

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*

My Fellow Minutemen,

Some say that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, and as I write here on the first day of Spring, I am hopeful that Winter has taken its last breathe for another year and that as the daffodils and crocuses blossom and bloom, so will another Model A touring season.

Dick O'Brien and Mike Doyle, and their ad hoc Touring Committee, have put together yet another great plan for the coming season. I am hopeful that by the time this letter reaches your mailbox, you will have ventured out - if not in Model A, at least in the company of your fellow Minuteman – to one of our early-in-the-season events. Perhaps you will have made it to the annual Pizza Quiz Tour hosted by Nan and Doug Linden, or to the club's annual Winter Blahs Flea Market - which has been so ably managed by Craig Martin. Where ever and whenever, I look forward to getting my cars on the road again, and more importantly, to dusting off the friendships that have grown from our mutual interests in the Model A Ford.

I've had the opportunity to drive my 1930 Station Wagon around a bit, and while it really shouldn't be a surprise to me, I still find myself constantly amazed when, after turning on the gas, giving the choke a tug or two, turning the key, and stepping down on the starter button, my old wagon roars to life. It hasn't always been that way, and as I'm preparing to get the wagon back on the road, I can't help but think about just how much I've learned from so many of you, my fellow Minutemen. The helping hands of the Minuteman Club have been incredibly helpful to me, not only in getting my car on the road, but in giving me the courage and confidence to venture far from home in my little woody wagon. I have seen how supportive our members are of each other, month after month and year after year – and with and without their cars. With that in mind, I look forward to seeing each of you on the road sometime soon.

Be well, and get ready to start your engines,

*Tom Zappala*



# Sunshine

Grace Doyle  
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

A get well card was sent to Jo Johnson cheer her up after having foot surgery. Good news; she mending quickly.

If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact Grace at Gdoyle95@aol.com

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- Mar 26:** Winter Blahs Flea Market, Maynard Elks\*
- Apr 2:** Post Office Pub Brunch, Grafton (10:00 AM)  
(TL = Ed & Joyce Croci)
- Apr 4:** Regular Club Meeting
- Apr 13:** Dinner Red Ginger Stow (6:30PM)  
(TL Craig Martin)
- Apr 18:** Ice Cream Tour (6:30)
- Apr 23:** V8 Flea Market Fitchburg Airport\*

TL= Tour Leader \* On your own, go directly to location.

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
Feb 24 thru Mar 22, 2017

### INCOME

Coffee Can	20.00
Flea Market Vendor Fee	480.00
Member Dues	<u>460.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 960.00

### EXPENSE

MAFCA Annual Insurance	85.00
Swap Meet	300.00
Wayside Dinner Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 485.00

Net Income \$ 475.00



## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art "sunburned" Callan

### April 1982 35 years ago

Auction postponed to May-terrible weather.  
Apr 4th Maple Sugar tour in modern cars,  
forecast - rain, sleet and snow!

### April 1992 25 years ago

Membership tops 110.  
Tech Talk: Gene Bunce—Oil Filters and Oil.

### April 2002 15 years ago

Model A inspection station at Stokingers  
Marathon Day and cookout at O'Brien's.  
Bruce Marshall takes over web site from Jack Bickel.

### ARTIE-FACTS

In addition to all the stock in the Ford Motor Company, Henry left cash of \$26.5 million. Can you guess what he carried in his pants pockets?

Answer



Henry's pockets contained a comb, a pen knife and a Jew's harp. No cash.

**National Organizations: If you are not already members of the following organizations, consider joining them.**



Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)  
Membership dues \$40/year



Model A Restorers Club (modelarestorers.org)  
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Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)  
and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/year

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**Sunshine:** Grace Doyle 781-899-8706 Gdoyle95@aol.com

## **PIZZA PARTY - Good Time Had By All**

Our first gathering of the 2017 season got off to a great start. Our Pizza Party was a success, with 40 people attending. They came ready to enjoy some good pizza and the World Famous Pizza Quiz. It was also good to see a few of our members who don't make it to many events. The staff at the Firehouse Pizza shop did a great job getting the salads and pizzas up to us and it sure didn't take long for the line to form. The variety of the pizza certainly offered a choice for everyone. Thanks to Nan, the dessert table was also full of a variety of pastry and cakes that finished off the meal.

