

# The Oil Leak

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## The Prez Speaks....

The early morning of March 20<sup>th</sup> dawned sunny and brisk at the Annual Minuteman "Winter Blahs" flea market. Chairman Gene Tallone and his very helpful crew of volunteers assisted vendors in unloading their vehicles (and *reloading* after the event), sold refreshments, directed lost vendors to their spaces and ushered hundreds of bargain hunters into the large Elks Hall in Maynard. The pre-event publicity, great planning by the "Gene Team" and an enthusiastic throng of buyers hungry for the plethora of quality Model A parts and accessories at the first "flea" of the season, made this a very successful event. What a great way to kickoff the new season of club events!

The first official tour of the season was a well attended pizza and quiz tour held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Southborough House of Pizza. The restaurant is in the old Southborough, MA fire department building. The hungry participants consumed vast quantities of great pizza, salad, beverages and then were tested with some Model A brain teasers put together by Barbara O'Brien.

April is a busy month with five tours scheduled. Check your 2005 tour card(s) that will be mailed to you this month. Thanks to Dick O'Brien for the redo of the tour card! The Minuteman color logo on the cover looks great.

At our next meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, we should have some embroidered Minuteman caps for our shopkeeper Harold Samuels to sell. The prototypes looked good and the regular production run is in progress.

Let's hope for some good weather on the evening of April 5<sup>th</sup> so we can get some of those Model As out of hibernation and present at the meeting for some serious tire kicking!

Bruce

## Minuteman Model "A" Club Membership Meeting March 1, 2005

Meeting was called to order by the President, Bruce Marshall, at 7:45 PM. (34 members in attendance)

Bruce thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Motions were made to accept the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report as printed in the *Oil Leak*.  
MSP

The President reported that a Board Meeting and Tour Committee Meeting were held this past month.

Vice President, Tom Zappala read an announcement from the Fitchburg Club announcing a Flea Market to be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, registration forms are available for the **49<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Model A Ford Meet** to be held September 22-25, 2005 in Smithtown, New York (Long Island).

It was announced that Bucky Silvestone was hospitalized with "shingles".

**Membership:** Nan Linden reported 145 paid members. Rosters will be coming out in the April Oil Leak.

**Membership Roster:** Bruce reported that hopefully the Roster will be in a different, easier to use format. It will open in center and be smaller in size but contain more information.

**Oil Leak Editor:** Doug Linden reported that Tam's has been added to our Tour Card as an advertiser. Any input, articles, "sales" or "wanted" should be into Doug by the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Doug also thanked Wayne, Jo and Bruce for assisting him in correcting a dilemma with the printing of the March 2005 *Oil Leak*.

Regarding Electronic Delivery of your *Oil Leak*: if you would like your *Oil Leak* delivered via e-mail, please let Doug know. You will receive it faster and it will cost less to send. Save it for future reference.

**Tour Director:** Dick O'Brien: The **Super Tour** will be from 7/17-7/28/2005 to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Most all motels will have ocean views. Information for reservations will be available at our next meeting. Bruce thanked Dick for a "great Tour Committee Meeting last Thursday".

**Winter Blahs Flea Market** will be held on 3/20/05 at the Maynard Elks Club. Help is needed to assist the Vendors in unloading and loading.

**Minuteman Logo:** Dick O'Brien has a digitized sample of our Logo. He will have hat samples in different colors available at our next meeting and later shirts and jackets.

**Name Badges** are available from Nan Linden. Failure to wear your name badge is a fine of 25 cents. Fine Collector tonight was David Willens.

Bruce Marshall presented special Participation Pins to those deserving members who were not present at

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our last meeting: John Pierce, Bob and Diane Gedney and Dick Krug. An additional pin maybe purchased for \$3.00.

**Unfinished Business:** Dick Stitt has bought 30 alternator pulleys...he has a few left at \$15.00 each. Jack Stokinger has ordered 12 alternators.

**New Business:** Tom Geagan received a donation of back issues of *The Restorer* and *Model A News* back to early 60's. If you are interested in a particular article or issue, contact Tom.

The President is still looking for someone to host the July and August meetings.

Refreshments for the April meeting will be provided by John Pierce, Clyde Kelton and Gene Bunce.

At the last Board Meeting, Wayne Champagne was appointed "Logo Steward" to approve any use of our Club Logo. The Board will formulate a job description..

Patti Papernow is looking into having the American Red Cross hold a 4-hour course for those wishing to be CPR trained.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Wright  
Secretary

Following refreshments, Bruce Marshall, Webmaster and President, presented a visual of our Minuteman website ([www.oilleak.org](http://www.oilleak.org)) and how to utilize it to its fullest potential.

