

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*

### **My fellow Minutemen,**

The Minuteman Club was well-represented in celebrating our nation's birthday, and it was great to see so many cars out, bringing smiles to parade-goers across the Commonwealth. In this age when technology betters our lives in so many ways (and yet seems to complicate it, too), the Ford Model A harkens back to simpler days when we could maintain and fix things on our own, and when communicated with each other in person or mail. I enjoyed a great 4th of July, including a picnic with some Model A friends by The Old North Bridge - where it all started. It was a fitting and pleasant way to celebrate the day, and I hope that you all had an equally pleasant 4th of July.



In this, the heart of our touring and vacation season, I wish you all safe and uneventful travels in your Model As - and otherwise. Our tours have been well-attended, and everywhere I have been, I see the smiles of our members - and on the faces of the people watching . . . and wishing. I know a number of our members are headed to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for the national meet, and that our club will have an active presence there. Regardless of the destination or the roads you are traveling on, I wish you safe and enjoyable travels, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the **Legge's home at our Monthly club meeting on August 8th**. It will be good to be back together again.

Safe travels!

*Tom Zappala*

***Reminder: Next meeting at the Legge's home on August 8th one week later than usual***



# Sunshine

Grace Doyle  
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

I'm Happy to report no one was in need of a little cheering up this past month. We must be a healthy club!

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

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- July 26:** 6:30 PM Food & Ice Cream TL Don Ross
- Aug 2:** 6:30 PM Ice Cream Pizzi Farms TL Don Ross
- Aug 15:** 6:30 PM Food & Ice Cream DQ TL Don Ross
- Aug 19:** 9:00 AM Cape Ann Tour TL The Smith's
- Aug 23:** 6:30 PM Food & Ice Cream CJ's TL Ed Wlodyka
- Aug 26:** 9:30 AM Bud Brewery Tour TL Larry Conley
- Aug 31:** 6:30 PM Food & Ice Cream TL Rick Gadbois

TL= Tour Leader \* On your own, go directly to location.

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### August 1982 35 years ago

Meeting at Mark Smith's machine shop in Westboro with a Stanley Steamer in for repairs.

Phil Iorio collects badge fines as cash on hand down to \$12.43.

### August 1992 25 years ago

At the Wm Tell Restaurant, Dennis Porter asks Helen Roche to marry him. Helen accepts, CHEERS. Meeting at Gulbankian's garage.

New plans for Stowe, Vt, Camp Virginia and N E Meet in Hyannis.

### August 2002 15 years ago

"Hot Dog" meeting at Champagne's in Ashland. Club picnic at Clarke's also had golf driving classic won by Glenn Murphy and 5 card poker won by Sally Legge.

### ARTIE-FACTS

Doug reports on his trip to Vancouver: He traveled a thousand miles to get a photo standing beside his Model A.

In Indiana he was stopped by a cop for doing 55 miles per hour. Impossible says Doug, I haven't been out for an hour.

They stopped at a motel with a sign "Children Free".

They tried to give them two kids.



## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
June 7, thru July 6, 2017

### Income:

Advertising	\$50.00
Club Items Sold	20.00
Member Dues	40.00
Parades	200.00
Total Income	\$310.00

### Expense:

Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Total Expense	40.00
Net Income	\$270.00

**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 \$40/year



Model A Restorers Club (modelarestorers.org)  
Membership Dues \$45/year



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

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## SUDBURY JULY 4th Parade Report



It was a perfect day for a parade and we had a huge turnout for the event, I believe the count was 20 Model A's. The Model A's lined up with all the other division and it wasn't long before we were off. With horns blaring we made our way along the route.

It's always a treat to see the faces of the kids, and parents, along the way. Things really got going when John "the waterman" Pierce got his water blaster fired up and squirted the kids as they looked for candy. Needless the say the shock on their faces was priceless. The ride went especially well this year as we did not have to drive behind the walkers collecting for the fireman's fund. Making it to the finish we parked and had time to get settled on the green before the slower units arrived. Thanks to all who drove in the parade, it was a lot of fun. **(more pictures at [www.oilleak.org](http://www.oilleak.org))**



## **Tour Report**

### **Lester's Barbecue Tour - Wednesday July 12**

On Wednesday July 12 a group of hardy Minutemen made their way to Lester's Barbecue in Burlington, MA. Joining Harold at the Grange were Ed Wlodyka and Andy and Marilyn Adams. Joining Robyn at Lester's were Barbara and Dennis "Mac" McElhiney, Pat and Denise Martone, and Tony and Jude Zeoli. Despite our optimistic outlook, the rain did not hold off, and we arrived somewhat damp, but in high spirits. We had an enjoyable dinner, and liquid refreshment. Lester's staff were pleased to have us and were helpful and attentive as always. We caught up on the latest events in our lives and plans for the upcoming weeks and months before departing for home. Looking forward to next time with better weather and moving our gathering from the inside tables back to the outside patio.

