

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*

Well here we are in July half of 2021 now over. Can you believe how fast the months go by??

So June was a good month for Tours. 1) Erickson ice cream 2) Mason Recreation Center 3) Big Apple breakfast, with model a cars. 4) And for those who went to North Conway the MAFCA National Tour.

I want to give a big thank you to new club member Al Mason of Wellesley as he was the host of the tour to Mason Recreation in Leominster. Bowling, mini golf, ice cream, pizza and a food truck all provided by Al. A good time was had by all who attended. THANKS AL !!!

Looking forward, July has several tours that look interesting, 7/10 a covered bridge tour looks like a winner.

We are still on track to start our meetings at the Memorial Congregational Church in September, after the summer...sounds good.

I wish you safe and enjoyable travels this summer. Hope to see you on tours over the next few months.



**KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY**

*Doug Farrell*



## Sunshine

Sue Champagne  
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Sympathy cards were sent to Dick O'Brien (brother) and Paula Butler (mother). Our condolences to their families. Get well Cards were set to Cindy Mangan and John Pierce.

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

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Jul 10 10 AM Covered Bridge Tour TL Rich Batstone  
Jul 17 12 Noon President's Tour TL Doug Farrell  
Jul 27 6 PM Dinner (Carbone's) TL Ed Wlodyka  
Aug 1 11:30 AM Scales Restaurant TL John Kerns

TL=Tour Leader

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
April 2021

### Income:

Member Dues	\$ 80.00
Total Income	\$ 80.00

### Expense:

Tour Clinic Exp	\$ 164.23
Oil Leak Printing	\$ 70.00
Total Expenses	\$ 234.23
 Net Income	 \$ -154.23



## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### JULY 1986 35 YEARS AGO

Summer meeting at the Stitt's. Great night but mosquitoes were ferocious. Bob Donovan rejoins club after playing with V8's for a few years. Aldie Johnson going to MAFCA/MARC meet in Wisconsin to invite everyone to 1988 Convention in Sturbridge.

### JULY 1996 25 YEARS AGO

Harold & Sally Legge host the monthly meeting. Large attendance, 30 Model A's on the grass. Tool Scholarship winner present. Ice Cream tours well attended as well as Essex Antique/Dinner tour. Annual picnic at the Clark's reaches 50 Model A challenge. What a sight.

### JULY 2006 15 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Gene & Joyce Bunce's home in Acton. No more breakfasts at Trolley Diner—SOLD. MAFCA Convention in Mansfield and many members will be attending. Mat Johnson joins club, our youngest member. O'Bee, Wayne C and Tom Z win awards at Elm Bank show. Barbara T wins best Tailgate with her 53 Pickup.

### ----- ARTI-FACT -----

Yester-years: "Pizza" was a place they built the leaning tower.

"Calamari (squid)" was fish bait.

"Indian restaurants" were found in India.

Two things that we never had on our table, elbows or telephones

A "Take away" was a math problem.

Now-a-days: Being older, I'm very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

### National Organizations:



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



**Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)**  
Membership Dues \$45/year



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## **Jim's Tech Tip** by Jim Cannon

### **Adding a Passenger Side View Mirror**

There are several passenger side mirror options out there for us to add to our car, to see a bit better what traffic is over there. You can get a mirror that attaches to your door hinge, to your wind wing, etc.



But after you install it, you will discover that you really can't see much in it. It is almost useless, especially when trying to help you change lanes.

Here's my little Tech Tip: Add a small "bubble mirror" to the face of that flat mirror, using a couple of strips of two-sided tape. Hunt around for a bubble mirror that closely matches the diameter of your flat mirror. Look for them in auto parts stores, general merchandise stores, truck stops.

Now you will really be able to see what is on that side of the car or truck!

Enjoy the drive, and Have a Model A Day! Jim



# Secretary's Report

**No June 1, 2021 Meeting**

**Nothing to Report - Stay well**

## Five States In 1929 Abolished Speed Limits

Maximum speed limits were abolished in five states in 1929, while 12 states raised the limit, with the objective of speeding up traffic, according to reports received by the California State Automobile Association. Kansas, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin prescribe a speed that is "reasonable and proper". In effect, this means that speed is not to be considered prima facie evidence of reckless driving, and such cases will be considered on their merits.

