

The Victoria Bustle

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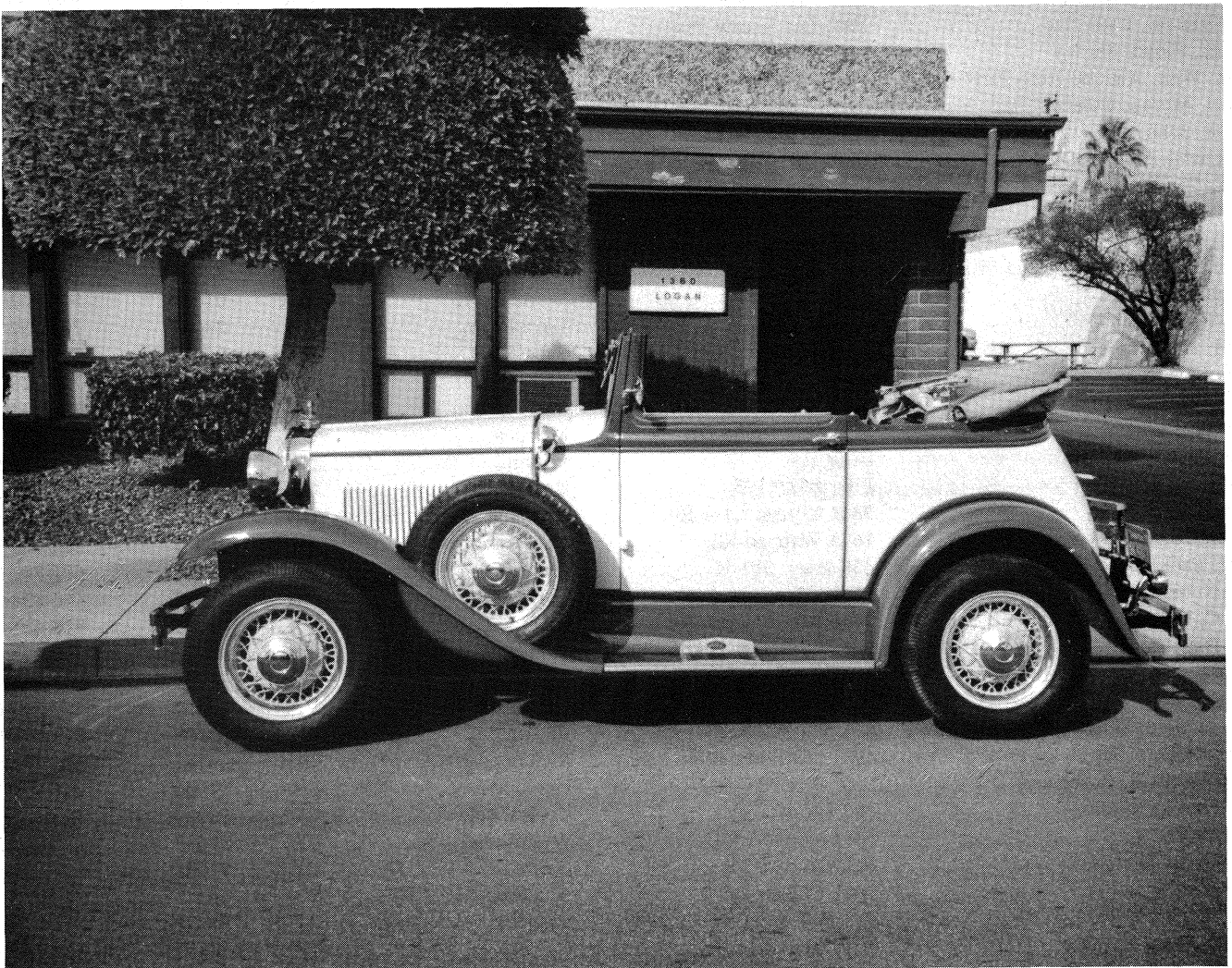
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A Bird of a Different Feather!

