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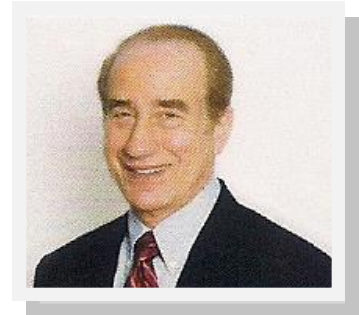
Minuteman Model A Ford Club

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The President Speaks:

It's hard to believe that we are coming up on August already. We now seem to be trading lots of rain for lots of heat. They say that variety is the spice of life, and we are proving that this year.

Our August meeting will be on the 6th at Harold and Sally Legge's place in Natick. Bring your chairs and bring your cars. Thank you to Harold and Sally for again hosting.



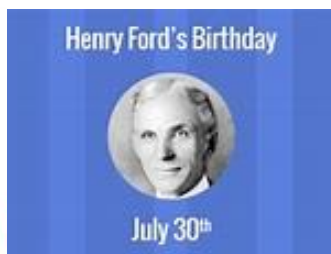
I hope all of you have been enjoying our tours as much as I have. I have not been able to participate in all of them, but have really liked those that I could attend.

Our tour cards show lots of activities still to come for the rest of this season, and perhaps this might be a good time to reschedule rained out events.

There have been several on line conversations about car projects and troubleshooting. Our members are a great source of knowledge and are generous in sharing their experience and expertise. I have a tale to tell about my return from the scale live steam train tour. I encourage others to share their stories at the upcoming meeting.

We are always looking for your input on what you would like to see for club activities and events. Fresh ideas are always welcome. We have had a number of contacts on our website and by telephone from people who have invited us to participate in events, are potential new members, or who just have an interest in who we are and what we do. It is good to know that there are folks out there that share our interests.

I hope all of you are having a great summer. See you at the meeting and on the road.



July 30, 1863

Happy Motoring
Harold Samuels



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

A sympathy card was sent this month to Jack Quilty for the passing of his mother Carole Quilty. Our condolences go out Jack and the entire Quilty family.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)
(see map on pg 6)

- July 30:** 6:30PM Pizzi Farms IC TL Doug Farrell
- Aug 3:** 9:30AM History of Woburn + Lunch TL B McElhiney
- Aug 6:** Club Meeting at Harold & Sally Legge's
- Aug 8-11:** Stowe car Show weekend
- Aug 17:** 9:00AM Southwick Zoo Mendon TL Don Ross
- Aug 21:** 6:30PM C J's Food & IC Framingham TL John Kern
- Aug 24:** 5:00PM Movie Night & BBQ Kerns Back Yard.
- Aug 29:** 6:30PM Kimball's F+IC Westford TL Doug Farrell

TL= Tour Leader

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

AUGUST 1984 35 YEARS AGO

Monthly meeting at Bob Noyes home on Peakham Rd, Sudbury (Oil Leak is missing, but articles later reveal that the Picnic and Car Games at the Clark's were enjoyed in nice weather.)

AUGUST 1994 25 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Dick and Linda Batstone's home in Berlin. Program was wonderful video of their 50th "D" Day trip to Europe.

Touring: Blueberry picking, Stowe VT trip, Dennis Day Parade and Lunenburg Swim & Picnic at Sneden's. (Our first introduction to "SPEEDOS", right Jack!)

AUGUST 2004 15 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Jack and Jo's home in Sudbury. Perfect night with big crowd. Lots of tire kicking plus hamburgers and hot dogs.

Annual picnic report: Morning rain changing to sunshine for 58 hungry people. Then good food and fun car games. Super Tour to Stowe, VT via Camden Maine and the Rangeley Lake Area.

