

# The il Leak

April 2020 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Volume 57 Issue 4

## All April Events Canceled!

### *The President Speaks:*

Hi Club Members,

Hope all is well and your dealing with the current problems as well as you can. Remember spring is here and winter is officially over.



So everyone knows there is **NO APRIL CLUB MEETING** due to the Coronavirus, but behind the scenes DON ROSS has been working to get this year's tour cards printed, so we will be all set when the shutdown is over and this will end sooner than you think.

Is there anyone who has still not payed Dues for this year!! If so please send it to NAN LINDEN when you can. !!

Craig Martin called me and he hopes the Winter Blah's can be rescheduled for late summer or early fall. Time will tell, if not then next year.

Time goes by quickly as we all know! So keep busy, get your cars going and take rides around your town. It's fun for you and good for your state of mind. Also it puts a smile on everyone who sees the Model A going down the road and that's a good thing for all!!!



**KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY**

***Doug Farrell***

Editor's note: See Page 4 for cancellation notice



## Sunshine

Sue Champagne  
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

No cards were sent out this month. We're glad to hear everyone is doing well and staying clear of Covid-19.

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

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

**Mar 25:** 6:30 PM Pizza Party Southboro

**Mar 29:** Winter Blahs Flea Market

**Apr 7:** Regular Club Meeting

**Apr 19** 10:00 AM Post Office Pub Tour

**Apr 25** Tour Clinic at the Legge's

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
February, 2020

### Income:

Advertising	125.00
Coffee Can	16.00
Flea Mkt Vendors	340.00
Member Dues	325.00
Raffle (club)	<u>14.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 820.00

### Expense:

Flea Market	28.00
Flea Mkt Rental	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 328.00

Net Income \$ 492.00



## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### APRIL 1985 35 YEARS AGO

Auction night. April 15th Patriotic Tour, Steve Wedge leading, made great plans to visit Concord, Lexington and the Museum of National Heritage--BUT--he didn't show up at Friendly's to lead. J J phoned Steve for instructions and the tour began.

First Ice Cream tour, lead by who else, Dick O'B.

### APRIL 1995 25 YEARS AGO

Cars come out for a month of tours and shows.

Patriots Day & Marathon Cookout at the O'Briens.

Spring Tune Up at Rich Gebo's.

Shirley Airfield Early Ford V/8 flea market.

### APRIL 2005 15 YEARS AGO

Pres Bruce Marshall announced new "stuff" for the club. Membership is up to 145. New roster and tour cards available.

Electronic Oil Leak will save the Club some expense.

Bucky hospitalized with shingles (worked on a Woody!).

### -----ARTIE FACT-----

*Did you know,*

*Before you wash you're A or AA, to pull up the hand brake to keep water and soap from getting between the linings and the drum.*

*That the diameter of the shaft hole in the oil pump body has been increased from 9/16 to 5/8 and the relief removed from the oil pump shaft!! (Don't believe me, ask Lennie).*

**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 \$50/year



**Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)**

Membership Dues \$45/year



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

# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Club March 3, 2020 Memorial Congregational Church

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Doug Farrell, with 28 members in attendance. The membership was led by VP Bob Mangan in the singing of 'God Bless America'.

### Officers Reports:

- Doug requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.

- Doug requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak. – MSP.

- VP Bob Mangan reported on several issues.

\* Bob read a thank you letter from MAFFI thanking club for the Memorial Donation in the name of Mary Foran.

\* The Fitchburg V8 Flea Market date has changed to June 7th due to construction issues at the airport.

\* The club received a notice of a 1930 Model A Coupe for sale in New Braintree Ma. The owner is asking 18K.

\* Wayside Inn dinner this year scheduled for October 15th.

\* Bob commented on his recent 'great' experience getting an Inspection Sticker at Sudbury Mobile.

- Doug Linden – No new news to report from National Clubs. Doug did report that a photo of Bob Mangan's Sedan was the "car of the day" on the MAFCA website a week or so ago.

### Membership:

- Nan Linden – no new members to report.

### Touring:

- Don Ross not in attendance, Doug F. led discussion in filling in a few open dates on the touring schedule. Added to the schedule were a couple of Ice Cream tours, dinner at the Red

Ginger, cruise night at Stow Airport, and potential visit to Start Line Brewery in Hopkinton. No Fall Weekend tour scheduled yet.

-Leading off the touring season is the infamous Firehouse Pizza Tour and World Famous Quiz. This will take place March 25th. Cost is \$10.00 and includes Pizza, Salad, Desert and Coffee. A show of hands suggest we may have 30 in attendance.

