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The Prez Speaks....

Spring seems to have finally arrived to eastern Massachusetts evidenced by the seventy members that attended our membership meeting in April. We all enjoyed a DVD movie - *"Just Out of Reach"* - which was a school film project produced and directed by David Willens. The silent film had a cast of four starring Willens as "The Boss". Three Ford Model As were borrowed for the production from Gene Bunce, John Pierce and a member of the Worcester club. We also had the good fortune of meeting our two newest club members and we had a chance to do some genuine Model A "tire kicking" with a number of Model A cars in the parking lot prior to the meeting. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM but feel free to arrive as early as 6:30 PM for the pre-meeting mingling.

Patriot's Day dawned bright and sunny and although the weather turned out to be a little warm for the Marathon runners it was a fabulous day for the O'Brien's annual cookout. Twenty-eight Model As crowded the lawn and over sixty attendees shared the sunshine, conversation and wonderful cuisine. Thanks Dick and Barbara!

Have you seen the new Club Roster? The format is such that it will fit neatly into the door pocket on your Model A! The new club logo, in color, adorns the cover and inside you'll find names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses in an easy to follow format. Thanks to Steering Committee member Jo Johnson for putting this together.

I like to sometimes take my Model A out very early in the morning when the sun is just coming up and find some back road, to nowhere in particular, taking "the road less traveled" as it were. You'll see folks out walking their dogs, joggers, anglers fishing off a bridge and all kinds of stuff you never get to see while whizzing along on the Interstate. Try driving down the less traveled road of life sometime.

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." - Frost

Bruce

Minuteman Model "A" Club Membership Meeting

April 5, 2005
Memorial Congregational Church in Sudbury, MA

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bruce Marshall, at 7:45 PM. 68 members were in attendance.

The President thanked everyone for coming this evening.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the *Oil Leak*.

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The Vice President, Tom Zappala, read invitations from the Springfield Car Show, Father's Day Car and Bike Show at the Holbrook High School, Graffiti Knights Car Club in Haverhill and from the Long Island Club who enclosed raffle tickets.

The Sunshine Coordinator, Helen Johnson reported that everyone has been well.

Historical Committee Chairman: Roy Johnson reported that he will have binders of photographs from the 1970's at the next meeting.

Membership Chairman: Nan Linden has name badges for all those who have paid their dues and new Rosters in a booklet form for all members. It was noted that the new Rosters will fit in the side pocket of your Model A. The Club has 156 members.

Oil Leak Editor: Doug Linden: "If you have anything you would like to buy or sell or trade, write it down and send it for admission in the *Oil Leak*." Deadline: April 20, 2005.

Vice President, Tom Zappala thanked Doug and Nan Linden for a "great newsletter" following by applause from the membership.

Web Master: Bruce Marshall asked if anyone does not have a picture of their car(s); send a digital photo to him for insertion in the web page. www.oilleak.org

Raffle: Wayne Champagne announced that there would be a raffle this evening.

Shopkeeper: Harold Samuels has Minuteman baseball caps for sale with the new digitized Log on the front and the web address on the back. Cost per hat: \$12.00 each, available in tan or navy.

Tour Director: Dick O'Brien thanked Wayne Champagne for adding the color logo on the Tour cards. A Dinner Tour on Thursday the 14th to be lead by Peter and Janice MacDonald.

Jack Stokinger is ordering alternators. This is your last chance to order.

Concord Pops: Wilma Johnson has a sign-up sheet to attend the Concord Pops on May 21, 2005.

Unfinished Business: Gene Tallone thanked everyone for helping on the Winter Blahs Flea Market. The vendors really appreciate our help in setting up and tearing down. Net proceeds: \$1,277 which help offset some of the expenses for the Summer picnic and the Holiday party.

The President, asked for volunteers for the summer meetings, i.e. July and August.

