

The Oil Leak

February 2020 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Volume 57 Issue 2

The President Speaks:

HI CLUB MEMBERS.

Hope all is well with everyone as winter passes by. The sun goes down later everyday, a good sign!!

First for those of you who have not paid member dues don't forget!! Do it today. Send it to Nan Linden or bring it to February meeting!! *See the form on page 6*

The February Meeting will take place as scheduled the 4th. Hope we have a good turnout on a cold winter night.

February 27th will be tour planning meeting. WE really need idea's from the members for new tours. Talk to Don Ross with any of your thoughts and come to the meeting to help. *See "Coming Events" on Page 2 for details*

Anyone who can volunteer time for THE WINTER BLAH'S SWAP MEET should let us know and talk to CRAIG MARTIN. It will be held March 29th at the Maynard Elks. Always a good time is had by all. This fund raising event and the money raised support the club and its activities.



Happy
VALENTINE'S

»»» DAY »»»

KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY

Doug Farrell



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Sue reports that a "Thinking of You" card was sent to Vin Delmastro.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Feb 4: Regular Club Meeting

Feb 27: 7:00 PM Tour Planning Meeting

Mar 1: MARCOM Flea Market (Norfolk, MA)

Mar 3: Regular Club Meeting

Mar 29: Winter Blahs Flea Market (see pg --)

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
December, 2019

Income:

Holiday Party	880.00
Member Dues	<u>300.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1180.00

Expense:

Holiday Party General	1,999.43
Oil Leak Printing	<u>70.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 2,069.43

Net Income \$ - 889.43



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

FEBRUARY 1985 35 YEARS AGO

Pres. Dick O'Brien had to do a SOLO, as the VP Noyes, Secy Linden and Treas Iorio were missing--flu and business trips.

Cabin-Fever Pizza Party held at Carbone's Rest. with a quiz by Arnold Goff.

FEBRUARY 1995 25 YEARS AGO

Pres. Steve Goldberg is in Aruba, so VP Callan handles gavel. Invitation from Wellesley College for their June Alumni parade.

Tour to Al Roger's shop in Charlton.

Herb Gallagher has equip for quality photo reproductions.

Speaker: Doug Linden-Every Thing You Need To Know About Rear Ends.

FEBRUARY 2005 15 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Memorial Congregation Church in Sudbury.

New Pres. says "these events don't happen without planning and people to help run them--52 Tours, Super Tour, Fall Weekender, Spring Clinic, Holiday Party, Winter Blahs, Wayside Dinner and your Oil Leak every month".

-----ARTIE FACT-----

DID YOU KNOW--that the Federal Income Taxes started in July 1909.

-The Cape Cod Canal opened in 1914 (O'B claims tunnel work, soon).

- In 1938 my mother said, "if you're going to kill your brother, do it outside. I just finished cleaning"



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 January 7, 2020 Memorial Congregational Church - Installation Dinner

The evening opened with outgoing President Harold Samuels leading the assembled club members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 42 members in attendance who then sat down to a terrific meal of Lasagna, salad, and a wonderful cake for dessert.

The business meeting kicked off at 7:42 pm with Harold thanking all the old board members and presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Harold presented incoming president Doug Farrell with the Presidents Pin, Presidents Plaque and the meeting Gavel. The Presidents Plaque is a framed three dimensional Model A ad from a 1929 issue of Harpers Bazar. This wonderful piece is signed by the current president and passed onto the incoming president each year for display in his/her home.

Harold then turned the reins over to the incoming President Doug Farrell.

Doug officially introduced the 2020 officers:

Doug Farrell - President

Bob Mangan – Vice President

Barbara McElhiney – Treasurer

Rick Gadbois – Secretary

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

Oil Leak – MSP.

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Doug then mentioned by name all the club members who assist in keeping the club running smooth. He then mentioned that the position of Ad Manager is open. Responsibilities include soliciting vendor ad's for the Oil Leak and Tour Card. If you are interested in helping the club please contact Doug.

The Tour planning meeting this year will be held on February 27th at 7:00 PM here at the Church.

Please plan on attending and bring all your fun touring suggestions.

