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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT... JUNE 2012

For the most part weather has been cooperating and we have had great turnout at club events. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our summer meetings at JJ & Shirley's (June), Carlton Willard (July), and Concord Park (August).

For those of us who are planning on attending the New England Meet, and staying over in Freeport on Sunday night, we have a group rate for the club at the Hampton Inn in Freeport, ME. We have a group rate as well at the Comfort Inn in Mystic Connecticut for the Fall Tour that **Robyn** and I will be leading. Many tours are coming up soon. **Tom Zappala** has extra tour cards for any of you who did not get one at the last meeting.

We are still in the process of getting our website transferred, which has turned out to be a more difficult process that originally envisioned. Wayne Champagne has the new site ready, and hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, the transfer will be complete, and up to date information will be available on line.

At the last meeting, we got an update on the groundbreaking of the Model A Museum Project at the Gilmore complex. The Club continues to encourage members to purchase a brick individually, as some members already have, to support exhibits and future operating expenses. It has taken me some time to get around to it. I am sure that there are others that have been meaning to do so as well.

I am soliciting suggestions for getting youth interested and involved with the Model A. I have heard many concerns about interest dying out, and feel that we do not give the general community as much exposure as we could to our cars and activities. If any of you know of school or community events that would be interested in our participation, please let me know. I would also like to know what you think of the idea of having a large club poster describing who and where we are to put out at car shows and events.

Have a great Model A day,





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Weekly Breakfast Group

Doing anything on Wednesday morning? No. Well then, you are invited to join the group for breakfast



at the Big Apple Deli, 331 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. The food is good and there is plenty of Model A talk. We arrive about 8:00 AM and stay until whenever.

	Steering Committee:
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Minuteman Outing May 17th Food and Ice Cream Tour



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The weather leading up to Thursday's tour was cool and rainy, but suddenly the clouds and rain disappeared and sunny clear skies moved in. It was a perfect night to head out for our favorite activity "driving our cars and eating" (maybe not in that order). Twenty-six Minute - people lead by **Sue and Wayne Champagne** made their way without any mishaps to the starting location of the famous Boston Marathon in Hopkinton. Bill's Pizza and Restaurant was the destination where we all had more than enough choices for dinner that was placed at the counter and promptly made to order to the delight of the travelers. To top off the evening, we celebrated **Marlies Plaggenborg's** birthday with sing-along wishes and shared a piece of birthday cake. Thank you to all who attended it was a great night!

Secretary's Report May 2012

OOPS!

Hear the report at the club meeting at the Jacobson's. See page 6.

Remember:





TONY'S TRANSMISSION

This issue of the *Oil Leak* was made possible by the assistance of **Susan Champagne** and **Doug Linden**.

The *Oil Leak* will go to the printer, each month, no later than the 23rd of the month. This action is required, in order that our "snail mail" recipients get a copy before our monthly meetings. **IMPORTANT:** If you do not get a positive response to your *Oil Leak* entry, the article is too late. It may be in the next month's issue.

Answers for the "The World Famous Pizza Quiz" given to the attendees at the Southborough Firehouse Pizza Party on March 21st and in written last month's *Oil Leak* are on page 8.

More pictures of our Annual Clinic are on page 7.

Special thanks to **Vic Spinazola** of PV Antiques & Classic Ford in Tewksbury, MA for locating a nasty rattle and identifying a timing correction during a weekly visit by **Tony Zeoli**.

The Town Sedan Club is doing very well. The *Town Sedan Times* is a great publication. See the TSC membership application form on page 12.

Save the club money, sign up for electronic delivery of the *Oil Leak* by emailing, **Susan Champagne** at schampagne@lwra.com to be put on the email list.

Jude & Tony Zeoli recently participated in PIN-MAR an April 29th for the Sunset Tour. Here are some photos of the very hospitable members of PIN-MAR:



The Big Apple Deli will link our website to theirs in the near future.

Tony's Trivia: Posted in the April *Oil Leak*: What part of all cars is and always has been metric? First correct answer will be acknowledged in the next *Oil Leak*. A couple Minuteman members have responded, but no correct answer to date. Note: **Jude Zeoli** answered correctly at the trivia fund raiser, where we first heard the question. Also, the President of PIN-MAR, **Bob Croslin**, answered correctly, without hesitation, on a recent Florida visit. A clue will be provided at the next club meeting.













Photos by Robyn







WELLESLEY VETERANS PARADE

By Doug Linden



May 20, 2012 - The weather for the 44th Annual Wellesley Veterans Parade could not have been better, with warm temperatures and clear blue skies. Minuteman members joined the Model T Club, the Bay State Antique Auto Club and the Military Vehicle Club at the starting point. The parade kicked off right on time (1:00 PM) with the fire engines leading the way, sirens and horns blaring. The antique cars groups were mixed in with the other groups and we slowly made our way along the route. With our Ahooga horns tooting we enjoyed waving to the kids (and adults too) lining the streets and bringing smiles to their faces. The Minuteman Club was recognized at the reviewing stand for our participation and being sponsored this year by the "Italo American Club." Thanks to the **Berrys, Del Mastros, Lindens, Adams, Jim True** and a new Model A'er, **Mike Forte**, from Weston who was driving his 1929 Roadster Pickup.



