

The il Leak

February 2017

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The President Speaks:

My Model As have been quiet this past month, and the Station Wagon was last out of the garage to take me to our Holiday Party in December. And yet, as comes February and the planning for a new season, so comes the promise of new adventures and renewed friendships. I can't wait!

As our cars rest (and perhaps are tinkered with in the hopes of ensuring smooth sailing on tour), plans are underway for the coming season. Craig Martin is planning our spring Swap Meet, Sue Champagne is planning our fall weekend tour, and Andy Adams is planning our Holiday Party for next year. Our Tour Committee is meeting on February 22nd at the Memorial Congregational Church in Sudbury to plan for the coming season - and all are invited, and yes, encouraged, to participate. This is, after all, our club, yours and mine.

It looks to be a great touring season, and in addition to our traditional trips to Manchester and Stowe, folks are talking about attending the MARC National Meet in Gettysburg and the New England Meet in North Conway. I invite your participation, both in going on tours and in suggesting, planning, and leading tours. Please join us in helping to make this a great year for the Minuteman Club.

I want to say thanks again to our past-president Doug Linden for his leadership, and to thank Doug and Nan Linden and all those who made the Inauguration Dinner such a nice event. It was so nice to see so many members of our club coming together, once again.

I'm sorry I didn't have the chance to talk to everyone at the Inauguration Dinner, although I'm glad I had the chance to talk with Al Borelli at our Holiday Party. Al, a relatively new club member, Al was an enthusiast, like the rest of us. I will miss his presence.

I write this note on the eve of our national inauguration, and while I have the microphone, so to speak, I want to remind everyone that we are all in this together. It was a Model A that brought me to my first club meeting, but is the people that have kept me coming back, time after time. I hope in this new year, you'll make some new friends, renew some old friendships, and help make our club a fun place for all.

Happy Model A'ing

Tom Zappala



Sunshine

Grace Doyle
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

New member Al Borelli passed away on Jan 16. A sympathy card was sent to his family.

Our condolences go out to Al's family.

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
Jan 1 thru Jan 24, 2017

INCOME

Auction	5.00
Awards/Installation	-119.00
Member Dues	<u>510.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 396.00

EXPENSE

Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Awards/Installation	<u>1,787.79</u>
Total Expense	\$ 1,827.79

Net Income \$ 1,431.79

Coming Events

Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted

- Feb 5:** Powder Mill Barn Flea Market Enfield, CT
- Feb 7:** Regular Club Meeting
- Feb 18:** Small Engine Show, Charles River Museum Waltham 10-4
- Feb 22:** Tour Planning Meeting
- Mar 5:** MARCOM Flea Market, Norfolk, MA

This Month in History

February 1982

Movie night with popcorn.
Hospitality Committee established.

February 1992

Steering Committee organized.
Tech Talk: Front End-Caster, Chamber, toe-in, King Pins Jack Stokinger and Art Callan

February 2002

Touring meeting well attended.
Proceeds from N E Meet shared with:
Youth Scholarship Fund and Red Cross.
New officers: VP Jim True
Treas Dick Stitt
Secy Dolores Ervin
Editor Shelly Kaptain

ARTIE-FACTS

As we get older, we're a lot like Model A's--
maintenance costs get higher and used parts
are hard to find.

Can you name the car dubbed:

A Mercury pushing a toilet seat?

(Answer on page 3)

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



Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)



Model A Restorers Club (modelarestorers.org)



Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)
and the Model A Ford Museum

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AL BORELLI

I'm sorry to report the passing of Al Borelli. Al recently joined the club and

had 1930 Coupe. I had the pleasure of talking to Al at the Holiday party in December and he was looking forward to being an active member. Al enjoyed his Model A as well as touring in his motor home.

I'm sorry we didn't get to know Al better. Our condolences go out to his family.



The answer to the question on page 2 is the Edsel.

It was also referred to as a horse collar.

