

# The il Leak

July 2022 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 59 Issue 7

## *The President Speaks:*

Well here we go July gets us half-way thru 2022. Just snap your fingers time flies by. Enjoy Everyday !!!

The important note this month is the July Meeting will be held at the Maynard Elks, 34 Powder Mill Rd, Maynard Mass (our Winter Blah's location; see map on cover page). Refreshments will be ice cream!! Try to make the meeting. July 5th!!

So July 4th is a great day for Parades, for many years the club meets for the Sudbury Parade, think about going. The Club also gets a generous check for our participation. Meeting place is Chiswick Park across from the CVS



on RT 20 in Sudbury at 12:00 pm, Parade starts at 1:00pm. This is first parade in over 2 years lets help make it a great day.

There are several open dates for tours if anyone wants to volunteer call Don Ross.

June's Lincoln Garden Club and the Lexington Historic Society where both well attended and enjoyed by all who attended.

**KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY**

*Doug Farrell*



# Sunshine

Sue Champagne

No Cards sent this month.

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 4** Noon Sudbury Parade meet at Chiswick Park  
*This is a paid event for the club.*
- July 12** 7 PM Dairy Queen Ice Cream
- July 16** - - - **AMES Car Collection Tour CANCELED - closed for renovations (see page 5)**
- July 26** 6:30 Dinner Tour
- Aug 2** Club Meeting at the Legges, So. Natick

TL = Tour Leader

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
May, 2022

### Income:

Club Items sold (hats)	100.00
Coffee Can	49.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>120.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 269.00

### Expense:

Oil Leak Postage	250.00
Coffee Supplies	\$ 26.00
Church Hall Rent (rest of 2022)	750.00
Tour Clinic Food	147.31
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1243.31

**Net Income** \$ - 974.31

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

### JULY 1987 35 YEARS AGO

The Country Store in Marlboro offered our club \$100 for a show in the upcoming Fall. It was noted in the Oil Leak that the "Bonnie and Clyde" V8 Ford would be entered in the 1988 Great Race. New club jackets would be going on order soon, per Phil Iorio.

### JULY 1997 25 YEARS AGO

Thanks to Ed Mills, who led a great tour to the Cape Cod Canal, we had over 45 cars from MARCOM, the South Shore Antique Auto Club, and the Minuteman Club. A "Super Tour" was in the works that summer to New Brunswick, Canada. The planning meeting was held at Dick Stitt's home for this tour.

### JULY 2007 15 YEARS AGO

Gene Laks reported that we were about to have the 10,000th visitor to our website [www.oilleak.org](http://www.oilleak.org). MGM Studios was looking for 25 Model A's to participate in a movie starring Denzel Washington in August. A phone number was given out to all club members who could participate to sign up.

----- ARTI-FACT -----

See page 5

## National Organizations:



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



**Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)**  
Membership Dues \$50/year



**Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)**  
and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr.

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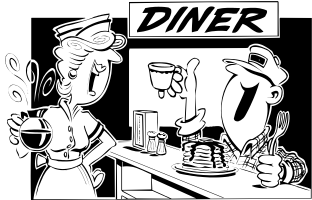
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### ***Weekly Breakfast Group*** ➔



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. ➔



## ***2022 MEMBERSHIP Application Form***



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

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# Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club June 7, 2022

Location: The Waltham Museum, Waltham, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with approximately 30 members in attendance.

Tonight's meeting was kicked off with Doug leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Officers Reports:

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

## Membership:

- Nan Linden no new members to report this month.

Also, Nan has name badges, if you need a new badge please see Nan.

## Touring:

- Don Ross

\* 5/31 - The dinner tour to Volente Farms had a replacement tour leader as Tom Zappala had a gas flow issue on the way to the starting point. The Wellesley College Police department received a call of shots fired on campus, BUT, NO WORRIES it was only Tom's car backfiring. (We do have a picture of Lisa towing Tom home so he could be an early season candidate for the Hard Luck Trophy)

6/5 – Wellesley College Parade, 5 cars participated. Tom Zap had the oldest participant in his car, she graduated in the class of 1947.

### \* Upcoming tours:

6/15 – Dinner Tour to Red Ginger – TL Craig Martin.

6/17 – The Pierce House in Lincoln Ma. This is a fund raising event that we have been asked to provide cars for, attendees' will be able to attend at no charge.

6/18 – Lexington Historical Society has invited the minuteman club to their "ALL JAZZED UP" GALA in LEXINGTON center at the depot. 5 to 7 PM, then off to the Hancock-Clarke house until 10 pm if you want. CAR owners receive complimentary tickets to the cocktail party.

