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From the Driver's Seat....



Our meeting on February 5th was, as usual, well attended. As in past meetings, members came together to volunteer their talents and ideas. A special thank you goes to the four members, who took it upon themselves, to bring refreshments to the meeting. I had forgotten to ask for refreshment volunteers at the Installation Dinner in January.. Thank you **Peg Michalak, Joyce Croci, Nicky Del Mastro,** and **Tom Zappala.**

Skip Dunham had sad news for the members. He informed the meeting of the passing of long time member **Frank Buckley.** **Frank** attended many of our meetings and events. We extend our condolences to **Frank's** family.

The club received a very nice thank you note from **Wilma Johnson.** She appreciated the club's assistance in getting **Aldie's** Model A Mail Truck to the new Model A Museum at Gilmore. She also thanked the club members for attending **Aldie's** memorial service and in particular **Doug Linden** for his kind words. **Doug** related his own memories of **Aldie** and the Minuteman's appreciation of this long time member and past President.

Tom Zappala, our tour director invited members to the Tour Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 here at the Memorial Congregational Church. In addition **Tom** has been able to reserve the Collings Foundation & Museum for the club's 50th Anniversary celebration set for Sunday, September 8, 2013. This event will be one of the highlights of our tour year.

Mike Doyle, our Program Chairman, introduced the evening program, a wonderful DVD on the 2012 Model A Ford Club of America's (MAFCA) National Convention in Marquette, MI. The DVD was secured by **Doug Linden** a National Director and Publication/PR Chairman of MAFCA. We were able to view our own **Mike Doyle** receiving a First Place & MAFCA Award of Excellence for his Model A which he recently restored. **Mike** received 491 points out of a perfect score of 500. Well done **Mike!!**

Some dates of interest, Sunday March 3rd for the annual MARCOM flea Market at the Holmes Trans Co, Norfolk, MA. This event starts at 7:30. Please keep in mind our Winter Blah's Flea Market which will be held on Sunday April 7, 2013 at 7:30. As in the past **Craig Martin,** chairman of this event, will need volunteers to mark out the display floor prior to Sunday and will need members to help unload vendor vehicles early Sunday morning.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday March 5th.





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Club Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2013



Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM by President **Vin DelMastro**, after we had enjoyed a rousing rendition of “God Bless America” by member **Bob Mangan** on keyboard.

Vin announced:

New name tags have been printed for each club member. See **Jack Stokinger** for your badge.

A nice “thank you” card from **Wilma Johnson** was read. She thanked the Minutemen for the donation to MAFFI in **Aldie’s** honor as well as the attendance of many members at **Aldie’s** recent memorial service. Special thanks for the remarks by Doug Linden on behalf of the club.

Visitors and New Members were welcomed including **Dave Mangan** and **Richard Barrett** (hope I heard the names correctly).

A motion was m/s/p to accept the Treasurer’s Report as printed in the Oil Leak

It was noted that there was no Secretary’s report for January since there was no club meeting held.

John Kerns, VP for 2013, welcomed members to the new year and thanked those that participated in the Maynard Christmas Parade.

Department/Committee Reports:

Membership.....No report, **Jo Johnson** not present

Touring.....Report given by **Tom Zappala** who informed us that the 50th Anniversary Celebration for our club is scheduled for Sept 8th at the Collings Museum. Tom also invited members to attend the Tour Planning Meeting scheduled for 2/19 at the Church.

Programs.....Report given by our new Program Director, **Mike Doyle**. **Mike** said that a meeting (date to be announced) is set for this Spring at the home of Chuck O’Neil.

Shopkeeper.....**Gary Hoyt** mentioned the items currently available for sale.

Awards.....**Doug Linden** presented club participation awards to those who were entitled to them but had not previously received them

Oil LeakEditor **Tony Zeoli** announced a 2/11/13 deadline for material.

Tom Zappala summoned by name a group of individuals that all had something in common....each had been a winner of the Minuteman “Hard Luck Award” for one of the past years. With the backdrop of many of us who were previous “winners”, **Tom** presented the award for 2012 to **Pat Martone**. **Pat** gave a very gracious acceptance speech and acknowledged that it was amazingly “easy” to win this award!

Doug Linden noted that long-time member **Frank Buckley** had recently passed away.