With improved highways and added safety qualities in motor cars, the tendency throughout the country has been to speed up traffic, and each year finds the legislature of various states fostering proposals to abolish maximum speed laws.

### SPEED LIMITS INCREASED

States which increased their speed limits by action of the legislature during 1929 are: California, from 25 miles per hour to 40; Delaware, from 30 to 35; Illinois, from 35 to 45; Minnesota, from 35 to 45; Nebraska, from 35 to 45; Nevada, from 45 to 50; New Mexico, from 35 to 45; Ohio, from 35 to 45; Pennsylvania, from 35 to 40; South Dakota, from 25 to 40; Texas, from 35 to 45, and Virginia, from 35 to 45.

A total of 11 states do not prescribe maximum speed laws. These are: Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The limits in other states range from 20 miles an hour in Massachusetts to 50 miles per hour in Nevada, with the majority of states placing the limit at between 35 and 45 miles an hour.

From "The Evening News, San Jose, California, Wednesday, August 27, 1930":

## On the Road Repairs

At the recent National Tour three participants had to replace head gaskets. This is not an unusual problem, just one you would prefer not to have to perform while on the road. Two of these repairs were on Model A's that will be driving back to CA. One of the CA cars was actually on it's way back and ran into problems while still in NH. (more later)

One Model A had a timing gear fail while going down MT Washington Rd. This resulted in some bearing damage as the oil pump was not working while the engine was still being used to slow the decent. Trailered home.

Back to the CA cars, in addition to the headgasket, another A had a slipping clutch. Fortunately the group made contact with a White Mountain club member who opened up his garage for the repairs to be made. They are back on the road.



## V P Needed

The club can use your help! Yes we are looking for a volunteer to fill the VP position. There is still time to volunteer. Please contact Doug Farrell,,,,Thank You.

# MAFCA National Tour

## North Conway, NH

A small group of Minuteman members recently returned from attending the MAFCA National Tour in North Conway, NH. MAFCA conducts a driving tour every other year for those who like to get out and enjoy touring the countryside while driving their Model A. This event was hosted by the NH Lakes Region Model A Club and chaired by Mark Smith. 215 Model A's were in attendance from 35 states, many being trailered, but there was a good group who drove here. For example, Ron Crumm drove his 30 coupe all the way from California, alone, and will drive back after visiting his good friend Barbara McElhiney. Driving tours were planned to visit all areas of the White Mountain National Forest, including an opportunity to drive up to the top of Mt. Washington and a lot of Model A's drove to the top. The weather was warm and humid early but the cool dry air arrived on Wednesday and was perfect for the remainder of the tour. Due to covid, no inside functions were available at the hotel, so the welcome get together was a tailgate party in the parking lot. The rest of the week was filled with driving tours, most of which were around 125 miles, that showed off all the attractions in the area. Minuteman members attending: Doug & Nan Linden, Bruce & Trish Marshall, Wayne & Sue Champagne, Jack & Jo Stokinger/Johnson, George & Deb Stokinger, Ed & Pat Quirk, Doug Farrell and Brad Johnson visited for a day, and the Brums and Libbeys also attended with their other clubs.