7/4 – Sudbury 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The parade will start at 1:00 on Monday, July 4, 2022. As in the past we will line up in Chiswick Park enter from Route 20.

## National News:

- Doug Linden received a report from the MARC meet in Morgantown, PA. Len Michalak reports the meet is well attended with a total of 351 registrations. This meet is being held in a defunct mall which now holds a car collection and museum, a very unique setting.

- MAFCA will be holding its National Convention in Kerrville, TX. Doug and Nan Linden will be attending.

## Old Business:

- Hats and License Plate Toppers for sale.
- Medfield Auto Show on June 26<sup>th</sup>, this is a great event and they are expecting 800 cars this year!

## Refreshments:

- Doug thanked Jude Zeoli and Ron West for tonight's refreshments. Dick Krug will take care of next month's meeting.

## New Business:

- Summer meetings are typically off site, Dick Krug has volunteered to find a site for the July meeting which will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Doug thanked Ron West for gaining us access to The Waltham Museum for tonight's meeting.
- Tony Zeoli thanked Harold Legge and Doug Linden for their on-site service visit. Seems Tony's car was stuck in gear and couldn't be freed up due to the Clutch plate being rusted to the flywheel. Harold and Doug quickly resolved the issue, seems like 2 years of not driving due to COVID can do that to a clutch.

## Programs:

- Tonight we will have a short discussion on the Waltham Museum and the Metz Automobile. The Metz Company was a pioneer brass era automobile maker established by Charles Herman Metz in Waltham, Mass, from 1908 to 1922.

## Running Board Commentary:

- Ethan Rosman was a guest at tonight's meeting, Ethan is a recent graduate of Georgia Tech and is now employed in the Boston area. While at GT Ethan was involved with The Ramblin' Wreck a 1930 Model A Sport Coupe that is the official mascot of the student body. Ethan was responsible for driving and maintaining the Model A. The Wreck is present at all major sporting events and student body functions.

Respectfully Submitted

*Rick Gadbois - Secretary*

## **“Artie-Fact”**

You know you're a bad driver when Siri says,  
“In 400 feet, stop and let me out.”

A wise man once told his wife nothing,  
because he was a wise man.

A quiet man is a thinking man.  
A quiet woman is usually mad.



# **Name**

## **Badges are**

Available at Meeting



## **TOUR** **CHANGE**

Unfortunately the July 16th Ames car collection tour had to be canceled because of renovations. A new event has been scheduled for that date. New Horizons in Marlborough has asked us to display our cars for a late afternoon band concert. More details at the meeting.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

No New Members this Month.

If you are out and about and see a Model A, stop and introduce yourself and invite them to join the club.

*Welcome!*



For Club Apparel see Thread-Logic information on page 11.



# Wellesley College Reunion Parade

One of the annual activities our club participates in is to provide “special” transportation to the senior members attending the Wellesley College Alumni Class Reunion. After a two year hiatus due to Covid, this event was back on the agenda for 2022. The day of the parade the weather was perfect and we were scheduled to provide transportation to the classes of 1947 and 1957. There was only one representative of the class of 1947, but she was much younger than her age of 96 would suggest. I think she could have walked the entire route, instead Tom Z. drove her in the lead position. The class of 1957 ladies riding in my sedan wanted to know her secret. They concluded it had to be genetic. It was very satisfying to provided these ladies with a special ride on the parade route. The fact that the college makes a donation to the club also helps. *(Thanks to the drivers: Tom Zappala, Doug Linden, Doug Farrell, Al Mason and Don Ross)*

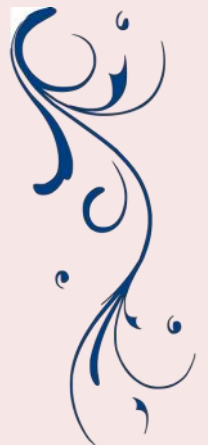


The Ladies wanted to have pictures with the Model A's



Members of the Class of 1957

96 years young would be the best way to describe the only member of the class of 1947 in attendance. She definitely enjoyed the special ride and attention.



