

# The Spare Tire

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## *"A" Note from the President...*

March has finally arrived and spring is only a few weeks away! Hopefully in the coming weeks we will see more sunshine rather than rain. It's been a challenge, because of so many rainy days, to get out and walk the neighborhood or drive the A's around. I hope we're to be able to do both in the coming days and weeks.

With most of us getting vaccine shots recently, and in the coming weeks and months, plus the warming weather, I feel we should be able to resume our monthly outings in our A's. Our Board of Directors has also agreed that **we should be able to resume meeting in April**. Plans have been made to "tour" up to Greenwood to visit with and attend the "Old 96" Club swap meet on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Details of this trip will be in the April newsletter. Plans have also been made for our club to "tour" on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>. More info will be in upcoming newsletter.

**The Palmetto A's Annual Swap Meet is being planned for June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with "set up" on the 10<sup>th</sup>.** This event is being planned on the second weekend because many of our members will be leaving the following week for the MAFCA National Tour in New Hampshire. We will need volunteers to help out (as in the past) with the duties that come with putting on this event. Again, more details to come.

With these plans in the making, I trust we are all looking forward to safely resuming our monthly gatherings and "tours". If you haven't as of yet, I suggest start getting your A's ready to get back on the road. Checking air pressure and all fluids are things we do regularly, but are must if these haven't been done in a while. A few "neighborhood" trips prior to our first trip in April will help insure your A is ready to roll!

I look forward to April and getting back in the routine and having the fellowship with you all. Hope for all to stay safe until we meet again.

*John Cockerill*

NO MEETING IN  
MARCH

Meetings will resume in April.  
See back page for details.



*Welcome Spring*

**March**

**Birthdays**

**Richard Buff - 1st**  
**June Elkin - 8th**  
**Simon Elkin - 10th**  
**Brent Takach - 12th**  
**Calvin LeNeve - 23rd**  
**Margaret Smith - 26th**

**Anniversaries**

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**Board Meeting Minutes**

The February 18, 2021 phone conference included Wayne Areheart, Cheryl Austin, John Begg, Sharon Booth, John and Twila Cockerill and Wes Porterfield.

The meeting was called to order at 4pm.

Cheryl reported that our club currently has 40 paid members, five life members and five unpaid members on our membership roster.

Approval was sought and given for Happy to send our annual donations of \$200 each to MAFFI, MAYSF and MAYRA.

John Cockerill shared an invitation from Matt Barrett from Shade Tree A's for a tour on Saturday, March 6 (rain date, March 13). Tour starts in Evans GA and ends in Edgefield.

The main topic of discussion for this meeting was getting our club back to normal meetings and functions. Our first planned outing will be 17 April with a drive to Old 96 Club's annual swap meet in Saluda. (Planned events can be seen on page 8.) The plan for our swap meet was discussed at great length. We have tentatively scheduled it for June 11-12 with set up on Thursday, 10 June.

Meeting ended at 5 pm.

Twila Cockerill

**Treasurer's Report, February 2021**

We continue to maintain a balance in line with the club budget as set and approved by the Board of Directors. All bills and receipts are processed promptly. The checkbook is balanced monthly with no discrepancies. The club account balance is reported at each General Membership meeting.

Happy Begg, Treasurer

**Sunshine Report**

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Mary Day, Sara Koon and Mike Lewter.

*Remember: call, write or send a card to someone who needs encouragement. We are "FAMILY" and it helps to be thought of and prayed about.*

If you have any Sunshine concerns, please call or email the newsletter editor to add the name to our Sunshine Report.



## Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

**When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:**

### DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY

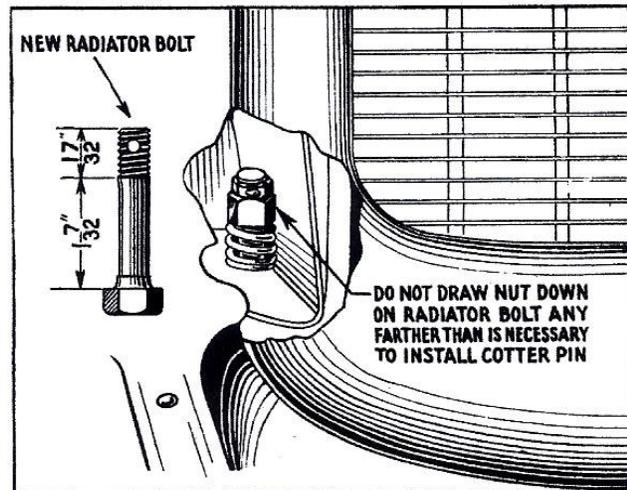


Fig. 764

When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results.

Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from  $5/8''$  to  $17/32''$  which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See Fig. 764. However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts, constant care must be exercised when screwing down the radiator bolt nuts.

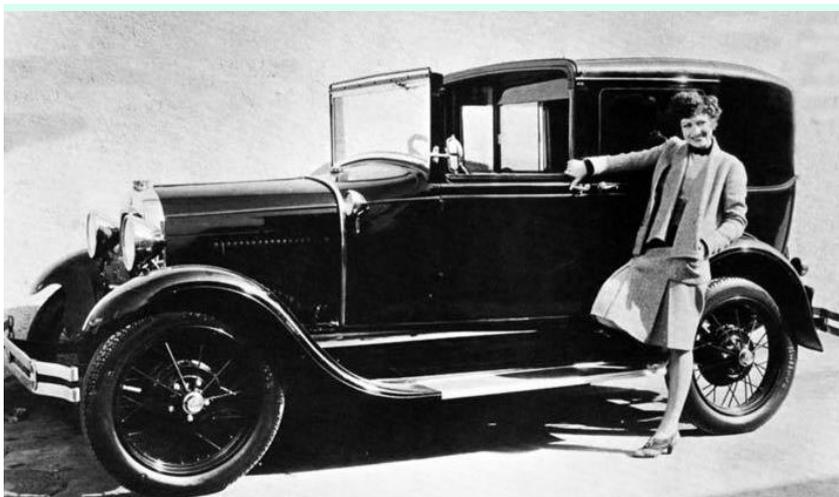
#### **Good advice. My Tech Tip is this:**

Before installing the radiator bolt, paint a thin white line across the end of the bolt to show the orientation of the drilled hole for the cotter pin. Later, when you are tightening the nut, it gives you a way to orient the drilled hole in the bolt "front to back" so that it is easy to slip the cotter key in and bend it over. Once the nut is on the bolt, it is hard to see the little hole and it can be very frustrating to put the cotter pin in.

I hope that helps get your radiator installed a bit faster and easier.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

Courtesy of MAFCA



**Traveling Along the  
Model A Highway**  
Photo: from Internet,  
Actress Joan Crawford

# Looking One's Loveliest in 1929

## *A Pictorial Summary of Model 'A' Fashions*

By Jill Barrett, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, California



Looking One's Loveliest in 1929 is my third of four pictorial summaries. You might think of it as the "Cliff Notes" for era fashion in 1929. This brief and sporty summary runs through some of the categories in the fashion guidelines for 1929 with original fashion pattern and magazine images to pique your interest. This summary includes a brief description of the waistline, hemline, light jackets, sleeve styles, with pictorial examples of popular garment colors and hat styles. This summary also includes pictorial examples for small fashions and popular clothing styles for men.

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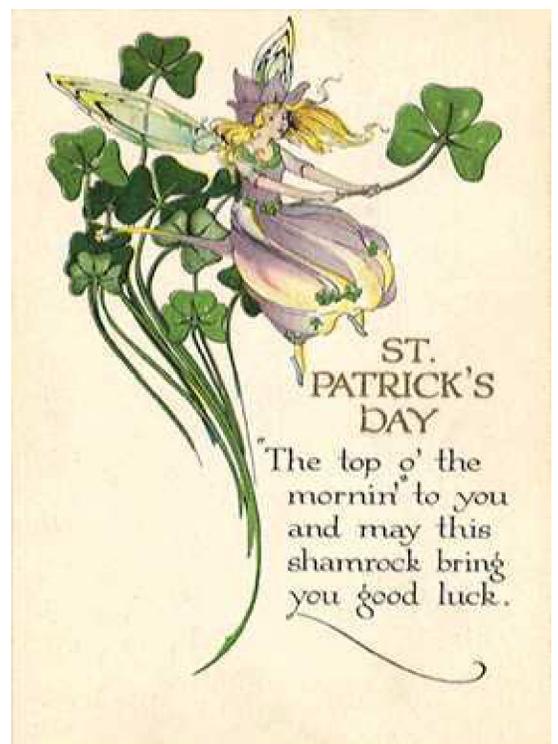
### *Editor's Note...*