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Classified Ad's!

FOR SALE:

new sheet metal door opening headers.

Leatherback door opening header (the piece with the tabs and fingers) \$68.50 plus 10% postage.

Steelback door opening header strip (the piece that goes just under the drip rail). \$28.50 plus 10% postage. Don Vargasky 757-890-9547 after 6PM
108 Beatties Landing Rd. Yorktown, VA 23692

FOR SALE:

1931 Victoria. (Leatherback) Green with black fenders, 6 volt alternator, Mallory distributor, Weber down draft carburetor, electric fan. ~~\$14,000.~~ Marilyn Chambers 714-540-6332 Santa Ana, CA (appeared in September 1998 issue Orange County Model A Ford Club newsletter, the *Distributor*.)
The price has been reduced to \$10,000. 6-99

WANTED:

Dome light and pillar switch for 1930 Victoria.
Marshall Daut, 5102 E. Fellars Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85254 602-554-4554

FOR SALE:

1931 Victoria. Inserted "C" engine (blown head gasket), chassis mechanically rebuilt, body unrestored, new top wood, needs top. 3-54 rear end, cruise at 60 mph. \$5,500.

Bud Lacey 714-990-0750

(Appeared in June 1999 issue of Orange County Ford Club newsletter, The *Distributor*.)

WANTED:

1930/1931 Victoria Steel or Leatherback body.
Jim Sutch, 11104 Cherokee Dr., St. Petersburg, FL 33708-4034 727-394-2724



Charlie Says!

by Charlie Viosca

New wood!

For some years now, we have been trying to get some good photos of the wood for the Steelback Victoria. Our Association member O.D. Hudson of Sarasota, Florida has sent the needed photos to us. Tom Endy will be running them in this issue of the newsletter. The big difference between Leatherback and Steelback can be noted by looking at photos of the rear of the frame where you will notice that the rear window area, rear dome light, and rear wood running from ¼ window to ¼ window is completely different. O.D. Hudson has a friend, who is a master craftsman, who is doing the Victoria restoration. The gentleman wished to remain anonymous. Thank you O.D. for taking these photos and donating them to the Victoria Association. I am sure the membership will be as pleased with them as I am. If anyone needs any part of the wood structure explained, please call me and I will do my best to answer your questions.

Old wood!

O.D. Hudson has retained all of the old wood from both his Leatherback and Steelback Victorias. He will be willing to give them to anyone who wants them, if they will come to Sarasota, FL to pick them up. He does not wish to ship them. The old wood would be suitable for patterns and reference. O.D. Hudson, 1835 Southpointe Dr., Sarasota, FL 34321, 941-924-4748 6PM eastern time.

Body number tags!

The body tags arrived, and by now all the members who ordered tag with the numbers stamped on them should have received them. If you have not received your order, please contact me. Gwyn Machacek really did a nice job. The wait for the correct number stamp was well worth it. After this first bunch of tags, the price will go up \$5. as the tags are \$10. and Gwyn is charging \$10. to stamp them. So starting from June 1st, anyone wanting the body tags will have to send \$20. for the tag and the number stamped on it. If you do not want a number stamped on the tag, just send \$10. for the tag. ☺

MARC Award!

The Victoria Bustle newsletter has been awarded a Newsletter Award of Excellence for 1998.



Don Vagasky!

Don Vagasky, the man who makes Victoria door and windshield headers is moving to Tucson, Arizona. If anyone wants to purchase items from him they should contact him right away as he is not sure how long he will be out of production due to the move. His new address will be provided to the membership as soon as it is available. His current address is ;

Don Vagasky
108 Beatties Landing Rd.
Yorktown, VA 23692
757-890-9547

On the cover!

A Bird of a Different Feather!

