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Peter's September Message

The cookout meeting at Jo and Jack's was a terrific time, so much food!!! Speaking for the club thank you very much for your time, efforts and sacrifice to make our last Garage meeting of the year a success.

My personal thanks to all the members for the large turnout and for driving your "As ", it is quite a sight to see how many cars are



Tyler Garsik receiving his National Model A Ford scholarship check From Peter

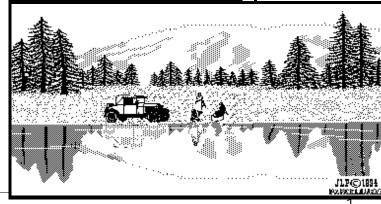
driven to our events. So it is back to the Memorial Congregational Church for the September meeting and to celebrate the evening Janice and I will be having MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAES once again Bring your appetites! Speaking of ice cream, this year's tour to the WavSide Inn turned out to be one of the best, what with the Sudbury Fife and Drum Corps, what more could one ask

for....a great time with good people, simply the best, or as I am often reminded, "It doesn't get any better then this.. " We have a little surprise for you during the next meeting; Art

Callan will present a video presentation of the recollections and memories of two of the last surviving boys from the historic Ford Training School here in Sudbury. This should be a feature packed evening. Least I forget, my thanks to Bruce Marshall for chairing the last meeting.

See you all in September.....

Peter



Minuteman Model A Ford Club		
Minutes for August 2, 2004 at Jo Johnson and Jack Stokinger's home 50 members and guests attended		

We enjoyed hamburgers, hot-dogs, salads and desserts. Good ol' cookout food.

Bruce was "in charge"...wearing the "President's hat." Welcomed all and introduced Wayne and Sue's children and thanked them for hosting in July.

The four members who attended the National Meet in Portland OR presented a program. Those attending were Dick Stitt, Wayne Champagne, Jack Stokinger and Doug Linden, they all relayed stories to our membership. They received a "Gentlemen Start Your Engines" trophy, for their competitive efforts. Also in attendance were Art and Pat Callan, Frank Buckley and Gene Bunce.

Vice President and Webmaster

Announced the Annual Ice Cream Event at the Wayside Inn, August 18.

Secretary-Gary Hoyt

Minutes for July 2004 approved MSP as printed in <u>Oil Leak</u>

Treasurer- Dick Stitt

Two reports (June and July) were voted MSP.

Other Reports

Sunshine-Helen Johnson...sympathy card to Jack Carroll's wife and one to Don Freniere
Historian-Roy Johnson...no report
Web Master-Bruce Marshall...new photos on the web He will experiment with an online <u>Oil Leak</u>
<u>Oil Leak</u>—deadline 8/24 or before
Video Librarian-George Day...no report
Shop Keeper-Harold Samuels...not in attendance

Mileage and Raffles- No mileage and no raffles during summer meetings.

Wayne will do raffles in September

Tour Director-Dick O'Brien...Tour schedule in the <u>Oil Leak</u>, on the web site and on the Tour Schedule cards

Old Business:

Current Business:

Presentations:

- 1. Tyler Garsik accepted his first \$1000.00 (of \$4000.00) for his MAFCA Scholarship Award
- 2. MARC award to Ms. Jane True for exemplary work on the 2003 Oil Leak

Peach Picking 8/15 canceled

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

Adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Gary Hoyt

TREASURER'S REPORT		A Heart Felt Thank You
Income & Expenses		I would like to thank all the members of the
Accrual Basis July 24 through August 16, 2004		Model A Club who participated in my husband
Ordinary Income/Expense		Jack's funeral.
Income		Frank & Dot Buckley
Advertising	40.00	Dick & Barbara O'Brien
Fines	1.00	Doug & Nan Linden
Member Dues	80.00	Dick Stitt
Misc.(Int./Div./Change Value)	9.85	
Parades	150.00	Jim True
Total Income	\$280.85	Bucky Silvestrone & Joci DeFazio
		Gene & Joyce Bunce
Expense		Jack Stokinger
Annual Picnic Expense	11.51	Wayne Champagne
Oil Leak Printing		Harold Legge
158.24 San in Change	5 45	Gene Talone
Service Charge	5.45 \$175.20	Gary Hoyt
Total Expense	\$175.20	
Net Ordinary Income	\$105.65	Mike Doyle
Net Ordinary medine	\$105.05	What a great tribute to Jack! I know he would
Net Income	\$105.65	have really enjoyed it!
	A.	Thanks to all again.
		Sincerely,
		Geneva Carroll
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TOUR SCHEDULE*

