

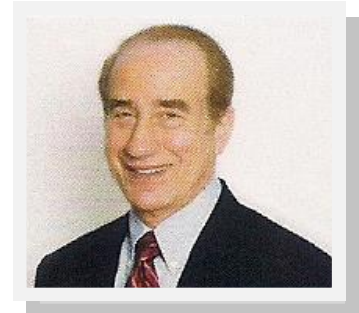
The Oil Leak

March 2019

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The President Speaks:

Here we are coming into March. The winter is flying by with spring just around the corner. Our March meeting is coming up on the 5th and our first event of the season, the Winter Blahs Flee Market is on the 24th. Thanks again to Craig Martin for organizing and heading up this event.



Thank you to Doug Linden for his presentation on the Model A distributor for the programs portion of the February meeting, and to Len Michalak and Nan Linden for the refreshments. The program for the March meeting will be a video on rebuilding engines with babbitt and insert bearings.

Our tour planning meeting took place on February 19th and was well attended. Lots of good ideas were discussed and planned for the upcoming season. Thank you to Don Ross for carrying the banner this year with the assistance of Dick Obrien.

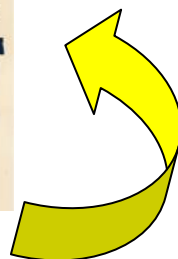
As I am writing this, we are a few days away from our first Board Meeting of the year. We have several items to discuss including financial and club operation both present and future. The Board will come up with recommendations where needed and present them to the membership at the March meeting.



Sunday March 10th

Andy Adams was kind enough to make coffee for the February meeting despite Marilyn's retirement from the position. We are still looking for volunteers for either the year or one month at a time. The position of programs coordinator is open as well.

Wishing all of you an easy, happy and healthy transition from winter to spring. See you at the March meeting.



Happy Motoring
Harold Samuels



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Four cards were sent this month. Get Well cards were sent to Gene Tallone following his recent surgery and to Bob Griffin for recent hip surgery. Sympathy cards were sent to June Hurst for the passing of Skip (see pg. 7) and to Donna Smith for the recent passing of her mother.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- Mar 3:** MARCOM Flea Market (see page 7)
Mar 5: Regular Club Meeting
Mar 24: Our Winter Blahs Flea Market (see page 7)
Mar 27: Annual Pizza Party (See page 6)
Apr 2: Regular Club Meeting
Apr 7: Post Office Pub Brunch TL (The Croci's)

TL= Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
January 2019

Income:

Member Dues	210.00
Total Income	\$ 210.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Postage	250.00
Dues (MARC Reg Fee)	10.00
Flea Market Mailing, Ad	114.51
Install/Awards Dinner	872.62
MAFCA Insurance	75.00
Church Hall Rental	800.00
Misc (Club Hats, PA Syst)	663.19
Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Total Expense	\$ 2,823.32
Net Income	\$ - 2,613.32

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

MARCH 1983 35 YEARS AGO

Only one "A" at the Grange meeting.
 Phil Iorio showed a 1905 Glidden Tour to Mt. Washington plus a Laurel & Hardy film.
 Garage tour is first event of 1984 and had visits to Fred Halfpenny, Dave Smith and Arnold Goff's.

MARCH 1994 25 YEARS AGO

March meeting is "In Like a Lion" weather.
 Tune up clinic at Rich Gebo's in Marlboro.
 New letter from Wellesley Parade Committee
 We lost Ed Giovanella to God' Mansion at age 54.

MARCH 2004 15 YEARS AGO

Part I of the Ford Anthology presented by Doug Linden.
 Special award to Nan Linden and Dick Krug.
 Tour Committee meets to work on 2004 events.

ARTIE-FACTS

- WHY does the sun lighten your hair but darkens your skin?
- WHY is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- WHY is the person who invests your money called a "Broker"?
- IF FLYING is so safe, why do they call the airport a "terminal"?

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Club February 5, 2019

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Harold Samuels. There were 35 members in attendance. Bob and Cindy Mangan then led the membership in the singing of God Bless America to open the meeting.

Officers Reports:

- Harold requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Harold requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak. – MSP.
- VP Doug Farrell

1) Christmas party, we expect the venue to be the same (Conrad's) and a potential date of 12/8.

2) Wayside Inn Dinner, last year we did not meet the minimum number required for the Ford Room. We may need to utilize a smaller room or possibly cancel the dinner altogether. Doug will seek options from the Wayside Inn and report findings at a future meeting.

- Doug Linden – National Club news, the plans for the Utah Tour coming along, 150 registrations in so far.

Doug then presented Andy Adams with a Chapter Presidents Pin from MAFCA for his service this past year.

