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September 2015

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President Tim Harrison and Gloria Younkin assembling a Hubley model for the upcoming races at the annual Club birthday picnic.

Gloria will be incorporating some racing tricks she knows to make the sedan Model A a class winner!

HARBORLIGHT



Tours

Our next club event will be the annual picnic on Saturday, August 29th. It is a kind of birthday celebration for the club. We are 58 this month. Hubley races, too

The location is Torrance Park on Arlington. Cost will be \$12 ea. For sandwich box lunch & drinks. Check with Ruxella for more details.

Drive your Model A for a group picture. See you there!



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Technical Activities

The last two or three weeks have been busy working on real Model As and Hubley models at Al's Garage. Check out their work at the picnic.

If you have another project that needs help, let Cliff LeFall know and we will get it going. Everyone learns from these projects. Join us each Saturday at Al's garage.

Next Board Meeting

The September Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1st 7PM at the Toyota Auto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance CA. We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome



Upcoming Business Meetings

The August meeting will be Friday, August 28th at 7:30PM. The September meeting will be Friday, September 25th.

Come a little early and help set up and visit with your Model A friends, new and old! See you there!

Please visit our awesome website
Check it out:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

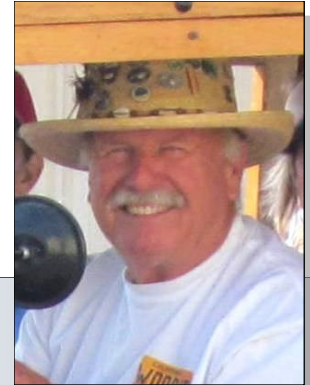
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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President



"A" View from the Slow Lane

It was about six years ago that Pat and I attended our first CCRG in Bakersfield CA. We met many new people, went to some informational seminars, found out that some Model As had Ford Pinto engines and air conditioning as well as being introduced to Hubley model car races.

This seems to be a cult all of its own. Competition was the name of the game. Husbands, wives, girlfriends and children all had their secret 'go fast' ideas.

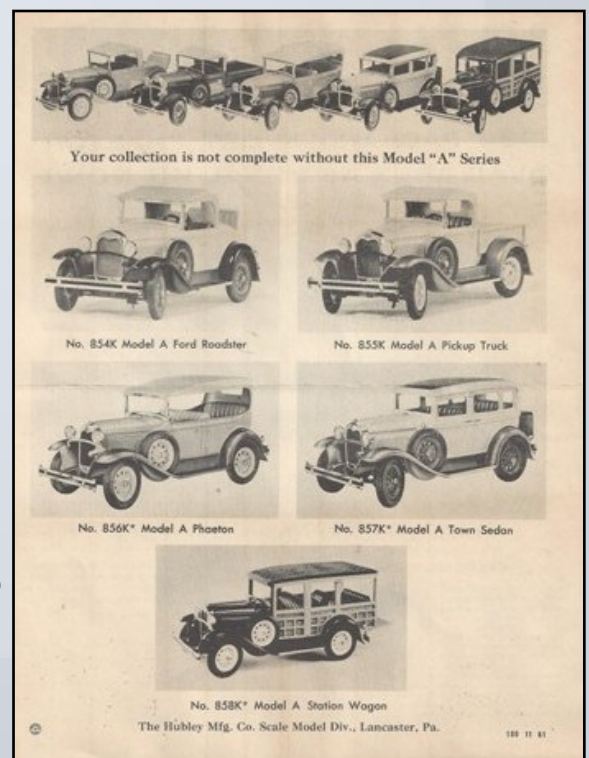
Pat and I each acquired a Hubley and took on the daunting task of assembling, painting and fast tuning wheels, body and weight displacement. (Tim sabotaged Pat's).

A little Hubley background: The Hubley Company was founded by John Hubley in 1894 in Lancaster PA for the purpose of manufacturing toys. In 1960 the company began producing 1/25 scale model, die-cast metal kits. Among the kits were seven Model A body styles: sedan, station wagon, roadster, roadster pickup, coupe, Victoria, and phaeton. Sometime later the company was sold and the manufacture of Hubley kits ceased. Today kits are somewhat of a collector's item, with the Model A kits being sought by many in the Model A hobby.