North Conway Scenic Railroad

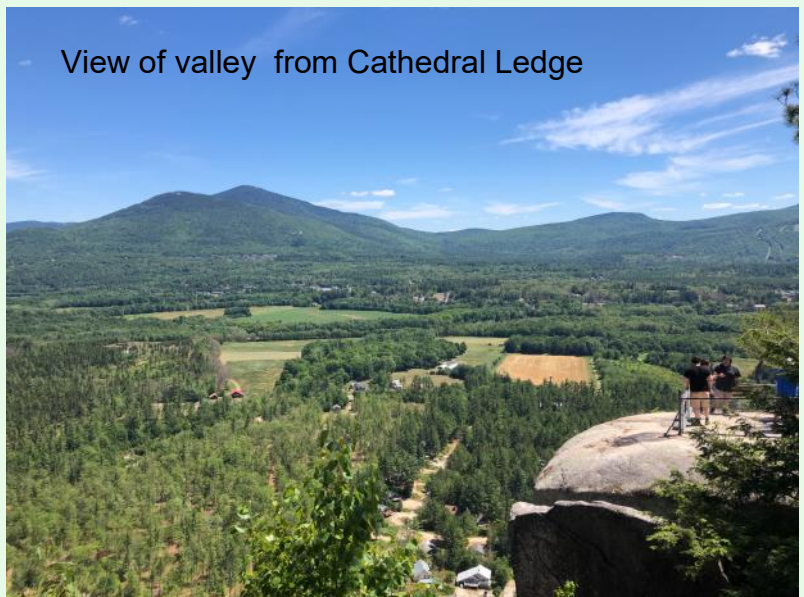


Some of the 215 A's

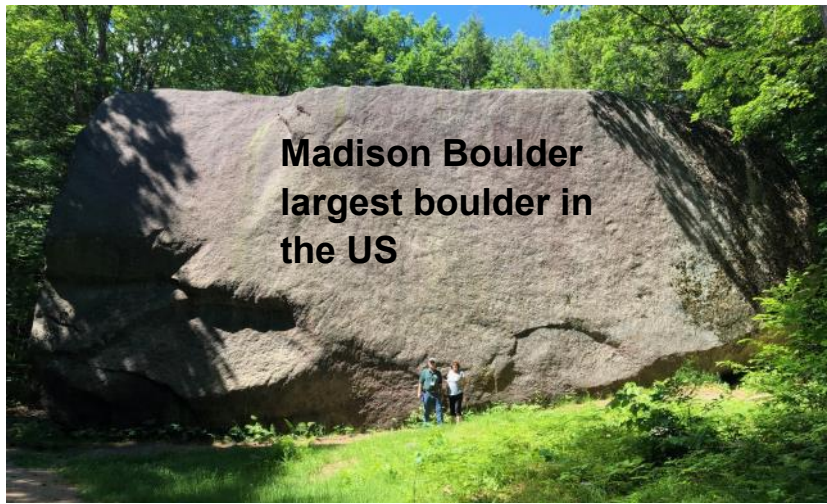
View of valley from Cathedral Ledge



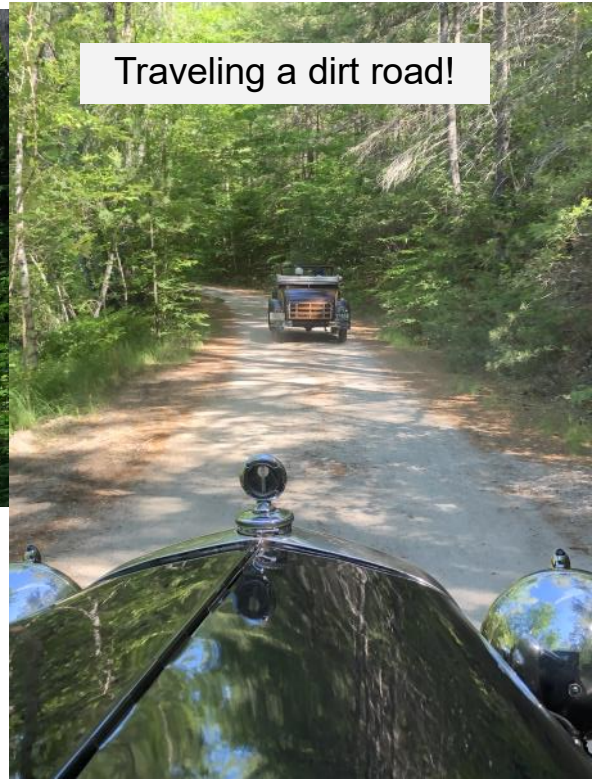
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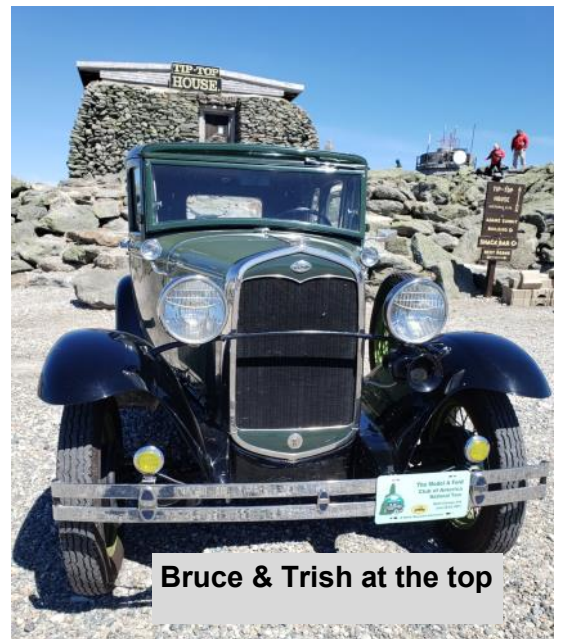


