

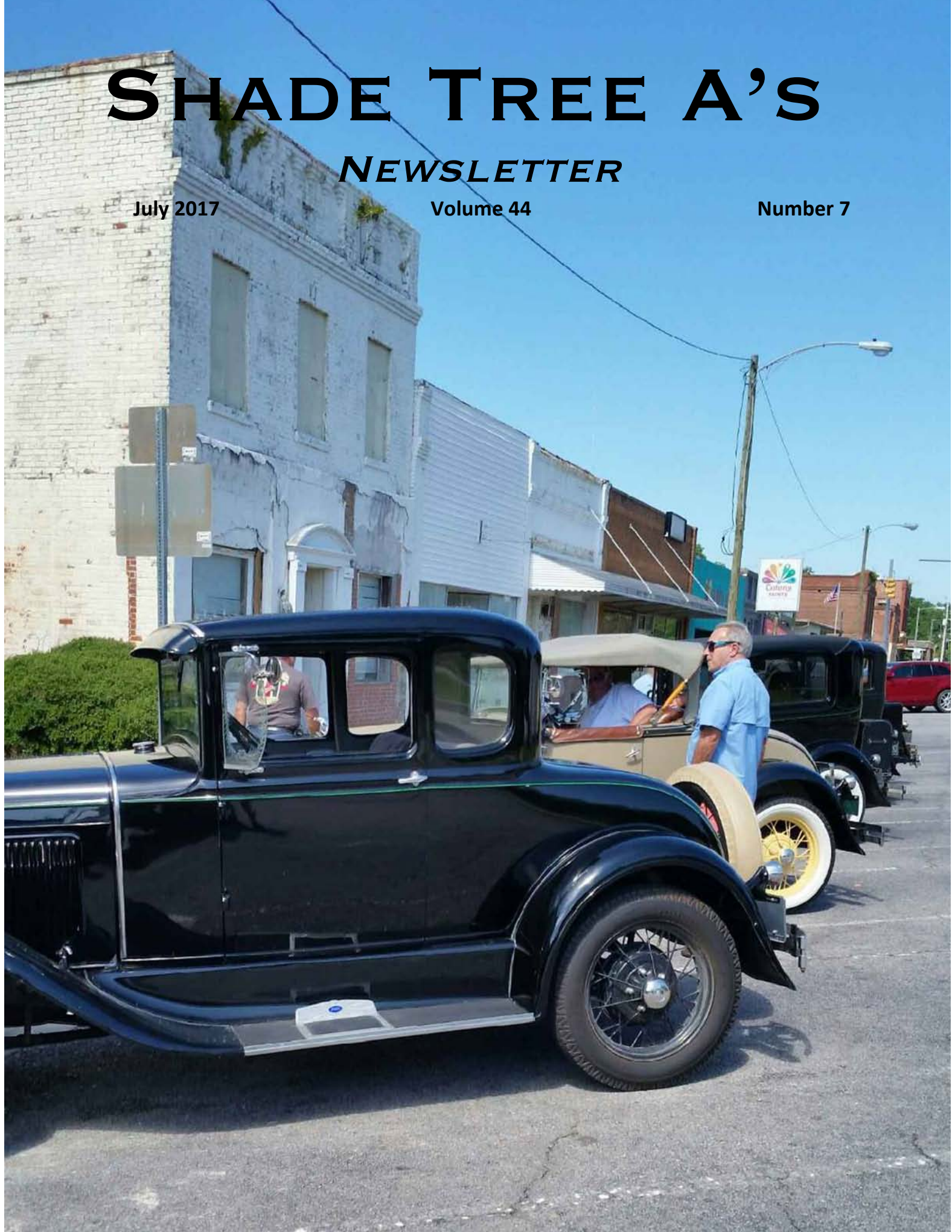
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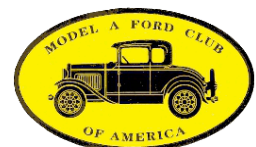
On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's tour to Blackville, South Carolina with four area Model A clubs. Story on page 10.

SHADE TREE A'S MODEL A CLUB



The Shade Tree A's Model A Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues are only \$25. Members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$40 annual dues) and the Model A Restorer's Club (MARC, \$45 annual dues) to enjoy the benefits of these national organizations including their respective magazines: *The Restorer* (MAFCA) and *Model A News* (MARC). The Shade Tree A's club is also a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.