The vehicle featured on the front cover is indeed a Model A Ford Victoria. It has been customized into a convertible. Notice that the hood is four inches longer than a regular bird. The car is owned by Paul Stevens of Costa Mesa, CA. ☺

Go With The Flow!

by Glenn Johnson

A steep hill!

Just about all of us have experienced that first really long steep hill in our freshly restored Model A. It ran just fine around town and we thought we were ready to go anywhere. The Grapevine, the Cajon Pass, The Rim of The World, all bring out the best and the worst in our Model A's. I've overheated at least once on all of these hills and I've seen lots of non-stock overheating remedies that just Band-Aid the real problem. Really, it all boils down (pun intended) to a clean, good flowing cooling system. The following are a few cooling system problems and remedies that worked for my Model A's.

Engine runs hot!

Cause: When you first run that rebuilt engine rust scale in the old block loosens and dumps into your new radiator top tank restricting the flow.

Solution: The fix is to take the car to a radiator shop and have the cooling system back-flushed. Back-flushing is most successful within the first 200-300 miles. If you wait much longer the radiator tubes may become too clogged for back-flushing to do much good. The next solution is to remove the radiator and have the radiator shop rod the tubes, which literally means pushing rods through the tubes to clean out the rust scale. The best solution and a way to avoid all of the above is to take your bare block and head to a chemical rust stripper before you rebuild the engine.

Water comes out of the radiator!

Cause #1: The radiator tubes are partially clogged and the water pump is pushing water into the top tank faster than it can go down.

Solution: Back-flush the system or rod the radiator.

Cause #2: The baffle is missing in the top tank.

Solution: Take the radiator to a shop and have a baffle installed.

Cause #3: Engine compression is leaking into the cooling system through a cracked block or head or a blown head gasket.

Solution: Check for compression in the system by removing the radiator cap and revving the engine. If the water level rises, compression is probably leaking into the cooling system.

Water level will not stay up!

Cause #1: Once again too much water is being pumped into the top tank and is escaping through the overflow pipe.

Solution: Clean the radiator.

Cause #2: Something is leaking, like the water pump hose clamps, a hole in the radiator, a cracked block or blown head gasket.

Solution: Fix the leak.

Engine runs cold and never warms up!

Solution: Install a 160° thermostat in the water outlet.

Other comments and solutions!

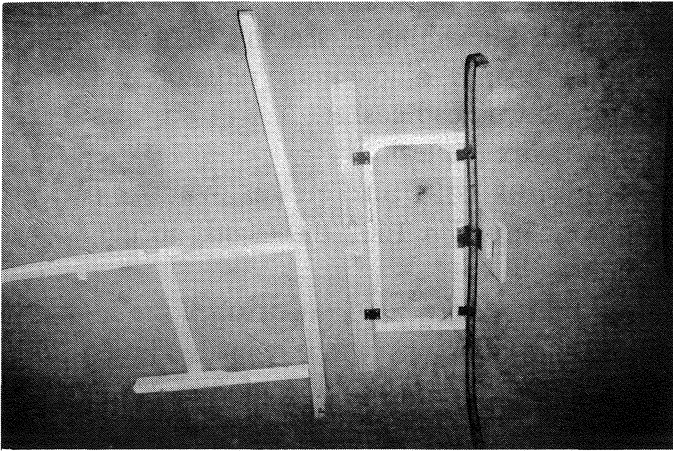
Leakless water pumps will eventually leak. The best ones combine some kind of rear seal with a stock packing nut with plenty of packing in case the rear seal fails. Stock two blade fans will break at the sustained high speeds we drive. Stock looking aluminum fans are my favorite replacement. Coolant is not necessarily in a Model A and will stain your paint if it leaks on your hood. Plain water with a rust inhibitor works just fine. If you are climbing that big hill and getting hot, the first time you stop for water, remove your front license plate to allow more air to pass through the radiator. The fins cool the tubes so when you order new radiator core ask for one extra fin per inch. You'll get 25 or 30 extra fins depending on whether it's a '28-'29 or '30-'31. If you spring a leak try Alumaseal. It usually stops the leak and will not clog your radiator. If your petcock is leaking, take it apart and lap it with fine valve grinding compound. If your cooling system is clean and flowing free, your Model A will run cool even on the steepest hill in hot weather. ☺

