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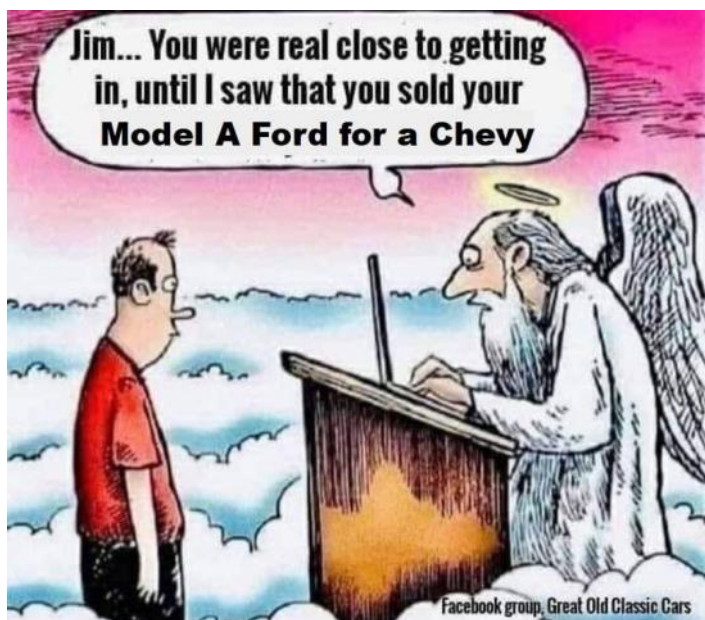
The President Speaks:

Summer has its ups and downs. I love being outside but when it gets in the high 90's it sure is a lot easier to just stay inside - I don't know why!!

The August Meeting will be at Harold and Sally Legge's 8 Brook Street Natick, Mass. Harold has asked everyone to arrive in their Model A, if possible, for a club picture on the front lawn. Remember the date August 2nd. Hope to see a good showing of cars at the meeting.

This past month we had the July 4th parade in Sudbury. A great showing with 14 cars on a beautiful day and New Horizon in Marlborough with 8 cars and another great day.

Everyone smiles when our cars are out and about. For many they have many fond memories and new generations look at the way it was 90 plus years ago.



Don't forget this year's NEW ENGLAND MODEL A MEET is in Mansfield, MA. Very close to all of us. It is September 16th thru 19th. This is a very easy drive to be part of a fun yearly event. Think about going for a day trip if you can't stay for the whole event.

KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY

Doug Farrell



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Get Well card was sent to Dick Stitt who recently finished a medical procedure.

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

sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

- Aug 2** Club Meeting at the Legges, So. Natick*
- Aug 4** 6:30 PM Bedford Farms Ice Cream TL H. Samuels
- Aug 11** Stowe Vermont Weekend and Car Show
- Aug 18** 6:30 PM Trombetta's Ice Cream TL Wayne C.
- Aug 27** 7:00 PM Movie Night at the Kerns home.
- Sept 6** Regular Club Meeting

TL = Tour Leader

*** See Map on Cover Sheet**

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
June, 2022

Income:

Club Items sold (hats)	20.00
Coffee Can (June mtg)	12.00
Total Income	\$ 32.00

Expense:

Summer Meeting (June)	150.00
Meet Donations	200.00
Total Expenses	\$ 350.00

Net Income \$ - 318.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

AUGUST 1987 35 YEARS AGO

Fearless Phil was at it again and fined Rich Batstone \$1.00 for arriving at the August meeting in a vintage Army Jeep.

The attendance was 62 members at our Annual Picnic in 1987. The Country Store on the Marlboro/Sudbury line (purchased by Henry Ford in 1930) will pay \$100.00 for Model As on "Festival Day" on August 29th..

AUGUST 1997 25 YEARS AGO

Congratulations were due to Dick Stitt for a First Place, Wayne Champagne for a Second Place, and John Jacobson for a Third Place at Hildene. Thanks to Dave and Maryann Clark for hosting our 1997 Annual Picnic. The next meeting will be held at Jack and Jo's "new home" in Sudbury.

AUGUST 2007 15 YEARS AGO

Bob Wright received a First Place at the Classic Car Show at Elm Bank with his 1931 Ford Pickup! John Jacobson, VP, appointed Mike Doyle and Bob Wright to the Nominating Committee.

