

The il Leak

August 2020 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 57 Iss 8

Aug Events Canceled see page 2

The President Speaks:

Hello club members,

Well another month has gone by and no meetings or club tours. What a sad state of affairs we are living in. Hope all members and families are doing OK. As everyone has seen more and more club and model A activities across the country have been canceled for this year. The Minuteman Model A Club is continuing with these restraints out of an abundance of caution !!!



On 7/15 there was a 100th birthday drive by for John Erb's Mother in law. Everyone met in Stow behind the library. There where at least 9 Model A's some great classics, many fire trucks and police cars. It was a great show for the birthday girl, Claire Kennedy . These side trips are not official club tours but are a fun way to drive your car.

I wish I could tell everyone when Tours and Meetings will start officially but for now official club activities will be on hold !!

Remember to social distance, use your mask. These will help keep you safe from the virus that has made 2020 the year that nothing happened in the club so far.



KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY
Doug Farrell



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

No cards were sent this month. Please stay safe.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

~~Aug 1: Metz car museum Waltham~~

~~Aug 6-9: Stowe (Waterbury) VT Car Show~~

~~Aug 12: Cape Ann~~

~~Aug 15: Heritage Inn Brunch~~

~~Aug 20: Ice Cream (SEE PAGE 3)~~

~~Aug 29: Movie Night at Kerns'~~

Most August events will be canceled. However for latest changes check oilleak.org for any updates.

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
June 2020

Income:

Advertising	25.00
Member Dues	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 125.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Printing	<u>70.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 70.00

Net Income \$ 55.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

AUGUST 1985 35 YEARS AGO

Pres O'Brien called the meeting to order poolside at the Jacobson's home.

Jim Surette organized the Maine Weekender Tour.

Gus Waldron has ordered 100 Mman Club plastic front plates.

The LAST night ice cream tour for this season.

Program: W.C. Fields, "BANK DICK" played on J.J.'s TV screen.

AUGUST 1995 25 YEARS AGO

Good month for touring says Marlies Plaggenborg, filling in for Steve Goldberg.

Meeting at Dick and Mazie Stitt's home.

New members: Andy Talvy and Lanny Gregg.

Tours: Wayside Fife & Drum ice cream, Stowe VT, Dennis Days, Swimming at the Sneden's, Wannabe breakfasts, N E Meet in Newport RI.

AUGUST 2005 15 YEARS AGO

OFFICERS; PRES Bruce Marshall, VP Tom Zappala, SECY Janice Wright, TREAS Gene Tallone, EDITOR Doug Linden, TOUR Dick O'Brien, MEMBERSHIP Nan Linden, SUNSHINE Helen Johnson, WEBMASTER Bruce Marshall, PROGRAMS Doug Linden

STEERING COMM: Jo Johnson, Wayne Champagne, Bob Wright, & Peter MacDonald.

Meeting John & Shirley Jacobson, with appetizers, salads, & ice cream sundaes.

Reports on Picnic at Terry and Pat Sullivan's Shamrock Hill Farm in Andover. Tour led by Jack Stokinger. Shirley Jacobson organized the "This Lady Drives A Model A" event with 7 ladies qualifying.

Great photos from Father's Day at Elm Bank: Tom Zappala won 3th place with his '31 and Barbara Tallone won best Tailgate Display.

----- ARTIE FACT -----

August of 1908 Henry Ford introduced the model T
August of 1957 Ford Motoer began selling the "Edsel"



----- ARTIE FACT continued -----

My wife and I just got back from Revere Beach and we had a ball.

First, she would bury me in the sand, then I would bury her.

Next year, I'm going back and dig her up.

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REMINDER - Please visit the club website at OILLEAK.ORG for the latest announcements concerning the status of any club event. The rules for gathering are constantly changing and we will post any cancellations to our scheduled events. Thank You!

MARC National Recognition

The Model A Restorers Club (MARC) recently announced in their Model A News magazine the recipients of their annual Mileage Award. I'm happy to report members of the Minuteman club received the following recognition mileage levels:

Don Ross	2,000 Miles
Dave Libbey	5,000 Miles
Bob Wright	5,000 Miles
Bruce Marshall	10,000 Miles

Also, **The Oil Leak** received the MARC Award of Excellence newsletter award.



Jack & Jo send their greetings while out on a Model A drive to get a refreshing ice cream.

