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The President Speaks:

Hi All!

August brings us to the end of the summer meetings, now it's time to start thinking of the next season - Fall, and its cool crisp weather is the best part. Not to mention

foliage, apples, pumpkins 🎃, Apple cider doughnuts just to mention a few. I always enjoy touring with the club as the season starts to wind down.

I hear talk about Hersey already, more rule changes as always but even with all the changes it all works out in the end if the best people are put on the weather committee. This makes all the difference!

👍 😊 🎃



TTFN

John Kerns

(ta-ta-for-now)





Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Get Well card was sent to Grace Doyle and a sympathy card was sent to Sue Hart.

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)

- July 27** 6:30 PM Bedford Farms, Harold Samuels TL
Aug 1 Club Meeting New Horizons Marlboro see map on cover sheet
Aug 5 11 AM Scenic Drive/Picnic, W Champagne TL
Aug 8 Club Meeting—New Horizons Marlborough
Aug 19 Willard Clock Museum Tour Dave Libbey TL see page 11 for details.
Aug 26 7:00 PM Movie Night at the Kern's
Sept 5 Regular Club Meeting

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
June, 2023

Income:

Member Dues	80.00
<u>Parades</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 330.00

Expense:

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

Net Income \$ 260.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

AUGUST 1988 35 YEARS AGO

John Jacobson reported on a very successful 1988 National Meet in Sturbridge, MA in July. It was a success both in financial gains for our club, and in customer satisfaction. We had guests from six countries and Model As that were licensed in England, Canada, and India! A new member introduced herself as Jodi Whyte from Hopedale, MA and we also met Ralph Parks (a guest of Bucky Silvestrone)!

AUGUST 1998 25 YEARS AGO

23 Members (and their As) attended the 4th of July Parade in Sudbury, MA in 1998. Twelve Model As traveled north to our sixth annual tour to the Hildene Car Show in Manchester, VT. On August 16, 1998, we celebrated our Club's 35th Birthday! - at the Pavilion of the Veteran's Hospital in Bedford, MA. We had fresh boiled lobsters and danced with the Squirrel Hill Dixieland Band! It was a bargain at \$10.00 per Club Member!

AUGUST 2008 15 YEARS AGO

Club members were finalizing plans for the 52nd Annual New England Model A Meet at The Roaring Brook Ranch in Lake George, NY. Also, the MAFCA/MARC Joint National Meet was held in Dallas, TX. The exciting news is that Tom Zappala made the trip to Dallas in his trusty Woody and subsequently traveled on to California and then back home to Massachusetts! The next Meet would be held in Vancouver, B.C. and some members were planning on driving our As to the West Coast in 2010!

National Organizations: (If you are not a member of these great organizations please consider joining them)



Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)

Membership dues \$50/year



Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)

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Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)

and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr.

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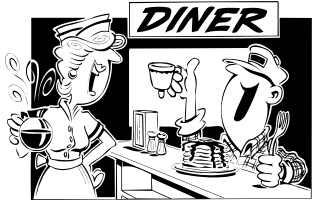
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Weekly Breakfast Group ➔



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. ➔



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

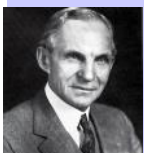
Nan reports no new member this month.

Editor's Note: Don Ross reported that while he was in the St. Maarten airport a young guy approached him and inquired about the Model A Club. (Don was wearing his Minuteman hat) This young fellow had inherited his grandfather's Model A and was interested in joining the club for some assistance. The guy lived in Framingham so hopefully he will follow-up on the info Don gave him and join the club.

Welcome



Aldie Johnson's Mail truck at the National Truck Museum



"The greatest thing we can produce is character. Everything else can be taken from us." Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club July 11, 2023

Location: The home of Rich & Linda Batstone Berlin, MA.

Tonight's meeting was kicked off with Rich Batstone holding the American Flag and Bob Mangan playing a terrific rendition of the Star Spangled Banner on his trombone, Excellent!

President John Kerns then called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM with approximately 37 members in attendance.