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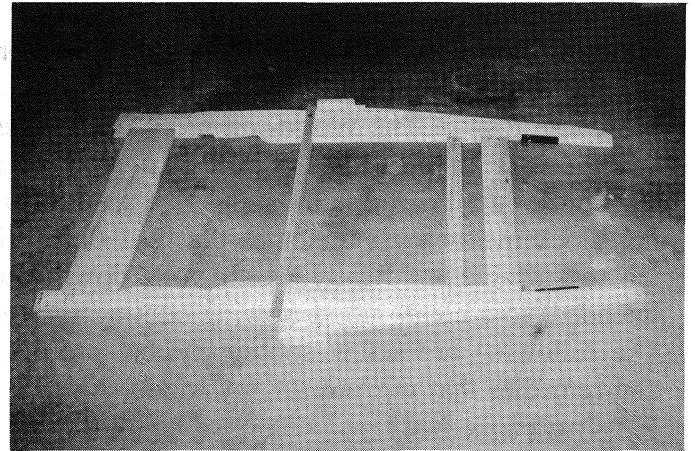
Editor's Note! "Leakless Rupert" makes the best Model A Ford leakless water pump on the market. His pumps never leak. See his ad in The Restorer.

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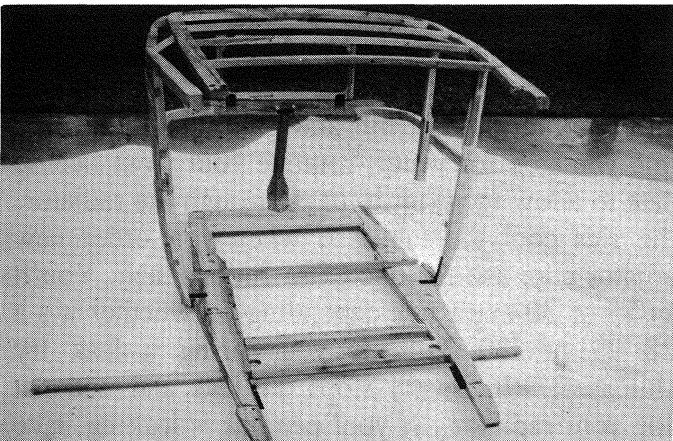
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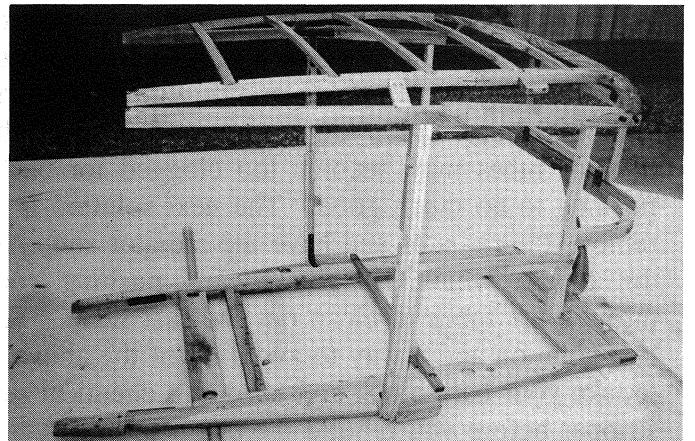
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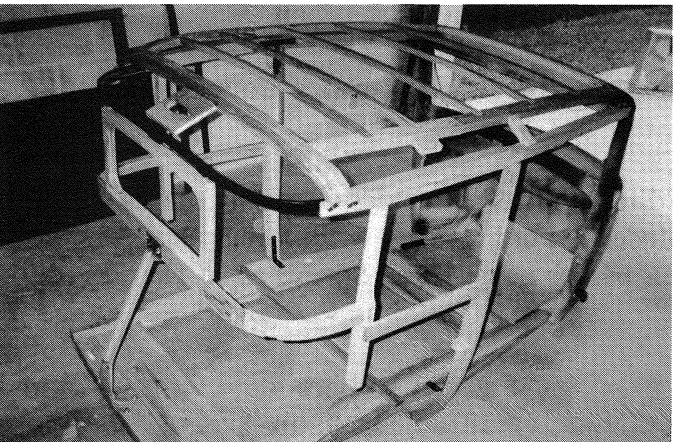
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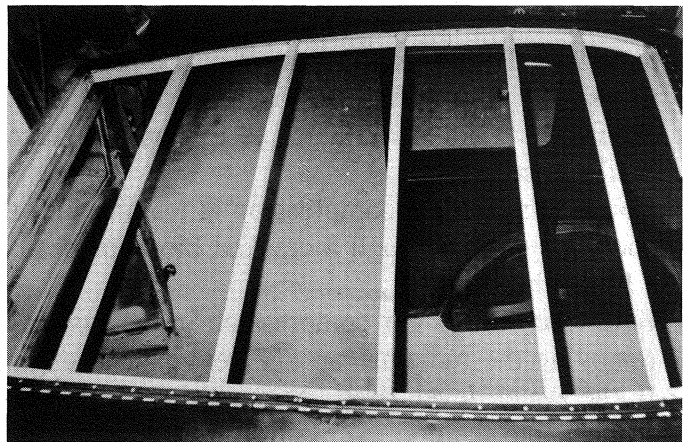
The wood began to take shape!



