

The Oil Leak

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The President Speaks:

Wishing you all a great, happy and healthy new year!

I would like to start off by thanking the officers, steering committee, committee chairs and volunteers who have made 2018 another great Model A year. Thank you in advance to Andy Adams for running the installation dinner. I am sure that Andy will have a few words of appreciation for members who have served the club this year. I would personally like to thank Yvonne Pepe, our unsung hero who for many years has provided the handmade center pieces for our Holiday Party.

While most of us have put our cars away for a “long winter’s nap” we still have club activities to keep us engaged till the spring. I would like to ensure that we have a programs presentation for each of our winter meetings, and am looking for volunteers to speak about a Model A topic, or speak about a hobby or experience that would be of interest to the membership.

This year we would like to focus on keeping activities fresh and making sure that we get maximum participation in the events that we plan. Your input and feedback is key to keeping us on the right track. Don Ross, our tour committee chairman has sent out a questionnaire to get your opinion on tour preferences, structure and ideas to feed in to the tour planning meeting that will take place in February. Suggestions on tours that you think members would enjoy are welcome. If you have an ideal for a new destination or event and would like to lead that tour that would be great. Along with our usual annual events, some of the ideas we have been kicking around are:

Concord River tour,

Catered club picnic (suggestions for a venue are welcome),

Ladies day event (Ladies, it’s your club too),

Youth day event (possible venue at a school or sporting event (bring your children/grandchildren)),

Historical tour,

Combined tour with another area club.

We have our summer meetings to look forward to as well, and will be looking for locations and hosts.

Thank you for having me as your club president this year. I look forward to the fun times ahead!

Reminder: The January meeting has been moved one week to January 8 since the first Tuesday is New Years Day, mark your calendar and Happy New Year.

Happy Motoring
Harold Samuels



Sunshine

Grace Doyle
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

A Get Well card was sent to Ralph Parks.

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

Note: Grace is going to retire as Sunshine person...is there someone who would like to take over Sunshine??

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

Jan 8: Installation Dinner and Club Meeting (see pg 4)
(Note Date Change)

TL= Tour Leader



Since there are few events planned why not take moment to come up with some ideas for tours and bring them to the Tour Planning Meeting next month. Take a look at the tour survey that Don Ross sent out a few weeks ago. A few new ideas will be enthusiastically received.

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
November 2018

Income:

Club Auction	667.00
Coffee Can	21.00
Donations	60.00
Member Dues	740.00
Wayside Inn Dinner	<u>102.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1590.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Installation/Awards Dinner	<u>239.35</u>
Total Expense	\$ 279.35

Net Income \$ 1310.65

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

JANUARY 1984 35 Years Ago

President's gavel passed to John Jacobson.
New Tour Committee-Batstone, Goff, Smith, Noyes, O'Brien, & Linden.
Program-Coffee and movie of Club Events of 1973.

JANUARY 1994 25 Years Ago

Grange Hall closed with frozen pipes. Club meets at Town Hall.
Long Range Plan Comm asked to consider a Tool Award & donations to MADD & SADD.

JANUARY 2004 15 Years Ago

Pres Peter MacDonald, VP Bruce Marshall, Secy Gary Hoyt, Treas Dick Stitt.
Holiday Party enjoyed by 61 members at Marlboro CC.
Josie Defazio won ladies basket and Frank Buckley won men's tool bag.

ARTIE-FACTS



In 1929, Transcontinental Air Transport put radio equipment in a Ford Tri-motor being readied for a 48 hour coast-to-coast service. In order to transmit, a trailing antenna with a three-pound "fish" weight was unreel from the airplane.

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 (modelarestorers.org)
Membership Dues \$45/year



Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)
and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/year

Holiday Party - Great Fun

The regular December club meeting was supplanted by the annual holiday party. Thanks to the planning of Harold & Robin Samuels, our gathering at Conrad's Restaurant was a success with everyone having a good time. I am sure that changing the time to an afternoon event has led to an increase in attendance as the function room was full of festive Model A'ers. The tables were all nicely decorated, complete with a centerpiece hand made by Yvonne Pepe.

As the guests arrived there was an assortment of hors d'oeuvres. There was also a large table for the generous donation to the "Toys-for-Tots" program. This is something we have been doing for years thanks to the efforts of Joyce & Ed Croci. A nice letter of thanks to the club was received.

We enjoyed lots of socializing, talking family and Model A's; it was a nice to be able to have this time with our Model A friends before the busy holiday season. The buffet was soon ready for us. The choices were mouth watering and before long the room was pretty silent...hum I wonder why. I think the favorite item was the steak tips, they were delicious. A great cake for dessert topped off the meal.

The good times continued and there was lots of table jumping to make sure we had a chance to chat with everyone. As incoming President, Harold made a few announcements about the new year and is looking forward to a fun filled touring season.

