

# The Oil Leak

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## Election Time

Well, it may not be on the same scale as the national election coming up...but the club needs you just the same. I know you all enjoy participating in the club activities during the year, so how about helping out and volunteering for a club office. This year there a few openings, most notably the office of Vice President. Here's a chance to give back something to the club. The Nominating Committee will be glad to here from you...why contact one of them, Wayne Champagne, Steve Goldberg or Art Callan.

## 2005 New England Meet

The 2004 meet is over and it was a great success. Next years meet will be held out on Long Island, NY. If you visit the club web site you will find information regarding dates, location, hotel and rates.

## Wayside Boys School

Art Callan presented a video program at the September meeting which centered on the Wayside School for Boys run by Henry Ford. The video featured two "boys" who attended the school in the early forties. Their stories about life at the school were great. I especially liked the one about Henry Ford asking one kid if he wanted a ride back to the dorm just after cleaning the barn and the kid saying he was covered with muck, to which Henry remarked that if the Lincoln Zephyr got dirty he would just get another one from Somerville. Great show Art.



Tom & Barbara Geagan were the proud winner of the Best of Show for their beautiful 1928 Phaeton. Tom spent 7 years restoring the Phaeton and this was it's first showing

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**Minuteman Model A Ford Club**  
**Minutes for September 7, 2004 at Memorial Congregational Church in Sudbury MA**  
54 members and guests attended

**Program:** Art Callan presented a video "Wayside Inn History." It highlighted Henry Ford's ownership of the Inn and his founding of a school for boys in 1928. Ford originally purchased the property in 1922. A few of the boys who attended the reflected on their time at the school in the video. Thanks for an interesting history lesson.

**President-Peter MacDonald**

Opened the meeting and greeted all those attending  
Peter awarded the 25 year pin award to Dick and Mazie Stitt Congratulations!  
Thanked Jack Stokinger and Jo Johnson for hosting the August Cookout

**Vice President and Webmaster-Bruce Marshall**

Reported that if you receive the Oil Leak via email, it will contain pictures in color.  
Updates to the web site (oilleak.org) are being made regularly, so you should check the site often.  
Flyers are available for upcoming Rhode Island weekend Tour (see Sept Oil Leak)

**Secretary-Gary Hoyt**

Minutes for August 2004 approved MSP as printed in The Oil Leak

**Treasurer- Dick Stitt**

Report for August approved MSP as printed in The Oil Leak

**Other Reports**

**Sunshine-Helen Johnson...**sent card to Ed Wlodyka

**Historian-Roy Johnson...**no report

**The Oil Leak**—deadline ASAP

**Video Librarian-George Day...**no report

**Shop Keeper-Harold Samuels...**no report

**Mileage and Raffles-Wayne Champagne**

- Three raffle winners were...Frank Buckley, Gene Tallone and Joyce Bunce
- Milage awards... 2000 miles...Dave Carlson, Bucky Silvestrone and Gene Ervin  
5000 miles...Jim True in his AA truck  
10,000 miles...Dick Stitt  
25,000 miles...Dick Stitt...car #2  
40,000 miles...Doug Linden

**Tour Director-Dick O'Brien...**not in attendance...upcoming tours were mentioned. John Jacobson will lead a tour to the Schooner Fame on 9/11. Others listed in The Oil Leak

A head count is needed for the **New England Meet** in September at the Seacrest on Cape Cod. Two groups are leaving Sudbury, one group is leaving on Thursday and one group on Friday. Dates are September 24-26, 2004.

**Current Business:**

Reminder of the upcoming Auction...donated items are needed

Refreshments for October Meeting...Helen Johnson and Lorraine Dion

**Next Meeting is at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Road in Sudbury**  
**October 5, 7:00 pm for tire-kicking**

Adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Hoyt

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Income & Expenses

Accrual Basis Aug 17 through Sept 15, 2004

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Coffee Can	\$9.50
Member Dues	20.00
Misc.(Int./Div./Change Value)	10.43
Raffle (Club)	72.00
Wayside Inn Dinner	493.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$604.93</b>

Expense

Oil Leak Printing	94.35
Postage	254.40
Raffle (Club) Expense	31.48
Service Charge	5.15
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$385.38</b>

Net Ordinary Income \$219.55

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### Pizza & Beer Tour Thursday, September 2, 2004

A beautiful end of summer evening with what appeared a record number of A's – 13 in total left the Grange for a tour through the wooded areas of Sudbury and into Framingham, past the town forest, and into Marlborough. Our destination was "Joseph's on Main" on Main Street in Marlborough. This is a very nice Italian restaurant with pizza, a great variety of appetizers, light fare and hearty meals.

