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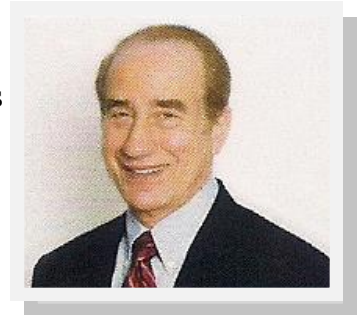
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## *The President Speaks:*

Looking out the window at another rainy day, I am reminded of how lucky we were to have perfect weather for our Summer Bash. Our hosts Martha and John Kerns went above and beyond to provide a great venue, and many of our members brought snacks and desserts to augment the great food provided by Firefly's. Thank you to Robyn for all her work in organizing and executing this event. Judging from the level of participation, reinstating the annual summer picnic will work well for the club.



Lots of tours and events are still to come. The July schedule has some interesting tours that we can all enjoy. Weather and time permitting, perhaps we can re-plan some of the events that were rained out for later in the season.

Our July meeting will be on the 9th, rather than the 2nd due to the 4th of July holiday. Shirley and John Jacobson will be hosting at their home in Wayland. The meeting will take place at the usual time. Details with address and directions are contained in the Oil Leak and on the website.

It's not too early to think about September when we move our meetings back to the Church. We still need volunteers for Programs and Coffee. If you have an idea for a presentation that would be of interest to the membership please let me know. If you are willing to prepare coffee, even if it is for only one meeting, that would be appreciated.

Our club remains exceptional due to the hard work and dedication of many member volunteers. I encourage each of you to think about what you can do to keep the club successful.

See you on the road. Have a great Model A summer!

Happy July 4th

Happy Motoring  
*Harold Samuels*



## Sunshine

Sue Champagne  
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Two Get Well cards were sent out this month. One to Barbara Tallone and the other to Sue Ross. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)  
(see info & map on pg 9)

**June 27:** 6:30PM Tangerini's Food & IC TL Dick O'Brien

**June 30:** Noon BBQ Benchmark Senior Ctr TL Tony Zeoli

**July 4:** Noon Sudbury Parade Chiswick Park

**July 6:** 11:30 AM Picnic Great Brook Park TL Tom Zappala

**July 9:** Club Meeting at John & Shirley Jacobson's

**July 11:** 5:00PM Fuitlands Concert TL Doug Linden

**July 14:** 10:00 AM Scale Steam Train Club TL Tony Riaino

**July 18:** 5:30PM Volante Farms Deli & Ice Cr TL T Zappala

**July 25:** 6:30PM Food & Ice Cream TL Wayne Champagne

**July 30:** 6:30PM Pizzi Farms Ice Cr TL Doug Farrell

TL= Tour Leader

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
May 2019

### Income:

Advertising (Oil Leak ads)	50.00
Club Items Sold	60.00
Coffee Can	21.00
Member Dues	20.00
Raffle (Club)	25.00
Total Income	\$ 176.00

### Expense:

Misc - (tour clinic food/bev)	227.30
Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Total Expense	\$ 267.30
Net Income	\$ - 91.30

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### JULY 1984 35 YEARS AGO

Monthly meeting held at the Museum of Trans in Brookline. Theme was "Driving Dreams, Cars of the 50's" (The good and the bad)--no badge fines and NO Coffee.

First weekend tour-Crotched Mt area in N.H.

### JULY 1994 25 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Gene Bunce's office/garage with A/C !!

Tours include-Sudbury Parade, Fruitlands Concerts, Fife & Drum Ice Cream and Lloyd's Diner.

Joop & Marlies recognized for the Ladies Driving Course given at the Clarks

### JULY 2004 15 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Wayne & Susan Champagne's, with steamed hot dogs and cold beer.

85 attendees at Hildene in Manchester, N H.

Tour schedule-Sudbury Parade, Mendon Drive In, Chinese Buffet & Blueberry Picking.

### FATHER'S DAY ARTI-FACTS

*My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL- "If you don't straighten out, I'm going to knock you in the middle of next week."*

*My father taught me LOGIC- "Because I said so, that's why".*

*My father taught me IRONY- "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about".*

*My father taught me about JUSTICE- "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you".*

**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 June 4, 2019**

Location: Maynard Elks Hall, Maynard, MA

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM at the Maynard Elks, thanks to arrangements made by Dick Krug. Dick also supplied tonight's refreshments, ice cream sandwiches which were enjoyed by all. There were approximately 37 Minuteman members in attendance.

