

The il Leak

January 2022 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 59 Issue 1

The President Speaks:

Happy New Year to all club members and their families.

This past month we had several great events. First the Maynard Christmas Parade and then the Annual Holiday Party. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

I want to give Thomas Zappala a big thank you for his volunteering to run the Holiday party at Conrad's. January 4th will be our first meeting of the year. I have agreed to continue as President for 1 more year. Wayne Champagne will be temporary Vice President, Rick Gadbois Secretary, Barbara McElhiney Treasure, Nan Linden membership and Doug Linden newsletter editor.

In January we will have a short meeting then a discussion of tours for 2022 with Don Ross. A talk about future meeting topics, followed by a 20-minute video.

Hope to see many of you then.
Don't forget your club dues.



KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY
Doug Farrell



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact me.

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Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Jan 4 7:30 PM "Regular" Club Meeting

Notice

March 27, 2022 The Minuteman Club Winter Blah's Flea Market is back. More information will be forthcoming, but start gathering your parts now.

TL=Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
November, 2021

Income:

Club Auction	\$ 424.00
Coffee Can	15.00
Donations	40.00
Member Dues	465.00
Parades	\$ 280.00
Total Income	\$ 1,224.00

Expense:

Coffee Supplies	\$ 18.47
Oil Leak Printing	70.00
Total Expenses	\$ 88.47
Net Income	\$ 1135.53

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

JANUARY 19867 35 YEARS AGO

No Report Available

JANUARY 1997 25 YEARS AGO

Two members selling Model A's, Joop a 31 Victoria and Wayne a 28 Tudor. 90+ people attend Holiday party. Maine Trip reports a big storm heading up coast, everyone got an early start for home.

JANUARY 2007 15 YEARS AGO

Tom Geagan new President. Dick Stitt announces that youngest club member, Matt Johnson now has his own 30 Model A Coupe. Crazy weather at Holiday Party, but that didn't deter 70+ members from attending. Great time was had by all. Tom Z thanks all for helping this year.

----- ARTI-FACT -----

NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

Homicide Victims Rarely Talk to Police
Barbershop Singers Bring Joy to School for Deaf
Miracle Cure Kills Patient
Bridges Help People Cross Rivers
City Unsure Why Sewer Smells
Man Accused of Killing Lawyer
Receives a New Attorney
Hospitals Resort to Hiring Doctors
Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons
Marijuana Issue Sent to a Joint Committee

National Organizations:



Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)
Membership dues \$50/year



Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)
Membership Dues \$50/year



Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)
and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr

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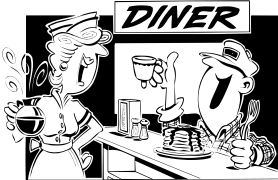
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Weekly Breakfast Group ➔



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is back. Now that mem-

bers have received their vaccine the group keeps growing each week. The Big Apple staff keep the area clean and safe.

Why not join us again. ➔



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bryan Wittstein

23 Eliot Street
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1929 Phaeton

John Fridrich

11 Longmeadow Road
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1931 Coupe

Robert (Bob) Gardner Jr.

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1930 Sport Coupe



Have you sent in your dues for 2022?

If not go to page 7

Fill out the form and mail your check

Thanks

Secretary's Report

No Meeting Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club December 12, 2021 Annual Holiday Party at Conrad's Restaurant

The 2021 Annual Holiday Party was a great time for all who attended. Attendance was down slightly, probably due to lingering covid precautions. The weather was perfect, in fact a couple of Model A's were in the parking lot, and having the party midday make it a lot easier for everyone to travel to the party. Thanks to the efforts of Tom & Lisa Zappala for coordinating all of the activities, the party was great success. There was plenty of time for members to socialize before the appetizers were brought out. The main items on the buffet were once again delicious and what's more, after dinner the left over food was boxed up and available to take home.

