

The il Leak

March 2020 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Volume 57 Issue 3

The President Speaks:

HI club Members.

March means winter is quickly passing by and we will be out ridding in our cars sooner than you think. So get ready to go !!



There are already four planned events for March: **3/1** MARCOM flea market (see page 9); on **3/3** Regular club meeting; on **3/29** Winter Blah's Flea Market at the Maynard Elks (see page 9); and on **3/25** the Firehouse Pizza & trivia Southboro. (see page 5).

Don't forget The Winter Blah's swap meet. If you can, help Craig Martin, he needs volunteers that morning for this fund raising event.

On Wednesday 2/19/20 I stopped by Ed Wlodyka's house to see his new garage!! I gave him a two thumbs up on his project. To my surprise Ed has his model A coupe but also a 1963 Chrysler 300 and a registered Porsche all looking great. We all have different loves of all cars, it's a wonderful thing .

At this time the Tour planning meeting will have been completed on 2/27. Don Ross will be working on new tour cards for this year. Don't forget to help him with ideas and volunteer dates. Call or email Don.

Hope to see you at the March Meeting!!



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.

KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY

Doug Farrell



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

No cards were sent out this month. We're glad to hear everyone is doing well and staying clear of the flu.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Mar 1: MARCOM Flea Market (Norfolk, MA)

Mar 3: Regular Club Meeting

Mar 25: 6:30 PM Pizza Party Southboro (see p 5)

Mar 29: Winter Blahs Flea Market (see p 9)

Apr 7: Regular Club Meeting

V8 Flea Market - Please note, this year's event will be held on June 7th, not in April as usual, due to construction at the Fitchburg Airport.

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
January, 2019

Income:

Transfer from Savings	1000.00
Member Dues	<u>510.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1510.00

Expense:

Dues & subscriptions (MARC)	10.00
Oil Leak Printing (2 issues)	140.00
Flea Market	93.27
MAFCA Insurance	75.00
Meeting Room Fee	1000.00
Installation/Awards Dinner	814.14
Website Fee	<u>263.88</u>
Total Expense	\$ 2,396.29

Net Income \$ - 886.29

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

MARCH 1985 35 YRS AGO

Meeting at the Grange but only one Model A- Ed Giovanella's pickup.

New club jackets arrive with the special purchase of Telephone Trucks coming soon.

A plea for tour leaders is lengthy but successful. Garage tour to Bucky's in Newton.

Just 3 cars to Parker's Maple Sugar Barn ,Mason N.H.

MARCH 1995 25 YRS AGO

Grange meeting with Peter Small from the Cape Club speaking about "detailing"!

Winter Blahs-Hal Knapp makes Acton Ford available, 27 vendors, 500 paying guests and a dozen Mman helpers to set up and clean up.

Pat Callan's music program-Henry Made A Lady Out Of Lizzie-held at Peace Lutheran Church.

MARCH 2005 15 YRS AGO

Meeting delay as Pres Bruce Marshall controlled "brake chatter" from 41 members.

Breakfast tour now scheduled for every Wednesday morning says Dick O'B.

Thank you letter from Marine Corps for toys.

Awards to 55 members who helped the club with refreshments, leading tours, work at the Spring Clinic and Winter Blahs.

-----ARTIE FACT-----

GETTING OLD (Source 1985 Oil Leak)

--You're an old timer if you remember when kids mowed grass instead of smoked it.

--You're getting old when your back goes out more than you do.

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 (model-a-ford.org)

Membership Dues \$45/year



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

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Club February 4, 2020 Memorial Congregational Church - Installation Dinner

Meeting was gaveled to order at 7:30 PM by President Doug Farrell. 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:

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

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we have a new member in attendance tonight.

* Mike Bizzozero of Waltham, he has a 29 Tudor which he recently purchased from Ohio

Welcome to the club Mike!!

National Club News:

- Doug Linden – MAFCA and MARC dues are due. If you are not yet a member see Nan for membership forms, both clubs have great magazines.

MAFFI is creating a new display this year, get out to see it if you can. Model A Day is held the 3rd weekend in September and is a great event. And...If you haven't seen the new movie Ford vs. Ferrari go see it.....it is GREAT!

