next year with half-time use of our cars.

The ladies had a good turn-out for their monthly brunch and the men enjoyed a big turnout for the monthly men's breakfast. We celebrated Marlin Perry's birthday and Elaine brought "birthday cupcakes" to the restaurant for all of us to celebrate.

Joe Wilson seems to have nothing to do. Besides being our editor of the Spoken Wheels, offering the use of his home for our Holiday Lights Tour, he has now assumed the position of webmaster for the Santa Anita A's. Check out his work ... santaanitaas.org. A BIG thanks to Mike Williams for managing our website for many years.

Last, but not least, we need volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year. They will meet in January and February to present a slate of officers for the March Meeting. Elections will be held at our April Meeting and the installation will be in May. Our club is great because of our volunteers and the work they do.

MARLIN'S MUSINGS

By Marlin Perry



SEMINAR NEWS

This month we worked on Don Dawkins' shocks. Thanks to John Emanuelli he got Don's brake lines all straightened. They were badly bent by pressure shocks on the rear. It really was neat how John did it without removing the brake lines from the car.

Randy Harper put Floater parts on Don's front end. It was noted by Randy that Don's cross shaft bushings were badly worn. If your car has this problem you can buy split bushings, making them easy to install. If you are interested, Mel Gross is rebuilding the cross shaft bushings and will sell you a cross shaft. If you are one of the members having brake problems, this will likely be part of the reason.

Without saying much, I will tell you our Technical Director, Bob Travis, is planning a brake seminar; good news for those with brake problems. He has said it is going to happen sometime after the first of the year. Amen.

Low End Boys -Mel Gross, John Emanuelli, Ted Bruns, Mickey Fruchter, Gene Reinhardt, Dick Homet, Louie Formia and Marlin Perry.

Big News! Open up our web site and we have music and all kinds of good things for all to see and hear. Thanks to Joe Wilson our web site is alive and looking good. Like everything Joe does he is looking to add more. Thanks, Joe

Well football half times are over and we did just ok this year with three games. It takes about three hours of time per game for those doing the driving. We have a donation of fifty dollars per car, so we make \$16 to \$17 dollars per hour. It sure helps our treasury. Average game uses 5 cars. Thank you, drivers.

This week is a good week for members Mary Garduno and Harold Baquet; they both came home from a hospital.

I don't know how many of you know Vicky Balmot is truly dedicated to about six charity organizations. Always donating her money and time to them. Outstanding of her.

Can you imagine a garage that will house ten Model A's and have plenty of room for a workbench and parts? That is what Bob Moore's garage is now. Lucky man. I hate you! Just kidding.

Talk about a nice engine, well, that's what Ken Mallory's B engine is. Chuck Sharpe rebuilt it for Ken. Bob Travis and Ken put it in Ken's car.

This last month found the Low End Boys along with Brad and other Regional Club members working on the MAFFI car. It is beginning to come along real good. Thanks to all.

John Knox is a happy boy; Bob Travis helped him get his engine in his Model A. Looking good, Bob.

Thank you to the following members who signed up as ball game helpers: Bob Travis, Ken Mallory, John Knox, Brad Balmot, Randy Harper, Gene Reinhardt, Nancy Stancil, Leroy Gilbert, Mickey Fruchter, Jim Constantian and myself Marlin. Thanks to all.

Have you heard Terry Ryker may go to jail? He got one nice Model T Hot Rod car he bought from Indiana. He didn't really buy it, he "Stole it". What a nice car and at a nice price. Nice going Terry.

Two Model A's for Sale

1930 1 1/2 ton Model A Truck. Registered to June 2010.
1929 Model A Roadster. Appears to be mostly complete except for top irons and sides of hood. Body and fenders appear to only have surface rust. Both cars ready for restoration.
\$4,000 each.
Call Connie at 626-799-5324.



