

The Oil Leak

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The President Speaks:

Dear Club Members;

My attempt at getting a 2018 inspection sticker turned into three attempts and RMV is giving out bad information regarding year of manufacture (YOM) license plates. You only need one plate, the renewal sticker is not required on the plate (it must be in the car though). Two calls to the RMV said I needed two plates etc. I printed the RMV form for use of YOM plates which specifically states the previous and shamed the gas station into giving me a sticker. If you have a YOM plate, I suggest you take a copy of the RMV YOM form with you to your inspection station.

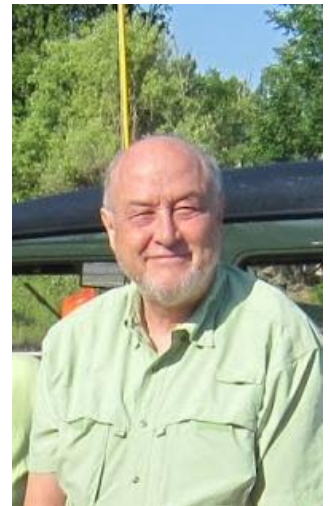
Our June Minuteman club meeting will not be at the Sudbury church. It will be at _New Horizons, 400 Hemmin Way St, Marlborough. arranged by Bob Mangan.

I am so antsy to get my car back driving that I started my annual lubing this week. I had to put on layers of clothes to try to stay warm. When I gave up I had to get under my electric blanket. Hold out for a warm day if you can.

The Doyles are having a really tough stretch. If you get a chance, please send an email or card to Grace with your support.



Tom Zappala presents Dick O'Brien with the MAFCA Chapter Service Award. To say Dick was surprised is an understatement. Congratulations also go out to Tom for completing the BAA Marathon in spite of the nasty weather. Good going Tom.



I have heard that most of our Snowbirds have returned. My guess is that they are wondering why they rushed back to our cold .

May has to warmer. My garden needs to start growing summer goodies.

Happy Motoring

Andy Adams



Sunshine

Grace Doyle
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

No cards were sent this month, which is a good thing.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- May 1:** Regular Meeting
May 5: 2:00PM Traditions of Wayland, Derby Party*
May 12: 10:00 AM Lunch, Palmer,MA, TL Batstone's
May 17: 6:30PM Ice Cream TL Rick Gadbois
May 20: 12:00PM Wellesley Town Parade*
May 29: 6:30PM Chinese Buffett TL Mangan's
June 3: 8:30AM Breakfast Chet's Diner TL Batstone's
 TL= Tour Leader * On your own, go directly to location.

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

MAY 1983 35 years ago

44 members attend film-How To Stop On A Dime. Jim Foran strongly suggests "No Snake Dances on Tour" Leave extra space. Fitzzy completes a 6 year restoration on his Roadster, BUT, needs help to line up the body with doors and hood.


MAY 1993 25 years ago

50 A's at the Grange meeting. Guest speaker, Peter Small details that 9 out of 10 problems come from the ignition system. "Old Ben" is back, in good health, and putting pipe ashes in the coffee!

MAY 2003 15 years ago

Nice weather for ice cream tours, Wellesley Parade and Concord Pops. "Winter Blahs" proceeds are \$939.79. Bruce Marshall adds tour schedule to our website.

ARTIE-FACTS

A boiled egg  is hard to beat. When a clock is hungry, it goes back for seconds.

As you walk down the fairway of life, stop and smell the roses for you only get to play one round.



Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
April 2018

Income:

Coffee Can	13.00
Member Dues	500.00
Raffle	18.00
Total Income	\$ 531.00

Expense:

Coffee Supplies	12.37
Installation/Awards Dinner	25.38
Meeting Room Fee	800.00
Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Total Expense	\$ 977.75

Net Income \$ - 446.75

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' Ford Club April 3, 2018

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

Meeting was called to order at 7:31PM with approximately 36 members in attendance.

Officers Reports:

- Andy requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Andy then requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP
- Andy thanked Doug Farrell for providing tonight's refreshments. Next month's volunteers are Dick O'Brien, Nan Linden, and Anna Gadbois.
- Oil leak newsletter editor Doug Linden looking for input. Touring season should be picking up and we will have more material of interest.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported, we have no new members this month. Nan then passed out a copy of this years membership roster to members in attendance. If you need a copy please see Nan at the next meeting.

Touring:

- Don Ross reported on upcoming tours.
 - * 4/8 Sunday Brunch - Post Office Pub
 - * 4/12 Thursday – Red Ginger
 - * 4/28 Saturday – Spring Tune-up Clinic will be held at Harold Legge's garage in South Natick.
 - * 5/5 Saturday - Traditions Wayland – Kentucky Derby Day - come spend some quality time with the residents and enjoy a Mint Julip.

Old Business:

- Craig Martin reported on The 24th Annual Winter Blahs Flea Market. The weather started out iffy but got better as the day went on. The number of patrons thru the gate was very good this year and many left with new/old treasures in their hands. Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped out.
- Layout: John Pierce, George Day, Len and Peg Michalak.
- Signage: Doug Linden
- Security: Dick Krug.

