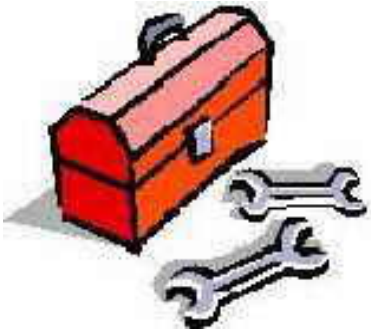




THOUGHTS FROM THE MODEL T GARAGE...

By Ed Meloan



I received an interesting letter from Mr. Patrick

McKissack a few weeks ago concerning a remark I made in an article about Model T timers. I mentioned that ANCO had been a company that made timers as well as a lot of other after-market items for the Model T but they had long ago disappeared from the automobile scene: Mr. McKissack wrote to let me know I was mistaken.

Good afternoon Mr. Meloan,

I just read your article on the ANCO timer that is posted on the South Carolina Model T Ford Club web site. It was extremely well written and informative. The reason your article caught my attention is because I am the Engineering Manager for Federal-Mogul Company, ANCO ID Wiper Products Division. This particular sentence in your article really caught my attention: "The Anderson Company and ANCO are long gone.....u. This was a huge surprise for me, as I have worked for ANCO since 1979, and my father worked here before me. This is the same ANCO that originally designed and manufactured, the ANCO Timer, the Hot Spot Manifold and several other products for the Model T automobile and Fordson tractors.

We were founded in 1918 by John Will Anderson and manufactured those and other products until the 1930's, at which time we focused on our windshield wiper products. You may recall the yellow ANCO Wiper display cases that were in use back then when we had full-service gas stations: and the attendant would actually change your wiper blade for you.

Today, I am proud to say that we are the largest manufacturer of after market wiper blades in the U. S., and we have manufacturing locations in Michigan City, Indiana; Juarez, Mexico; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Dn./el'ito, Italy; and Aubange, Belgium.

Federal-Mogul Corporation, acquired ANCO in 1998 from Cooper Automotive. For more than 80 years, ANCOZ has been the leader in replacement wiper blades, refills, washer pumps and wiper arms.

From passenger cars and light trucks to duty fleets: ANCO has the best coverage to all types of drivers with the best and safest wiper blades. ANCO is the world's most popular wiper blades and related products, with excellent designs and materials that deliver a clean windshield in any driving condition. Our wipers feature the Kwik Connect snap-in installation system for fast easy replacement. The DuraKis rubber polymer wiping edge which ensures a streak-free and silent wipe.

In your article, you also mentioned many advantages of ANCO products. If you or any of your members have copies of these, I would be extremely interested in seeing them.

Thanks again for your very interesting article.

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I'm delighted to hear that I was wrong and that the original Model T parts suppliers is still much in business and I appreciate Mr. McK letter: I looked through my collection of old ads and was unable to find any ANCO ads. If any members happen to have any ANCO advert I know it would be appreciated.

See you down the road_