- Sept 2.....6:30PM......Pizza and Beer tour
- Sept 11....9:00AM......Schooner Fame Tour to Salem, MA...John Jacobson tour leader
- Sept 14...6:30PM.....Food & I ce Cream...
- Sept 17-19.....Bennington VT car show and Flea Market...on your own
- Sept 20...6:30PM.....Food & I ce Cream...
- Sept 24-26......48th Annual NE Meet in Falmouth MA...various times, check at meeting
- Oct 211:00AM......Apple Picking...Gene Bunce tour Leader
- Oct 6-9.....Hershey AACA Flea Market and Car Show...on your own

* Tours start from the Sudbury Grange unless otherwise mentioned



SUNSHINE REPORT

Sent a sympathy card to Geneva Carroll for the death of Jack. Also Sent a card to Joyce Croci for the death of her mother. Our sympathies, thoughts, and prayers are with Geneva and Joyce.

Sent a get well card to Don Freniere who had a hip replacement. Thanks to Jean Kelly for calling me about Don's surgery. Hope your feeling better now Don. I talked to Ellie Thompson and she misses everyone from the club, so I think it would be nice for everyone to send her a card now and then. Call me if anyone needs a card for any reason. HELEN JOHNSON, "SUNSHINE"

I thought I would share with everyone a wonderful email I recently received.

Dear Doug,

My name is Kathy (Silvestrone) Ferrin, I'm Bucky's daughter. I live in California and I have just recently discovered the Minuteman Website. I'm writing to tell you how blessed I am to find it. There are a number of reasons that I'd like to share with you why it blesses me. First of all my dad and I live so far away it keeps me connected with him and all my wonderful memories of growing up with a "Model A Dad". Next I want to share what that has meant to me and all that I have learned from it. As a child I totally enjoyed being part of the Model A club's. I enjoyed the meets, parades and even the swap meets. Monthly meetings I attended really made me feel a part of it all by setting up and serving refreshments. I was awarded a beautiful jewelry box in appreciation for doing what I loved. All of this had great learning for a child. I may not have seen it then but I have over the years. It has taught me commitment and dedication, sticking to it till it done. Faithfulness and patience, working hard to make it right. But most of all the longlasting and genuine friendships that develop and endure through all the years. Looking through the members car section of the website evoked wonderful thought's of people who loved me as a child and probably still do, as I do them. Going way back to the years with the Buckley's, the Parks, the Hoyt's, the Dunham's, they truly are wonderful people with beautiful hearts, especially my Dad and Joci. So I thank you and feel free to share this letter with club members and thank them for the memories and the friendships. P.S. Enjoyed all the pictures of those masterpiece cars. Have a blast at the 48th Annual New England Meet, wish I could be there. Sincerely Kathy Ferrin

Is that a great note or what? As a parent, it makes you feel good to see what kind of impact we have on our kids. You did good Bucky!

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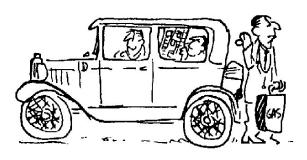
- FOR SALE...1929 Ford Model "A" 4 Dooor Phaeton Model 35-A...Arabian Sand paint with Ivory pin stiping and wheels, Firestone Whitewall Tires, LeBaron-Bonney Upholstery and Top, Dual Side Mounts - Excellent Operating/Show Condition...Appraised at \$29,000 offered by 2nd Owner for \$25,000 Contact R.F. Kimball 36 Edgewater Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 (401)783-2318 or RFKBFD@AOL.COM for Details
- FOR SALE...1940 Ford 4-Door Delux V-8, 90% Restored, Looks Awesome! New Black Paint, Tires, and Dash. Must See! Just \$13,000 Contact Gary Hoyt (508) 6550077
- **FOUND** Weaver Auto Crane...Thanks to all who saw my add, I got a lead on a tow truck crane in New Hampshire and I purchased it. No need to look any longer. Jack Stokiinger

TRIAL OFFERING - For those of you with email capability, your editor and webmaster are working to provide a test period of getting the OIL LEAK electronically. The electronic version would be available to you in the Adobe "pdf" format. Since this is just a test, you would continue to get your paper copy in the mail. Some advantages of the electronic copy, would be instant arrival and pictures in color. Just let Bruce (k1aj@verizon.net) or me (douglinden@aol.com) know if you would like to participate in this trial.

Minuteman Fall Weekend Tour

New Date ♦ October 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 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**

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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.