Doug also, as a BOD member of MAFCA, encouraged Minutemen to join the National clubs. He commented on the good work the national clubs do, including chapter insurance coverage for our meets, and the national awards system. With that, **Doug** then called **Wayne Champagne** to the front and presented him with the award for Best Photograph of the Year. This award was in recognition of the excellent photo of **Lenny Michalak’s** sedan that appeared recently on the cover of the Restorer Magazine.

We had coffee break/raffle time at 8 PM followed by a video of the speech by **Edsel Ford III** as delivered at the Marquette, MI national meet.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Batstone, Secretary

Treasure's Report

Minuteman Model A Ford Club
Profit & Loss
January 20 through February 15, 2013

	Jan 20 - Feb 15, 13
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Flea Market Vendor Fee	180.00
Member Dues	40.00
Total Income	220.00
Gross Profit	220.00
Expense	
Flea Market Expense	68.83
Flea market Mailings/Postage	36.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Oil Leak Printing	60.00
Total Expense	364.83
Net Ordinary Income	-144.83

BBQ

"The way we cook outdoors today is due to two enterprising Americans. The first was **Henry Ford** of the  Motor Company. In the early days of the automobile business when **Ford** manufactured the Model T, the car was partially built with wooden parts. The assembly process generated a lot of wood scraps. Not one to let things go to waste, **Ford** took advantage of a charcoal-making process that had been around since the 1890s-one in which wood could be burned to charcoal, mixed with a binder, formed into briquettes. **Ford** put one of his relatives in charge of his new charcoal briquette-making business. The relative's name? **E.G. ** a moniker that went on to become synonymous with briquettes."

Courtesy of **Nicky Del Mastro** who found this tidbit in one of her cook books ("Cook's Country") in the grilling section.



Sunshine Report

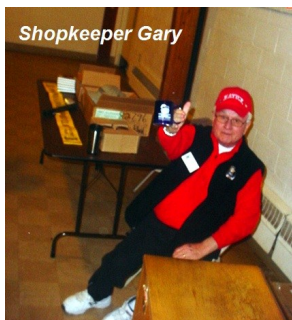
By Sally Legge



A condolence card has been sent to **Dottie Buckley** on the loss of her husband, longtime member and friend of our club, **Frank Buckley**.

If you know of anyone needing a card, please let me know
@ leggesally@yahoo.com or [508 655-1977](tel:5086551977)

Minuteman Club Meeting February 5, 2013 Pictorial





**It's that time of year.....time to re-
new your MEMBERSHIP DUES!
Just \$20 per family!!!!**

In order for us to keep our records up to date, **PLEASE** complete the form below and re-
turn with your check for \$20. If there are no changes, you won't have to complete the en-
tire form, just check the appropriate box. Thank you.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

email _____ Telephone ____-____-

No Changes _____

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 _____

Year _____ Body Style _____ Year Acquired _____

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Please make check payable to: Minuteman Model A Ford Club and mail to
P.O. Box 545,

MARCOM FLEA MARKET SUNDAY- MARCH 3rd, 2013

The ANNUAL MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF MASSACHUSETTS

WINTER FLEA MARKET

WILL BE HELD AT
HOLMES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, 22 MYRTLE STREET, NORFOLK, MA
FROM 7:30 AM TO 11:00 AM

THE FLEA MARKET SPACES WILL STILL BE PRICED AT \$20.00 EACH FOR AN
APPROXIMATE 10' X 10' SPACE.

GENERAL ADMISSION WILL BE \$3.00 PER PERSON



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT DEAN ZWICKER,
#508-285-3211 OR zwhizzerman@aol.com.

FOR FLEA MARKET SPACES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND SEND WITH
A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 PER SPACE BY FEBRUARY 23rd. SPACES ARE LIMITED.

MAIL TO:
DEAN ZWICKER, 9 CLAPP STREET, NORTON, MA 02766

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS** _____
NUMBER OF SPACES _____ **X \$20.00 EACH = \$** _____

PER ORDER OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT - NO VENDOR MAY SELL FOOD. THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND
PASTRIES AVAILABLE.