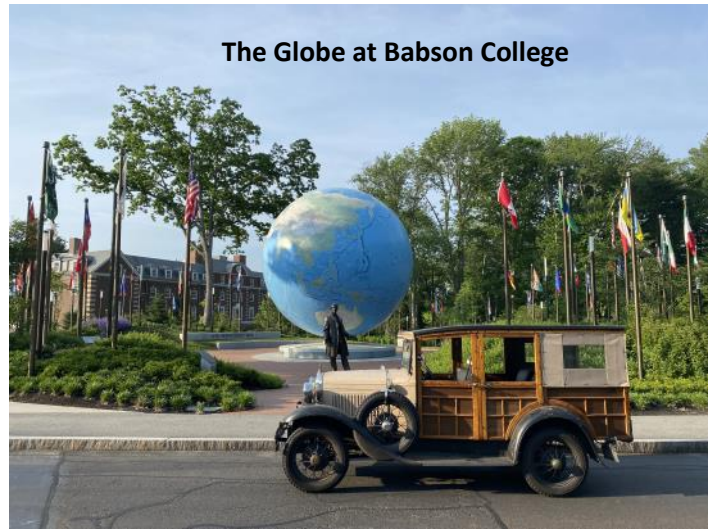


# Out & About In Our Model A's

## **MAY 31 - Tom Zappala Reporting:**

The Around the World Tour didn't quite make it as tour leader Tom Zappala had car trouble on the way over to Wayland - which necessitated that the phaeton be towed home. Rick Gadbois stepped in, however, and he and his co-pilot Anna deftly navigated to tour route to Volante Farm in Needham. Rick was followed by Tony and Jude Zeoli, Brad and Kathy Johnson, Jack and Karen LeDuc, Ed Wlodyka, Harold Legge, Andy Adams, and Doug Farrell. Don Law and Lisa Zappala met the group at Volante's, and Tom Zappala brought up the rear, this time in his Station Wagon.

It was a beautiful evening for a tour, and the group enjoyed sandwiches, salads, and ice cream outdoors in the picnic area. (Photos by Tom Z)



The Globe at Babson College



OH OH! Tom's in Trouble



Members enjoying the tour.

## **June 16 - Craig Martin Reporting**

The Red Ginger dinner tour had a small but hungry group, Ed Wlodyka, Tony & Jude Zeoli, Brad & Kathy Johnson & me. 2

Model A's. Had a fine meal and lots of Model A talk.



Our members cars lined up at the Lexington Historical Societies' special event. Rick Gadbois photo



### Jim's Tech Tips *"Mounting Wheels"*

I know that my Dad reads these Tech Tips, so today's is a special shout out to him, who taught me this Tip for mounting wheels when I was about 12 years old. Thanks, Dad!

Start with a classic X-style lug nut wrench. If you don't already have one, mine is 20" across and works quite well.

Place the wheel/tire next to the vehicle, leaning it against the hub and brake drum you plan to mount it on. Adjust the jack so that the wheel needs to be lifted an inch or two onto the studs.



Now slip two of the tire iron arms under the tire, one arm to the left of where the tire touches the ground, and the other arm to the right. Grab one of the tire iron arms that is pointing out toward you, and lift the tire up with one hand while you guide the wheel to hang on a stud or two with the other hand.



Hold the wheel in against the drum while you lower the lug wrench and use that free hand to start a lug nut on one of the studs. Once you have that lug nut started, you can let go of the wheel and start the rest of them. Use the tire iron to run them all in snug, then lower the jack and tighten them all again.

This Tip is not just applicable to mounting a wheel/tire on a Model A. It works on pretty much any vehicle: car, truck, trailer... In fact, the larger and heavier the wheel/tire is that you are putting on, the bigger help this is.

So in the shop or out on the road, use a simple tire iron to help you lift a wheel up into place and hold it there while you start the lug nuts.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*  
Jim