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OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Kent Carruthers - President

Post Summer Solstice greetings to all members of the Shade Tree A's. It's all downhill from here. I hope this greeting finds all members and family in good health and good spirits.

Our 2017 touring season is half way over, and many opportunities have been enjoyed by a consolidated few. I encourage the traveling group to join MARC's mileage program for personal and club recognition. For a dollar, the National Club will keep track and reward your efforts over the life of your vehicle.

June 17th, a group traveled to Blackville SC, to join our invitation to lunch by the Palmetto Model A Club of South Carolina. Five different (maybe 6) clubs all met for a short afternoon get-together in an incredibly scenic old town environment. The comradery of Model A enthusiasts was fun to experience.

I will not be available for the July meeting. We are in the process of confirming Sconyer's Bar-b-que for the August meeting, the 17th at 6:00 to carry on tradition. Two particular motions were made at June's meeting, which need to be considered by the membership:

- Publishing the Treasurer's report in the newsletter or some fashion of publicity
- Consolidation of STA financial accounts (Meeting Minutes reference for both)

These motions need to be discussed by the membership and then acted upon. Please keep in mind that a quorum is needed at any Shade Tree A meeting to do any business. We are getting very close to not having a quorum recently at meetings. I also belief that our last action taken in the Policies and Procedures:

Effective 1 January 2017, the STA Club will pay the annual fees for each of its elected officers (i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) for the year they serve in these leadership positions.

has not been effective. National renewal of dues are too close to elections. These issues raised, I would like to request a BOD meeting August 1, to formalize voting proposals for the membership at Sconyer's.

Prior to July 4th, I will be making an official announcement, stealing Robbie Jones's wonderful "Fuel Economy Run" format to invite one and all, as well as other surrounding Model A Clubs, to join on National Model A Day, September 16th, to participate in an effort to meet MAFCA's 100,000 mile day. Details will follow shortly. Mark your calendar and if you only get your car on the road one day this year, MAKE IT THIS ONE.

"Life is what passes you by, while you're making other plans" [J. Lennon]. The year is half over and if you are like me, you haven't accomplished 1/4th of what you had hoped to complete. If you are a member that hasn't had the opportunity to get the car(s) out this year, there is no time like the present. Do plan to make this year's National Model A Day something special. We will.

MEETING MINUTES

*June 12, 2017
Richard's Garage*

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree As was held June 12, 2017 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Kent called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM. Twenty members were in attendance. It appears summer vacations may have taken a toll on attendance!

The group was once more entertained by Jim Dover's "Joke of The Month". Something about a fat lady in a grocery store and another humorous anecdote concerning his "Uncle Carl's" checker playing dog! Always good humor!

As with last month, only one member, our president, failed to wear his nametag. He promptly contributed to the Name Tag Fund!

Due to Richard Dunevent's absence, there was no report from the treasury.

A motion for approval of the May meeting minutes as published in *The Newsletter* was made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Ralph Neitzke reported that Tina is now back at home and recovering well. According to Don Gordon, his dad, George Gordon, has been admitted to University Hospital for medical evaluation. He says George is suffering from some unknown intestinal problems. Hopefully, all will be well with our old friend! Prayers for all were encouraged by President Kent.

Jim McPherson invited anyone interested to take a look at the latest MAFCA special edition guideline highlighting the Model A Coupe he recently purchased.

Under Show and Tell, Matt Barrett displayed a unique tool for removing rust from a Model A gas tank he recently purchased from Smith and Jones. The magnetic device is attached to the gas cap and appears to work well. Thanks Matt!

President Kent took an opportunity to read his son Calvin's MAFCA scholarship acceptance letter. Congratulations Calvin!

Under Old Business, our participation in several outings were discussed including The Penny Penson Hotdog Day and The Aiken Memorial Day parade to which president Kent was the only member representing the STAs. It was also decided that our club will travel to Blackville, S.C. on Saturday June 17th to join up with The Palmetto As for lunch at a local restaurant. At this writing, only six members plan to attend.

Under New Business, a motion was made by Gerald Melchoirs to transfer our CD or Money Market holdings to the general fund. In the absence of our treasurer and more information being needed, President Kent tabled the motion.

A motion was also made by Abbie Prince that we publish our monthly Treasurer's Report in *The Newsletter*. After a short discussion and due to many members not in attendance, that motion was tabled as well.

President Kent explained his plans to combine National Model A Day, September, 16th with the upcoming Fuel Economy Run. More info will be forthcoming.

