

# The il Leak

April 2023 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 60 Issue 4

## *The President Speaks:*

**Hi All!**

Spring is here and it's time to get our cars out and get ready for the tour season.

First up is the tour to the post office pub in Grafton Sunday May 7. This will be the first tour that Martha and yours truly will hit the road in the old 29. I love a good brunch and they provide

good one. 😊

Hope to see the club come to enjoy the tour and good memories of past years that go by so fast.

Spring reminds me of my childhood and the memories of my first car. A 1953 Ford two door sedan. A dull gray no matter how many times I waxed it. Being the first one in my group to have a

car 🚗 I thought I really had it going on! Burgers, fries and shakes were all mixed together and all the cruising around to nowhere.

We will soon be looking for our summertime meeting places, if you have any ideas please let us know. I really looking forward to seeing everyone in April for planning the rest of the summer fun.



**Tax Day April 18, 2023**



T.T.F.N.

*John Kerns*

(ta-ta-for-now)



## Sunshine

Sue Champagne

Get well cards were sent this month to: **Sue Farrell**, and to **Don Ross** for their recent surgery. Happy to report they are home recovering on schedule.

*If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact me. sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)*

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

- Apr 4** Regular Club Meeting
- Apr 18** Dinner Tour
- Apr 29** Tune Up Clinic at Harold Legge's Home (see page 5)
- Apr 30** V8 Fitchburg Flea Market (see pg. 6)
- May 2** Regular Club Meeting

TL = Tour Leader

## Minuteman Model A

### Ford Club

#### Treasurer's Report February, 2023

##### Income:

Advertising (Oil Leak ads)	50.00
Coffee Can	21.00
Flea Mkt Vendors Fee	460.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>420.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 951.00

##### Expense:

Coffee Supplies	23.98
Flea Market Exp	15.94
Holiday Party General	100.00
Oil Leak Printing	70.00
<u>Wayside Inn Dinner</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 359.92

**Net Income** \$ 591.08

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

### APRIL 1988 35 YEARS AGO

By motion the Weston Golf Club was voted as the place for our next Holiday Party. Lebaron Bonney has made a generous offer to donate \$1,000.00 in merchandise toward our 1988 National Meet. A picture of the "Tri County Model A Club" Newsletter, a full front page cover from December 12, 1963 (60 years ago!) was reprinted for our "Oil Leak" Newsletter with a picture of Bucky Silverstone in his 1931 Deluxe Fordor Sedan.

### APRIL 1998 25 YEARS AGO

Our 35th Anniversary Celebration on August 16th was being organized by Art Callan and Clyde Kelton. A technical presentation by Ralph Parks on polishing stainless steel was very well attended by 65+ club members. The "Winter Blahs Swap 'n Sell" was another great success - vendors and sales were up!

### MARCH 2008 15 YEARS AGO

John Jacobson announced there would be a Board Meeting in his garage on May 1st. Everyone was invited to attend. Jo Johnson mentioned that we had 152 paid members! Craig Martin announced we had 30 of 40 spaces taken and a good list of Club volunteers for our "Winter Blahs Swap 'n Sell" on March 13th at the Elks Club in Maynard.

**National Organizations:** (If you are not a member of these great organizations please 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 \$50/year



**Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)**

and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr.

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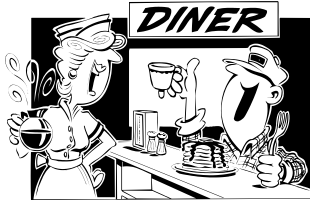
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### *Weekly Breakfast Group*



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is back and growing. We meet

every Wednesday around 8 AM. Why not join us there is always room for you.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nan reports two new members this month. Please welcome:

- **Michael Lawlor** of North Reading who owns a 1930 Fordor Sedan.
- **Darren Chapman** of Arlington who owns a 1931 Coupe.

*Welcome*

## 2025 New England Meet Update



Co-Chairs Tom Zappala and Barbara McElhiney report that a number of potential host hotels have been visited. One is a leading contender, but no final decision, yet.

Tom reports he needs people to chair the Raffle Room, and the Program Advertising committees. These are two important committees that help make the event successful. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping out with either of these two committees.



*Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with preparation.*  
*Henry Ford*



## Secretary's Report

### Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club March 7, 2023

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

The meeting opened with President John Kerns leading the assembled club members (33 in attendance) in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The business meeting kicked off at 7:40 pm.

#### Officers Reports:

John requested a motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as printed in the

Oil Leak – MSP.

John then requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the

Oil Leak – MSP.

**VP Reports:** Brad will provide touring update as Don Ross cannot be in attendance tonight.

The tour schedule is still in development, some upcoming tours are as follows:

3/26 – Winter Blahs Flee Market – Maynard

4/18 – Diner tour – Framingham

4/29 – Spring Tour Clinic – So. Natick

5/7 – Post Office Pub – Grafton

5/16 – Dairy Joy – Weston

Don also has open dates in the schedule that he would like to have volunteer tour leaders fill. It is easy and fun so join in and become a tour leader!

#### Membership:

Nan reports that we have 1 new member to the club:

Michael Lawlor of North Reading, he has a 1930 Fordor that he has had since 2021 and a 1965 Mustang.

**Welcome Michael !!!**

#### Touring:

See VP Report above.

#### National News:

Doug L. reports that the MARC Membership meeting in April will be held in Bay City Michigan.

MAAC (Mass Association of Auto Clubs) has a number of bills they are looking to get passed by the legislature. One bill that we are interested in is the exemption of Inspection requirements for cars older than 75 years.

#### New Business:

\* The Annual Winter Blahs Swap Meet will be held on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Maynard Elks. This is the clubs 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet. Craig reports good response from vendors, 30 of the 40 available spaces are

taken. We are looking for volunteers to assist vendors in the loading and unloading process, vendors start showing up at 6:30AM. We are also looking for donations for the Raffle Table, if you have any good Model A items you are not using and would like to donate to the raffle please contact Craig.

\* The Pasadena High School annually restores a Model A Ford and then auctions it off. This years car is a 1929 Murray Body Fordor. Doug L. made a motion that the club purchase a \$100.00 raffle ticket to support the efforts of the high school students involved in the project. MSP.

\* Tom Z. we are starting to plan for 2025 New England Meet. Host hotels are being researched if you have any recommendations please let him know.

\* Larry Conley mentioned the Model A Dust-Off held at the Bean Farm. It is an Annual Gathering of Model A Fords in Sanbornville, NH. They have a yearly goal of having 100+ Model A Fords in attendance. The event takes place on Saturday April 29, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

\* John thanked Jude Zeoli and Gary Hoyt for providing tonight's Refreshments.

Volunteers for next month's meeting are Anna G. and Tom Z.

#### Programs:

Doug Linden will show a short video produced by Jack Stokinger of the types of things we look at during the Spring Tour Clinic. This is a great chance to have your car inspected by experienced members of the club.

PS: We had issues with the audio tonight, the video will be shown again at the April meeting.

#### Running Board Commentary:

Doug L. 'officially' presented the **Hard Luck Trophy** to: **Dick Krug** - Dick had a head gasket issue that caused him some concern over the summer and a problem with his Borg Warner Overdrive that needed to be corrected.

Enjoy the trophy and display with pride.



Respectfully Submitted,

*Rick Gadbois*

Secretary

## 2023 MINUTEMAN TOUR CLINIC

**Saturday April 29, 2023**



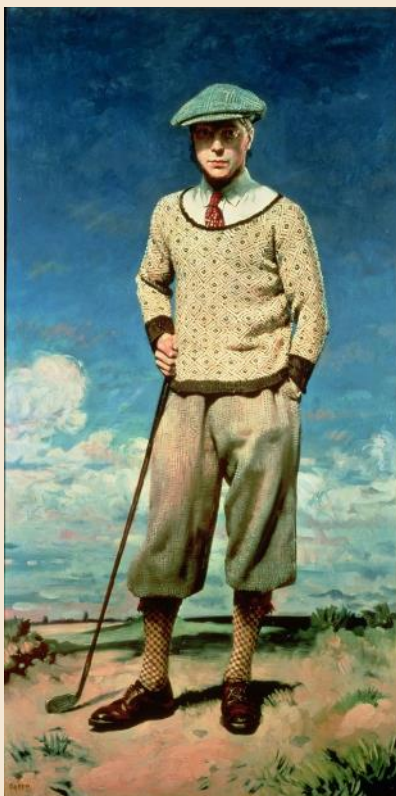
Tour Director Don Ross invites you to sign up to participate at the club's annual Tour Clinic. Don explains the Tour Clinic is designed as a checkup, providing adjustments and limited repairs.

