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# The Tool Box

By John Firth

The purpose of this column is for members who are either restoring a Model A or are working on issues that need correcting or updating to share their experiences and progress with the club. But I won't know what you are doing unless you tell me about it, so give me a call!

The Tool Box is full of news this month. I guess it's too cold to work outside so everyone is stuck in their shop!

Tom Bormuth has installed a rebuilt motor in his 30 Tudor Sedan. Next step is to get it running and test drive the chassis.

Todd Calvert recently acquired a 30 Tudor Sedan from North Dakota and will be going through the mechanics and getting it running. (Dale's photo)



New member Joseph Maynard has always wanted a Model A and he recently purchased a 30 Coupe. His first project will be switching to 16" wheels.

Here is a picture of Herb Waud's new 28 Tudor.  
(Dale has photo)

Craig White is working on his late 31 steel top Pickup and Tom White's (his dad) late 31 Huckster which are both being reincarnated after they were destroyed in the 2020 Slater Fire.



Craig finished building a new shop at his house in Donnelly, Idaho recently and it will be a very busy place in the months ahead!

Tom White recently brought home his 28 Fordor Sedan from Idaho and it's now tucked away for the winter in his new shop in Happy Camp. For his early 31 Huckster rebuild, he purchased the rebuilt motor that Dan Jordan has advertised in our newsletter classifieds for the last several months. Tom and Mary have been living in their travel trailer since the 2020 Slayter Fire and will be starting to rebuild their house this spring.

When Dan Jordan's engine stand is available after Tom White picks up his motor, Dan will finish the assembly of Bill Hallows' rebuilt motor.

Joe Davis is doing final body work and paint prep on his 30 Phaeton.

Dale Waldron is working on the motor for his 29 Tudor dune buggy. (Dale has photo)

Jerry Schulte is rebuilding his transmission and bell housing while he waits for his engine rebuild to be finished.



I've been cleaning up the early 31 Cabriolet (68B) that I brought home last month and recently tried to get it running. I had to call Art Peary for help. After three hours, we finally narrowed it down to the rebuilt popout switch that was shorting out. Thank you, Art, for your electrical trouble shooting expertise! I have a few more items on my list and then it will be road ready. My next project is another early 31 Cabriolet (68B) that is a total basket case. I am in the process of gathering the few missing parts needed to complete the body, and it will go on a chassis that I already have. I placed an order for

the wood sub floor only to find that it is back ordered and won't be available for six months! No worries though, this is going to be a long term project. (Firth photo)

If you have updates, call me at 541-474-1516. If you need help with something, as long as you are a member in good standing of Henry's Lady, you can call Chuck Green 541-471-9214 for a Busted Knuckles consultation.

Keep turning those wrenches!

*John*

Be aware that the availability of knowledge and repair services is diminishing as Model A hobbyists and experts age, so if you have a project on your list, let this be a reminder and an incentive to get it started sooner rather than later! Kudos to Mike McKey for reminding us.