

The Oil Leak

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YES, Still Looking

President's Message

Nan and I have returned from a month long road trip to attend both the MAFCA and MARC national conventions. We enjoy attending these events since it gives us a chance to meet with friends from around the country, and world, that we only see every few years. Also attending these events were Wayne and Sue Champagne and Len and Peg Michalak. The MAFCA meet in Loveland, Colorado had over 575 registrations and was at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Tours were planned that let the attendees experience the beauty of the area. The mountains, rivers and wildlife were exactly what the host club wanted everyone to enjoy. Spending time with our friends from New Zealand is always a fun time; what a fun loving group of people. It's always fun to see what clubs in other parts of the world are doing.

The MARC convention in Toledo (actually Perrysburg) was next, but it was a 1200 miles from Loveland. Two days of driving got us to Ohio in plenty of time. At Perrysburg, and Loveland, there were great seminars covering both car "stuff" and era fashions. Nan and I especially enjoyed the Advertising seminar that covered Model A ads appearing in magazines of the time. It was very informative and interesting. I enjoyed the Champion Spark Plug seminar, especially since I won a set of Model A 3X Spark Plugs.

Next year the MARC convention will be in Gettysburg, PA and I have heard a number of our members have already made reservation at the host hotel. The Minuteman club should be well represented at this event. Hopefully we'll see you there.

Meanwhile back home, I would like to thank VP Tom Zappala for overseeing the July meeting in my absence and to John & Shirley Jacobson for hosting the club at their home. I heard the make your own Ice Cream Sundaes was very tasty.

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Looking at our tour schedule we have some interesting tours coming up. The weather has been cooperating so get your Model A out and enjoy the ride. Up coming tours will see various "eating" tours, private car collections and weekend trips to major car shows, don't miss the fun.

Our New England Meet Committee had a recent meeting and plans are coming together to make this an enjoyable event for everyone attending. Three important areas still need more attention; they are **Raffle Room** Items, **Hospitality** food and **Volunteers** to staff times at the events. More information will be available at the meeting at the August meeting. This meet will be here in a blink of an eye so don't forget to register (form in this issue) for this fun filled weekend.

Happy Model A'ing

Doug Linden

2016 NEW ENGLAND MEET

Calling all Minutemen/Minutewomen

May I request your assistance in providing baked goods, pre-packaged snack items, individual bottles of water and apples for the Hospitality Room at the 60th Annual New England Meet on September 9-11, 2016?

Whatever you wish to provide for our New England Meet guests will be much appreciated. Please contact me either via phone to **508-881-1595** or email at schampagne@robbinskersten.com to let me know what you intend to provide so I may keep track of the contributions.

Thank you very much for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan Champagne - Hospitality Chairperson



Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club July 5, 2016

Location: Home of John & Shirley Jacobson.

The July meeting was held at the home of John and Shirley Jacobson in Wayland. In the absence of the President who was travelling, vice president Tom Zappala presided. The meeting opened at 7:17 pm with a question from Tom: Who said: "I'm in charge". The answer was Alexander Haig. Acting president Tom applied the quote to himself as he was in charge. He reported the Doug and Nan Linden were on the road having attended national meets of MAFCA and MARC and visiting family. He thanked John and Shirley for hosting the July meeting and Dick Krug for arranging June's meeting.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved as printed in the "Oil Leak".

Mike Doyle gave a detailed report in the upcoming month's tours. It was also reported that the MARCOM club is looking for Model A's on their 60th anniversary on the 29th of July where they hope to have 60 Model A's at Holmes Transportation in Norfolk.

The New England meet is approaching and volunteers, hospitality baked goods, raffle items and lottery tickets will be needed.

The next meeting will be at the home of Harold and Sally Legge in South Natick. Members should bring chairs and deserts. Coffee and beverages will be supplied.

A raffle item was donated with interest as it was a propane heater for drive -in theaters.

Roger Harvey described a possible problem with "float-a-motor" engine mounts when they

are installed too tight. The result is a rubber disc squeezed too much allowing the transmission to be too low interfering with the brake cross shaft disabling the brakes.

In the absence of president Doug, Tom wanted us to know that Doug has been representing us at national meets and is also filling in as newsletter editor.

Tom wished all a happy fourth to July and adjourned the meeting at 7:36.

The membership then enjoyed make-your-own sundaes in the Jacobson's motorcycle adorned kitchen/family room.

