

The Oil Leak

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The President Speaks:

Greetings, my Model A Friends,

I write to you today as an enthused Model A owner who has recently enjoyed two long- weekend trips to some of my favorite haunts - the White Mountains in September and the southern Maine sea coast last weekend. Aside from doing what I love most (just driving around in my Model A), on both trips I got to enjoy the warm and enduring friendships I've made through the Minuteman Club. I ate well on these trips, of course, and enjoyed some truly spectacular scenery, but it's the people I've come in contact with through my Model As that really add the magic - beginning with the woman riding shotgun with me, chatting away and knitting.



The run up to these trips have offered me some peaceful and contemplative hours spent going through my car, methodically, mechanically, and mentally, trying to ensure that she is roadworthy and that I am prepared in the event of an unexpected surprise, as is sometimes want to happen. The truth is, I enjoy the quiet hours, tinkering in the garage with grease guns, jacks, screwdrivers, and an assortment of wrenches and specialty tools, getting to know my car better and somehow in the process, willing her to run well.

Of course, the best of plans can sometimes go awry, and all the preparation didn't prevent me from arriving at The Grange last Friday with a tire badly in need of air. Like the fuel gauge that suddenly failed just as I was leaving on a cross-country trip, a valve stem just decided to let go. It happens. Fortunately for me, I had a spare tire and an enthusiastic pit crew, and soon enough we were on our way again. I have been lucky, I know, and it just happens. And now, even as we enjoy this seemingly endless summer, I look forward to some more tinkering in my garage in the months ahead, anticipating the adventures ahead.

I hope that the roads are good to you and your Model As and wish you to know that I look forward to sharing those roads with you in the coming months and years.

I wish you all a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Tom Zappala



Sunshine

Grace Doyle
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

Thankfully we didn't have a repeat of last month and I only sent out one get well card to Sally Legge who is recovering from the effects of a very bad cough.

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



Day Light Savings Time Ends November 4th so don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
September 2017

Income:

Coffee Can	\$23.00
Raffle (club)	\$21.00
Wayside Inn Dinner	390.00
Member Dues	<u>40.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 474.00

Expense:

NE Meet Donation	100.00
Coffee Supplies	8.18
Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Total Expense	<u>\$ 148.18</u>
Net Income	\$ 325.82



Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

Nov 05: (10:00am) Wright's Chicken Farm Lunch

Nov 09: (6:30pm) Dinner Tour Pepper & Spice TL Tom Zapalla

Nov 12: (10:00am) Frostbite Tour - Old Mill TL Craig Martin

Dec 03: (1:00pm) Maynard Christmas Parade*

Dec 10: (12:30pm) Club Holiday Party (see page 5)

TL= Tour Leader * On your own, go directly to location.

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

NOVEMBER 1982 35 years ago

Nominating committee offered 1983 slate-voted; Pres Batstone, VP Jacobson, Treas Iorio, Secy Linden. Auctioneer Iorio sold all items donated. Tally was \$140.00.

Plans for Holiday Party at the Wayside Inn.

NOVEMBER 1992 25 years ago

Election and Auction nite.

Plans for Christmas party at Natick Officers Club.

Tour to Mystic, Conn.

Canadian tour report-Part II-Jack find a broken piston using the "pit" of a farm equipment dealer in Quebec. Model A'er from nearby town provides new piston. Back on the road same day, ending at Stowe Vt at 1:30AM.

NOVEMBER 2002 15 years ago

Parts and Silent Auction nite.

Dick Obrien's Woody used on TV show This Old House.

Wayne Champagne receives MAFCA Service Award.

Plans for Holiday Party at Marlboro Country Club.

ARTIE-FACT

With a 1929 Model A Ford Phaeton making the final 3.1 mile journey across the Hudson River, the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York has officially closed. Seth Kestenbaum was the last driver to cross the 62 year old bridge at 10 PM Friday. In August the state opened an adjacent \$3.9 billion twin-span named for the late NY governor, Mario Cuomo.