The day is set up with half hour sessions starting at 8 AM and runs until 3PM. Appointments are necessary in order to have an orderly flow at the work stations.

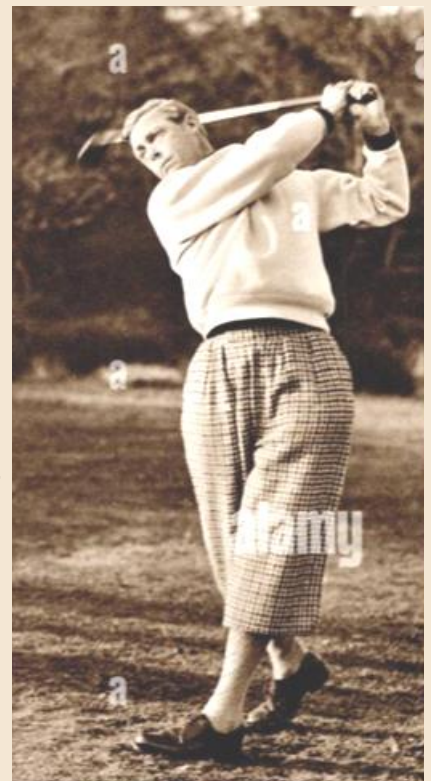
A sign up sheet will be available at the April meeting. If you can't make the meeting please contact Don for an appointment: [dross02466@gmail.com](mailto:dross02466@gmail.com) or text his cell phone at: 617-584-5245.

The members of the service team look forward to seeing you at the home of Harold & Sally Legge, 8 Brook St. Natick, MA

## Mens Golf Fashion



Though many looked to Britain for their styling inspiration, one man stuck out for his influence: Edward: Prince of Wales. Though later a controversial figure in the late twenties, the Prince of Wales was the good looking, well-dressed son of the king who was often seen at parties in London. He had the reputation of a playboy but he was also known for his fashion sense and many men on both sides of the Atlantic aspired to dress like him. Though often photographed in morning suits and tuxedos, he was also a big fan of the plus-fours (knickers) often wearing them with argyle sweaters and socks both on and off the golf course. This picture from the late twenties showed him in this attire. He was the epitome of the English style the men looked to in the twenties.





## Golf Stuff - 1930 Montgomery Ward Catalog

Thanks to Nan's collection of Model A era catalogs, I found a great section on golf equipment and apparel in a 1930 Montgomery Ward Spring-Summer catalog. There were a number of good golf outfits to choose from so you could make a statement on the golf course, albeit maybe not a much of statement as the Prince of Wales. I should mention that I noticed that I didn't see any ladies golf fashion in the sports section of the catalog, so I will assume their golf fashions were in the ladies clothing section. Golf clubs were also available, in sets or individual clubs. I especially like that the clubs had a number as well as a "name." Nothing like reaching into your golf bag for your favorite "mashie" or "niblic." The Harry Vardon golf set was quite a bargain at \$11.95 which featured Chromium plated Irons. I did look up Harry Vardon and found out he was a Scottish golfer who was quite successful in the early 1900's and won 6 British Open Championships,



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560 F 4768—No. 3 Mid Mashie.....	2.25
560 F 4769—No. 4 Mashie Iron.....	2.25
560 F 4770—No. 5 Mashie..	2.25
560 F 4771—No. 6 Spade Mashie.....	2.25
560 F 4772—No. 7 Mashie Niblic.....	2.25
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For Golf Shoes see Page 340



Admission  
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**2nd Annual Wings & Wheels  
in conjunction with:**

**51st Annual  
Swap Meet & Car Show**  
**Early Ford V-8 Club of New England**  
**Sunday, April 30th, 2023**  
**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Fitchburg Airport, Fitchburg, MA**



## **“Artie - Fact”**

by **“A”nonymous**

Driving over a mountain pass a lady motorist narrowly missed a head-on collision when another car came swerving around a tight corner. As the two cars passed, a large man in a peaked cap stuck his head out the window and shouted, “**COW!**”



Angered by his apparent rudeness, the lady wound down her own window and yelled, “**PIG!**”

She rounded the corner and drove smack bang into a cow.

