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The board and President Angelo Ricca apologize for the confusion of the location of last month's meeting. We promise this will never happen again.

Monthly Meeting: Wednesday August 22th at Picadilly at 6:00 pm for dinner. Arthur Hardy will be our guest speaker. Bring your friends and learn about Carnival and Madi Gras.

Please wear your Model A shirts to the meetings and events!

Happy Birthday to **Dianne Hunter** and **Bob Sappington!**

Coming Events:

August 22: Wednesday Meeting at Picadilly on Clearview with Arthur Hardy as our guest speaker!

September 9: Sunday travel in the A's to eat lunch at *Restaurant des Families*, 7163 Baratavia Blvd. Meet at 10:00 am at McDonalds on Jefferson Highway & Causeway.

September 22: National Model A Day. Suggestions for the club?

Sundays: Angelo is usually at his Oak Street "car barn" working on one of his cars or **yours** if you ask him ahead of the date. Let us know at the meetings what we can do to help YOU.

For Sale: Steve Willey has a 1930 chassis with engine. Call him at 504-884-2004.

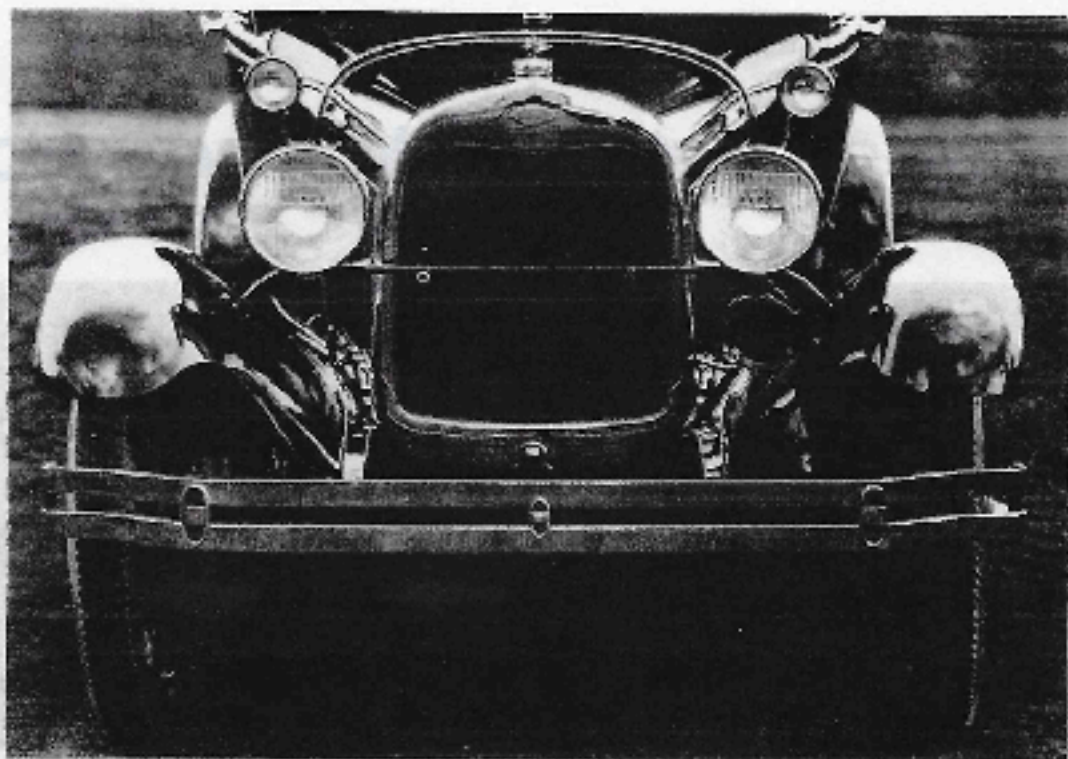
Jim Cruse has a 1930 Fordor in good/fair condition. It does have a rusty gas tank and is not being driven. Give him a call at: 504-428-4182 for more information.

