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December 2019

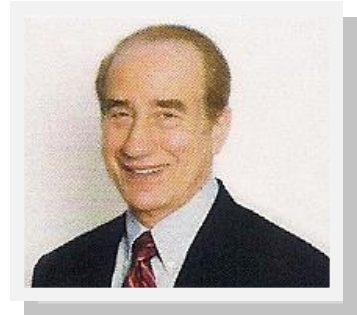
Minuteman Model A Ford Club

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## *The President Speaks:*

How time does fly by!

Here we are approaching the Holiday Season and the end of the year and I feel that I am just getting started. Our Holiday Party at Conrad's on December 8 promises to be another great time and a chance for us to close out the year in style. My last official function as this year's president will be the inauguration dinner at the Church for the January meeting.



We have a great cadre of officers for next year and I am looking forward to the winter meetings, planning for next spring and all the exciting activities to follow.

I have had great support from this year's officers, board and all the people who have volunteered to lead and support club functions. So many people to thank.

- Doug Farrell (VP) for Wayside Inn, Holiday Party and back-up help through the year.
- Barbara McElhiney (Treasurer) for budget and financial control
- Rick Gadbois (Secretary) for excellent minutes and record keeping
- Nan Linden for years of service in membership and roster
- Doug Linden for again being Oil Leak editor, national club liaison and programs
- Don Ross for tour director and advertising manager
- Gary Hoyt for shopkeeper.
- Wayne Champagne for webmaster.
- Sue Champagne for sunshine and newsletter distribution
- Steering Committee; Wayne Champagne, Rich Batstone, Clyde Kelton, Andy Adams, and Jo Johnson.
- Jo for investment account and donations.
- Craig Martin for running swap meet (and members who assisted) and leading several tours.
- John Pierce for club raffle and breakfast group.
- Bob and Cindy Mangan for patriotic salute to begin meetings.
- Robyn Samuels for organizing and arranging food for the summer *bash*.
- John and Martha Kerns for hosting the summer bash picnic and movie night.
- Dick Krug, Harold and Sally Legge, and JJ and Shirley Jacobson for hosting summer meetings,
- Harold and Sally for hosting spring clinic.
- Tom Zappala for leading the fall weekend tour.
- John Jacobson for Annual Club Auctioneer.
- Susan Farrell for making centerpieces for the holiday party.
- Ed and Joyce Croci for delivering Toys for Tots.
- All the members who organized and led tours, set up for meetings, provided refreshments --,so many to mention.
- To those I may have failed to mention, my apologies and thank you for what you *have done*.

It has been my privilege to serve as president this year.  
This is truly a fantastic club.

**Happy Motoring**

*Harold Samuels*



# Sunshine

Sue Champagne  
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Sue reports no cards were sent out last month, this is good news.

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


## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Dec 8 Annual Holiday Party See map and Info on back cover

Jan 7: Installation Dinner see page 6 for more information

TL= Tour Leader



### Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
October, 2019



**Income:**

Coffee Can	12.00
Wayside Inn Dinner	<u>1041.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1053.00

**Expense:**

Oil Leak Printing	70.00
Mass Tax Filing Fee	18.50
Coffee Supplies	6.00
Post Office Box Fee	<u>140.00</u>
Total Expense	484.50

Net Income \$ 568.50

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

**DEC 1984 35 YEARS AGO**  
Holiday party at the Wayside Inn. 2nd floor room with 55 people attending. Officers for 1985 announced-PRES Dick O'Brien, VP Bob Noyes, SEC Doug Linden, TREAS Phil Iorio. Yankee swap enjoyed by all.

**DEC 1994 25 YEARS AGO**  
Dec 2nd Holiday party at the Marlboro CC. Dick O'B awarded Chapter Service Award, Gene Bunce the Hard Luck Award. Tour Participation awards to Dave Clark, Dick Stitt & Joop Plaggenborg. A Diner model to Art C. for service as the Club Sec. Plans for first Officer Installation Party.

**DEC 2004 15 YEARS AGO**  
Holiday Party at the Marlboro CC with Toys for Tots gifts. MARC Mileage Awards to 8 Minutemen with D Linden tops at 40,000 miles in a Fordor

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*In 1961, TWA became the first airline to show in flight movies (for first class passengers only). 8 years later astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins went into orbit around the moon.*

*The sign on the IRS office entrance in DC reads-Watch Your Step.  
When you're leaving, the sign says- Watch Your Language.*

**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 November 5, 2019

Memorial Congregational Church

The November meeting was called to order at approximately 7:31 PM by President Harold Samuels. The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 45 members in attendance.