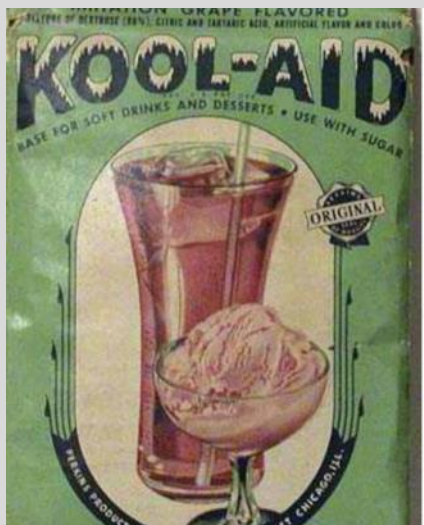


## **INVENTIONS DURING THE MODEL A ERA**

**\*\*\*1928\*\*\***



**BLUE PARKING SIGN:** The 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam saw a number of important milestones. Like other cities the streets of Amsterdam were filling up fast with cars, and during the Games this issue was more pressing than ever, so the organizers were forced to rack their brains in search of a solution. The stadium had room for a maximum of 2,000 vehicles, which was nowhere near enough spaces. The Amsterdam City Council provided a number of other sites that took parking capacity up to 3,500 motor vehicles and 2,000 bicycles. However, no sooner had one problem been solved than another was created: how were drivers and cyclists supposed to find their way to the new car parks? A solution was found in the shape of small blue panels with a white capital “P” in the middle. So it was that the international traffic sign for parking was born.



**KOOL AID:** Kool-Aid, the popular powdered drink mix, was developed by Edwin Perkins (1889-1961) in Hastings, Nebraska. As a boy working in his family’s general store, Perkins became interested in a new powdered dessert mix named Jell-O and persuaded his father to carry it in the store. Later as a young man he manufactured products of his own creation. Fruit Smack was the most popular product in the Perkins line, but its handling and shipping caused problems. The glass bottles were too heavy, too easily broken, and leaked when transported. By 1927, Perkins had developed a method of removing the liquid from Fruit Smack so the remaining powder could be packaged in envelopes (which he designed and printed himself) with a new name, Kool-Ade (later Kool-Aid). In 1928 Kool-Aid was sold to wholesale grocery and candy stores and the new product came in six flavors-grape, lemon-lime, cherry, orange, raspberry, and strawberry and sold for ten cents per paper packet.



## Jim's Tech Tip

### ***Identifying Your Carburetor***

When ordering parts or looking up adjustment specs for your carburetor, it is important that you identify which one you have. Below are 4 of the most common carbs used on a Model A with the gasket sets they use, which gives you a feel for the shape of the casting and bowl. Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!* Jim

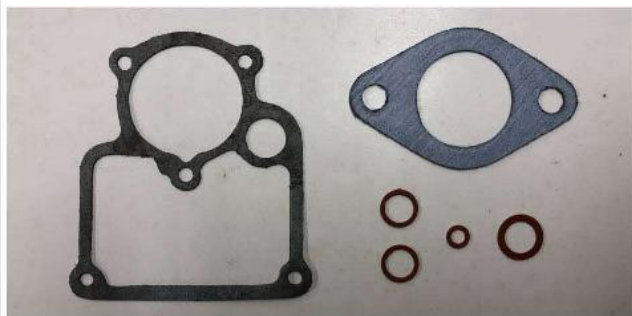
Zenith Model A



Tillotson Model A



Marvel Shebler Model A or B



Zenith Model B





## 2023 MEMBERSHIP Application Form



PLEASE complete the form and return with your check for \$20.

Membership: Renew - No Changes \_\_\_\_\_, Renew - Changes \_\_\_\_\_, New \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like to receive your Newsletter: Electronically or US Mail (circle one)

## Other Model A Activities of Interest

### Model A Ford Dust Off

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

Annual gathering of Model A Fords



At the Bean Farm, 2253 Lovell Lake Rd, Sanbornville, NH. Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Water & Soda Bring a salad or dessert to share if you wish.