19th Annual
WINTER BLAH'S
Swap N' Sell

Sponsored by the Minuteman Model A Ford Club, Sudbury, MA



Sunday, April 7, 2013
7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: The Maynard Elks Lodge
34 Powdermill Road (RT. 62)
Maynard, MA 01754

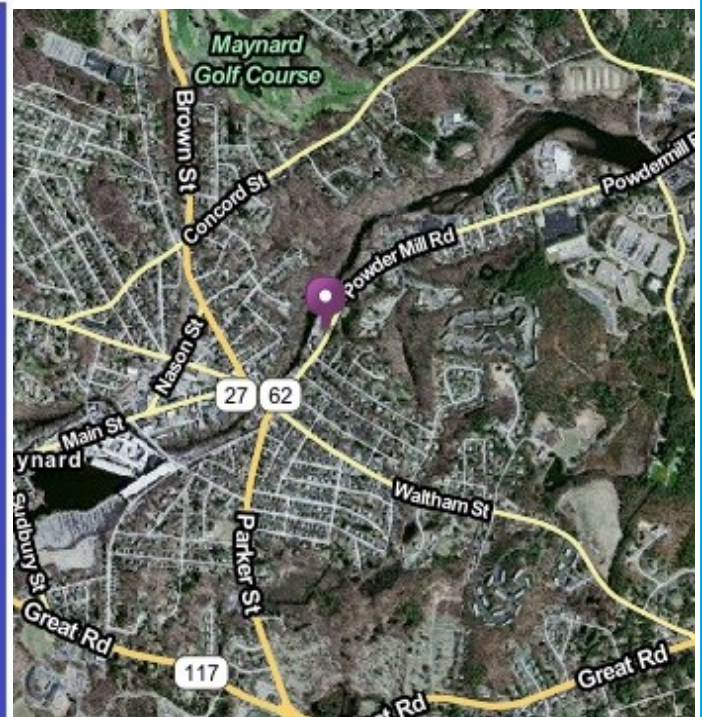
Vendor \$20.00
General Admission \$ 3.00

Please send payment or inquires to:
Minuteman Model A Ford Club
c/o Craig Martin
2 Martin Lane
Stow, MA 01775

cmartinstow@comcast.net
Telephone: 978-582-2390

Features

- * Antique Auto Parts, Automobilia, Literature & More! Something for All.
- * Street Level Parking
- * Convenient Rt. 62 Location near Rt. 27
- * Donuts / Coffee on site
- * Vendor assistance unloading and loading
- * Raffle Drawing at 10:30 AM





Andy's Accessories



Model A work goes on, even in New England's winter weather
For example here's another engine pulling party held February 4th at **Dick Stitt's** house.
First indications are the engine is in very good shape.

Andy Adams



Tony's Transmissions

A Special *Thank You* to all of those who provided early entries to this month's *Oil Leak*. Also, don't forget to please provide photos and articles of February activities for the upcoming issues.

Ad Reminders:

Renew you Business Card Ads by contacting **Don Ross** at dross02466@cvomcast.net
Renew your Class "A" Ads by emailing **Tony** at zeoli@comcast.net



No one identified
Miss Philadelphia
2013

Last month's
quiz!



One of the
Mummer's String
Bands in the 2013
New Year's Parade
in Philadelphia



Art's Parts



From the Archives



March 1978 35 years

Club looks for new meeting location.
Phil Iorio will be auctioneer for April

March 1988 25 years

Dick Stitt reports on registrations for '88 MAFCA National Meet at Sturbridge.

Ed Newman trains docents for Collings as the last day of the '88 national events will be at Collings in Stow. Sign up for lobster and corn!

Tim O'Brien spots a fire in **Bud Hick's** sheds at 12:30 AM and gets the Foxboro Fire Dept there in 5 minutes flat

March 1998 15 years

4th Winter Blahs held.
Wantabee's egg-actly outnumber of retirees at Lou's Diner in Clinton.



LEMONS

The Edsel cost a quarter of a Billion dollars over a period of 7 years to develop. Then Ford spent 12 Million to advertise this new car. You know the "rest of the story".
Art Callan

L"A"dees Luncheon



The next L"A"dees luncheon is
Tuesday, March 12 at Bertucci's
in
Wayland Center Route 20
at
12 noon
ALL ARE WELCOME

Robyn

robynsamuels@yahoo.com
781-275-2814



Keep exchanging Model A interests during our wintery days at the Big Apple Deli at 331 Boston Road E in Marlboro, MA. The breakfast group meets year round just about every Wednesday about 8 AM. All Model A enthusiasts are welcome to join the Minutemen in their new private room at this great restaurant where the service is extraordinary.

