

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

Hello club members. Spring is now here and isn't it great to have the sun so warm and the temperatures getting better every day!!

Several weeks ago we had a Board of Directors and Steering Committee Meeting on Zoom. Several topics were discussed. Spring Tours, Summer activities and Fall tours. In April, May and June there will be several social distance, mask mandatory ice cream tours. A summer picnic club meeting in July, at a location to be determined, if all is going in the positive direction. At the present time, the Old Mill, Wayside Inn and the well-attended holiday party are being planned provided all things are going well!!! Keep your fingers crossed.

Don't forget your 2021 dues!! (see page 5)

I hope all of the members have received their vaccine shots or will get on the list to get one when your time comes. This looks like it is the answer to get all of us going with a high degree of safety again.

In closing I also hope all members and their families are doing well and hope to see many of you some time during this year.



KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY
Doug Farrell



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

A get well card was sent to Pat Callan who recently fell. A report from Arthur says Pat is recovering on schedule.

If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact me.

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

April 17 1:00PM Ice Cream tour CJ's

April 24 1:00 PM Ice Cream Great Brook SP

May 1 1:00 PM Ice Cream Sunshine Dairy



TL= Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
February 2021

Income:

Member Dues	\$ 80.00
Total Income	\$ 80.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Printing	\$ 70.00
Total Expense	\$ 70.00

Net Income \$ 10.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

APRIL 1986 35 YEARS AGO

Meeting tonight is Auction Nite. New members: Arthur & Michael McHugh and Rich Caloggero (the barber). Ladies Driving Award Program Kit bought for \$20 and includes instructions, forms and patches-ready for summer at Clarks.

APRIL 1996 25 YEARS AGO

Meeting at the Grange Hall with new member Vince Quinn. He was the founder of the Model A Club of New Jersey. Winter Blahs Swap Meet #2 considered a #1 success. Tours: Tune-up at Rich Gebo's, Marathon BBQ at O'Bees, Spring Weekender to Mystic Conn. Leaders were Goldbergs and Champagnes.

APRIL 2006 15 YEARS AGO

VP Tom Geagan gaveled the meeting to order. Our Pres. was "tuning up" to run the Boston Marathon. Sunshine: Helen Johnson sent cards to Bob Kellner, Jack Stokinger (shoulder surgery), Bob Wright(hernia) and Bryant Page(open heart surgery).Tours: Post Office Pub Brunch, Chinese Buffet, Marathon at O'Bees, Clinic at Jack and Jo's, V/8 flea mkt at Fitchburg Airport.

----- ARTI-FACT -----

In the year 19 and 36, as Ed Wlodyka, and the old timers would say, radio was the means for public communications. Sponsors paid good money to present Major Bowes Amateur Hour or Gang Busters. Radio's top personalities included Kate Smith, The Easy Aces, and newscaster BOAK CARTER (no relation to our BO CARTER)

National Organizations: If you are not already members of the following organizations, consider joining them.



Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)

Membership dues \$50/year



Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)

Membership Dues \$45/year



**Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)
and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr**

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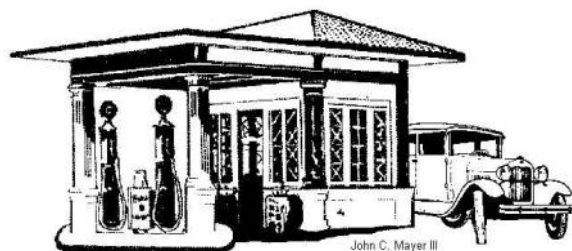
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Members Out & About



The last vestiges of winter are in these photos. Both the Mangans and Lindens got their Model A's out before the snow and ice were finally wiped out by the recent warm weather. I think they may have been the only ones in the club to have their Model A's out of the garage each month this past winter. December and January actually had some great weather for touring. February was iffy and now March has had great weather. I hope you have started to bring your "A" out of its winter hibernation because it won't be long before we can start doing some touring...remember those !!