Last year we had our second Harbor Model A Club picnic at Torrance Park and Bobby DeCrescenzo brought the club's Hubley track. (Bobby built the track several years ago and we always enjoy racing on it.) At the picnic, many club members competed in both the men's and women's divisions. Since last year there has been much more interest in the racing sport. We had two Saturdays at Al's Garage set aside for Hubley workshops. Daffy W., Gloria Y., Pat H., Dr. Steve, and Jim S., all took advantage of the help of Hubley experts. Greg Earhart conducted a seminar of the 'official rules' (yes, there are rules) of Hubley competition. Bobby D, Jack G, and Steve N, all added their knowledge to the discussion and workshop. A big thanks goes out to the team of experts from both the Club and the members who took advantage of their help. For those wanting cars, parts, or assembly help of a Hubley kit, you can call *Ralph, the Hubley Man* at 562-863-0302.

We look forward to seeing all of you (with or without Hubleys) at our annual picnic at Torrance Park from 10AM to 2 PM. See you there!

Tim



September Birthdays

- 1 Rhoda Larquier
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 17 Art Wagner



September Anniversaries

- 2 Bob & Laura Pahls
- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 6 Steve & Becky Preston
- 17 Gwen & Dick Valot
- 23 Acela & Conrad Garcia

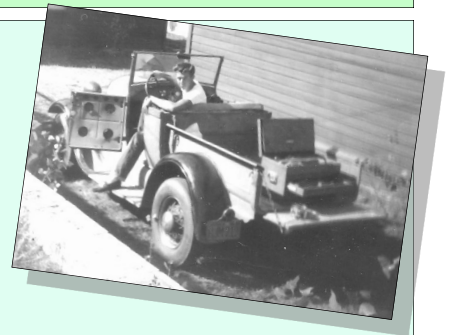
New Members, Steve and Mary Ann Freidrich have an anniversary on August 25th.

Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

This has been an exasperating couple weeks. My computer went down and I had to erase and restore all my files. I am now working with updated software which is all different from what I am used to. I am trying to get this out on time as I write this, but if I don't you will know why.

The Solvang trip was a fun weekend for Jan and me. We put 500 miles on the Cabriolet with no problems. If you drive your car any distance at all, I highly recommend the Mitchell overdrive. It allows us to drive at a reasonable speed when necessary and allows us to negotiate hills without any problems. Give it some thought if you are planning any upgrades.



A little behind the scenes info and requests from the editor

I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the HarborLight by **email**. I am also asking existing members to do the same. Just let me know your current email address. It's that simple. The club saves a little more than one dollar each month per email subscriber. I have an email distribution now of 45 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$800 per year savings, **AND** it is in **color!** You can print it out in B&W or color if you want, enlarge it, send it to your friends, or save it in your computer files. Again, just let me know your email address. If you want a sample email version, let me know also. I will send you one.

We editors are always looking for articles of interest to put in the newsletters. **There must be some interesting Model A stories waiting to be told.** For instance: How long have you had your car? Was it your first car? Have you driven it on some great journeys? Was it a family car? Did you restore it yourself? Do you have before and after pictures? Did you take a neat picture at a club event? Email them to me, or if you have photos, I can scan them and put them in the newsletter. Either way, let me know.

The newsletter is distributed to many other clubs locally and to other parts of the country. If you have an **item for sale**, let me know. I will put it in the **'Wheels and Deals'** section. Thanks



[Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering](#)

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd. and Hawthorne, in Torrance, CA. Several of the Harbor Model A club members and other car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. There are some very nice autos and some nice people there, too! The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA. Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



[Monday Supper at Hof's Hut](#)

We have been meeting for dinner on Monday at Hof's Hut on 237th and Crenshaw for a while now. The food is good and the staff takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



["Cruise at the Beach" Friday afternoons at Ruby's Diner:](#)

All summer long, **Ruby's Diner** 245 N. Harbor Drive, in Redondo Beach (by the pier) will host a weekly gathering of fun cars. This event can bring as many as 150 cars of all types. Classics, Concours, hot rods, antiques, sports cars, motorcycles, and Model As. Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. Times are about **4PM to 7:00PM every Friday**. There is a nice drawing and trophies are awarded each week. Parking is free to participating cars. This event will continue all summer until about October 30th, 2015. Hope to see you there.