Harold thanked this month's volunteers for providing the refreshments; Joyce Croci, Sally Legge and Peg Michelak.

Harold announced that the 2020 Club Dues are due, Nan is now collecting.

Harold mentioned there is no regular club meeting next month, as it will be replaced by the Holiday Party.

The January meeting is Tuesday January 7th. The Inauguration Dinner for the 2020 Officers' will be held, please RSVP so we know how many members will be in attendance.

See Oil Leak for announcement.

## Officers Reports:

- Motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as printed in the Oil Leak - MSP.

VP Doug Farrell read a letter from the Model A Youth Restoration Award Program, they are looking to provide assistance to any young people in the Northeast Area currently building a Model A. Please let us know if you are aware of anyone who could benefit from this program.

Doug also discussed details for the Holiday Party. It will be held again at Conrad's on route 20 in Sudbury. The date is Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Checks must be received by 12/1 to confirm your spot. The Holiday Party is subsidized by the club, cost is \$20 per person. See Oil Leak for details and get your reservation in!

- National News – Doug Linden reported that MAFCA is holding its Annual Awards Banquet first week of December. We have two club members on the National Board; Doug Linden and Dave Libbey.

## Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we are now collecting dues for 2020 so get your dues in!!

We have 1 new member attending tonight, Mike McAllister of Bedford, he recently purchased Gage Russell's 1929 Sport Coupe. Welcome to the club Mike, what a great looking car!!

## Touring:

- VP Doug provided touring update.

Two tours left for the season – how quickly it went by.

\* 11/10 – Frostbite tour to the Old Mill in Westminster. Leaving Wayland at 10:00 AM. Craig Martin - TL.

\* 12/8 - Holiday Party at Conrad's 12:30 PM

Wayside Inn dinner was attended by 22 Minute People who had a great time and fine dining.

## New Business:

Doug Linden reported on the selection of officers for 2020.

President Doug Farrell

Treasurer Barbara McElhiney

Secretary Rick Gadbois

As there was no candidate for the position of Vice President, Doug nominated Bob Mangan. The nomination was enthusiastically second. - MSP

Harold then presented the slate of officers for the 2020 calendar year;

Doug Farrell for President,

Bob Mangan for Vice President,

Barbara McElhiney for Treasure,

Rick Gadbois for Secretary.

A unanimous vote from the floor confirmed all candidates. Congratulations to the 2020 officers.

## Programs:

After a short break we will hold the annual Live & Silent Auctions. The pile of rusted car parts seems to be getting smaller and smaller.

Respectfully Submitted

*Rick Gabois*



*Our thanks go out to Rich Batstone who*

## 2019 Board of Directors

**President** - Harold Samuels *hsamuels10@gmail.com*

**Vice President** - Doug Farrell *dfarrell1416@gmail.com*

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## Wright's Chicken Farm Tour

Dick O'Brien led a large group Minuteman'ers to the Wright's Chicken Farm in Burrilville, RI. The weather was excellent and we had a variety of cars, lot's of Model A's, a 29 Cadillac, a 47 Chrysler, 32 Street Rod and a few moderns. All together we had about 40 people in our group. It was also great to have Grace Doyle join us today.

The annual gathering at Wright's Chicken farm is the unofficial end of the touring season and this year the assortment of cars was quite varied. In addition to the Model A Clubs, there was the Corvair and the Thunderbird Club.

We all had a great time.



Plenty of Model A



Great assortment of other cars



Nice line up of T-Birds

# October Model "A" Weekend

## Follow-up Report by tour Leader Tom Zappala

The Minuteman Club held its annual Fall Tour under sunny skies under the leadership of Tom and Lisa Zappala

The tour started with a puff of smoke (short in Chuck O'Neil's power inverter) and a roll start (jammed Bendix?) of Tom's Woody, but was mechanically (and electrically) uneventful from then on. The following group consisted of Chuck O'Neil and Debbie Chiacu, and Rick and Anna Gadbois. The fall leaves were in full color as the nimble group toured down Connecticut's scenic Route 197 to Pomfret and a lunch stop at The Vanilla Bean Café.