The shape began to have sides!

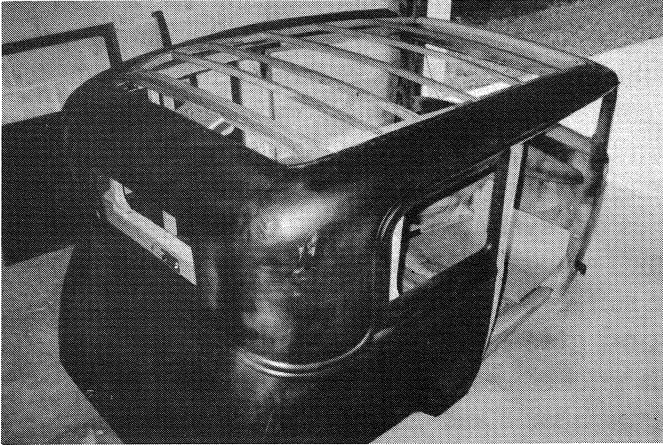


The shape began to look like an Ark!

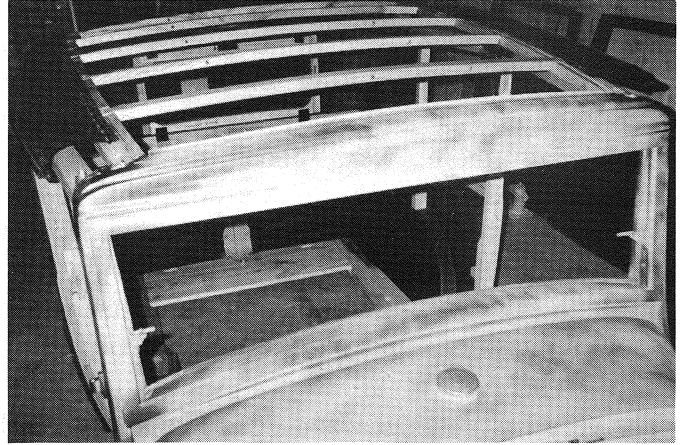


Two of each began lining up in the driveway!