[2015 Membership, Roster and Club Items:](#)

by Ursula Schmidt & Jan Wyckoff

The **2015 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.50. They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-539-5391. Make sure Ursi has your current info.

Just a note: We regularly update the roster. If you have any address changes, phone number changes or email changes, let Ursi know. Let Dick Wyckoff know, too. He'll put the info in the HarborLight.

Jan Wyckoff has a nice selection of Harbor polo shirts. She has blue, grey and some new white shirts available for sale at \$20 each. Hopefully she has your size as they are going fast! Those of you that ordered one in advance, she has them ready for pickup. Be sure and wear them to the club's events. Elaine Pisu found some more blue vests. See Jan for details. They run \$31.

How about a ball cap to go with the shirt or vest? Jan has them, too.

[Merchandise Sale!](#)

Our 50th anniversary T-shirts have been reduced to \$10. We have 4 Lg, 1 Med, 2 Sm. See Jan Other items available are vests, ball caps of many colors, two Harbor cook books, and club patches



Harbor MARC/MAFCA Business Meeting Minutes

Date: July 31st, 2015

Location: Walteria Clubhouse

President: Tim Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Doris & Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff and Monty Bates

Special Recognition: Tim Harrison presented Doris & Drain Marshall with a check for \$600 in their son Tom's honor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jan Wyckoff moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the Harbor-Light; the motion was seconded by Daffy Wagner.

Vice President: Monty Bates - Reviewed the items on the opportunity table ♦ Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening ♦ Monty has made the reservations for our Walteria Club House for next year. We have been meeting here for 50+ years.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner - reported all is well.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff - Thanked Daffy for providing photos from the Henry Ford Picnic ♦ The 200 mile tour around Solvang, Santa Maria and vicinity was lots of fun, and the Model A's did well.

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins - Not present. Nothing new to report

Membership: Ursi Schmidt - 45 people in attendance ♦ Jim Huizdos introduced two new members tonight, Steve and Mary Ann Friedrich. They own a 31 Roadster. Welcome

Membership Drawing: Julie Goldberg won woman's prize, Jim Speights won men's.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall - was not present. We will have a seminar 10:00 - 12:00 Al's garage August 1st ♦ In addition we will have a group working on their Hubleys at the garage tomorrow at the same time. Greg Earhart will lead the Hubley group. Be sure to bring small hand held tools (Sandpaper, Steel Wool, Masking Tape, Files and Bandages. This group will also meet the following Saturday, August 8th to complete. If you still need a Hubley kit or parts - *Ralph the Hubley Man* still has kits for \$40 - \$50 each.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier - 50 cents was collected

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: 1st Sandy Ragon, Bill Knott and Bob Pahls, 2nd Janice Dalton and Jerry Strosnider, 13th Phyllis DeCrescenzo, 14th Greg Earhart, 15th Marty Murphy, 18th Linda Skinner, 20th Dorothy Knott, 23rd Jack Gordinier, 24th Gwen Valot, 25th Dick Valot, 26th Monty Bates, 31st Theresa LeFall ♦ Anniversaries: 4th Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs and Steven & Weeg Thompson, Carla & Walt Hibbard, 6th Dolores & Jerry Strosnider, 12th Doris & Drain Mashall, 18th John & Julie Hernandez, 19th James & Mary Walker, 22nd Ed & Linda Firth, 25th Paul & Rose Jamesson

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo - Loaned out a tool this month to change a transmission in a car ♦ Club has 32 tools available to its members. \$20 deposit that is refunded when tool is returned ♦ Let Bobby know if we do not have a tool that is needed.

