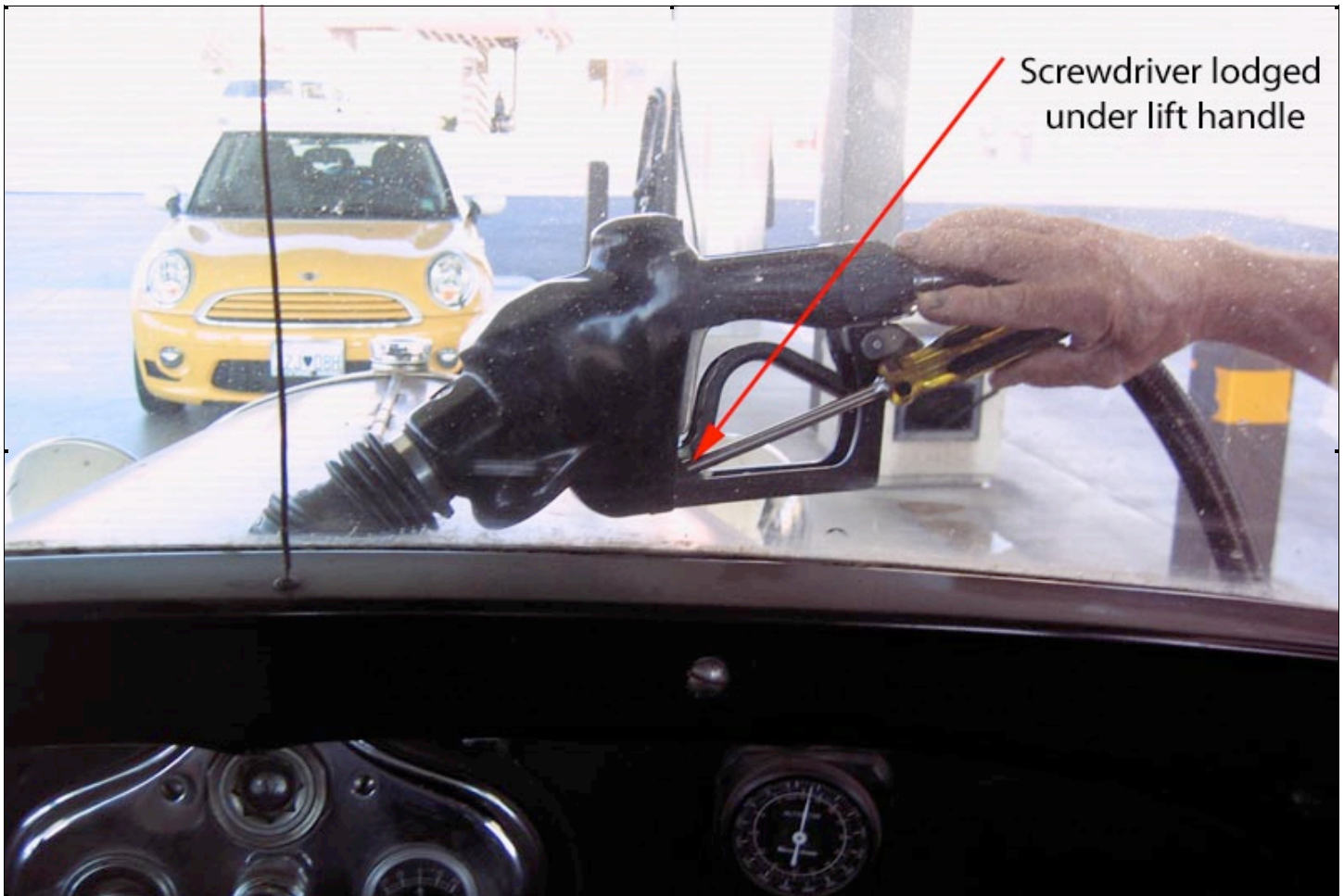


FUELING THE MODEL A WITH MODERN EQUIPMENT

Using what I call the “politically correct” fuel nozzle found in today’s (California) gas stations can be frustrating. They were evidently designed for fuel tanks with filler necks, and of course the Model A has no such neck. As most Model A drivers know, the modern nozzle mechanism shuts off the fuel when the tank is just a little over three quarters full. Soon after these were introduced, I came up with this nifty technique to easily get a full tank.

Model As have a nice feature that allows you to actually see the gas in the gauge glass when it’s full. I prefer to fill from the right side of the car to guard against the possibility of the pressure of the incoming gas damaging the little fine sediment screen I use in my tank shut off valve. Therefore, I start filling using the full on nozzle latch until the tank is full enough that it automatically shuts off. Then I slip my flat blade screwdriver in under the nozzle valve plunger and lift up on it while looking through the right front window until I see the gas level in the middle of the gauge and release the screwdriver handle.



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