

The il Leak

April 2025 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 62 Issue 4

The President Speaks:

Congratulations to Harold Legge. I had the honor of presenting the MAFCA National Chapter Service Award to him in recognition of his many years of exceptional service to our club. This was a great opportunity to say thank you to one of our members who remains a mainstay of our club and a great mentor to others. We often fail to voice our appreciation to those members who have stepped up to plan and lead various activities, served as a club officer, volunteered, and enhanced our enjoyment through their participation. The list of names is long, so rather than risking an omission, on behalf of all of us, I extend a big thank you to all of you for making this a great club.



There is a touch of spring in the air, in anticipation of a new Model A season. Tour planning is firming up, the 29th Annual Winter Blah's Swap N' Sell will happen on March 23rd.

The 68th Annual New England Meet registrations continue to come in for September 12-14 event.

The Spring Tune-up clinic is scheduled for April 26th. This is a great opportunity to have your car checked out to ensure safe and trouble-free driving and is an excellent learning experience. Plan on scheduling an appointment with our willing and knowledgeable mechanics. You will be glad you did.

Wishing all of you a healthy and exciting spring.

P.S. See attached picture of my Model A plus horse.



*Happy Motoring
Harold*

Flea Market Help

Craig Martin is looking for help unloading vendors bring your hand truck. Help with Admissions is also needed. Craig is also looking for a few more raffle donations. Contact Craig if you can help with either request.



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

No cards were sent out again this month. That is good news.

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)

- Mar 23** Minuteman Winter Blahs Flea Market (see page 5)
- Apr 2** Regular Club Meeting
- Apr 10** 6:30 PM Dinner Tour Ziti's, Natick OYO
- Apr 26** Spring Tune-up Clinic (see page 7)
- May 3** Lunch PO Office Pub
- May 7** Regular Club Meeting

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report February, 2025

<u>Income:</u>	
Coffee Can	20.00
Flea Mkt Vendor Fee	340.00
Raffle (club)	86.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>260.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 706.00
<u>Expense:</u>	
Flea Market (Hall Rental)	300.00
Holiday Party deposit	100.00
Website Fee	368.88
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 848.88
 Net Income	 \$ - 142.88



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

APRIL 1990 35 YEARS AGO

Our Club must have been getting big, because our newest member's family was from England! The Westgate's owned two 1930 Tudors, out of England's total number of As of approximately 100. Owners of unique vehicles would no longer have to struggle with hard starting, yellowish, dim headlights, or dead batteries! Fifth Avenue Antique Auto Parts in Kansas had developed a six volt alternator. It had an output rating of 60 amps and 7.5 volts and a simple two wire hookup for ease of installation.

APRIL 2000 25 YEARS AGO

Jack Stokinger announced he would be placing an order of the new 6 volt alternators soon. The price was \$60 plus \$5 for shipping. Wow! Today's price for purchasing the 6 volt alternator is \$160!

APRIL 2010 15 YEARS AGO

The 2010 Tour Card was at the printer shop and was scheduled to be available for inclusion with the April Oil Leak and at the April Meeting on the 6th. Over 60 tours had been scheduled for the summer months. The Spring Tour Clinic had been scheduled to take place at Jack and Jo's home in Sudbury. Space was limited, so you needed to make an appointment for your Model A. Experts would check out your Model A and identify areas that needed attention. Most repairs could be made on site.

National Organizations: If you aren't a member of these three groups, we encourage you to join 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 \$35/yr.

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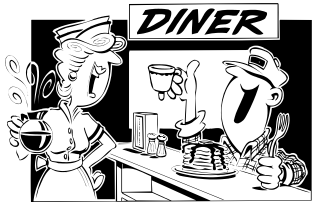
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Weekly Breakfast Group →



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. We meet every Wednesday

around 7:30 AM. Why not join us there is always room for you. →



THE MODEL A WHEEL BEARING

One area that always seems to cause confusion is how tight the spindle nut should be when servicing the front wheel bearings. Greasing them at proper intervals is important and so is the proper load on the bearing. The Model A Service Bulletins says the following: *“Adjusting Front Wheel Bearing: If there is excessive play in the bearing it can be adjusted as follows: Remove the cotter key and tighten the adjusting nut until the hub just starts to bind. Then back off one or two notches until the hub can be freely revolved.”* The key is to set the bearing in the race and not having the bearing too tight. More bearings are ruined from being too tight than from being loose. The more times you do this it becomes something you can feel when it’s right.



