

# The Oil Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*

Dear Club Members;

The Wellesley College parade was a lot of fun. The enthusiasm of the alums for the eldest alums is really heartwarming. Perfect 10 of a day.

I am hoping all club members will make a real effort to make the Saturday July 14th tour. It is the 90th anniversary of the Bedford VA hospital. Special honoree is Miss Lillian who is an 101 year old WW II veteran. There will be a parade, band concert. Bring a picnic lunch and folding chairs as we honor those that have given us so much.

I was amazed at how fast the experts were able to diagnose Doug McGuire's and Brad Johnson's car problems when we made double house calls last weekend. I learned so much just being there.



Don't forget. The July club meetings is July 10th. The regular day would be just too hectic for many of us. Dick Krug has lined up a special meeting at a car collectors storage building. Bring folding chairs and enjoy the cars.

There are a lot of tours lined up for July. The good weather is here and I hope you will join us on as many tours as you can.



Happy Motoring

*Andy Adams*

# Sunshine



Grace Doyle  
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

No cards were sent this month, which is a good thing.

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



## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

**July 4:** Noon Sudbury Parade, Meet at Chiswick Park

**July 7:** 10:00 AM Mendon Diner TL Don Ross

**=====July 10: Rescheduled Club Meeting =====**

**July 14:** 9:00 AM VA Med Center Celebration TL Andy Adams

**July 17:** 6:30 PM Lester BBQ Burlington TL H. Samuels

**July 22:** 1:00 PM Benchmark Senior Display TL Tony Zeoli

**July 25:** 6:30 PM Ice Cream, DQ Natick TL Don Ross

**July 28:** 9:30 AM Wachusett Mtn TL Don Ross

**July 31:** 6:30 PM Ice Cream Tangerini Farm TL Dick O'Brien

**Aug 4:** 11:30 AM Brew Pub Hopkinton TL Bob Mangan

TL= Tour Leader \* On your own, go directly to location.

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
May 2018

### Income:

Coffee Can	21.00
Member Dues	40.00
Tour Deposit Refund	<u>200.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 261.00

### Expense:

Install/Awards Dinner Exp	219.59
Tour Clinic food	45.92
Oil Leak Printing	<u>48.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 308.51
Net Income	\$ - 47.51

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### JULY 1983 35 years ago

Meeting at the Jacobson's. (RAIN YES. A'S NO)  
Plans for Beach Party at John Harwood, Westport.  
9 cars line up for the July 4th parade.

### JULY 1993 25 years ago

Meeting at Bunce's. His HQ is air conditioned.  
Plans for Club Picnic at Camp Virginia GS Camp.  
Bill Riddell passes the coffee pot job to Don (Ole Ben) Bennett.

### JULY 2003 15 years ago

Pres Jim True gavels for attention.  
Plans for 40th Club Anniversary at Concord Rod & Gun Club.

At the Concord Pops tour, Conductor Dick Pittman and Gene Ervin connect as being from the same neighborhood in Baltimore.

## ARTIE-FACTS

Q--As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A--Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q--Where do 60+ year olds look for their eye glasses?

A--On their foreheads.

Q--Is it common for 60+ year olds to have problems with short term memory and storage?

A--Storing memory is not a problem retrieving it is.



National Organizations: If you are not already members of the following organizations, consider joining them.



Model A Ford Club of America ([mafca.com](http://mafca.com))

Membership dues \$50/year

Model A Restorers Club ([modelarestorers.org](http://modelarestorers.org))

Membership Dues \$45/year



Model A Ford Foundation ([maffi.org](http://maffi.org))

and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/year

## Secretary's Report

### Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club June 5, 2018

Location: New Horizons Assisted & Independent Living.

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM while members snacked on sandwiches provided by New Horizons Assisted and Independent living facility.

There were approximately 31 Minuteman members in attendance.

#### Officers Reports:

- Andy Adams requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Andy Adams requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Oil leak - please send articles and tour reports to Doug, include pictures if available.

#### Membership:

- Nan Linden - No new members to report
- We have a visitor tonight, Doug McGuire.

