

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*

**Dear Club Members;**

Still some good driving weather left so get out there and enjoy the Fall colors.

The Freeport Tour was fantastic. Good shopping. Friday lunch was cooked and served by Dave Robbins at his house just off Wells beach. He created individual apple pies with ice cream for dessert ! Saturday was almost a beach day. Jack and Jo went way beyond hospitality. Nan and Trish cooked up hamburgers and hot dogs that were perfect. Jack's new garage is beyond great.

Our annual Holliday party is fast approaching. Please send your checks to Harold Samuels as soon as possible so that he can finalize the menu.

I hope you all will participate in our annual auction on Nov 6th. It is a club fund raiser and a way for you to pass on those treasures that others might be looking for.

It's is time to think about club officers for 2019. If you would like to nominate someone, please call or send me an email.



**Happy Motoring**

*Andy Adams*



*Don't Forget to turn  
your clocks back  
Nov 4*



## Sunshine

Grace Doyle  
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

All quite this month, no cards sent.

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

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- Nov 4:** 10:30 AM Wright's Chicken Farm TL Dick O'Brien  
**Nov 6:** Regular Club Meeting—AUCTION Night (info on pg 5)  
**Nov 11:** 10:00 Am Frost Bite Tour Old Mill Rest TL Craig Martin  
**Nov 15:** 6:30 PM Spice & Pepper Dinner\* TL Rick Gadbois  
**Dec 9:** Club Holiday Party\* (see pg 6 for details)

TL= Tour Leader

\* On your own, go directly to location.

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
September 2018

### Income:

Member Dues	20.00
Total Income	\$ 20.00

### Expense:

Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Total Expense	\$ 40.00

Net Income	\$ -20.00
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## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### NOVEMBER 1983 35 YEARS AGO

Auction night. Proceeds \$200.  
 "Top Job Bottle" goes to Mark Smith for \$15.

### NOVEMBER 1993 25 YEARS AGO

Garage clinic at Rich Gebo's in Marlboro.  
 Holiday party plans at Marlboro Country Club.  
 New Officers-Pres Steve Goldberg, VP vacant,  
 Secy Art Callan, Treas Doug Linden.

### NOVEMBER 2003 15 YEARS AGO

Silent auction added to the "Rust" auction.  
 Touring season winds down with Halloween  
 Parade, Frostbite Lunch, & apple picking.  
 Toys for Tots at next Holiday Party.

### ARTIE-FACTS

SCORE: PIGS 50 FORDS 0

Roy Johnson researched Henry's 1927 project to dam the stream from Hager's Pond to produce water power for his mill. He could not convince a local pig farmer to sell the adjoining land, thus, Pigs Win.



**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 Oct 2, 2018

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury, MA

The October meeting was called to order at approximately 7:32 PM with approximately 35 members in attendance, no meeting conflict with the Fall Hershey Flea Market this year!

Tonight's meeting kicked off with the singing of God Bless America.

Andy thanked Craig and Debbie for providing tonight's refreshments.

Tonight we say goodbye to Dick and Mazie Stitt. They are moving to Ohio to be close to their youngest son Paul and his family. We will miss them greatly and hope to see them soon when they return for a visit.

Also leaving us tonight for relocation to Scottsdale Az. is Joop and Marlies Plaggenborg. They have sold the local homestead and are headed to Az. fulltime.

Good luck and best wishes!!

#### Officers Reports:

- The Treasurers' Report printed in the October Oil Leak contained an error. The total expense line should read 190.00 not 1900.00 as reported, motion to accept corrected report - MSP.
- Secretary's report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Oil leak - please send articles to Doug, include pictures if available.

#### Membership:

- Nan Linden reported no new members this month. Nan will start collecting the 2019 dues starting next month.

#### Touring:

- Dick O'Brien provided a review of the upcoming weekend tour to Freeport Me.
- \* Dates: 10/19 to 10/21
- \* 21 couples will tour to Maine for the weekend.
- \* We will leave the grange at 8:30 AM sharp on Friday 10/19.

\* We will lunch at Dave Robbins house in Wells Me.

\* On Saturday Jack will lead a tour to the Goldenrod Garage at 9:15 AM.

\* Saturday afternoon we will lunch at Jack and Jo's in Harpswell Me.

\* Saturday night, on your own for dinner. None of the restaurants in the area can accommodate a group of 40.

10/8 – Columbus Day – Villa Restaurant Wayland

10/25 – Wayside Inn dinner, send check to Harold Samuels. – Cocktails in the Tavern at 6:00 PM with Dinner following in the Henry Ford room at 7:00 PM.

#### New Business:

We will be voting on club officers for 2019 at the November meeting, please contact Andy 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 'slightly' used, parts and household items.

Volunteers for next month's refreshments: Doug Ferrell, Dawn Levesque, and Nan Linden.



VOTE: **Dave Libbey** for MAFCA Board.



Bob and Cindy Mangan sang a song called "The good ole Days of the Model A".