At the 2007 New England Meet in Sturbridge, MA: Jo Johnson, Meet Chairman, showed the membership the "Skimmer Hats" that we would be wearing at the September Meet.

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National Organizations:



Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)
Membership dues \$50/year



Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)
Membership Dues \$50/year



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

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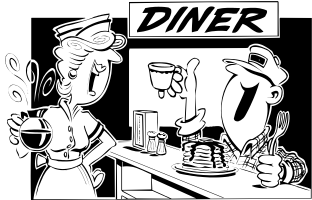
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Weekly Breakfast Group ➡



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is back and growing. We meet every Wednesday around 8 AM. Why not join us there is always room for you. ➡



2022 MEMBERSHIP Application Form

PLEASE complete the form and return with your check for \$20.



Membership: Renew - No Changes _____, Renew - Changes _____, New _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name _____ Model A : _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

email _____ Telephone _____ - _____ - _____

How would you like to receive your Newsletter: Electronically or US Mail (circle one)

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club July 5, 2022

Location: The Maynard Elks Club, Maynard Ma.

Meeting was called to order at 7:28 PM with approximately 26 members in attendance.

Tonight's meeting was kicked off with Doug leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Reports:

- Doug requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Doug then requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we have 1 new member this month, and he happens to be in attendance.

Bill Scaglione of Bedford is a returning member and has a 1930 Roadster.

Touring:

- Don Ross Reports:

* The Sudbury July 4th parade was well attended as we had 13 A's representing the club.

* Upcoming tours:

7/12 – Dairy Queen in Natick – this is an on your own tour. It would be neat to have all the cars line up in the drive thru and take a picture.

7/16 – New Horizons of Marlboro (assisted living), has requested our club display our cars for their residents. They will have a live band and free refreshments for those who attend.

7/26 – Mystery Dinner – meet in Wayland at 5:30.

8/4 – Bedford Farms for Ice Cream.

National News:

- Doug Linden reported the MAFCA meet in Kerrville Texas went very well but it was hot! Over 100 every day, but it was a dry heat. It was good to see Joop and Marlies and spend some time with them, they are our Minuteman representatives in Arizona. They got to visit the LBJ ranch which was very interesting. They did not get to see the Amphicar, which LBJ often used to take folks for a ride in the river which was next to the ranch. They did see the runway which was built to accommodate Air Force 1.

- Next year the MARC meet is in the suburbs of Cincinnati (Hamilton) which makes it a doable event to attend with your Model A.

Old Business:

- Hats and License Plate Toppers for sale.

Refreshments:

- Doug thanked The Maynard Elks for providing the Ice Cream Sandwiches for tonight's refreshments.
 - The August, (8/2) meeting will be held at Harold and Sally Legge's in So. Natick Ma.
- Ice Cream Sundae's will be provided.

New Business:

- Summer meetings are typically off site, the August meeting will be held at the Legge's in Natick. Harold wants everyone to bring their Model A, we want to line them up on the lawn for a nice picture.

- Doug thanked Dick Krug for making the arrangements for tonight's meeting at the Elks.

Programs:

- There was no program for tonight.

Running Board Commentary:

Doug brought up several topics that were discussed by the membership:

- Sudbury Parade was very good, probably the fastest parade we have ever driven in.
- Lexington event last month – Dick Krug big winner in raffle.
- Tom Zap in the running for Hard Luck Trophy.
- Telephone Truck article in the Restorer.
- Stowe Vt. Car Show

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary



"Artie-Fact"

NEW JOBS!!

In 1929, on many street corners, were salesmen with fancy metal stoves and a bucket of anthracite coal. Their job was to convince home-owners to switch from expensive wood-logs to hard coal.

OUT would go open-faced fireplaces that sends most of the heat up the chimney.

IN would be efficient and beautiful all metal decorated stoves to warm your hands or socks.

Here we are, 90 years later, listening to the sales pitch of the solar people. "Put it on the roof and let the sun do the work. You can reap the benefits of cheaper electricity while providing new jobs".



Name

Badges are

Available at Meeting



For Club Apparel see Thread-Logic information on page 11.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nan reports a new member and one returning member this month. Please welcome:

Bill & Beverly Scaglione (returning)

1 Karen Drive

Bedford, MA 01730

1931 Roadster

Tom & Diane Bedell (New)

13 Arbor Circle

Natick, MA 01760

No Model A - Yet

Welcome!