Save The date: May 22nd: for the club sponsored **Tune Up Clinic**. Harold and Sally Legge will again host this event. The details still need to be worked out and there will be some changes made to insure safety and meet state gathering requirements.



Secretary's Report

No March 2, 2021 Meeting
Nothing to Report - Stay well

Major Cancellations

Early Ford V8 Flea Market: The annual (April) flea market hosted by the V8 club at the Fitchburg Airport has been canceled for this year. They hope to see you in 2022

Endicott Estate Show: The Baystate Antique Auto Club, host of this very popular event, has sent out notification that this show has been canceled for 2021. I hope this show returns in the future.

These events hopefully will be back . . . See you in 2022

TRAVELS WITH FARLEY / Phil Frank

This salesman must be one of Gus Waldron's friends !!



V P Needed

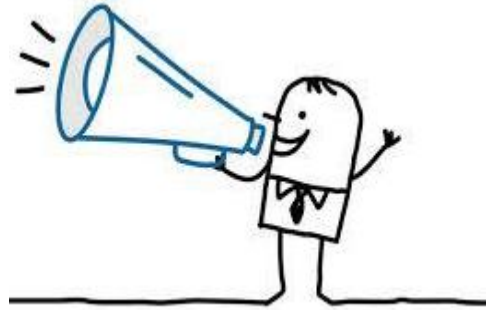
The club can use your help! Yes we are looking for a volunteer to fill the VP position. There is still time to volunteer. Please contact Doug Farrell,,, Thank You.



2021

MEMBERSHIP

Application Form



In order for us to keep our records up to date, **PLEASE** complete the form below and return with your check for \$20. If there are no changes, you won't have to complete the entire form, just check the appropriate box. *Thank you.*

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Spouse/Significant Other Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

email _____ Telephone _____ - _____ - _____

No Changes _____

Are you over 80 and been a member for at least 5 years? ____ If, yes, membership is free. **However a donation in lieu of dues is always welcome**

I would like to receive my ***Oil Leak*** by email. Yes _____ No _____

(If you do not specify, it will be sent electronically if we have an email address on file.)

Are You a member of MAFFI _____ MAFCA _____ MARC _____

Model A Info:

Year _____ Body Style _____ Year Acquired _____

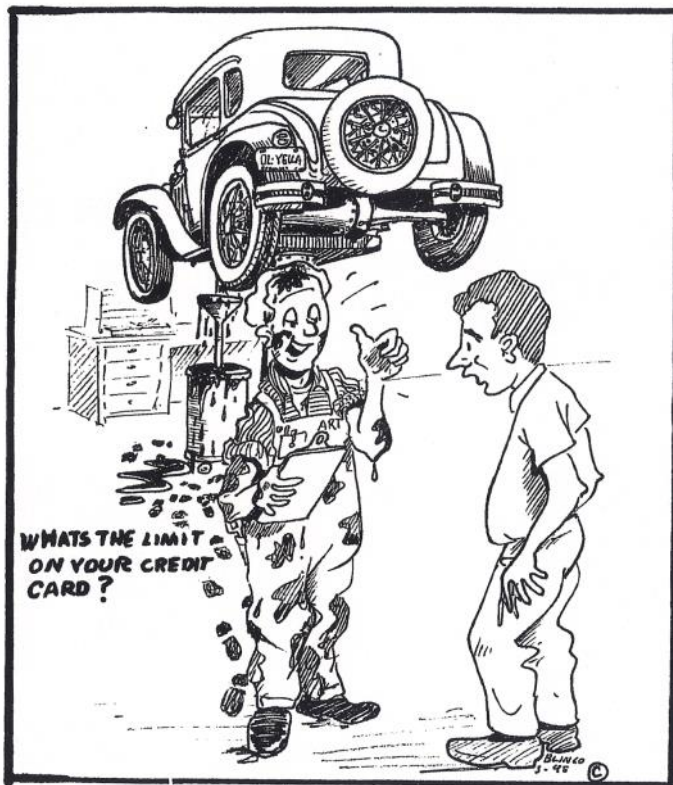
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Important Notice



Weekly Breakfast Group

The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is slowly growing. Now that members have received their vaccine the group has now gone

from 2 to 5. The Big Apple staff keep the area clean and safe for us. Why not join us again.



UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND



For 2021 we have a couple of really great events that are going to take place in the New England area. First is the **Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) National Tour** which will be held in North Conway, NH. This event will take place in June and is open to all MAFCA members. The second event that is always great fun the annual New England Model A Meet that will be in September at the Sunday River Resort in Maine. The Registration



Forms for the MAFCA Tour is in The Restorer magazine but it is being updated to conform to covid changes and will be on line soon. Visit <https://www.2021mafcanationaltour.com/> for more info. **Breaking news: The New England Meet registration form should be reissued in April and all clubs will be given the form to share with their members**

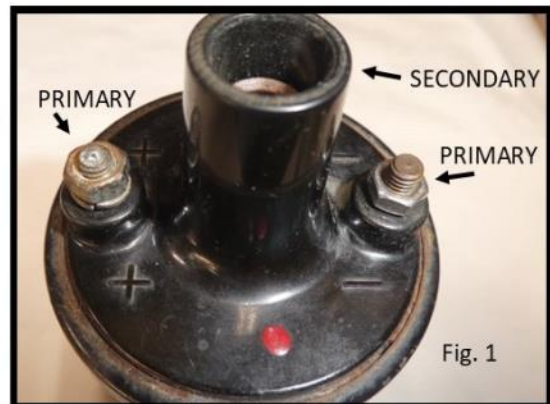


From the Modesto Model A Club Newsletter

Simple Tech Talk by Keith Collins

ARE YOU CORRECTLY POLARIZED?

YES, YES I mean your Model A coil. You could have been driving your car for years and not known that you have backwards polarity. Stay with me I'm referring to the coil. If you're OLD and don't know that you have a polarity deficiency; or if you are younger or just reliving your youth, you will immediately know that something is wrong. If you first blame the carburetor, you will probably be wrong. WHY?



When you accelerate heavily (punch it), drive fast (over 35 to 45) or climb a hill the engine acts like it's lacking fuel and will lose power, buck, snort, and misfire.

If the primary coil leads, Fig. 1, are connected to the coil backwards the spark plug will fire from the ground terminal to the center electrode. This spark firing from a cold surface (spark plug ground) to a hot surface does not like traveling in this direction, which will cause the spark plug to misfire under a heavy load. But the engine runs fine under light driving conditions.