Touring through the woods with the MacDonalds were: Dick & Mazie Sitt, Harold and Sally Legge, Craig & Karen Martin, Dave & Mary Ann Clark, Bob and Janice Wright, John & Shirley Jacobson, Bob Scarano, Wayne & Sue Champagne, Steve Goldberg & Patti Pappernow, Gene Bunce, Jack Stokinger & Jo Johnson, Rick Gadbois and . . . meeting us at the restaurant were Doug & Nan Linden and Dick & Maria Berry . . . 28 hungry Minutepeople in all.

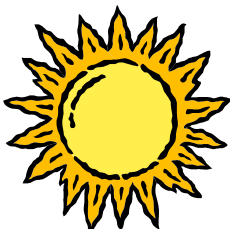
We enjoyed good food, great company and celebrated Mazie's 29<sup>th</sup> birthday. A fun evening for all, we hope, as we certainly enjoyed it!  
Peter & Janice MacDonald  
Tour Leaders

### TOUR SCHEDULE\*

- Oct 6-9.....Hershey AACA Flea Market and Car Show...on your own
- Oct 11.....6:30PM.....Columbus Day Dinner...Peter MacDonald tour leader
- Oct 21.....6:30PM.....Wayside Inn Fall Dinner...Reservation required...see flyer
- Oct 22-24.....Fall Weekend Tour...contact Sue Champagne for information
- Oct 27.....6:30PM.....Dinner Tour...Details available at meeting
- Oct 30.....10:00AM.....Doug to Douglas...Country Store Tour...leader Doug Linden
- Oct 31.....11:00AM.....Woburn Halloween Parade...Jim True tour leader

**\* Tours start from the Sudbury Grange unless otherwise mentioned**

### SUNSHINE REPORT



A CARD WAS SENT TO JOHN PURDY, WHO WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF OUR CLUB BUT HAS SINCE RETIRED. HE HAD A COUPLE HEART ATTACKS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIM AND HOPEFULLY HE IS ON THE MEND. CALL ME IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT NEEDS A CARD FOR ANY REASON.  
HELEN JOHNSON--SUNSHINE

# TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

## MINUTEMAN MODEL A FORD CLUB

Membership Application 2005

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New Member / Renewal [circle one]

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

List Model A or other antique car information below:

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Dues are \$20 per year. Make check payable to: Minuteman Chapter. You may bring this application to the next meeting or mail to:

Nan Linden, Membership Chairman PO Box 545, Sudbury, MA 01776

Membership includes husband and wife (or significant other) and dependent children.

Membership in the National Model A Clubs (MAFCA & MARC) is encouraged.

If you are over 80 years old and have been a paid member for the last 5 years you are eligible for free membership, if would like to continue your membership just check here  and return this form to the membership chairman.

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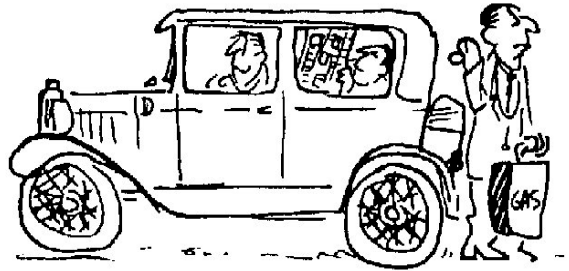
- **FOR SALE...**1940 Ford 4-Door Delux V-8, 90% Restored, Looks Awesome! New Black Paint, Tires, and Dash. Must See! Just \$13,000 or Best Offer Contact Gary Hoyt (508) 6550077

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# Minuteman Fall Weekend Tour

**New Date ♦ October 22nd, 23rd, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004 ♦ New Date  
To  
Middletown, Rhode Island**

The Fall Minuteman Model A Ford weekend tour will be departing the Grange parking lot on Friday morning heading for Middletown, Rhode Island. Middletown is minutes from Newport, Rhode Island, which is famous for its many splendid historic mansions, shopping and points of interest.



Weekend accommodations will be at the **Travelodge** located in Middletown, Rhode Island. A group of 20 rooms has been reserved and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please call the **Travelodge (401) 849-4700** to reserve your room. Please give **Confirmation Number: 7897, Group Code CG0003** to reserve your room at this special rate.

The Travelodge offers free continental breakfast, in-room coffeemaker and Cable TV.  
**Price: \$ 89.10 per night**, double occupancy plus taxes. Cut-off Date September 1, 2004.