bigapplemarlborough.com



Minuteman Model A Ford Club Hard Luck Award Recipients

- 1991 - Aldie Johnson
- 1992 - Jack Stokinger
- 1993 - Gene Bunce
- 1994 - Dick Batstone
- 1995 - Dick O'Brien
- 1996 - Russ Thompson
- 1997 - Al Mills
- 1998 - Wayne Champagne
- 1999 - Doug Linden
- 2000 - Bucky Silvestrone
- 2001 - Ed Foster
- 2002 - Gene Ervin
- 2003 - Tom Zappala
- 2004 - Aldie Johnson
- 2005 - John Jacobson
- 2006 - Gene Bunce
- 2007 - Gene Bunce
- 2008 - Jack Stokinger
- 2009 - Dick O'Brien
- 2010 - Doug Linden
- 2011 - Bob Gedney
- 2012 - Pat Martone





57th Annual New England Model A Ford Meet Registration Form

(Please Print, Complete & Return Pages 1 & 2)

Hyannis Resort & Conference Center, Cape Cod, MA

September 27th – 29th, 2013

Hotel Reservations - ONLY

Mention MARCOM Model A Ford Meet for special room rate

Hyannis Resort & Conference Center (Host Hotel) Phone: **866-828-8259**

Cape Coddor (Overflow hotel) Phone: **508-771-3000**

Meet Registration #:	
For official use only:	

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____
 SPOUSE/GUEST LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____
 NAME & AGES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____, _____, _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE (____) _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

I will attend with my 19____ Model "A". The body style is _____
 My car is _____ BLUE RIBBON _____ RED RIBBON (Note: Only BLUE RIBBON cars are eligible for best of show)
 I will require space to park a trailer yes no Car License Plate # _____

I/We will arrive on Thursday, Sept 26rd Friday, Sept 27th Saturday, Sept 28th

REGISTRATION FEE (PER FAMILY) \$40 (\$50 after August 15th) \$ _____

THURSDAY EVENING. Adult \$16.00 Child(12 & under) \$10.00 Adult # _____ \$ _____
 Pizza; Cheese, Pepperoni, Vegetable; and Salad Buffet W/Tossed Garden, Caesar Salad, Child # _____ \$ _____
 W/Shaved Parmesan & Croutons; Grape Tomatoes, Mozzarella & Basil; Brownies, Tea & Coffee

FRIDAY EVENING w/ Entertainment Adult \$37.00 Child(12 & under) \$15.00 Adult # _____ \$ _____
 Plated Turkey Dinner with traditional accompaniments Child # _____ \$ _____

**SATURDAY MANDATORY TOUR FOR JUDGING TO HERITAGE PLANTATION
 WHICH INCLUDES A BOX LUNCH AND ADMISSION TO HERITAGE MUSEUM & GARDENS**
 Adult \$18.00 Ham & Cheese Turkey Vegetable Adult # _____ \$ _____
 Child (12 and under) \$9.00 Ham & Cheese Turkey Vegetable Child # _____ \$ _____

SATURDAY EVENING w/ Entertainment Adult \$38.00 Child (12 and under) \$15.00 Adult # _____ \$ _____
 Cape Cod Buffet – to include: Sirloin, Roasted Chicken & Baked Scrod Child # _____ \$ _____

SATURDAY EVENING CHILDREN'S PIZZA PARTY (no charge) Number of children _____ \$ 0.00

SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET including French Toast --
 Adult \$20.00, Child (12 and under) \$10.00 Adult # _____ \$ _____
 Child # _____ \$ _____

Sub Total 1: \$ _____

- **On-Site Registration Information**

The meet registration desk will be located in the main lobby of the hotel directly across from the hotel registration desk. Registration hours are ; Thursday 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM, Friday 8:00AM - 7:00PM, Saturday 7:00AM- 11:00AM.

- **Thursday arrivals**

Directions for self guided tours will be e-mailed to those indicating an early arrival of the registration form. Those without e-mail information will be sent via U.S. mail.

- **Hospitality Suite and Raffle**

Stop in to our hospitality suite and raffle room located next to the Grand Ballroom for complimentary refreshments. The hospitality suite and raffle room will be open Thursday 12:00 noon - 6:00PM.