Sudbury July 4th Parade

After two years of Covid postponements, the 2022 Fourth of July Parade was a great success. The weather was perfect which was a key factor in the large turn out of spectators along the route. The club had a great turn out of Model A's, 13 in fact, and since this is a paid event for the club we were happy to have a good representation. The Fire trucks led the way and the Model A followed, our Ahooga horns may not have been as loud as the fire trucks, but we still got lots of smiles and waves. John Pierce got the kids excited with a blast from his water cannon that he fires from his Roadster as he drives by and reactions from the kids is great. The only little glitch was at the end, it seems someone neglected to open the gate to the parking lot, but thanks to Sue Champagne who quickly got it open so we could enjoy the rest of the parade.



Out & About In Our Model A's

New Horizons Concert & Display

The New Horizons Assisted Living center in Marlborough contacted Bob & Cindy Mangan and asked if we could display our Model A's on Saturday July 16. Eight Model A's arrived for a display starting around 6 PM. The weather was perfect and the residents really enjoyed checking out the cars before the concert started. Our Model A's do rekindle lots of memories for the residents. One woman was excited to see the rumble seat and asked Lenny if he could open it to show she could take a look. Lenny did and she was thrilled. Brad Johnson took time to adjust his points and Nan noticed one resident peering over our shoulders to see the activity, no doubt remembering doing the same years ago. New Horizons had Ice Cream for us and it wasn't long before the band started playing. It was nice to see some of residents dancing to the tunes, which were from the 50's which according to Dick Krug is getting too close to the music we grew up with. It was a good turn out and the staff of New Horizons was very appreciative.



THE MUNSON ROAD TEST

By Don "Smokey" Freniere

Many moons ago while working on some computer gear to be installed in a military vehicle, I learned of the Munson Road Test. It is a road full of obstacles at the Aberdeen Military Proving Grounds. Now Franklin NH has a similar couple of like roads that I travel daily. Munson shakes out military vehicle problems, Franklin continues to shake out, indeed encourage, rattles and bangs in my "A".

It's been a while since I've written anything so I'll play a little catch up . Just mounted that noise and heat baffle. That project made me clean up some wiring issues. This baffle is really great from my prospective. It fit easily and looks good and covers up a lot of rough looking firewall. And it really does work. I am pleased with the sound reduction and will miss the warmth this fall. Wish I had purchased it (and a lot of other stuff) before the big price increases. So I give it a thumbs up, especially if you are a daily driver.

The Munson test proved Snyder's comment about cheap bumper clamps. Bang and off dropped one side of my front bumper. Thought it was my muffler! All that was left of the clamp was the bolt! The top of the other one also broke off. Time to change that Canadian center clamp.

There are now some 5 K miles on my engine with insert bearings. There is just a feeling of confidence, knowing I won't have to take up the mains and rods. I plug along at 50-55 every day (not in Franklin). The counter balanced crank has cut vibrations on this old design 4 banger. I wish that I had waited for that new Burtz engine. Reports on it are great. But the A's 91 and I'm 90 so I'll get my payback.

I put radial tires on but think it was a mistake. They are OK on the road but for me, especially with shoulder issues, just simple turns are a real chore. I'm not sure I'm getting decent mileage out of them.

The new LED headlights are really great! DO IT. I've got LED tails ready to mount. Much brighter. The bar stop light in my rear window was also good move.

And do I love my Mitchel overdrive! You know, I think I gonna keep this car! If you are more than a short haul weekender, this is a really good move.

And of course my electronic distributor kit. No more burnt points, always adjusting, no shaft & bushings wear, failing condenser.

More on my list and I still have a "to do" list (always). But I need to segway to my needs list. Right now, just need a 30-31 trunk or rumble lid (real bad).

That's Don Freniere 1 Lilac Ln. Franklin, NH 03235 603-229-2731 (before 3 PM)
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Clip on Some Elegance

By Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

"When a woman can't afford a new dress, she buys new costume jewelry to brighten up her old ones." I found this quote in a 1930 article discussing fashion. To me, it highlights the austerity of many of the working-class women of the Model A years. While a working woman could not afford to buy a new dress frequently, she could be a master at changing her looks with accessories. Dress clips were a new fashion embellishment that could be purchased inexpensively to bring new life to last season's wardrobe.

Read the full article on the MAFCA Website at http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html and learn how dress clips were used in daily fashion during the Model A years!