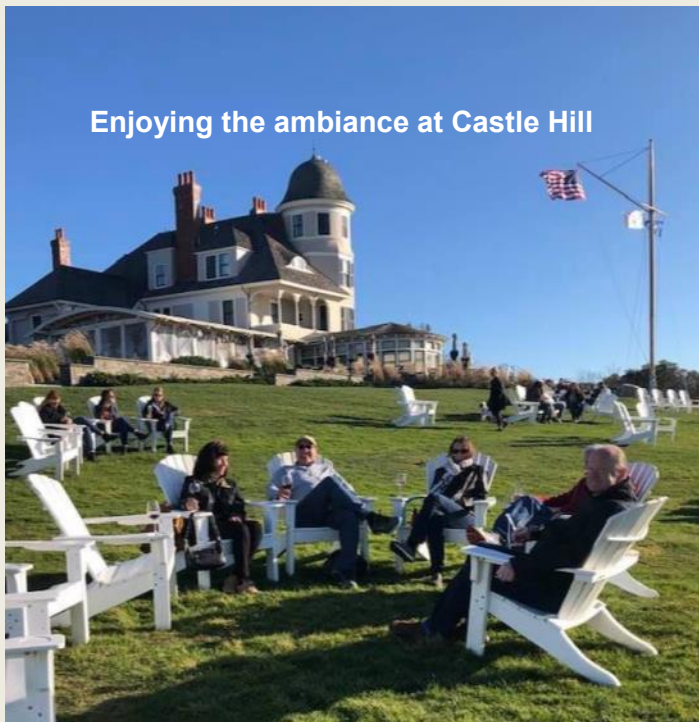
The group travelled to historic Wickford - America's Main Street, according to Yankee Magazine. There the group visited several antique shops, enjoyed coffee and tea at Wickford On The Water, and took a stroll. The group finished the day at the Plum Point Bistro - an exquisite family cafe in North Kingston.

Saturday was a blur of fantastic scenery, great food, and great company. After a hot breakfast at the Rome Point Cafe, we toured over the Jamestown and Newport bridges to downtown Newport. Once in town, we headed up Bellevue Avenue and out along Newport's famed 10-mile drive. At the end of our drive, we invoked our "Model A Passports" and snuck past a barrier to circumnavigate the perimeter of the historic Fort Adams. The tour group found its way to Salve Regina College and the beginning of The Cliff Walk - a spectacular oceanfront walkway that affords beautiful ocean views and a peek at some of Newport's finest mansions.

The group lunched off Broadway on fine food from Binge's Barbecue and Roots, a pure vegan juice bar and eatery. After lunch and a stroll around the village, we toured the Audrain Automobile Museum, taking in some of GM's most influential concept cars of all time - including two of Harley Earl's own personal vehicles.



A drive around Fort Adams



Enjoying the ambiance at Castle Hill

We enjoyed a little touch of Newport's elegance out on the lawn at Castle Hill, where we enjoyed dry Rose wine and other beverages while sitting in Adirondack chairs looking over the Ocean. We then travelled over one bridge to Simpatico Jamestown, a fantastic eatery in Jamestown (of course) where we enjoyed Caesar Salads and Pumpkin Cheesecakes that we're out of this world.

The Sunday morning tour took us to Snoopy's Diner in North Kingston, a 1950s era Diner complete with jukeboxes on the counter. A short trip to West Kingston brought us the Johnny Cake Festival at Kenyon's Grist Mill, and under sunny skies and surrounded by the beautiful colors of fall in New England, we meandered home. It was a great fall weekend and an excellent fall tour.

*Tom Z.*

# Help is Still Needed



Coffee Person

I can't believe no one has offered to make the coffee. How about someone JUST for the February meeting. 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)

### \*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*



## January 7<sup>th</sup> Installation Dinner & Awards Meeting



At this meeting we will install our 2020 officers, present Hard Luck Award and have dinner which will begin at 6:30 PM.

### ----- RESERVATIONS NEEDED -----

The club will provide the food so we will need a head count.

*The "No Reservation - No Food" rule applies.*

Please contact Harold Samuels 781-275-2814 or [hsamuels10@gmail.com](mailto:hsamuels10@gmail.com)





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Are you over 80 and been a member for at least 5 years? \_\_\_\_ If, yes, membership is free.

I would like to receive my *Oil Leak* by email. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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## Frostbite Tour - The Old Mill

For the last tour of the year a brave group of 27 minute people in 9 Model A's, 63 Vette and an assortment of moderns made the trip up to the Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster. We settled in the Sawmill Room and enjoyed the buffet. On the way home, a few of us stopped at the Cider Mill in Sterling and looked through the 2019 assortment of antiques and stuff.

Hope to see you next year.

