

"Sorry I barked like that," Strand said. "I was grouchy because my neighbor woke me up again."

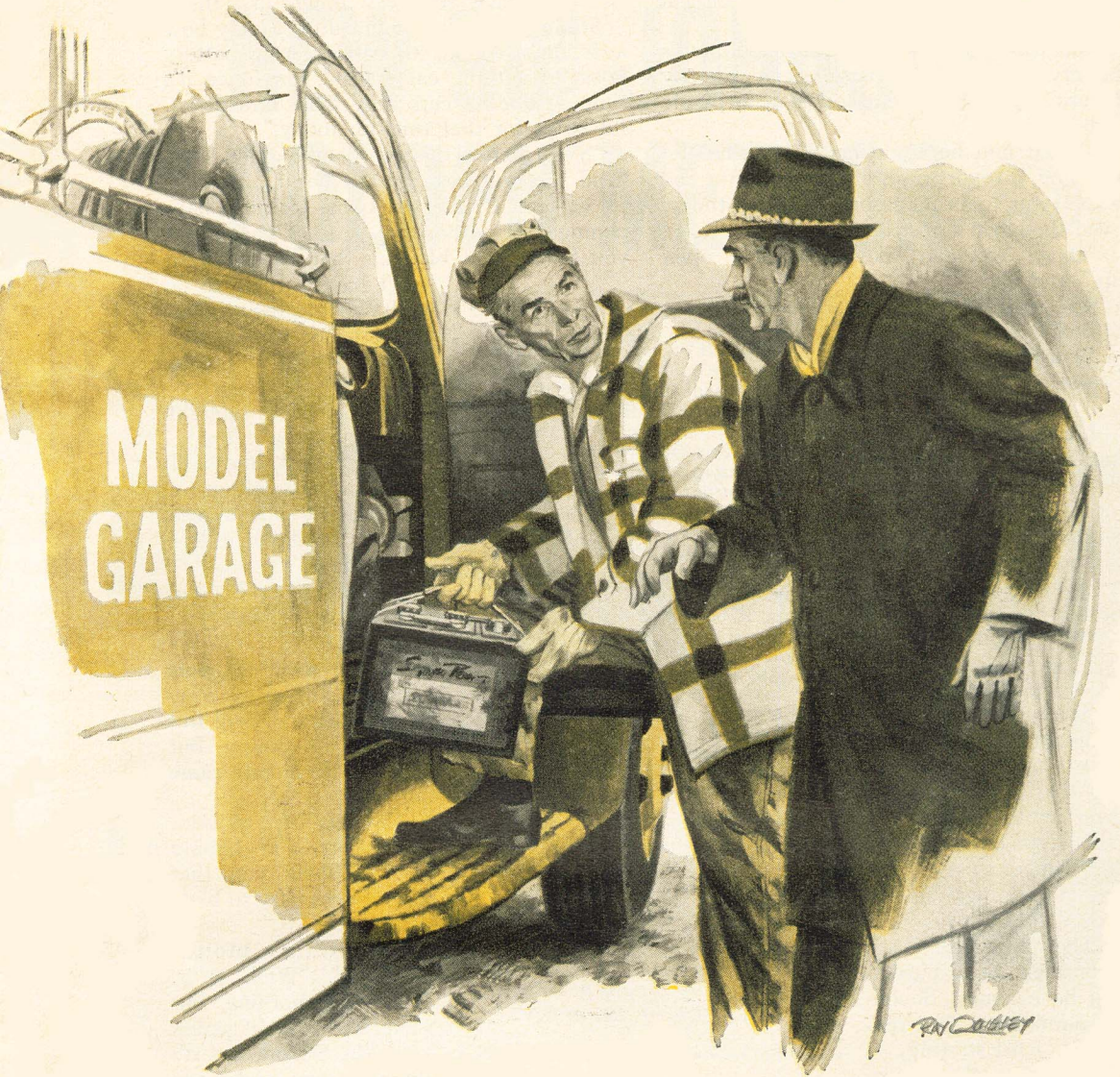


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