With the food out of the way, it was time to put on the thinking cap and get ready for the ever popular pizza quiz. No, it's not a test about pizzas, but about random car knowledge with a focus on Fords...Old Fords. This year I think the questions might have been a little too hard as the top score was only 11<sup>1/2</sup> out of 20. I didn't think the questions were that hard, but what can I say, the scores went down from there. The "top notch" prizes were scooped up by the winners, who included Dick Stitt (top score), with Wayne Champagne 2nd and Roger Harvey 3rd. Thanks



**Pizza Party goes having fun**



to all who attended. I think we all had a great time and look forward to touring in the Model A's.

# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club March 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Tom Zappala with approximately 42 members in attendance and to a roaring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner played by Bob Mangan.

Tom then recollected his past presidency, 10 years ago, singing Happy Birthday to Nancy Graham. He then requested a moment of silence to remember Nancy and all our friends no longer here.

### Officers Reports:

- Andy Adams requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Andy Adams then requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP
- Thanks to all who provided refreshments for tonight's meeting; Shirley Jacobsen, Andy Adams, and Peg Michalak.

Volunteers for next month: Dick Graham, Linda Batstone

### Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we have three new members of the club. See Page 5 for list.

Please welcome our new members.

### Touring:

- Dick O'Brien reported on the Tour Committee meeting that was held on February 22. There are 47 scheduled events for the season starting with the
  - World Famous Firehouse Pizza and Quiz tour on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 3/26 - The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Blahs Swap meet held at Maynard Elks.
  - 4/2 - Post Office Pub Brunch, 10:00 AM leaving from the Grange.
  - Tour Cards should be back from the printer in time for next month's meeting.

**Still looking for an Oil Leak Editor!!!**

### New Business:

- Tom re-announced that John Jacobsen had been appointed to serve on the Steering Committee.
- The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Blahs Flea Market. Craig Martin reported vendor spaces are still available, 28 vendors have signed up so far. Craig asked for a volunteer to assist Nan Linden with admissions at the door, all other areas seems to be well covered.
- The Board of Directors have recommended that the club use the proceeds from the 2016 New England Meet to make a donation to the following; Model A Youth Scholarship Award, Model A Youth Restoration Program and MAFFI. Tom solicited discussion from the membership and a motion was then made to accept the recommendation - MSP

### Programs:

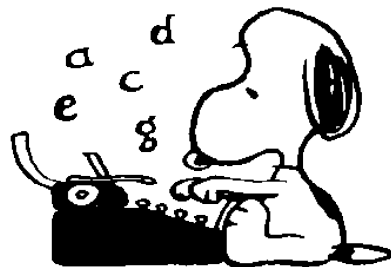
- Tonight we will have a short discussion on "Distributors" and then see a video on 'Roadside Troubleshooting'.

### Running Board Commentary:

- Nan Linden introduced Don Freniere who was a founder of the club and interestingly enough provided us with the name of our newsletter "The Oil Leak".
- Rich and Linda Batstone's daughter Amanda will be getting married on 8/12. They are looking for a few Sedan type vehicles to drive the wedding party from the church to Charter Oaks CC. Please contact Rich if you would like to help out. (See page 5)

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois



### Welcome New Members

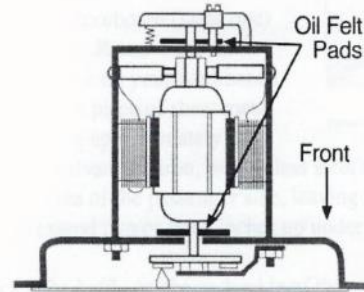
- **Mark & Paula Butler**  
Leominster, 1928 Roadster
- **Mike Hale**  
Bedford - 1928 Phaeton
- **Jim Robson**  
Hopkinton - 1928 Tudor



We'll be getting the Model A's out soon. A little horn maintenance will go along way in creating that great Ahooga sound.