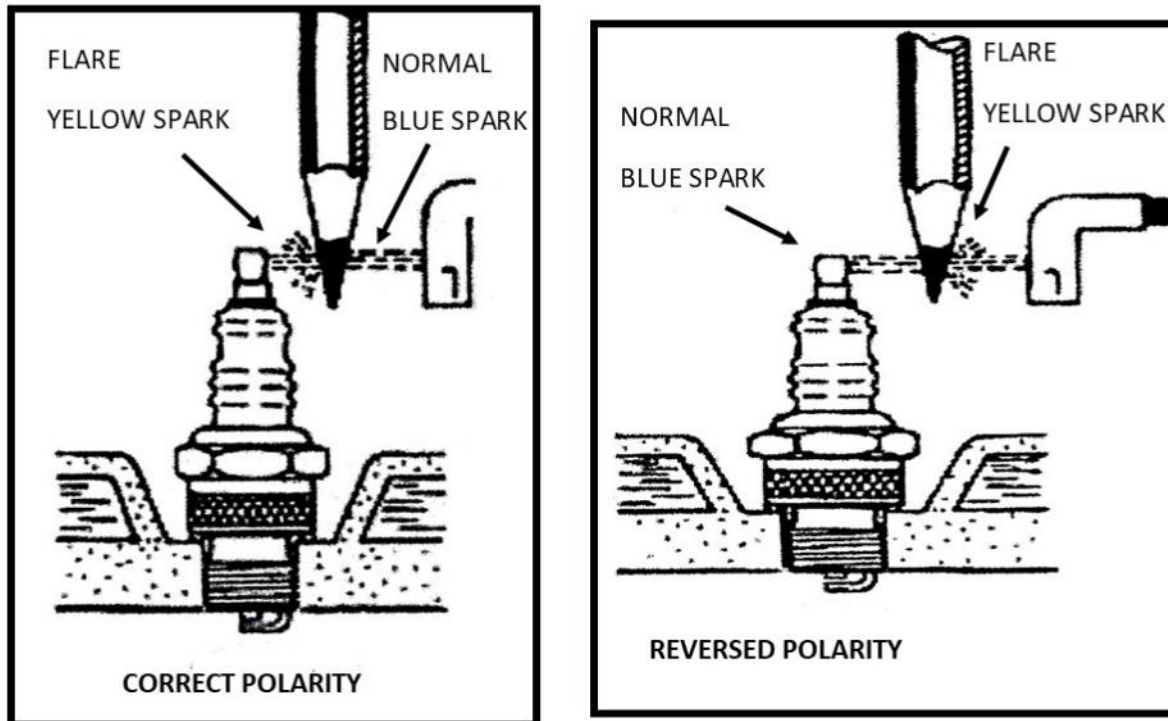
There are a few ways to test for this condition.

You can take the car for a drive and load the engine, accelerating heavily to see if the engine reacts by misfiring or stumbling. If this happens, try reversing the primary wires on the coil to see if your problem has been corrected; If not you have a different problem.



POLARITY TESTER Fig. 2

You can use the neat aftermarket tester. Fig. 2 This tool has two LEDs. Just plug the unit into the distributor cap tower and the coil wire into the tester. Start the engine and observe the LED. If the DIST. end LED lights, all you need to do is reverse the pri-



mary coil wires and your good to go. If the COIL end LED lights you are correctly wired and do nothing.

Another method is to place a lead pencil between the spark plug wire and the spark plug terminal. Now observe the direction of the spark. Fig. 3 I find this method difficult to determine the spark direction.

*Here are some of the bills in that are in the current legislative session the MAAC will be watching this year and try to get the committees to approve these bill and move them to passed. Unfortunately making this hap-
pen this is like pushing a rope.*

Mass Association of Auto Clubs (MAAC) Beacon Hill Watch list

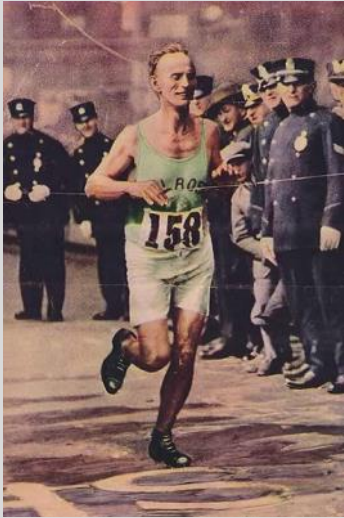
SD.1162 By Anne M. Gobi (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex) & **HD. 259** By Jim Hawkins (2nd Bristol) & Steven Howitt (4th Bristol): an Act relative to allowing the restoration of Year of Manufacture Registration Plates

HD.1558 By William M. Strauss (10th Bristol) an Act relative to exempting 50 year and older regis-
tered antique motor vehicles from annual safety inspections.

HD.2396 By W. Pignatelli (4th Berkshire) an Act relative to value of 25 years and older vehicles in cal-
culating sales tax based on condition of vehicle at the time of sale rather than clean trade in value.