Harold Samuels



## Senior Center Display

### Marlboro Senior Center Visit August 22 @ 5:00 PM



Join the club in visiting with the seniors at the new Marlboro Senior Center. It is a lot of fun visiting these centers and hearing the stories of years gone by. Bob Mangan is coordinating this event and here some preliminary information.

I met yesterday, with Lisa Martino, director of activities at the Marlboro Senior Center. We worked on some of the details for our visit on Aug. 22. The cars should arrive around 5:00. The Sr. Ctr. is open until 7:00. There will be several parking spaces roped off for the Minutemen. It's mostly a show and tell with the cars. Individuals may offer rides, but there's no expectations to do so. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Snacks are still being worked out. No meeting at the Grange, so just drive there. The Sr. Ctr. is located on New St.

in Marlboro, right in the center of town; very near the post office; easy to get to. There is a rain date for this event, and that is exactly one week later on Aug. 29.

Thanks - Bob

# Next Meeting August 8

### Jim's technical tip for July

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

Are You Getting All of the Spark Advance You Are Supposed To?



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The next time you are poking around under the hood, check your spark advance at the distributor. With the spark lever fully up, make sure that the arm sticking out of the distributor (the breaker plate arm) is fully touching the side of the opening in the distributor body closest to the exhaust manifold. Then, with the engine not running, pull the spark lever all the way down and confirm that the breaker plate arm is now fully touching the other side of the opening in the distributor body. If it's not, you are not getting all of the spark advance you should be getting. You may need to rotate your steering column (cars with 2-tooth sector steering box) or bend the little spark lever on the column to get the breaker plate to move the full range

## Welcome New Members

Nan reports no new members so far this month. If you happen to see a Model A while “out & about” please let them know about the Minuteman Model A Club. Membership info and form is online at [www.oilleak.org](http://www.oilleak.org)



## Model A For Sale

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## 2017 NEW ENGLAND MEET North Conway, NH

Information for the 2017 New England Meet can be found here:

[www.2017nemodelameet.com/](http://www.2017nemodelameet.com/)

You will find event information and the registration form. The North Conway area is one of the major attractions in NH and offers so much to see. This will be a



The August Meeting is one week later than normal on August 8th



## Fall Weekend Tour to Maine

The Minuteman Club's fall weekend get-a-way will be on October 20 – 22, 2017. We will be heading to

Wells, Maine on Friday morning, enjoying a scenic seaside trip along the coast from New Hampshire into the southern coast of Maine. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn, Wells, Maine (\$118.81 per night/including all taxes, 207-646-0555, under Minuteman Model A Ford Club). The block of rooms can be booked until September 20, 2017 after which time the rooms will be released back to the Hampton Inn. Thereafter reservations will be taken on a space available basis only. We are currently planning an itinerary for the weekend activities. Wayne and I look forward to your joining us for this upcoming end of the season tour.



**Susan & Wayne Champagne**





# TOUR REPORTS

## Ice Cream Tour July 6<sup>th</sup>



It was a perfect day for our favorite pastime – driving our Model A's and having ice cream! Turnout was great with seven model A's and one 1929 Cadillac. The group made its way along scenic backroads passing by Henry Ford's favorite Wayside Inn, Chapel and Gristmill. A stubborn traffic light at the intersection of route 20 caused a small hiccup but all managed to cross safely and on to our destination, Trombetta's Farm for our favorite flavor of ice cream. Thanks to all attendee's for a fun evening!

Sue and Wayne Champagne

## Miss Mendon Diner July 8<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday July 8th four Model A's went on a slow leisurely drive ( 1.5 hrs) to the Mendon Dinner.. The route was all backwoods and scenic so the heat and humidity were easy to bear. It was a journey of narrow roads, many hills and constant tight curves. We all chuckled when at the end of our journey we saw a sign warning us of sharp curves. These curves didn't compare.

Members in attendance were Doug and Nan, Harold and Sally, Don and Sue and new members Mark and Paula. Mark and Paula were driving a very fine 1928 Black Roadster with the brightest red rims. They live in Leominster a fifty minute drive.

