

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*


**Hi All!**

July all ready! I am looking forward to the fourth. My mother thought July 4th was the end of summer her reasoning was the change of the sun orbit the sun light was getting less.

My son Jack just got a new truck. He came by yesterday to take Martha and myself for a ride and it looks like someone put an iPad into the dashboard of the truck. The truck did everything but make a cup of coffee. It had a camera to a screen with lots of angles of view to take the place of the rear view mirror. It had so many features that I couldn't keep track of them all. A far cry from the Orient buck board I saw in the Waltham museum.

As I looked back in my memories when my cousin and myself took a road trip in 1963 to Florida then in 1980 in an old car pulling a trailer with Martha and the rest of the kids headed to the west coast and back through Canada and home. Without any of the high tech or any other gear just maps.

I wonder if an event that took out the satellite system and  the grid if the modern

vehicles  would ever start or navigate. I think we better keep our A's running and ready just in case!



TTFN

*John Kerns*

(ta-ta-for-now)

**Club Meeting Date Change July 11th**

**See Page 6**



# Sunshine

Sue Champagne

The good news is that No Cards were sent this month.

If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact me. [sdchampagne1931@gmail.com](mailto:sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

- July 4** Noon Sudbury Parade (paid event) Meet at Chiswick Park off RT20
- July 11** Club Meeting Batstone's Home Berlin, MA  
See page 6
- July 15** 9 AM Old Time Model A Rally, R Batstone TL
- July 23** 11 AM Lunch Bullfinch's Sudbury
- July 27** 6:30 PM Bedford Farms, Harold Samuels TL
- Aug 5** 11 AM Scenic Drive/Picnic, W Champagne TL
- Aug 8** Club Meeting—New Horizons Marlborough

TL = Tour Leader

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

### Treasurer's Report May, 2023

#### Income:

Advertising	25.00
Club Items Sold	20.00
Coffee Can	38.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 163.00

#### Expense:

Meet Donations	200.00
Coffee Supplies	14.48
Miscellaneous:	
Tour Clinic Food	150.00
Purchase Club hats	348.75
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 783.23

**Net Income**                      \$ -620.23

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

### JULY 1988 35 YEARS AGO

Our new yellow "Bumper Banners" were in and they looked great! "Get yours from Phil Iorio while supplies last!" There was a Tour to see "The Great Race" (last pit stop) at the Auburn Shopping Mall for the racers before it's end in Boston. We cheered on Arnold Goff and his copilot in a large old Packard. From our choice spot in the pit area, our twelve Model As put us in easy contact with the cars, drivers, and navigators.

### JULY 1998 25 YEARS AGO

Thirty two Model A's enjoyed the "Concord Orchestra with Pops" conducted by Dick Pitman. Nan Linden reported that the video of the movie, "The Proposition" would be released around August 4th. A sign up sheet was passed around and many members were very interested in purchasing a copy since they and their Model As had parts in the movie!

### JULY 2008 15 YEARS AGO

Our Club's 45th Anniversary Party was scheduled to be held at the "Concord Rod and Gun Club" in Concord, MA (fully catered old-fashioned BBQ with activities and entertainment). This year 16 Model As with 34 members headed North to the Manchester, VT Car Show and Flea Market. This was the 15th year our club had enjoyed this popular trip into the picturesque central Vermont. Doug Linden was presented with a well deserved award from MARC for his efforts with the "Oil Leak".

**National Organizations:** (If you are not a member of these great organizations please consider joining them)



**Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)**

Membership dues \$50/year



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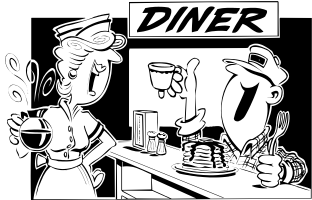
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### *Weekly Breakfast Group* ➡



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. ➡



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nan reports four new member this month. Please welcome:

- David Graham - Marblehead, MA 1929 Coupe
- William Hettinger - Swampscott, MA 1931 Fordor
- Thomas Blackler - Marblehead, MA 1929 Roadster & 1931 Pickup
- Michael & Lisa Smith - Marblehead, MA 1929 Tudor

*Welcome*



*"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off you goals"*  
*Henry Ford*



## Secretary's Report

### Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club June 6, 2023

Location: Waltham Museum, Waltham, MA.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with approximately 20 members in attendance.

#### Officers Reports:

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

- John then requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP

#### VP Report:

- Brad brought up discussion regarding the locations for the July and August meetings.