April means Patriot's Day and the Marathon Race

Well Covid sure has changed these events, no Patriot's Day activities and no Boston Marathon race last year or this year. Growing up in Natick, it was always fun to watch the runners pass through downtown while having a hot dog at Casey's (at it's old location.) Of course the race was a lot smaller back then. I thought you might be interested in what the **1931 Boston Marathon** was like. Here is a report I found on line.



500,000 Line Course as Henigan Wins the Boston Marathon; HENIGAN ANNEXES BOSTON MARATHON 39-Year-Old Medford Runner Triumphs in His Eleventh Start in Classic Grind. Ward, a New Yorker, Second, Nearly, 2 Minutes Behind-- Victor's Time Is 2:46:45 4-5. DE MAR, FAVORITE, FIFTH Monarch A.C., Toronto, Takes the Team Prize--203 Begin Long Contest Under Broiling Sun.

Here is Marathon favorite Clarence DeMar winning the 1930 Marathon.

Apparently it was hot that day and the race winning time was very slow, almost 20 minutes slower than 1930, which BTW was won by Clarence DeMar, who indecently won the Marathon 7 times.

The club was also very fortunate to have Dick & Barbara O'Brien host a very popular Marathon Cookout at their home in Wellesley for many years. There was always a great turn out for this event and the line up of Model A's in the front of the O'Brien's and his neighbor's home was a real show stopper for people heading to watch the marathon. Time marches on and the Marathon cook-out is no more, so I thought you would enjoy seeing a few pictures from a past cook-out



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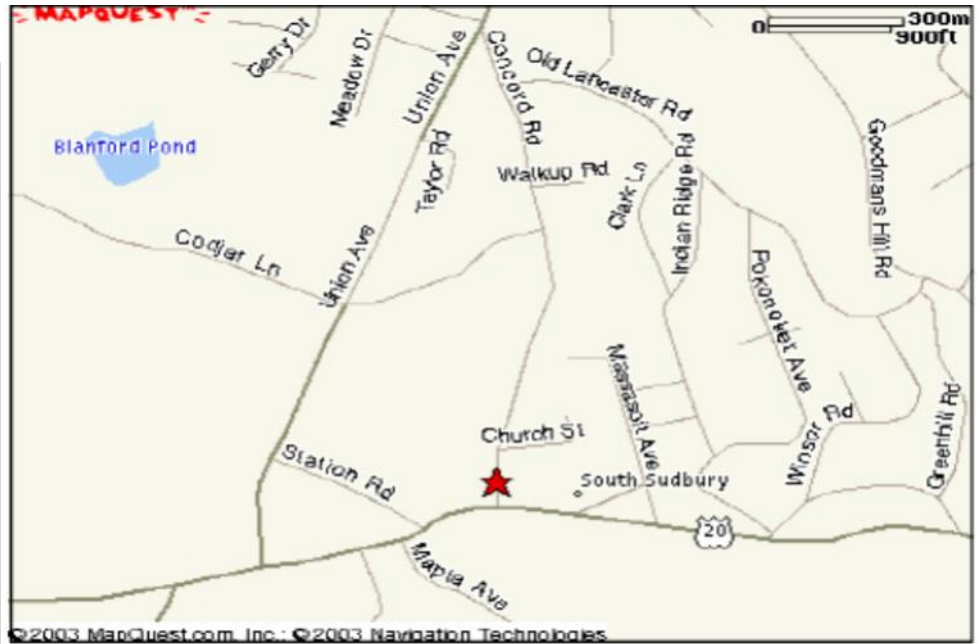


Hopefully Soon



It looks like we are getting closer to having tours back on our calendar.

That is such good news. These tours will be outdoor events, but masks should still be worn when stopped. These are the first steps that will lead to more touring as usual. One key factor is to get your Vaccine and from what I heard most of us have done so. That is great news!



Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00 PM.

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