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MEETING MINUTES

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President Kent also reported our annual August Dinner Meeting will once again be held at Sconyers Bar-B-Que restaurant.

Sheila McPherson urged members wanting to purchase Club clothing to contact her ASAP as she is submitting an order in the near future.

In lieu of our usual Technical Program, Gerald Melchoir, presented a very interesting talk, complete with slides, of his excellent restoration of a 1955 American Midget recently purchased. To the delight of all, he then drove the Midget into the meeting room for all to inspect and admire. Well done Gerald! Thanks for a very informative presentation!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM after which refreshments provided by Stuart Smith, Ron Wisham and Denise Turner were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted by Frank Knapp
Membership Coordinator and Acting Secretary



LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

July

10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)

August

TBA Shade Tree A's Annual Summer Dinner, Time and Location TBA
(Note: There will not be a regular Shade Tree A's monthly meeting in August)

12 9th Annual Model A parts and Swap Meet hosted by the Georgia Chapter of
MAFCA, Tucker, Georgia

September

8-9 All Model A & Model T Swap Meet & People's Choice Car Show, Smith and
Jones, Columbia, SC

11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)

16 International Model A Ford Day

16 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Run (date is tentative)

TBA - To Be Announced

July Refreshments



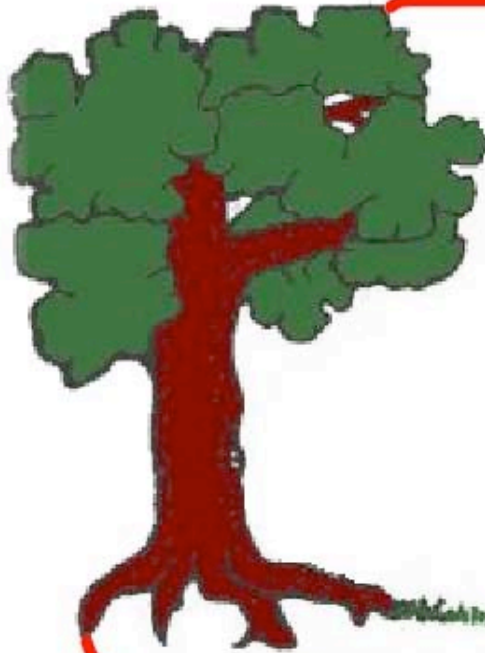
Don Gordon
Mike Gordon
William Gordon
Misty Hooker
George Gordon
Rita Thornhill



July Birthdays

7 Robert Collier, Jr.
10 Greg Jones
22 Don Turley
24 Norma Pruitt
26 Margaret Ann Mobley

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Continue to remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:
 - Kathy Poole-recovery from recent surgery
 - Tina Neitzke-recovering at home
 - George Gordon-admitted to hospital

*Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:
newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org*

Monthly Technical Program

Got an idea for a technical program for presentation at a monthly meeting?

Got a topic you would like discussed during a monthly technical program?

Do you want to volunteer to present a technical program?

If so, contact Mike Gordon at vp@ShadeTreeAs.org or 706-513-7619

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T

SWAP MEET & PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW

at

Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts
60 Wisconsin St. West Columbia, SC



sponsored by

Palmetto A's of South Carolina



Friday, September 8, 2017 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, September 9, 2017 8am to 3pm Swap Meet & Car Show

Vendor Space: Early registration: \$15/one day \$25/two days \$20/\$30 at the gate

Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

\$2 Door Prize Tickets Food Concession 50/50

Contact: Dick Fraser

dickfraser@earthlink.net 803-622-7582

Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Will you be arriving and setting up on Thursday, Sept 7? _____

Are you primarily a Model A or Model T vendor? _____

Please mail this form along with a check or money order made payable to:

Palmetto A's of SC--- 113 Ian Dr. Leesville, SC 29070

By participation in this event and signing this form I/we agree to hold harmless

The Palmetto A's of SC Model A Club, Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts and any of the members or agents thereof, in the event of accident or injury to any participant, person or group.

Signature _____ Date _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sweet Home Alabama Tour

October 18-21, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are putting the finishing touches on this year's "Sweet Home Alabama Tour" October 18-21, 2017, with departure for home on Sunday morning October 22. The following is a draft outline of the tour:

- Wednesday Oct 18, registration and welcome dinner.
- Thursday Oct 19, a tour of the Natchez trace with a stop at the Tupelo car museum, lunch, tour of local attractions, and return on the trace.
- Friday Oct 20 a road tour to Lawrence County, Tennessee, a stop at the Big Red Store, lunch at the historic David Crocket restaurant, a tour of Amish country and return on the Natchez trace.
- Saturday Oct 21 a visit to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, the Tuscumbia Railroad Museum and the General Joe Wheeler home. In the evening we will conclude with the "Farewell Dinner".