July meeting will take place at Rich Batstone's home in Berlin on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

August meeting will take place at New Horizons in Marlboro on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Brad then provided the Touring Report in Don Ross's absence see below.

#### Membership:

- Nan Linden – we have 4 new members all from the North Shore.

Thomas Blacker from Marblehead has a 1929 Roadster and a 1931 CC Pick-up.

William Hettinger from Swampscott has 1931 Fordor.

David Graham of Marblehead has a 1929 Coupe.

And Michael Smith also of Marblehead has a 1929 Tudor.

#### Welcome all!

#### Touring:

- Brad Johnson

\* Post Office Pub tour was well attended as there were 10 cars and 18 members present.

\* Dairy Joy tour saw 6 cars and 8 members.

\* Wellesley Veterans Parade saw 12 cars and 16 members.

\* Wellesley College Parade had 6 cars. The ladies love riding in the cars. Riders were from the class of 1948 and 1953.

#### \* Upcoming tours:

6/10 – Benchmark Senior Living in Woburn – TL is Tony Z. Leaving Wayland at 12 sharp.

6/15 – Dairy Queen in Natick, on your own tour meet there at 7:00 PM.

6/24 – Unity Animal Shelter, TL is Doug Linden. Leaving Wayland at 11:00 AM we will stop for lunch at C&L Frosty in Sherborn then off to Unity which is around the corner.

6/28 – Dinner at Ken's Steak House on your own.

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

#### National News:

- MARC Convention is in Hamilton OH.

- Terry Burtz who makes the "New Model A Engine" has a special running for \$5000. You get the engine, head, and balanced flywheel.

- July 15<sup>th</sup> MAFCA National tour has a 140 people signed up. Doug and Nan Linden will be attending.

#### Old Business:

- Medfield Auto Show on June 25<sup>th</sup>, this is a great event and they are expecting 800 cars this year!

#### Refreshments:

- John thanked Rob West for tonight's refreshments. Dick Batstone will take care of next month's meeting.

#### New Business:

- Summer meetings are typically off site, Rich Batstone has volunteered to host the July meeting at his home in Berlin, Ma.

- John thanked Rob West for gaining us access to The Waltham Museum for tonight's meeting.

- 9/24 Second Annual Pre-War car show at the Gore Estate.

#### Programs:

- Tonight we will tour the museum and have a short discussion on the Waltham Museum and the Metz Automobile. The Metz Company was a brass era automobile manufacturer and was established by Charles Herman Metz in Waltham.

#### Running Board Commentary:

- Remembering D-Day and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rick Gadbois*

Secretary

## SWIMMING IN STYLE IN THE MODEL A ERA

Public nudity was a major concern in designing early swimwear. It was a major factor behind the non-participation of American women in the 1912 Olympics. At those Games, British women wore full-body silk suits of such a volume that they could be passed through a wedding ring. The suits were complemented by bras and bikini-style briefs as they



became transparent when wet. Women's coaches were rare at early Olympics, and to further reduce the chances of harassment women were accompanied by chaperones. Even men wore one-piece swimsuits covering the body from hips to shoulders up to the 1940s.

During the 1920s and 1930s, people began to shift from “taking in the water” to “taking in the sun”, at bathhouses and spas, and swimsuit designs shifted from functional considerations to incorporate more decorative features. Rayon was used in the 1920s in the manufacture of tight-fitting swimsuits, but its durability, especially when wet, proved problematic, with jersey and silk also sometimes being used.

By the 1930s men began to go without shirts for swimming. Necklines plunged at the back, sleeves disappeared and sides were cut away and tightened. With the development of new clothing materials, particularly latex and nylon, through the 1930s swimsuits gradually began hugging the body, with shoulder straps that could be lowered for tanning.

Bathing suits of the 30s revealed women's backs and also sported shorts that were much higher above the knee than what was allowed during the 20s. The 30s also saw the introduction of thinner straps. Jantzen, a swimwear company that still exists today, also started to introduce some of the first swimsuits made of stretchy material. This changed the way swimsuits fit and made them much more comfortable to wear.

Well, it's safe to say that all this concern about the amount of skin showing in the late 20's and 30's has certainly gone by the wayside and walking the beach now-a-days is quite different.

The Jantzen ad to the right has a tag line at the bottom that says: The suit that changed bathing to swimming.