**Programs:** After refreshments Doug will show some photos from the Gilmore Museum and a great collection of Town Cars.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

**Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois**

## **2018 Board of Directors**

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## **Member Information**



**Dues  
are  
Due!**

### **Farewell**



We wish three long time members good by as they are relocating.

Dick & Mazie Stitt are moving to Wyoming, OH

Joop & Marlies Plaggenborg are moving to Glendale, AZ

Vin & Nicky DelMastro moving to Georgia

## **62<sup>nd</sup> New England Meet**

Lake George, NY was the site of the New England Meet and the Adams', Lindens, and Marshall/Robersons represented the Minuteman club, while the Libbeys and Smiths represented the Worcester and NH Lakes Region clubs respectively. The Lindens and Adams' charted a route that would take them to NH, Vermont and then into NY. The roads were pleasant and we stopped for lunch in Manchester, VT at Bob's Diner. After lunch Andy needed to stop at the auto parts store but that was interrupted by the call to stop for gas. Only trouble was that Andy ran out and had to coast to the station and almost made it. Oops! Fortunately a guy in an old Jeep towed Andy the final 20 feet to the pump.

Back on the road we enjoyed the scenic country roads through VT and into NY. We made it to the hotel in Lake George just before Bruce & Trish arrived from their trip out to Michigan. Dinner that night was at a sports bar in LG to watch the Red Sox play the Yankees (we won).

Friday was overcast, windy and cool, we decided to stay nearby and visit the historic Fort William Henry. The Fort is an authentic replica and gives lots of insight on life inside the fort. Friday night was the Welcome Party. Saturday was the Grand Tour through the countryside and (cont. on Pg 5)



Andy getting towed by the Jeep to the pump.



back to the lake front for a lunch cruise. The parking lot looked great filled with the Model A's. The weather was perfect for a cruise around the lake and the food on the buffet was very good. Everyone had a good time.

Following the cruise we meandered back to the Host Hotel where Bruce wanted to adjust his brakes. That turned out to be a little more involved as a rear drum was loose on the axle. The repair team managed to get the drum off, cleaned out some badly damaged shims and put everything back together and then finally adjusted the brakes. Bruce reported thumbs-up.

The banquet Saturday night was well attended and the band got people up on the dance floor. Sunday's Brunch went well and the Model A winners were announced. The final thing on the agenda was drawing the raffle winners. Next year the Western MA Club will host the event at Jiminy Peak Resort.

For more info: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/wmmafr/>



Model A's on Main Street



Lunch Cruise



The Roadster & Huckster are two A's the local voc school restored



In for brake work

## 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, if you wish, split the proceeds with the club.

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

\* As usual, if your item doesn't sell we ask that you take it back home

## HELP NEEDED

This past month we have been trying to find a volunteer to fill the position of VP. So far this search has not gone well. Won't you please step forward and help.

### 2019 Slate of Officers

President: Harold Samuels

Vice President:     X    

Treasurer: Barbara McElhiney

Secretary: Rick Gadbois

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

# Minuteman Holiday Party

When: Sunday December 9, 2018

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

Price: \$20.00\* pp Member/guest  
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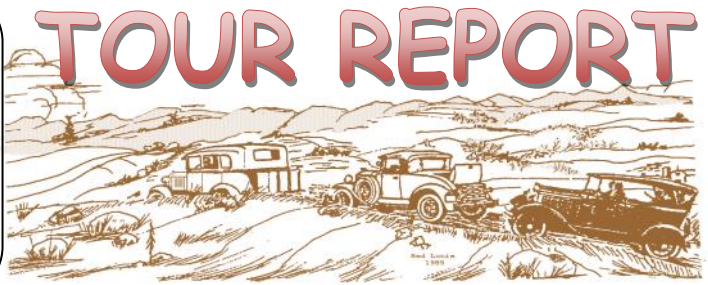
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\* A large portion of the cost of this event is subsidized by the club.



October was a busy month with a number of tours scheduled. Our tour leaders have worked hard to schedule events, but one thing we can't control is the weather and fortunately this month we had some nice weather for our tours. This was especially true for our Apple Picking and the Maine weekender. The only problem we're having is light attendance for our tours.



### Apple Picking and Airport Lunch

Well, the weather gods were shining down on Craig Martin this year as we had a wonderful day for our tour. With the sun shining brightly we stated off with Craig leading the Lindens, Parks, Doug Farrell and Ed Wlodyka. Our first stop was Nancy's Airport Café for lunch, where we would meet the Johnsons and their two adorable grandchildren (Annalise and Nathaniel). Lunch was very good and being able to watch the airplanes come and go was pretty neat. Leaving the airport, Craig took us over some very pleasant back roads to Carlson Orchards where we would meet up with Andy Adams. Since the weather was excellent, the or-



chard was VERY busy, but the Model A's and Ralph's Comet had special parking. We all headed to the apple trees and managed to fill our sacks very quickly. Of course we may have sampled a few apples before they made it into the bag.

It was a great tour, thanks Craig for a rain-free event.