Servicing the Model A Windshield Wiper

Question: What is the proper lubrication for the vacuum wiper interior seals? Mine works well when freshly lubricated with Timken wheel bearing grease, but slows down considerably within a day or two. Charles DuBreuil, Auburn Washington,

Answer: I was not able to find any information on the proper lubrication of the vacuum wiper motor in any of the Model A materials that I have, but I did locate the following: On page 46 of the August 1932 Ford Service Bulletin, there is a short article on "Servicing the Windshield Wiper". *"In some cases the failure of the wiper to operate may be due to the need for oil in the wiper motor, which can be done without removing it from the car. Secure an old piece of suction hose approximately 6" in length and slip one end over the outlet of the wiper. Move the wiper bar (blade) by hand to either side and just before the valve mechanism "clicks," insert the (other end of the) hose into a small can of good light machine oil (3-in-one). Then pull the wiper bar quickly in the opposite direction, thus sucking the oil into the motor. Next move the wiper bar back and forth in a normal manner so as to allow the surplus oil to be blown back into the can. This operation will fully lubricate one side of the motor. The other side should then be lubricated by repeating the process but by starting the blade on the opposite side of the windshield."*

(From mafca.com Technical Q&A)

2017 Installation Dinner/Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2017

The meeting was held at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Road in Sudbury. Meeting opened at 6:30 PM by outgoing President Doug Linden.



Doug opened the meeting by thanking members of the board and steering committee who had assisted him throughout the year. He then reviewed the past years activities focusing on the highly successful New England meet. He also thanked all who worked so hard to make the meet successful.

Doug then turned over the gavel to incoming President Tom Zappala.

Tom welcomed incoming VP Andy Adams, Treasurer Cindy Mangan and Secretary Rick Gadbois.

Tom then reflected a bit on the past year; all the great tours and other events all of which were well attended and contribute to making this a great club.

Tom then presented Doug with a plaque thanking him for his service as President, editor and outstanding board member this past year.

Doug acknowledged new member Jim Pettine from Hanover Mass and welcomed him to the club.

Doug then proceeded to distribute the service awards for this year which consisted of a nice set of beer glasses with various Model A's engraved on them.

Doug then asked the audience if there was anyone who would like to assume the position of editor. Again no takers... He also mentioned that there were free 1 year memberships available in the National Model 'A' Clubs for anyone who had never been a member before. This is 'A' nice way to introduce people to the National clubs (MARC and MAFCA).

Dick O'Brien was then called upon to present the Hard Luck Trophy to the 2016 recipient – drum roll – the envelope please!!!

Unbelievable no breakdowns on tour this year – Doug will take the trophy home and care for it this year.

Late breaking newsJo Johnson reported that Bruce Marshall had a flat tire (slow leak actually) as he was leaving Stowe Vt. this year. After much debate it was decided that the tire changing was not worthy of the hard luck trophy – sorry Bruce!!

Table centerpieces (made by Nan Linden) were



then awarded to the person who had the most "A's" in their name.

Dick Stitt then mentioned he had a lifetime of Model A News and Restorer magazines that he would be happy to deliver to anyone interested in them.

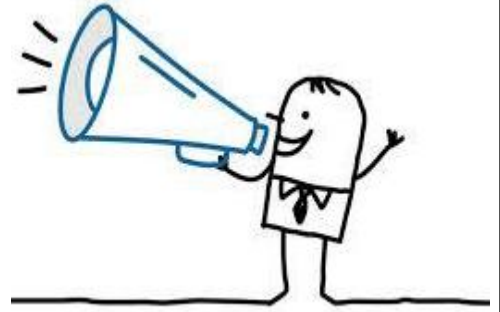
Nan reported 2017 membership dues are now being accepted, form in the Oil Leak.

Before adjourning the meeting Tom thanked all the elves who assisted in putting on tonight's dinner.

Respectfully Submitted Rick Gadbois



The new year near!
Time to renew your
2017 *MEMBERSHIP*
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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.)

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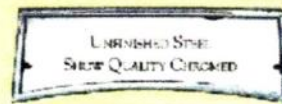
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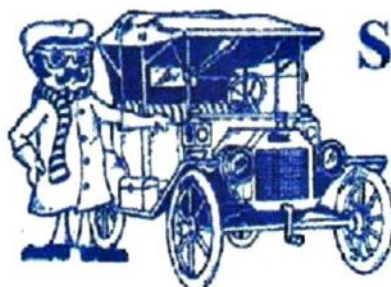
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REMINDER

Things get back to normal at the Feb meeting, now that the holidays and installation dinner are over. Depending on the meeting schedule a short video may be presented. The Tour Planning meeting will be on Wednesday Feb 22. Details will be provided at the meeting. Please put your thinking cap on to come with and come with an interesting tour.



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