The host motel is the Coldwater Inn, 712 Hwy 72 W, Tuscumbia, Al 35674, telephone number (256) 383-6844. The tour rate is \$79 plus tax, breakfast included. You can go ahead now and make your motel reservations, tell them you are with the Sweet Home Alabama Tour to get the special rate. We should have the tour information packet and registration form completed within the next 3 weeks (*by mid-July, Ed.*). It's going to be another great tour.

-- Paul Majerick



RECENT EVENTS

Lunch in Blackville, SC

Story by Jim McPherson

Five Model A's from the Shade Tree A's joined four other Model A clubs for lunch at Miller's Bread Basket in Blackville, SC for lunch on Saturday June 17th. And our plates were piled high with great home cooking! There were twenty-three Model A's and about forty-five members. Following lunch, some took a short two mile drive to Healing Springs, where several members came prepared with gallon jugs for water from the Healing Spring. Others more forgetful were using coke bottles to fill their radiators with the cool spring water. Legend has it, that once filled with Healing Springs water, your Model A will never overheat again. Unfortunately none of the STA members took advantage of the opportunity, although some should have! The gathering was reunion time with members of the Lowcountry A's from Charleston, SC, the Palmetto A's from Columbia, SC, the Old 96 District A's from Greenwood, SC and the Aiken Model A's from Aiken, SC. Larry DuVall led the group from Augusta in his 1931 Coupe, Richard Dunevent in his 1930 Tudor, Frank Knapp in his 1931 DeLux Roadster, Dan Perla in his 1930 Town Sedan and Kent Carruthers in his 1930 Roadster.

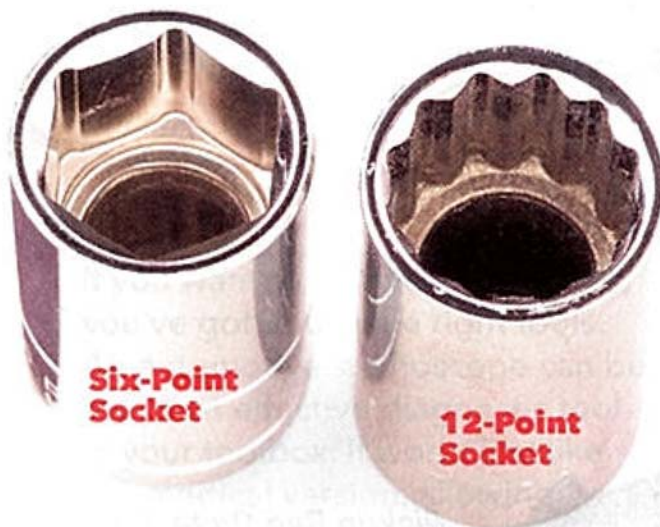


TECHNICAL TOPICS

Tool Tips

Submitted by Jim McPherson

These handy tool tips are from the May 2017 issue of the Family Handyman magazine.



Expert Advice

Six-point vs. 12-point sockets

Q My gearhead neighbor keeps telling me I should quit using my 12-point sockets and buy a set of six-points. Is this really necessary?

A A 12-point socket is fine for most lightweight repairs, but heavy wrenching calls for a six-point socket. A six-point socket is much less likely to slip off a stubborn fastener or round over the corners.

Here's why: (1) Six-point sockets have thicker walls, so they're less likely to flex. (2) A six-point socket is designed to contact the head of a fastener well away from the corners so contact is made on the thickest part of the socket and the flattest part of the fastener. This dramatically reduces the likelihood of slippage and rounding over the corners. And (3), the edges of a socket are angled back a few degrees to allow the socket to slide easily over a fastener. The angle on a six-point socket is less than on its 12-point counterpart, again providing more contact area inside the socket.

One last point. Most high-quality sockets are chrome plated to prevent rusting and make cleanup easy. However, after years of use, the chrome finish can flake off. Don't use a socket if the chrome is peeling. The chrome will be as sharp as a razor blade. Any reputable tool company will replace a tool that has peeling chrome.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Remove stripped nuts and bolts

I discovered a new way to remove nuts and bolts that I've rounded over beyond all recognition. I reach for a Kobalt Steel Grip socket. Steel Grip sockets have little fingers, or cams, inside that will grab onto the most mangled surface. And the harder you turn the socket, the tighter they lock into place.

