Thankfully, the bitter cold weather has taken a break. It has been very cold in my garage and I decided to hook up my battery charger to give my car a boost. Hopefully, that will last until March when it will be time to start the Tudor for 2018 tours.

The January club meeting was also the annual Installation dinner. Thank you to all the members that braved arctic cold to attend. Many thanks to Nan, Robyn and the other ladies that helped set up and serve the tasty food from Mel’s. The 2017 Hard Luck award went to myself. Apparently, breaking a rear axle may the decision easy.

After many years of faithful service to the club, Joyce Croci has turned in the meeting coffee pot. Thank you Joyce. Can we get a volunteer to take over the job?

This in turn reminds me that we are in dire need of an Oileak editor. Doug is President of MAFCA and we are really imposing on him to be our editor at the same time.

We will have a special meeting to create the 2018 Tour Card the end of February. Please think about type of tours you want and where you want to go. More news to follow.

It would be nice to restart the Annual Tour Clinic. Does anyone have an area were we could hold it? Were would need an inside area that we could darken for head light checking and adjustments and an outside area with a hard surface to be able to jack up cars for wheel alignment checks.

Craig Martin has volunteered for the 10th year to run the club’s Winter Blahs flea market. Craig need volunteers to help set up, run, and take down the market. Please think about what you can do to help out Sunday March 25TH

Stay warm and safe. Happy Valentine’s Day

Happy Motoring

Andy Adams
**Coming Events**  
(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- **Feb 06:** Regular club Meeting  
- **Feb 17:** Model Engine Show Waltham 10 - 4 at Charles River Museum, Admission $10/Seniors $5  
- **Mar 04:** MARCOM Flea Market Norfolk 7:30-11:00  
- **Mar 06:** Regular Club Meeting  
- **Mar 25:** Winter Blahs Flea Market Maynard Elk  

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

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**MINUTEMAN HISTORY**  
by Art Callan

**FEBRUARY 1983  35 YEARS AGO**  
Pizza tour to the Union House.  
Restoration film--White Post Restoration, Virginia.  
New members- BuckySilvestrone, J Moran, E Giovanella.

**FEBRUARY 1993  25 YEARS AGO**  
Snowy night for meeting. Only 45 attend.  
Long-Range Steering Comm set up to guide club in future.  
Tour Dir, Ed Newman, outlines touring season.  
Tech Talk--Front End by Jack S and Art C.

**FEBRUARY 2003  15 YEARS AGO**  
Joyce Croci takes over as "Coffee Maker".  
Plans for Tour Comm meeting and 9th Annual Winter Blahs.  
New Steering Comm: Jo Johnson, G Tallone, W Champagne, A Callan.

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**ARTIE-FACT**

Q1--What car was the first production V-12?  
Q2--When were seat belts first used in a motor car?  
Q3--If US automobile owners collectively had a favorite flower, what would it be?  

(Answers):  
1--Packard 1915 Twin-Six  
2--1902 Baker Electric Streamline Racer  
3--Car-nation

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

- **Model A Ford Club of America** ([mafca.com](http://mafca.com))  
  Membership dues $50/year  
- **Model A Restorers Club** ([modelarestorers.org](http://modelarestorers.org))  
  Membership Dues $45/year  
- **Model A Ford Foundation** ([maffi.org](http://maffi.org))  
  and the Model A Ford Museum $25/year

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**Sunshine**  
Grace Doyle  
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

A sympathy card was sent to Debbie Stokinger for the passing of her father.  
Get well cards were sent to John Jacobson and Bob Simonelli.  

*If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact me.*
Secretary’s Report
Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club January 2, 2018
Installation Dinner
Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

The meeting was held at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Road in Sudbury with approximately 44 members in attendance. Meeting opened at 7:35 PM by outgoing President Tom Zappala.

Tom opened the meeting by thanking all the elves who helped in organizing the wonderful dinner tonight which was provided by Mel’s Commonwealth Café.

Joyce Croci has been our Hospitality Manager for years and the club is now looking for someone new to step into the role, if you are interested please see Andy Adams or Harold Samuels.

Thank you Joyce for your service throughout the years.

Tom reflected a bit on the past year; thanked all who helped in conducting the great tours and other club events.

Tom then presented Craig Martin with the President’s Award, a plaque thanking him for his service to the club for leading tours and running the Winter Blahs Flee Market for the last 10 years.

Tom then played a slideshow of club pictures he called ‘A Walk Down Memory Lane’ accompanied by period music. It was a nice time to remember our current and past friends.

Tom presented the Hard Luck Trophy to the 2017 recipient:

Andy Adams

As you may remember Andy made it to within two miles of our hotel destination on the Maine Fall Weekend Tour. Unfortunately and without notice his rear axle snapped and Andy’s return ride was on the back of a flatbed. Not to worry; Andy obtained an axle from Clyde Kelton and several members of the club met at Harold Legge’s garage and quickly replaced the broken axle.

Tom turned over the gavel to incoming President Andy Adams and also presented him with a framed three dimensional Model A ad from a 1929 issue of Harpers Bazar. This wonderful piece is signed and passed on to the incoming president each year for display in his/her home. Tom also welcomed incoming VP Harold Samuels, Treasurer Barbara McElhiney and Secretary Rick Gadbois.

Outgoing president Tom (in no hurry to drop the mic) presented a second President’s Award to Doug Linden for his continued effort as Editor Pro Tem of the Oil Leak Newsletter and for all the many many many things he does for the club.

Refreshments volunteers for the next meeting; Dick Graham, Andy Adams, and Peg Michalak.

Incoming President Andy thanked Tom for leading us through a great year.

Meeting was officially closed at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully, Rick Gadbois—Secretary

Andy graciously accepting the coveted Hard Luck Trophy for his broken axle which ended his Maine tour on the back of a flatbed tow truck.
Welcome New Members
Nan reports one new member this month:
Jack & Linda Quilty
30 Vernon Road
Natick, MA 01760
1930 Deluxe Coupe

Welcome them to the club

Windshield Cleaning
A film builds up on glass with time as you drive, especially on the windshield. About once a year it helps if you give the glass a very thorough cleaning. I use a paper towel with a LITTLE lacquer thinner on it to remove the film. You will see the black slime on the paper towel as you go. (Obviously, don't get the thinner on your paint.) Then follow up with a good glass cleaner. My favorite cleaner is called "Sprayway Streakless Glass Cleaner"; it has no ammonia. I know WalMart stocks it, other stores probably do, too. It really gets the glass clean and shiny.

Have a Model A Day
Jim Cannon,
MAFCA Technical Director
The new year near!
Time to renew your 2018 MEMBERSHIP

If you haven’t paid your dues this will be your last newsletter!

In order for us to keep our records up to date, PLEASE complete the form below and return with your check for $20. If there are no changes, you won’t have to complete the entire form, just check the appropriate box. Thank you.

First Name___________________________       Last Name________________________________
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email _________________________________________ Telephone _____- _____- _______
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Are you over 80 and been a member for at least 5 years? ____ If, yes, membership is free.
I would like to receive my Oil Leak by email. Yes_______ No ________
(If you do not specify, it will be sent electronically if we have an email address on file.)
Are You a member of MAFFI ___________ MAFCA ____________ MARC ___________
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REMINDER

Our February meeting will return to normal activity. We will make plans for our upcoming Tour planning meeting and will hear about our annual flea market plans. What kind of Model A projects are you working on? How about sharing with us at the meeting.

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.