Craig & Karen



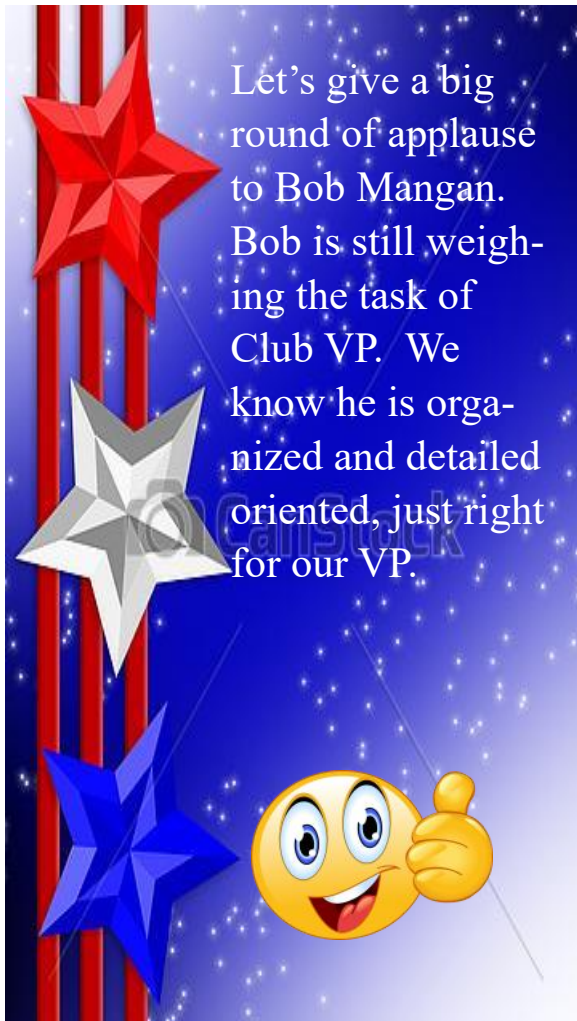


## Restoration Tip – Plastic Razor Blade

Prepared by: **Bill Brum**

There are many instances during a restoration process where it is necessary to scrape material from a surface while preserving the integrity of the base material. Whether it be metal, glass, plastic or other base material, preventing scratches or gouging can save you hours of unnecessary restoration or simply preserve the original condition of an item. I have discovered manufacturers producing very good plastic razor blades that are very effective in accomplishing this task.

These plastic razor blades are also designed to fit with any of the standard blade holders on the market today as shown in the attached photo.



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But, did you know that Henry Ford was actually staying at his Wayside Inn in Sudbury during this major event. Yup right here, he has special telephone lines run from Boston to keep abreast of the activity. Check out this video:

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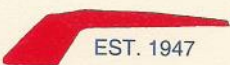
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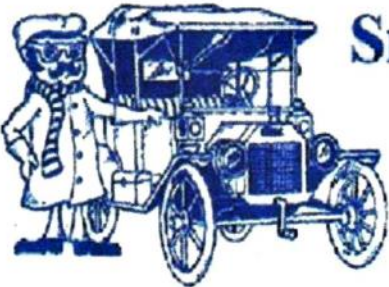
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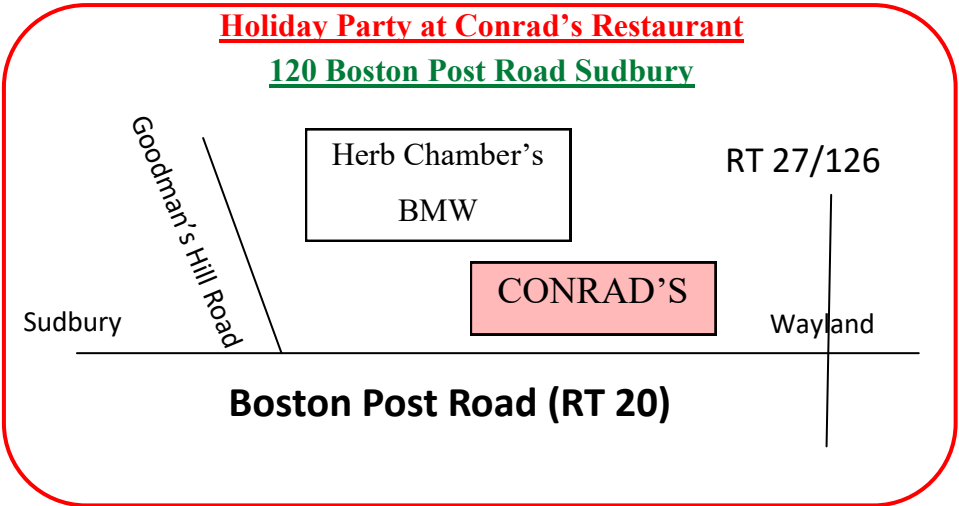


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