### Horn Lubrication

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*Submitted by Tony Topicz, Ohio Valley Region.  
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana*

### Model A's

### Requested for Wedding

Rich & Linda Batstone's daughter, Amanda, is getting married on **August 12th**. Many of us remember her first tour in the Model A as an infant. My how time flies. Rich is looking for 6 or 7 Sedans for the wedding party, from the church in Northboro to the reception at Charter Oaks CC in Hudson. The trip to the reception would start around 3:45. After pictures, which will certainly feature a few with the Model A's, Rich & Linda will offer the drivers a dinner together at a nearby restaurant.

Please contact Rich or Linda at 978-875-3387 if you would like to help make their day even more special.

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### Save The Date / Oct 20-22

The Minuteman Club's fall weekend get-a-way will be on October 20 - 22, 2017. We will be heading to Wells, Maine on Friday morning, enjoying a scenic seaside trip along the coast from New Hampshire into the southern coast of Maine. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn, Wells, Maine (\$118.81 per night/including all taxes, 207-646-0555, under Minuteman Model A Ford Club). We are currently planning an itinerary for the weekend activities. Wayne and I look forward to your joining us for this upcoming end of the season tour.

Susan & Wayne Champagne

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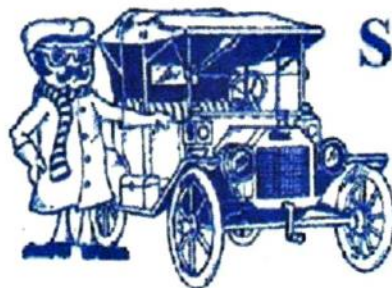


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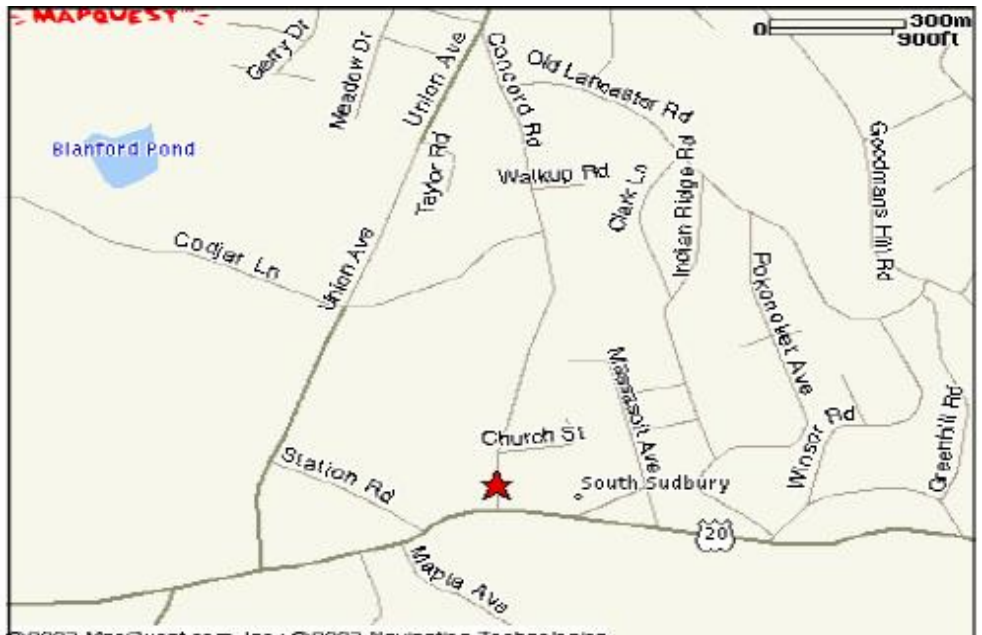
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**REMINDER**

The 2017 Tour Schedule will be available at the April meeting. Be sure to get yours. Touring season will have started as the Post Office Pub tour will be in our rear view mirror, hopefully you got out to enjoy your Model A.



Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00 PM.