*Most of this information was obtained from <https://www.glam.com/1142755/100-years-of-fashion-womens-bathing-suits/>*







## The A's are Coming

The parking lot of the Big Apple for our Wednesday breakfast group never looked better. A few weeks ago the weather really cooperated and we had a great turnout of Model A's.

## Waltham Museum Historical Fact The Lally Column

The history of Lally Columns roots back to the time of American inventor John Lally. He owned a construction company which first started construction of these columns named after its owner in the 19th century in Waltham, Massachusetts. But the reason for the development of the Lally Column was the search for a way to make building less likely to sag or worse collapse during a fire. Upset by the destruction and loss of life that so frequently accompanied a fire or building collapse, John searched for a method by which structures could be made sturdier and less flammable. A stronger support, he reasoned, would lessen the chances of a building settling, sagging, or even toppling, and a flame-proof support would virtually eliminate the sort of collapse that ensued when mere timber rotted, broke or was weakened by fire. The result was The Genuine Lally Column

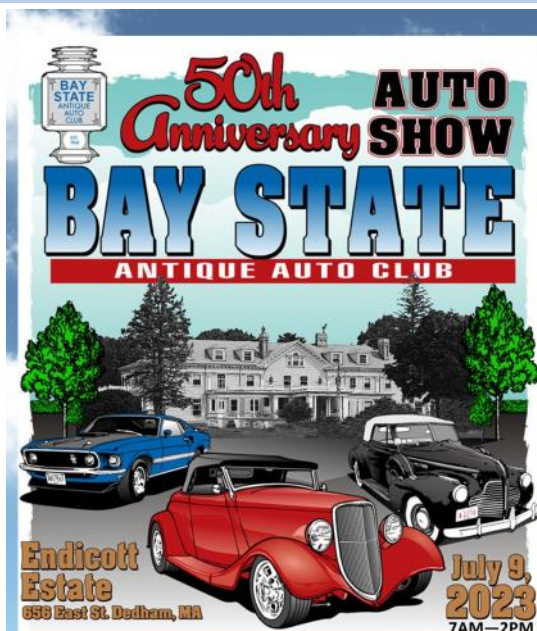
## Meeting Date Change July 11th

Please Note the regular meeting will be held on July 11th and not July 4th.

The meeting will be held at the home of Rich & Linda Batstone located at 239 Linden St, Berlin. See the map on the coversheet of this newsletter. Rich & Linda also invite you to come at 6:30 to grab a Hot Dog before the meeting.

Don't forget to bring your favorite beverage AND your chair.

## Other Model A Activities of Interest



### July 9th

The Endicott Show is one of the largest shows in the area. Pre-reg is \$20 at [www.bsaac.com](http://www.bsaac.com) and show date reg is \$25. Spectators \$5

This is the 50th Anniversary Of this show

JUL 23,,,,,**BROOKLINE**,,,LARZ ANDERSON MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION,,15 NEWTON ST

American Car & Truck Day is a patriotic-themed car show dedicated to the American Automobile. It is the third Museum show of the season and all proceeds benefit the Museum. Show entrants and spectators are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. All Military is FREE!

- Feel the pride of showing your American car or truck – regardless of make, model or year – all are welcome.
- Catch up with old friends – and make new ones
- The show starts at 9 AM and runs until 1 pm.  
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## “Artie - Fact”

by “A”nonymous



Once You understand why the Pizza is made round,  
Packed in a square box, And eaten as a triangle...

Then you will understand women!

## INVENTIONS DURING THE MODEL A ERA

\*\*\*1928\*\*\*



**SUNGLASSES:** Sam Foster didn't actually invent sunglasses as the first documented instance of sunglasses was in 1752, when **James Ayscough** experimented with tinted lenses in spectacles. What Sam Foster did was to mass produce them and make them popular and affordable for everyone. The Foster-Grant company, founded in 1919 in Leominster, MA, originally produced lady's hair combs and accessories from celluloid sheet. Sam Foster's original business partner, Grant, was involved in the business for a very short period of time, but his name was never removed from that of the corporation. He was inspired by the popularity of movie stars, who often wore sunglasses to protect their eyes from the bright lights of the movie studio. Foster named his product "Foster Grants" and began to manufacture and sell them to the public. The first

generation of celluloid eyewear he developed was marketed at the Woolworth Five and Dime Store in Atlantic City in 1929.