## HUMOR DEPRTEMENT



## Welcome to Our New Members

- ◆ Dean & Carol Hillman  
Soutborough, MA  
1930 Std Roadster (been in family since 1935)
- ◆ Matthew Johnson  
Sudbury, MA  
(No Model A at this time)
- ◆ John & Patricia Booth  
Andover, MA  
1930 Sport Coupe  
1931 Town Sedan

Welcome to the club folks, we sure hope to see you at a meeting in the near future.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

February 15, through March 15, 2005

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

Members Dues	460.00
Club Items Sold	375.00
Flea Market Vendor fee	270.00
Advertising	75.00
Raffle (club)	<u>30.27</u>

Total Income \$1210.27

#### Expense

Admin. Expense	154.90
Oil Leak Printing	135.55
Postage	<u>250.00</u>

Total Expense \$535.45

Net Ordinary Income \$674.82

Net Income \$674.82



## SUPER TOUR

(July 17-28, 2005)

The arrangements for the Super Tour are all set and now all we need is to have people contact Dick O'Brien to sign up to join the tour. We will be touring to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

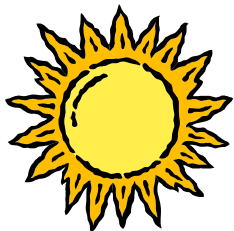
The itinerary calls for stops in Bar Harbor, ME; Mahone Bay, NS; two nights in Port Hawkesbury, NS; Pictou, NS; two nights in Cavendish, PEI; Sussex, NB; Machias, ME; and two nights in Boothbay Harbor, ME. A detailed itinerary is available from Dick with hotels and their rates.

On this tour we will be taking the "CAT" from Bar Harbor to Yarmouth, NS which is a fast 2 1/2 hour trip, this should be a lot of fun in itself.

The estimated distance of this tour is around 2200 miles and as a result we will want to make sure our Model A's are ready for the trip. Also, a meeting of the participants will be scheduled to review the plans and the preparations underway.

## A-T-T-E-N-T-I-O-N

As was mentioned in the meeting minutes, Prez Bruce asked the membership to consider hosting a summer meeting. The JUNE meeting location has been reserved, but, if you are interested in hosting the club meeting for July or August, please contact Bruce or see him at a future meeting.



## SUNSHINE REPORT

NO CARDS WERE SENT THIS MONTH. EVIDENTLY EVERYONE IS AVOIDING THE THE FLU AND COLDS. I WISHED THE "HISTORIAN" WELL AS HE HAD A CATARACT OPERATION THIS MONTH AND IS DOING FINE NOW.

PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO NEEDS A CARD.

The Minuteman Model A Ford Club is affiliated with both national Model A clubs. Both of these organizations offer as part of their membership the best Model A related magazines you can get. Please consider joining both of these great national clubs.

### National Club Membership Application

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I am presently a member of the Minuteman Model A Club of Massachusetts.

Dues are \$30 per year and should be mailed directly to the MAFCA .

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#### MODEL A RESTORER CLUB - MARC

24800 Michigan Ave.  
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### Minuteman Model A Ford Club

#### Logo Steward responsibilities

The logo steward duties and responsibilities are as follows:

- Store Master logo files on a CD in all sizes and styles created by the designer.
- Store back-up logo files on a CD in all sizes and styles created by the designer.
- Create and maintain a three-ring binder with hard copies of all logo sizes and styles created by the designer.
- Release copies of the club logo only to executive board approved sources.
- Review and approve logo usage prior to any production runs (hats, shirts, jackets, pins, patches, banners, misc. club merchandise, etc.)
- Create acceptable "Rules of Use" guidelines and make revisions to the guidelines as needed from direction given by the executive board from time to time.
- Report any unauthorized use of the logo to the executive board for immediate corrective action.



**FROM THE ARCHIVES**  
**(Submitted by Roy Johnson - Historian)**

**35YEARS AGO--APRIL-1970**

The April meeting was held at Dave Franck's house. Eleven members and one guest attended. To encourage tour participation, it was voted to donate a full tank of gas to all members who drive their A's on long club tours.

Treasury Balance -- \$299.44

Seven members made the recent tour to Ed Dunne's garage. His work in progress consists of 3 A's including a rare ' 31 Paddy Wagon. .The May meeting will be at Carlings Brewery in Natick. We will have a tour of the Brewery followed by the monthly meeting in the Hospitality Room. The club will pay for a caterer to bring in Pizza; Carlings will supply the liquid refreshments.