Respectfully submitted,
John Erb
Secretary

This Month In Minuteman HISTORY

By Art Callan

AUG 1981 35 years ago

Monthly meeting at Rudy Harwood's in Hudson.
Parking reserved at the Fire Station. (Were the trucks out?)
Treasurer's report, Bank \$821.14 and Cash \$ 10.61.

AUG 1991 25 years ago

Monthly meeting at Gulbankian's.
Ice cream tour by the Champagnes and Tallones.
Photos from the Strawberry Picking Tour.

AUG 2001 15 years ago

Pres Jo Johnson gets a Nominating Committee (JJ and Doug), a new Editor (Shelly Boucher), a Program Chairman, (Doug) and she and her crew serves up hamburgers and hot dogs at the August meeting.

TOUR REPORTS



July 6 - Food & Ice Cream Tour

It was a hot and humid night. A Perfect night for food and ice cream. Four model A's and one modern left at 6:30. The tour took us through the backwoods of Sudbury, Wayland and Weston (yes they have backwood roads that are not well maintained). After a 1/2 hour tour we arrived at Dairy Joy. Friends that were there were: Mike and Grace, Martha and John, Rick, Sue and Don and TJ.

A free lobster roll was offered as a prize if someone could answer how many speed bumps we encountered. Fortunately no one knew.

Don Ross



Sudbury July 4th Parade

The weather couldn't have been better for the parade and the Minuteman Club was well represented. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.



July 14 Fruitland's Concert

Well, the weather just didn't cooperate for this event, the forecast of thunderstorms forced Fruitlands to cancel the concert



July 19 Food & Ice Cream Tour

Tom Zappala lead a group of 7 Model A's on a beautiful evening to C&L Frosty's. We went through some prestigious neighborhoods in Weston, Wellesley, and South Natick. Great tour, food and friends.





Sunshine

Sally Legge

A sympathy card was sent to Joyce Croci for the recent loss of her brother. Our condolences go out Joyce and her family.

Please let Sally know if you here of any club member who needs a little cheering up.

Coming Events

Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted

- Aug 2:** Club Meeting @ the Legges
 - Aug 4:** 6:30PM Dinner tour: Welly's TL - Legges
 - Aug 5-7:** Owls Head Weekend TL Dick O'Brien
 - Aug 9:** 6:30PM Dinner tour: Jack's Abby TL Kerns
 - Aug 11-14:** Stowe Weekend on your own
 - Aug 13:** 3:00PM Wayside Inn Ford Show
 - Aug 18:** 7:00PM Ice Cream: DQ Natick TL Don Ross
 - Aug 20:** 9:30AM Car Collection tour TL Lindens
 - Aug 24:** 6:30PM Dinner Chinese Buffett TL Mangans
 - Aug 28:** 10:00AM Private Collection TL Dick O'Brien
 - Sept 1:** 4:30PM Carriage House Wayland TL JJ
- TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Profit and Loss
June 14 thru July 5, 2016

Income

Advertising	\$ 25.00
Member dues	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	\$125.00

Expense

Oil Leak Printing	<u>40.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 40.00

Net Income - \$ 85.00

LOTTERY TICKETS & RAFFLE DONATIONS

We want to have a Lottery Ticket Treasurer Chest as a raffle item in the Raffle Room at the **2016 New England Meet** and need all members to donate raffle tickets of any denomination to the chest. Nan & I will be collecting tickets at club meetings and tours from now until the convention. Please help make this a success with your donation.



ALSO

The Raffle Room also needs donations. Please consider donating to make this event a success. We can use Model A parts, new or restored, Model A era related objects, ladies items, kids items and gift baskets. We have some great donations so far, but to make the Raffle Room a success to our guest we can use more donations.

Please contact Nan or me if you would like make a donation.

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60TH Annual New England Meet
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REGISTRATION FORM

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

Meet Reg#

Name _____ Nickname _____
Spouse/Guest Name _____ Nickname _____
Name/Ages of Children _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____
Club Affiliation _____

Are you staying at the Westford Regency Inn? Yes _____ No _____

Are you staying at the Hampton Inn? Yes _____ No _____

(Please read attached information sheet for Hotel reservation information)

Anticipated Arrival: Thursday 9/8 _____ Friday 9/9 _____ Saturday 9/10 _____

Will you bring your Model A to the Meet? Yes _____ No _____

If so, what is: Year _____ Body Style _____

Trailer parking required? Yes _____ No _____

Car Judging: (please read attached information sheet)*

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories. Please check the appropriate box for your vehicle..

