



April 2022

# Spoken Wheels

## THE NEXT MEETING

### General Meeting

Friday, April 29, 7:00 pm

Church of the Good Shepard - 400 W. Duarte Rd Arcadia

### Program

This month's program is now under development and can be referred to as the "Mystery Program" not to be missed.

## NEWS BITS

### Our Meetings Are Back

Our first General meeting in March ended a two year hiatus. We are now back in business! Our next meeting is Friday, March 25. Crank up your A, come see us, kick tires and join in the fun.



### Tours Are Back

We are now back in the tour business! Check out the reports in this newsletter on our recent and upcoming tours. We've got some good ones planned so you need to mark up your calendar now so you don't miss out.

### Club Member Mary McDannel Passes

Mary McDannel passed away Feb 10, 2022. Mary was born in 1943 and raised in Covina where she later taught in the Covina school district for 37 years. She and her husband, John, were married for 56 years and raised three daughters. Mary and John joined the SAA's in January of 2004 where John served as our President in 2016 and 2017.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOB HARBICHT

Well, after two years of having no general membership meetings, another two or three months of predicting (incorrectly) that we were going to start up again, we finally made it. In March we had a general meeting! Were you there? If not, we plan to have a meeting the last Friday of the month for the remainder of the year. Mark your calendars now.



I'd like to thank Bob Moore for chairing the meeting. I was unable to be there because Patsy and I were in Hawaii. I know, it's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it. I hear there were many interesting stories of how various members came to the Model A hobby. One thing I've learned: everyone has an interesting story. In fact, we didn't get a chance to hear from everyone. So, we'll have this feature as a part of a future meeting.

Your Board of Directors is meeting regularly and planning the Santa Anita A's year. We are going to have a full slate of activities. Also, Jim Kroeger, Chris Wickersham, Joe Wilson and I have been meeting as a "tour committee" to plan events that will give you the opportunity to get out and exercise your A. We are now four months into the year and have had four great tours! If you haven't been taking part, you should! We're getting lots of cars out and having lots of fun.

There is probably an article in another part of this newsletter about the March tour: a "mystery tour" which was lots of fun. Chris Wickersham and Joe Wilson put a great deal of time, effort and imagination into designing the tour; it was a beautiful route. Patsy and I didn't win any of the prizes. Apparently our time (the *correct* time) did not agree with the time Joe and Chris calculated for the route. Oh well, maybe they'll get it right next time.

And there will be a next time! At the elegant post-tour luncheon all who participated were in agreement that we should have another Mystery Tour next year.

Next month is a different kind of "tour." We usually do our Mt. Baldy tour on May 5, the National Day of Prayer (I know, I know, it's also Cinco De Mayo, when everyone has an excuse to drink margaritas and pretend to be Mexican for a day). Due to a problem with the restaurant at Mt. Baldy, we will be having our lunch at Royal Oaks Manor, after our traditional car show. Details are in another part of this newsletter. C'mon out and show off your car, have a great Mexican lunch, and say hello to your Model A friends. See ya there.

## CALENDAR OF TOURS & EVENTS

### April

29 - General Meeting - Church of the Good Shepard, Arcadia

### May

5 - Mt. Baldy Tour- see page 3

9 - Ladies Brunch, Annia's, 11:00 AM, San Gabriel Valley Airport

19 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM Annia's, San Gabriel Valley Airport

17 - General Meeting

### June

4 - Tour to Casa de San Rafsel - Details TBA

### July

23 - Mt. Wilson Observatory Tour - Detail TBA

### September

9, 10, 11, 12 - Big Bear Tour, Details TBA

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### April Birthdays

### Birthdays continued

2 - Martha Utter

19 - Nancy Stoner

2 - Joe Escandon

22 - Chuck Sharpe

2 - Richard Morgan

25 - Marianne Barrosa

3 - Chuck Mauch

5 - Margaret Russell

5 - LeRoy Kehret

### April Anniversaries

6 - Howard White

3 - Randy & Ruth Harper

9 - Sue Rogers

4 - Richard & Jean Ware

13 - John Spielmann

15 - Dave & Deborah Galassi

13 - Sandra Loe

19 - Mike & Andrea Plessner

16 - Chuck Boekennoogen

20 - Leslie & Ann Pam

16 - Jack Conway

28 - Corky & Sharon Gray

16 - Bill Stoner

29 - Richard & Toshiko Favela

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Sunshine report** - Sue Chandler - Miss Sunshine

A sympathy card was sent to John McDannel and family on the passing of Mary on February 10, 2022.