For more info... call Carl Sneirson at 603-534-1933. Bring a chair and join the fun.

Clubs invited: Pine Tree, Lakes Region, White Mountain, Crankers, Little Rhody Chapter, Minuteman, Marcom & Worcester County



**We Have a Goal of 100 Model A Fords**

For our members up north who aren't attending the Tour Clinic, you may want to consider attending the Dust Off

**MAY 5-7,,RHINEBECK NY,,  
51ST ANNUAL, CAR  
SHOW/FLEA MKT,  
DUCHESS COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS, RT 9,,  
1ST WKND MAY**



At the Model A Museum in Michigan

The Model A Days festivities at the Museum is a great event. The all Model A parts flea market is excellent and this year will be even larger. And the displays at the museums (yes there are many) are amazing. It is a great time.

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## 1930

### THE FIRST CAR RADIO

— In 1928, brothers Paul and Joseph Galvin founded the Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. The company produced battery eliminators, devices that enabled battery-powered radios to operate on household electric current. As more radios began running through home electrical systems, however, battery eliminators became obsolete.

Coupled with the financial effects of the Great Depression, the Galvins needed a new product to stay in business. The brothers recruited a group of

engineers to build a radio that could be installed in automobiles. Putting various parts inside the car and others underneath the floor, the crew successfully manufactured a sturdy radio that received a clear signal and could withstand rough roads.

Paul Galvin unveiled the device in grand fashion at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association Convention in Atlantic City. Unregistered for the event and without a booth, Galvin parked the car outside and turned up the radio's volume. The stunt drew hordes of spectators and by the time he left Atlantic City, Galvin had secured enough sales to keep his company in business.

Wanting a unique name for its product, the Galvin Corporation combined "motor" from motorcar with "ola" from Victrola (a popular line of phonographs) to create Motorola. The moniker quickly became so well-known, the company changed its name to Motorola, Inc.

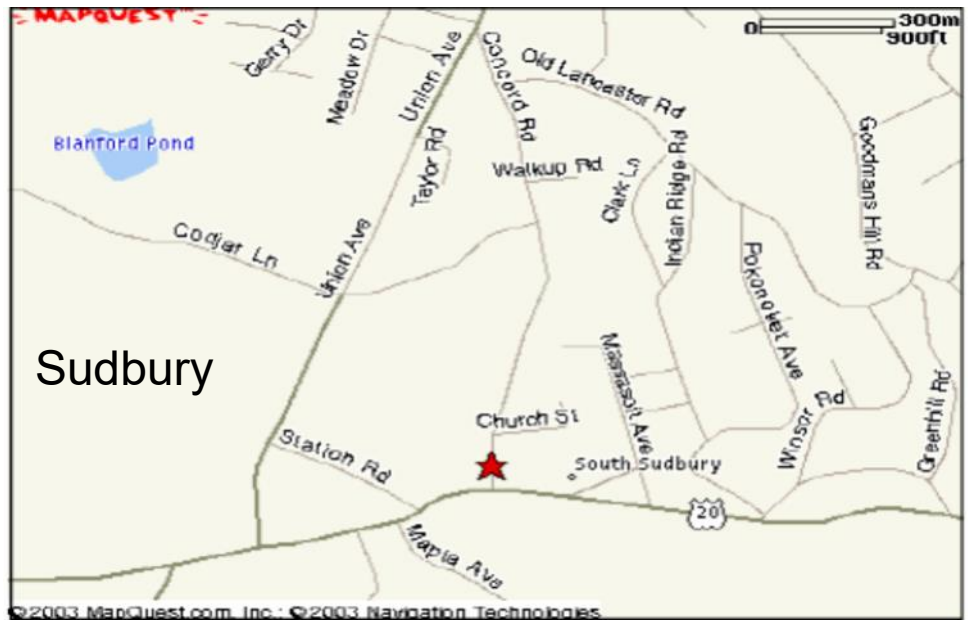
Credit: AAA Magazine



### April Info

Well our video program at the last meeting did not go as planned, so we will repeat it the program at the April meeting.

April 29<sup>th</sup> will be our Tour Clinic, so don't forget to sign up. This is a great time for new members to have their Model A's checked for road worthiness for the touring season.



Our Monthly meetings are held 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](http://www.oilleak.org)



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