Tom Zappala, Vice President, read a flyer from the New Hampshire Technical College in Nashua, NH announcing an Antique Auto Restoration Program, led by John Bradley. Call 603.882.6923 or johnoldcar@aol.com if you are interested.

The President presented awards to members for their involvement in the club to Art Callan, Frank Buckley, Howard and Sally Legge, Harold Samuels and John and Shirley Jacobson.

Refreshments for the May meeting: Joci DeFazio, Sally Legge and Dick Berry volunteered.

With much fanfare, Bruce Marshall presented a 40-year membership pin from M.A.F.C.A. to Jack Stokinger.

Dick Krug was asked to collect 25 cent fines for those members not wearing their name badges.

Nan Linden, Membership Secretary, introduced Guy Morse (1928 Roadster), John Booth (1930 Deluxe Coupe) and Fernando Alvarez (1929 Sedan). Mr. Alvarez is the second owner of his '29 sedan and is selling it. Call 978-369-1397 if you're interested.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Doug Linden announced that a DVD movie - "*Just out of Reach*" - would be shown after the break. A school film project directed and produced by David Willens, the film had a cast of four starring Willens as "The Boss". Three Ford Model A's were borrowed for the production from Gene Bunce, John Pierce and a member of the Worcester club. The film was shot in black and white with subtitles. Gene told of a funny story of how David borrowed his car in the middle of a snow storm and had to keep the top down so he could see to drive. The actors wore clothing of the era and the story line followed a jewel heist that went bad. Thank you from the club to David Willens for an outstanding production.

After the film, Gene Bunce and John Pierce were assessed "fines" of two dollars each as a result of having their cars in movie!

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Wright
Secretary

Following the meeting, refreshments were served, a raffle and movie, *Just out of Reach*

For those interested in the 2005 New England Meet, I've printed a flyer in this issue of the Oil Leak. If you are planning on going I will have registration forms at the next meeting. As you know, the host hotel is full, however, if you need a room, contact me as I have a lead on a room that may be available.

Welcome our New Members

Guy Morse	Allen & Gloria Bain	Robert Schenk	Jim Hickey
193 Woodland Street	186 Main Street	53 Castle Hill Road	25 Sears Road
Hopkinton, MA 01746	Medway, MA 02053	Windham, NH 03087	Southboro, MA01772
1928 Roadster	1929 Cabriolet	1930 Coupe	1931 Town Sedan

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 16, through April 15, 2005

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Members Dues	240.00
Club Items Sold	588.00
Flea Market Vendor fee	220.00
Flea Market Food	89.70
Flea Market Attendance	969.00
Fines	4.25
Advertising	40.00
Coffee Can	50.60
Raffle (club)	<u>91.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,292.55
Expense	
Admin. Expense	141.56
Club Items for Sale	197.80
Coffee Supplies	9.95
Flea Market Other	300.00
Historical Committee	27.57
Oil Leak Printing	109.15
Raffle (Club) Expense	33.58
Roster Printing	451.50
Sunshine Expense	14.67
Tour Card Printing	<u>236.25</u>
Total Expense	\$1522.03
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 770.52
Net Income	\$ 770.52



SUPER TOUR

(July 17-28, 2005)

The arrangements for the Super Tour are all set and if you plan to join us on the tour to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island you need to call Dick O'Brien ASAP.

HILDENE TOUR

The tour to Manchester Center, VT for the annual Hildene Car Show is coming up June 10-12, 2005. We have folks staying in various motels in the area, but we will be touring up together, probably in two groups. Dick O'Brien will have more details at the next meeting.

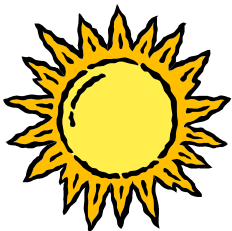
RILEY'S Roast Beef TOUR



JUNE 6, 2005 - This is one of our annual events and, as always, we will tour over to Riley's for a great meal and our own little car show. We always have a great time and there are often other classic cars joining in on the fun. Come on out and join us.