.The June meeting will be at Paul Pfeffer's house. Another Ford film, "The World of Henry Ford" will be shown--if Walter remembers to bring the Projector!

**25YEARS AGO--APRIL-1980**

Thanks to the club auction, we had the largest attendance so far this year—28 members & 5 guests.

Treasury Balance -- \$367.52

Your Secretary ( Doug Linden ) is in a bind this month for time, between business travel to N.J. and family vacation. There is only 4 days to type, copy & mail these bulletins.

Contact Doug Linden A.S.A.P. for motel reservations for our Newport tour in May. The rate is \$37.10.

Our first tour of the 1980 season was to Parker's Maple Sugar Barn in Mason N.H. where we received an education in the large intensive process of making Maple Syrup. Ten families dusted off their Model A's for the leisurely tour. Only one Modern (your Secretary) . The Besserts made their first official trip in their ' 29 coupe. Joe Demilla astounded everyone when he revealed that his Pick-up was running on propane. Joe has really come up with a slick set up.

**15YEARS AGO--APRIL-1990**

Last month, we had snow on meeting night, this month it was rain. Again, one lone "A" in the parking lot and yes again it was John Jacobson. He may earn the member of the year award before the rest of us get our cars out of storage !

Our guests were Vic Spinazola and Ken Ducharme of PV Antique Ford Parts of Two Videos were shown of their winter rebuilding projects: A ' 65 Mustang and a ' 30 Model A Roadster.

Treasury Balance -- \$14,936.93

Two tours are planned for the near future.

April 29 -- A fund raising Ice Cream tour for the Blind Children Fund led by Art Callan.

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER REMINDER**

Send Bruce (k1aj@verizon.net) or me (douglingen@aol.com) an email if you would like to receive only a electronic copy of the Oil Leak. This is a great way to get your newsletter as soon as it's finished and in color.

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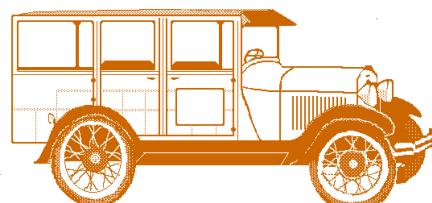
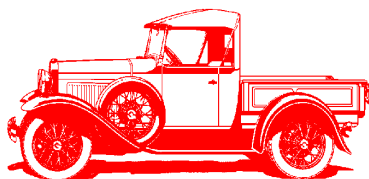
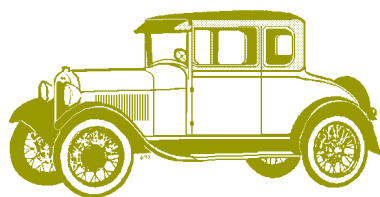
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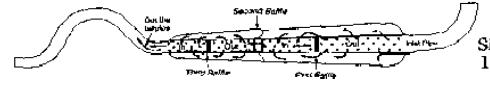
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Come for an enjoyable social evening of fun and good music with Minuteman Model A-ers as we sit at decorated tables and waiters serve beverages and snacks throughout the performance...Save the date: Saturday, May 21, 2005 - - - - -Concert time is 8:00PM, Performing Arts Center at 51 Walden St. Concord

More details and sign up sheet will be available at our April meeting. Special group rate of \$15 /person is available if 12 or more attend.

See Wilma Johnson



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Touring Clinic

Date: April 23rd

Place: Jack & Jo's Garage  
75 Haynes Road, Sudbury

Time: By Appointment (978-440-8031)  
8:00 - 4:00

Once again, some of Minuteman's best mechanics will be on duty to check your brakes, lights, steering, engine timing and other items that may come up after the road test.

A sign up sheet will be passed around at the April meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call for an appointment at 978.440.8031. Appointments are set up every half hour from 8 am to 4 pm and the inspection takes approximately one hour. Space is limited, so sign up is on a first come, first serve basis. In order for everyone to be accommodated, please plan to arrive at your appointed time.



The Spring Touring Clinic hosted by Jack & Jo on April 23rd is a great opportunity to start the 2005 touring season off right and hang out with the guys for a while. The intent of this clinic is to give each of the Model A's attending a comprehensive check and identify any areas that the owner might want to repair before the touring season really gets going. Some items are adjusted on sight, such as headlights and steering toe-in, because of the special equipment or conditions needed that the we may not have at home. Other items may be fixed because they are easy to do and as you can see by the above pictures, the event has everyone busy pitching in and get the job done.

