

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

any consistency. Got
any ideas what might
be wrong?
-- **Lucy**

TOM: Sounds like it's allergic to something, Lucy. Have you tried putting Claritin in the gas tank?

RAY: Actually, it sounds more like YOU'RE allergic to something, Lucy: tune-ups. What you're experiencing sounds like a classic engine misfire.

TOM: Intermittently, one of your cylinders is not firing, and that creates a brief interruption in power. You feel that, and you also hear the engine chug a little



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bit. Or sneeze, if you like that description better. When Kleenex decides to sponsor our column, we'll start calling it a sneeze, too.

RAY: Since the

spark plugs and spark-plug wires on this particular car are really crammed in there and hard to reach, my guess is that they haven't been

changed in a long time, if ever. And they're the most likely cause of an engine miss.

TOM: Eventually, this condition will trigger your “check engine” light to come on. But even if it’s not on yet, have your mechanic “scan” the car and see if the computer has stored any codes. If there’s a code in there, it’ll tell you which cylinder is misfiring.

RAY: But even if it's only one cylinder that's misbehaving, it's probably time to change all the plugs and wires. If one's gone bad, they're all

ready to go bad.
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