For your touring pleasure, you can choose one of the following Saturday tour options.

- Sightseeing tour heading to Tiverton and Little Compton with a stop at the Sakonnet Winery.
- Johnson and Wales Culinary Museum located in Providence, Rhode Island.
- \*City of Newport –visit one or more of the elegant historical mansions, admission fee's required, shopping and sightseeing.
- \*Tour leader is needed for the Newport Mansions tour.

Details for Friday - Saturday's tour options and dinners to follow.

**For questions please call: Tour Leaders, Susan and Wayne Champagne, 508-881-1595.**

## Food & Ice Cream Tours

The food has been plentiful, with the club getting together on a number of occasions. Peter and Janice MacDonald lead us to Marlboro on Sept 2nd (write-up on page 3). On Sept 8th We met at Carbone's in Hopkinton. It was raining, so no Model A's showed up and the turnout was small...but the food great. Sept 14th saw Dick O'Brien lead a large Model A group over to Dairy Joy in Weston for our last outdoor food gathering. Everyone enjoyed the food...but it was starting to get a little chilly by the time everyone was finished. We met again on Sept 20th...I must admit this tour was not on the tour schedule, but I had it on my calendar from the tour meeting in March, and I had it listed in the Oil Leak. We had 5 families show up, two with Model A's. This time we headed to the Piccadilly Pub on Fort Meadow Reservoir in Marlboro. We may have had a small turnout, but those there had a great time and the food was good too. Looking ahead, October appears to be filled with some more fun filled food gathering...why not try to attend one or all.

## F A M E - R e D U X



The Minuteman Crew mustered in the Sudbury Grange parking lot at 9:00 AM sharp on the 11th of Sept. The Lindens, Champagnes, O'Briens, Allens, McDonalds, Wrights, Clarks, Berrys, Martins, Arthur Callan, Bucky Silvestrone, Josie Defazio, Tracy and Leah Scheidemantel (JJ's Daughter and Granddaughter), reported to Captain Jack Stokinger, who in turn reported to Admiral John Jacobson .----Why all this nautical gibberish?---WE WERE GOING SAILING !!!

After a back roads trip led by Capt. Stokinger to Salem, Massachusetts, 12 Model A's were met by a National Park Service Ranger( Pickering Wharf, our destination, is a National Historic Park) With diapers under our cars, we parked on the wharf, and proceeded to board the Schooner "Fame", a replica of an 1800's Privateer vessel, for a two hour sailing cruise of Salem Harbor. Afterwards we had lunch at a well known local seafood restaurant. Other than a few inconsiderate onlookers who insisted on seeing our A's from atop our running boards or fenders, all went well ,and after Art Callan promised us that he would have reverse gear next time we tour, we made our way home in two groups--one,slow, and the other, slower.-

-Respectfully submitted, unablebodied Seaman, John Jacobson



If you missed the Super Tour to Maine and Vermont, you missed traveling on scenic back roads like this one.



The Wayside Inn Ice Cream tour is always a popular one. Bill Allen and Gary Hoyt are first in line.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

(Submitted by Roy Johnson)

### 35 YEARS AGO-- OCTOBER 1969

Oil Leak is missing from our files.

### 25 YEARS AGO --OCTOBER1979

14 members and guests attended the October meeting. A letter from Marshall Roe was read. He reports that he has been transferred to Washington D.C. and that he has sold one of his 3 Model A's, A '31 Fordor to Dick Stitt in Sudbury.

The Frostbite tour and annual dinner were discussed and a nominating committee (Bob Kellner, Dave Clark and Doug Linden) was formed for the November election of officers.

The annual auction was held with Phil Iorio as auctioneer.

Treasury balance -- \$165.41

Tour report: The annual rally was held Sept. 30 with 7 members competing. Trophies were won by Chuck Danielson and Dave Clark. Upcoming events include Foliage & Frostbite tour Nov.4 and the Christmas party at the Wayside Inn Dec. 7.

Phil Iorio has 2 Model A's to sell. A 1930 without body or fenders for \$350; 1929 Homemade Fire Truck for \$1350.

### 15 YEARS AGO -- OCT. 1989

46 Minute people made the October meeting. Ed Newman reported that the Sudbury Library now has an impressive collection of Model A books that are available to all Library card holders (any library card). The TV/VCR committee has purchased--you guessed it--a TV/VCR...

Bo Carter pleaded for free Oil Leaks for our Advertisers but it was quickly pointed out by our Oil Leak editor that the small \$15 per year advertising income would be pretty well eaten up by the cost of mailing out 12 issues--\$10.20 per year. If they would like to receive the Oil Leak, join the Club !!