Doug used to help out Gene Bunce with his cars. Doug is looking for assistance with his car that is not running well. Andy, rounded up a few volunteers to assist Doug on Saturday 6/9. We look forward to a full report on the repairs.

#### Touring:

- Dick O'Brien reported on upcoming tours.
- \* 6/7 – Bedford Farms Ice Cream – 6:30.
- \* 6/10 – Wellesley College Alumni meet at the Chapel at 10:30.
- \* 6/16 – Princeton Parade and Car Show – 9:00 AM - Dick Batstone to provide details via e-mail blast.
- \* 6/20 – Dairy Joy Ice Cream - 6:30.
- \* 6/25 to 6/27 – 3 day tour to Manchester VT. Meet at Grange at 8:30 AM. Dick O'Brien leader.

#### Old Business:

- None to report on.

#### New Business:

- Andy requested a motion to add an Action Item to the Operating Manual calling for Annual Financial Audit. – MSP
- Brad Johnson is having a problem with his car that he believes is a timing issue. The "Repair Crew" assisting Doug McGuire will stop by to see Brad since they are in the same town. We look forward to a full report on this repair as well.
- Minuteman member Dave Libby is running for a Director's position with the National club. Don't forget to vote for Dave when you receive your MACFA ballot.
- We have a guest from New Horizons at tonight's meeting, Bill Darwin. Bill is a big fan of the Velocity channel and a collector of die cast model cars. He would like to show us his collection at a future meeting.

#### Summer Meetings:

- Due to the July 4th Holiday, the July meeting will be held on the Tuesday the 10th. Meeting will be held at Haartz Corporation in Acton, details will be provided in the Oil Leak.

#### Programs:

- No Program tonight but there are Ice Cream Sandwiches to be had.

#### Running Board Commentary:

- Andy reported on an upcoming Special Tour to the VA in Bedford Ma. Tour is scheduled for July 14. There is a special event being held to celebrate the 90 anniversary of the facility. We hope to have a good showing of cars.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois



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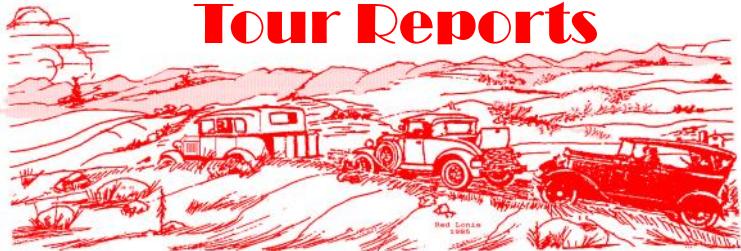
Nan reports no new members this month.

Please welcome:



*If you see a Model A while  
driving around invite them  
to a meeting.*

### **Tour Reports**



### Old Sturbridge Village.....another 2-car tour.

June 9<sup>th</sup> was a perfect sunny day. Harold Samuels, wife Robyn, daughter Stacey, and friend Gavin drove for about an hour and a half to my home in Berlin in Harold's Fordor. We headed out to Sturbridge at 8:30 AM via mostly back roads, arriving at Old Sturbridge Village at 10 AM for registration for the annual in-the-village car show. Many beautiful antique cars were parked on the village green including the Central Mass Model T club. John and Martha Kerns and Jim and Ronnie Bodkin were there, adding to the Minuteman count. Yay! We had a leisurely free visit to the museum and enjoyed the peaceful tranquility of the place. After a nice day we headed home about 2:30 PM. Our Model A's ran well and we enjoyed a great late Spring day. Thanks to the folks at OSV for the nice handmade pottery mug given as a participation gift.



*Rich Batstone*

## Pictures From Our Display at New Horizons



Although New Horizons announced the cancellation of our visit to their residents because of the afternoon rain, our members showed up and put on a good display. There was a good turn out of residents anyway which was good to see. The only real problem that arose was the cookout was cancelled as well. The facility did manage to make up box lunches and tried to serve as many as they could.