Officers Reports:

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

VP Report:

- Brad provided several flyers for upcoming events.
- August meeting will take place at New Horizons in Marlboro on August 1st. 6:30 PM
- Brad then provided the Touring Report in Don Ross's absence see below.

Membership:

- Nan Linden no new members to report this month.

Touring:

- Brad Johnson
 - * The Sudbury July 4th parade was well wet we had 4 A's representing the club.

* Upcoming tours:

7/15 – Summer Rally – Rich Batstone – 11:00AM meet on Woodward Ave in Berlin Center.

7/23 – Sunday – Lunch tour OYO, details to follow. Bullfinches ??

7/27 – Ice Cream tour – Bedford Farms, TL Harold Samuels – leaving Wayland at 6:30 PM.

8/5 – Scenic drive and Picnic – TL Wayne C. bring your chairs and a picnic.

8/19 – Dave Libby is planning a Multi Club event, with the Worcester Club, Blackstone Valley Club and the Minuteman Club to the Willard Clock Museum. He will be looking for a rough head count at next month's meeting, set your calendars.

National News:

- The Lindens and Libby's will be attending the MAFCA week long national tour 'Backroads to the Classics'.
- The Lindens and the Michalak's will be attending the MARC meet in the suburbs of Cincinnati (Hamilton) OH
- Doug Linden recognized Wayne & Sue Champagne for their 35 years membership in MAFCA.
- Doug then recognized Dick O'Brien for his 40 years as a member of MAFCA.

Refreshments:

- John and the membership thanked The Batstone's for hosting tonight's meeting, it was a great time with lots of great conversation, hot dogs, potato salads, garden salads and all the fixings.
- Rich B. thanked Nan for the salads.
- The August, (8/1) meeting will be held at New Horizons in Marlboro, Ma.

New Business:

- Hudson Senior Living has reached out to the club to see if we would be willing to visit the community and display our cars for the residents, Brad Johnson has volunteered to reach out to discuss potential dates.

Programs:

- There was no program for tonight.

Running Board Commentary:

Doug mentioned a couple of events at the Lars Museum: 7/16 Micro Car Show and 7/23 American Car and Truck Show these should be very nice outings.

- The parade season went well with the club receiving nice donations from The Town of Wellesley, Wellesley College and the Town of Sudbury.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Gadbois

Secretary

June 21st Ice Cream Tour to Kimball Farms in Carlisle

TL & Report - Rick Gadbois



It was another great day for an Ice Cream Tour to Kimball Farm in Carlisle. The tour took us through the towns of Wayland, Lincoln, Concord and Carlisle. This time our route took us past ‘Ponyhenge’ on Old Sudbury Road in Lincoln. The Hobby Horses started arriving sometime in 2010, after the placement of a lone Hobby Horse. They are periodically rearranged, sometimes in a circle, sometimes in rows like race horses, other times they are simply scattered

around. The herd has been growing recently, oddly, no one takes them away, much to the delight of the family that owns the land.



Along for tonight's ride were the, Champagne's, Adams', Zeoli's, Levesque's, Samuels', Linden's with grandkids Aaron and Blake, and Matt Cilley. All enjoyed cool treats and warm conversation and then it was off again for the return trip home, another fine evening enjoyed by all in attendance.

Model “A” Radiator



This touring season a few members, including myself, have had to have their Model A radiators repaired. The radiators were cooling OK but they had started to leak. I recently returned from a Model A trip and noticed a wet spot on the garage floor. On further inspection I could see a few more leaks and when I removed the radiator I found a few more. No question this needed some repairs. Thanks to Rick Gadbois, who recently had his radiator repaired, he was able to give me the name of place to do the job. The radiator guy noticed even more leaks and when I picked it up he said I had 15 leaks, including the top tank and the bottom outlet. He also said this radiator was of poor quality, specifically in the way the tubes were soldered and that tank was three pieces of brass soldered together. But it was all repaired and should give good service for a few more years. I also had an original Ford radiator that I wanted him to repair and what was interesting is when he called saying that it was ready he said that this radiator was far superior to the cheap replacement radiator he had just finished. The Ford radiator top tank was one molded piece of brass and the tubes were soldered to the tank using a much better process. He also said this tank had no leaks and he only had to flush it a few times to have it flow properly. One thing I noticed was the difference in the weight of the radiators, the Ford one was much heavier, which I hope means better metal. At some point I need to put the Ford radiator back in the Model A.