Summer Meetings

President Bruce reports that Bill Sutcliffe has volunteered to host our August meeting. We sure are grateful for our members stepping forward to host these summer meetings. We now have locations for the June and August meetings. IF you are interested in hosting the July meeting, contact Bruce.



SUNSHINE REPORT

NO CARDS WERE SENT THIS MONTH. YOU ALL STAY WELL AND ENJOY THIS LONG AWAITED SPRING.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT I SHOULD SEND A CARD TO, PLEASE CALL ME.

Helen Johnson "Sunshine"

Marathon Cook-out 2005

What can you say...it was another exceptional day for the Marathon Cook-Out hosted by Dick & Barbara O'Brien. The excitement of the Marathon follows over to the cook-out and everyone just has a great time.

The Model A's take over the yard at Dick & Barbara's home. This year, Dick had a special spot for Woodies, including his latest project, another 1929 Woodie. It wasn't finished, but it had enough of the body together to be counted as one of the 28 Model As attending.



About 1:00 PM many of us meandered down to the marathon route to see the runners as they approached the halfway mark. It's always amazing to see how fast these men and women are running after 13 miles. And how can you not be amazed to watch the

Hoyt's go by with Dad pushing his son in the wheelchair, what an inspiration. We stayed and cheered the runners as the endless line passed...but soon it was time to head back.



Back at the party, there was food galore. When Dick fires up the grill the food starts flowing, and the people gather round to fill their plates with marathon burgers and hot dogs.



It's always a good time no matter what the weather, but super weather like today's sure made it all the better. We sure thank Dick and Barbara for their continued hospitality for this wonderful event.

49th Annual New England Model A Meet on

LONG ISLAND

September 23-25, 2005

Model A people just love to have fun! And nothing is more fun than sharing good times with other Model Aers. With that in mind, the Model A Ford Club of Long Island would like to invite you to join us in 2005 as we host the New England Meet.

Long Island has country roads, beaches, museums, wineries, Gatsby-type mansions and an abundance of places of interest to explore, not to mention numerous restaurants of all types for your enjoyment.

We have planned a busy weekend for you all including a Roaring 20's Friday night mixer, so put on your thinking caps and start to plan your wardrobe with the 1920's in mind. Think boas, feather headbands, spats and garters. Be creative. You can also wear your era garb at the Saturday night banquet if you wish to maintain the party mood.

Roaring '20 Still Alive in 2005

When you register, you will receive the **secret password** for your admission to our Friday evening **speak-easy**. There, you'll find the many friends you have made at past New England gatherings and you'll enjoy the spirit of the Roaring 20's, still alive and kicking on Long Island.

Meet Event Features:

- Roaring 20's Friday Night Mixer
- Mandatory Tour
- Hubley Derby Races
- Flea Market
- Self-Guided Tours (for early arrivals)
- Saturday Night Banquet
- Raffle
- Sunday Brunch/Awards

The Host Hotel is sold out as of Nov. 1, 2004 so reservations should be made at the Overflow Hotel (less than 3 miles from the Sheraton.) If you wish to be placed on a waiting list for the Sheraton, **after registering at the Hampton Inn**, call Co-Chairman Frank Ziegler at 631-266-1363.

Host Hotel:

The Sheraton Long Island
110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway
Smithtown, New York 11788
1-888-627-7144 (Toll Free)
Room Rate: \$99 plus tax

Overflow Hotel:

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680 Commack Road
Commack, NY 11725
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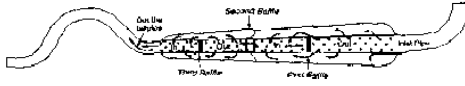
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Tech Tip Removal of Front Spring Perch

The front spring perch mounted to the front axle can be a very stubborn part to remove and a method that works very well is to make a press using some Model A parts. It involves using the two front spring U bolts and the front spring center lower plate. Remove the nut that holds the perch in place. Place a U bolt on the axle on each side of the front wishbone and position the dimple in the spring plate over the threaded part of the spring perch.