-Doug F. then thanked Dick O'Brien and Anna Gadbois for supplying tonight's refreshments. Next month volunteers are Harold Samuels and Doug Farrell.

- Doug F. then presented Andy Adams with the Hard-Luck Trophy runner-up 'Chicken'.

### New Business:

- Craig Martin – Reminder - The 26th Annual Winter Blahs Flea Market is March 29th.

Currently we have 31 vendors

signed up for indoor spaces and 4 or 5 for outside. We would like to have volunteers for loading and un-loading as the vendors really appreciate the help. Also, this year we will need help with 'Security'. This is usually handled by Dick Krug, however, he will be unable to attend this year's meet. Please contact Craig if you can help.

### Programs:

- Todays program is a short video of troubleshooting ignition issues in the Model A.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted

*Rick Gadbois*





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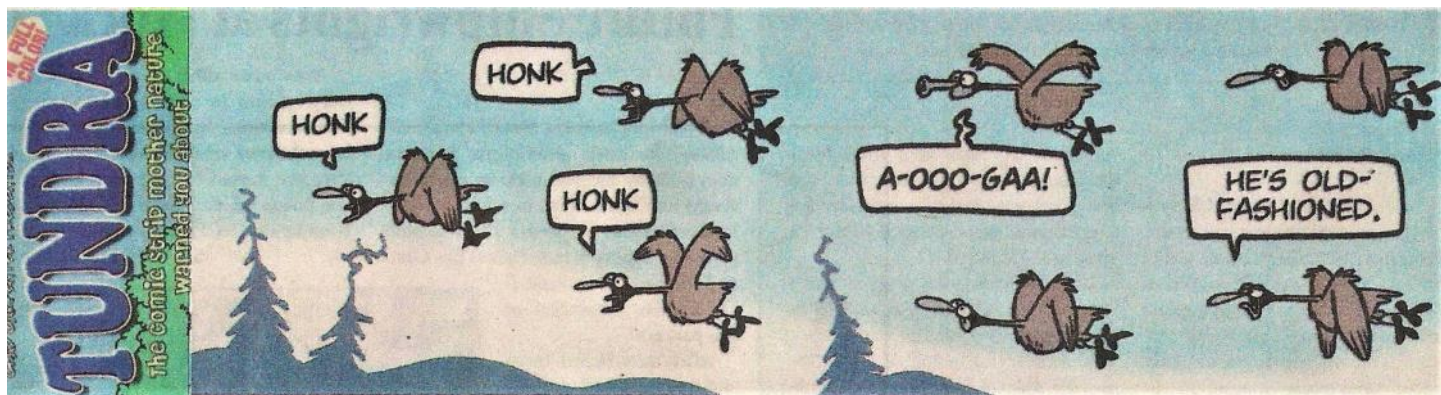
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**REMINDER** - Please visit the club website at [OILLEAK.ORG](http://OILLEAK.ORG) for the latest announcements concerning the status of any club event. The rules for gathering are constantly changing and we will post any cancellations to our scheduled events. Thank You!



## **Club Events Canceled**

### **Late Breaking News**

**Due to the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic all club events through the end of April have been canceled. We are all disappointed with this decision but it certainly is the right thing to do.**

**We all hope that we can get back to our regular club activities as soon as possible. Please stay safe and maintain your social distance if you are out.**

***These event are listed on page 2***



## Model A For Sale

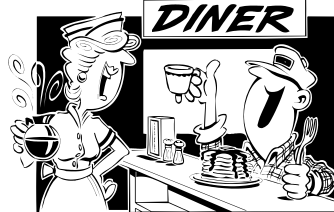
1930 Town Sedan is a very nice restoration with twin side mount tires, a trunk, and correct wood grain trim on the interior garnish moldings. The color is Chicle Drab and Copra Drab. The car comes with a great tool kit for display. Asking \$22,500

Contact Skip Dunham. Cell: #508-272-5400  
House: #508-316-3439.