Ice Cream Tours

The last few Ice Cream Tours were all well attended. We had **Wayne** and **Sue's** tour that took us out and around the roads around Sudbury and Wayland and ending up at Friendly's in Sudbury for ice cream, although there were as many inside for food as there were outside for ice cream. Next **Steve** and **Patty** took us over some of the most scenic roads of Hudson and Berlin that most of us had never been on before. I'm sure none of us ever knew there was such a big hill in Hudson. Certainly nice roads for Model A'ing and the views were spectacular. We ended up at the Berlin Orchards for a little shopping in the gift shop, and of course Ice Cream. And, most recently, we had a great turn out at the **Wayside Inn** for their sundae special while enjoying the music of the Fife & Drum members of the Sudbury militia. As you can see, a major portion of our tour schedule is devoted to enjoying Ice Cream. In the words of Russ Thompson "What A Club!"

Update on Art Callan's 1929 Phaeton

Doug,

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So many people know that my Phaeton went to England, that I thought this message from the new owner might be a news item for the Oil Leak. I should send him a reminder to check the oil in the overdrive frequently, as lately the BW units are not behaving themselves. Art

Hi Art,

I thought you might be interested to know that I have recently driven the car in our 1st wedding, as you can see she looked great with a new canvas top and resprayed hood. Many compliments were received and I hope future bookings will follow so that I can patch the hole in my bucket? Like all hobbies the costs add up, especially when you have 5 cars!. We will also be converting the electrics to 12 volt although I have to say when returning from a concert at 10.30 last Saturday the 6 volt were not too bad, I guess it could be that as I was only traveling at 45mph and the moon was out.

I hope you are keeping well.

Paul

Hellos from around the world

I reported in past issues of the Oil Leak that members Peter & Shelly Kaptain moved to Florida and Tony & Heather Smith returned down under to Australia. I thought you would like to know how things are going. Peter and Shelly are still unpacking and making progress getting all their "stuff" in place. Their Model A arrived and almost got left on the side of the road, but that's a longer story they need to tell. Also, we were quite surprised when they showed up at the show in Stowe, VT recently...it sure was nice to see them. Tony & Heather's trip home was more complicated and was not without it's problems, including almost missing their plane in LA, another story that they need to tell. The good news is they made it home and are slowly settling in their home they left 5 years ago. Tony reports that the Model A made the container trip with out incident and started right up after he added gas and oil to the engine. He does need to do a few things to make it right for use in Australia, but that's not a big deal and he reported that he has joined an active Model A Club in his area. He also thinks he will be able to make the 2006 MAFCA meet in Mansfield...see you there Tony.

FROM THE ARCHIVES (Submitted by Roy Johnson)

BOTH SEPT. ' 69 (35 YEARS AGO) & SEPT. ' 79 (25 YEARS AGO) OIL LEAKS ARE MISS-ING FROM OUR FILES.

15 YEARS AGO-SEPT. 1989

THE SEPT 5 MEETING BROUGHT FORTH REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. DOUG REPORTS THAT THE GIRLSCOUTS COULD USE A 2ND REFRIGERATOR INSTEAD OF A CASH GIFT. THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (ED NEWMAN) REPORTS THAT THE RECENTLY PURCHASED MODEL A BOOKS ARE ON HAND AT THE SUDBURY LIBRARY. A LISTING FOR CLUB MEMBERS IS FORTH COMING. THE VCR COMMITTEE (DICK O'BRIEN) REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE A DOZEN MODEL A TAPES ON HAND FOR MEMBERSHIP USE. STEVE WEDGE BROUGHT IN A 19" TV/ VCR COMBO FOR CLUB APPROVAL BUT IT WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION THAT OUR POOR EYE-SIGHT CALLS FOR AT LEAST A 25" TV. ALDIE JOHNSON REMINDS US TO VOTE FOR MAFCA DIRECTORS "SOON & OFTEN" ESPECIALLY NOW THAT DOUG LINDEN IS ON THE SLATE FOR DIRECTOR. THE HOLIDAY PARTY COMMITTEE (SCOTT STUDIVAN) HAS OBTAINED THE NATICK OFFICERS CLUB FOR OUR DEC. 7 EVENT.