**Cookie Bringers** - The Cookies are still outlawed

**Photo Donors** - Bob Moore, Nancy Stancil, Jim Kroeger, Olive Moore, Joe Wilson

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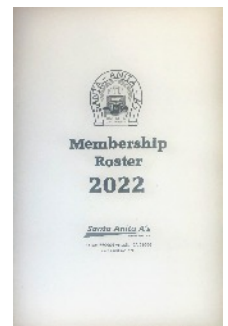
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## NEWS BITS - MORE

### Santa Anita A's 2022 Roster Now Available

The new 2022 SAA's roster contains the names of all current club members and their contact information. Your personalized copy will be available for pickup at the next general meeting on April 29. So, it is **important** that you attend the meeting.



### May is Model A Youth Month

The national organizations have proclaimed May as Model A Youth Month and have encouraged all local clubs to participate. The Santa Anita A's will be displaying our cars to young people at the Boys And Girls Club of the Foothills in Monrovia.

This will be an afternoon event where we will bring a few Model A's to their clubhouse to introduce the young people to our favorite car.

Date and time is still to be determined. We will reach out to members shortly by email to take part in this event. Stay Tuned.



## PONDER THIS



### Advice From An Old Hillbilly

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks, bankers, and politicians at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Forgive your enemies; only logical to get along
- If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll find the time to do it twice.
- Don't corner something that is meaner than you.
- Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- Don't be banging your shin on a stool that's not in the way.
- Borrowing trouble from the future doesn't deplete the supply.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and most of that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
- Most times, it just gets down to common sense.

## COMING TOURS & EVENTS

### Mount Baldy Tour With a Big Twist

Thursday May, 5

by Bob Moore

Annually, for most of the last 15 years, on the National Day of Prayer, we began the Mt. Baldy Tour with a car show at Royal Oaks Manor. Unfortunately, this year, staffing shortages, especially in the cooking department, at the Mt Baldy Lodge restaurant have ruled out our Mr. Baldy destination.

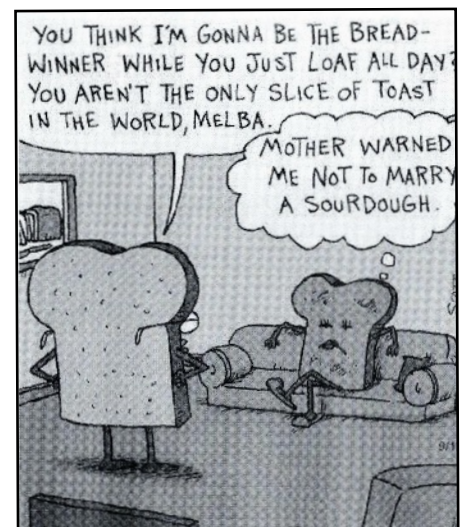


We have a great plan for this year and it's all local. A car show featuring our Model A's and lunch at Royal Oaks Manor. On Thursday, May 5, we will celebrate both the National Day of Prayer and Cinco de Mayo, without a drive up the mountain.

Plan to arrive in your Model A and assemble at Royal Oaks Manor between 10:30 AM and 10:40 AM for the car show. About 11:45 AM, there will be a special Cinco de Mayo taco bar lunch served by the Royal Oaks staff. The cost for the lunch is \$8.00 per person.

You need to respond soon if you want to participate. **The final head count is May 1.** You need to respond first to Joe Wilson letting him know that you are attending, how many for lunch and if you are driving a Model A. Second, send an \$8.00 check payable to the Santa Anita A's, PO Box 660904, Arcadia, CA 91066.