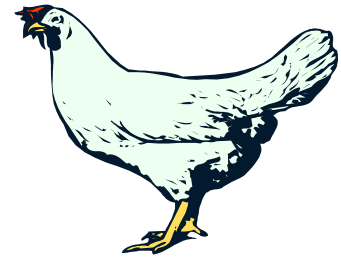


The U bolt must have good threads because this will require a lot of force. Non castle type nuts are recommended because they provide more thread coverage. Tighten the four nuts on the U bolts uniformly. This applies pressure to push the perch out of the axle. If this doesn't move the perch, heat may be needed to help loosen the bond of rust. This procedure works even when the front axle is still on the car.



Buffalo Chicken Dip

(Nan Linden)



At the Marathon Cook-out many asked me for the recipe for this dip, so here it is.

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (about 3 pounds), boiled, drained & shredded

1 - 12 ounce bottle of Frank's Hot Sauce (this brand only)

2 - 8 ounce packages cream cheese (low-fat or regular)

1 - 16 ounce bottle of Ranch dressing (low-fat or regular)

4 to 8 ounces shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a 13x9x2 inch baking pan, combine the shredded chicken meat with the entire 12-ounce bottle of Frank's hot sauce, spreading to form an even layer.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the cream cheese with the entire bottle of Ranch dressing, stirring until smooth & hot. Pour this mixture evenly over the chicken mixture to form a second layer.

Bake uncovered for 20 minutes, then sprinkle cheese over the top and bake uncovered for another 15 or 20 minutes, until hot & bubbly; you don't want the top to get browned or it will be hard.

Let stand 10 minutes before serving hot/warm with celery sticks and/or any sturdy dipping chip like Tostito Golds.

TOUR REPORTS

◆ Post Office Pub Brunch, April 3, 2005

Even though the Sunday morning sky looked threatening, 4 Model A's and several moderns with 18 members toured to the Post Office Pub for another super brunch. The food was excellent, but the members are what make a successful food tour. As it turned out, the weather stayed clear until the end of the day when the A's were safely back in their garages. One A arrived home a little later since it ran out of gas. I do not want to mention D.L.'s name, because I don't want to embarrass him. Wayne Champagne helped him out, which was nice of him.

◆ Dinner Tour April, 14, 2005

Another food tour was our first dinner tour of the season. On April 14th. This was a clear, but chilly day. Still 30 plus members (too many to name) made it to Kennedy's Pub in Marlborough led by tour leaders Mike and Grace Doyle. We all ordered off the menu and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and socializing plus watching the Red Sox on T.V. and enjoyed the lit fireplace.

What's New for the Model "A"

(From the Ford Service Bulletins)

May 1928

The service bulletins for May focused on various service points and dealer installed accessories, such as fender wheel wells and windwings. It was pointed out that the idle adjustment should be done as follows: Warm the engine and fully retard spark and throttle levers. Unhook throttle rod at carb. Adjust throttle adjusting screw so that engine will run sufficiently fast to keep from stalling. Next turn idling adjusting screw in or out until engine runs evenly without rolling or skipping. Then slowly screw in throttle screw until engine picks up slight additional speed. Connect throttle rod to car.

May 1929

A new Thrust Bearing and Cap were being used for the AA rear axle to prevent bearing trouble. A new Oil Return Pipe and Valve Cover were introduced. The hole in the valve cover was lowered and the oil return tube was lengthened. Also, the engine had a new hole to lubricate the camshaft rear bearing. Instructions were provided for service departments to drill a 3/16 hole in any block in for service. Instructions were provided for the proper release of side curtains so as not to rip the curtain. Very detailed instructions were provided for Adjusting the Breaker Points and Timing the Ignition.