Touring:

- Don Ross will be heading up the touring season again this year. A Tour planning meeting will be held on February 27th 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. E-mail tour ideas to Don that can be discussed at the meeting.

New Business:

- The 26th Annual Winter Blahs Flea Market is right around the corner. This year it will be held on March 29th. 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, if you have any raffle worthy items you would like to donate please contact Craig. We have 22 vendors who have signed up so far.

This is Craig's 11th year running the swap meet – Thank you Craig for your hard work and dedication to helping the Club be successful!

Allocation of Funds:

- 1) Summer Bash - During the December Board meeting the topic of a 2020 Summer Bash was discussed, tonight we will ask the membership to vote on utilizing club funds to partially subsidize the cost of the event. Harold Samuels made a motion to utilize club funds for the Summer Bash, motion second, and passed unanimously by the members present.

(The Kerns have already offered their property to host the event again and Robyn Samuels has volunteered to work on the catering) Thank you!

- 2) Holiday Party - will be held again at Conrad's, Doug will submit deposit and reserve room for first week of December. Tom Zap made a motion to utilize club funds to partially subsidize the cost of the Annual Holiday Party, motion second, and passed unanimously by the members present.

Pizza Party – are people still interested in the Pizza Party / World Famous Quiz? Answer is..... yes! Doug and Nan will make arrangements, update at next meeting.

Doug then thanked the Michalak's and Zapalla's for tonight's refreshments.

- Refreshment volunteers for next month: Dick O'Brien and Anna Gadbois.

Programs:

- Doug Linden has a short video on lubricating the Model A.

Running Board Commentary:

- Doug L. discussed getting club apparel on-line from Thread Logic. This is a good time of year to pick up clothing or other items with the club logo on it. Threadlogic.com
- Marcom Flea Market will be held on March 1st at Holmes Transportation in Norfolk Ma.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois

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Car Seats - Remember these??

OK, when our kids were growing up the car seats we used were nothing like the NASCAR safe car seats that the kiddos are required to be strapped into when going for a ride in the car now-a-days. The ones that hooked over the front seat were pretty unsafe, especially if you had a tudor car with a folding front seat. If you hit the brakes hard the passenger seatback just tipped forward and the kid got launched into the dashboard. Ouch. The others were slightly better; but then you had the option of turning rear seat into bedroom so they could sleep while riding home. And when the kids got bigger they had the whole back of the new station wagon to play around in while going on trip.



Plywood Platform in Back Seat of Car Makes "Traveling Playpen" for Child

Provided with ample room for herself and her toys, a small child will enjoy her own "traveling playpen" in the back seat of the family car. Also, there is less possibility that the child will be injured if a sudden stop of the car is necessary. The playpen is nothing more than a panel of 1/2-in. plywood cut to fit between the front and rear seats as shown. One end is supported on a wide, folding leg and the other end rests on the rear-seat cushion, this end being cut to fit around the arm-rests. The leg also is made of plywood and is hinged to the underside of the panel. If desired, cabinet-door friction catches can be attached to the panel and leg to keep the latter folded when stored. After rounding all sharp edges of the platform and sanding it well, finish with sealer and apply two coats of spar varnish to guard against



warpage. Plastic upholstering material makes an easily cleaned padding for the platform, or an old blanket can be used for this purpose.

J. L. Bethurum, San Antonio, Tex.



Boy we have come along way. We had to add seatbelts to our Model A before the grand kids could go for a ride. However, all this safety is worth it to keep the grand kids safe and happy.

Jumble by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Y	L	L	S		
E	T	K	A	W	
M	Y	L	E	S	L
B	P	H	I	O	S

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

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Jumbles: SLYLY TWEAK SMELLY BISHOP
Answer: When Henry Ford wanted to talk to his workers, he'd have them — ASSEMBLE

IT'S PIZZA PARTY TIME!



March 25, 2019

Yes, it's Pizza Time once again. It's nice to know that warmer weather is on the way and the Pizza Party kick's off our activities. Hopefully we will continue to be snow free and might even get a few Model A's to attend.

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: \$10.00 per person.