TREASURY BALANCE ---\$14,536.83

TOUR EVENTS

JOHN JACOBSON REPORTED ON THE DENNIS DAYS PARADE (5 A'S FROM OUR CLUB). DON MORRIS REPORTED ON LEADING A MYSTERY ICE CREAM TOUR THROUGH MOST EVERY BACK ROAD FOR MILES AROUND AND FINALLY ENDING AT P.C. CREAMS IN HUDSON. UPCOMING TOURS IN OCTOBER: 1 -----APPLE PICKING 14-----HARVARD STORY TELLING 21-22----KENNEBUNKPORT WEEKEND 28-----CAMP VIRGINIA TENT LOWERING

Welcome New Members

(add these name to your Roster)

Tom & Michelle Guisti 14 Wheeler Street Grafton, MA 01536 (no car) Bryant Page 46 Concord Road Acton, MA 01720 (1929 Roadster)

Ernest & Lynette Rice 81 Tamarack Lane Boxborough, MA 01719 1931 Pickup

Ron Pitt 16 Brown Avenue

16 Brown Avenue Barrington, RI 02086 1930 Coupe

"IMPORTANT NOTICE"

MAFCA ELECTION BALLOTS

Your MAFCA election package you recently recieved was incorrect as it should have had two ballots, also some ballots had the wrong number of directors to be voted on. The following quote was taken from the MAFCA we site.

"If you have already voted using the original white ballots, they are invalid and you must revote using the salmon colored replacement ballots to have your vote counted."

A new ballot package will be mailed out to members on August 30th and you will need to use the new ballots.

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** Total Person **Price** Quantity Prime Rib of Beef \$37.00 Χ = \$ **Baked Scrod with Lemon Butter** \$32.00 Χ = \$ **Boneless Breast of Chicken** \$32.00 Χ =\$ Total 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

Longfellow's Wayside Inn Dinner

SUPER TOUR 2004 Aug 8-15

What's that you say...you didn't join the super tour, well then, you missed out on all the fun. Our journey started Sunday morning and Jack Stokinger was there to wish us well before we left and to say that he would see us when we arrived in Stowe. VT later in the week for the big car show.

The tour this year would take us to the beautiful harbor town of Camden, Maine then on to the peaceful Rangeley Lake area and finally on to Stowe, Vermont to attend the festivities there.

The tourers were the O'Briens, Lindens, Wrights, Bunces, Quirks, Allens, Goldberg/ Papernow, Silvestrone/Defazio, Dick Berry, and Bruce Marshall. The Model "A"s were up to the challenge, handling the 200+ mile day with out a hitch. And apart from a brief thunderstorm after we arrived at the motel, the weather was beautiful. Dinner on the waterfront capped a great day.

The next day was a full one. We explored downtown Camden, took an elderly woman whose father sold Model A's in Camden for a little parade, visited Owls Head Museum and a few of the local lighthouses. Later in the evening we could see the hoods up on a few Model A's as a little maintenance was called for on the Allen, Berry and Bunce Model A's.

On Wednesday we drove up the beautiful coast and then headed inland for our trip to the Rangeley Lakes area. Of course on the way we HAD to stop off in Liberty to visit a



The group at a scenic Rangeley Overlook

great used tool store. We were traveling along nicely until the Wright's sent out a distress call that the pickup was experiencing a problem. When we pulled over we were surprised to find the a 3X sparkplug had come apart and the electrode was gone, along with the plug wire. We managed to find a plug, a wire and a nut to make things "Wright" again. We had a picnic lunch at a roadside sports pavilion, and managed to get some folks to stop in and check out the cars. We arrived at the Rangeley Inn in time for a great party on the deck overlooking the peaceful lake.

How about this...waking up to the sounds of Loons out in the lake. It that right out of a tour book or what. It was a little overcast, but that didn't stop us from walking to the village and exploring the quaint little shops. We had a light lunch the patio overlooking the lake and then it was on to take a tour of the area. We had dinner at the Inn's lounge which offered a lighter fare and then it was off to do some Moose hunting. Unfortunately it was a "wild moose hunt" as we saw none. BUT we had fun anyway.

On Thursday we left Rangeley for Stowe, but first OB took us to a little place for breakfast which was very nice. We cruised along over to Colebrook, where the Allen's suggested a great Model A road (Rt102) down to Lancaster, NH. Another suggestion for a picnic was made. We barely got this in before the rains of Bonney arrived to make for a wet ride into Morrisville, VT where we were greeted by a thunderstorm and heavy rains.

Friday was too wet to hit the Flea Market field, so we went antiquing where we met up with Jack Stokinger and Wayne and Sue Champagne who postponed flea marketing until tomorrow. One thing some of us did buy, BOOTS...for the mud at the field. The sun eventually came out and the humidity went up. Dinner was at the Foxfire restaurant, where we all had a great meal.