Doug also mentioned that MAFCA has one-year free trial memberships for those who have never been a member in the past. See Doug or Nan for details.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we have 3 new members.
 - * Max Maxfield of Brimfield, he has a 29 Coupe.
 - * Daniel and Adriana DeMatos of Westford, they have a 29 Tudor.
 - * Robert Weiss of Dover, he has a 29 Roadster.

Welcome to the club!!!

- Nan announced that if you have not paid your dues you will not get a newsletter next month. If the last newsletter you received had a blue address label on it then your dues have not been paid so please get them in.

Touring:

- Don Ross will be heading up the touring season again this year. A Tour planning meeting will be held on February 12th at 7:30 PM. It will be held here at the Congregational Church, all are welcomed to attend to provide ideas and input on the upcoming touring season and volunteer to lead

tours.

New Business:

- The 25th Annual Winter Blahs Flea Market is coming on March 24th. Craig Martin will be looking for the usual volunteers and will pass around a sign-up sheet. Craig is also looking for items to be donated for the raffle.

- Last month Harold announced a proposal that the club add an additional non-voting member to the steering committee (Member Emeritus). This person would be a long time member and would fill an advisory role and provide guidance from a historical perspective to steering committee and board members. This will be a 1 year position and will be appointed by the current President.

Jo Johnson has been nominated and approved by the membership to fill this position for 2019.

- Andy Adams has letter openers for the membership, see Andy to get yours.

- Harold then thanked the Michalak's and Nan Linden for tonight's refreshments.

- Refreshment volunteers for next month: Gary Hoyt and Joyce Croci.

- Still looking for volunteer to make coffee at the monthly meetings. See Harold if interested.

- Still looking for a Program Coordinator, this person would arrange technical / entertainment program for each regular monthly meeting.

- Gary Hoyt announced that Bob Griffin broke his leg in two places and is currently in rehab at Mary Ann Morse in Natick.

Programs:

- Doug Linden will lead a program on troubleshooting and repair of the Model A Distributor tonight.

Running Board Commentary:

- Doug provided some information on a rust removal product called Workshop Hero. It is a liquid product that you paint on and spray off. Doug had sample packets available for members to give it a try.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary

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Welcome New Members

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981-363-3119
1929 Tudor



Ouch! this 1934 winter crash involves a 1925(?) Buick that met its demise on an icy road in Auburndale, MA. That tree almost cut the old Buick in half. And no, that's not a dead body covered up beside the Buick, just an old blanket!



Tour Director Don Ross conducted a Tour Committee meeting on Feb 19th to prepare a comprehensive tour list for the 2019 tour season. There was a good turn out of members for this meeting which proved very helpful in suggesting new tours and most importantly getting leaders for them.

Don is still looking for some leaders for some tours, so please see Don at the next meeting if you would like to lead one of Ice Cream or Food tours.

Plans are also being formed for a Fall Weekend Tour. More information will be forthcoming on this, so stay tuned.

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Oil vs. Grease -- What's the Difference?

We pour oil into the engine, transmission, differential and steering gear box. We use grease on the chassis, in all the "grease fittings, and we pack our wheel bearings with grease. Have you ever wondered what the difference is between these two? I have.

Oil is a slippery liquid at room temperature that provides a film between parts that are sliding or pressing quite hard against each other while in use. Higher viscosity oil will allow for higher pressure between parts before the oil film gets pressed out and you lose the protection between the parts. It also helps with cooling inside an engine while it runs.

One characteristic of oil that you are all familiar with is that it does not mix with water, because it is made up of organic molecules that don't interact with polar water molecules. They will usually mix with other oils and solvents. The oil molecules may be distilled from the mix of hydrocarbons found in crude oil, or they may be formed and built up, piece by piece, in a chemical reaction with catalysts (which we call synthetic oil). Synthetic oil molecules tend to be more uniform (all the same) than conventional mineral oils, because they were each built from the same building blocks. That improves their performance in many applications.

Grease is a lubricant that consists of about 85% base oil, as above, about 15% thickener that keeps the grease in a semisolid state, and various additives for things like corrosion prevention. The base oil can be a vegetable oil (safe to use around food), conventional mineral oil from crude, or a synthetic oil. The thickeners are actually some form of soap, made with things like lithium, calcium, or aluminum. Unlike oil, grease does not "flow"; that's why it is not recommended in our steering gear box. We want the oil to run down into all the bushings, bearing and gears.

Grease is an interesting substance. It has a high initial viscosity or thickness but as stress is applied, the viscosity decreases, approaching that of the base oil. Release the stress and it thickens again. Grease can separate over time -- you've probably seen the oil part run out of a grease gun that sits. Grease can dry out and harden with age. The soap part can break down with a lot of heat, reducing how well the grease stays inside the bearing (think of front wheel bearings).