The last thing to do was help Ed & Joyce with all the "Toy-for-Tots" donations.



Happy Holidays to all.

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Member Information



Dues
are
Due!



*****ATTENTION*****

January 8th Installation Dinner & Awards Meeting

At this meeting we will install our 2019 officers, present Hard Luck Award 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 Andy Adams 781-237-1517 or andrewtim.adams@gmail.com



MAFCA National Awards Banquet

Tucson, Arizona

“What’s that” you say? Well the final event for the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) is it’s annual National Awards Banquet. This year the event was held in Tucson, Arizona. These events are much smaller than a national convention with about 100 registrations. Nan & I have been attending the banquets for a number of years and find them to be fun events. They are about 3 days in length and always provide an opportunity to visit local areas of interest.

Our hosts this year was the Tucson Model A Club and they had a wide variety of tours and events planned. A welcome party on Tuesday night where we got to spend time with Joop & Marlies and their friends from the Phoenix Model A club. Wednesday I had to preside over the MAFCA board meeting, while others were able to attend fashion or technical seminars. That night we were bussed to a Cowboy BBQ at the Tanque Verde Ranch. What a great venue, all 60,000 acres. The food was amazing; Chicken, Brisket, Ribs and Fish with all the fixins. We sat with Chet & Gloria Wojcik and other friends from Montana.

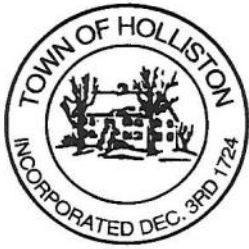
Thursday we headed out to the Pima Air & Space museum. Space is the operative word as this place is huge. This facility includes the huge aircraft bone yard. The museum itself has an amazing collection of military aircraft. We were also fortunate to have a WW2 B-17 pilot on hand telling stories of his missions piloting this famous aircraft. This was just one of 5 building of aircraft plus the very large outside display. Awesome collection of planes including a B-36.

Friday we were bussed out to the Arizona-Senora Desert Museum. This was area loaded with cacti and provided us out of towners with a opportunity to see the wide variety of desert vegetation and wildlife from the valleys to the mountains. It took all day to go through the museum. Friday night was the awards banquet where I introduced MAFCA’s new president, Doug Clayton.

Saturday Nan & I toured the Saguaro National Park with its beautiful cacti and in the evening we visited the Christmas luminaria at the Botanical gardens.

It was a great visit. If you get a chance I would recommend that you try to attend a future banquet.





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December 10, 2018

Mr. Edward Croci
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Mr. Croci,

On behalf of Chief Matthew Stone and the Holliston Police Department please accept my sincere gratitude for the very generous Toys for Tots donation that the Minuteman Model A Club recently made on December 9, 2018.

Toys for Tots is a wonderful opportunity to help families provide much needed gifts during the holiday season and would likely go without if not for the generous donations like the one your club recently made.

Thank you again and may you and your membership have a safe holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,


Lt. Craig Denman



Does the location to the left look familiar? I thought you would recognize the Grist Mill at the Wayside Inn. The artist obviously liked the setting and used it for this nostalgic affect. The question I have is was this picture staged or was it just from the artists imagination? I think it is an older setting because there are trees missing by the mill that are present today. Inquiring minds want to know! I don't know if you can see it but the Model A has chains on the rear wheels.



Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

Winter Storage of the Model A

Not all of us are lucky enough to be able to drive their Model A in the winter. I've been asked for tips on how to store the car for a few months.

Keeping the cooling system full of antifreeze that is strong enough for your expected winter temperatures is a good place to start. This is better than draining the cooling system, because all of the moisture in the block after you drain it will cause a lot of rust in the block over the winter. Then the rust goes into your coolant next spring.

It is best to change the engine oil last thing before storing it. Bring it into the storage area after driving for at least 20 minutes, to get the oil good and hot, and drain it hot right where you plan to park the car for the winter. Refill with fresh oil and you will be ready to go next spring!

If you have an unheated garage, I recommend you remove the battery from the car and store it inside for the winter. Either keep a battery tender on it while in storage or connect a battery charger to it once a month for a few hours to top it back up. If you choose to leave the battery in the car, disconnect the ground strap or open any battery cutoff switch that you have, to avoid any parasitic drain over the winter. Put a charger on it once a month.

If you have 4 jack stands, put the car up on them to take the weight of the car off of the tires. Our tires will develop flat spots if they sit in one spot for a long time. The flat spots will eventually work out as you drive next year, but why not prevent them?

While the car is up on stands for the winter, you can adjust the brakes, grease the chassis, check under the car for good electrical connections, and check the status of all of your cotter pins under there. Adjust the clutch pedal. Take care of little things that you noticed needed attention while driving last season. Then you can start the spring driving season with a great Model A Day!
Jim



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Coffee Person

To oversee the coffee pot at the meetings. Not hard to do, but someone needs to be in charge.

