

Stuck Head

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COMING EVENTS

Monthly Meeting: Fourth Wednesday of the month at Randazzo's at 6:30 pm for dinner. Meeting at 7:15.

Future Outings:

Car Clinics: Angelo's garage on Oak Street. Sunday morning February 19. For more details check website: www.nolamodelas.com.

February 15: Lunch at Wayne Jacobs Smokehouse in Laplace. Old cars?

For Sale: 1930 Chassis with motor, transmission and wheels. Steven Willey: (504) 884-2004

Please send me your **birthdays**. You may get a hug or a surprise present!

December: Carol Hess, Carl Hunter, Linda Maniscalco, Noel Schoenfeld (25th).

January: Rita Persigo, Joelle Sappington.

FOR RENT

1/2 DOUBLE, 210 thirty-eighth Street, N. O. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, kitchen. \$1,050/mo, water, garbage collection & grass cutting paid. No pets. Call 482-1222.

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Harahan Christmas Parade 2016



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Christmas Party 2016



Wonder why I picked these photos? Wonder why YOU are not the star? I need **your** help! Send me some photos then what you like can be included in the A Frame. My thanks!

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A few years ago I noticed that my car was emitting a white smoke from the exhaust, especially just after starting. Nothing seemed wrong and I continued to drive it. It worried me and after consulting with others in the club we concluded that it was a water leak. So it was decided to remove the engine head and check the gasket to see if it was bad and to check for water leaks.

There was a problem however. The head did not come off. Below is a photo of what we tried. In about 1978 when we removed the engine for overhaul, we used spark plugs with a ring welded on the top as seen in the photo. With this we could use a crane to lift the engine out of the car. So we screwed in the “plugs” and attached hooks as shown and pulled us with the crane. Surely this force would free the head. No! The car was lifted from the ground but the head was still stuck. Finally Frank Culotta had the task of removing the head. The water and heat had rusted all the studs to the head. Lots of hard work.



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What is the point of this story? Well, now there is a tool for removing the Model A head with out tears, cursing, frustration and lots of hard work! Snyder's sells the kit. It consists of threaded inserts that screw into the spark plug holes, studs that screw into the inserts and a heavy steel bracket. Put the inserts into the spark plug holes with the threaded studs screwed into the inserts. Then place the bracket on the two studs and tighten two nuts that go on the studs. There are two sets of inserts and studs and two plates so that a large uniform upward force is applied to the head. Note that the plate rests on the head studs and the rear studs with the nuts are attached to the inserts in the spark plug holes. See the photo below (or consult Snyder's Antique Auto Parts). Full article in the *Model A Times* magazine.