## 'I Think Mr. Ford is Leaving Us'

### Henry Ford

- **Born:** 30 July 1863
- **Birthplace:** Greenfield Township, Michigan
- **Death:** 7 April 1947
- **Best Known As:** Creator of the Ford Motor Company



He was one of the world's most powerful men, but the only light in his home on the night that he died came from candles and kerosene lamps. The only heat was provided by logs burning in the fireplaces. The telephones were dead. Swollen from a torrential Easter Sunday rain, the usually placid Rouge River was on a rampage. The water was eight to ten feet above its normal crest. Never before had it risen so high. The flood had put out of action the power plant for Fair Lane, Henry Ford's mansion on the river's north bank in Dearborn.

Only three people were in the house on the night of Monday, April 7, 1947. They were Ford himself, his wife, Clara Bryant Ford, and a maid, Rosa Buhler. Ford was 83 and had been in a steady physical decline for three years, but he had insisted that day on seeing the damage caused by the flood.

Ray Dahlinger, his farm superintendent, first drove him to Greenfield Village, where Ford had gathered structures from all over the country that reminded him of the horse-and-buggy America of his youth. The area was dangerously close to the river, but he was happy to find that no real harm had been done. At the Ford Rouge plant he was cheered by finding his giant ore boat, the Henry Ford II, safely in dock from its first spring trip down the Great Lakes.

In midafternoon he rejoined Mrs. Ford at Fair Lane. At dinner he talked over plans for a 100-mile trip-with Dahlinger the next day. Ford said that he wanted to see how the village industry centers at Milan and Flat Rock had fared. But talking made him tired. At 9 p.m. he said good night and went to his bedroom.

At about 11:15, Mrs. Ford heard him calling. She hurried to him, as she always did when Henry called. He told her he didn't feel well. His head ached, he said, and his throat was dry.

Mrs. Ford gave him a glass of water. She sent Miss Buhler to alert Robert Rankin, the family chauffeur, in his living quarters over the garage behind the house, to get a message to the family physician. It took Rankin only a few minutes to drive to the nearest workable telephone, half a mile away at the Ford Engineering Laboratories. He called Dr. John G. Mateer, of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, and the oldest grandson, Henry Ford II, at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

When Miss Buhler returned to the bedroom, she heard Mrs. Ford say, "Henry, speak to me!" Ford's heavy breathing had stopped. "What do you think of it?" Mrs. Ford asked her. "If only the doctor would come!"

"I think Mr. Ford is leaving us," Miss Buhler said.

Mrs. Ford went to get some warmer clothing. As the maid watched Ford it seemed to her that he tried to fold his hands, as if in prayer, and there was a change in his face. She called to Mrs. Ford. The two

women sat on one bed, watching him. Minutes went by and then Miss Buhler got up and listened to the old man's heart.

"I think he has just passed away," she said.

She was right. When Dr. Mateer arrived 20 minutes later, Ford's heart had stopped beating.

Fate had contrived an ironic touch in putting Ford's death in the setting of the same flickering light by which he had come into the world 83 years before.

*The preceding is a part of an article that was obtained from the historical records of the Detroit News and was written by Don Lochbiler*

# FITCHBURG AIRPORT

FITCHBURG, MASS.



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## What's New for the Model "A" (From the Ford Service Bulletins)

### April 1928

The diameter of the shaft hole in the oil pump body has been increased from 9/16" to 5/8" diameter and the relief removed from the oil pump shaft. When replacing the shaft in an oil pump equipped with the relieved shaft be sure to replace it with the same type of shaft, as the present design straight shaft would not allow sufficient area for oil flow when mounted in the previous design pump with the 9/16" shaft hole. The relieved shaft can, however, be used in the present pump with the 5/8" shaft hole.

### April 1929

A new headlamp wire clip (A-14598) is available to protect engine pan from cutting the wire. It is held in place by the front hood fastener on the steering gear side. A new Rear Main Bearing Cap is now being used. This cast iron cap is 1 1/8" thick compared to the 9/16" forged cap. New bolts 4 3/16" are now required. The Throttle control assembly has been redesigned from a two piece to a one piece design.

### April 1930

A new Generator pulley (A-10130-B) is now being used. This pulley is 9/32" narrower than the old one. When using this pulley on a "BR" armature it will be necessary to insert a special washer next to the face of the pulley to compensate for the difference in thickness between the old and the new. The Radiator baffle has also been redesigned to lessen the loss of water through the overflow pipe. A new Horn bracket is being used because of a change in the headlamp tierod. The new bracket is now 1 1/8" instead of 1" wide.