## Weekly Breakfast Group

Doing anything on Wednesday morning? No. Well then, you are invited to join the group for breakfast at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. The



food is good and there is plenty of Model A talk. We arrive about 7:15 AM. (see ad page 10)



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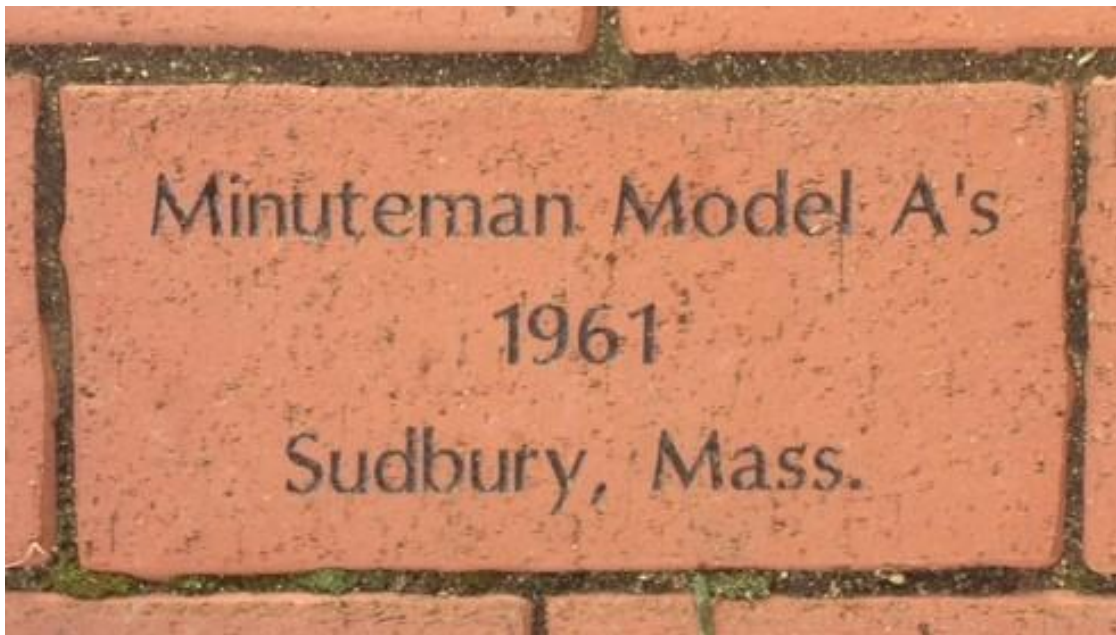
Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, about 1550 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have limited room left under the gas canopy at the Museum. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area by Model A Day 2020! So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Father's Day,



Mother's Day, Anniversary or just because. A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form on our website to order your engraved brick or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 19, 2020.



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## From The Desk Of

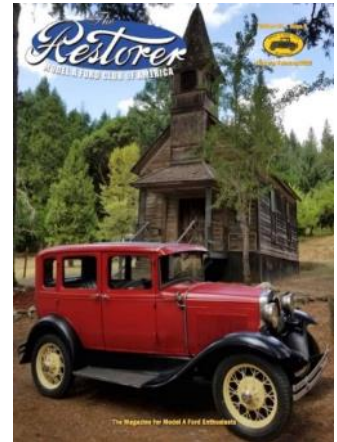
Mike Kelley, MAFCA Membership and Marketing Director



Mike Kelley  
Washington



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Thanks in advance,

Like any organization dedicated to preserving and growing the Model A Ford hobby, MAFCA needs support from all of us to continue to do so. For most of us, that support comes in the form of being members of MAFCA.

As a reminder, below are some of the many benefits of Membership in MAFCA:

- The Restorer Magazine, the best publication in the Automotive Hobby
- Help with recruiting new members through display of the Event Kits.
- The best quality club branded merchandise, including clothing items and publications
- Free classified ads to assist you with your Model A in the Restorer Magazine
- and on the MAFCA.com website
- Fun, Fellowship, Technical Expertise.
- Technical advice to keep your car running is available at tech@mafca.com
- An extensive library in the area of Era Fashions on the MAFCA website
- Local Activities through one of our nearly 300 Chapters, Regional events and Special Interest Groups
- National Activities: Tours, Conventions, Era Fashion and Fine Point Judging,
- Touring Class Judging and the Restorers Class Evaluations
- The Best Insurance Coverage for Chapter Activities

Your membership costs only \$50 annually, but it truly makes a difference. If you are currently a MAFCA member, please check to be sure that you have renewed your membership for 2020. To renew, you can go to this link: [RENEW!!](#) or call the national office in California (562-697-2712, 10am-4pm) or send your check for \$50 to: 250 South Cypress, La Habra CA 90631-5515;.

## Model A Ford Mileage Driving Program

by Wayne Champagne



The Model A Ford Restorer's Club (MARC) driving program acknowledges members who drive their Model A's on a regular basis. The program records yearly odometer readings and is reported back to the chairman of the national office at the end of every year. The one-time fee to enroll is \$1.00 and you are required to be an active member of MARC. Driving levels are re-

warded at 2,000 miles with a radiator badge emblem and then tags are given at each 5,000-mile level achieved thereafter.

