

## **Pinstriping Bill Wittners SW**

After having my '31 Slant-windshield repainted, it was in need of having it pin striped again. I contacted Ken Parker to see if he had the time and interest in doing the job. He suggested that we do a Tech Session on pin striping, as we had discussed at a club meeting some time back. So, to beat the long period of cold weather that was on its way, we quickly called a Tech Session on Wednesday, January 27 at my shop in Athens.

Ken mixed white, yellow and brown paint to exactly match the Cigarette Cream wheels on my car. Two methods of pin striping were demonstrated: Free-hand striping using a special sable striping brush and the use of a pre-cut 3M masking tape that is applied to the car. The pre-cut tape has several widths cut into the tape, allowing the desired stripe width to be removed and paint then applied to the exposed car surface. After some experimentation, the latter method was chosen. It is a method that can be done by almost anyone without the need for special brushes or special skills; but patience is required. The stripes were applied in accordance with the standards existing in the Model A Ford Paint and Finish Guide.

It required a full day to complete the job, but the result was really worth the effort. The stripes totally changed the appearance of the car. It looks first class!! Thanks Ken for a very informative and useful session and for a very attractive result.

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