1928 Sport Coupe

New battery, points, plugs, rebuilt carburetor, radiator removed and flushed. Runs good. Being sold by former Santa Anita A's member. Located in Sierra Madre. \$8,000.
Susan Day 626-355-3835



1930 Deluxe Coupe

Low miles since older restoration. Very nice inside and out. Wood-grained Dash and door trim.
\$12,500
Call Ron at 805-967-3572 or Truett at 805-687-3826.



1930 Radiator Shell

\$100

John Sanchez 626-476-9030



From the Library

In preparation for the ladies' driving seminar I decided to consult my Model A Instruction Book. I'll bet that many of you do not have an Instruction Book, or if you have one, do not know where it is, and if you do, have never read it.

I did find it most informative for my purposes and also found a section I had never paid attention to previously. It is found at the rear of the Instruction

book, (pages 51- 52) entitled "Summary of Engine Troubles and Their Causes". I thought that you would find this interesting and have reprinted the pages below.

I had a good laugh when I read the last item "Loose Bearing" under "Engine Knock". By the way, the recommended spark gap setting of .027" was later changed to .035 ".

SUMMARY OF ENGINE TROUBLES AND THEIR CAUSES

Engine Fails to Start:

If starter turns engine over freely, check the following:

Ignition switch off.

Gasoline tank empty or supply shut off.

If engine is cold, mixture may not be rich enough—choke button not pulled back. See starting instructions, page 8.

Warm engine—over choking. See page 8.

Breaker points too close. The correct adjustment is .018 to .022".

Spark plug gaps too wide. Correct gap .027".

Water in sediment bulb or carburetor. See instructions on page 22.

Starter Fails to Turn Engine Over:

Battery run down. A quick way to check this is to turn on the lights, and depress the starter switch. If the battery is weak the lights will go out or grow quite dim. If the battery is run down, have it recharged.

Loose or dirty battery connections—See that both the negative and positive battery terminal connections are clean and tight. These connections should be checked regularly.

Missing at Low Speed:

Gas mixture too rich or too lean. See carburetor adjustment on pages 24 and 25.

Too close a gap between spark plug points. The correct gap is .027".

Breaker points improperly adjusted, badly burnt or pitted. See adjusting breaker contact points, page 28.

Fouled spark plug. Plugs should occasionally be cleaned and the gaps checked.

Water in gasoline. See instructions on cleaning sediment bulb and carburetor, page 22.

Missing at High Speed:

Insufficient gasoline flowing to carburetor due to gasoline line or filter screen being partly clogged.

Gas mixture too rich or too lean. See carburetor adjustment instructions, pages 24 and 25.

Water in gasoline, drain sediment bulb and carburetor as described on page 22.

Engine Stops Suddenly

Gasoline tank empty.

Dirt in fuel line or carburetor. See instructions on page 22.

Gas mixture too lean. See adjustment of carburetor, pages 24 and 25.

Engine Overheats

Lack of water—radiator should be kept well filled.

Lack of oil—check oil level as described on page 5.

Fan belt loose or slipping. See fan belt adjustment, page 19.

Excessive carbon deposit on piston heads and in combustion chamber. This can be corrected by taking off the cylinder head and removing the carbon. (Ford dealers are equipped for this work).

Incorrect spark timing. See ignition timing page 28.

Gas mixture too rich. See adjustment of carburetor, pages 24 and 25.

Water circulation retarded by sediment in radiator. (See Cleaning the Radiator, page 19.)


Engine Knocks

Carbon knock—caused by a deposit of carbon in combustion chamber and on piston heads. Take off cylinder head and remove carbon.

Ignition knocks—usually occur when the car is suddenly accelerated or when ascending steep grades or travelling through heavy sand with the spark lever fully advanced. Slightly retarding the spark lever eliminates the knock. The spark should be advanced as soon as normal road conditions are encountered. For normal driving the spark lever should be carried about half way down the quadrant.

Engine overheats. Check conditions listed under "Engine Overheats."

Loose bearing. If a bearing has become loose it should be adjusted by an authorized Ford mechanic.



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