We hope March will bring changes for everyone. This is the last month our club will skip meetings. Our schedule is listed on the back page. We will still have to wear masks and socially distance, but at least we will be looking at familiar faces behind the masks! We all need a change of scenery.

We will be visiting the Old 96 Model A swap meet in April and getting a feel for how we can manage the current restrictions our own swap meet in June.

It is time to get those A's up and out!

*Twila*



# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual All Model A Parts Swap Meet Old 96 District Model A Club

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1. Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
  2. "In Style" are clothes that still fit.
  3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you mad.
  4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
  5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
  6. On time is when you get there.
  7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
  8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
  9. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
  10. Growing old should have taken longer!
  11. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
  12. You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will!
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**MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE**

**February 2021**

The Model A Ford Foundation is excited and anticipating Model A Day at our beautiful museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. After last year's cancellation, we have had even more time to fine tune this event! (When life gives you lemons...) Our First Responder vehicles are still on display, thanks to the generosity of their lenders. We are expecting a great turnout so make plans now to attend. Please see attached a flyer for **Model A Day, September 17 & 18, 2021!**

Please use the link provided to print the flyer and feel free to distribute them at your club's events.

Thank you,

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

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Members are encouraged to join the following national clubs:

Model A Ford Club of America.  
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 Model 'A' Restorers Club  
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**Benefits of National Club Memberships**

Membership in MAFCA includes the following:

- A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award- winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
- The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
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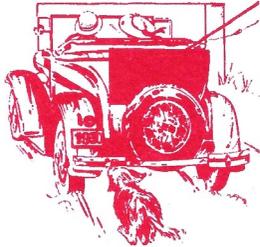
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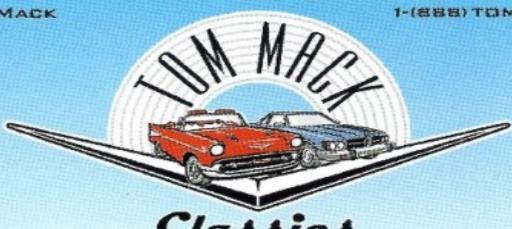
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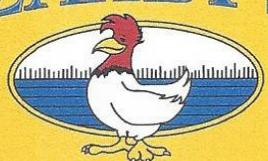


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# Spring



## Down the Road

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## Palmetto A's Schedule for 2021

**MARCH - NO MEETING**

**APRIL 17** - Old 96 Annual Swap Meet in Saluda (see page 5)

**MAY 8** - Edgefield's Market on the Square

**JUNE 11-12** - Palmetto A's Annual Swap Meet at Smith & Jones

**ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WE WILL OBSERVE ALL COVID 19 PROTOCOLS**

## Other Events of Interest

**2021**

**April 8-11** [Charlotte AutoFair](#) **CANCELLED**

**April 16-17** Old 96 Annual Swap Meet

**April 9-11** [MARC Membership Meet](#) 2021 in Bay City, MI **CANCELLED**

**June 7-11** [MARC National Meet](#), Oshkosh WI

**June 20-25** [MAFCA National Tour](#) in New Hampshire. Watch for details!



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## Tiny Tips

### POP-OUT SWITCH LUBRICATION

Original pop-out switches grow sticky with age due to gum and electrolysis. Before junking the switch or waiting until the key breaks off, try this solution: Turn the key until switch pops out. Under the first "F" in the word "Off" drill a 1/16" hole carefully through the brass shell. Now the cylinder can be loosened with WD-40 using the plastic tube.

## The Spare Tire

**Due date for submissions  
for the April 2021  
issue is March 20th**



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