For the 2019 driving season the following participants received the following:

**Bruce Marshall, 10,000 miles, 1931 S/W Town Sedan**

**Don Ross, 2,000 miles, 1929 Tudor Sedan**

If you'd like to enroll in this program, please contact

Wayne Champagne, Minuteman Model A Ford Club, Mileage Coordinator



They say timing is everything and MARCOM flea market beat the coronavirus slow down and was a great success. If you didn't make it to this event you missed a good time as this event is as much social as it is flea market. The weather was sunny, albeit a little chilly, and that lead to lots of vendors outside. Inside it was busy as people scoured the vendor's goods. Minuteman members were there and purchased items we couldn't live without. It was also fun to tour the collection of the Holm's family, which this year included a Ford GT added to the fleet. Unfortunately our flea market was canceled due to the spreading virus, but it's better to err on the side of caution. Winter Blah's coordinator, Craig Martin, is exploring the alternative options for this event.





## Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

### Check Your Oil Filler Pipe and Cap



Many Model A owners experience excessive oil leaks when driving their car, often out the rear main seal. One simple thing that can cause this is a restriction in the oil filler pipe. Take the cap off and look down the pipe with a good light. You should only see a series of little metal baffles, half-moon in shape, inside the filler pipe. If you find where someone has covered the pipe with a sock, or stuffed a piece of cloth down in the filler pipe to stop oil from coming out the filler when driving, this will put pressure inside the crankcase and force oil out the rear main seal while you drive. Easy to fix: get that stuff out of there!



While you have it off, also inspect the inside of the oil filler cap. It, too, needs to be clear inside. No pieces of steel wool, pot scrubber, or old sock in the cap! Look for evidence of someone accidentally pushing the oil filler cap on too far. When you do, you bend the little tabs inside the cap and mash it all the way down on the pipe. This blocks the engine's ability to vent the crankcase, builds up pressure, and causes a bad leak out the rear main seal.

I hope this little tip helps you stop that oil leak while driving. Have a Model A Day!  
Jim

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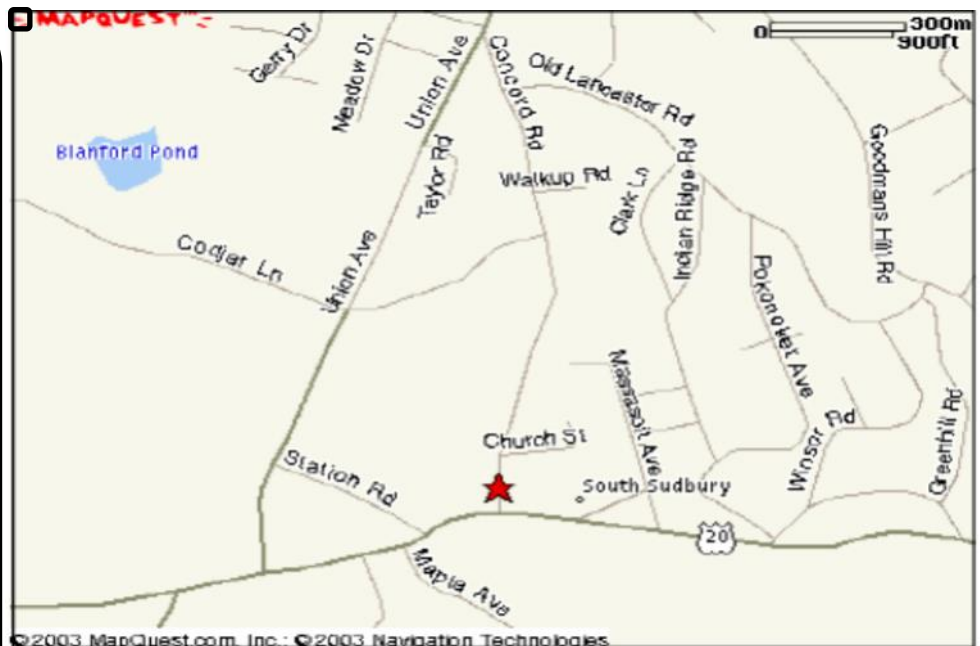
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**April Meeting Canceled**

Well the coronavirus has everyone hunkered down waiting for things to quiet down. The uncertainty of its spread has caused a number of events to be canceled, including all of our April club events. Take advantage of this extra down time and do some additional maintenance on your Model A.

One good thing is you can take a ride in your Model A and still maintain your social distance.



Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00 PM.