

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

Dear Club Members;

No one can complain about not having enough good driving weather. My garden would like more rain but everything is growing strong.

The Bedford VA tour was a nice day. We saw Larry Conley there with the Lexington minuteman group. He looked terrific in his uniform but wearing wool in July is tough. Pictures are on the Oilleak website.

We have six tours lined up for August. I hope you can attend all of them.

Dick O'Brien switched his drive trains from his Woodie to his new Fordor and from the Fordor to the Woodie in three hours at Harold Legge's garage. Doug, Rick, Len and Andy helped out. Great learning experience for me.

I had a problem with my Tudor horn. I would adjust to get just the sound and after driving a short time it would be silent. Long story short, there are lock washer slots carved into the front end of the horn adjusting screw. Mine were worn almost smooth. I found a small star washer and the problem has been fixed. Something to put in your back pocket.

Remember the August meeting is at Harold and Sally Legge's house in South Natick on Tuesday August 7th. Always a good turn out and the Thread Heads always provide wonderful snacks.

Everyone be well and see you soon.



Happy Motoring

Andy Adams



Sunshine

Grace Doyle
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

Nothing to report for this month. It's good to know we have a healthy bunch...

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- Aug 4:** 11:30 AM Brew Pub Hopkinton TL Bob Mangan
Aug 8: 6:30 PM CJ's Grill Framingham TL Ed Wlodyka
Aug 14: 6:30 PM Dairy Joy Weston TL Don Ross
Aug 17: 6:30 PM Erikson's Ice Cream Stow
Aug 19: 9:30 AM Larz Anderson Museum TL Dick O'Brien
Aug 29: 6:30 PM W. Concord Ice Cream
Sep 4: Regular Club Meeting
Sep 5: 6:00 PM Carbone's Rest Hopkinton TL Bob Mangan
 TL= Tour Leader * On your own, go directly to location.

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
June 2018

Income:

Member Dues	40.00
Total Income	\$ 40.00

Expense:

Meet Donations (NE Meet)	100.00
Oil Leak Postage	250.00
Misc. (Name Badges)	47.40
Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Total Expense	\$ 437.40
Net Income	\$ -397.40

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

AUGUST 1983 35 YEARS AGO

Summer meeting at Bob Noyes.
 N E Meet to be held in Plymouth.
 Annual Picnic at the Clarks.
 "Old Ben"(the car not the person) for sale,
 '31 Deluxe Coupe w/rumble \$6,000.

AUGUST 1993 25 YEARS AGO

Picnic at Camp Virginia-no boats!
 Plans for Tent Take Down- George Day.
 Trophy for Gettysburg tour leader, Doug Linden.

AUGUST 2003 15 YEARS AGO

Summer meeting at Jack & Jo's. Great cook out.
 40th Club Anniversary Celebration on Aug 16th with
 steak and lobster.
 Wayside Inn Ice Cream Tour - Fife & Drum night.

ARTIE-FACTS

My kids think I should go to the Senior Center and join something, rather than sitting around the pool and drinking wine. I DID GO and later phoned this "helpful" child. With tongue in cheek I told her that I joined a Parachute Club. She said I was nuts to jump out of a plane at my age. I emailed her a copy of my membership card to prove it. She called me and yelled, "Good grief, Dad, put on your glasses. This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club". Playing along, I said that I'm in real trouble because I signed up for five jumps a week.



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 (modelarestorers.org)
 Membership Dues \$45/year



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

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club July 10, 2018

Location: Haartz Corporation, Acton, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM with approximately 35 members in attendance. Tonight's meeting was held at The Haartz Corporation which manufactures and supplies automotive exteriors and interiors, and non-automotive products in the United States and Internationally.

Andy thanked Eric Haartz for hosting tonight's meeting and allowing us to view all the great antique cars and collectible items he had on display.

Officers Reports:

- Andy requested a motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Andy requested a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Doug Linden - Oil leak - please send articles to Doug, include pictures if available. Always looking for input.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported two new members have just signed up tonight:
- Peter Byrne of Woburn and William Byrne of Winchester they have a 1930 Fordor they are working on. They are looking for information on painting and upholstery.
- Nan also reported that she would have new name badges at the August meeting for anyone who needed one.

Touring:

- Don Ross and his able assistant Dick O'Brien are both on vacation, Doug Linden will provide tonight's report:
- The Manchester Vt. Tour, 5 Model A's attended, weather good, tour of Hildene Estate was very interesting.
- Sudbury 4th of July parade, good turnout of Model A's
- Mendon Diner tour, 5 Model A's attended, they had a great meal and a surprise, when they were ready to leave they found out the check had already been paid by a mystery benefactor!!