We arrived at 11:00AM and all participants enjoyed the tour. Doug even commented that "There were roads that I had never driven on. A good lunch was had by all with little room left for Ice cream. Maybe next time.

Don Ross



## ON THE ROAD

by Rich Bowes

One of the things that my wife Suzi and I like to do when we're on the road with our 1930 Deluxe Roadster is to photograph the car in front of some historic place or building.

We've done so at several lighthouses in Maine and Massachusetts, at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, and at the Colonial Inn in Concord.



This past week-end, we attended the Strawberry Festival in Bourne, sponsored by the Bourne Historical Society.

While there, we took advantage of the opportunity to photograph the car in front of the Gray Gables railroad station, owned and maintained by the BHS.

The little station originally was located approximately 3/4 of a mile southwest of it's present location near the Aptuxet Trading Post on Aptuxet Rd.. The station was built in 1892 by the Old Colony RR to accommodate the not-so-little President Grover Cleveland, who had a summer cottage nearby. The building is now used as a museum, and provided a picturesque setting for yet another picture of our Model A.

We also photographed our friends' Joe Grobleski and Viviane Malone, 1930 Blindback Sedan in front of the Aptuxet Trading Post, a replica of the building that was built on that very site by the Pilgrims in the mid 1600's to conduct trade with the Native Americans living in the area. The building is another museum run by the BHS.

It was a great day to be on the road in a Model A.





A number of events have taken place the past few days. Here is some information in no particular order.

# OUT & ABOUT

## ✓ Natick Senior Center - July 15

Gary Hoyt coordinated this event and extended the invitation to the Model A Club. He reported this would be a small show, but as time went on all the parking spots were filled. The parking lot of the center was filled with a wide variety of antique vehicles. The Minuteman Club was well represented with 10 members present. The overcast skies eventually started to drop some rain and that caused many to head for home. Thanks to Doug & Nan L, John P, Dick G, Bob G, Bob S, Don R, Harold L, Vin D, Wayne C, and Gary H for attending.

## ✓ Barrett Jackson Auction in Connecticut

A few members made the trip down to CT to take in the action at the B/J Auction. This was a major televised event so many of watched on TV. The variety of cars being offered was pretty amazing and those who went could get up close to really check them out. The report was that the auction arena wasa buzzing with activity and even from the second floor gallery the energy was noticeable. The times I was watching I thought the prices of the cars seemed to be very reasonable. So if you are in the market for a vehicle, it would hurt to attend one of these auctions.

## ✓ Codman House Show

The annual show at the Codman House in Lincoln is always an enjoyable. I find that the roads to Codman and the the grounds of Codman are so pleasant. This year the weather was very nice and the turnout of cars was excellent. There was a good turn out of club members on hand, some driving there Model A's and some driving other cars in their collection. It was good to see some members who haven't been active recently, but are still out & about in the their Model A's. With the sun shining, the skies a bright blue, live era music and a great array of cars all added up to a great show.





## Hitting the Beach in the 30's



While the 1920s started the trend for leisure activities like swimming, it was economic changes in the 1930s that made swimming a past time for everyone, not just those lucky enough to live near a beach. **The New Deal** funded community pools to open up around the country. Cheap entry prices made swimming an affordable diversion for weekend fun.

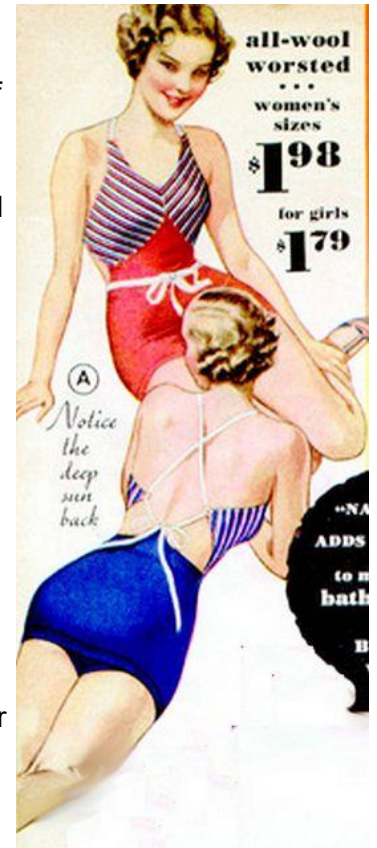
Yarn covered in rubber invented in 1931, **Lastex**, made swimwear much more comfortable and lighter to wear. Previously all wool swimsuit looked fine dry but sagged terribly when wet. With less sag, thinner material and a stiffer stretch to it Lastex made it possible for designers to build in support for women- girdles and light bras. This helped women of all shapes

look and feel better in swimwear. The biggest names in swimwear were Jantzen, of Oregon, whose logo is a red diver, Catalina and Cole both of Los Angeles, California and B.V.D of Ohio. Each company used Lastex, a full spectrum of colors, and various degrees of support for their swimsuits.