### Oct 4 - Trombettas Ice Cream Tour

The evening was warm but we were running short on daylight and only 4 vehicles showed up. The Lindens, and Mangans (w/friends) and Doug Farrell in Model A's and Dick Graham in his '67 Corvette. Since there wasn't much daylight left we drove directly to Trombetta's to get some of there great ice cream. All the cars got front row parking but our biggest problem was deciding what flavor of ice cream to get. The real surprise came when we went to pay and found out that since it was the Mangan's anniversary they had paid for all the ice creams Thanks Bob & Cindy!



### Oct 8 - Columbus Dinner

Our annual Columbus Italian dinner was scheduled for the Villa Restaurant and is an event we all enjoy. The Villa was ready for us, only problem the size of our group was half of what we would normally have. Not to worry, the staff took care of us. The food as always was good and the opportunity to spend the evening out was fun. We were also happy that Grace Doyle was able to join us. We had the TV tuned to the Red Sox game and that added some suspense to the evening as well. And yes they did beat the Yankees 16 to 1.



## A Special thank you to all who made the Maine Tour Special

**Don Ross**

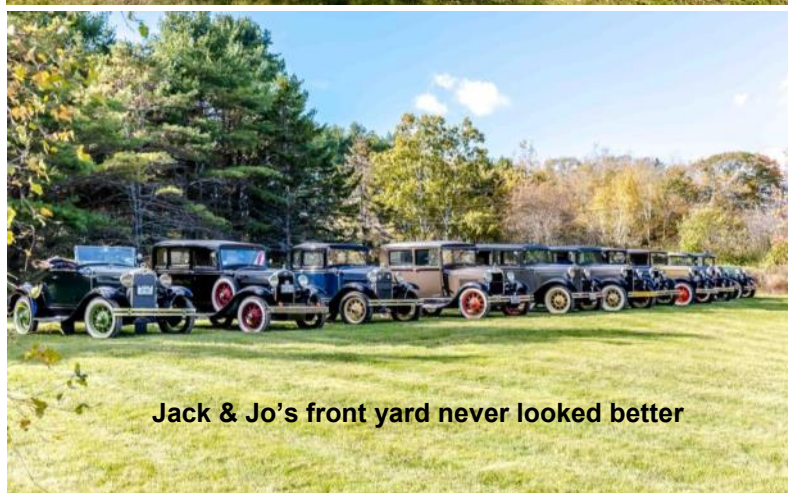
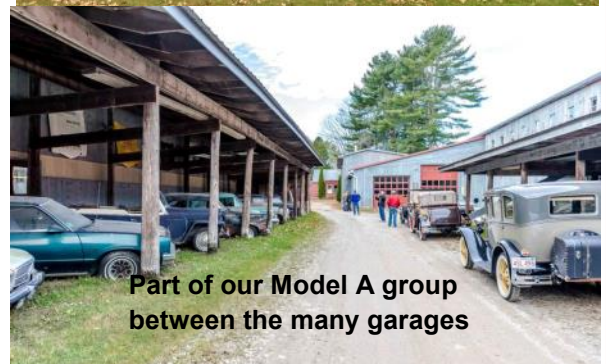
Thank you to all who went,  
It was fun and We truly have terrific friends.  
Neither modern or A keep us from our intended route.  
Thanks to Dick O'Brien for leading the way mapping the route  
and keeping all safe. He taught us that one good U Turn always  
deserves another.  
Special thanks to Dave Robbins for his hospitality, at his Oasis.  
He provided us with delicious food and drink.  
Thanks to all who had a hand (like everyone) in the success of  
this trip.

A special thanks to Jo and Jack who offered their dream home  
for our gathering. Our visit at the Bush Compound North (No it  
was better than theirs) was spectacular. We are grateful for all  
the planning, time and effort needed to pull this kind of event  
off. Thanks to Nan, Doug, Peg and Lenny who helped Jo and  
Jack prepare for our visit.

For you two it is the norm and we are grateful.  
Jack and Jo you embody the true spirit of our club.

Thanks for all you do,

Photos by Wayne C and Doug L.







**The new year near!  
Time to renew your  
2019 *MEMBERSHIP*  
*Dues is Due***



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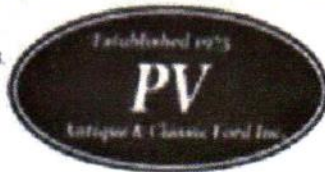
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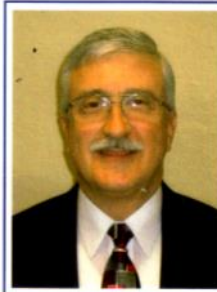
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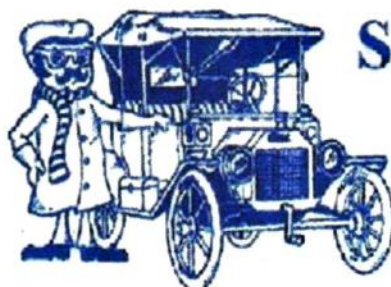
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