

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*

My Fellow Minutemen,

I've just arrived home from the Tour Planning meeting, where under the watchful eye of Dick O'Brien and Mike Doyle, a full complement of tours was put together for the coming season. There is still a little tweaking of the schedule to do, but once again it looks like the Minuteman Club will retain its reputation as a most active touring club. I want to thank all of those who helped us plan with their tour suggestions and offers to lead tours - and to let those of you who were away or unable to attend the meeting, there are still a few tours in need of leaders - and you can still touch base with Dick O'Brien or Mike Doyle if you'd like to volunteer to lead or suggest a tour.

Craig Martin is busy planning the upcoming Winter Blah's Swap Meet - for the ninth time. This swap meet has been a great antidote to the winter blues and been a great source of fun - and revenue - for the Minuteman Club, and my hat goes off to Craig and all those who help make the swap meet such a successful event. I look forward to seeing you there on March 26th.

The arrival of Spring is officially less than a month away, and despite all the snow around, the warm days of the past weekend have had me thinking about getting my Model A's in shape for the coming season. I bought some oil last weekend, and I'm getting my tool and part kits together to ensure that there's a reasonable chance that I'll have what I need should I find myself on the road and in need of a quick adjustment or repair. I'm looking forward to a touring season that promises trips to Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and a host of adventures right here in Massachusetts. Yes, hope springs eternal, and I look forward, with great anticipation of the adventures to come, to getting back out on the road with you.

Be well, and get ready to start your engines,

Happy Model A'ing

*Tom Zappala*



# Sunshine

Grace Doyle  
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

A get well card was sent to Gary Hoyt. Fortunately it has been a quite month in spite of it being flu season.

If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact Grace at Gdoyle95@aol.com

## Coming Events

Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted

- Mar 5:** Powder Mill Barn Flea Market Enfield, CT
- Mar 5:** MARCOM Flea Market, Norfolk, MA
- Mar 7:** Club Meeting
- Mar 22:** Pizza Party (Southboro House of Pizza)
- Mar 26:** Winter Blahs Flea Market, Maynard Elks
- Apr 4:** Club Meeting

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
Jan 25 thru Feb 23, 2017

**Corrected Balance, last report** \$ -1431.79

### INCOME

Donations	10.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Int/Div/Change Val	0.09
Member Dues	<u>440.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 470.09

### EXPENSE

Oil Leak Printing	80.00
Holiday Room Deposit	100.00
Meeting Room Fee (church)	800.00
Swap Meet	78.65
Website Expense	<u>275.88</u>
Total Expense	\$ 1334.53

Net Income \$ - 866.44

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Fla. Callan

### MARCH 1982 35 years ago

- Club celebrates 20th anniversary.
- Pizza party at Marconi's in Ashland.
- JJ heads successful Tour Committee

### MARCH 1992 25 years ago

- NEW: Tour cards designed by Wayne Champagne
- : Member--John Pierce
- : Club Rally with Ed Newman
- : Tech session-Carburetors-Joe DeMelia

### MARCH 2002 15 years ago

- 8th annual Winter Blahs-Village Green, Ft Devens
- Marlies Plaggenborg, Chair Person
- Just announced--over 80's get free membership
- Russ and Ray publish Mman History
- Wayne C. records mileage stats and does club raffles.

## ARTI--FACTS

Edsel ordered a new series of coke ovens for the Rouge, but, Henry ordered them torn down within days after they are built. It was to remind Edsel who was the Boss!

As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell off a ladder. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, WOW, that's the fastest I've moved in years.

**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

## 2017 Board of Directors

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**Tour Directors:** Mike Doyle 781-899-8706 / Dick O'Brien 781-223-0259

**Sunshine:** Grace Doyle 781-899-8706 Gdoyle95@aol.com



## MARCH 22, 2017

Yes, it's Pizza Time again and this gathering of club members has become our "defacto" first event of the new touring season. It's nice to know that warmer weather is not too far away and the Model A's will soon emerge from our garages.

Our menu tonight will be assorted pizza and tossed salad. Coffee and dessert also will be provided.

**Where:** Southborough Firehouse Pizza  
5 Main Street (RT 30)

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Price:** \$7.50 per person

Contact Doug or Nan Linden if you plan to attend  
508-485-7575 or douglinden@aol.com

# World Famous Pizza Quiz

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## WINTER BLAH'S

FLEA MARKET  
Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017



**7:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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There are a few sets of Model A Tumblers (16oz beer glasses) given as this year's member thank you gifts available. There are 4 different Model A's etched into the glass.

The price is \$10.00 per set of 4. If you're interested in a set contact Doug or Nan Linden at 508-485-7575 or douglinden@aol.com

# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club February 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Tom Zappala, on a snowy night with only 23 hearty members in attendance.

### Officers Reports:

- Andy Adams then requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.

- John Pierce then motioned for a discussion of the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak. The monthly balance should have been a negative amount instead of positive balance. Doug confirmed and corrected report with a negative balance. The membership then accepted Treasurers Report as corrected – MSP

- Thanks to all who provided refreshments for tonight's meeting; Rick Gadbois, Andy Adams, Tom Zappala, and Skip Dunham.