Tours: Elaine Pisu - Not present, Co-Chair Jim Huizdos gave the following information ♦ August 29th - Annual Club Birthday Picnic. Ruxella had sign-up sheets for lunch. Please pay for your lunch by August 20th, when orders will be placed. Our Hubley track will be present and we will have fun at the races ♦ September 19th - Bobby DeCrescenzo will lead a tour 30 miles from here to Costa Mesa. This is a train museum on 4 - 8 acres and will include miniature train rides, which are free on the third Saturday of each month. The owner will give us a personal tour. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45, leave at 9:00 ♦ Other car functions that we do not have tours planned for, but could be a fun day are: August 15th - Rock n Roll car show, August 22nd - El Segundo car show. (See Dick Wyckoff for info.) September 20th Concours d' Elegance in Palos Verdes, September 23rd Walteria Business Men's Charity Car Show

Merchandise: Jan Wyckoff - We have merchandise on back table to sell

Old Business: None

New Business: Richard Parrish has a source for Wholesale tires for our Model A's. You can save up to \$200 on a set of tires. Please see him for contact information and pricing.

Clock Prize: Won by Ursi Schmidt

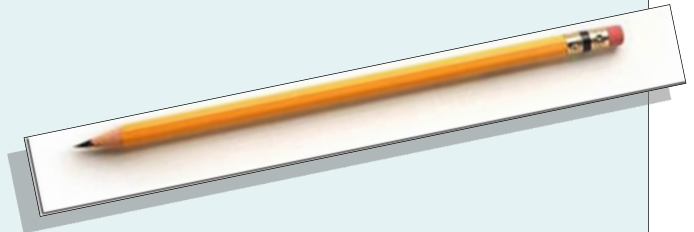
Refreshments hosted by: Doris & Drain Marshall with a special surprise from Weeg Thompson

Next General Meeting: Friday, August 28th

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 4th at the Toyota facility

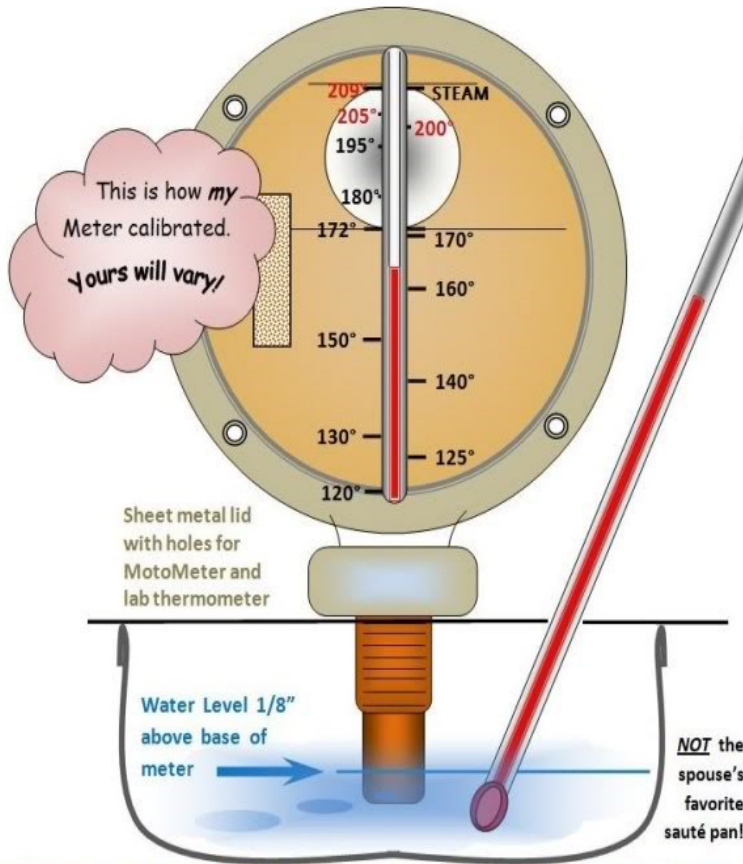
Meeting adjourned: Drain Marshall moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Jim Huizdos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



Technical Talk

MOTOMETER MISBEHAVIN'? ~ AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY-MAYBE!