- **Judging**

Judging will be of peer judging format to be completed during the mandatory tour. All vehicles will be judged on tour only, no exceptions. Only blue ribbon cars **meeting 14 point standard will be eligible for best of show. Time and place of BLUE RIBBON QUALLIFYING will be provided at time of registration.**

- **Meal and Entertainment**

- **Thursday evening Due to the tremendous response of early registration, we are offering a Pizza and Salad Buffet. So after your day of self guided touring, plan on joining us for dinner. Specifics are listed on the registration form.**

- **Friday evening Join us for a plated Turkey dinner plus entertainment.**

- **Saturday**

A) Mandatory tour to Heritage Plantation, Museum and Gardens. Known for its beautiful gardens, museums, carousel and antique car museum. This year the car museum will feature a collection and review of "concept" cars. Please don't miss it.

B) Saturday night dinner will be a Cape Cod Buffet including Sirloin steak, Roasted Chicken & Baked Scrod with entertainment.

- **Sunday Award Brunch**

This will conclude the 57th Annual New England Model A meet with a full breakfast buffet, the raffle drawings and awards presentation.

SUB TOTAL 1: from page 1 \$ _____

NEW ENGLAND MEET LOGO APPAREL:

Mens 100% Cotton Polo Shirt - Royal Blue	__S __M __L __XL __XXL	NR. _____@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Lady's 100% Cotton Polo Shirt - Light Blue	__S __M __L __XL	NR. _____@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Mens/Ladies S/S Denim Shirt - Blue	__S __M __L __XL __XXL	NR. _____@ \$22.00	\$ _____
Mens /Ladies L/S Denim Shirt - Blue	__S __M __L __XL __XXL	NR. _____@ \$22.00	\$ _____
Adult 2-tone Cap - Khaki/Black	One Size fits All	NR. _____@ \$12.00	\$ _____

Sub Total 2: \$ _____



MARCOM CHALLENGE: MARCOM will match dollar for dollar contributions to the MAFFI museum up to an aggregate of \$3000.00. If you wish to contribute please indicate by checking one of the boxes below. Donate \$15.00 or more and receive a License plate Emblem, for your car.

\$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ OTHER: _____

Sub Total 3: \$ _____

Grand Totals of Sub total 1, Sub total 2 and Sub total 3: \$ _____

Please return Pages 1 & 2 with your check payable to: **MARCOM**

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 Phone: 508-336-2260
 Email: Marcom2013@yahoo.com

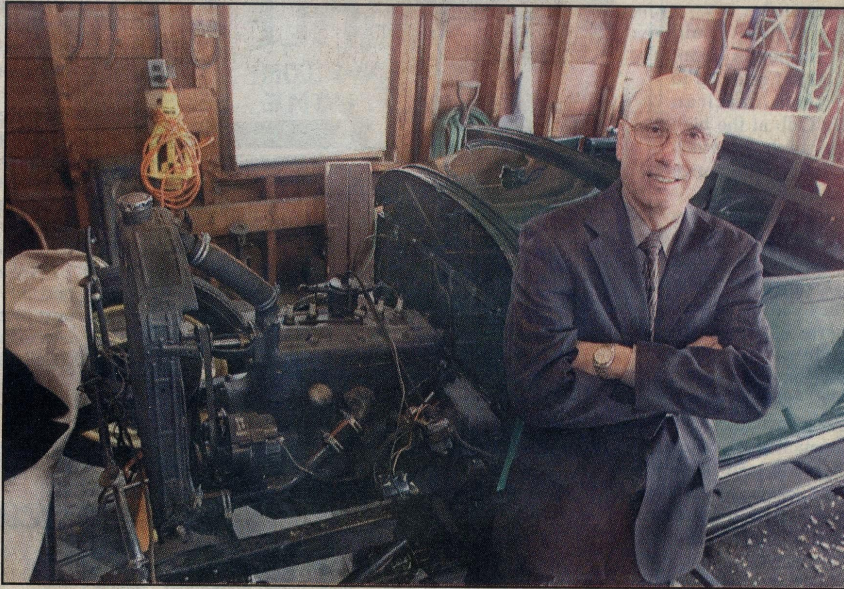
**any and all confirmations will be sent via US mail if an email is not listed on page 1.

I understand that to be admitted and to be eligible to participate in the scheduled activities of the 57th Annual New England Model A Ford Meet, held under the auspices of the Model A Restorers Club of Massachusetts, on September 27-29th, 2013, I must agree to the following waiver of responsibility: The undersigned certifies that the vehicle or vehicles set out on this reservation form are insured for public liability, property damage, fire and theft, and further hereby releases the hosts of any and all liability for any loss, damage, or injury to applicant, his party, and/or his vehicle. In the event of non-conformance to these terms, the undersigned waives all rights he/she may have to attend this meet.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

www.metrowestdailynews.com



Maynard resident John Erb, above, poses with his 1929 Model A Roadster. Below is the original dashboard of a Model A.