May 1930

A new Breather Pipe is now being used to reduce oil loss. Spark Plug gap was changed from .027" to .035" to improve over all performance. Grease fittings were added to the Water Pump, which had previously used oil-less bushings. Plain bearings and roller bearing require the grease fittings. Also getting grease fittings were the Brake and Clutch pedals. Front Shock Absorber arms were redesigned with more offset to provide more clearance. And the Headlight Plugs and Terminals were changed. The new plug is now red in color and 9/16" in length. The wire terminals are 1/16" longer.

May 1931

The new Indented Fire wall is now being used. The gas shut-off is now under the hood and new gas lines are utilized. A new Hood Bumper (A-16760) is available to reduce the possibility of hood rattle. It is larger and heavier than the previous design. A special Low Speed Generator (A-10000-D) was made available to Police vehicles. It's output is about 14 Amps at 15 MPH. A new intake/exhaust gasket (A-9448-A-3) it makes it easier to replace during service. New cad plated hood hinge rod (A-16632-B) is being used for smoother action. Rounding out the month were new truck mirror brackets; new shock needle valve; new rear bumper brackets for the 160B and C models; and new AA differential Gear Case screws.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- ◆ **April 27, 2005...**Dinner Tour, starting at 6:30PM, Bunces' leading
- ◆ **April 30, 2005...**Rescheduled Tour Clinic at Jack and Jo's
- ◆ **May 10, 2005...**Ice Cream Tour, starting at 7:00PM, Patti Papernow leader
- ◆ **May 14 & 15....**Giant Swap Meet at Tweeter Center, \$6 pp
- ◆ **May 16, 2005...**Dinner Tour
- ◆ **May 21, 2005...**Concord Pops, contact Wilma Johnson
- ◆ **May 22, 2005...**Wellesley Parade, meet at the O'Brien's at noontime
- ◆ **May 26, 2005...**Ice Cream and Food, starting at 6:30PM
- ◆ **June 6, 2005...**Food & Ice Cream, starting at 6:30PM



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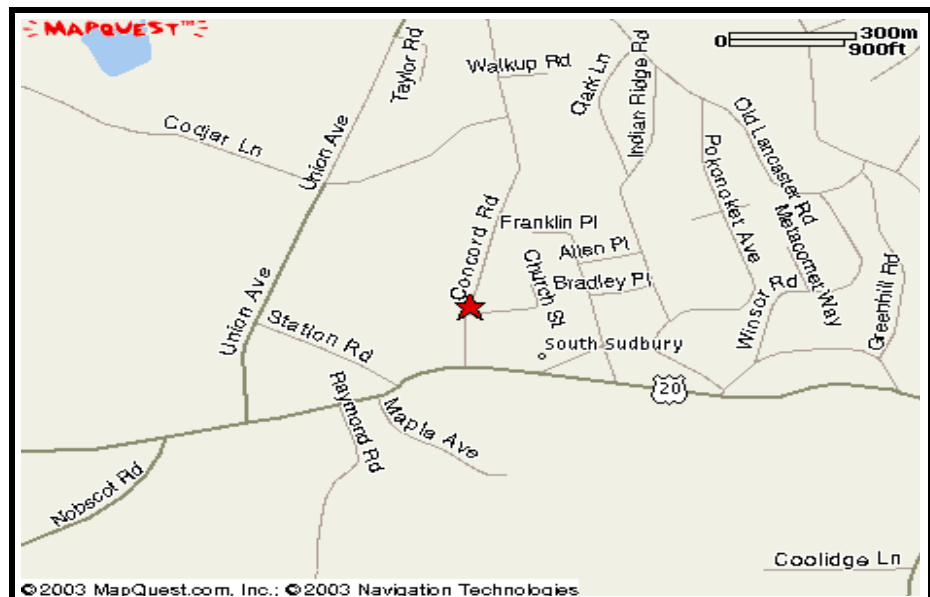
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REMINDER

The May meeting program will feature a special guest speaker. Petter Davidsen, owner of Davidsen's Auto Interior will be on hand to discuss Model A Interiors.



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.