Treasury Balance --\$3451.57

Tour report: Oct. 1st was the apple picking tour at the Lynch Orchard in Stow. We finally did get there after numerous stops for (what else) food. First Coffee and Donuts at Friendly's, then sandwiches at the Sudbury Deli and finally ice cream at Ericksons in Maynard. There were 20 Cars ( including 2 Moderns) on the tour so we did our bit to help the economy. Well the food supplies at least.

Upcoming events: Camp Virginia tent party Oct. 28 ; Frostbite Rally Nov. 12 ; Winterize Garage tour Nov. 18 ; Annual Christmas party Dec 7.



Oh, Mr O'Brien...You've done it again! Yes it's true...our illustrious Tour Director ran out of gas returning from the Grand Tour at the New England Meet down on the Cape this weekend. As you know this is the second time, that we are aware of, that Dick's gas gauge has outsmarted him. Although the "0" was showing, Dick says the gauge must be off. However, Barbara seemed to recognize what the "0" meant as she told Dick he needed gas both times. We have a few more tours left, so far it's gas gauge 2...Dick 0.

# *Longfellow's Wayside Inn Dinner*

Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, Massachusetts

**\*\* OCTOBER 21, 2004 \*\***

**Minuteman Model A Ford Club Annual Wayside Inn Dinner**

**Please join us for our annual dinner at the Wayside Inn. This is a popular event and seating is limited, so don't delay!**

**Reservation deadline is October 14, 2004.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM, AND, WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: "MINUTEMAN MODEL A FORD CLUB"**

**MAIL TO:**

**Bruce Marshall**

**Box 4054**

**Andover, MA 01810-0811**

*Reservation deadline is October 14, 2004*

	Price per Person	Quantity	Total Price
Prime Rib of Beef	\$37.00	X	= \$
Baked Scrod with Lemon Butter	\$32.00	X	= \$
Boneless Breast of Chicken	\$32.00	X	= \$
			<b>Total_____</b>

**Dinner includes entrée, salad, vegetable, potato and dessert.**

***Price includes all taxes and gratuities!***

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse-Guest-S/O: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Reservation deadline is October 14, 2004*



## 48th Annual New England Model A Meet

To quote old Lawrence Welk, the show was "Wunerful - Wunerful." Yes, the New England Meet is over and was it ever a huge success. And the weather...you couldn't have asked for anything better. The hurricanes stayed away, making it a sunny weekend right on the beach.

This was undoubtedly the largest New England Meet ever held, with 265 registrations and well over 550 people attending. There is no question, the Cape Cod location sure added to the popularity, as evident there were folks registered from California, Texas and Georgia and yes, they drove their Model A's. In fact the California car was 7000 mile into their trip and were fresh from Newfoundland. And they still had to drive back to CA.

People started arriving as early as Monday, but the official events kicked-off with a Thursday night Dinner/Dance. Since so many attendees had arrived by Thursday, MARCOM (the hosts) added this event to schedule. By Friday the parking lot was jammed full of Model A's and what a sight it was. The Raffle Room was in full swing and members were seen dropping tickets for the items that caught their fancy. Friday night was an old fashion turkey dinner, complete with music for dancing and a comedian who did some old fashion jokes that had the audience laughing.

Saturday morning it was the Grand Tour to the Heritage Plantation for a New England Clam Bake. The tour was beautiful, following the beautiful coast line and by picturesque Nobska Lighthouse. The sight of all the Model A's on the field was sure

something to see. It was time to vote for your favorite cars and boy there were some beautiful one to chose from. Next came the clambake which created a long line of people anxious to get there twin lobster dinner. Yup two lobsters each. Included in the day was admission to the Plantation and the great car museum, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Saturday afternoon was spent on the beach at the Sea Crest Resort. It was great to walk the beach, watching the wind surfers, and just enjoying sitting on the deck with friends.

Saturday night was a deli style buffet dinner, complete with a band for dancing. Again it was a fun evening.

Sunday it was time for the awards brunch and drawing of the raffle prizes. First was the brunch, and was it ever great! Plenty of great food.

Next, came the awards, for all the classes. we all listened to the politely as the trophies were given, BUT when they announced that one of our own, Tom Geagan won the coveted best of show the Minuteman group made lots of noise. Tom was in shock...it was his first showing of the car.

Next it was the raffle prizes and the Minuteman members won there share of the raffle...but by far the most excitement came when they called the winning number of the 50/50 Raffle and our own Bucky Silvestrone jumped up in disbelief that his number was called.