*“The greatest thing we can produced is character.
Everything else can be taken from us.”
Henry Ford*

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club March 5, 2025

Sudbury Grange Hall, Sudbury, MA

President Harold Samuels banged the gavel to open the meeting at 7:31 PM with 31 members in attendance. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He thanked Don Ross for his work on the tours as the tour meeting was held prior to the regular meeting.

Harold Legge was then presented the MAFCA Chapter Service Award (certificate) recognizing his contribution to the members of the Minuteman club. Several members spoke of the help Harold had given them on repairing and adjusting their Model A's over the years.

Both the treasurer's report and the secretary's report were accepted as printed in the Oil leak.

VP Peter McLaughlin reported that the holiday party planning is on track, as is the October dinner held at the Wayside Inn. Peter also delivered the Model A Club blankets.

Nan Linden reported that we had one new member:

Thomas Doward of Keene, NH who has a 1946 Plymouth.

Don Ross reporting on the tours for the season said that suggestions for tours can still be accepted.

Reporting on National news, Doug Linden reported that the addition to the MAFFI museum in Michigan has poured the floor for the addition. They are on schedule for the grand opening in September. The planned 100th anniversary of the Model A will be in 2028 with both national clubs participating. A commemorative postage stamp is in the works for the Model A. Both National clubs are having events coming up. Both events will impact Gettysburg.

The New England Meet registration forms have been published and put on Facebook as well as on our website. Doug reported that 75 people have already looked at the registration form on the web in the first two days and six registrations have already been received. Raffle items for the meet will be needed. Doug reported that Peter McLaughlin was a big help in making the registration form fillable. This makes reading the form so much easier.

Craig Martin reported that the swap meet had 25 vendors so far and help is needed early to help vendors load into their spaces. He said tonight he received three items for the raffle with more desired. The event will be March 23 at the Maynard Elks on route 62 in Maynard.



Dick Krug will have the 50/50 raffle at the break. Harold Legge and Dennis Porter provided tonight's refreshments and Peter McLaughlin and Don Leveque will bring refreshments next meeting.

Rich Batstone asked if anyone had a copy of Nov. Dec. 2002 Restorer magazine for him as it has his car on the cover.

The program for the night was a Paul Shinn video on "Timing the Model A Engine."

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Erb

Secretary



1929 Model A Roadster

Sadly selling my '29 Standard Roadster. She's a beauty with a perfect LeBaron Bonney Top, interior and rumble seat. Color is Rose Beige with Seal Brown belting. Extras include a new set of wind wings and a motor meter. No dents, no rust and runs as good as it looks. Comes with one of our new club blankets in the rumble seat! **\$14,500**

Kit Tucker I can be reached by email at kittucker@icloud.com

Model A's For Sale



1930 Tudor Sedan

Nice, solid Tudor Sedan. Wahington Blue lower and Black upper. Paint and interior very nice. Wheels recently repainted Black. Engine runs great and is in very good mechanical condition.

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Sunday

March 23, 2025

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

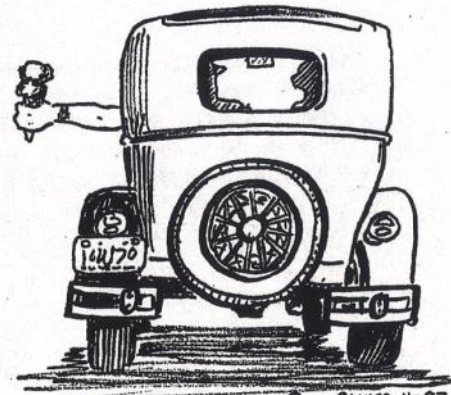
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Vendor Spaces: \$20.00
General Admission: \$5.00
Craig Martin (978-562-2390)

"Artie - Fact"

It's getting to be that time of year



A B&R Left Turn

(Baskin - Robbins)

April 1775—2025

Paul Revere's midnight ride was an alert given to minutemen in the Province of Massachusetts Bay by local Patriots on the night of April 18, 1775, warning them of the approach of British Army troops prior to the battles of Lexington and Concord. Sons of Liberty members Paul Revere and William Dawes prepared the alert, which used a lantern signal from the Old North Church to warn colonists of the British Army's advance by way of the Charles River. Revere and Dawes then rode to meet John Hancock and Samuel Adams in Lexington, ten miles away. Continuing on to Concord the British met the Minutemen at the North Bridge who fired upon them and the British retreated. Although the skirmish only lasted a few seconds, "The shot was heard around the World!"



As part of the 2025 New England Meet schedule a tour to the historic Old North Bridge is planned. In addition to history around Old North Bridge, which has been fixed/replaced 8 times since the battle, a visit to the North Bridge Visitor Center museum is a great place to learn more of the events surrounding the April 19, 1775 battle. We look forward to sharing our historical area with our visitors during the NE Meet.