JJ's Jumper Cable

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June Minuteman Meeting Reminder

The June Club meeting will be at the Jacobson's 242 Old Connecticut Path,

BRING Wayland, MA 01778 CHAIRS Mr. Alex Olivera, a well known Pinstriper, who has done work for many famous car collectors all over the world, will be doing a presentation that night

MINUTEMAN PICNIC/CAR SHOW

Sunday, June 17th , 11:30 AM Wayside Inn, 72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury , MA. 01776 In conjunction with the Yankee Woodie Club Food tent on premises (Free Lunch provided to earliest Registrant E-mail John Jacobson- <u>Wheelsofjj@comcast.net</u> or call <u>508 733 0102</u>

FIRST ANNUAL MINUTEMAN R.V. RALLY/PIZZA PARTY/CAMPFIRE

Saturday evening, August 11th, 6:30PM 1900 Waterbury Road, Stowe, VT. 05672 (adjacent to show field)

The Jacobsons, Kerns, and Legges invite all members attending the Stow Car Meet to a pizza party campfire at our campsites.

RSVP: <u>wheelsofjj@comcast.net</u>, or see any of the three of us (Note: We were going to pull our rigs into a tight circle, in case of a hostile attack, but since there are only three of us, a triangle will have to do!) A \$5.00/person has traditionally been paid.



Minuteman Annual Clinic































"The World Famous Pizza Quiz" Answers

- 1. Bumpers for the Model A Ford were initially offered as an option. (True or False)
- 2. Model A Fords in Russia were produced from 1932 to 1936. (True or False)
- 3. Black had been the only color available on Model T Fords from <u>1914</u> to <u>1926</u>.
- 4. At what time in Model A Ford production was the color Black a special order, not standard ? _____
- 5. Henry Ford built his first vehicle in 1896. It was called the **<u>Quadricycle</u>**.
- 6. What was the Model A Ford windshield safety glass called? <u>Triplex</u>.
- 7. The new Model A Ford was advertised as having unusual speed. They claimed the top speed was 65 mph
- 8. The oval type speedometer went as high as how many m.p.h.? <u>75</u>. The round type speedometer went as high as how many m.p.h.? <u>80</u>.
- 9. Who produced the first V8 engine Ford or <u>Chevrolet 1917</u>?
- 10. Most people have heard of AC Spark Plugs. What does the AC stand for? <u>Albert Champion</u>
- 11. What did Clara Ford enjoy to drink<u>? A. Coffee with cream and sugar B. Wine</u> <u>C. Hot Chocolate with whipped cream D. Rolling Rock Beer</u>
- 12. In 1908 what did Clara Ford use for her personal transportation for her many errands around town? A. Taxi. B. Chauffer. C. Model T. <u>D. Electric car.</u> E. Horse and Carriage.
- The first Ford Cars had what kind of engine ? A. Electric. B. Two cylinder. <u>C. Dodge</u>. D. One cylinder with a large flywheel.
- 14. In the 1920's Ford was cranking out how many Model T's a day at the Highland Park Plant? A. 250 B. 750 C. 2,000 D. 4,000 E. 6,000
- 15. In 1919 from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Ford was requiring approximately how many board feet of lumber a day to manufacture Model T Fords ? A. 50,000 B. 220,000 C. 575,000 D. 825,000 <u>E. 1,000,000</u>
- 16. In 1930 what song spent the most time on the Billboard Chart? A. Happy Days are Here Again B. Puttin' on the Ritz <u>C. The Peanut Vendor</u> D. When it's Springtime in the Rockies
- 17. On this day, March 21, in 1931 what was the number one song? A. Stein Song B. Among My Souvenirs <u>C. By the River St. Marie</u> D. Precious Little Thing Called Love
- In the 1930s Shantytowns formed consisting of wood and cardboard in the United States.
 They are often referred to as? A. Jungles <u>B. Hoovertowns</u> C. The Burbs D. Poor Homes
- 19. In 1930 the average income per year was \$1970 and by 1939 it was? <u>A. \$1730</u> B. \$2012 C. \$1590 D. \$1970
- 20. In 1930, the plastic things on the end of the shoelace was called. A Eyelets <u>B. Aglets</u> C. Tiplets D. Threadlets

Bonus Question: How many spokes on a Model A wheel? ____30____.

Note: Anytime Model A Ford is referred to in this quiz it is the Model A's produced from 1928 through 1931,. ...not the Model A produced in 1903.