DAILY NEWS PHOTOS BY ANN RINGWOOD

'Model' citizens going car-crazy

MODEL A, From B1
Swap N' Sell Meet at the Maynard Lodge of Elks, 34 Powdermill Road. According to club member Barbara Tallone of Acton, the event offers attendees the chance to pick up everything from parts they need to posters and reproductions of old advertisements.

Last year, the Swap N' Sell drew 40 vendors and between 150 and 200 people, Tallone said, not bad considering the first Model A rolled off the lines in 1928 and production ended in 1931.

"It is all antique automobile-related," Tallone said. "You have to have something related to have a slot."

Based in Sudbury, the 40-year-old Model A Club has a membership of around 150, Tallone said. Tallone and her husband, Gene, have been members since 1992 when told about the club by the person from whom they bought their first Model A, a 1931 coupe.

"He saw it on the side of the road one day coming home from work, and he just fell in love with it," she said. "He always thought he would like to have one to work on."

Two years ago, the couple joined the Maynard Auto Club, of which treasurer John Erb can also boast ownership of a 1929, rumble-seat-equipped Model A Roadster. The previous owners had planned a restoration as a grandfather/grandson project, but it never happened, Erb said.

Although the car is not road-worthy now, Erb said it made an appearance in the Maynard Christmas Parade two years ago, albeit on the back of a flatbed.

"When you travel on a tour, you can practically build a car on the road," she said. "If anybody breaks down, one of the others usually has a part with them."

Parts for the Model A, ranging from reproductions to original factory issue, are found through magazines and flea markets like the one coming to Maynard, Erb said. In recent years, Erb said more and more are found on the Internet auction site eBay, where he sold the body of his Model T.

While driving the car is the ultimate goal, Erb said he enjoys shopping for parts and meeting other owners, too.

Often, he said, if looking for original parts, owners will refurbish the cars "piece by piece," finding a part that may be in better condition than theirs and swapping it out. The other part can then be resold to someone else looking for that part.

There are other collectible markets, too, Erb said.

At one time, half of the world's cars were built by Ford, he said. As a result, entire markets sprang up, tools and kits built by other manufacturers but designed for Fords.

But all of the work does lead to one goal, driving the cars.

"Spring. It's a new season," Erb said. "It kind of gets our blood boiling to get them out on the road."

Because driving an antique car is not allowed unless on the way to a show, parade or club event, Erb jokes the Model A Club finds plenty of reasons to get together and drive their cars.

A FOR EFFORT

Classic parts swap rekindles passion for enthusiasts of long-obsolete automobiles



By Michael Kane
DAILY NEWS STAFF

MAYNARD — Being the owner of a Model A Ford is a circle few can travel in.

Those who do tend to stand out in the crowd they draw, bringing enjoyment to those around them.

And for one day in March, the center of that local experience lands in Maynard.

On Sunday, March 20, the Minute-man Model A Ford Club will hold its annual Winter Blahs Auto Parts MODEL A, Page B5

Please note all ads are dated. That's the date the ad ceases, unless we hear from you. All ads will run for three (3) months.

Please see "A" for effort next page

Renewed ads run for three (3) months. Call or email Tony Zeoli at 781-935-6422 or Zeoli@comcast.net



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See the Construction and Filling of the Museum by visiting the following links

[WebCam Pictures](#)

New Pictures as of: Jan 14th, 2013



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Nonantum, MA 02495

"A" for effort

"They surrounded it with lights and presents around it with a sign. 'Will it be ready for Christmas?'" he said with a laugh.

Erb said his passion for antique cars dates back to his childhood, when a friend's father owned a Model A.

Having "always been mechanically attracted to cars," Erb said while in high school he and four friends found a Model T in a junkyard and decided to rebuild it.

"I'm the one who lasted the longest, interest-wise," he said.

Erb bought his first Model A in Lexington for \$350 just after he and his wife married. The car came home on the back of a flatbed that a friend used to haul restaurant garbage.

"That was a good sign that marriage was going to work," he joked. "I didn't have a garage or anything. We got it home on the back of a garbage truck."