Summer Bash 2020 - At the December Board meeting it was discussed and agreed upon that the Board would like to have a Summer Bash again this year. Details and planning will take place in the upcoming months and the membership will be asked to vote on the expenditure.

Programs - Doug is looking for entertainment suggestions for monthly meetings, please contact him with your suggestions.

Refreshments volunteers for the next meeting; Len Michalak and Tom Zappala.

Nan Linden is collecting dues for 2020.

The 26th Annual Winter Blahs Swap Meet will be held on Sunday March 29th at the Maynard Elks Club. Craig is looking for items to be used for the raffle.

Treasury - Barbara discussed a couple of budget line items that have changed for this year. The monthly cost of the Meeting room and Oil Leak printing have increased this year.

Don Ross - Tours

There were 44+ tours and a tour clinic thanks to Harold Legge and all his elves. Many thanks to all tour leaders!! Don indicated that a couple of members did have some issues this year and were in the running for the Hard Luck Trophy. There were had a couple of engine issues and a blown clutch during a parade.

Drum Roll Please



Don presented the **Hard Luck Trophy** to the 2019 recipient:

Doug and Nan Linden

As you may remember Doug had an engine knock on the return trip from the Canyonlands National Tour to Kanab Utah.

Doug recently received a call from the engine rebuilder – the engine is almost done please send money - Enjoy the trophy Doug and Nan, display it with pride!



Happy New Year to all!!

Meeting was officially closed at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois

Secretary

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2020 Club Officers

Bob Mangan, Doug Farrell, Barbara McElhiney, Rick Gadbois

Installation Dinner Pictures



We had a good turn out of members for the dinner, this is only 1/2 of the group. The cake for dessert was festive and tasty.



Hard luck Award goes to Doug & Nan Linden



Coffee Help Found



Coffee Person

Our thanks to Dawn Levesque and Martha Kerns for volunteering to make the coffee at the meetings. Major crisis averted...thanks.



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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(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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From the Santa Anita A's newsletter

Thru the years there have been a lot of comments from owners about not being able to see well at night with original Model A headlights. This has been an ongoing discussion from the time the Model A was first sold. With an increase in power the Model A was faster than the Model T but the headlights were essentially the same. With the higher speed of the Model A, when driven at night, the headlights would not light the road far enough ahead for safe driving. Henry realized this and in February of 1929, the "Twolite" headlight system was introduced which incorporated a "low beam" for around the town driving and a "high beam" for open highway driving with no cars coming toward you. This was definitely an improvement but still was marginal at best. Aftermarket high output 50/32 C.P. (candle power) bulbs could be purchased which increased the "high beam" light output by more than 50%. When these bulbs were properly focused and adjusted and if the reflectors were in good condition, driving at night became much safer and enjoyable. Even today, this combination works well for most night driving situations.

In the late 1930's, the automobile industry introduced "Sealed Beam" units to replace the conventional separate headlight bulbs, reflectors and defusing lenses. Sealed Beam headlights had better light output and required much less maintenance. Kits soon became available to install Sealed Beam units in the Model A headlight housings and there are still many Model A's in service today with this conversion. Sealed Beam headlight units have the advantage of precisely positioning the filament at the exact focal point of the reflector, preserving the mirrored surface of the reflector from moisture and tarnish and keeping everything clean.

One downside of using 50/32 C.P. bulbs or Sealed Beam units was that the higher current requirement would tax the original Model A generator to its limit. Also if the generator output was adjusted for a higher output for driving at night, it would be too high for extended daytime driving which often resulted in overcharging the battery.

In recent years, with horsepower improvements and overdrives that allow our Model A's to be driven at even faster speeds, owners wanted even better light for night driving. One solution was to install "Quartz Halogen" headlight kits.

While Halogen bulbs did produce better light, they required either modifying the existing reflectors or installing new reflectors. They also operated at a very high temperature and require even more current to operate. This resulted in failures of the sockets and wiring connections within the headlight assembly and a high output alternator was necessary to provide the increase in the current requirements. I do not recommend Halogen bulbs.