Heat to a medium boil and wait for both thermometers to reach their highest point. Turn off the heat and calibrate your MotoMeter in relation to the known thermometer as they slowly cool. You cannot easily calibrate the MotoMeter to the thermometer during the temperature rise when heating the water because the mass and thermal transfer rate differences will cause a lag in the MotoMeter response.

Does your MotoMeter only work part-time?

Sad thing about MotoMeters. For many Model A's once the radiator "burps" and finds its own running water level the meter either reads nothing or inaccurately low because the water is below the sensor. Then when the water gets to a boil while you are going one mph in a parade, the water level rises in the radiator and the red line shoots sky high! Oops! Too late. Oh, well. It looks nice when parked.

The Fix. Original radiators will usually run with the water level high enough to constantly operate the MotoMeter, but most replacements will not. A durable 2" long wick made by tightly wrapping three or four layers of canvas or heavy fabric and brass screen around the threaded base, secured to the base threads with a small 1/4 wide stainless steel hose clamp *may* help make your MotoMeter work. You *must* include the brass screen in and around the wick wrappings to keep the fabric from slowly disintegrating into your radiator! Wrap a spiral of brass or S.S. wire like a spring around the length of the wick to keep it together. You will probably also need to extend the internal radiator overflow tube upwards, to a point about 1/4" from the top of the neck. A piece of tight fitting rubber fuel hose pushed down onto the existing overflow tube should work. The extension hose must be a snug press onto the tube or the overflow will constantly drip. If you have a twist and flip cap it will all be a tight fit! Check your cap gasket, too.

Once you get that MotoMeter behaving, it may be nice to know what the temperature actually is. Make a drawing of the face of your MotoMeter and pick some easy reference points like I did in the illustration. Then calibrate it. If yours needs a wick to work, calibrate it with the wick attached, adjusting the water level in your setup to approximate the water level in your radiator. Without a wick the sensor should be at least 1/8" in the water.

Mike Keating



28-29 Gas Tank Cut Open



30-31 Gas Tank Cut Open



Touring with Elaine
By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



**Harbor A's have been
Out and About!!**

Future Tours:

Club Birthday Picnic

Our club picnic will be on **Saturday, August 29th** at the park in Torrance. The park is on Arlington. Set-up will be about 9AM. Help is requested. The picnic is from 10AM to 2PM. Drive your Model As. Hopefully we can get some good pictures of all the As lined up.

Of interest, the picnic will be our 58th year celebration as a Model A Club. We chartered on Aug 25th, 1957.

Jim Huizdos is making arrangements to have box lunches provided. This includes drinks. The cost will be \$12 each. Jim and Ruxella will have info at the club meeting Friday night.

This will also be a Hubley race day, too! Bobby DeCrescenzo will be setting up the beautiful racetrack he made. Time to dust off the speedster and tune 'er up!

Train Museum Visit on International Model A Day

Bobby DeCrescenzo has made arrangements to visit a train museum in Costa Mesa on **Saturday, September 19th**. It is a train ride hosted by the Orange County Model Engineers in Costa Mesa. Tentatively we will meet at Harbor Freight @8:45 and leave at 9 AM.



An Idea:

Sunday, October 4th is the Frazier Park picnic. Pot luck affair sponsored by the Bakersfield MAC. Of interest, The 100th anniversary celebration of the Ridge Route is **Saturday, October 3rd**. A thought: Maybe we could make a weekend trip with the Ridge Route Saturday, stay overnight and go to the Frazier Park event on Sunday. Member Dick Valot has info on the Ridge Route event.

Harbor 'Sunshine status

A note from **Sue Hankins**: I'm not going to be at the Business Meeting or the picnic. I am having a little procedure done on the Wed. before, the 26th. I'm having trouble with my right hip. My primary doctor wants to do a partial hip replacement, which I am not crazy about. Instead I am going to have Stem Cell & PRP Therapy. There's an MD here in Torrance who has had a lot of success with hips, shoulders and knees and has worked on a lot of athletes. They inject your own Stem Cells into the hip joint. He said I'll have some pain for a few days after so I don't think I should plan on the picnic. We hate to miss it. It was so fun last year.



Wheels & Deals:

* I have a few **Police and Firemen "stop signs"** for sale - I have one policeman and six firemen left. I also have four "kits" you put together yourself and paint.