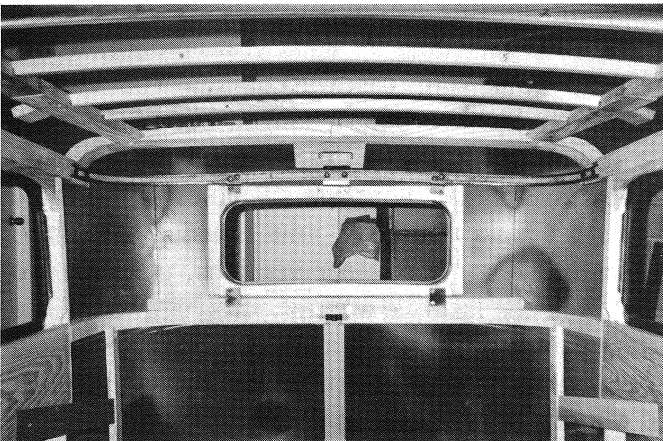
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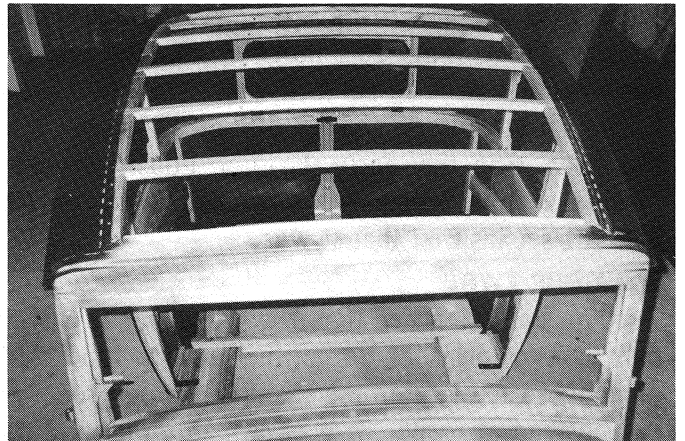
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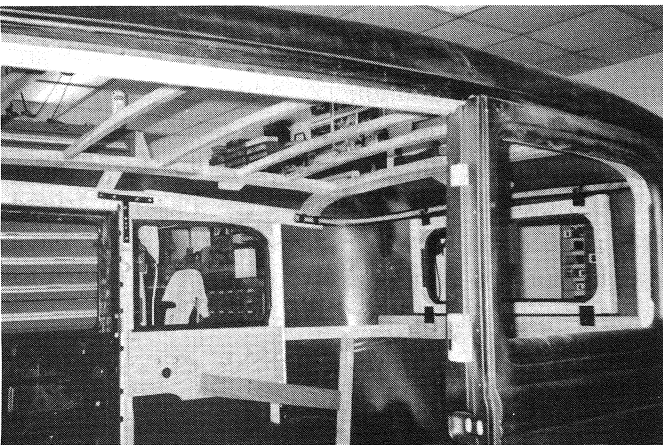
The Ark had a gas tank!



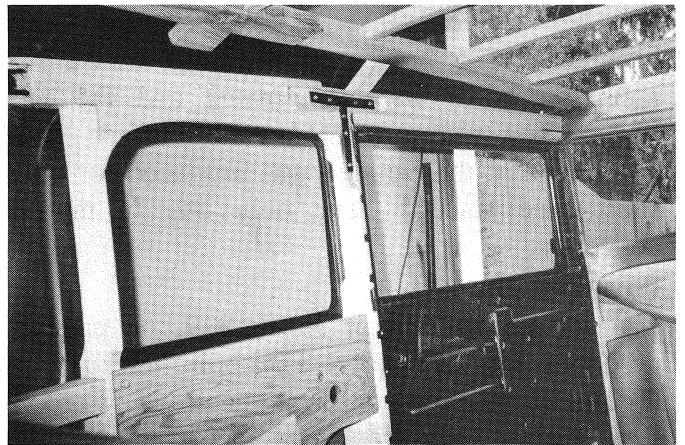
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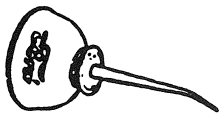
A view from the mountain!