So if you can't remember when you last packed fresh grease into your front wheel bearings, you might want to go clean them and repack them this weekend. Avoid problems on the road and Have a Model A Day!

Jim

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Otto Mechanic

BY JAY PIERSANTI

THERE'S MY GRANDPA VARNISHING HIS OLD MODEL "A".... GUYS USED TO DO THAT WHEN THE PAINT GOT OXIDIZED TO MAKE IT SHINE AGAIN!

AFTERWARDS, HIS CAR WOULD BE STICKY FOR A MONTH!

SO, IT DIDN'T WORK WELL?

NO, BUT....

....IT MADE QUITE A DENT IN THE BUG POPULATION!



IT'S PIZZA PARTY TIME!



March 27, 2019

Yes, it's Pizza Time once again. Last year we got snowed out, what a bummer, hopefully moving the date out one week we can avoid any snow. It's nice to know that warmer weather is on the way and the Pizza Party kick's off our activities.

The menu will be assorted Pizza and tossed salad. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Where: Southborough Fire House Pizza
5 Main Street (RT 30)

Time: 6:30 PM

Price: \$8.00 per person.

Contact Doug or Nan Linden if you plan to attend
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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)

Help Needed



Coffee Person

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



How about this photo from the late 30's or early 40's of the snow banks in the Boston area. I'm sure glad we have avoided this kind of snow, so far at least!

March 24, 2019 25th Annual **WINTER BLAH'S**

Flea Market - Maynard Elks Lodge Maynard, MA 7:30 - 11:30

Vendor Space \$20.00 General Admission \$3.00

**Contact Craig Martin information (cmartinstow@comcast.net)
or contact at 978-562-2390**

MARCOM FLEA MARKET

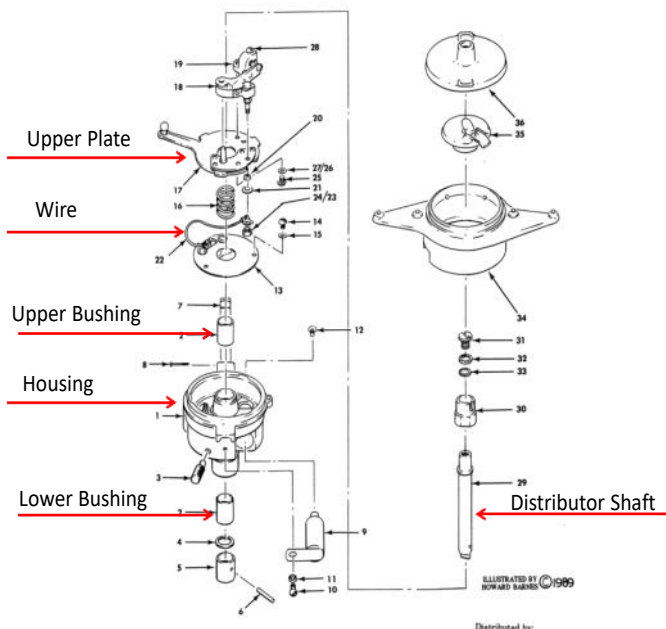
SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019

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The Model A Distributor is a simple design, but there are areas where problems can occur that will affect its performance. The primary areas are the housing upper and lower bushings, the shaft, the wire between the lower and upper plate and finally the housing can develop cracks. I described these and other issues at the Feb meeting. Rebuilding the distributor is a good winter project. Rebuild kits are \$70. Or you can buy a new distributor complete for about \$140.



"Skip" Hurst January 30, 2019



The Minuteman Club is sad to announce the passing of another long time member.

Edward "Skip" James Hurst, 88, of Natick died Wednesday, January 30th surrounded by his loving family after a period of declining health. He was the devoted, loving husband of

June (Tozer) Hurst, sharing 65 years of marriage.

Skip was a very active member of the Natick community, serving for over 35 years on the Natick Housing Authority and a life member of the Natick Elks, Meridan Masonic Lodge, Shriners and The Minuteman Model A Club.

Skip was a regular at our club meetings, usually bringing Joe Demilia with him. Skip liked his Model A's but especially enjoyed touring in his beautiful '39 Ford Roadster. Skip will be missed.

Our condolences go out to June, sons Arthur and Richard and the entire family.