**FOAM RUBBER:** In 1929, British scientist EA Murphy, who worked at the Dunlop Latex Development Laboratories in Birmingham, must have been a little bored, or mischievous, because he decided to whip up some latex rubber with a kitchen mixer. As is often the case with such seemingly arbitrary actions, he ended up inventing a product that, up to this day, has a huge impact in all our lives – foam rubber. It is said that Murphy's colleagues were initially unimpressed, but this soon changed when they caught on to the amazing cushioning and shape retaining properties of this new invention, and it wasn't long before foam rubber was used in motorcycle and car seats, mattresses and much more.



# Recent Club Events

**Wellesley Veterans Parade:** Thanks to the efforts of Dick O'Brien the Wellesley Veterans Parade is an event that our club has been participating in for many, many years. This a great way to be active in the community and to show our thanks to the veterans who served our country. The parade is also an event that that the club gets a donation to from the parade organizers which is much appreciated and very helpful to our treasury. This year we had a great turn out of Model A's for the parade and having nice weather sure helped bring out the spectators. The new car show added to the downtown area is also growing to quite an event as well. Something for all.



**Wellesley College Alumni Chauffeur Service:** Another long standing event that we have participated in is providing a transportation for the very senior members attending the annual Alumni Association reunion. This year we were happy to provide this service to members of the classes of 1948 and 1952. The ladies all enjoyed the opportunity to finally get their chance to ride in the short on campus parade to cheers of the younger classes.





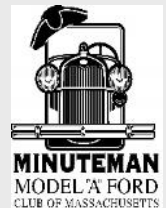
## **Recent Club Events Continued : Benchmark Assisted Living**

The club visited Benchmark Assisted Living on June 11. The residents and staff enjoyed looking at the cars, taking pictures and asking questions. Nan displayed a vintage dress which the ladies also enjoyed. Hamburgers and hotdogs were enjoyed until Mother Nature decided to turn on the thunder and rain which quickly brought the show to an end. We were able to wait for the rain to pass and the drive home was dry and without any problems.



### ***2023 MEMBERSHIP Application Form***

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



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2023 New England Meet - Hyatt Regency Hotel 1717 Motor Parkway Hauppauge, NY  
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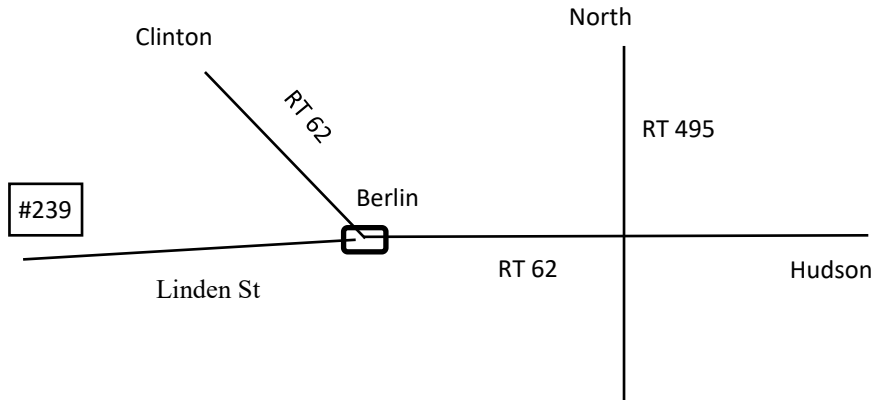
I thought you would be interested in this bit of Model A history. At our May meeting Clyde Kelton had this unusual raffle ticket stub on display and I don't think many of you saw it.

I would say that St John's Church, which I assume to be in Saybrook, CT, was looking to stimulate some revenue by having a "New Model A Ford Roadster" for their main prize in their bazaar.

A new Model A Ford Roadster in 1928 was a very substantial prize at the time and had a market price of \$385. I'm sure it generated a lot of sales and check out the price of each chance 10cents. With this ticket number 7609 that means so far the church has sold at least \$760.90 worth of tickets, which more than covers the cost of the car and provides a nice boost to the church treasury. I hope the winner enjoyed his price and hopefully it is still around.

### Latest News

**Don't forget the meeting date was changed to July 11th so it wouldn't interfere with July 4th activities. Please join us at the home of Rich & Linda Batstone. Come a little early and enjoy hot dogs. If you have a show & tell, why not bring that along to show at the meeting.**



The July meeting will be held at the home of Rich and Linda Batstone at 239 Linden Street, Berlin, MA  
If you have any questions they can be reached at 978-875-3387

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