### Just For Fun





## PAST TOURS & EVENTS

### Orange County Pancake Breakfast

March 20

by Joe Wilson

After a two year absence due to the government covid shutdown, the Orange County Model A Club's pancake breakfast was back in operation. The sun was out as were many Model A's and their drivers.



All model variations of Model A's were on display including two rare Town Cars. There was a very nice restored Evenrude powered wood fishing boat towed by a equally nice restored Model A Phaeton.

A Burtz Model A engine representative and engine were on display where orders were accepted. A Burtz engine was the grand prize among the many raffle prizes offered.



I lost track but believe there were 15 or 20 SAA's members on hand for the event.



### CCRG

April 5, 6, 7

by Joe Wilson

The Central California Regional Group (CCRG) held their annual Jamboree in Paso Robles this year after a two year Covid shut down. It was nice to see all the cars and their owners with happy unmasked faces.



There were close to 200 registrations for the event. Registrations include couples so the attendance was nearly twice as much, filling the meeting room to capacity.

Two seminars were presented on Tuesday: one on vintage Model A parts and accessories presented by Ron Mosier, the other, presented by Terry Burtz on the Burtz engine. That evening we were served a BBQ dinner. Wednesday morning we all departed on a variety of different tours followed by a final banquet and announcement of the raffle winners.



A group of eight SAA's cars left L.A. On Monday, a day early making an overnight stop in Santa Maria with a visit to the Guadeloupe Sand Dunes.



A car break down in the middle of a sandstorm provided an exciting backdrop for a field repair. An additional group of SAA's members met us at the jamboree.





## PAST TOURS & EVENTS - MORE

### Mystery Tour

April 16

by Joe Wilson

Twenty six of our SAA's members showed up for a tour on Saturday, April 16 but had no idea where they were going. It was called a 'Mystery Tour' because the destination was a mystery.



After arriving at our starting point, the Arcadia Park on Santa Anita Ave., participants were handed driving instructions to identify street names and turns to be made. Cars were started at one minute intervals. Their starting times and mileage were noted on their instructions.

The drive took us through Sierra Madre, Altadena, La Canada, and Pasadena. During the drive participants were asked questions regarding landmarks observed between making the directed street changes, such as: did you pass a church? How many schools did you see? Did you see a white rabbit? How many bicycle signs did you count?



A rest stop was made at the La Canada Country Club where we had a nice view of the valley. Our final destination was the Brookside Restaurant at the Rose Bowl where we had a well served lunch.

At the end of the tour each car's arrival time and mileage were noted. Prizes were awarded for the cars arriving closest to the "par" for time and mileage. Everyone won a prize, including Joe Principe and Nancy Stancil for doing the best job of getting lost.

This tour was advertised as "The First Annual Mystery tour. The response has been that we should have a "Second Annual Mystery tour".



## MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Bob Moore at 7:05 PM. The flag salute was led by member Dino Falabrino.

#### Announcements:

Bea Fruchter reminded the ladies that we needed a volunteer to bring the Ladies Raffle items for April.

Bob Moore gave us an up-date on his wife, Judy who had fallen. She is now at home and recovering nicely.

Mickey Fruchter gave an up-date on the Low End Boys.

**Membership Report:** Randy Harper reported we have 18 new members who joined our club during the last couple of years. Two of the new members were present at our meeting and spoke about their cars.

**Sunshine Report:** Sue Chandler sent get-well cards to Tom Endy, John Spielman and Chuck Sharp. She also sent a Sympathy card to Carolyn Riker regarding the passing of her husband Terry.

**Tour Report:** Joe Wilson reported that there are tours in our future. One being a Mystery Tour scheduled for Saturday, April 16, which will include a lunch stop. Another is our tour to Mt. Baldy. This tour includes a car show, a drive to Mt. Baldy Lodge and of course lunch. Plans for this tour may change since the Lodge now has a new owner. The back-up plan will be to gather at Royal Oaks for a car show and then have lunch there in the restaurant at Royal Oaks.

**Spoken Wheels:** Joe Wilson will mail our next issue of the newsletter on the Saturday before the club meeting.

**Approve of Minutes:** The last minutes of our club meeting in 2020 were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was read by Chuck Davies and approved by the club.