Saturday saw great weather and we all went to the show field to register and hit the flea market. Because of all (cont. page 10)

Some great photos from recent clubs activities

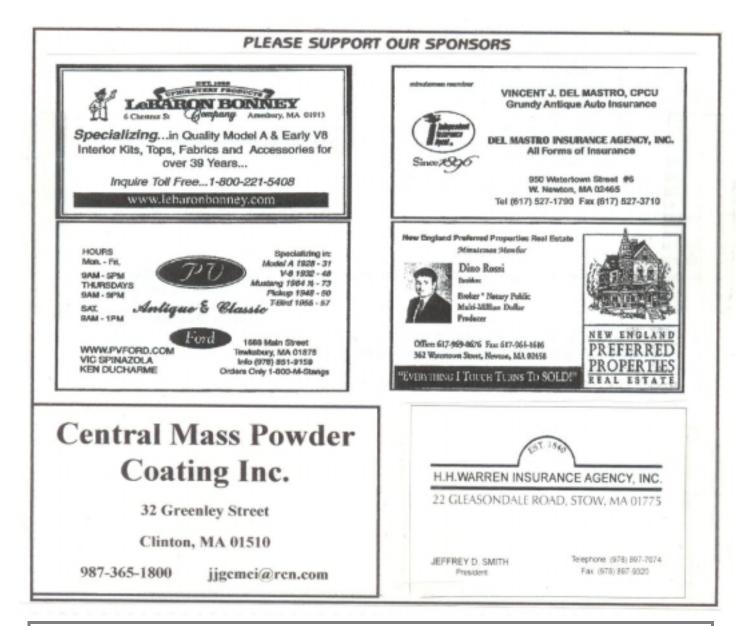


SUPER TOUR CONTINUED:

the mud, there was a long line to get on the field and once on the field it was a muddy trip to your registration spot. Needless to say, the BOOTS were necessary. We searched hi and lo for those treasures, but for the most part they eluded us. We left the field and went to Stowe to watch part of the Parade and have some lunch. The food was good and watching the cars was great too. A quick trip to the hotel brought us to Bruce who was stuck at a traffic light. We pushed him off the road and got him started after we found a strange problem, the ball on the upper distributor plate broke off. Back at the motel Bruce fixed the problem with Good old JB. That evening, John and Shirley Jacobson had everyone over to the camp ground for a pizza party. We all had a great time.

Sunday was supposed to be wet because of hurricane Charley, but as luck would have it, he turned out to sea. Our return trip home was dry with some sun at times. OB took us down some very picturesque roads and stopping along the way made the 230 mile trip very enjoyable.

So this year's Super Tour is done. We traveled approximately 1100 miles and saw some beautiful areas of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Where will we go next year...we don't know yet, but where ever it is we will have a great time for sure.

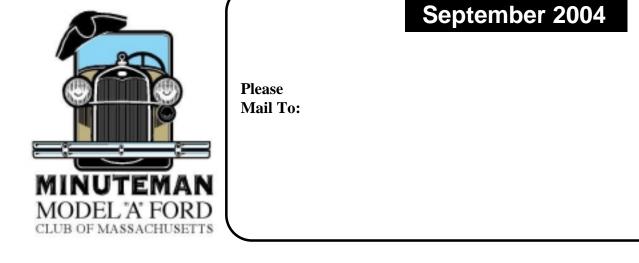


Overdrive Woes

On the way home from the June 29th Ice Cream tour we (the Lindens) were travelling on RT 20 when the Model A acted like it jumped out and then back into gear. I quickly checked the transmission and all appeared fine, but a check of the overdrive revealed that it was locked in direct drive. OH NO! With the Super Tour coming up in just over a week it was imperative that I fix the OD. Saturday morning I dropped the rear end out of the Model A and brought the overdrive unit over to Jack Stokinger's, where he, Rick Gadbois and I tore into things. What we found was that the heart of the unit, the planetary gear cage was Toast..Fried..Kaput! Fortunately Jack just happened to have all the parts need to make things right. So after a good cleaning and a little grease we reassembled the all the parts, carefully, to make sure we got it right. Fortunately we had no left over parts and the unit appeared to operate normally on the work bench. So, in 4 hours we had ever thing back together and ready to go back into the Model A. On Tuesday, with the help of Dick O'Brien, we got everything back in place and all buttoned up. The test drive revealed the operation was a success and the overdrive worked slick as could be. So my thanks to Jack, Rick, Dick and Nan (she gave me a hand in the removal process) for helping me get the repair done before the Super Tour.

Be Sure to Visit www.oil leak.org





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



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

REMINDER

<u>Meetings Return</u> to the Church

Beginning with the September 7th, meeting we will be returning to our regular meetings are at the Memorial Congragational Church on Concord Rd. in Sudtional Church on Concord Rd. in Sud-