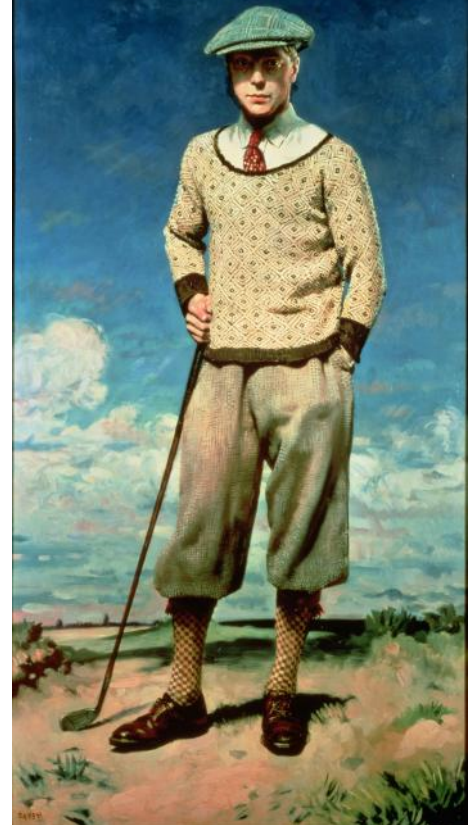
Harold Legge MAFCA Service Award

President Harold Samules presents Harold Legge with the 2025 MAFCA Chapter Service Award. The national award is presented to a club member who goes out of his/her way to help the club usually in a background position. Over the years, Harold has certainly been a savior to many of us by helping repair problems with

our Model A's. Harold's gives freely of his knowledge to guide repairs and when more guidance is needed he opens up his garage to insure the repairs will get done. Many of us have had our Model A's towed by AAA directly to Harold's since we knew we either didn't have the knowledge or tools to make the repair. The entire club appreciates how lucky we are to have Harold as our advisor.

Thank You Harold

What the good looking golfer was wearing during the Model A era.



2025 MINUTEMAN TUNE-UP CLINIC

Saturday April 26, 2025



Tour Director Don Ross invites you to sign up to participate at the club's annual Tour Clinic. Don explains the Tune-up Clinic is designed as a checkup, providing adjustments and limited repairs to get your "A" ready for the touring season..

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 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



Jim's Tech Tip - Clutch Free Play

Clutch Pedal Free Play It is easy to forget to check the Clutch Pedal Clearance (or Free Play) now and then, but you really do need to check it. I press down gently on the pedal with just a couple of fingers, to judge how far down the pedal goes before you are pressing the throwout bearing against the clutch "fingers". If you do not have an inch of movement, follow the instructions below. A little extra free play will not hurt anything.

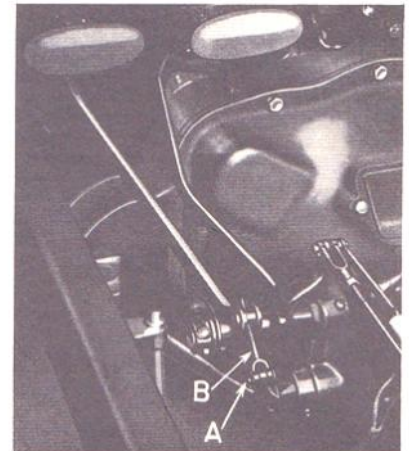
Clutch Pedal Clearance

The Correct clearance or play for the clutch pedal is approximately 1". That is when the clutch pedal is depressed there should be about 1" of movement in the pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch.

As the clutch facings wear this clearance or movement gradually grows less. Consequently it should occasionally be checked. Under no circumstances should the car be driven without clearance or play in the clutch pedal.

Adjusting Clutch Pedal Clearance

The adjustment is easily made by removing the clevis pin (A) and turning the release arm rod (B). Screwing the in decreases the clutch pedal play. Screwing the rod out increases the play. After making adjustment, be sure to replace the clevis pin and cotter key.



Forgetting to keep an inch or so of clutch pedal free play can lead to premature throw-out bearing failure, because the bearing is spinning all the time where the pedal is pressing it into the clutch. We don't want that. So maybe check it every time you change the oil and adjust as required.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

2025 MEMBERSHIP Application Form

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

Membership: Renew - No Changes ____ ; Renew - Changes ____ ; New ____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name _____ Model A : _____

Street _____

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

Welcome New Members

Nan reports one new member this month:



Tom Doward
641 Main St.
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CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What part of the engine is used for cooling beside the radiator?
2. Name a division of Hudson Motors.
3. Was the model "T" accelerator operated by hand or a foot pedal?
4. No amount of technical improvements will reduce the hazard created by what?
5. What model Hudson was used in NASCAR?
6. What new transmission was offered on the Jeep for 1982?
7. What was the thickest oil grade measured at 210 degrees Fahrenheit?
8. What year were the factory list price labels first shown on new cars?
9. How many years was the Nash car Made?
10. What is the second rarest 1932 Ford?