- Admissions: Nan Linden and Jude Zeoli.
- Refreshments: Trish Roberson and Joyce Croci.
- Many thanks to Rich Weintraub who supplied the coffee and donuts!!
- Many thanks to those who supplied items for the raffle; Clyde Kelton, Chuck O'Neil and Andy Adams.
- Don Ross and Tony Zeoli ran the raffle during the day.
- Many thanks to all the volunteers' who helped the vendors with un-loading and loading their vehicles, this is a great help in expediting set-up and breakdown.

New Business:

- Tom Z. presented Dick O'Brien with the MAFCA Chapter Service Award. This is given in appreciation of dedicated service to the chapter members.

Dick has been an enthusiastic cheerleader of the Model A hobby, organizing tours, hosting Marathon Cookout Parties and helping to bring new members into the hobby. This is the second time Dick has received this award over the years; congratulations Dick and thank you for all you do!!

Programs:

- Tonight we will have a video on the River Rouge Plant.

Running Board Commentary:

- Doug Linden reported that the Cigarette Cream Pick-up donated by Gene Bunce to the MAFFI museum is now on display for a year at a The National Truck Museum in Auburn Indiana. So if you're ever in the area stop by and see Gene's beautiful Model A pick-up.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois



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Welcome New Members



Nan reports no new members this month.

New 2018 Club Rosters are available.

Nan handed out copies at the meeting and if you need one please contact her at 508-485-7575 or met59a31@aol.com

Tour Reports



POST OFFICE PUB BRUNCH TOUR

April 8, 2018

Tour Leaders: Eddie and Joyce Croci

On this first tour of the season, the temperature was in the low 30's when we left the Grange. Joining us were Jack and Karen LaDuc, Don and Sue Ross, Bob and Cindy Mangan, Craig Martin who were all in their Model A's and Ed Wlodyka bringing up the rear in his Z. We drove off at 10 am on the back roads to North Grafton and had a nice leisurely ride with partially sunny weather--at least there was no snow in the air. Everyone's cars worked great and with the small number of cars it was easy to keep together. We arrived at the Post Office Pub shortly before 11 am and were met there by Lenny and Peg Michalak in their Model A, Dick Graham, Michele, Chris and Logan and their friends Dan and Ina, and also JJ and Shirley Jacobson, Martha and John Kerns, Sue, Wayne and their two granddaughters, and Bob Griffin. We were all thrilled to see Bob and Corinne Simonelli and their daughter, Amanda. Bob has been through a lot and it was so great he could join us. I think it has been since December that a lot of us had seen him last and he has been through surgery and treatments and to see him looking so well was a blessing to see. We will keep him in our prayers. There was plenty of food and I think we kept the waitresses busy.

Red Ginger Dinner Tour April 12, 2018

Just can't shake the rain. But it did not seem to matter as 10 minute people all in modern transportation made it to the Red Ginger Restaurant in Stow and enjoyed some Asian delights along with great conversation. Thanks for joining in on the tour.
Craig Martin



WHERE: TRADITIONS OF WAYLAND

10 GREEN WAY (RT 27)

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 5 @ 2:00PM

This is a fun time, we get show off our Model A's and the folks at Traditions celebrate the "Running of the Roses" with Mint Julips and great snacks. All who have attended in the past say it's a great time.

See you there.

2018 Winter Blah's Swap Meet

Old man winter was present early on March 25th, 2018 with cold & snow showers. However our Swap Meet crew prevailed and 25 vendors were inside and set up for business by 7:00am. 5 outside vendors braved the cold and were spread out in the parking lot. The doors



opened at 7:30am and over 280 attendees spent the morning looking through auto parts and buying raffle tickets. Oh! and the coffee & donuts sold like hot cakes. All had a great time and our 24th year was a success with a bit over \$1,500 for the club. My sincere thanks to the following club members for all their help; John Pierce, Len Michalak, Peg Michalak, George Day, Doug Linden, Nan Linden, Dick Krug, Judie Zeoli, Toney Zeoli, Trish Roberson, Joyce Croci, Rich Weintraub, Clyde Kelton, Andy Adams, Chuck O'Neal, Don Ross, Tom Zappala, Ed Croci, Rick Gadbois, Skip Dunham, Bob Quebec, Jack Stokenger, Joe Johnson, John Erb, Barbara McElhiney & Steve Coupe.

See you next year,

Craig Martin

The weather improved and the vendors saw brisk sales as the crowd filled the Maynard Elks. A hardy outside vendor also reported doing a good business.



Joyce & Trish staffing the Food bar



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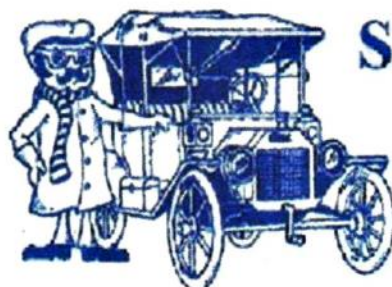


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REMINDER

The weather has finally turned and hopefully we will see more Model A's out on tours and at the meetings. Don't forget that the Tour Clinic at the Legge's on Saturday April 28.

See you at the meeting
Tuesday May 1st.



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.