The water began to rise!



Forty days and forty nights!



Properly Oiled!

by Ben Hadd

The transmission!

One of the most exciting things you will ever learn about the Model A Ford is the number of different rear bearing retainers used with the transmission. The part number is A-7085. To the best of my knowledge there were four distinct versions manufactured during Model A production. Even if you are not a purist and are not overwhelmed with the subject, there is one aspect you should know about to save yourself a lot of grief when you go about the task of replacing a transmission.

The first!

The very first retainer was forged like a lot of early Model A Ford parts. It is distinctive by four "bulges" at each corner where each of the four transmission mounting bolt holes are located. The metal also appears to have a very smooth surface finish. There is no part number stamped on these early retainers. The six bolt holes that the U-joint housing assembly bolt to are off-set. The reason for this was that the early U-joint housings had a "frame grabber" that was supposed to be on top. The off-set insured that it was.

Number two!

Ford probably learned that it was cheaper to cast the part then to forge it. Sometime prior to June 1929, a change was made in the manufacturing process to cast instead of forge. It was probably purely a cost saving measure. There is no service bulletin that describes this change. Part number A-7085-C was cast into the part with the suffix "C". This version also had the off-set bolt holes for the U-joint housing. The bulges at the four transmission mounting holes were eliminated and the metal surface has a less than smooth surface finish. I suspect that this version was produced for only a short time since I have only one in my vast collection.

Number three!

The service bulletin of June 1929, on page 350 describes this change. The bolt holes for the U-joint housing were made symmetrical. Ford says it is because they eliminated the "frame grabber" and wanted to make the part the same as used on the AA trucks. I don't believe this. I think it was a sinister plot hatched by Henry Ford and his number one henchman Harry Bennett to confound

and confuse future generations of Model A Ford mechanics. This part was also cast and has the part number A-7085-A1 cast into it with the suffix "A1".

The fourth and last!

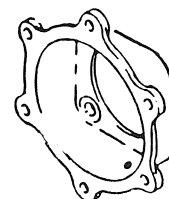
This change is also documented by a service bulletin, September 1929, page 379. The purpose of this change was to make the bearing hole smaller to control the flow of oil onto your garage floor. It didn't help much. Everything else remained the same, the part is cast and the U-joint housing bolt holes are symmetrical. Part number A-7085-A1, which remained the same, is cast into the part with the suffix "A1".

Good grief!

The grief comes into perspective when you replace a transmission and don't pay attention to what rear bearing retainer is bolted to the back of the new transmission. Any one of the four will work with the transmission, but you need to know which type of U-joint housing assembly you have installed in the car. Forget going by what year, month, week, day, and hour your car was built. The U-joint housing could have been changed six times over. The way to tell is to match up the six bolt holes in the bearing retainer with the six holes in the three pieces that make up the U-joint housing assembly. Of the four bearing retainer versions, the first two are off-set, the last two are not. It's hard to tell the difference from three feet away, so check it closely or you might find yourself having to pull the rear end out of the car again to change the transmission rear bearing retainer to one that matches the U-joint housing.

The swap meet!

Transmission rear bearing retainers can be found at most any Model A Ford swap meet. They are usually around in abundance, and if you pay more than a dollar for one, you paid too much. It's a fun hobby to collect them. I have a whole "Fibber McGee's closet" full of them. It's like my friend Larry McSpeed always says, "You can have enough, but you can't have too many". ☺



Under The Pepper Tree!

by Tom Endy

The indomitable Model A Ford!

The Model A Ford wants to run regardless of what people do to it in terms of maintenance malpractice. A recent observation lends credence to that proclamation. Several months ago a fellow Model A'er gave me a box full of Model A Ford transmission parts. Included in the box was a completely assembled transmission, minus the tower. The parts had the usual look of having endured weather and neglect. Surprisingly though, I have salvaged a lot of good serviceable parts that originally looked horrible by running them through my ever faithful bead blaster.