**Going down Mt  
Washington Rd**

*More pictures  
from the MAFCA  
National Tour*



**Leaving for the Tour in NH; Quirks, Lindens & Champagnes**



**Bruce & Trish at the top**



# NE England Meet

September 10-12, 2021

The big event for the year that is always great fun is the annual New England Model A Meet that will be held in September at the Sunday River Resort in Maine. The registration form was in the May Oil Leak. For the latest information you can visit the Pine Tree A's website for the latest information.



<https://www.mainemodelafordclub.com/ne-meet>



## ↑ Weekly Breakfast Group ↑

The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is slowly growing. Now that members have received their vaccine the group keeps growing each week. The Big Apple staff keep the area clean and safe. Why not join us again.



## 2021 MEMBERSHIP Application Form

**PLEASE** complete the form below and return with your check for \$20. If there are no changes, you won't have to complete the entire form, just check the appropriate box.

*Thank you.*

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# Model A's On Tour

We have had a nice group of Model A activities in June. It is great to be back out on the road driving our Model A's and getting together as a group. If you haven't had an opportunity to join us there is still lots of touring left. Hope to see you soon.



## June 3rd: Ice Cream Tour to Erikson's Ice Cream in Maynard

It was another great day for a Model A ride and Ice Cream. Now, normally you would think a trip to Erikson's was a quick trip with 3 turns max, not today my friends! This tour consisted of 20 turns and took us along some very scenic roads through the towns of Wayland, Lincoln, Concord, Sudbury and finally Maynard. We couldn't ride through north Sudbury without including a quick spin along 'Ford' road in route to our destination. The lines were short and the ice cream delicious. Then it was off again for the return trip home; another fine evening enjoyed by all ~Rick Gadbois



## June 12th: Mason Recreation Center

A giant AAA-OOOOO-GAAAAA to Al Mason. On Saturday June 12, saw ten A's Touring out in Leominster. We had a great time at Al Mason's recreation center. We played miniature golf and could have bowled, Al provided pizzas, burgers, sandwiches and drinks. And of course delicious Ice Cream. Every one left stuffed and happy.

~ Don H Ross



## June 16th Big Apple Breakfast Display

We had a nice mini show during breakfast at the Big Apple. 11 cars lined the parking lot. (9 A's, a T and a 36 Buick)





## Sharpening Your Accessory Knowledge

Diann Eason  
Model A Ford Club of Colorado



On your travels in your Model A, stopping at antique shops can be a treasure hunt looking for those accessories for your era fashion ensembles. You may be surprised how easy it is to add smaller fashion accessories to your Model A back seat or package deck. Check out the full website article on pocket knives for men and women, *Sharpening Your Accessory Knowledge at*

[https://www.mafca.com/ef\\_articles.html](https://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html).