### April 1931

The AA truck wheel disc was changed to incorporate a reinforcing bead around the outside of the hub bolt holes. New truck spring shackles are now being used with the 16 leaf rear spring to lower the loading height of the truck. The new shackle is 4 3/4" vs the old 3 1/2". The gas gauge frame has been changed to include a lug to help keep the gauge in a vertical position. Also a new style metal tire cover is available for the spare tire. the cover consists of a black inner and outer ring with chrome plated molding strips. It was available for \$7.50.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- ◆ **April 3, 2005...**Post Office Pub Brunch Tour, North Grafton, 10:00 AM
- ◆ **April 5, 2005...**Regular Club Meeting
- ◆ **April 14, 2005...**Diner Tour starting at 6:30 PM, MacDonald's leading
- ◆ **April 17, 2005...**V8 Club Flea Market, Fitchburg Airport
- ◆ **April 18, 2005...**Marathon Cookout at the O'Briens, Noontime
- ◆ **April 23, 2005...**Spring Tour Clinic at Jack and Jo's Garage, reservations
- ◆ **April 24, 2005...**Amherst Flea Market, FYI, tour on your own
- ◆ **April 27, 2005...**Diner Tour, starting at 6:30, Bunces' leading





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An easy way to check the gauge is to first remove the gasoline tank filler cap and screen and then insert a wire hook through the filler cap opening and lift up the gauge wire until the float just touches the top of the tank. If it's properly adjusted, the gauge should register full, "F".

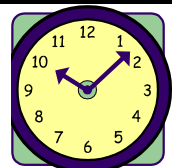
Sometimes a gauge wire is so bent that it rubs against the filler screen. When this occurs, the gauge will stick or have a jerky movement, especially noticeable when the tank is being filled. This condition can be corrected by straightening the wire.

Both of these conditions may require removal of the gas gauge to correct, however with the proper tools this can be accomplished in less than thirty minutes.

## Class - "A" -fieds

- ◆ **For Sale:** 1931 Mass. license plate. #B9911 for YOM registration of your '31 Model A. Number is clear at RMV. Satisfaction guaranteed. \$65 plus postage. Bruce Marshall - 617-448-7373 or [k1aj@arrl.net](mailto:k1aj@arrl.net)

Don't forget to set turn your clocks ahead one hour on April 3, 2005



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



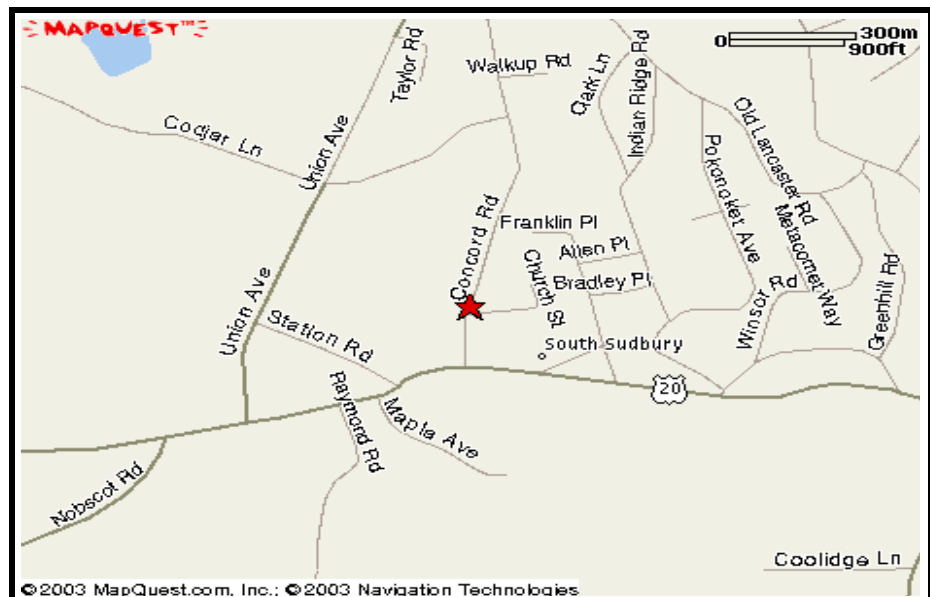
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## REMINDER

It's April and the touring season is finally here. This month's meeting will feature a variety of helpful hints to help keep your Model A running quickly and easily. Plan to attend the meeting.



Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Rd, Sudbury. Meeting start at 7:30 PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00PM.