*** TEAM MINUTEMAN WINS NATIONAL CONTEST ***

at the MAFCA meet in Portland, OREGON -a- Start Your Engine Contest. Three cars were fitted with a number of problems. Our team was Jack Stokinger, Dick Stitt, Wayne Champagne and Doug Linden. Over a beer (or two) the team assigned one problem section to each person to check and fix. The Minuteman Team car was fixed, running, and headed to the finish line in 5 minutes flat. So how come the posted time was 5:03? Dick Stitt found that a Model A will not run for long without the gas line turned on. Other teams used between 8 and 14

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Treasurer's Report
June 2019

Income:

Misc. (Summer Bash)	570.00
Parades	<u>200.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 770.00

Expense:

Misc - (Summer Bash)	1747.79
Oil Leak Printing	<u>80.00</u>
Total Expense	1827.79
Net Income	\$ - 1057.79

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**

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Club July 9, 2019

Location: John & Shirley Jacobson's Home

Meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM with approximately 41 members in attendance. Tonight's meeting was held at JJ & Shirley's in Wayland, Ma. Also in attendance were 14 Model A's neatly parked on JJ's front lawn.

Harold kicked off the meeting by leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Reports:

- Harold requested a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
 - Barbara requested a motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
 - Barbara provided update on activity of the Fidelity account for the first half of this year. The club has made contributions to MAFFI for memorials in the names of 9 people and has also provided its annual donation of 250 dollars.
 - Doug Farrell announced that the Wednesday morning Breakfast Club purchased a Memorial Brick at MAFFI in memory of Mike Doyle.
 - Doug Linden – National News –
- MARC just announced a deal with NAPA, by showing your MARC membership card you can receive a 10% discount on purchases.
- Get your registrations in for The New England meet to be held 9/13 thru 9/15 at Jiminy Peak in western Mass. Doug just received his confirmation and he is registrant number 86.

Membership:

- Nan Linden no new members to report on tonight.

Touring:

- Don Ross and his able assistant Dick O'Brien are both on vacation, Harold will provide tonight's report:
- The definitive word for June was rain, rain and more rain, 4 tours were cancelled in June, and however, we would like to thank those who offered to lead.
- Special thanks to John & Martha Kerns for hosting the 'Summer Bash' and thanks to Robin & Harold for making it happen.

Upcoming tours:

- 7/11 – Fruitland's – 5:30 PM - TL- Doug L.
- 7/14 – Steam Train Tour – 10:00 AM - Tony R.
- 7/18 – Volante Farms – 5:30 PM – Tom Z.
- 7/25 – C&L Ice Cream – 6:30 PM – Wayne C.
- 7/30 – Pizzi Farms Ice Cream - 6:30 PM – Doug F.
- 8/3 – History of Woburn – 9:30 AM - Barbara
- 9/25 - New Horizons – Bob Mangan working on tour will provide update.

New Business:

- JJ has a hot tub he is looking to give away it's yours for the taking.
- Art Callen has (4) 1929 Model A wheels for sale, Daniel D. is interested.
- Daniel D. would like to thank all who help in resolving the recent issues he has had with his car.
- Next month's meeting is to be held at Harold and Sally Legge's house in So. Natick. Don't forget to bring chairs!!
- Thank you to John and Shirley for hosting tonight's meeting.

Programs: No program this month.

Running Board Commentary:

- Doug – if you already haven't, take a picture of the 14 Model A's out front tonight. There is a great variety, open cars, a nice Phaeton, A400, Cabriolet's, Pick-up truck, Sedan's, a little bit of everything.

(editor's note: Thanks Rick I did get some pictures)

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary



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Waushakum Live Steamer Train Tour



Tony Raiano lead a group of 8 Model A's, 2 Model T's and mid 60's pick-up on a sunny and warm day to the Waushakum scale steam train club facility. Tony took us on a fairly direct route the "train yard" where many of us parked under the shade of the trees. Once there we marveled at the workmanship required to build these scale model Steam and Electric engines. The extensive amount of track through



the woods provided the kids, and big kids, with a wonderful ride on cars being pulled by the little BUT powerful engines. The little steam engines really huffed and puffed and sounded great. Tony has a few of these live steam engines himself, but unfortunately he did not have any in the yard today.