Our members once again brought a wonderful supply of toys to support the less fortunate kids through the Toys-for-Tots. The toys were dropped off at the Southborough Fire Department after the party. The club received a very nice email thanking us our donation.

Thanks to all the members who attended.



The Toys donated are loaded into the back seat of the Linden's Model A to be delivered to the fire station

Model "A" Adventures

MAYNARD CHRISTMAS PARADE

On December 5 members of our club participated in the annual Maynard Christmas Parade. The weather gods were cooperating as it was a pleasant day.

Reports were that the crowd was large and appreciated the event which was canceled last year.

Members participating were John Erb, Doug Farrell, Rick Gadbois, Rich & Linda Batstone, Dick Krug and Jack & Karen LeDuc.

Click on the link for a video of the parade:

[Maynard Parade](#)



It was a surprise for the breakfast group to have Santa join us just before Christmas. I hope the elves back at the shop stayed busy while Santa was away.



The First tour is when?

John (JJ) Jacobson 1935 – 2021

We are saddened to report our club has lost one of our long time members. JJ was an active member from the time he joined the club in 1978. JJ was a gearhead and always liked cars and motorcycles. When he saw one of Clyde Kelton's Model A's for sale he bought the roadster pickup and restored it. He and Shirley became regulars at all club events. Over the years JJ served as club President, VP and as co-chairman of the 1988 MAFCA National convention and the 2001 New England Meet.

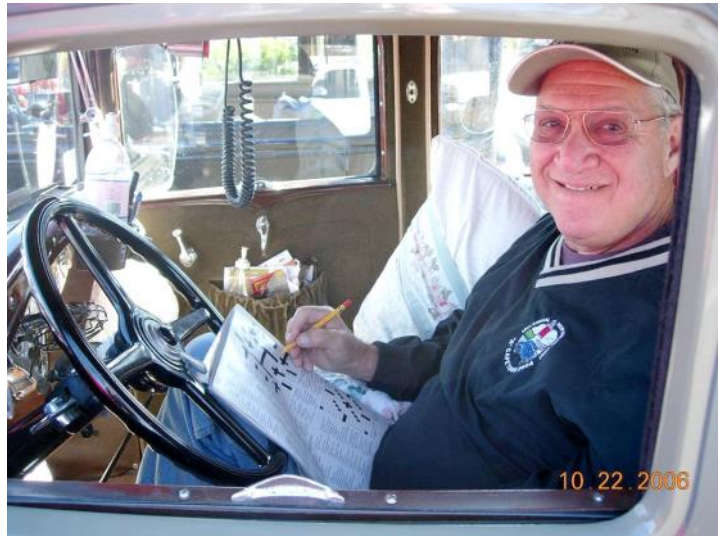
JJ acquired a number of collector vehicles over the years: classic Motorcycles, Vespa cars, little Hondas, T-bird, Corvette, 1935 Ford Phaeton, too many motor homes to count, and a few other Model A's. He enjoyed driving them all. The cross-country trip he and Shirley made in 1990 in the 1930 Model A was the source of many great stories.

JJ and Shirley were high school sweethearts and during college JJ started selling Vespa scooter parts. Little did JJ and Shirley know at that time how that venture would shape their future.

JJ leaves his wife Shirley, son Jimmy and daughter Tracy. Our condolences go to the entire family.

The Jacobson family has informed us that a remembrance service for JJ will be held in the spring.

[Obituary on Line](#)





**The new year near!
Time to renew your
MEMBERSHIP**



***Dues are Due
2022***

In order for us to keep our records up to date, **PLEASE** complete the form below and return with your check for \$20. If there are no changes, you won't have to complete the entire form, just check the appropriate box. *Thank you.*

Membership Renewal: _____ or New: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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email _____ Telephone ____ - ____ - _____

No Changes _____ (cell) Telephone ____ - ____ - _____

Are you over 80 and been a member for at least 5 years? ____ If, yes, membership is free. However a donation in lieu of dues is always welcome

I would like to receive my ***Oil Leak*** by email. Yes _____ No _____

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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