AUGUST 20 - ICE CREAM TOUR

It has been too long since we enjoyed a tour in our Model A's for an Ice Cream. We would like to lead a tour to Erikson's Ice Cream in Maynard leaving at 6:30 PM. Erikson's has a good arrangement for safely maintaining distance while waiting in line and you can enjoy your ice cream on the premises. Send me an email if you would like to join us ➡ douglingen@aol.com

Secretary's Report

No July 7, 2020 Meeting

Nothing to Report and Stay well

MEMBERS OUT & ABOUT IN THEIR MODEL A'S



On Wednesday July 15th members of our club joined together to participate in Driveby Parade to help celebrate the 100th Birthday of John Erb's mother in law. It was nice to see club member cars, a few other classics that showed up and the Fire trucks and Police cars who lead the procession.

Happy 100th Birthday Parade for Clair Kennedy



This was in the Metrowest Daily News and look who was feature on this driveby parade.



More 60 vehicles participated in this 30 mile parade that end at C&L Frosty's in Sherborn.

1931 Ford Model A driver Wayne Champagne and his dog "Sybkurr" wait in the Cole Center parking lot in Natick for the start of a one hour Fourth of July classic car tour through surrounding communities on Saturday, July 4. [Daily News and Wicked Local Staff Photo/Ken McGagh]



On Saturday July 25, I toured with members of the Blackstone Valley (Milford) Model A Club and the Central Mass T club for a driving tour. We met at the BVT Technical School and got acquainted with the people we didn't know, making sure of masks and social distancing. There were 4 "T"s, 2 "A", a 1939 Ford, 1949 Ford, 1951 Mercury pickup and Dick Graham in his 68 (?) pickup. We toured the streets of Upton, Uxbridge, Northbridge by traveling in the slow lane (Model T's are slow) and eventually ended at the Blackstone Gorge to view the falls, well barely the river was low. It was good to get out and tour in the Model A.

TOOL DONATION TO CLUB

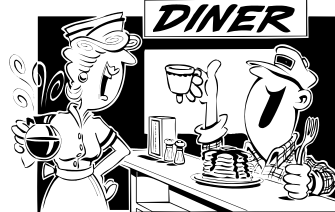
Long time member Pat Martone, he has donated an number of very helpful tools to the club for it's members to use when needed. Unfortunately Pat and Denise have sold their Model A and are relocating to Florida. We will miss them and wish them well. We give Pat a big thank you for donating these tools he no longer needs to the club. To borrow tools contact me (Doug Linden)
Tools Included are:

- Rear Spring Spreader
- Auto Stethoscope
- Pry Bars
- Gas Gauge tools
- Brake Centering tool (Front)\
- Head Puller Tool Set
- Valve Spring Compressor
- Piston Ring Compressor
- Door Hinge Pin Removing tool
- Carburetor Jet Tool
- Engine Eye Bolts
- Brake Shoe Tool
- Other smaller tools available



↑ *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 7:00AM. (see ad page 11)



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Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club (PHSMAC) Car Raffle 2020

By Wilbert Smith PhD, Technical Advisor

**I thought you would like to see what kids are doing at the only High School chapter*

Stating the obvious, this past academic school year has been a challenge. Without our traditional annual car raffle (COVID-19), our treasury needs major help. With students returning this fall, along with ninth graders entering for the first time, the Pasadena High School Model A Club (PHSMAC) is ready to meet its goal. Students are motivated to return with what we hope to be the backing of our many friends and supporters who participate in our raffle.



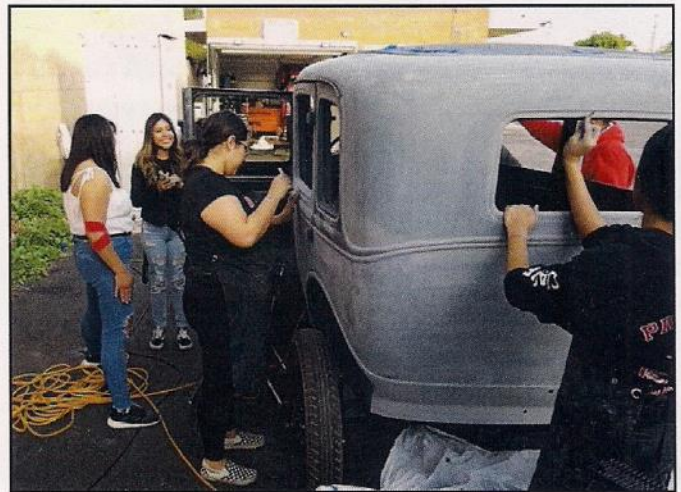
For those who may not recall, the winners of our June 2019 drawing are pictured above. They are Steven & Hayley Timmins of Costa Mesa, California, who won the 1929 Model A Ford Roadster, restored by the PHSMAC. The Timmins family, new to the Model A hobby, stand by their newly owned car while wearing the Club's signature t-shirt. They are members of MAFCA's Orange County Chapter. Our second prize winners were John & Happy Begg of Irmo, South Carolina.