## Officers Reports:

- Harold Samuels requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Harold requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP. Barbara then provided the membership with a review of the clubs account balances.
- VP Doug Farrell thanked Rich Batstone for organizing the tour to the National Heritage Museum, it was a great day at a wonderful museum. Doug also thank Web Master Wayne Champagne for posting photos to the club website.
- Oil leak - please send articles and tour reports to Doug, include pictures if available.

## Membership:

- Nan Linden - No new members to report.

## Touring:

- Don Ross reported on upcoming tours.
- \* 6/5 – Dairy Joy Ice Cream - 6:30.
- \* 6/9 – Wellesley College Alumni meet at the Chapel at 10:30.
- \* 6/13 – Bedford Farms – 7:00 – TL Harold.
- \* 6/15 – Summer Bash at the Kearns.
- \* 6/20 – Dudley Chateau – 12:00 - TL JJ.
- \* 6/22 – WWII Museum Natick – CANCELLED
- \* 6/27 – Tangerini's – 6:00 – TL – Dick O.
- \* 6/30 – Benchmark BBQ – 11:30 – Tony Z.

## Old Business:

- None to report on.

## New Business:

- None to report on.



- Dick O'Brien reported on his breakdown after the Wellesley Parade. Dick's clutch let go, he had the car towed to Harold Legge's house, the next morning a few club members showed up and had the clutch replaced by noon.



## Summer Meetings:

- The July meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month due to the July 4th holiday. The July meeting will be on the 9th at JJ and Shirley's house in Wayland.
- The August meeting will be held on Tuesday the 6th at Harold and Sally's in South Natick.

## Programs:

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



## Running Board Commentary:

### National Club News

Doug reports MAFFI is gearing up for 'Model A Day' with new displays this year. Model A Day is the 3rd weekend in September.

MARC National meet in Dearborn MI – there will be a few cars on display which have never been seen at a National Event before.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted

***Rick Gadbois - Secretary***





## 2019 Board of Directors

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

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### Jim's Tech Tip

#### Installing the Horn Rod

When installing the small C-clip on the end of the horn rod, use an old wooden yardstick or something similar up at the steering wheel end to hold the horn button down. Slip the yardstick under the wheel on one side, go over the horn button, then gently flex the yardstick and slip the end under the steering wheel on the opposite side. The yardstick will hold the rod down while you work at the other end pushing up on the spider against the spring, and inserting the C-clip keeper.

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### The Dairy "not so" Joy Ice Cream Tour

Don Ross, our leader, was there to lead the assembled group of 3 Model A's and a T for the excursion to our destination in Weston. True to form, Don found some "off the beaten path" roads for us to travel but the lack of traffic and the gorgeous mansions we passed in along the way made it a pleasant drive. **Except for me**, as each time I let up on the gas I heard a knocking sound from the engine. **Oh-oh!** Arriving at Dairy Joy we were met by 5 additional members. The food and the Ice Cream were good and enjoyed by all. Oh, upon inspection my noise turned out to be a fan belt the was totally worn out and allowed the alternator to vibrate against the block. A new fan belt solved the problem.



# On The Road Again

## THE COLLINGS AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Rich and Linda Batstone lead a large group (16 Model A's and 30 plus members) to the recently opened American Heritage Museum. This museum is the latest addition the Collings Foundation has added to its museum complex in Stow and is made up of the Littlefield Military Collection that was located in California. The new access road to the Collings complex is a great improvement over the old way by avoiding all the residential homes.

Parking was made available for us by parking on the grass in front of the new building. Once inside we were able to watch three introductory video presentations of America's involvement in wars starting with the Revolutionary war. These were very informative. Our next stop was to a World War I presentation which we watched from the trenches of France. WWII was next starting with the rise of Adolf Hitler. From there we started our tour of the amazing military vehicles that brought us from WWII through Desert Storm. This museum is something you can not describe, you need to visit it for yourself.

As an added attraction, Bob Collings, opened up the car museum for us after we finished our picnic lunch. Thanks again to Dick & Linda for arranging this magnificent tour.