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 28-29 Open _____ | 28-29 Closed _____ |
| 30-31 Open _____ | 30-31 Closed _____ |
| Original/Unrestored, all years _____ | Commercial and Woodies, all years _____ |

Registration Fee (Per Family): **\$40 prior to August 10th; \$50 after August 10th** \$ _____
 Additional Vehicle Fee # _____ @ \$10.00 \$ _____

Events:

Friday Night State Fair Buffet # _____ @ \$ 30.00 \$ _____
Saturday Night Prime Rib Dinner # _____ @ \$ 46.00 \$ _____
 Baked Haddock Dinner # _____ @ \$ 40.00 \$ _____
 Roasted Chicken Dinner # _____ @ \$ 37.00 \$ _____
Sunday Morning Awards Breakfast Buffet # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____

Merchandise (see description on Information Page):

Men's Golf Shirt, Gray S___ M___ L___ XL @ \$22.00 \$ _____
 Men's Golf Shirt, Gray 2XL___ @ \$24.00 \$ _____
 Men's Golf Shirt, Gray 3XL___ @ \$25.00 \$ _____
 Men's Golf Shirt, White S___ M___ L___ XL @ \$22.00 \$ _____
 Men's Golf Shirt, White 2XL___ @ \$24.00 \$ _____
 Men's Golf Shirt, White 3XL___ @ \$25.00 \$ _____
 Unisex Fleece Jacket, Gray/Black S___ M___ L___ XL___ @ \$38.00 \$ _____
 Unisex Fleece Jacket, Gray/Black 2XL___ @ \$40.00 \$ _____
 Unisex Fleece Jacket, Gray/Black 3XL___ @ \$41.00 \$ _____
 Cap, unstructured Sand/Navy Brim @ \$15.00 \$ _____
 Vanity Plate Request* (up to 4 characters, alpha/numeric or any combination)
 _____ # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

 _____ TOTAL \$ _____

*** See Information & Events Page for additional description or details.**

Make check payable and mail to:

2016 Minuteman NE Meet
 Patricia Roberson
 31 Sevoian Drive
 Methuen, MA 01844

Waiver of Liability: I understand that to participate in the activities of the 60th Annual New England Meet, hosted by the Minuteman Model A Ford Club, on September 9 – 11, 2016, the undersigned agrees to the following waiver of liability: I certify that the vehicle(s) used in this meet are insured for public liability, property damage, fire and theft. I also certify that the vehicle(s) entered are properly registered, licensed and inspected for safe operation in accordance with state law of the vehicle's normal residence. The undersigned thereby releases the host of any and all liability for any loss, damage and/or injury to the applicants, or the applicant's party. In the event of nonconformance to the terms of this waiver, the undersigned and his/her party waive any rights to attendance at this meet.

Signature _____

REGISTRATION SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 27, 2016 TO GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY.

60th Annual New England Meet Information & Events

- Hotel Registration:** The host hotel, The Westford Regency, has been sold out. The overflow Hotel is the Hampton Inn, Westford, call **855-213-0582** to reserve your room. Be sure to mention the NE Model A Meet to take advantage of the group rate of \$119.00 per night.
- Meet Registration:** The Meet Registration Desk will be open from 5:00 – 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 8th for the early arrivals. The **official opening** will be Friday from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday from 8:30 – 9:30 am and 3:00 – 5:00 pm.
- Hospitality:** The Hospitality Room will be open at a minimum on Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm; Friday from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm; and Saturday from 8:30 – 9:30 am and 2:00 – 5:00 pm.
- Raffle Room:** The Raffle Room will be open during the Hospitality Room hours as well as additional times as appropriate during the Meet.
- 50/50 Raffle:** Anytime, anywhere throughout the Meet. Watch for Tony Zeoli and his crew.
- Thursday Night:** For those of you arriving early on Thursday, there are a variety of eating options available in the immediate area, feel free to ask for suggestions.
- Friday Night Supper:** Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment at the Model A State Fair; lots of games and prizes going to the winners.
- Grand Tour:** The Grand Tour will take us through the rural back roads of Massachusetts. It will end in Lancaster, MA. Lunch will be available for purchase at The Outdoor Grill Shack, you can dine on fresh grilled food and seafood and enjoy 50 delicious flavors of homemade ice cream. We will hold the peer judging here in the parking lot. After judging, you are free to tour the area and head back to Westford.
- Car Judging:** Peer judging will be held on Saturday at the completion of the grand tour. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each class as in prior years (*station wagons and commercial vehicles will be in one class*). Votes will be cast on ballots by participants when entering the show field upon the completion of the grand tour. To encourage more interest in showing your vehicle, there will be a new award given to the vehicle that obtains the most votes overall. This award will be called **“The People’s Choice Award”** which will replace the former best of show award. There will be no restrictions for winning this new award such as; 14 point requirements, blue ribbon, overdrives, accessories, etc.