It was a fun visit and our thanks go out to Tony for setting up our visit.

Click the link below for a short video, *if you got your newsletter electronically you could see this video*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s385aX80oOU>



On The Road Again

Benchmark Senior Living Tour



Even though the tour was cancelled, by tour leader Tony Zeoli, several local Model A Fords and a Chevrolet were nonetheless welcomed by the Benchmark Living Facility Staff. Minutemen in attendance were Barbara McElhiney in her Sport Coup and Doug Farrell with his Tudor Sedan. The third Model A was from Stoneham? The visitors enjoyed the BBQ and the amenities provided by the staff. Fortunately, the rain held off while the cars were there. It was a bit challenging going home in the downpour, however. Hopefully, next year the weather will be better.

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Coffee Person

I can't believe no one has offered to make the coffee. How about someone **JUST** for September. Call Harold if you would like to volunteer.



↑ *Weekly Breakfast Group* ↑

Doing anything on Wednesday morning? No. Well then, you are invited to join the group for breakfast at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. The

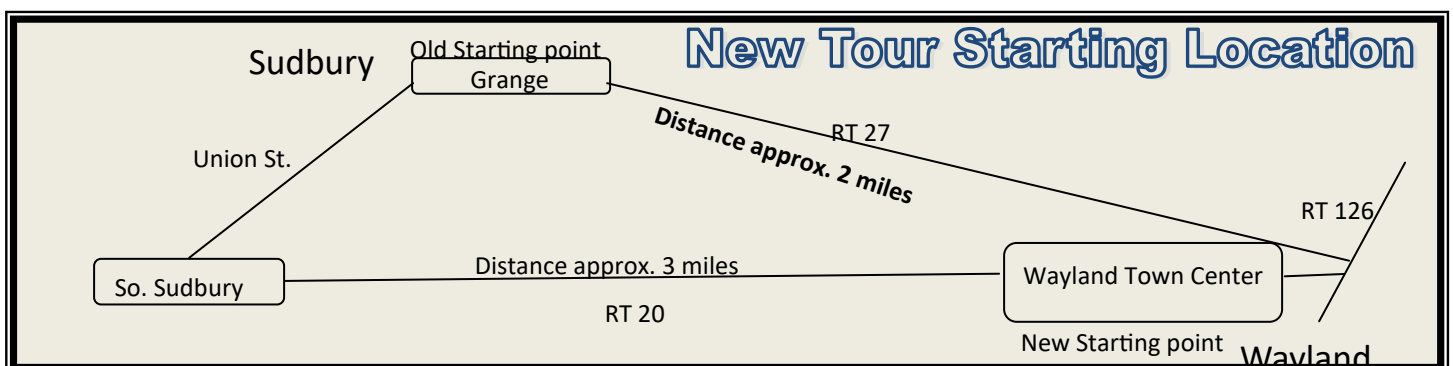


food is good and there is plenty of Model A talk. We arrive about 7:15 AM. (see ad page 10)



Rained Out Tours

Well Mother Nature has continued to rain down on some of our tours. This past month we had 2 tours canceled. The Benchmark BBQ and Volante tours were canceled, although the Benchmark weather held off and local members were able to still attend. The report is on page 5.



At the Summer Bash many guests raved about the Tex Mex Dip and wanted to know who brought it and if they could get the recipe. Well it was Marilyn who brought it and she has provided the recipe.

Marilyn Adams' Tex Mex Dip

- 3 med avocados
- 2 T lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 C sour cream
- 1/2 C mayo
- 1 pkg taco seasoning mix
- 2 cans (10 1/2 oz) bean dip
- 1 C - 1/2 C chopped scallions
- 2-3 med tomatoes; chopped seeded
- 7 oz chopped black pitted olives
- 8 oz cheddar cheese grated
- 1-2 pkg tortilla chips



Bowl 1: mash avocado with lemon, salt, pepper
Bowl 2: combine sour cream, mayo, taco seasoning

Assemble: on flat platter or bowl spread bean dip; top with avocado (bowl 1); top with sour cream & mayo mix; sprinkle with tomatoes, onions, olives
cover with shredded cheese
serve chilled or room temp....