Except for some parts, that first Model A is gone. Erb's latest Model A was just a chassis when he bought it with money gained by selling the wooden reproduction body from his Model T, the chassis of which still sits in his garage as a future project.

As with many Model A Fords, Erb said the original body had probably been removed when the vehicle was converted for other uses, like a flatbed. Many of those bodies can now be seen on amusement park rides, like the "Tumblebug."

While some Model A owners just like the driving experience, paying others to rebuild and maintain the cars, Erb said he enjoys "puttering around" on the car between his busy schedule.

"I won't change the oil in my regular car but I'll change it in this," he joked.

Part of that has to do with the complexity of modern engines, Erb said. The same sentiments were echoed by Tallone, who notes the older cars are much easier to work on for owners who may not be mechanics.

"There are no surprises under the hood of a Model A," she said.

It is an advantage that helps Model A Club members when they go on tours together in the good weather season, Tallone said. Often, if one car breaks down or has a problem, another owner has the part needed to fix the car on the spot.

"They go everywhere, it may be to an orchard or a trip for ice cream," Erb said.

Tallone agreed, noting club members also take trips to auto museums or antique shopping. Wherever they go, they draw a lot of attention, she said. On Wednesdays in accommodating weather, several of the retired members get together for breakfast she said, making it an "official event" in which to drive the cars.

Some drivers wear costumes representing the era, Tallone noted. Her own car is made up to exactly how it would have looked in its day, including the glass flowerpot on its side.

"You can't go anywhere, even if you just stop at the supermarket, without someone coming over and asking about it," Tallone said. "Older people are more sentimental, some remember learning to drive on a Model A. For the younger people, it's 'What is it?'"

"Kids get a kick out of it. They get really excited and have a lot of questions like 'How far can you drive this thing?' As if it is a wind-up car," she said with a laugh.

Erb noted, in his case, the attention is welcome, reminiscing about the first time he started the car and "filled his neighborhood with smoke" from oil in a cylinder. Like other hobbies, he noted, the finished work brings "satisfaction."

"You're proud of your car, proud of what you've achieved," he said. "You are taking something old and rusty and making it work."

A Sunday drive can be taken in any car, Erb said. But the experience is different in an antique car.

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That reaction is part of the allure for Tallone, too.

"Just think, you are driving a piece of history," she said. "These cars changed the world. It's a unique feeling to have that 70-year-old piece of metal in your garage."

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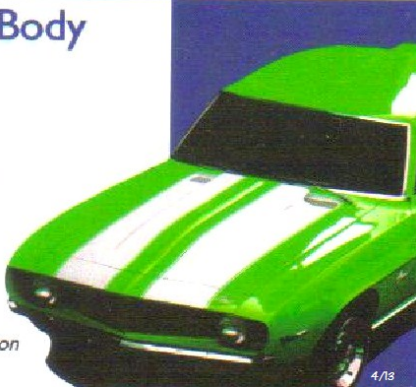
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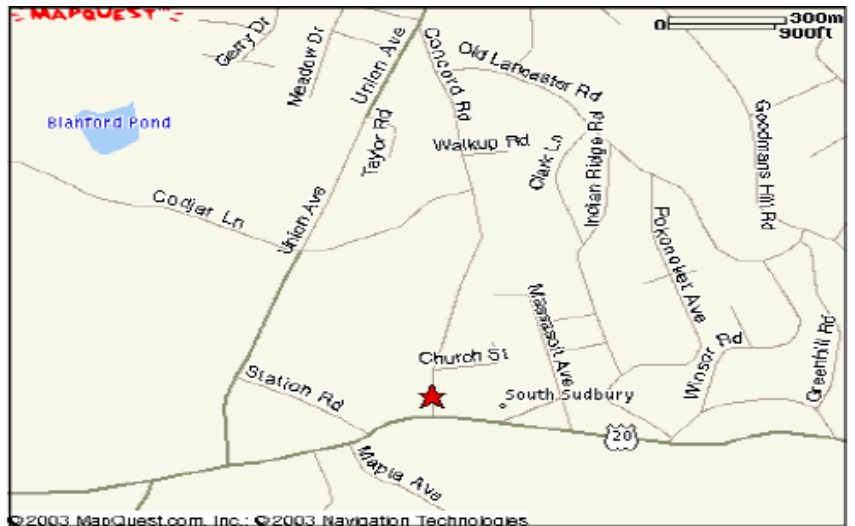
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