Here are just few pictures, more are on the club website: [www.oilleak.org](http://www.oilleak.org)





## Help Still Needed



### Coffee Person

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



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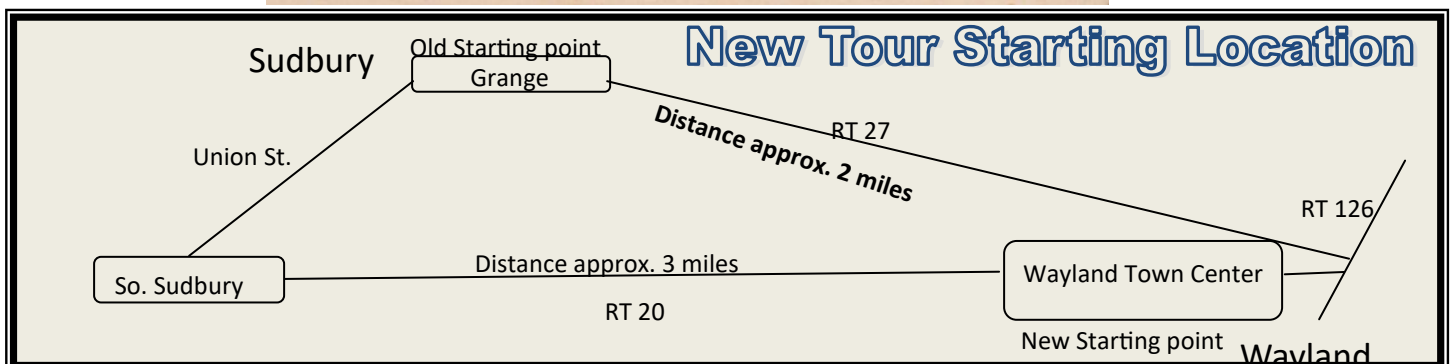
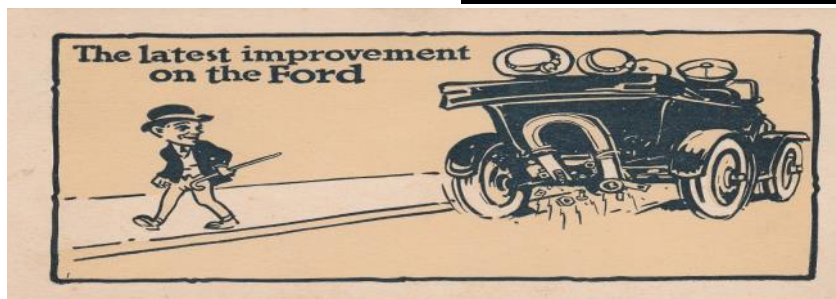
Art Callan - 617 332 3363

### **ATTENTION—MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The July meeting has been rescheduled to

**JULY 9th**

**Location: JJ & Shirley Jacobson's**



# Benchmark Tour



**30 June 2019**

*Start Time Change*

**Leave Behind Panera 11:30 AM SHARP**

Or you may arrive at Benchmark Senior Living, Woburn @ 12:30 PM



**1 Cedar St, Woburn, MA 01801**

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with tents, tables and chairs

Hopefully, there will be a Band at 2:30 PM

Ice Cream Truck will be on hand.

Benchmark Chorus will end the day.





## “Minuteman Summer Bash”

What a great party. Our Summer Bash planned by Robin Samuels and hosted by John & Martha Kerns was fantastic. The weather could not have been better, the location was ideal, the food provided by Firefly’s of Marlborough was super tasty, the turn out of Model A’s looked awesome and, most importantly, the members attending had a wonderful time. With all the appetizers, including John’s homemade popcorn, there was no way you were going to leave hungry. A few Model A games for those willing to try were challenging which ended up with Harold Legge being the winner. A great time was had by all. (more pictures at [oilleak.org](http://oilleak.org))





## Wellesley College Parade

Each year our club volunteers to assist the Wellesley College Alumni Association on the final day of their annual College Reunion festivities. The day for the Alums starts with a service at the chapel after which the senior members are chauffeured along the parade route which is lined by the other reunion classes. It a noisy, fun time for all the ladies. This year the senior members were from the classes of 1939, 1944 and 1949. It comes as no surprise that the size of the these three groups was pretty small. In fact there was only one member of the class of 1939, she was an amazing lady of 101 years who seemed right at home in the Model T she was riding. Members of the classes of 1944 and 1949 rode in the Model A's. Although a number of the ladies in the class of 1949 wanted to walk holding their class banner. At an average age of 92, I give those ladies credit for walking the entire route.