Upcoming tours:

- * 7/14 – Bedford VA Hospital, 90th anniversary celebration, they are looking for a few cars to display. Please attend and show your support for our Veterans.
- * 7/17 – Lester's BBQ, leaving grange at 6:30 - TL – Harold Samuels.
- * 7/22 – Woburn Benchmark Senior Living – leaving Grange at 1:00 PM, TL – Tony Z.
- * 7/25 – Dairy Queen Natick – TL Don Ross.

* 7/28 – Mt. Wachusett Picnic, we will drive to the mountain top and picnic - leaving Grange 9:30 AM – TL Don Ross.

* Jo Johnson is working on Maine October weekend and looking for head count of possible participants ~ 15 possible cars.

New Business:

- Board of Directors meeting at Andy Adams house on 7/18 at 7 PM, any member is welcome to attend.
- Andy read a thank you letter from the Model A Youth Scholarship Award.
- Next month's meeting is to be held at Harold and Sally Leggs house in So. Natick. Bring chairs, the Threadheads will take care of refreshments.

Programs: No program this month.

Running Board Commentary:

- Doug provided an update on the MAFCA National Meet in Reno NV. 400 Model A's in attendance, great seminars put on by the experts. There was a great era Fashion Exhibit. The Grand Tour was 110 miles long, took you out and around Lake Tahoe.
 - Len provided an update on the MARC National Meet in Branson Mo. Fine point and touring judging, era fashions and a great museum filled with Antique cars and tractors.
 - Dick Krug told the story of how he first met Eric Haartz. It was a great story involving a 1933 Packard and Dick being on a police motorcycle and Year of Manufacture Plates.
 - Eric Haartz then told "the rest of the story"
- And how during his first encounter with Dick he was concerned about the exhaust leak in his manifold.
- Doug provided update on Year of Manufacture plate restoration about to be approved by RMV

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois



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Member Information

Nan reports two new members this month. Please welcome:

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Tour Report

The Miss Mendon Diner July 7th left grange 10AM.



On Saturday July 7th our Model A's went on leisurely drive (1.25 hrs) to the Mendon Diner. Finally we had a perfect day for a tour, Low Temperature, Low Humidity and not a cloud in the sky. The route was all backwoods and scenic following a journey of narrow roads, many hills and constant tight curves. We arrived around 11:30 AM and the diner had our tables ready. Some people did breakfast some lunch. The food was ter-

rific but the bill was the best. The bill for most of us never appeared the check was paid by our good uncle Bob G.



Don Ross

Tour Report

3 Days in Manchester, Vermont

The Tourers:

*Adams, Andy & Marilyn; Jacobson, John & Shirley; O'Brien, Dick; Ross, Don & Susan
Samuels, Harold & Robyn; Stitt, Dick & Mazie*

Eleven club members headed north to Manchester Center, Vermont on Monday, June 25th for a three-day tour. The weather was spectacular! After approximately 100 miles, we all stopped for a picnic lunch in Brattleboro, Vermont. Once on the road again we enjoyed a quick stop at a gift/antique shop. Heading further north it was evident we were into the Green Mountains of Vermont as we passed by Stratton Mountain and Bromley Mountain.

Eventually we headed down into the valley of Manchester, Vermont and to the Aspen Motel where all of us were staying. During cocktails (outside of course) we discussed restaurants for dinner. Dick and Mazie suggested the Dorset Inn which we all agreed on, and it was fantastic!

Tuesday morning, after breakfast, we all headed to the Hildene Estate, the former home of Robert Todd Lincoln. This beautiful Georgian Revival mansion on 412 acres of beautifully landscaped property was Lincoln's summer home! It even had a private airport where Robert Todd Lincoln landed his private plane. And to think his father Abraham lived in a small log cabin reading books by the light from the fireplace! We spent close to three and a half hours here and enjoyed every minute!

Later, some of us headed downtown for a quick, late lunch at the Equinox Hotel and then did some shopping at the Factory Outlet stores, a Country Store and an Antique Shop. That evening we all enjoyed a super dinner at Mulligans Pub and Restaurant in a private room.

Wednesday morning had us all "gassed up" and ready to head south. After travelling through Vermont and New Hampshire we were ready for a comfort stop! This was accomplished in Groton, MA where some of us had giant sundaes, but I won't mention any names!

Thank you, Dick and Mazie for volunteering to be our "Tailgunner" on this trip.

You did a great job!