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 October 3, 2017

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

The October meeting was called to order at approximately 7:36 PM with approximately 24 members in attendance, looks like a good portion of our membership attended the Fall Hershey Flea Market. Tom then thanked this month's volunteers for bringing the refreshments.

Gary Hoyt introduced a guest at tonight's meeting, Jay Quilty of Natick. Jay is currently in the market for a Coupe, I'll bet someone in the club will have a line on one or two for sale. Good luck Jay with your future purchase and we hope to see you out on tour soon.

In honor of this being Hershey week, Tom brought in a few items typically seen at Hershey to display for show and tell.

Spark Arrestor for gas tank.

A pretty unique spark arrestor that attaches to the opening on the carburetor where an Air-Maze would attach.

A Pop-Out ignition switch that was in great shape.....and

A Junior Moto Meter (NOS) in the box and never used, the date on the wrapper was 1929. All nice and interesting items.

Officers Reports:

- Secretary's report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- The Treasurers' Report printed in the Oil Leak contained an error. Line item description of "Parades" needs to be changed to "Dues" – motion to accept corrected report - MSP.
- Oil leak - please send articles to Doug, include pictures if available.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we will start collecting dues for 2018 at next months' meeting.

Touring:

- Dick O'Brien provided a review of upcoming tours on schedule.

* 10/9 – Columbus Day – Andy Adams TL.

* 10/16 – Ice Cream tour 6:30 Dick O. TL.

* 10/20 to 10/22 - Fall Weekend Tour to the Maine coast, Wayne and Sue are planning a great weekend. Tour group leaves the grange at 9:00 AM sharp. Head count has reached 31 should be a great event.

* 10/26 – Wayside Inn Dinner – Cocktails in the Tavern at 6:00 PM with Dinner following in the Henry Ford room at 7:00 PM.

*11/5 – Wrights Chicken Farm – Dick O. TL. This is a great event that has several area car clubs participating.

Still looking for an Oil Leak Editor!!!

New Business:

We will be voting on club officers for 2018 at the November meeting, please contact Tom if you are interested in serving the club.

We will also hold the annual Live & Silent Auctions next month so please remember to bring all your seldom used, parts and household items.

Volunteers for next month's refreshments Tom Zapala, Anna Gadbois, and Linda Batstone.

Programs: After refreshments the second half of the Biography video on Henry Ford will be shown.

Running Board Commentary:

Tom told a story about a Model A ad in the Model A News that he responded to. A gentleman in Washington state has two 255 A Special Deliveries that he is looking for a good caring home for once he passes. After responding to the ad Tom received a hand written quiz to take pertaining to Model A's in general, his experience and his ability to care for them. Interestingly enough this gentleman drove one of the Special Deliveries around the World with a small group back in 1982. Wow, what a trip that must have been!!! Tom is looking forward to hearing more on this subject in the future.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois



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Welcome New Members

Nan reports a new member this month.
Please welcome:

Don Law & Sara Molyneaux
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1929 Pick-up



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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee nominates the following slate of officers to the membership - for the election of officers for the 2018 calendar year:

President: Andy Adams
Vice President: Harold Samuels
Treasurer: Barbara McElhiney
Secretary: Rick Gadbois

Nominations for each of these offices will be accepted from the floor, if any, at the November meeting.

November Auction Info



We will conduct our traditional parts/stuff auction in which members kindly donate Model A or other parts or stuff no longer needed to the auction. We will also have the Silent Auction where you bring any item to be bid on and split the proceeds with the club.

This is always a fun night, so please search for those auction items to donate - Thanks !

Minuteman Holiday Party

When: Sunday December 10, 2017

Time: 12:30—4:30 PM

Where: Conrad's Restaurant

120 Boston Post Road (RT 20)

Sudbury, MA



Hors D'oeuvres

Caesar Salad

Buffet Menu:

Steak Tips

Ravioli Marinara

Baked Stuffed Chicken

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert: Sheet Cake

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* A large portion of the cost of this event is subsidized by the club.