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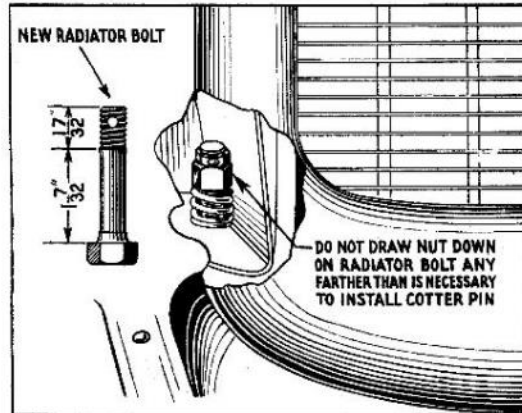


Fig. 764

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.

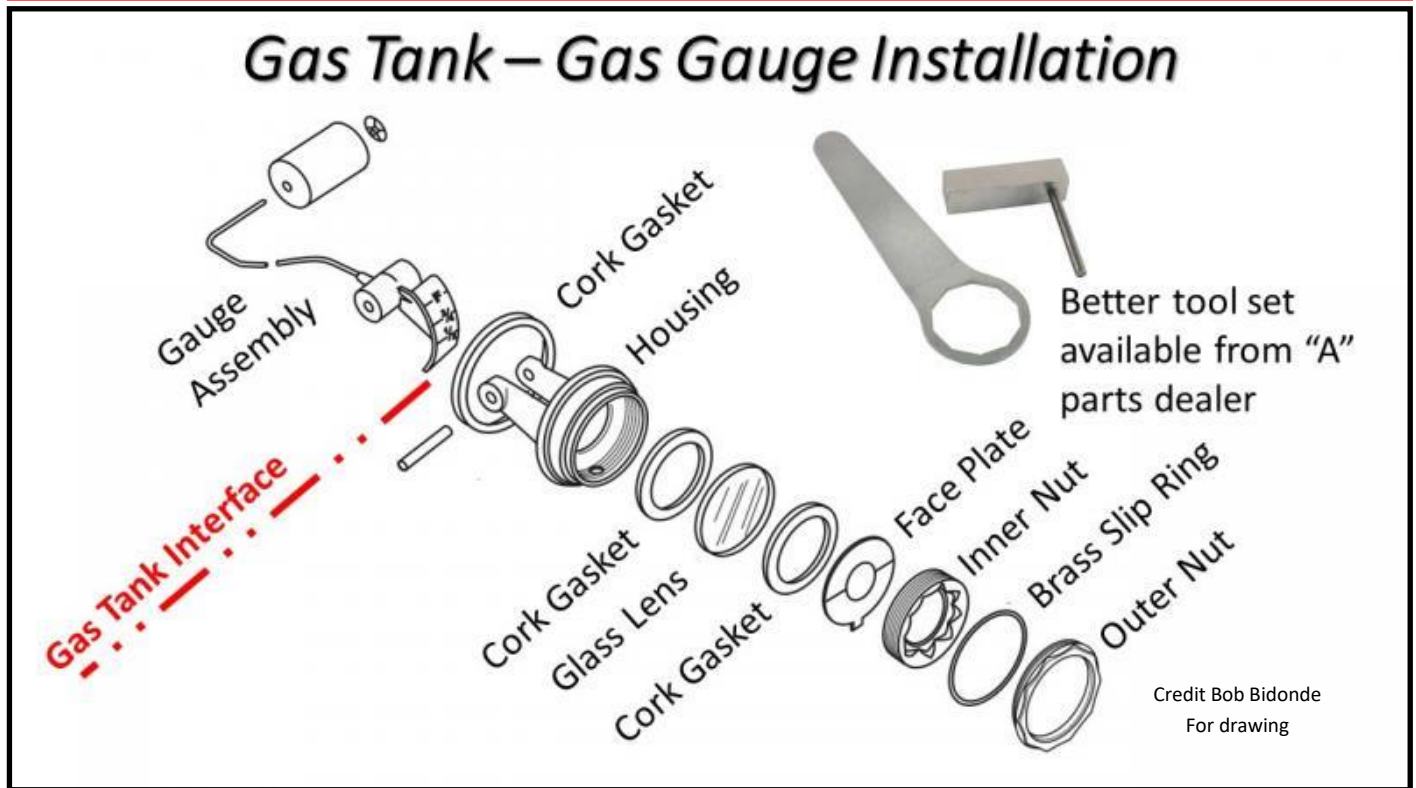
Good advice. My Tech Tip is this:

