

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

Driving and touring with the Model A can be a great Ice Breaker and conversation starter, sometimes in unexpected ways. Just talk to club members who have taken cross-country trips and have been welcomed by complete strangers going out of their way to provide helpful information and tips on things to do in their local area. This effect has been referred to as the “Model A Passport.” It is amazing how our cars can bring enjoyment to people just by passing by.

I am reminded of just how extensive the Model A influence is worldwide by some of the experiences that Robyn and I have had over the years on our foreign travels. The first pictures are Model As encountered at a ranch in Argentina. The first, an AA truck with a Uruguay license plate, is used as a farm vehicle.



The next, a Tudor is used along with other wagons, tractors, etc. to drive tourists around the ranch. If you look closely at the third picture, you can see Robyn in the back seat.



The next picture shows a model A, photographed from our bus window driving along a highway in Chile. We also encountered a Model A Phaeton at a taxi stop in Italy. Unfortunately, it drove away before I could get a picture.



The final picture is of a Model A roadster that drove up next to a lakeside café in Switzerland where Robyn and I were sitting. The driver and I had a brief conversation. Like many in Switzerland he spoke Italian, German, French, and English. He was disappointed that I could not even switch to French, since English was his weakest language.

My message to you is to get out and tour with the club. You will be sharing a pastime enjoyed around the world and it will bring a smile to your face and to all you encounter.

Can't wait for spring. Keep well.



*Happy Motoring
Harold*



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

No cards were sent out again this month. That is good news.

If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact me. sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)


Mar 2 MARCOM Flea Market (see page 5)
Mar 5 Regular Club Meeting
Mar 23 Minuteman Winter Blahs Flea Market (see page 5)
Apr 5 Regular Club Meeting

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report January, 2025

<u>Income:</u>	
Advertising	50.00
Club Items Sold	20.00
Coffee Can	13.25
Raffle (club)	24.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>320.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 427.25
<u>Expense:</u>	
Award Items	30.00
Flea Market (Ad Flyers)	190.39
Meeting Room Fee	550.00
Miscellaneous	77.80
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 928.19
Net Income	\$ - 500.94



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

MARCH 1990 35 YEARS AGO

Information was presented about our upcoming Model A Car Show on July 7th at Spag's. Spag's was advertising the Car Show and had a raffle with a top prize of a new gas grill. There were consolation prizes of cases of Coke, also donated by Spag's. All proceeds for this event went to a local chapter of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). Phil Iorio had new price quotes on jackets, t-shirts, and golf shirts with our Club Logo in blue and white.

MARCH 2000 25 YEARS AGO

The Great Race needed volunteers to support the youth groups participating in the race at the starting position, etc. The Race started from Boston on Sunday, June 11th. At the previous Board Meeting, Doug Linden presented everyone with copies of the 1999 Financial Record, the Annual Budget for 1999, and the proposed 2000 Budget. After the presentation, the budget was approved by the members present.

MARCH 2010 15 YEARS AGO

It was announced that Thread Logic was our new provider of Club apparel. Members could order shirts, jackets and accessories directly from them at their website (thread-logic.com). The upcoming month would be a busy one! Our 16th Annual Winter Blah's Swap & Sell on March 28th at the Maynard Elks Lodge in Maynard and also the MARCON Flea Market Sunday, March 7, 2010 at Holmes Bus Company in Norfolk, MA.

National Organizations:



Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)
Membership dues \$50/year



Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)
Membership Dues \$50/year



Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)
and the Model A Ford Museum \$35/yr.

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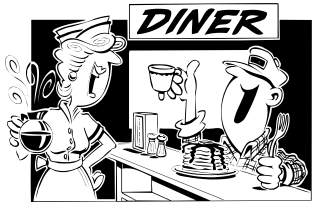
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Weekly Breakfast Group →



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. We meet every Wednesday

around 7:30 AM. Why not join us there is always room for you. →



Snow Removal

No snow plows back in the day. The primary means of winter transportation were sleighs, so giant rollers were employed to compact the snow. The compacted snow was safer for the horses footing and provided a smoother surface for the sleigh's runners. As automobiles became more popular rollers were replaced with scrapers or plows starting in the mid 20's.



“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.”

Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club February 5, 2025

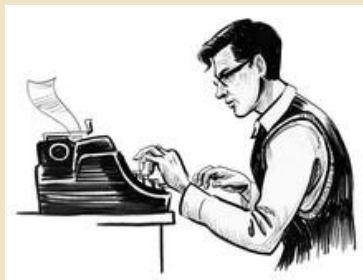
Sudbury Grange Hall, Sudbury, MA

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Harold Samuels with 42 members in attendance. The president led in the pledge of allegiance. He then told a short story of how some anonymous member had texted him to remind him to wear his name badge.

The Secretary's report and the treasurers report were both approved as printed in the Oil Leak. Vice president Peter Mclaughlin reported on correspondence regarding the Early V8 club event on April 22 at the Fitchburg Airport and the Baystate Motor festival event at the Cushing memorial park in Framingham on June 8. He also showed a blanket that would be available with the club logo. Orders would be taken from those who want to have one. The more we order the less the blankets will cost. Also, the A Preserver newsletter is available on the front table from MAFFI.

The Membership report from Nan Linden informed us that there are three new members:

- Bill Fenter from New Boston, NH looking for an A to buy.
- Ben Chirco of Hopkinton who has 31pickup and a two-door sedan.
- Richard Ressijac of Ayer who has a 31 Coupe and a 1914 T. She also reminded us that dues are due.



Kit Tucker has a 1929 roadster for sale.
(editor's note see ad page 5)

Don Ross is under the weather so could not personally report on the Tours, but President Samuels read his preliminary tour report. There will be a tour meeting on March 5 at 5:30 prior to the next meeting. Many suggested tours were proposed and will be finalized at the tour meeting. The dates coming up are March 2nd the Marcom Flea mkt. in Norfolk and March 23 is our flea market in Maynard. There will be a safety Clinic in April for the club.

Doug Linden reported on National news: The MAFFI Museum in Hickory Corners, MI is doubling in size and one can watch the construction on the website MAFFI.org. \$30 is the membership fee for the organization which gives one free admission to the museum.

Tom Zappala reported on the progress of planning the New England meet. He showed a sample of the T shirt with the meet information and a hat will also be produced. Registration will be coming soon.

Craig Martin reported on the upcoming flea market which will be at the Maynard Elks on March 23. There are 17 vendors already, which is about half of the capacity. Flyers will be available on the front table. It is a club fundraiser, and help will be needed starting at 6:30 AM to help load vendors into the Elks. Also raffle items will be needed to help with that aspect of the fundraising.

The president then spoke of the night's 50/50 raffle. Dick Krug was not able to attend so Doug Linden offered to run the raffle.

There was no old business.

Refreshments for the next meeting will be brought by Dennis Porter and Harold Legge.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:51 for refreshments, raffle and enjoying the car show of model cars on display from the members collections.

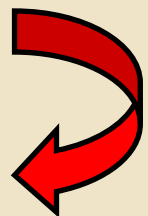
Respectfully Submitted,

John Erb

Secretary



MARCH 9th



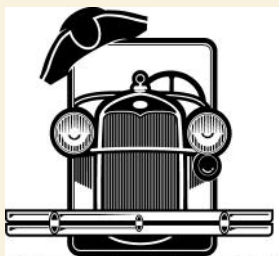


1929 Model A Roadster

Sadly selling my '29 Standard Roadster. She's a beauty with a perfect LeBaron Bonney Top, interior and rumble seat. Color is Rose Beige with Seal Brown belting. Extras include a new set of wind wings and a motor meter. No dents, no rust and runs as good as it looks. Comes with one of our new club blankets in the rumble seat! \$14,500

Kit Tucker

I can be reached by email at kittucker@icloud.com



MINUTEMAN
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Sunday

March 23, 2025

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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Minuteman Car Show (model that is)

The Minuteman Model Car show was a hit with the members. The original idea was to display Hubley Model A Ford models and a number of them were on display. Later we opened it up to any Model that a member wanted to display and that brought out a wide variety of other models. The model that got the most attention was the beautiful and large 1932 Rolls Royce model that Rich Batstone had on display. Everyone enjoyed examining the different cars on display.

Our thanks to all who helped make this a fun club meeting by bringing their models.