PHSMAC, founded in 2016, has a membership that has grown with confidence possessing accomplishments that are quite impressive. Members beginning as young as fourteen-years-old, then ninth graders, are now seniors who leave our club as adults. Together we rejoice as fellow admirers of our great hobby that is now a part of them. They vow to one day own their own Model A.

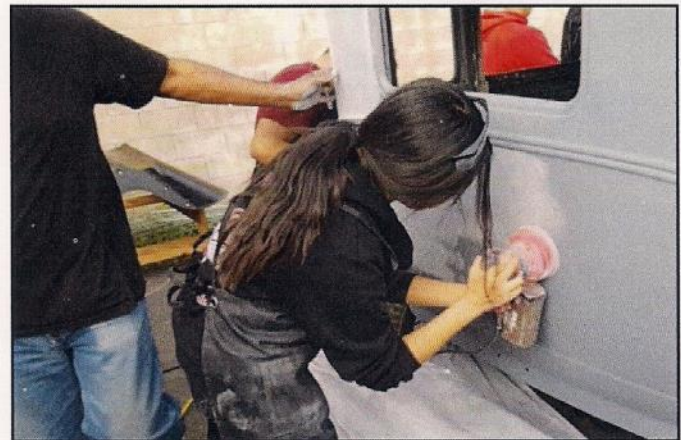
Our students received no academic credit, attending club meetings during their own after school hours. Even while competing with other interest such as school athletics, drill team and band practice, and other extra-curricular

activities, the Model A Club continues to be one of the most popular on campus. And interestingly, the majority of our members have been females that typically outperform their male counterparts. They possess working knowledge of the Model A engine, transmission, upholstery, prep and paint, etc. And markedly, each of our past four presidents and vice presidents have been female.

Below students are shown performing final preparation on a newly primed (by students), 1929 Model A Murray body, Fordor Sedan.



Final sanding and detailing.



Students learn the use of power tools.

We continue to need your support

We receive no funding from the local school district, nor assistance from MAFCA. We rely solely on our annual raffle. For each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) contributed, the donor receives one raffle entry. Odds of winning are fabulous, given we limit the number of entries sold. Additional cash prizes will also be awarded. We encourage those who can purchase multiple tickets do so, and for that we express our sincere gratitude.



Priming before applying final paint color.

Please address your tax-deductible donation to: PHSMACF, 1968 Lake Ave, Suite 101, Altadena Ca. 91001. Kindly include a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your phone number and email address. Your entry will be return mailed to you. Clear printing is appreciated. We also accept credit and debit cards by calling 626-375-1367. Winners need not be present. We also welcome any tax-deductible Model A vehicle donation in reasonable restorable condition. Contact us at phsmacfc@gmail.com to request an email version of this document.



Engine Rebuild



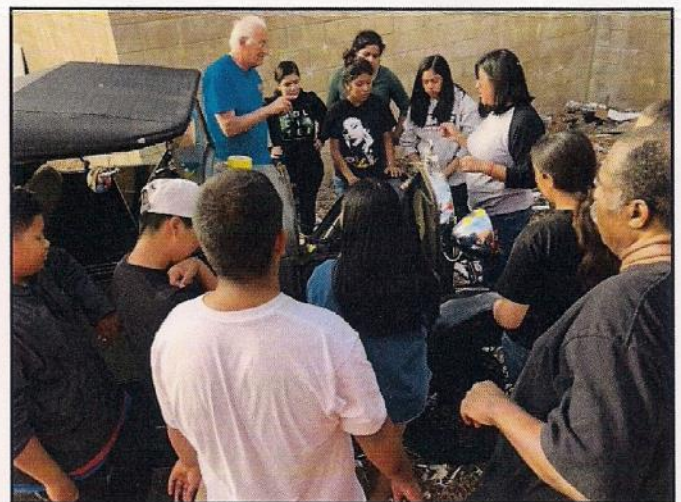
Application of color to vehicle soon to be owned by a lucky family.



Note: I have visited with this chapter and the kids are very motivated about their restoration efforts on their project car which they raffle off each year.



Transmission Rebuild



Class Discussion

June 20, 2020

Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Installing Fuses On Your Model A



Just to prevent a small electrical problem from becoming an even bigger one, many of us like to install a fuse on our Model A. You've all seen them, the little fuse holder that mounts to the side of the starter switch, holds a little glass fuse, and connects to the solid yellow wire. A great idea, but it has a few weaknesses.