Return to Wayne Jacob's



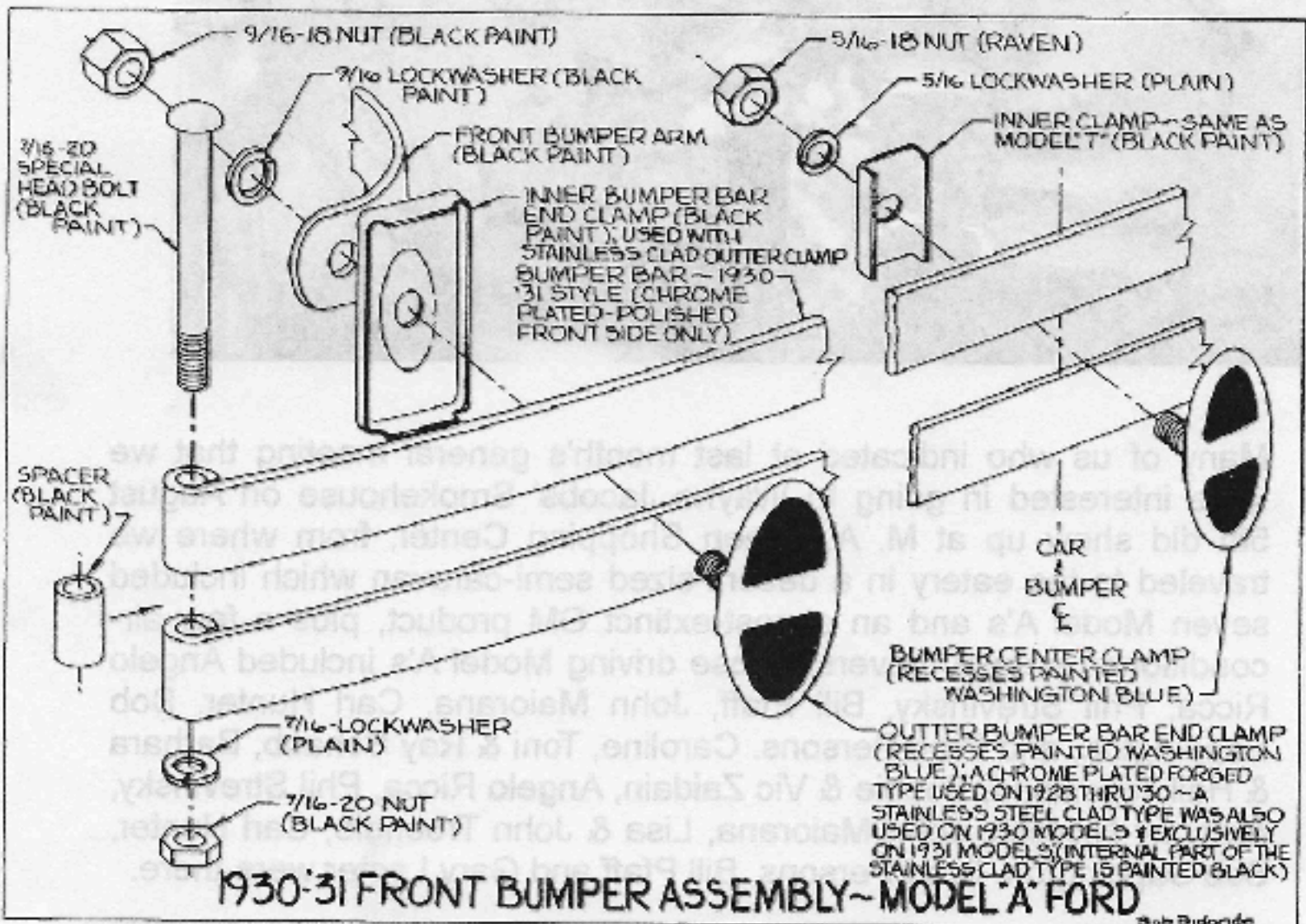
Many of us who indicated at last month's general meeting that we were interested in going to Wayne Jacobs' Smokehouse on August 5th did show up at M. A. Green Shopping Center, from where we traveled to the eatery in a decent-sized semi-caravan which included seven Model A's and an almost-extinct GM product, plus a few air-conditioned people movers. Those driving Model A's included Angelo Ricca, Phil Strevinsky, Bill Pfaff, John Maiorana, Carl Hunter, Bob Sappington, and Brad Persons. Caroline, Toni & Ray Schaub, Barbara & Hall Townsend, Bobbie & Vic Zaidain, Angelo Ricca, Phil Strevinsky, Anthony Nicolich, John Maiorana, Lisa & John Troendle, Carl Hunter, Bob Sappington, Brad Persons, Bill Pfaff and Gary Lester were there.

Take your hats off to Bob Bidonde, a structural engineer from East Northport, New York! The following six pages are drawings by him that appeared in the Model A Ford Club of Long Island Directory. Now, that's just too much talent to keep under wraps, Long Islanders!



BUMPER RESTORATION

By BOB BIDONDE



TOP FIVE MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR MODEL A FORDS

At Snyder's Antique Auto Parts, we are committed to helping hobbyists further pursue their passion. Recently, we caught up with Snyder's customer Rick Lindner, President of the Scioto Model A Ford Club in Columbus, Ohio. We asked him to impart his Top Five Maintenance tips for Model A enthusiasts.

1.Prevention is Key

Rick's number one tip is all about avoiding potential future problems.

"Always store your Model A properly", Rick says. "It's not enough to just park it for a period of time and hope it starts up the next time." Rick recommends that you drain the fluids, check your radiator, cover your Model A and store it in a low humidity area.

2.Keep it Regular

Next, Rick recommends that Model A hobbyists be vigilant about regular checks and maintenance.

"Make it a habit to check your fluids, radiator, brakes, fan belts, and transmission on a regular basis", he says. "Getting into a good routine of regular basic maintenance will prolong the life of your vehicle, and help you diagnose problems early."

3.Have the Right Tools

As many antique Ford owners know, all Fords up until 1948 came with a tool bag. These are great basic tools to get started, Rick says. He would also recommend going a step further and putting together a mechanics toolbox with the right instruments to care for your Model A.

4. Do Your Research

Always be learning about your car! Rick says. As a young Model A owner, Rick spent his high school study halls reading the Model A mechanics manual. He also recommends that new hobbyists brush up on their basic knowledge of auto mechanics, as well as search the Internet for information, and find old and new books about their Model A.

5. Join a Club

As a long time member of both Model A and Model T clubs, Rick is a huge advocate of antique car communities, and suggests that Model A enthusiasts join a club in their area.

You don't have to own a Model A to attend meetings, he says. Sometimes it's a good way for beginners to learn some of the basics before they make their first purchase. It's also a great way for hobbyists of all skill levels to share knowledge and solve problems.

Finally, as a Model A owner who has literally driven coast to coast in his Model A, and been president of his local club four times, Rick says it really all just boils down to one thing: Learn everything you can about your car.