Fruitlands Concert Tour

The rains of the day had ended and the concert was on for the evening, so it looked like it was a go for some great music by the Concord Pops and a nice picnic dinner on the grass overlooking the beautiful Nahua River Valley. The group consisted of the Lindens, Champagnes, Gadbois' and Doug Farrell. We took the direct route to Fruitlands as we wanted time for our picnic. We arrived as planned at the Museum only to see a sign stating "No Concert Tonight" !! What? We drove in and were informed that the band and museum management decided that more storms were expected (actually after 10PM) so they canceled the concert and did not notify the staff until late. Oh well, we enjoyed our picnic under the big tent, and on tables (they did have a radio playing music) and the view was excellent. We stopped for a group photo at the overlook to document the tour. So was this tour rained out or not?? We aren't sure.



Photo by Wayne

Sudbury Fourth of July Parade

HOT was the word of the day for the July 4th parade. But even the heat couldn't keep the members away. We had 8 Model A's show up to for the 2 mile trip through Sudbury. The Model A's were all decorated with the finest Red White & Blue streamers and flags as well as a good supply of candy. And we can't forget John Pierce with his water soaker, which was a big hit with the spectators, kids and grown-up alike. The parade wound it's way to Sudbury center where there was a little bit of confusion at the end which Sue Champagne was able to resolve and we all parked to watch the rest of the units arrive. It may have been a hot day but we all still had a good time.



The line up of Model A's lead by the Champagne's



John blasting out a stream of water - the kids loved it!



The parade group. Photo from the Metro West Daily News

The Linden's granddaughter, Brookelyn, is ready for the parade!

This article is from the Naper A's 4-Banger Newsletter. It's a good tutorial on how to repair your Model A steering wheel. Might be worth trying if you have an old steering wheel hanging on the wall.

STEERING WHEEL FIX

By RON OLSEN

My Winter project list was all but finished by the end of February, so I was looking for something to keep me busy for another month until April 1st. That month, I had been at Gar Williams' house for a Tech Session, and he showed me a steering wheel that he was mending that had some hairline cracks and we talked about repair techniques.

It looked fairly easy to do and my Ford steering wheel had even worse cracks, so I thought the job would be perfect for the time and that it could be repaired to like new. I felt that I had the ability and the tools, so it was a go. But there were also the usual second thoughts grinding away that I hadn't had any experience with this, maybe there would be problems, etc., etc.

Rather than dwell on such ideas, I rushed ahead into the project. Hand-grinding out the cracks into a nice "V" right down to the steel frame, I used a mask for some lung protection from that nasty old hard rubber dust. Then I started filling with 2-Step PC-7 Epoxy. What a mess that stuff made, it was too thick and hard to work with. I was using a popsicle stick ground to a round point and the PC-7 didn't flow, it just stuck to the stick.



So, I switched to JB Weld with a two-hour set-up time. That product worked much better, but by the time I started filling and went around the crack, the JB was run-

ning into a big wave. So, I then tried waiting for 45 minutes after mixing the resin and hardener to give it a little thickening time before trying to fill cracks. That was better,



but still no cigar. I started filling and then turning the wheel all around by hand in front of the garage heater for better than an hour to set the epoxy. Then I tried damming just a section of the "V" with masking tape. That worked well, but it took time as only a small section could be filled at a time.



Finally, I ran out of the JB Weld and went to the hardware store to look for more. Wouldn't you know, that rack was empty, so I looked for something else. Just a few hangers down, to the right, was some more JB Weld in a package similar to the one I had bought before, but it read that the set-up time was only four minutes! If

only I had seen that notice before buying the first slow-setting batch.

