

The il Leak

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President's Message

My Fellow Minuteman Club Members,

I'd like to start my tenure as President by sending my warmest wishes for a peaceful and safe holiday season. It's been almost 16 years since I've owned a Model A, and to my surprise, the best accessory that came with my first car was the support and friendship of the great folks in the Minuteman Club. My first encounter was with Dick O'Brien and Art Callan, who found their way to my garage to help me with a leaking carburetor, and with their visit, I discovered that a great part of the joy of owning and driving a Model A is the hundreds of friends I've made along the way. Please have my best wishes in this new year, and thank you for your support – and friendship.

I want to thank everyone who has made the past year such a great one for the Minuteman Club. I'd like to especially thank Doug Linden not only for his leadership of the Minuteman Club, but for his work on The Oil Leak and for representing Model A enthusiasts nationally. I'd also like to thank Jo Johnson for her leadership of our club's team in putting on the New England Meet in September. Once again, Jo – and so many men and women of the Minutemen Club - both supported the Model A hobby and made our club look great in the process. Of course, the club has many members and each helps out in their own way, whether it's running the swap meet, hosting a tour, bringing a snack to a club meeting, or helping a fellow enthusiast their car going. Each individual helps make this club the successful organization that it is, and I want you to know that we appreciate and need everyone's help.

It was great to see so many club members at the Holiday Party in December, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Inauguration Dinner on January 3rd.. If you haven't done so, please let Doug know if you are planning to attend. I'm looking forward to a great year with the Minuteman Club, and I look forward to seeing you on the road.

Happy Model A'ing

Tom Zappala

President - Elect

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Tundra | by Chad Carpenter

Submitted by Art Callan



*****ATTENTION*****



January 3rd Installation Dinner & Awards Meeting

At this meeting we will install our 2017 officers, present awards and have dinner which will begin at 6:30 PM.

----- RESERVATIONS NEEDED -----

The club will provide the food so we will need a head count.

The "No Reservation - No Food" rule applies.

Please contact Doug Linden (508-485-7575) or douglinden@aol.com



2016 Holiday Party



Our Holiday Party is now history and what a great turn out we had for our final event of the season. The weather was perfect, as noted by 4 Model A's that were driven to the party. This year the club tried every-

thing new; new location, new day and new time. The new location was Conrad's Restaurant in Sudbury and was held on a Sunday afternoon. These new changes seemed to work as we had a larger turnout than in past years, as we had 60 people in attendance.



Thanks to Tom and Lisa for handling the details with Conrad's. Conrad's started the day off with all kinds of hors d'oeuvres which kept those attending circling to see what was being served next. Music in the background and the bar tender near by made our room a pleasant place to enjoy the camaraderie of the other members.

Our tables were decorated thanks to the efforts of Yvonne Pepe, something she has generously done for the a number of years. We also had a wonderful table full of toys for the Toy-for-Tots program, which Joyce & Ed Croci have also coordinated for many years. Thanks to the generous giving of those attending, many area children will be able to enjoy Christmas.

The buffet was excellent and there was there seemed to be no end to the trays of food being brought out, there was so much food that the staff boxed up the leftovers for fols to take home. The cakes for dessert were also VERY tasty.

The conversation was plenty with talk of the past year's activities and looking forward to next years tours, and we caught up on family activities coming up over the next few weeks.

The afternoon ended up on a high note, with the restaurant also having TV showing



Love the Hat Don



the Patriots win the football game.





Sunshine

Grace Doyle
(Gdoyle@aol.com)

No Cards were sent this month.

Always good news when this happens.

Coming Events

Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted

Jan 3: Installation Dinner Meeting (*see page 9*)

Jan 8: Powder Mill Barn Flea Market Enfield, CT

Feb 7: Regular Club Meeting

TL = Tour Leader

This Month in History

January 1982 35 years ago

Book auction brings \$85, all donated by Gordon White.

Plans begun for 1982 touring.

January 1992 25 years ago

New policies announced:

Budget/Business meeting in Feb

More monthly tech sessions

Tech speakers get first half of meeting.

Video on Ford's experiences in Japan (prior to 1941)

National Service Award to Bucky Silvestrone.

January 2002 15 years ago

Installation Dinner/Meeting.

Oil Leak ads now number 16..

ARTIE-FACTS

In 1939, Henry Ford, the pacifist, sent Adolph Hitler a check for his birthday. How much was it?

5 million 20 million 50 million

(Answer 50M)

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
Nov 19 thru Dec 17, 2016

INCOME

New England Meet 2016	40.00
Holiday Party	1080.00
Member Dues	<u>360.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,480.00

EXPENSE

Mass Tax Filing Fee	15.00
Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Holiday Party General	<u>1797.87</u>
Total Expense	\$ 1,8527.97
Net Income	\$ -372.87

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



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Model A Restorers Club (modelarestorers.org)



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



The new year near!
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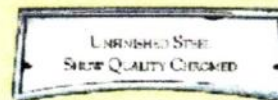
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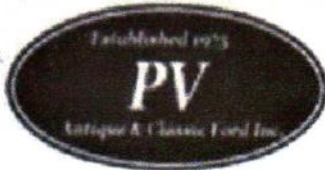
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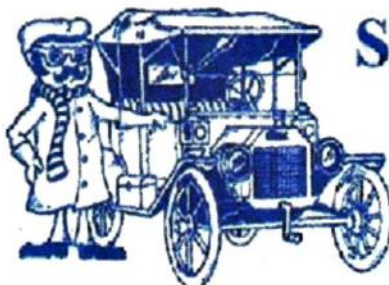
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January 2017

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REMINDER

Our January meeting will feature the installation dinner and the installation of officers for 2017. Please be sure to contact Doug Linden to reserve your spot for dinner. We will also present the ever popular Hard Luck trophy and member appreciation awards for those giving their time to help the club in 2016.

See you there.



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.