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

Winter Project Idea



The winter is a good time to take care of some of those problems that you put off during the touring season. The gas gauge is one of those maintenance items that can be accomplished without too much difficulty. This is also the time to refinish the face of the gauge itself. There is a great article in the May June 2013 issue of The Restorer magazine. This article covers the steps to restore the face and numbers on the gauge.

When servicing the gas gauge it is important to have the proper gas gauge tools to remove the special nuts that hold the assembly to the gas tank. These tools are available from all the Model A parts suppliers, there are a couple versions of the tools, I think the more expensive one is the better of the two.

Les Andrews' Model A Mechanic Handbook Vol I has the instruction for installation, although his diagram doesn't show the one above with the two cork gaskets. Some of the new sets included cork and neoprene gaskets. I use the cork and give them a little light coating of Permatex #2.

The end result will be a long lasting leakless gas gauge.

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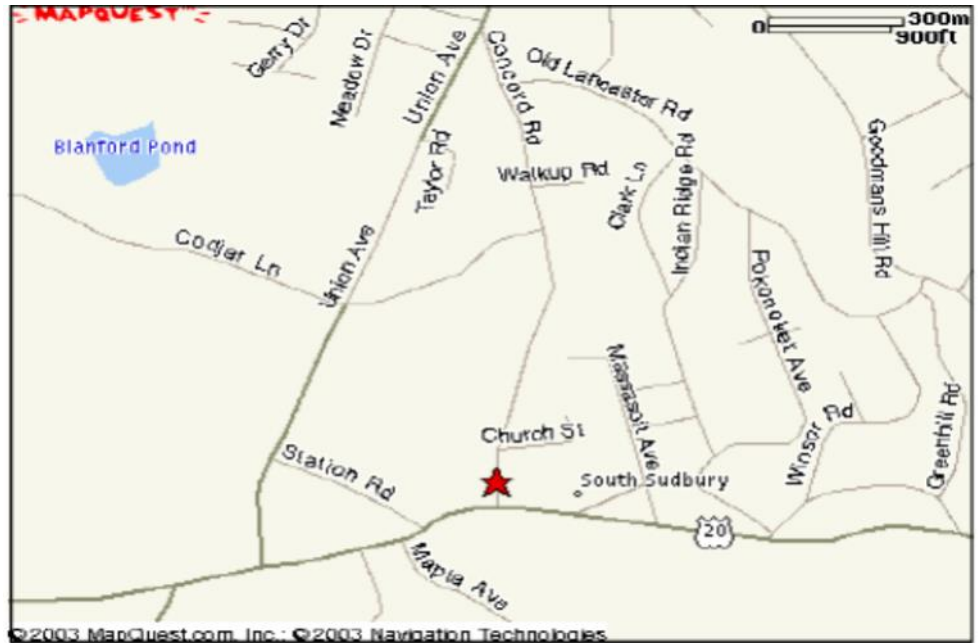


NOTICE

The January meeting will be held as usual thanks to volunteers stepping forward to keep the club alive.

This will be a regular meeting, not the installation dinner we would normally have since we had no officers to install when the dinner plans needed to made.

We will have a short meeting and a short Ford produced video of the Model A.



Monthly Meetings have resumed at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Hope to see everyone there.

Be sure to visit www.oilleak.org

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