Volunteers for next month: Shirley Jacobsen and Andy Adams.

### Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we have two new members of the club.

\* Mike Hale, Bedford, has a 29 Phaeton that has been in his family since it was new.

\* Rich Bowes, Cotuit, has a 1930 Deluxe Roadster.

Please welcome our new members.

### Touring:

- Tom announced the Touring Committee meeting was coming up on February 22, and will held here at the Congregational Church starting at 7:30 PM. All are welcomed to attend and provide ideas and input on the upcoming touring season. If you cannot attend meeting and would like to provide input, please e-mail Tom Zappala with your suggestions.

- Doug Linden then mentioned the Pizza Quiz Tour would be held on March 22nd at Southboro House of Pizza, ('A' can't miss event to kick off the season).

### Still looking for an Oil Leak Editor!!!

### New Business:

- Tom announced that John Jacobsen had been appointed to serve on the Steering Committee.

- The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Blahs Flea Market. Craig Martin reported vendor spaces are still available, about half the spaces have been accounted for. Craig will pass around the sign-up sheet for volunteer assistance ant next months meeting. Please help!

### Programs:

- Tom is looking for assistance with Programs. For now, he will go back to Model 'A' basics with videos and discussions on distributors, carburetors, brakes etc. Tonight we will see a video on the Gilmore Museum provided by Doug Linden.

### Running Board Commentary:

- Doug Linden was contacted by Nashoba Valley Technical H.S. regarding a project they have re-building a Model A engine. Doug and Jack Stokinger visited the school and provided technical manuals and vendor catalogues to assist with project. Interestingly enough the school has a brand new machine shop and they intend on making most of the needed parts themselves. Their goal is to have engine rebuild complete by April. Updates down the road.....

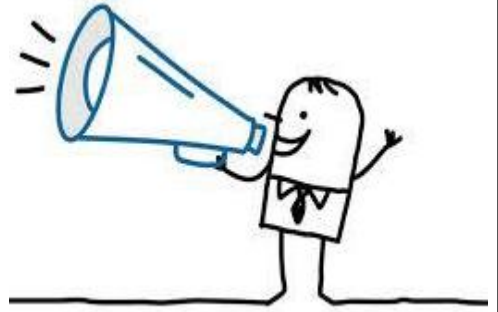
Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois





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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.*

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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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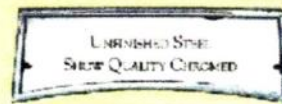
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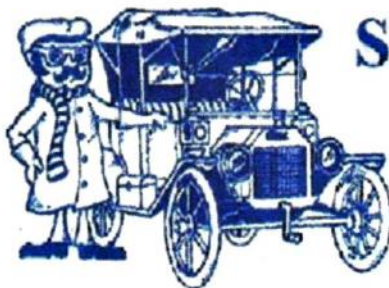
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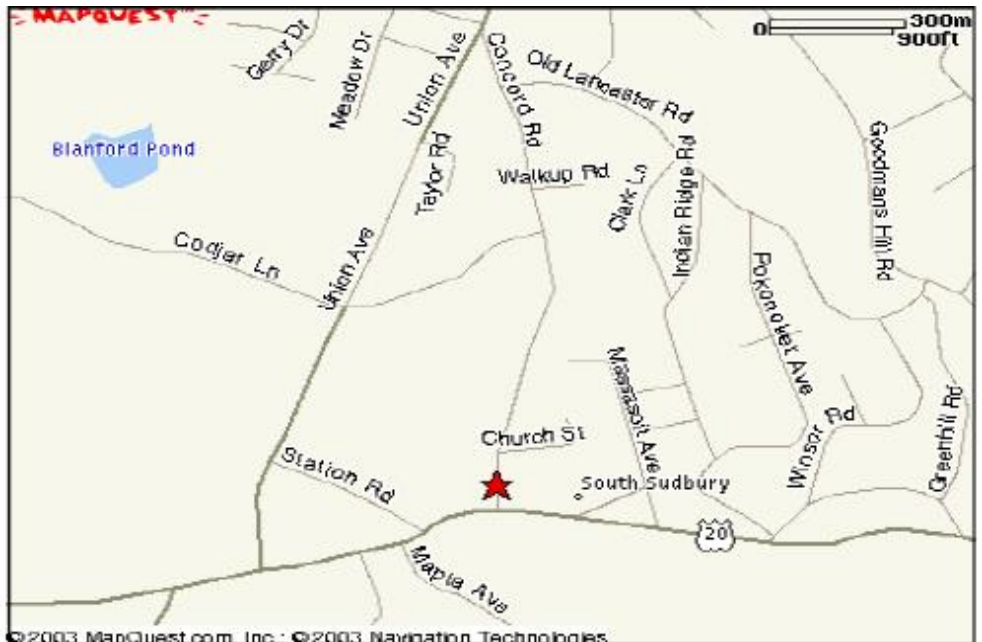
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**REMINDER**

The March meeting will be an opportunity to review the efforts of the Tour Planning Meeting that recently took place. Also, Craig Martin will be seeking volunteers for the March 26 Flea Market, please make plans to help.



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.