**Program:** Several members of our club spoke about the history of their Model A: How old they were (some 11, some 12 years of age and older) when they first drove a Model A, and how old the Model A was when they bought it. One borrowed a Model A to take out his future wife on their first date. One member bought a car from his grandfather for \$5 dollars and still has the same car in his garage, untouched for 50 years. They told what color the car was when first bought and the color it is now. Some had fun driving their car to school. Others said the car they bought was missing parts, fixed the car and still have it today and yes, it runs. Some members actually drove their Model A's to and from work.

**Break:** A 15-minute break was taken and then back to business.

#### Old Business:

**Youth Restoration** - Bob Moore explained how the Youth Restoration organization supports the youth that are interested in Model A Cars. There will be a meeting in May at the Boys & Girls Club in Monrovia to introduce the Model A's to the youth there.

**Low-End Boys** - Mickey Fruchter gave a brief talk regarding what the Low-End Boys do. Call him if you need help. You can join the group and learn how to work on your own car.

**CCRG** - There are 13 cars signed-up to attend the meeting in Paso Robles. They will be leaving McDonalds in La Canada, Monday morning at 9:00 am.

**Raffles:** Everyone enjoyed both the Men's and Women's Raffles.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was called to an end at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted - Carol Emanuelli

## Model A Ignition System

The ignition system of the Model A Ford seems to be the cause of most of the problems that prevents the engine from starting or not running correctly. Actually, the ignition system is very simple and once it is in good condition, it requires very little maintenance to keep it in good order. The basic components of the ignition system are the coil, spark plugs, the ignition switch assembly and the distributor.



First, the spark plugs. Good quality spark plugs should last many thousands of miles with little attention. If your engine is in good condition and you drive your car on a regular basis, spark plugs should last 10,000 miles at a minimum. I have over 18,000 miles on the spark plugs in my Model A Tudor and they still

perform well. I have only cleaned and re-gapped them once. I like the reproduction Champion 3X plugs because they look like the originals but the replacement Champion W16Y plugs seem to work equally well and are less expensive.

The coil is another component that rarely causes a problem but I would strongly suggest an original coil be exchanged for a good quality replacement or reproduction. The old insulation in the original coils can fail causing the coil to short out internally. Quality name brand 6 volt coils are still available from your local auto parts store or one of the better Model A parts suppliers. Good quality reproductions of the original Model A coil are also being made. Just beware of any electrical component made in China.



The original "Pop-Out" ignition switch is a very good quality component but they are now more than 90 years old and are subject to failure unless they have been restored by a reputable re-builder. A problem with the switch assembly can often be traced to the insulation failing on the original internal wire and grounding out the switch.

Now for the distributor. This little item, while very simple in design can cause a multitude of problems. If it has been properly rebuilt with quality components, it is actually very

reliable and needs little maintenance but the key words here are "properly rebuilt" and "quality components". Good service and reliability can be experienced with a distributor in the same configuration as Henry's original designed with two exceptions. The only modifications I make is to use the shaft and cam screw that has the provision to be able to better lubricate the upper bushing and to use the better designed Model B distributor cam. The Model B cam is configured for an increase in dwell time which increases coil saturation when the points are closed which results in a hotter spark. Model B cams are a direct replacement for the Model A distributor cam and are readily available.



For good reliability, be sure your distributor has the original type extra flexible fine multi strand lower plate wire, a new "burn out proof" condenser and good quality original type points. The lower plate wire must flex every time you move the spark lever and rotate the upper plate. Normal automotive wire is not intended to be this flexible and will eventually fail. A new "burn out proof" condenser is much less likely to fail due to the heat from the exhaust manifold. I also like to use original style points instead of the "modern" points that are being sold.

Modern points are very hard to adjust. Good quality original type points are available both from the better parts suppliers and even some local auto parts stores and they are very easy to adjust. Just be sure you do not buy points that are made in China. They have very little tungsten and will easily burn which will cause the engine not to run. I buy Standard brand Model A points from my local O'Reilly's Auto Parts. Quality points will last a long time. As with the spark plugs, I have over 18,000 miles on the points in my Tudor and have cleaned and adjusted them just a couple of times. I do put a little lube on the cam every time I change the oil.