The completely assembled transmission!

The transmission looked as if it had been removed from a car fifty years ago, planted in a garden and watered daily. The W600 oil had turned to a gooey, cruddy substance that had captured leaves, little twigs and sticks, rust, and numerous unidentifiable dead insects. The first thing I noticed about it was the pilot end of the input shaft had an eighth of an inch or more step worn into it. I have seen a lot of them worn, but never one this bad.

The disassembly!

It appeared that the transmission had not been apart in many years. The bailing wire at the back of the rear bearing retainer was still in place. All of the bolts were extremely tight and took some WD-40 and some coaxing to break them loose. After removal of the input shaft I noticed that the end of the main shaft, the part that sticks inside the input shaft, was worn almost to a point. I had never seen this phenomenon before. The end of the main shaft is a bearing surface, it is the inside race for the small roller bearing that installs inside the input shaft. I have seen the surface pitted, but never worn to such a taper. how could this be?

Then came the dawn!

It was then I realized there was no small roller bearing installed inside the pilot shaft. The inside of the pilot shaft where the bearing was supposed to be was all wallowed out and beat up. The era Model A mechanic, who ever he was, had forgot, or didn't know he was supposed to install a roller bearing inside the input shaft before he put the transmission together.

How long ago?

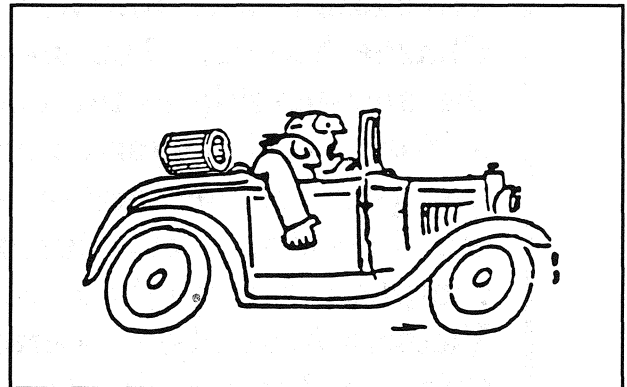
Considering the amount of wear to the two parts, I suspect that whatever Model A the transmission had been installed in had been driven quite a while in this condition. One can only ponder the frustration the driver experienced. It must have been difficult to shift, made a bunch of noise, and was probably always popping out of gear. But it ran!

Nostalgia!

Looking this transmission over, I couldn't help but wonder when during the 70 year history of the Model A Ford did this occur. Was it during the 1930's when the car was in abundance. Did it occur in a Ford garage, or some farmers barn. Was it during the 1940's when World War Two required that we make do with what we had. Did it happen in the 1950's by some kid with a duck tail haircut who was trying to get his high school transportation back on the road. I imagine it is pretty easy to forget to install the bearing if it is not laying there in full view on the work bench. It's like closing the refrigerator door and then wondering if the light really did go out. We will never know the full story of this oversight. What we do know is the Model A Ford will run on forever if we take care of it. Sometimes it will even if we don't. I wonder now if I ever left one of those roller bearings out.

Epilogue!

I was surprised to find that the other gears inside the transmission were in good serviceable condition once I cleaned them up in the bead blaster. ☺



Charlie! I found this roller bearing laying on your garage floor. Was it an extra one?

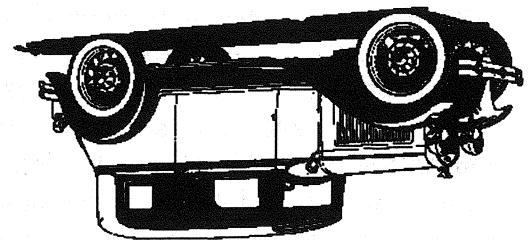
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