

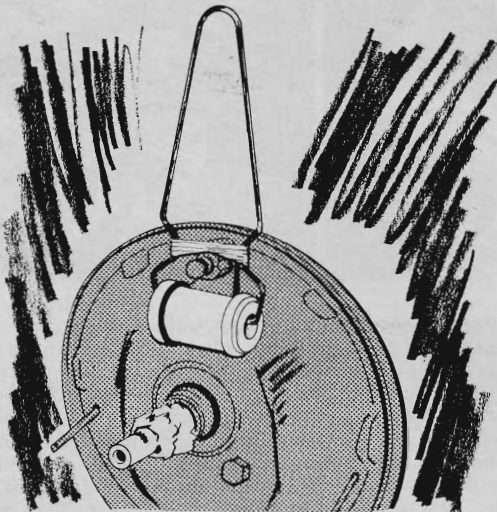


# Hints from the Model Garage

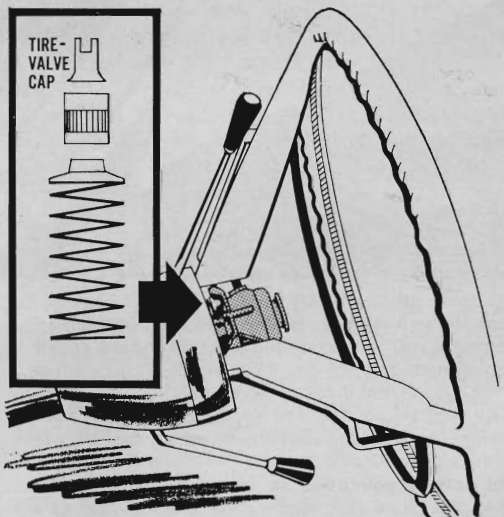


**Salt on the suspension and underbody of your car is highly corrosive.** When you come back from a trip over salted winter highways with the underside splashed up, the best thing is to wash it off in a hurry. It's inconvenient and costly to have the car

periodically steam-cleaned, so washing it off in your own garage is the best answer. Here's one good way: Wire an oscillating lawn sprinkler to a rake and slide it under the car. The oscillations reduce the number of times you need to move the sprinkler.

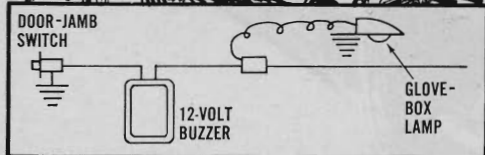


**An effective home-made tool for keeping pistons in brake-wheel cylinders while you install new linings** can be made from a heavy wire coat hanger. Shape the wire into tongs about 8" long and add several rubber bands to keep the clamp tightly in place.

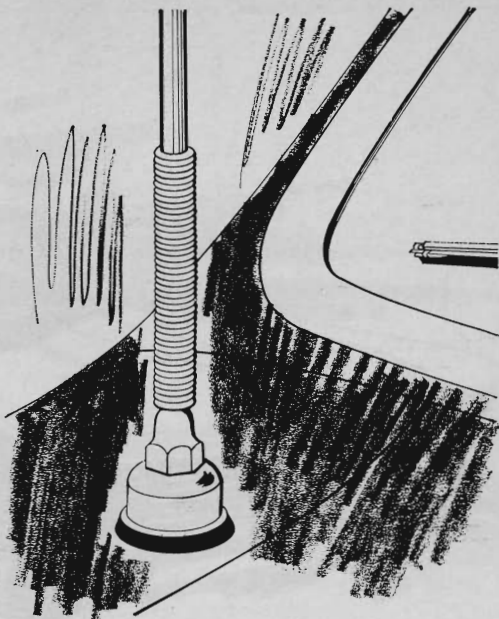


**When the horn contact on '59-60 Thunderbirds becomes badly worn, a permanent fix can be made by cutting the tip off a metal tire-valve cap, and removing the rubber insert.** Smooth off the cut and slip the cap over the contact-spring end to extend it.

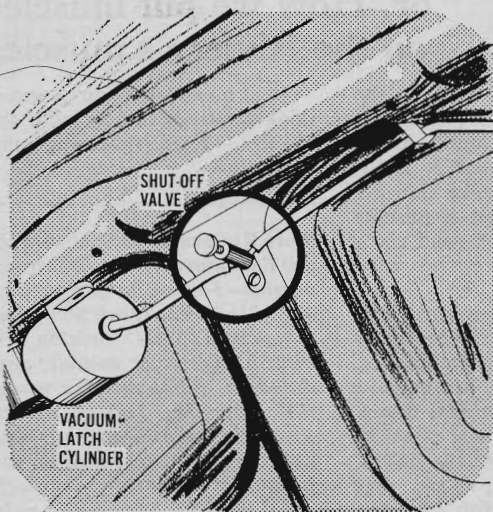
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A headlight reminder could save you a dead battery. Put in an additional door-jamb switch at driver's side, connect it to a 12-volt buzzer and in turn to the glove-box lamp (hot only when headlights are on). Open the door and the buzzer sounds.



A broken radio-antenna staff can be neatly repaired at little cost by piecing the ends together with a heavy coil spring. Use a plated spring about 5" long that will fit tightly over the ends of the broken antenna after they're filed smooth.



Safeguard a vacuum-operated trunk release by installing a cutoff valve in the vacuum line. This will keep a thief from opening the trunk by working the hose under the instrument panel. One of those valves used to aerate fish aquariums works fine.



Mounting tires can be made easier by lubricating the beads before you start to lever them over the edges of the wheel rims. A squirt or two from a handy squeeze bottle of any liquid soap (not detergent) will work wonders for you as a labor saver.