## Tech Tip

Always adjust the point gap before setting the ignition timing. Changing the point gap will also change the timing so be sure to check the timing after setting the points.



## CAR STORIES

*The following humorous story written by Jane Bode appeared in the November 1955 Motor Trend Magazine. This is the final part of the two part report on her experience being married to a "Car Fiend". Jane is a neighbor of mine living in the MonteCedro retirement community in Altadena.*

*J. Wilson*

### FIEND GOES FOREIGN Part 2

by Jane B. Bode

In Chicago the temperature hit 14 below and the Volkswagen refused to move. Such a blow to the master's ego! All night long a lamp burned beside the carburetor, and still it would not budge without a push.



*It appeared there was no limit to our ability to "store stuff" in the little VW.*

This difficulty and others brought me into the hallowed bowels of the foreign car shop. Here we found sympathetic ears and mechanical know-how--at a price.

There was a tense hush as 5 men huddled over one machine. Tools lay on a scarlet cloth on the fenders. They were handled gently, then carefully locked away. This was an emergency ward. Other "patients" were parked row on row. A stripped Italian sports car, a 2-tone Jag coupe, a 1928 Lincoln touring car, and a custom Spohn waited silently for the specialist. Their chrome engines, burnished leather seats and lean bodies spoke eloquently to me of the dreams and heartaches entombed therein.

Of course, there was time to look around. (It's part of the plan---this opportunity to browse and whet appetites.) Tom probed the Microbus, extolling its merits. He adoringly rubbed the Porsche, and deliberated "objectively" about a VW sunroof sedan.

A blond mechanic approached. "Vut iss da matter wit her?" Tom's eyes lit up at the 1st accented words. This would be a job well done! "Choke cable, I think." Tom lifted the hood. "She stalls and sometimes she won't start." "Ve fix her fine."

"Choke cables run about a buck 50?" Tom inquired.

"Ya, but we need just a little gasket here, one there, and she be like new."

Two nickel gaskets and 3 hours' labor—that was the German economy, and no amount of talking would convince this man to discard the worn part for new. I shrugged my shoulders. Tom kept his \$1.50. The expert adjusted the old cable free of charge and we went on our way, stalling at the next icy stop.

Back thru southern Illinois real trouble began. Dusk had settled, one headlight was out, and the rain came drizzling down. Once in a while a light glimmered from some distant farm. The VW moved slower and slower up each of the rolling hills. Behind me the pistons were pounding out a spasmodic rhythm. Up front Tom drove with that stern, uncomfortable look. Not only was his pride at stake this time, it was doubtful that his pride would roll another inch.

The next town, Pinckneyville, Ill., was by no means a mechanical mecca. At a dimly lit station a mechanic approached us with awe. Perhaps he thought the Martians had landed, for he'd never seen a foreign car close up, had never heard of Volkswagens, and nearly had apoplexy at the sight of the opposed 4 in the rear.

Need I say we went no farther that night? In the morning we switched directions and chanced a run to the nearest dealer, in St. Louis. Carol climbed over laps and dog, from front to back, and back to front, grinding chocolate cookies into the seat. Susan fidgeted and with gooey fingers smeared the window panes.

In East St. Louis we hunted a motorcycle shop "that sometimes had funny cars parked out front." It was closed. Someone suggested a lumber dealer who owned a foreign car. When we looked up his office, the first rays of hope shone thru. The Volkswagen shop, he told us, was across town. If we didn't make it, this dealer would gladly send his truck to tow us in.

Thru the congested city we sputtered, slower and slower. At last - there it was. Like a band of refugees we entered the place. Out came the engine, and then the verdict: due to a poorly tightened manifold, one valve had burned out. They would tear down the engine, grind all valves and replace a rusted muffler. This would take most of the day.

The shop owner (in cap and tweed jacket) sauntered over casually to offer us his unheated showroom for our stay. There among the aristocratic vehicles we cajoled, entertained, and wrestled with the children 'til they would be entertained no more. The coke and candy machines lost their appeal. Formula and dry diapers were running out. Besides, 2 leather chairs and a washroom proved quite inadequate for feedings and naps, so I took the only alternative. Back to the "bug" and up on the grease rack we went, into the stifling upper atmosphere of the shop.