A "whitestone" dress clip from the Chas. L. Trout 1931 catalog



A Diamond Clip Brooch set by Cartier circa 1928.



A Cartier Clip Brooch Circa.



Diamond Clip-Brooch, Cartier, London, 1929



Cloisonné dress clips from the Chas. L. Trout 1931 catalog



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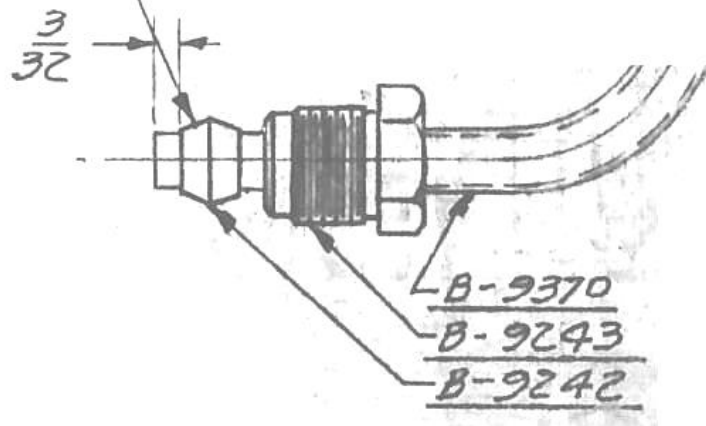
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Model A Fuel Line

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This diagram is taken from original Model A blueprints and it shows how the ferrule is added to the fuel line. It shows two important things: First is the spacing of the ferrule from the end of the gas line. This is important as it makes sure the fuel to the carburetor is not restricted. And Second it also shows that the ferrule was soldered to the fuel line. This was most likely to guarantee the 3/32" spacing for the ferrule is maintained.



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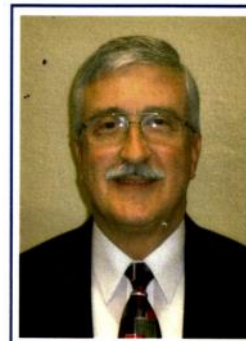
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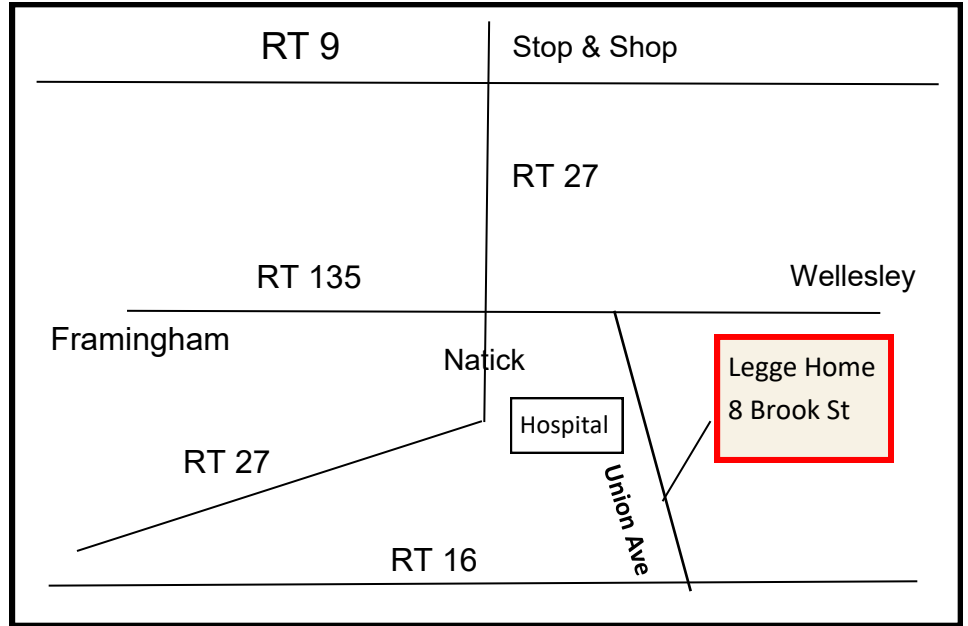


Latest News

Thanks to the hospitality of Harold & Sally Legge, the August meeting will be held at their home at 8 Brook St. in Natick.

Sally says that refreshments have been provided for so no need for anyone to bring anything.

Be sure to drive your Model A.



The August meeting will be held at the home of
Harold & Sally Legge
8 Brook Street So. Natick

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org



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