The host club, Minuteman Model A Ford Club will be excluded from winning any vehicle awards.

Information & Events (cont'd)

Saturday Evening:

Join us for dinner; and dance or just listen to the great fifties and sixties music performed by the ever popular "Reminisants". Fifties or Sixties attire is suggested, but not necessary.

Repair Tent:

A repair tent will be set up in the parking lot of the Westford Regency Inn.

Merchandise:

We are offering a unisex 2 tone Fleece Jacket in gray/black; a men's Golf Shirt in gray or white; an unstructured Baseball Cap in sand with navy brim; all are name brand, high quality items with the embroidered meet Logo.



Vanity Plates

Why not jazz things up with a vanity plate, you can order your very own personalized vanity plate for just an additional \$15.00. Choose up to four characters; they may be either alpha or numeric or a combination of both, for example, "1930"; "FORD"; "68B", etc. Be creative and order as many as you'd like. The Meet logo will appear on the left hand side of the plate.



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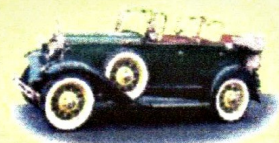
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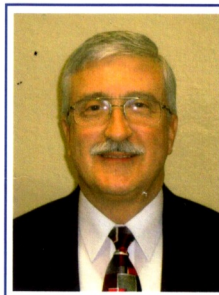
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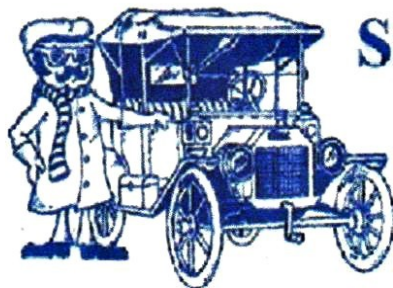
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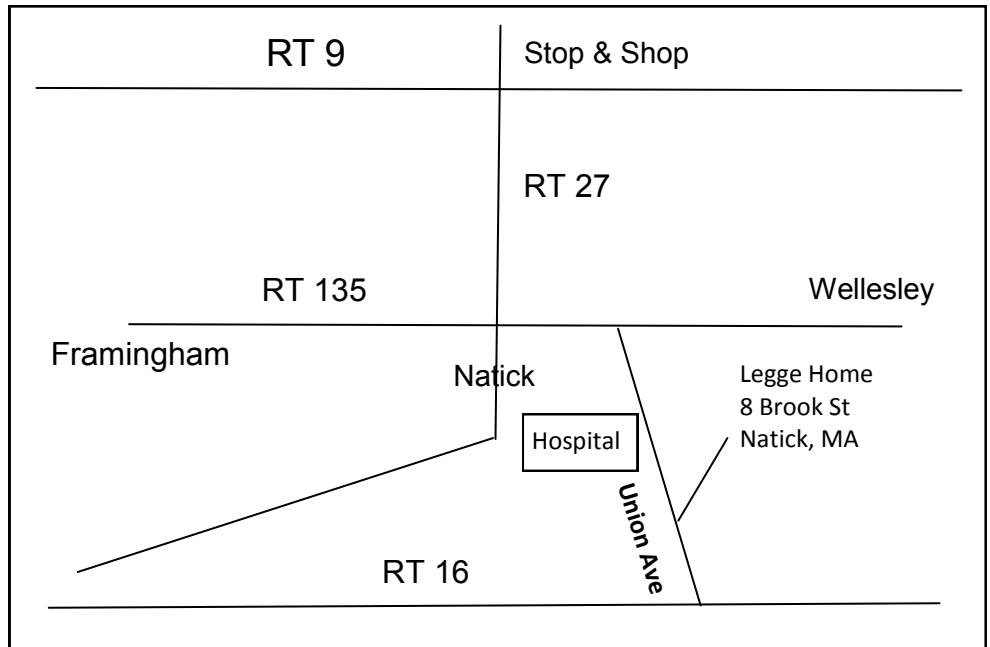
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Mail to:**

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REMINDER

The August meeting will be held at the home of Harold & Sally Legge, 8 Brook St. in South Natick. There is plenty of parking so be sure to drive your Model A. At this meeting we will be looking for volunteers to staff various activities at the New England Meet. Please volunteer and help lighten the work load.



Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Summer meetings are held outside of our regular meeting location in Sudbury, so be sure to check the where the monthly meeting is being held.