Outside we had plenty of time to show off our Model A's and talk to many of the residents. One resident came out with picture of his dad in an old car and wondered if any of us could identify the car. We could not. It was much larger than a Model T and we

guessed it was taken in the mid teens. One fella talked about the rumble seat and Jack offered him a ride in one in the coupe. Needless to say he had quite a smile on his face. Fortunately he was able to get in and out without too much difficulty.

New Horizons was sorry for canceling the cook out and invited us back for another visit and this time with the cook out as planned.

We will try to schedule a second visit, hopefully on a Saturday. Stay tuned.



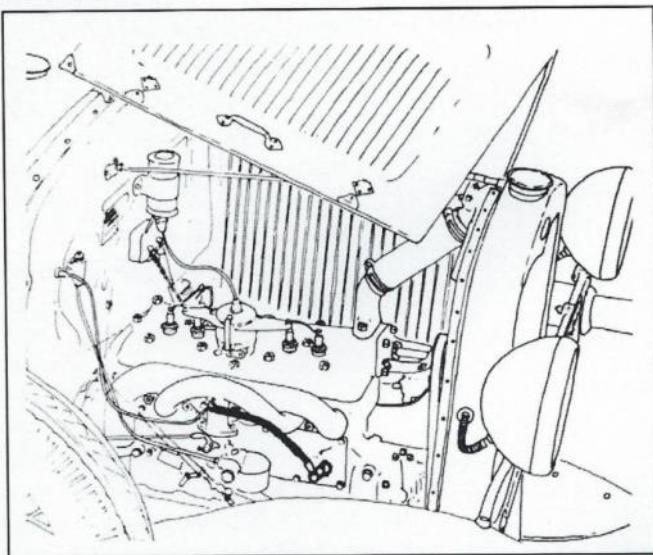
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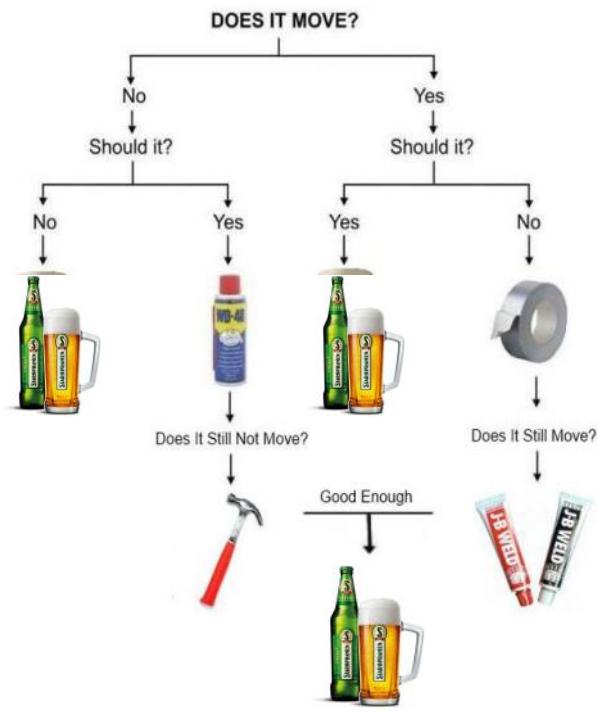
### CRANKCASE VENTILATOR

I have eliminated my Model A blowby problem and have cleaner oil too! Several years ago, another Model A enthusiast suggested using a tube from the valve side cover plate to the intake manifold to route the fumes from the crankcase. This was good. What I have done is to embellish upon it.

Inside the oil filler cap, I have added a stainless steel pot and pan scrubber (like real coarse steel wool), available at any market. To this I have added a PCV valve (Lee #LV-61) for a 225 C.L.D. Slant Six Valiant engine, which is of fiberglass composition with stainless steel parts.