From the Minuteman club we had myself, John Pierce and Tom Zappala on hand to provide rides. The ladies riding with me were all extremely happy to be riding and waving and talking to just about everyone along the route. One of my riders commented one of her jobs was working for an Automobile magazine and she really knew cars, more than the boys she dated she said with a laugh.

We finished the parade at the hall where the ladies would gather for a farewell luncheon. The ladies thanked me for the ride and started to get out of the Model A. As I assisted my front seat passenger she manage to get her feet on the ground where her pants immediately feel down!!! Ooops. They were back up in an instant to which she commented with a little laugh, "these are new pants and probably a little too big."

This is a interesting event for our club for which we get paid, I hope that we can get more members to join in and help at next year's reunion.



Above is the only representative of the class of 1939 and although 101 years young she was sharp and really enjoyed the ride in the Model T. Actually all the ladies we interacted with were still very active, although they may be moving a little slower now. They all hoped to see us next year.



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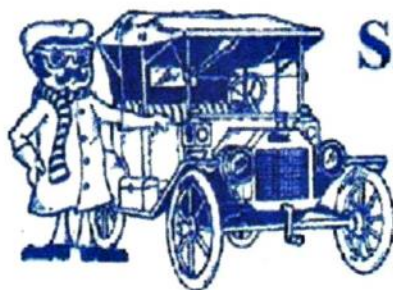
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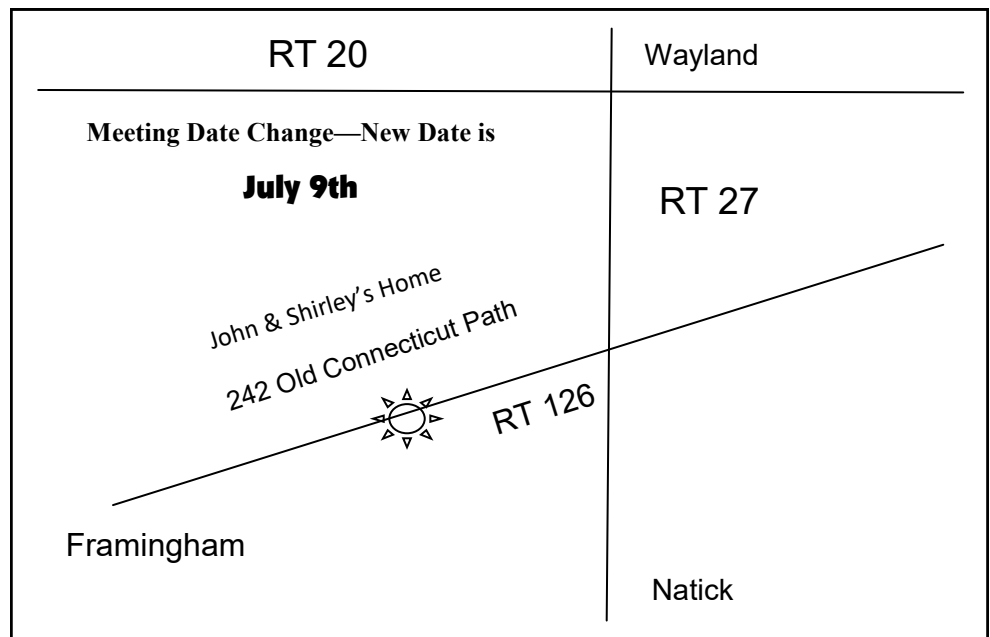
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## **ATTENTION**

### **Meeting Location Announcement**

The July Meeting  
will be held July  
9<sup>th</sup> at the home of  
the Jacobson's  
242 Old Connecticut  
Path  
Wayland, MA  
508-653-3021  
See you there.



During the summer months our meetings will be help off site at members homes or other locations. The exact locations will be identified here along with a map.