First, an open fuse holder like this will eventually corrode as it is exposed to the elements. Oil mist and road grime will collect it and give you a bad connection. Vibration from the engine will loosen up the little metal clips that the fuse snaps down into. With time, this little fuse holder becomes a trouble spot in your electrical system. I've seen it several times on tours.

It is possible to purchase a molded fuse holder with a waterproof cover that snaps securely over the fuse (see photo). It uses a flat, blade-type fuse that can be obtained in any amp rating you need. They work on 6 volt or 12 volt cars. You splice it into the wiring harness and solder the connections (not just crimp them on). Cover with woven loom to hide everything except the fuse itself and it disappears (mostly). Much better.

I'm often asked where to put the fuse. If you only put it on the solid yellow wire at the starter switch, if it ever blows while driving, your engine will die right there. This might be at a very bad time to have no power, when you really need your engine running. It could be dangerous.

Most shorts that would cause a fuse to blow are in the lights or the horn. I recommend putting fuses in the two solid yellow wires coming off of the generator (alternator) that go to the headlight switch and the horn. If one of these fuses blows, you won't have lights or a horn, but your engine will still run. Figure out how much current your lights draw and put a fuse about 25% bigger than that on that wire. The same with horn wire. If you accidentally use too small of a fuse, it will blow and you replace it with one of a slightly higher amp rating.



Once you have installed these first two fuses, then you add a third fuse to the yellow wire coming off of the starter switch. Use a fuse amperage here that is a bit bigger than the ones you used for lights and horn. This becomes your protection against a really big problem in all of the wires besides lights and horn (like ammeter and associated wires). This fuse should not blow if you have a short in the lights or horn, so the engine will keep running and you can limp home (without horn or stop lights -- be careful). But if you have a major short, one capable of starting a fire, the 3rd fuse will blow and save your car.

This is one of my more complicated Tech Tips. I hope it helps your car stay safe and reliable. I'm always open to feedback. Have a Model A Day! Jim

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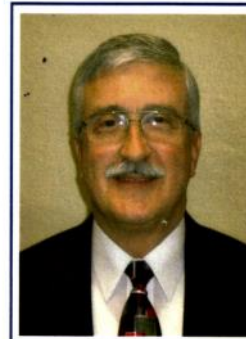
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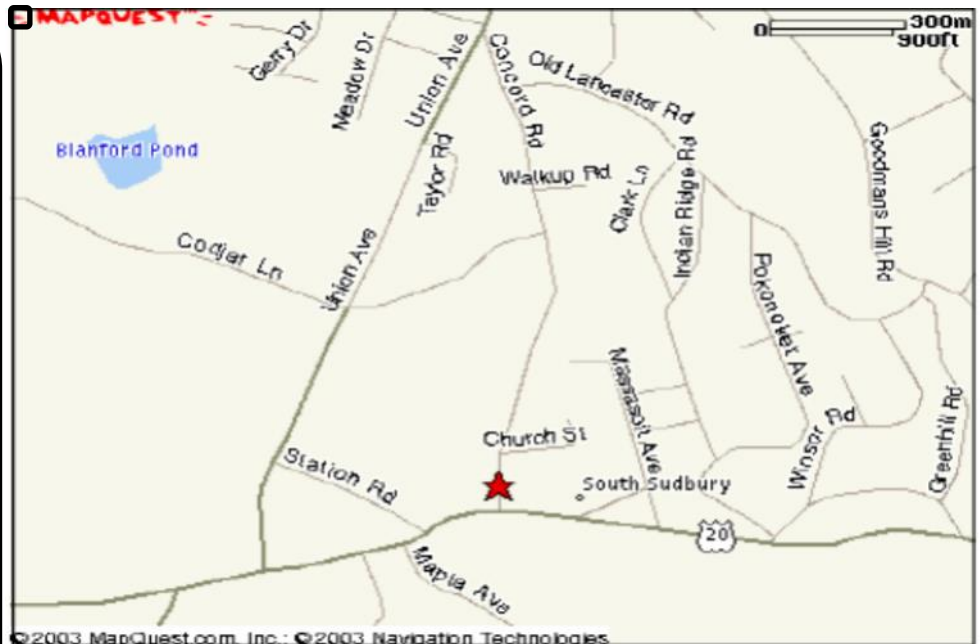
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Mail to:

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Aug - Meeting Canceled

Well the coronavirus continues to be a factor in our ability to get out and about in our Model A's. The Governor has moved us into Phase 3 of reopening the state and some venues are opening up. However the BOD has decided that all events should be considered canceled until further notice. So check the Minuteman website or facebook page for the latest info on resumption of tours.



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.