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

**&
World Famous Pizza Quiz**



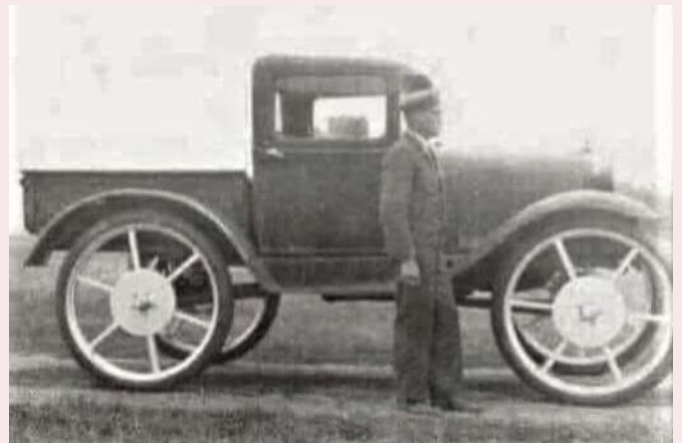
Weekly Breakfast Group

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)

Big Wheel "A"



With wheels this size he didn't worry about snow or mud while trying to get around town. With the strange weather we have had this winter no need for that kind of ground clearance

this year. I guess he was also a trendsetter for cars today!





**The new year near!
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Spouse/Significant Other Name _____

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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 _____

Model A Info:

Year _____ Body Style _____ Year Acquired _____

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Minuteman Model A Club
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64th Annual New England Meet

Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River
Newry, Maine

September 11 - 13, 2020

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print)

Meet Reg #

Name _____ Nickname _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Nickname _____

Name/Ages of Children _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

eMail Address _____ Club Affiliation _____

Registration Fee (2 adults) **\$45 prior to August 1st;** **\$60 after August 1st** \$ _____

Additional Adult(s) # _____ @ \$20 each \$ _____

Friday New England BBQ # _____ @ \$34 each \$ _____

Saturday Continental Breakfast # _____ @ \$18 each \$ _____

Saturday Lunch: Lobster Roll _____ # _____ @ \$24 each \$ _____

Ham & Cheese _____ Chicken Salad _____ Caprese(veggie) _____ # _____ @ \$18 each \$ _____

Saturday Dinner: Beef Tenderloin # _____ @ \$50 each \$ _____

NE Haddock # _____ @ \$38 each \$ _____

Sunday Awards Brunch # _____ @ \$28 each \$ _____

Polo Shirt, Mens S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ # _____ @ \$24 ea \$ _____

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Alcohol Tile Workshop # _____ @ \$15 ea \$ _____

Make check payable to **2020 NE Meet** and mail to: Jo Johnson **TOTAL** \$ _____
375 High Head Road
Harpwell, ME 04079

Model A Year(s) _____ Body Style(s) _____

Hubley Derby Participant Yes _____ No _____ Trailer parking required Yes _____ No _____

Waiver of Liability: I understand that to participate in the activities of the 64th Annual New England Meet, hosted by the Pine Tree Model A Ford Club, on September 11 - 13, 2020, the undersigned agrees to the following waiver of liability: I certify that the vehicle(s) used in this meet are insured for public liability, property damage, fire and theft. I also certify that the vehicle(s) entered are properly registered, licensed and inspected for safe operation in accordance with state law of the vehicle's normal residence. The undersigned thereby releases the host of any and all liability for any loss, damage and/or injury to the applicants, or the applicant's party. In the event of nonconformance to the terms of this waiver, the undersigned and his/her party waive any rights to attendance at this meet. **ALL ADULT ATTENDEES** must sign the waiver in order to attend.

Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____

64th Annual New England Meet Information & Events

- Hotel Registration:** A block of rooms has been reserved with the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort, located at 97 Summit Drive in Newry, Maine . Reservations can be made by calling 800-207-2365 and referring to the booking code, 85W88Z-2020 New England Model A Meet.
- Meet Registration:** Meet Registration can be found in the hallway off the resort lobby. Registration hours are:
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|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday | Noon – 7:00 pm (early arrivals) |
| Friday | 8:30 am – 5:00 pm |
| Saturday | 7:30 am – 9:00 am |
- *Registration fee covers 2 adults as well as their minor children. Each additional adult is charged \$20 and will need to sign the attached waiver.**
- Friday Evening BBQ:** Join us for a New England BBQ, featuring chicken, pulled pork, brisket, coleslaw and baked beans. Great chance to catch up with “old” friends.
- Saturday Breakfast:** Before heading for your “A”, stop by for a continental breakfast offering coffee, tea, juice fruit, bagels, and yogurt.
- Grand Tour:** Line up at the bottom of Summit Road (hotel entrance road) at the intersection with Sunday River Road where there is a big red entrance sign and stone wall.
- 2020 vision is needed to locate landmarks described in the directions as we make our way to the Bahre Collection. This is an extraordinary private collection of antique and classic vehicles housed on an historic estate overlooking the White Mountains. There is something for everyone car-wise, as well as a great antique doll collection, old toys, horse-drawn carriages, player pianos, and a jukebox for those with broader interests.
- Car Judging:** Peer judging will be held on Saturday at the completion of the grand tour and prior to visiting the museum. Parking attendants will be directing you to the appropriate category. Classes will be designated by years, 28-29 open, 28-29 closed, 30-31 open, 30 closed, 31 closed, woody, and commercial – 7 categories unless the woodies and commercial are combined. All registered participants may cast their ballots for the vehicle they deem the best in each class.
- Alcohol Tile Workshop:** Pine Tree Model A member, Leslie Robbins, will lead a class to create Alcohol Ink paintings on porcelain tiles. NO art skills required! All materials are included in the \$15 fee for the class. Come join the fun!
- Presentations:** 1 ~ A video presentation of Pine Tree Model A member Christine MacKenzie’s life long love affair with her family’s Model A.
2 ~ Pine Tree Model A members, Peter Brown and Susan Nourse, will discuss their experiences in a Model A as participants in three Great Race competitions.
- Hubley Derby:** Entries must be a Hubley/Gabriel or Scale Model die cast metal kit and cannot weigh more than 1 pound 5 oz.
- Saturday Evening:** Music by “The Reminisants” will once again take us back to the good ol’ days while we enjoy dinner and dancing.
- Sunday Buffet Brunch:** Finish the weekend off with a full stomach at the buffet while hopefully claiming your raffle prizes and car awards. Listen to a preview of the 2021 NE Meet.
- Repair Tent:** A repair tent will be set up in the parking lot of the Sunday River Resort.

“Looking forward to seeing you....Ayah”

Special Notes:

There are limited facilities at our location to purchase food, other than what has been prearranged for the Meet. Groceries and deli items can be purchased in stores in Bethel, however, they are almost 7 miles away, so if you prefer to have a quick breakfast snack, you might consider picking it up prior to Saturday.

If you have allergies or have special food requests please contact the hotel directly.

Saturday Lunch:

Each Saturday lunch includes tortellini, chips, dessert and a drink.

Shirt Orders:

Polo shirts are name brand, "Ultra Club" gaudy shirts, 100% cotton with the embroidered meet logo.

Mens and Ladies Polo - \$24 for sizes S - 2XL. # XL is available for an additional \$3 (indicate on first page if you request 3XL)

"T" shirts are available in **Short and Long Sleeves** and are 100% cotton with front and back silk screened logo.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Meet Chairmen: Jon Harris ~ 207-650-0713
David White ~ 207-590-0180

Registration: Sandy Harris ~ 207-650-5038

Email questions to: 2020meet@maine.rr.com

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March 29, 2019

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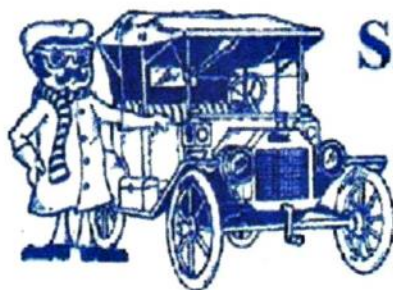
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Be sure to visit www.oilleak.org

In this issue of the Oil Leak you will find the registration form for the **64th New England Meet**. The meet will be held at the Sunday River resort in Maine. Make your plans to attend now. Also, remember 2020 dues is due, if you haven't paid yet this may be your last newsletter.



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.