### Mechanics Flowchart



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Member Brad Johnson was experiencing problems with the way his engine was running, well in this case not running any longer. Bob figure the problem was timing related since the engine was backfiring through



the carb. Recently a crew visited Brad's garage to check things out. Although everything looked fine, when Harold went to remove the nut holding the Timing Gear it was only hand tight. Oops, that's not right. Removing the timing gear showed the dowel pins had turned into slots. Seems every time Brad reset the timing that slot got worse and through off the timing again. Eventually it was so far off it began backfiring through the carb. A new gear was properly installed and that problem was fixed.

# TOUR REPORT



## **Wellesley College Alumni Parade**

One of the events our club has participated in for many years is the chauffeuring of the members of the most senior graduating class at the annual Wellesley College class reunion celebration. This year our members transported members of the class of 1948. The ladies enjoyed the ride through the campus in our old cars. With the Ahooga horns sounding and the other reunion classes that lined the parade route all cheering the class of 1948 alums, it made for a noisy ride. The ladies enjoyed waving to the crowd and occasionally talking to some spectators. The members of the class of 1948 saw quite a change during their college years, starting during war time and ending in peace time. The ladies riding with me talked about rationing and other wartime activities. They also remember one classmate who had a car on campus in their senior year, although they couldn't remember what make it was. To them that was a pretty big deal at the time. If you do the math, most of these ladies were in their early 90's and still very active. After a few hectic day of activities, they were looking forward to driving home. If you have not participated in this event before you will find it a very rewarding experience. By the way, there were a few members of the class of 1943 present, they rode in Model T touring car and also enjoyed being head of the parade.



**Wellesley ladies enjoying the Alumni Parade.**



**A few of the Model A Attending the June 7 Bedford Farms Ice Cream Tour. Thanks to Dawn Levesque for the pictures.**

## June 3<sup>rd</sup> Breakfast Tour

What a great time we had, even though it did not look like that would be the case when only 3 people met at the Grange for a tour to Weston center and the Ye Olde Cottage Restaurant. Yours truly was very embarrassed because the owner, Steve Allen, had agreed to open up just for us. Linda and I were very happy that Tom Webster made the trip from Gloucester in his super nice Austin Healey. So, off we went in one Model A and one Healey. Upon arrival we first offered Steve (the owner) the option of heading back home since we only had such a small group. He was very gracious and asked us to stay. Then things continued to get better.....Grace Doyle came in, now we are four. Then 4 complete strangers appeared and we coaxed them to join us. Now we had almost a full counter. Great conversation with new and old friends, great food, and news of some improvement in Mike Doyle's condition all lifted our spirits. By the way, we heard the story of an earlier tour by our club to this restaurant, which was under different ownership at the time. Not a good experience we were told. Well the original owner, Steve Allen (yup, actual name) and his wife Delores, are back and so is good service and great food. Wish you could have been with us!

Rich and Linda Batstone



## Wellesley Veterans Town Parade June 3<sup>rd</sup>



The Wellesley Veterans Parade was postponed on May 20, when thunder and rain were predicted, and rescheduled to June 3. The Minuteman club has participated in this parade to honor its veterans for many years. The rescheduling of the event did have an impact on participation from the size of parade units and to the number of people watching from the sidelines. We had a decent turn out of club members driving their Model A's, T's or Mustangs in the parade. We did enjoy talking to the members of the new Collings Military Museum who were there with their 1914 Tank which all we thoroughly examined to see what made it work.

The parade itself was extremely slow which has not been the case in the past. We waved and honked the Ahooga horns and waved to the crowds. But we were all relieved when we arrived at the finish line. Hopefully next year will be on schedule and a little faster.

# Benchmark Tour



**22 July 2018**

***Start Time Change***

**Leave Grange 1.00 PM SHARP**

Or you may arrive at Benchmark Senior Living, Woburn at 2:00 PM



Last year, Benchmark provided Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream Floats, Cotton Candy, and Cracker jacks.