Time to renew your **MEMBERSHIP**
Dues are Due



Last Issue if you have not paid your 2025 dues!

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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The most common causes of front end shimmy

The most common causes of front end shimmy which is sometimes referred to as death wobble. Now that will make you think. The most common causes of this are:

- worn spindle bolts (king pins),
- worn steering sector in the gear box,
- out of round brake drums,
- loose front radius rod and ball at the bell housing,
- worn or loose drag link and tie rod ends in the steering linkage.



Some other causes can be loose wheel bearings, excessive caster, camber, or toe, loose spring u bolts, wheels out of balance, under inflated tires, sagging or broken spring or loose steering gearbox adjustment.

A thorough inspection needs to be done since any of these can cause the shimmy but often a combination of more than one item will be found during the inspection.
(Credit the Diablo A's Newsletter)

National Club News

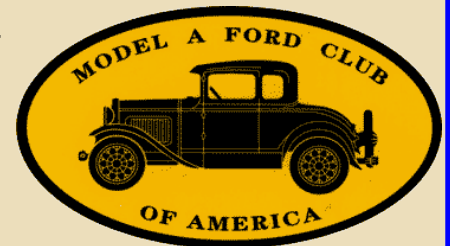
Just a reminder that you should have renewed your dues to the national organizations. If you aren't a member you really should consider joining. These three national groups have great publications and conduct Tours and Conventions each year. 2025 events listed below. Minuteman clubs members are planning to attend these.

MAFCA will conduct a tour of the Civil War battlegrounds starting June 16th in Virginia and end on June 22nd. It will tour the major sites in VA, PA, WV, MD and visit to Amish country and a drive on Skyline Drive. <https://dmafc.com/mafca2025>

MARC will hold its national convention in Gettysburg, PA running from June 16 –20. National convention are full of seminars and tours of the area. Visit model-a-ford.org for more info.

MAFFI is expanding the museum. A great way to help is to make a donation to the "My A program." For a donation of \$200 you will get a plaque with your name and picture of your Model A that will be displayed in the museum. For more detailed information visit:

<https://www.maffi.org/WSContent/ExpandDonation.html>



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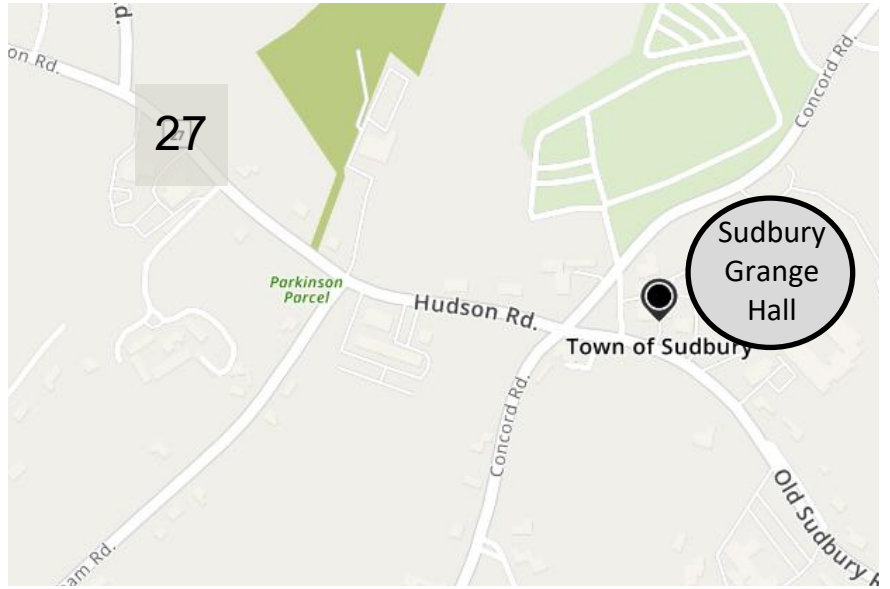
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March Meeting News
At the March meeting
Don Ross will review a
draft of the Tour
Schedule.

Craig Martin will be looking for donations for the raffle at our swap meet. This has become a popular feature of the swap meet.

Do you have a unique item/car part/tool? Bring it for a "Show & Tell" at the meeting.



Our meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at the Sudbury Grange Hall, 326 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org

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