Dick O'Brien



This has been a busy month with a number of tours scheduled. Our tour leaders have worked hard to schedule events, but one thing we can't control is the weather and unfortunately mother nature rained on a few of our events. We also have had some nasty hot and humid weather that also kept some attendance down. In spite of these deterrents the tour we had were fun. Here are some recaps:

TOUR REPORT



June 20 - Dairy Joy

June 20th turned out to be a spectacular weather day,....upper 70s, plus low humidity. As club members started arriving at the Grange in their Model A's 45 minutes before start time I knew it was



going to be a well attended tour. At around 6:40 P.M. I at least 10 A's headed off to the Dairy Joy in Weston. When we pulled in we noticed several more members had driven directly there in the parking lot. We all enjoyed the Fried Seafood to Hamburgers and of course the Ice Cream for Desert !!! Plus the pleasant conversations while sitting at the picnic tables while many of the other customers enjoyed checking out our Model A's that were lined up behind the restaurant. Later as we were heading home the sunset was beautiful and then the sun reflecting up into the clouds turned the whole sky bright red !! A nice ending to another nice "A" Tour.



Sudbury July 4th Parade

Wow it was hot on July 4th. The temperature was in the 90's and the humidity was about the same. It was a good thing the Model A's were lined up in the shade. In spite of the heat we had a great turn out of members for the parade. I was good to see some of our members that we haven't seen for a while. Matt Johnson was visiting from Minnesota and was driving his Coupe. We also haven't seen Fred Hamway and his family for a long time, so it was good visit with them.

We were at the head of the parade which was good, not much stopping as there were no walkers in front of us. The street were lined with spectators and seemed to enjoy the Model A's and all the horns blaring. We finished the route and got to watch all the other units as they arrived. It was a fun day.



David, Bruce & little Harry Marshall



TOUR REPORT



Bedford VA Hospital Celebration - July 14th

Our club was invited to help celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Bedford VA Hospital. Plans for the hospital started in 1923 under President Calvin Coolidge to address the hospital facilities for WWI veterans. Under the guidance of congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers (R - MA) the need for a new neuropsychiatric veterans hospital was identified and constructed in Bedford and opened on July 17, 1928. The first patients were veterans of WWI, the Spanish-American war and the Civil War, who were transferred from the West Roxbury and Brockton VA facilities. It started with 354 beds. It has grown to over 1800 beds for inpatient, but the majority of the treatment is out-patient. The facility also has 60 apartments for 55 and older formerly homeless vets.

The Bedford VA Hospital is now the largest VA long term care facility in the nation providing innovative mental health programs and services.

Edith Nourse Rogers was a major supporter of veterans benefits, in fact she coauthored the 1944 GI Bill. In recognition of her dedication to these veterans benefits President Jimmy Carter changed the name the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital.

The anniversary parade was made up of colonial militia units, Navy band, mounted police, veterans Motorcycle club, and of course our Model A's which were era appropriate. Attending were the Lindens, Adams, Zeolis, Batstones, Don Ross, Craig Martin, Doug Farrell, Rick Gadbois, Barbara McElhiney.



101 year young veteran



Edith Nourse Rogers



ERA Costumed Visitors

Wanted—Garage Space

Gary Hoyt has a friend looking for storage for his Corvette.

Gary: Sorry to be so long getting back to you. My Corvette is looking for garage space if I keep it. It is a 2001 model silver convertible with 6-speed standard transmission, 41,000 miles and new tires. If I find the right place for it, reasonably accessible to North Hill in Needham, I would be interested in a long term rental (6-month to a year at a time). Thank you for helping. George

--

George Johnston

1-781-249-0363 (cell)



July 24th Dairy Queen Tour

On a hot and humid night that was threatening rain five Model A's and an

Oldsmobile drove to the Dairy Queen in Natick. Two A's met us there. Some had the Chili Dog-Special and some the IC. Two members had the Dick O'Brien Special. A huge Sunday covered with everything. It was good food, good price and good conversation.



TINY TIPS

MODEL A CAPACITIES - 600W OIL

Having just completed rebuilding the running gear portion of my current Model A project, I needed to procure 600W oil for the differential, transmission, and steering box. So off I went to hit the books to determine just how much I should buy. Much to my consternation, I found a number of opinions as to how much 600W I needed for the differential. The following sources offered a variety of information:

- Ford Service Bulletins, page 227 = 1 1/2 pts.
- Model A Ford Service Bulletins. page 375 = 1 1/2 qts. (obviously a typo).
- Model A Miseries & Cures. page 99 = 1 1/2 pts.
- How To Restore Your Model A, Vol 5, page 10 = 2 1/4 pts.
- Model A Mechanics Handbook, page iv = 2 1/4 pts.
- How To Restore Your Model A, Vol 2, page 17 = "up to and not above filler hole."

Undaunted by the diversity of opinions. I decided the last one listed above was the best course of action. It also agreed with my recollection of what we did when I was employed at a gas station 50 years ago.

My finding, when I filled the complete empty differential, shown in the accompanying photo, was that it took exactly one quart bottle or 2 pts. of 600W oil to reach the level of the filler hole.