Tour Leader for this event is Tony Zeoli. If you have any questions please see Tony at the July 10th meeting or contact him at: [zeoli@comcast.net](mailto:zeoli@comcast.net)

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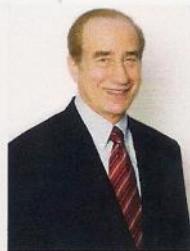
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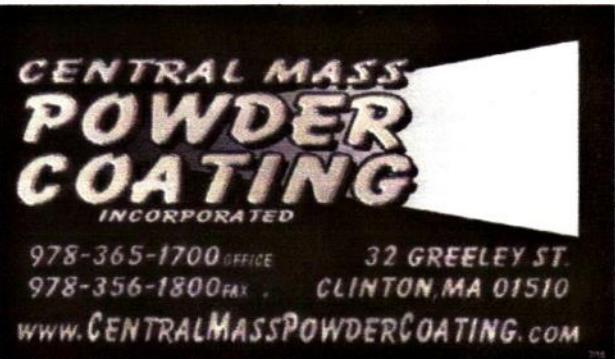
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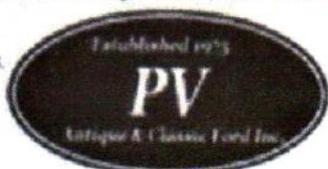
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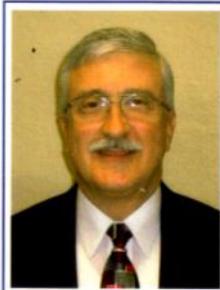
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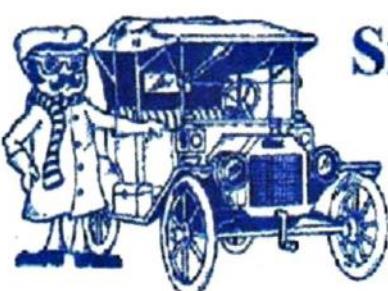
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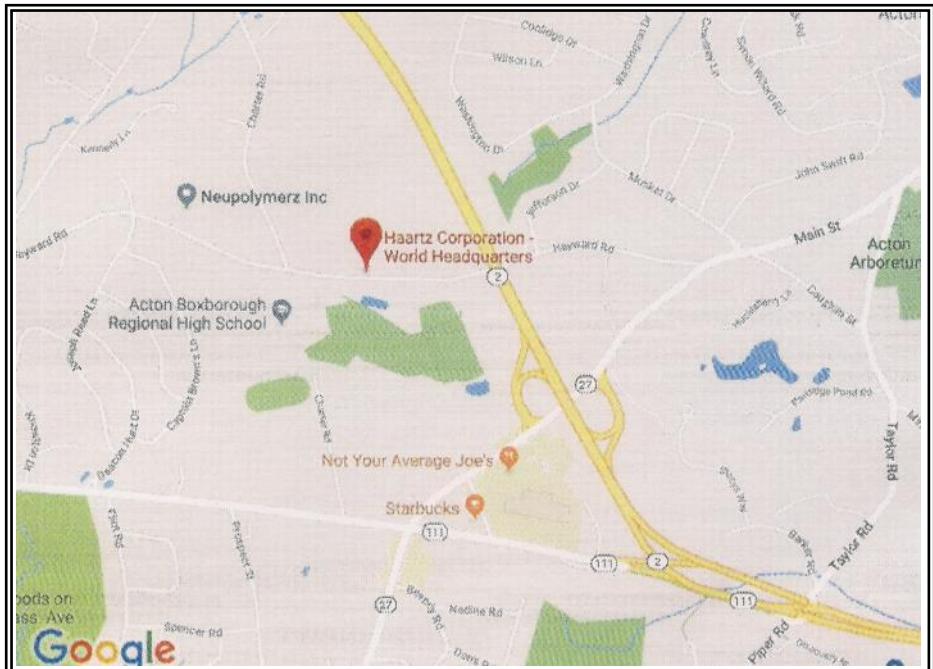
### Date Change

#### JULY 10th Meeting

The July meeting date has been changed from the 3rd to the 10th to avoid the conflicts with the holiday.

The meeting will be held at the Haartz Corp in Acton, MA. The Haartz corp has supplied material to the auto business since 1906.

Eric Haartz is anxious to show off his products and the display of collectable cars at the facility.



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