"A" Mountain Scene in 2019

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Names/Ages of children attending _____

Please note that meals for children 6-11 on Friday Evening, Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning are ½ the adult price

Address _____

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Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Club Affiliation _____

Will you bring your Model A? Yes _____ No _____ Year _____ Body Type _____

Is your Model A Blue Ribbon eligible? Yes _____ No _____

Will you be staying at the Host Hotel? Yes _____ If not, what Hotel: _____

Arrival date:

Wednesday 9/11 _____ Thursday 9/12 _____ Friday 9/13 _____ Saturday 9/14 _____

Car trailer parking required? Yes _____ No _____

Waiver of Liability:

Registrant(s) understand that to participate in the activities of the 63rd Annual New England Meet, hosted by the Western Mass Model A Ford Restorers' Club (WMAFRC), registrant(s) agree to the following waiver of liability. Submission of this Meet Registration form constitutes acceptance of this release. **LIABILITY WAIVER:** Registrant(s) hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all liability whatsoever due to registrant(s) attendance and participation in the 63rd Annual New England Meet all of the following: The WMAFRC members, all club officers, tour committee, and all volunteers (collectively, "HOST"). Further, registrant(s) certify that the vehicle(s) used in this meet are insured for public liability, property damage, fire and theft. Registrant(s) also certify that the vehicle(s) entered are properly registered, licensed and inspected for safe operation in accordance with the state law of the vehicle's normal residence. The registrant(s) hereby releases HOST of any and all liability for any loss, damage and/or injury to the registrant(s). In the event of non-conformance to the terms of this waiver, the registrant(s) waive any rights to attendance at this meet. I also understand that club members will be taking photographs during this event. These photographs may be used in social media and in reports to the Model A Restorers Club (MARC).

Signature _____ Date _____

Name: _____

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REGISTRATION FEE: 2 Adults per Car: **\$50.00**
 After 8/1/2019: **\$65.00** \$ _____

Friday

High Lawn Dairy tour (see page 3 for details) – no charge #attending _____

Friday Night (Includes entertainment)

Buffet Style Service: Garden Salad, Lemon Pepper Chicken (Veg option available w advance notice), Wild Rice, Grilled Vegetables, Chefs Dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee # _____ x **\$42**
 (children 6-11 # _____ x **\$21**) \$ _____

Saturday

Grand Tour to Hancock Shaker Village. (parking and popular choice judging will occur in a parking area free of charge. Entrance to tour the Village is a separate charge)

Gourmet Bag lunch including choice of sandwich, vinaigrette pasta salad, whole seasonal fruit, potato chips, cookie, and bottled water.

Roast Beef with Cheddar, Mayonnaise and Tomatoes _____ x **\$21**
 Roasted Turkey & Stuffing with Cranberry Mayonnaise _____ x **\$21**
 Ham and Swiss Cheese _____ x **\$21**
 Grilled Tuscan Vegetables with Balsamic & Olive Oil _____ x **\$21** \$ _____

Discounted entrance fee to Hancock Shaker Village # _____ x **\$15 ea** \$ _____
 (Admission purchased at the Village on the day of the tour is \$20 per person)

Hubley Derby – Saturday afternoon at Jiminy Peak

Entry fee \$2 per vehicle, maximum 3 vehicles per participant.

16 yrs and under # _____ x **\$2 ea** over 16 years # _____ x **\$2 ea** \$ _____

Saturday Night (includes entertainment) *Plated dinner*

Garden Salad, Chefs Starch, Fresh Vegetable and Dessert Selections, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Petit Filet# _____ Crab Stuffed Flounder# _____ Vegetarian# _____
 # _____ x **\$55**
 (children 6-11 # _____ x **\$27.50**) \$ _____

Sunday Awards Breakfast Buffet

_____ x **\$25 ea**
 (children 6-11 # _____ x **\$12.50**) \$ _____

TOTAL Registration fee and event cost \$ _____

MERCHANDISE: Order must be received by August 1, 2019

Charcoal Gray Polo pocket shirt embroidered with the meet logo

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ x **\$25**

Charcoal Gray Pocket Tee shirt embroidered with the meet logo

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ x **\$18**

Merchandise total \$ _____

TOTAL of Registration Fee, Event Costs, and Merchandise \$ _____

Make checks for total payable to WMAAFRC and **mail no later than September 9** to: WMAAFRC c/o Cyndi Bohdiewicz PO Box 255, Monson, MA 01057. Registration questions? NEModelAMeet2019@gmail.com

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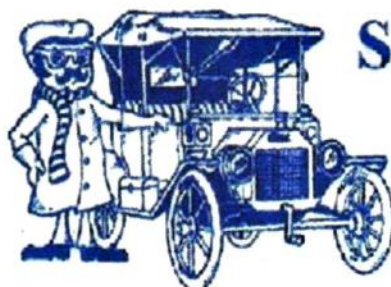


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March 2019

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Mail to:

Be sure to visit www.oilleak.org

At the march meeting we will go over the upcoming tours of the year. A good mix of events has been planned.

The program for the March meeting will be a video presentation by Antique Engine Re-builders on rebuilding of the Model A engine.



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.