A few of the productive manufacturers during 1928-1931 were: US Walkill River Works, Walden New York The New York Knife Company, Colonial Providence RI, and Shapleigh Hardware Company/Diamond Edge Company, Boker Knife Company, Solingen Germany and the United States of America, Hammer Brand Knives, and the Camillus Knife Company.

Look for the name of the knife and/or manufacturer on one of the blades near the hub of the knife. This is referred to as the **tang stamp**. The knife could have any number of blades located at one hub, at opposite ends of the knife, or a combination.

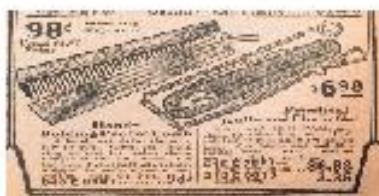


The knives varied in length from two- and- one half inches up to seven- and- three fourth inches. Various materials were used for the handles; wood, ivory, polished steel, pearl, brass, celluloid, silver, bone known as stag handles.

Men and women in era could carry a pocket knife for various ensembles and occupations. A well-dressed man could wear a pocket knife in a vest pocket with a chain similar to a watch fob. A golfer might have used a pocket knife to clean the dirt from the cleats of his shoes. A woman could have a small knife in her purse for personal protection or to make adjustments of the points on her Model A. Larger knives with a blunt blade would have been used as an utility knife.



the entrant's overall appearance.



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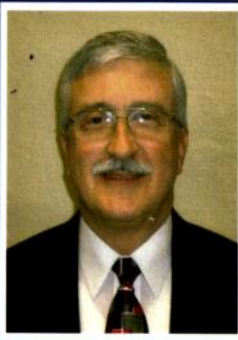
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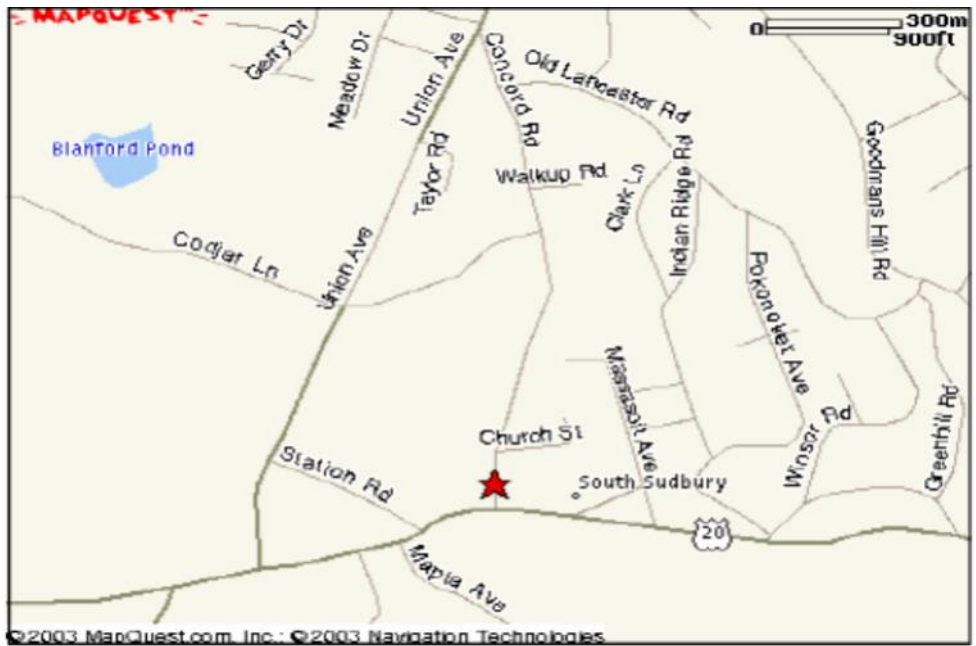
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### On The Road Again!

I hope you have been able to join us on our tours. It has been great to get the Model A out on the road and be able to meet with other members. More tours are planned so get you Model A ready for the road and hope to see you soon



Monthly Meetings will **RESUME** in **SEPTEMBER** at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. See you then ... Have A Good Summer

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