The assembled ones are \$ 100 and the kits are \$ 65.

Contact Bobby 'D' : My phone is 310 540-3690. Torrance CA



* 1929 Model A **Closed Cab PU** - Runs well, rebuilt motor, nice body (primered), current registration. Asking \$9500. Call Paul DeMers at 310-218-7266(c)



* Wanted: **1932 Transmission case**. What do you have? Call Allen Marshall at 805-489-0730

• **Used Christmas and greeting cards**. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.

Al's Garage and Hubley Tune-up



Hubley professor **Greg Earhart** explaining the fine art of assembling and racing the Hubley model. Two different sessions were held at Al's Garage to fine tune and share a few (not all) the secrets of racing. The test will be at the club's picnic August 29th on Bobby D's beautiful racetrack.



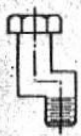
[Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2015](#)

- Aug 29th (Sat)** - Harbor's **Annual picnic**. Torrance Park on Arlington. 10AM to 2PM. Fun event!
- Sept 19th (Sat)** - Harbor tour to Costa Mesa **Train Museum**. Int'l Model A Day. More info soon
- Sept 20th (Sun)** - Palos Verdes **Concours d' Elegance**. Held at Los Verdes Golf Course. 10AM to 4PM.
- Sept 27th (Sun)** - Paradise Valley Model A Club antique car **Swap Meet**. 6AM to 3PM. Free admission.
Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA 92407
- Oct 3rd (Sat)** - Redondo Union High School Classic **Car Show**, 1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach CA 90277
9AM - 3PM Info: runscarshow.com
- Dec 2-5 (Wed-Sat)** - MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Medford, Oregon
- April 7-9, 2016** - MARC Membership Meet, Flint Michigan.
- June 16 -24, 2016** - MAFCA National Convention - Loveland, Colorado. Host: Model A Ford Club of Colorado
- June 25-July1, 2016** - MARC National Meet, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Fasteners for All Occasions

We received a copy of what we hope is a fictitious memo from the Tractor Operations Group of the Ford Motor Co. suggesting a new set of standard fasteners to cover the most common assembly goofs.

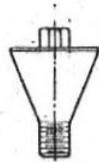
For design information on the more orthodox types of standard and special fasteners, be sure to read our November 16 edition: The 1978 Fastening and Joining Reference Issue.



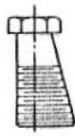
For mismatched holes



For holes too near the edge



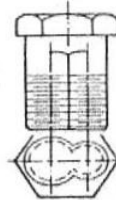
For holes countersunk too deeply



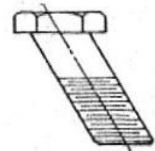
For holes drilled crooked and cockeyed



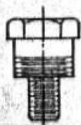
For holes with countersink on the wrong side



For double-drilled holes



For holes not square



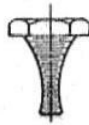
For dual oversize and standard holes



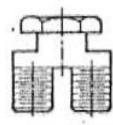
For double-countersunk holes



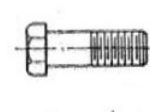
For vise-grip torquing (knurled head)



For all size tapers



For redrilled holes that still don't match



For out-of-round holes

Welcome our new members

Steve and Mary Ann Freidrich 404 Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes est. CA 90274

Home phone: 310-375-4897. They have a pretty 1931 Model A Roadster.

Email: emailsteve@usa.net

Add their info to your roster. Welcome!

Fashions of 1928

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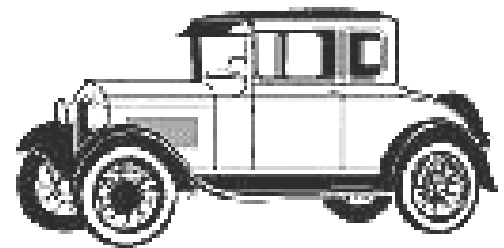
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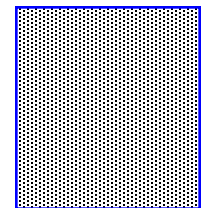
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