2025 New England Meet

The New England Meet is getting started; hotel rooms are booked and registrations are arriving in the mail every day. If you didn't see the notice that registration was now open, just visit the club's website at www.oilleak.org to get the registration form. The events during the meet are schedule, entertainment is booked and all the meals are locked in. BUT we still have a few areas that need your help. First and foremost is our need for quality donations to the RAFFLE ROOM. The Raffle Room is the key to the financial success of the meet. From our past experience new and restored Model A parts lead to increased ticket sales. We look forward to you donating a part you restored, or buy a new part and donate it. Hand made items are also very popular raffle items. The picture is our Raffle Room from our 2016 NE Meet with 180 items. We look forward to your donations. The other area still looking for volunteers is at the Repair Tent. Most of our guests will be driving and might need an area to work on their A. We need some members to help over see this spot. If you would be interested in helping let Tom Zappala know.



MAFFI Sweepstakes

Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Model A Ford Museum on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

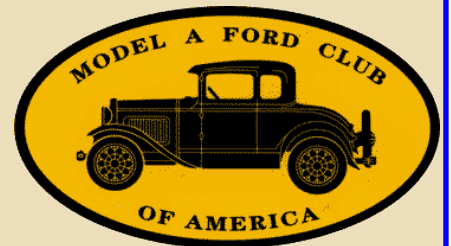


Or \$15K Cash

Entering in the sweepstakes not only benefits the Model A Ford Museum, you are entered to win this amazing car! To enter, cut and paste this address : <https://www.tapkat.org/model-a-ford-foundation-inc/eE6e35?promo=MAFFIWS20> (or go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. website, click on Expansion and then click on Sweepstakes.

Deadline to buy is Oct 19, 12025 drawing is Oct 25, 2025. Donations for sweepstakes start at \$25.

You do not need to be present to win this vehicle.



ANSWERS TO CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Water pump.
2. the Essex
3. Hand-operated
4. The drunk driver
5. Hudson Hornet
6. 5-speed transmission
7. SAE 50 grade
8. 1966
9. three years
- 10 Woodie station wagon



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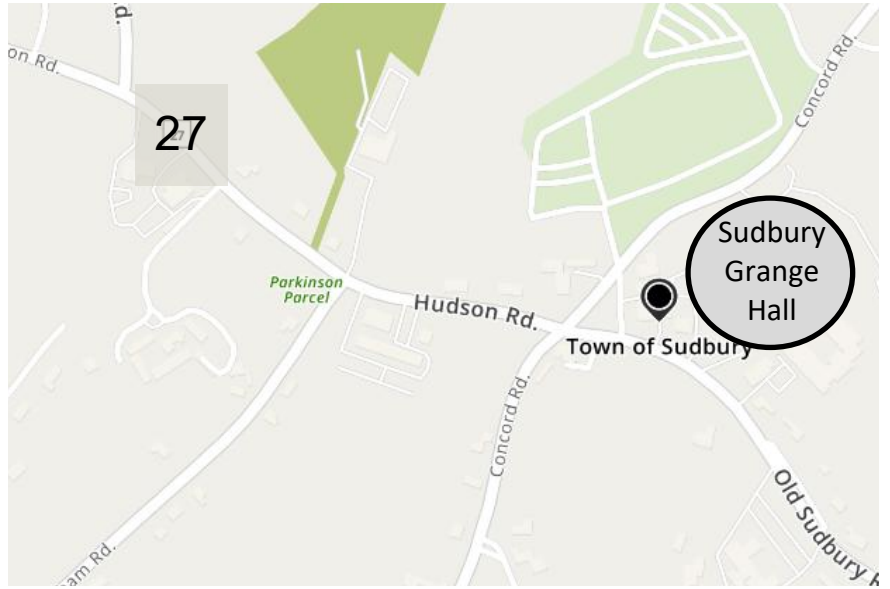
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April Meeting News

The weather has turned the corner and hopefully we will be seeing more Model A's joining us on our tours.

Craig will give us an update on our recent flea market. The next big club event will be our Tune-up clinic. Don Ross will be taking appointments for this event so be sure to see him at the meeting or call him for a time slot.



Our meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at the Sudbury Grange Hall, 326 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org

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