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Down below the men worked meticulously, dipping and cleaning, screwing and unscrewing. Momentarily they referred to the service manual, which rested in a safe, clean space as thou it was the Gutenberg Bible. Water sprayed around us; the air hose screeched. We shuttled bottles and babies up and down. Stanley muffled a growl of distrust, and my body ached in the cramped quarters.

When darkness closed in, mechanics' wives arrived, and the shop door was locked. We looked clown on an impatient audience. The engine was still out, and waiting seemed unbearable. At 8 P.M. the hood slammed shut, and we paid a fat \$70 bill, Free again and ready to push for home, we rolled out into a brilliant but paralyzed St. Louis, under a glaze of sleet. We crawled to the city limits, slid down a banked drive to the door of a motel room. Never had privacy and rest and quiet seemed so sweet.

Perhaps you would have given up after all this. I might have too, but not Tom. The Kraut in him was not easily daunted, especially when our dealer displayed an enticing new Volkswagen. It had synchromesh transmission (just for me), red leather upholstery, self-adjusting seats (on ours, I got out and unscrewed the bolts) and chrome.

It didn't matter that the note on the blue beetle remained. In the interest of "good business judgment" and "safety" we would trade this car, "the one we would keep forever," for a shiny tan model.

So now, having never owned one car more than half a year, we are on the 4th month of this new VW—and still as proud as can be. Furthermore, this foreign mechanism is stealing its way into our hearts. We've gone across country, up mountains, thru snow and dust storms, except in an Oklahoma headwind the car performs without fault. Tom vacuums, washes, and polishes it until it gleams. He keeps doors and windows closed to preserve that new smell. He parks it in the shade, avoiding "limey" trees ( whatever those are) as directed in the manual. He pours over lists of accessories ( there are many) and studies the history and manufacture of Volkswagens in myriad publications which I'd hoped didn't exist—but do!

Without doubt this car is doing strange things to any husband's ego. Before, spotlight racers, dubious spectators, and insulting remarks were routinely ignored. Now a simple glance is a personal insult to Tom, our car, and, of course, to the German *volk* as well.

I hate to admit this, but even I have endangered its European dignity now and then. The time I drove up a mountain road with the emergency on, it hurt me as much as it did those rugged brakes. Then one day I turned against traffic on a one-way boulevard. Thoroughly embarrassed, I was dodging traffic and bewildered looks when I encountered a squad car face to face. In that flustered moment I smiled weakly, waved at the officers and disappeared with haste at

the next crossing. I presume my stupidity was attributed to womankind and not foreign cars, but each squad car I pass makes me squeamish inside. You see, in our Volkswagen we are always marked men.

All in all, we are still an oddity in this mobilized generation of Americans, but we rather like it Those jokes about roller skates, toys in your Christmas stockings, and squirrels under the hood are all old stuff to us. Children still point, Cadillacs race, many condemn, but we think pioneering is fun! We just smile knowingly and drive economically on our way.

You've heard of conversation pieces, I'm sure. Some folks hang them on their walls, some set them on tables, but we drive ours. It's Tom's 17th car—the one, by the way, which "we are going to keep forever." I have my doubts about that, but for now (at least 'til the next "deal" comes along ) my husband has gone strictly foreign.

The crazy part is this: for the 1st time in these fiendish adventures, this foreign bug has made me a fiend, too.





## For Sale

### Vintage License Plates

Jerry Lampassi is offering a pair of 1930 License plates for \$300.00 or best offer. The plates are cleared and in good shape.

Contact Jerry at: [jerrylampassi@live.com](mailto:jerrylampassi@live.com), or give him a call at: (909) 899.6015



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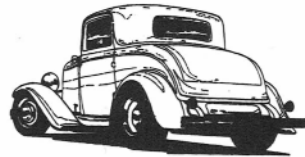
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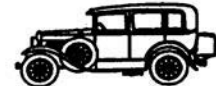
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