Fall Weekend Tour

"The Maine Event"



What's the recipe for a successful weekend trip? Take three days of perfect weather, add planning for hotels, travel routes, dinner reservations, activities; throw in a few U-turns and above all add 28 Minute people with 14 Model A's!!

Friday's departure was perfect and sunny to start our trip. Travelers were greeted with a hand-crafted goodie bag filled with snacks, water, maps and an itinerary outlining the weekend's schedule. It wasn't long before there was a call from Tom Zappala over the CB asking to have some air replaced in his rear tire. Perfect, no problem – we planned on meeting the Samuels in Bedford at the Sullivan Tire Company. When we arrived Tom decided to just replace the tire with

a spare be-

cause of a faulty valve stem. Tom said they would catch up with us along with Dick O'Brien on route. The route was chosen to stay clear of busy traffic and cities along the way and we easily made our way out to route 1A in Salisbury to travel along the picturesque coastline. The Gedney's and the Webster's were waiting for us at Markey's Lobster Pool for our planned lunch stop around noon where we were greeted with speedy service and reserved tables for all to enjoy fresh seafood and fried goodies. Back on the road after lunch George and Debbie met us in the Hampton Beach area and joined in as we hugged the coastline up to Maine. The scenery was beautiful with fall colors and



gleaming shores as we headed north passing by tranquil harbors. We pulled in to Nubble Lighthouse for a look and were met with many other tourists doing the same. Actually, I think we had more people looking at our cars than at the lighthouse!! Then we were back on the road again with a drive to Perkins Cove in Ogunquit. Parking was at a premium and expensive so we just drove through with many onlookers taking photos of our group of Model A's. We were just past Ogunquit and near our hotel the unexpected happened - Andy's Tudor came to a rolling stop. No overdrive, no forward or reverse gears!! Darn!! The consensus was a broken axle and unfortunately, a flatbed trip back home for Andy Adams was in store.



Cocktails and conversation in the hotel lobby before our trip out to Hobbs Harbourside was enjoyed by all, but brief because of our need to arrive at the restaurant in time. We all jumped into our cars and headed off only to find that the



leader (yours truly) had driven down the wrong road!! Oh well, that's what happens. A quick return back onto the main road and a screeching right turn lead us down the correct road to the restaurant before long. Dinner was super with fresh seafood and other items, although the service was a little slow, we were glad our early reservation time didn't keep us out too late.

Saturday morning dawned with perfect blue skies and sunny warm weather. Our plan for the day was a short ride up to Kennebunk Port, traveling past Walk-



ster for contacting Bentley to see if he was in town for us. Looking at the cars with "Mac" MacDonald the curator took up most of the afternoon so it was decided to head along back to the hotel for our happy hour, but not before we tried to make an ice cream stop. Again, U-turns abounded with Model A's scattered in several directions only to find out that the ice cream shop had closed for the season. Oh well, I was ready for an adult beverage anyways..... Tom Zappala entertained us with some soothing guitar melodies as we sampled cheese and crackers and good cheer while sitting outside the hotel patio. Before long it was back in the cars for



dinner at Mike's Clam Shack (don't be fooled by the name) it was a large restaurant with the best waitress we could ever had asked for who served such a large group of seasoned Model A diners with ease. You had to witness firsthand her ability to carry a large tray of drinks and to take our orders with military precision all without missing a beat. We all gave her a round of applause as we left and yes, the food was very good too!!