Help Needed

The club is looking for a few new volunteers to fill two positions that have recently become vacant. If you have enjoyed the club, now is the time for you to consider giving back a little of your time.

Please contact President Harold Samuels if you would like take over one of these positions.



Sunshine Person

To be in charge of sending get well or other special occasion cards as needed. Not real time consuming job but we need a volunteer.

Authentic Model A Colors in a Spray Can

Submitted by: William "Bill" Brum, Raynham, Massachusetts

Achieving an authentic look is important to many of us who choose to restore our car back to its original condition. In the area of painting, it becomes difficult without the training and equipment of a professional. However, for small items such as interior trim and other metal components, spray cans are a viable option.

Once you have the paint code in hand (acquired from guidance in the **MAFCA Paint & Finish Guide** and the PPG or DuPont customer service group), your local distributor for such popular brands can provide the authentic colors in 12 oz. spray cans. Color matching can also be achieved by providing a good sample (I used the windshield visor) to be analyzed at your distributor by hand held color matching equipment.

The spray cans are typically a single component acrylic enamel providing ease of application, excellent shine and durability. Of course, good paint finish requires proper metal prep regardless of the spray equipment utilized.

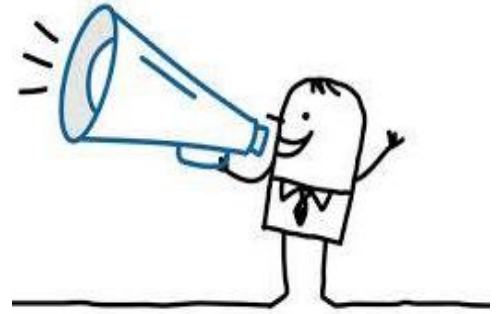
The spray can shown below contains the popular Copra Drab for a 1930 coupe utilized to paint the dash panel depicted.



Note: This service is available at most of the paint suppliers in the area. I know J&R in Framingham and Finish Master in Marlborough provide this service. I think the cost is about \$25.



**The new year near!
Time to renew your
2019 *MEMBERSHIP*
*Dues is Due***



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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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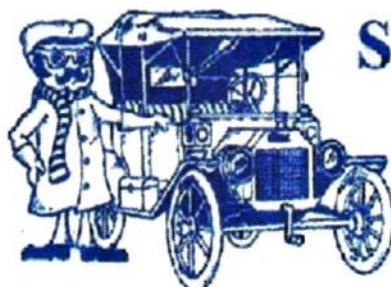


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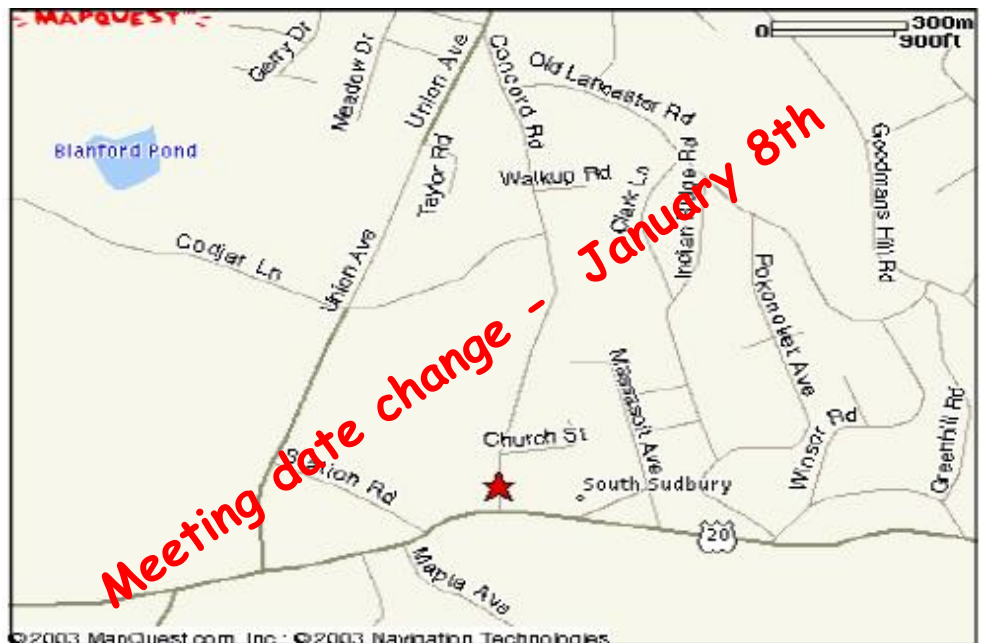
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Don't forget to call Andy Adams if you would like to enjoy the Inauguration Dinner at the next meeting. See page 4.

Have you paid your dues yet? No. Then fill out the form on page 5 and mail your check now.



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.