(Link to Model A radiator info) <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=749733885563134>

Minuteman Model A Rally

The Gadbois', Martin's, and Cilley's ran the rally of 17 miles in very good order and prizes were awarded for each team. There was also a prize for the best picture taken at a scenic spot on Rocky Pond in Boylston. The finish location was the Art Bradish Snack Bar in North Grafton. This is a classic small hot dog and burger stand that was originally founded by the current owner's grandfather in 1937 and has not changed in almost 90 years.....very quaint. Believe it or not, the restaurant has a website artbradishsnackbar.com.

Many thanks to all who participated.



Other Model A Activities of Interest



August 11-13 2023 Waterbury, VT

Great show and flea market at Farr Field. 500–600 cars attend and large number of vendors on flat field.

Most overnight reservations are made in Stowe due to more hotels.



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2022 Show Stats: 350 trucks over the weekend | Over 1,000 spectators per day
Sponsorship Information: Bronze \$150, Silver \$500, Gold \$750, Platinum \$1,000
Vendor Spots: \$35 | Food Vendors: \$50 | Friday Truck Drop Off Available

“Artie - Fact”

by “A”nonymous



August is the month when motorists load up their cars with the mother-in-law, the kids, the dog, the budgie, a dozen carrier bags, three picnic baskets, two radios and then head off to the country to “get away from it all”.

INVENTIONS DURING THE MODEL A ERA

*****1929*****

How Charles Leiper Grigg Developed 7UP



Charles Leiper Grigg was born in 1868 in Price's Branch, Missouri. As an adult, Grigg moved to St. Louis and started working in advertising and sales, where he was introduced to the carbonated beverage business. By 1919, Grigg was working for a manufacturing company owned by Vess Jones. It was there that Grigg invented and marketed his first soft drink, an orange-flavored drink called Whistle for a firm owned by Vess Jones.

After a dispute with management, Charles Leiper Grigg quit his job (giving away Whistle) and started working for the Warner Jenkinson Company, developing flavoring agents for soft drinks. Grigg then invented his second soft drink called

Howdy. When he eventually moved on from Warner Jenkinson Co., he took his soft drink Howdy with him.

Together with financier Edmund G. Ridgway, Grigg went on to form the Howdy Company. So far, Grigg had invented two orange-flavored soft drinks. But his soft drinks struggled against the king of all orange pop drinks, Orange Crush. But he couldn't compete as Orange Crush grew to dominate the market for orange sodas.

Charles Leiper Grigg decided to focus on lemon-lime flavors. By October of 1929, he had invented a new drink called, "Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Sodas." The name was quickly changed to 7Up Lithiated Lemon Soda and then again changed to just plain 7Up in 1936.

Westinghouse took over 7UP in 1969. It then was sold to Philip Morris in 1978, 7UP merged with Dr. Pepper in 1988. It was bought by Cadbury Schweppes in 1995, who later spun off the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group in 2008.

Source: ThoughtCo, Apr. 5, 2023

Recent Club Events

Sudbury Fouth of July Parade

The weather on July 4th was unpredictable with rain forecasted and sure enough it did rain. BUT it was spotty which made it difficult to determine if the parade would take place. I placed a call to Rick Gadbois and he said that there was no rain in Sudbury, so the Linden's decided to attend even though we left in a light rain. By the time we got to RT 20 in Marlborough the roads were dry, which was a good sign. We arrived at the staging area and were the first Model A in line. Shortly thereafter Rick and Anna Gadbois and family arrived, followed by Rick & Linda Batstone and Andy Adams with Abbey. The weather was cloudy but still dry when the parade kicked off. We wrer behind the Fire Trucks and traveled at a good parade speed.