The rest of the filling went great and fast. Before going into the house each night, all the repaired areas were filled in layers which took three days. Some filing was done each morning and remaining holes or pinholes were fill-patched. With all filling completed, all that remained was sanding and blending with 400 wet paper.

VHT Satin Black Epoxy Spray Paint (ordered from Amazon at \$12.95 per can) did a nice job with three light coats and one wet coat. This product is self-priming and salt-resistant. All coats were applied 10 minutes apart so all painting was completed in less than an hour.

For painting, I put together a temporary setup on sawhorses using conduit clamps and an old steering shaft so the wheel could be spun and not touched. As luck would have it, just as I finished sanding and drying, a few days later we had a nice day to paint with 72 degrees and only 44% humidity . . . perfect for the spray painting!

Fixing the steering wheel took 45 days total from start to finish, what a job. But it looks professional, and now I know how to do it. Come to think of it, now that you've read this article, so do you!



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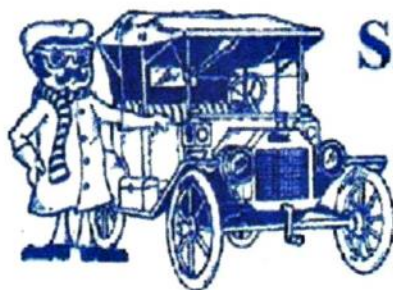
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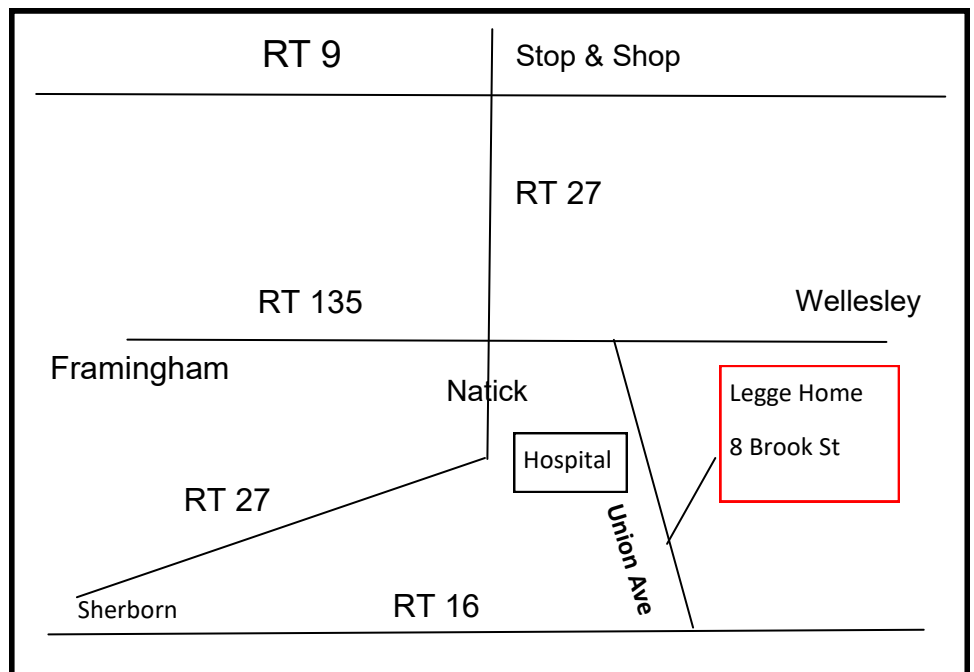
Meeting Location Announcement

This month's meeting will be held at the home of Harold and Sally Legge in Natick. This is always a well attended meeting. See you August 6th.

NEW TOUR ADDED

September 25 at 6 PM

Bob Mangan has scheduled the club to visit Horizons in Marlborough . More info next month



During the summer months our meetings will be help off site at members homes or other locations. The exact locations will be identified here along with a map.