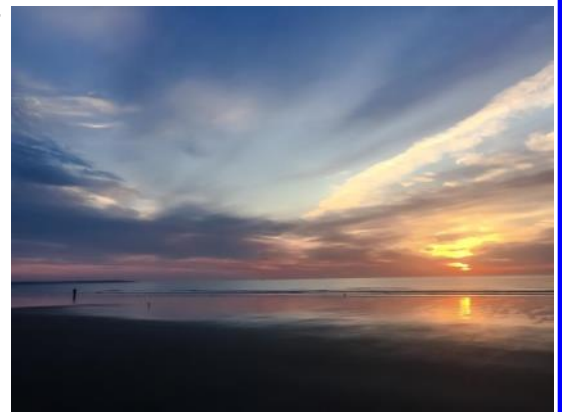
Sunday morning provided early risers a short drive down to the beach to witness the sun rising. Those who chose to attend were not disappointed as it was another perfect colorful start to the day. After breakfast at the hotel we bid our good-

bye's and were off heading homeward bound.

Sue and I want to thank everyone who attended our "Maine Event". It's true, weather makes it much easier to drive our model A's but it's the people who really made this one perfect for the record books. Thanks to: Craig and Karen Martin, Doug and Nan Linden, Len and Peg Michalak, Tom and Lisa Zappala, Rich and Linda Batstone, Bob and Diane Gedney, George and Debbie Stokinger, Judith Ann and Tom Webster, Jack Stokinger, Jo Johnson, Rick and Anna Gadbois, Robyn and Harold Samuels, Andy Adams, Dick O'Brien, and Janice and Bob Wright.

Respectfully submitted - Sue and Wayne Champagne

er's Point (famous for former President Bush's summer home) then up to Arundel for antiques and flea market shopping. Lunch was on your own with a meeting planned at 1:30 for anyone interested in seeing a private collection of cars owned by former super-modified and two time Indy 500 race car driver Bentley Warren. Bentley is well known in the race car circuit with many first place finishes to his name and successful businessman with Bentley's Saloon restaurant and campground to name a few. The car collection was absolutely spectacular and to make it even more special Bentley Warren was in attendance for us. What a special treat!! Thanks to Art Callan for making this happen and for Tom Web-



Editors Note: There were too many great pictures of the tour, especially the of the visit to Bentley Warren's unbelievable collection. Please visit the club website at www.oilleak.org to see more pictures of collection and tour.



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OUT & ABOUT



Apple Picking/Lunch - Craig Martin



Craig “*The Rainman*” Martin, struck gold with the weather this year, no rain in sight, perfect weather for a cruise to Nancy’s Café at the Minuteman Airport, followed by PYO apples. Craig greeted six Model A’s and one modern, well actually a 1963 Mercury Comet, and lead us to Stow for a delicious lunch at Nancy’s while overlooking the airplanes landing and taking off. Back outside in the sun, we were glad to see that new member Don Law was able to join us with his very nice 1929 Pick-up truck. Don explained that the truck was restored by his teenaged son and he (Don) is enjoying driving it around. Although on this trip the truck was overheating so he decided to head back home instead of joining us for apple picking.

Leaving the airport Craig found roads most of had never traveled before and got us to Carlson Orchards in Harvard. Pickers were plentiful but our Old Cars were given a safe place out of the way to park. It was then off to the orchards to pick your favorite varieties of apples. Before long our bags were filled and it was time to head home. Thanks Craig for planning another great tour.

On tour were: Craig Martin, Ed Wlodyka, Doug & Nan Linden, Vin & Nicky Delmastro, John & Janet Erb, Doug Farrell, Ralph Parks / Yvonne Pepe & her sister Barbara. And Don Law who joined us briefly.



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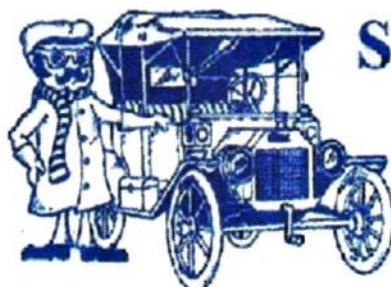
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REMINDER

The November meeting will be filled with activity. We will have a report from the Nominating Committee on the slate of officers for 2018. Nominations from the floor will be welcomed, but if none are made we will vote on the slate as presented. (see page 4)

The next major item will be our annual auction. There will be the regular parts auction as well as silent auction items. See page 4 for details.



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.