Recently, direct replacement LED headlight bulbs options have become available. These LED bulbs have the advantage of producing more light and require very little current to operate, much less than the original Model A TWOLITE Bulbs. When focused correctly, LED bulbs will definitely light up distance objects much better. They fit right into your original sockets and only require a few amps to operate. You may have to lengthen the focusing screw and spring to achieve good adjustment. There seems to be less light projected down onto the road immediately in front of the car but this may be just a perception.

The USA made direct replacement headlight bulbs use an array of several small LED elements while a direct replacement LED bulb made in the UK (England) uses just 2 large individual LED elements. The UK bulbs seem to be a little easier to focus. The USA made LED bulbs are available from most Model A Parts suppliers while the UK bulbs are available from:

<http://www.dynamoregulatorconversions.com>



UK made, Dynamo & Regulator Conversion Co.

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US Made Logo Lite Bulbs

Tech Tip

Model A headlights will not work well if the reflectors are not in good condition. Original reflectors in otherwise good condition can be re-silvered or you can purchase new reproduction reflectors. Brattons offer a very high quality reproduction headlight reflectors that are aluminum coated and sealed. These have the same reflectivity as the original silver plated reflectors and will probably cost less than having your original reflectors re-silvered.



Bratton's Reflector from their catalog

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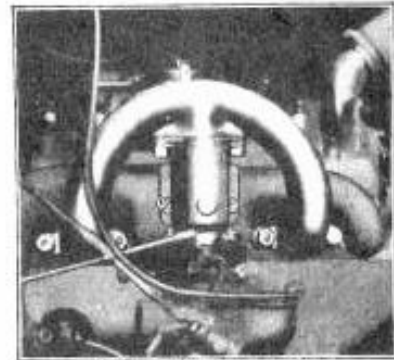
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Pat. Oct. 12, '26, No. 1,602,390

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I enjoy these old ads for speed accessories. Notice the elongated section on intake manifold, it must be where all the "magic" takes place. I'm sure the Bat Super-Charger is like the many of the wonder accessories that were marketed at the time. Most of which didn't work.

MARCOM FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY- MARCH 1st, 2020

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MARCH 29 Hold the Date

For Our Winter Blahs Flea Market
Craig Martin will need all our help to make this event a success

TINY TIPS

CLEAN THOSE SPOKED WHEELS

Here is a very simple way to clean those spoked wheels on your Model A. Buy a good brand of "Foam Bathroom Cleaner" to spray on your wheels

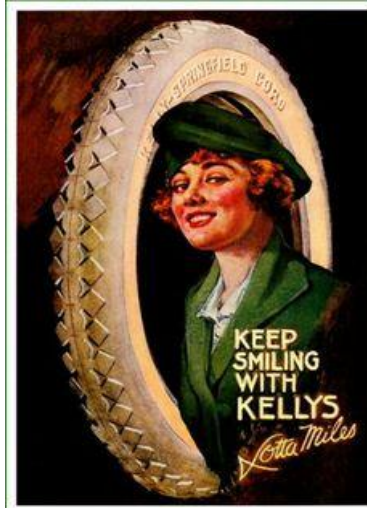
After spraying, wait a few minutes to let the cleaner soak in and penetrate the dirt. Rinse off with your garden hose and you should have clean and shiny wheels.



From MAFCA Tiny Tips Book

Tour Planning Meeting

The Tour Planning meeting is scheduled for February 27 and we invite all members to attend and share their ideas for tours. The more input the better our schedule will be. We would like to expand our destination tours this year so think of possible sites/places that would make a good Model A tour.



Snow Tires have been around a long time, but back in the Model A era most folks used chains as they were cheap and effective. However they did break and cause fender damage. If you check out unrestored Model A rear fenders you can readily see the damage.

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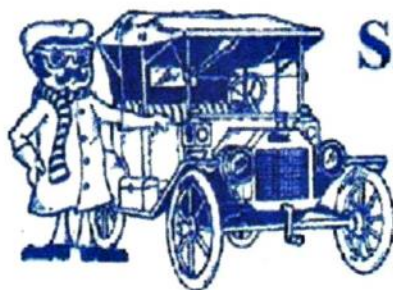
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February 2020

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Please join us for the February meeting. We want to make plans for our Tour Planning meeting on Feb 27. At that meeting we will set the course for the 2020 Touring season.

We will also have a short technical video which you should find helpful.



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.