Submitted by Norm Rowe, Oakhurst, California



Jim's Tech Tip - Don't forget the Spare! When checking tire pressures and bringing them back up to 35psi, don't forget to check the spare tire(s). I had a puncher last Monday and my spare only had about 20 psi in it. Luckily someone in the group had a small portable compressor with them and we were able to air it up and go. Have a Model A Day, Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director



I have been asked what adjustments should be made to the Model A when driving at high altitude, such as when going to the National Convention in Sparks/Reno at the end of June. Sparks is at about 4500 feet, which is not terribly high, but you may have to climb over some passes that are much higher in order to get there.

In general, the air is thinner as you go up in altitude. That means less oxygen is going into the engine when it runs, and the effective Air-Fuel-Ratio (or running fuel mixture) will get more rich as you go up. So you will want to adjust the GAV on the carburetor just a little bit LEANER (screw the GAV in) as you climb to higher altitudes, to compensate for the thinner air. But not too much, especially when working to climb a grade. Retard the spark lever a bit, too, when climbing a steep grade.

If you don't make this small change, the mixture will be a bit rich and you run the risk of fouling your spark plugs. The engine may seem to run better on the rich mixture, but your fuel economy will suffer and your plugs may foul.

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I hope this helps you Have a Model A Day!

To follow up on the air flow through the carb that Jim refers to above, Don Ross's Model A was running rich the past few times he was out on tour. Carb adjustments did help. After breakfast the other day Harold wanted to check a few things out. With the engine started and still running rich, he removed the air filter, and whalash, the engine immediately started to run smooth again. Model A carbs are not designed for air filters, consequently when the air filter gets clogged, it causes the carb to run rich. If you run a paper air filter on your Model A make sure it doesn't get too dirty or you'll be running rich and wasting gas.

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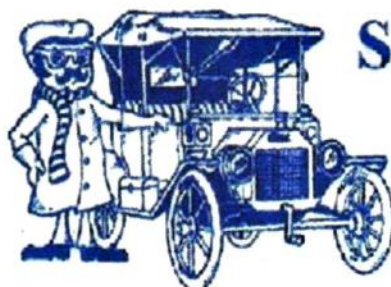
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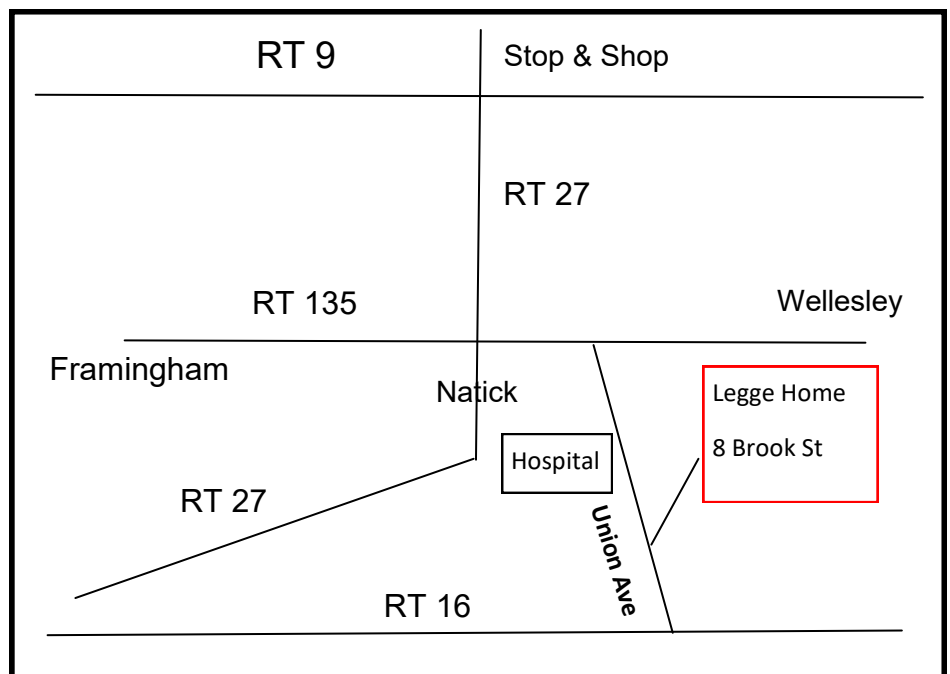
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AUGUST 7th Meeting

The August meeting will be held 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. We always have an enjoyable time visiting with Harold & Sally.

Hope to see you there.

**"FUN WITH FORDS
& FRIENDS"**



Harold & Sally invite everyone to their home for the August meeting. Bring your Model A. There is usually a good turn out of cars on the front grass.