The fingers also grab onto a nut or bolt like a magnet, which is perfect for getting bolts started in hard-to-reach nooks and crannies. When I change the oil on my truck, I use one to prevent my oil drain plug from dropping down into a slimy pool of dirty oil. These sockets don't like impact drivers (I wrecked one that way), so they won't replace your standard set of sockets, but \$15 for an eight-piece set is a small price to pay if it gets you out of even one jam. The Kobalt Steel Grip sockets are available at Lowe's.

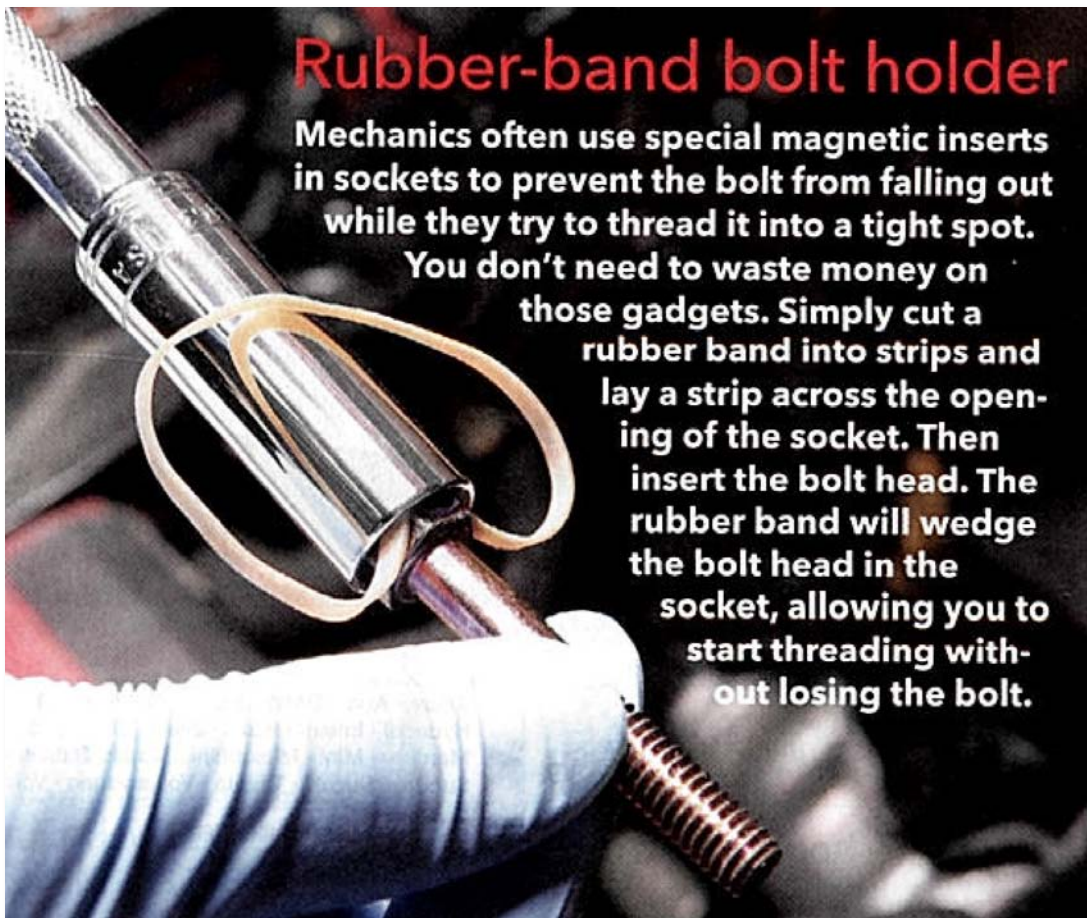
JOSH RISBERG, LEAD CARPENTER



Rubber-band bolt holder

Mechanics often use special magnetic inserts in sockets to prevent the bolt from falling out while they try to thread it into a tight spot.

You don't need to waste money on those gadgets. Simply cut a rubber band into strips and lay a strip across the opening of the socket. Then insert the bolt head. The rubber band will wedge the bolt head in the socket, allowing you to start threading without losing the bolt.



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