With that, the meet ended and everyone was looking forward to next years show on Long Island.

## --- We're in the Movies ---

I thought you might find this hard to believe, but it was eight years ago this October (1996) that many of the Minuteman'ers were being fitted for clothes and learning how to walk past cameras as a major film company used not only our Model A's, but us as well, in the making of the "**The Proposition**". Your editor's car was designated as a "star car" (as was the O'Briens Woody and the DiDomenico's '35 Ford) and was driven by one of the stars, Kenneth



Doug Linden and Kenneth Branagh during filming

Branagh, who I might add was a very quick learner, as yours truly and Dick O'Brien gave driving lessons to some of the stars. The Model A's were a primary part of the realism of the movie as it was a period movie set in 1935. So, as would be expected, back ground scenes needed lots of vehicles driving by in the background to make it look real. And not only was it the cars in the back ground, but signs were changed, and street were carefully chosen to reflect older style buildings. In fact some buildings even had modern window moldings covered by fancy "duct tape." The need for "extras" in the movie provided a once in a life time opportunity for members to participate in being part of a Hollywood movie. The interesting thing was how long it takes to get something on the big screen as there are numerous takes to get the feeling the director is looking for. I wonder how many times Jocie Defazio and Wilma Johnson had to walk to the "bread line" or Gene Ervin had to cross the street just to get the right "look?" But it was fun and we got paid



Technicians busy installing small lights in the Linden's sedan to light up the "stars" face during filming at night.

too. In fact Dick O'Brien was chosen to be the "Grass Cutter" and had to go to Make up and costume before shooting started...well, I f he didn't look "special" in the chair beside Blyth Danner. Oh. by the way, Dick's "29 Woody got more paid 10X for sitting in the driveway than Dick did for cutting the grass. I guess we know who's the star! It sure was a fun time and when the movie finally was released the club went en mass to se it and what a time we had...in fact I think we may have

seen it twice. The club has a copy in the video library and if you watch the A&E Channel it is shows up on TV every so often.

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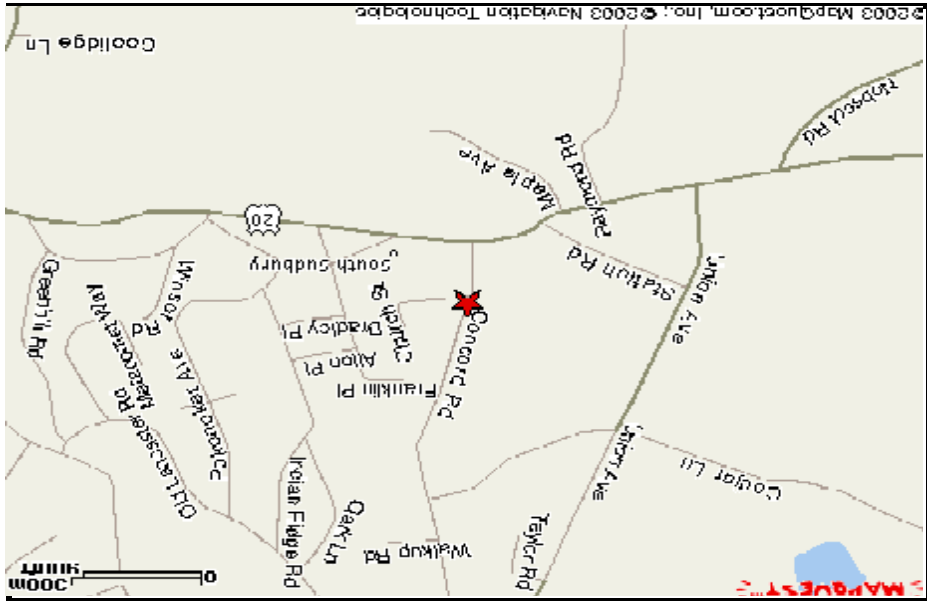


Members, Bob Wright and Ed Quirk were having a great time at the 48th Annual New England Meet on "ole Cape Cod" this past weekend.



Well, Bucky was all smiles and we were all cheering for him when he realized he had just won the 50/50 raffle at the NE Meet

Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Rd, Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00PM. June, July and August meeting locations will be announced. The December meeting is replaced by the Holiday Party.



The October 5th, meeting we will be at our regular meeting place. The meetings are at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Rd. in Sudbury. See map

**Meetings Return to the Church**

**REMINDER**

**Minuteman Model "A" Ford Club  
P O Box 545, Sudbury, MA 01776**



**October 2004**

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