The streets were lined with families and the kids were excited to hear the A-oo-gah horns. Lots of smiles and waving and cookouts in the front yards. We had almost completed the parade route when the rain started. At that point it was just enough time toi removed the decorations for the Model A's and then head home wand hoping the rest of the parade groups didn't get too wet.



Pictures from the August meeting at the Batstone's



Bob Mangan and his trombone playing the National Anthem with Rich Batstone and John Kerns



Wayne champagne getting 35 year MAFCA Member pin and Dick O'Brien getting his 40 year MAFCA Member pin

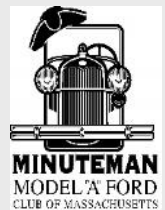


Rich's cars on display



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



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

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2023 New England Meet - Hyatt Regency Hotel 1717 Motor Parkway Hauppauge, NY
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Willard Clock Museum - Multi Club Tour August 19th

(rain date August 20)

Dave Libbey has arranged for a tour of the Willard Clock Museum with Blackstone Valley and the Worcester County Model A clubs. The museum chronicles time machines and the history of the Willard Clock company. The museum is located on a country setting not in North Grafton, MA not far from the Tufts University Cummings Veterinary School campus.

We will arrive at 11 AM and tour the museum in groups. A food truck will be on the ground or feel free to bring a picnic lunch.

This will be a fun gathering of the three clubs.

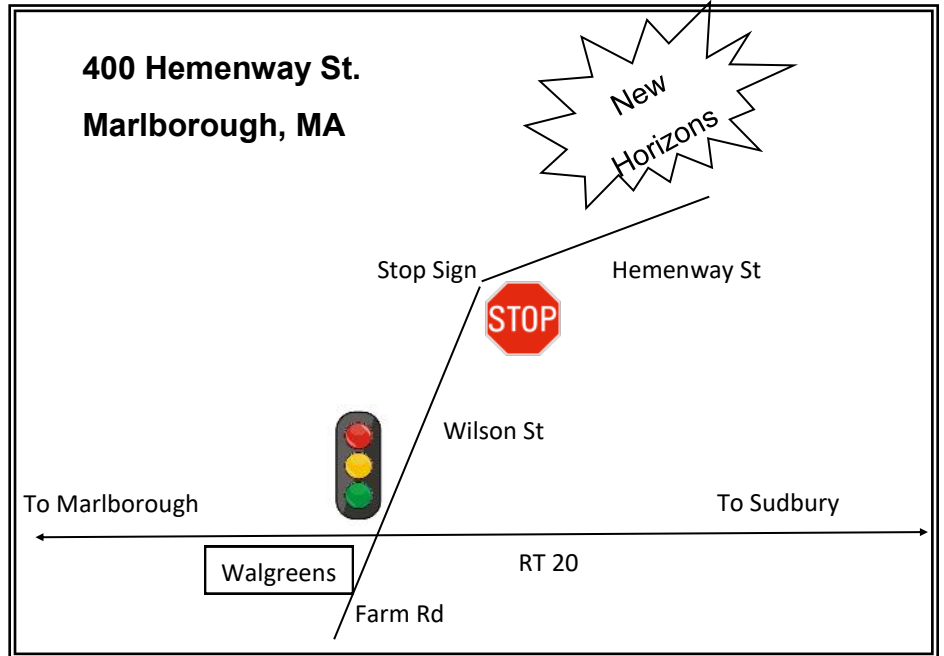
We will meet in at the Wayland Center and depart at 10 AM.



Latest News

The August meeting will be held at New Horizons in Marlborough. We have visited the residents at this facility many times and they do enjoy our visits. I also hear Ice Cream will be served.

Plan to arrive at 6:15 so the residents can enjoy the Model A's



The August meeting will be held at New Horizons senior living facility in Marlborough at 400 Hemenway St in Marlborough. Plan to arrive at 6:15 so the residents can admire the Model A's

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org



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