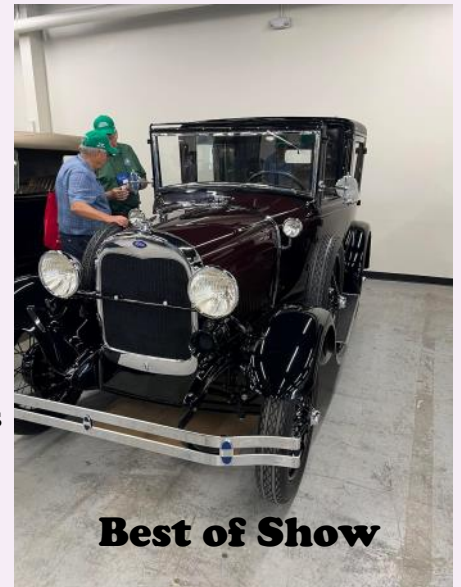


# National Events



## MARC—Morgantown, PA : MAFCA Kerrville, TX

The **Model A Restorers Club (MARC)** convention was held in Morgantown, PA. This MARC event is currently held every year and usually in the central US area (IL, OH, IN, MI). The reason I say currently is because MARC is considering holding these conventions every other year. Minuteman members have in the past attended these events, but this year only the Michalaks attend. Len & Peg reported a good turn out, with 350 registration. The venue was a Holiday Inn and the amazing AutoMall facility. The AutoMall literally is a former shopping mall that has been converted as a classic consignment auto dealer with a large number of excellent cars on display for sale. Len reported he had a good results selling at the swap meet. Len is also a certified Judge for the Blue Ribbon show cars and was part of the team that evaluated these amazing Model A's. BTW the Best of Show car was a 1929 Town Car scoring 496 points. The 2023 event will be held in Hamilton, OH just north of Cincinnati, lets see if we can get a group to make the trip and attend this event.



**Best of Show**



The **Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)** Convention was held in Kerrville, TX . The weather was hot, over 100 degrees; which the locals claim normal was in the high 80's. Well it was still hot. The only Minuteman members attending were Nan & I. But we also were able to spend time with former members Joop and Marlies Plaggenborg who now live in Arizona. There were 340 registrations, with some cancelation (due to covid and the heat) and 31 states represented. Seminars were available for the guys and ladies, and the raffle/hospitality area was always busy. So

was the repair tent, one day they had over 20 A's in for help. Local tours, self guided or bus, were available. The Grand Tour was to Bandera, TX "Cowboy Capital of the World." Awards were given out at the banquet, the Best of Show went to a beautiful 1931 Victoria which scored 497 points. I was also called to the stage and received a MAFCA Life Membership, what a surprise that was. The next MAFCA convention will be in Albuquerque, NM in 2024.



MAFCA President presenting me with this award

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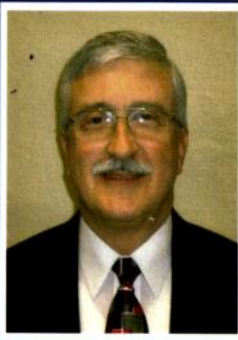
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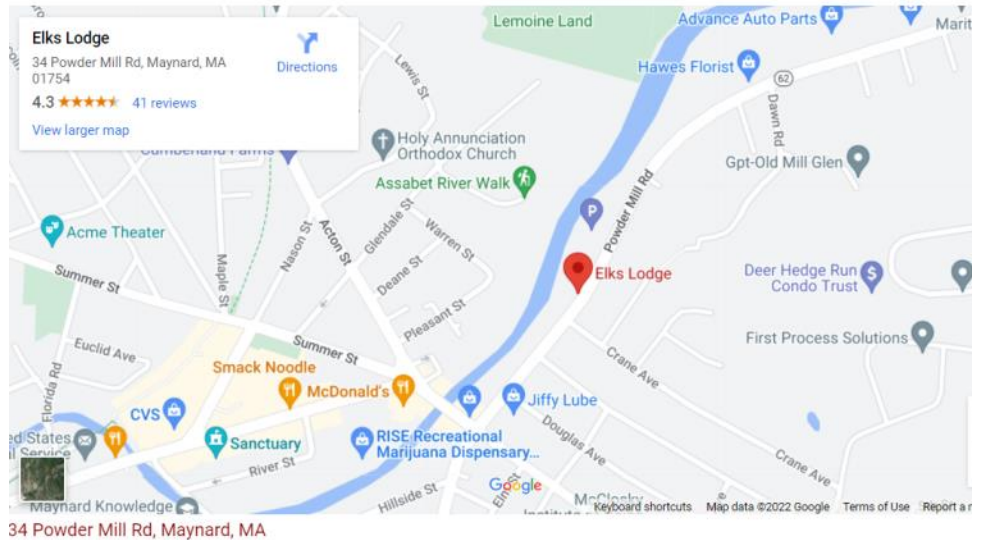
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## Latest News

**Thanks to Dick Krug  
for securing the  
Maynard Elks Hall  
for our July meeting.**

**The Sudbury July 4th  
Parade is one of our  
paid events. We  
would like to have a  
good showing of cars.  
We will line up at  
Noon at Chiswick  
Park which is off  
RT20 opposite the  
CVS. See you there.**



The July meeting will be held at the Maynard Elks Hall  
located at  
34 Powder Mill Road, Maynard

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