The two main styles of swimsuits were the maillot and the dress maker. The maillot was fitted at the torso with a tight skirt covering the crotch. Otherwise the swimsuit was a tank top style on top and a pair of "boy shorts" at the bottom half. The dress maker was less fitted and had an A-line skirt that covered the crotch, just like in the previous decade.

Depending on where a 1930s woman lived determined an appropriate level of modesty. New York and France were the most skin revealing while the middle of the United States remained the most covered up. For those willing to reveal more skin a low dipped back opening was in vogue, just like on evening gowns. **The crab back** (X shape, or Racerback today) was another option that revealed skin to tan but was a little more modest. Tops were still modest with a round, square or hater neck that revealed skin but never cleavage.

The drawstring back straps and waist belt was one iconic style of the 1930s. The corded drawstring made the straps as thin as could be while they tied around the front making it possible for women to undo the string and remove the straps for the ultimate even tan.



(This information from the 'Vintage Dancer' web site...)



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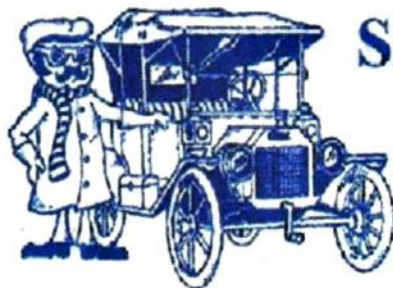
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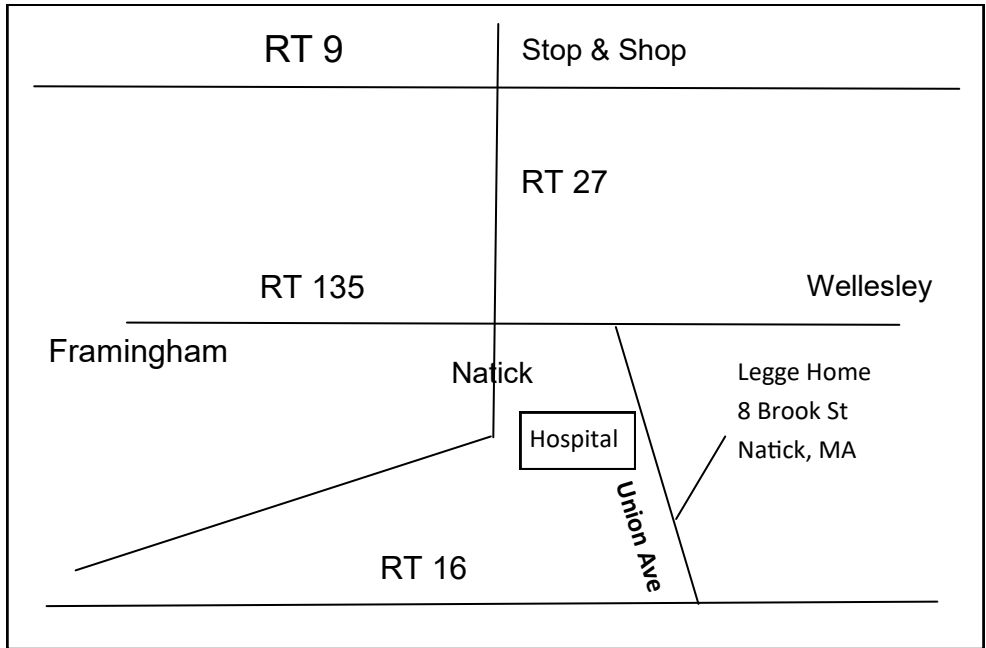
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**REMINDER**

**-- NOTICE --  
Meeting Date Change  
AUG 8**

The August meeting will be held one week later this month and will be at the home of Harold & Sally Legge, 8 Brook St. in South Natick. There is plenty of parking so be sure to drive your Model A. load.



Harold & Sally invite everyone to there home for the August meeting.  
Don't forget the meeting is one week later than normal on  
**AUGUST 8, 2017**