Sunshíne Report for Sally Legge



On 23 April, 2012, , we learned of the passing of our dear friend and Minuteman Model A Member, Arthur Dion. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Lorraine and all of Arthur's family.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.

If you know of anyone who needs a card please contact me at 508 655-1977 or sally_legge@comcast.net



Thread Logic is our provider of club apparel. Minuteman members may order directly from them at their website (www.thread-logic.com) or contact Gary Holt, our Club Shopkeeper, so he can include your requests as part of a general club order. If you visit their website, you will see they have a wide variety of shirts, jackets, totes and accessories. You may order any item you wish in any style and color. The price listed included the embroidery. So get ready for some the 2012 touring season with some new outerwear

Intead logic Apparel



CLASS "A "FIEDS.

- For Sale 1931 Pickup Project, steel top, wide bed, fiberglass fenders, hydraulic brakes, runs drives. \$7000. John Pierce 508-508-653-6543
- For Sale 1930 Model A Ford Running Gear, Engine, Radiator, Front and Rear End, Transmission, Front Fenders, and Steering, Runs Well Call Dale Watson at 207-399-0437
- For Sale 1930 Model A Coupe "Project" Disassembled, but has a running engine, Extra used and new parts come with the \$4500 asking price. Other items for sale include: 1931 AA 1.5 ton frame, \$25. 1931 AA 1.5 front end, \$25, rear end, \$25. 1930-31 4 speed transmission, \$35. 1928 worm drive 2 rear end, \$50, Model T 1 ton frame with rear end \$25. Model A frame, \$250. Model A front end, \$150. A Model A rear end, \$150. A Model A engine, \$375. Call Rollie Boucher at 978-8740-0486
- For Sale: 1931 Model A Ford Deluxe Roadster & Directional lights Excellent Condition \$21,500 Call George at 781-899-4098 or Mike at 508-889-4064
- For Sale: Two Steel Model A Trunks Like New \$750 / \$800 each Halogen bulbs for: headlights & tail lights. Fit original sockets Gene Bunce 978-857-9130
- For Sale: Autolite manifold heaters. One is rusty but in good shape, \$150. The power coated manifold heaters are \$200. Gene Bunce 978-857-9130











By Art Callan - Historian

June 1977 35 years ago

Meeting with 12 members & 3 guests (survivors, **Doug Linden**, **Ralph Parks**) Bank balance, \$489.20 Alan Blades, Treasurer First Ice Cream Tour of the year, June 16th

June 1987 25 years ago

Rain, thunder & lightning at outside meeting at Ed Wedge's barn.
Dave Mailly never finished his story about Two Naked Statues!
New Club jackets ordered (Sudbury not Framingham)
Ed Giovanella demo of welded ball on Pitman arm. He lost steering at 40mph.

June 1997 15 years ago

Clyde Kelton presentation of A & T tools.

Gene Ervin looking for open cars for Tewksbury Parade.

New members- Mike Doyle & Fred Murphy of Palmer, Alaska!!

Manifold cooking with Ed Mill to Cape Cod Canal (or Sally's Diner)



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Tourist Tom Page



MINUTEMAN MODEL A FORD CLUB - 2012 TOURS

DESCRIPTION

TIME

DAY

2012 Tour Schedule www.oilleak.org

DATE



MODEL "A" FORD CLUB OF MASSACHUSETTS

DATE	DAI	TIME	DESCRIPTION	
06/03/12	SUN	10:00 AM *	Wellesley College Parade	
6/8-10/2012	FRI - SUN	ON OWN		
06/13/12	WED	7:00 PM Erikson's Ice Cream Tour		
06/17/12	SUN	11:00 AM *	Wayside Inn Picnic Show	
6/18-22/2012	MON - FRI	ON OWN	MAFCA Meet in Marquette	
06/24/12	SUN	ON OWN	Elm Bank Car Show	
06/28/12	THU	7:00 PM	Kimball Farm Carlisle Ice Cream Tour	
07/04/12	WED	NOON *	Sudbury 4th of July Parade	
07/07/12	SAT	11:00 AM	Tower Hill Botanic Gardens Picnic Tour	
07/08/12	SUN	ON OWN	Bay State Auto Show	
07/12/12	THU	6:30 PM	Brigham's (Weston) Dinner Tour	
07/15/12	SUN	ON OWN	Codman Estate Car Show	
07/17/12	TUE	7:00 PM	Volante's Farm Ice Cream Tour	
07/21/12	SAT	11:00 AM	Wachusett Brewery Picnic Tour	
07/25/12	WED	6:30 PM	Lester BBQ Dinner Tour	
08/01/12	WED	6:30 PM	Casey's Diner Dinner Tour	
08/05/12	SUN	10:00 AM	Patriot Place Tour	
08/08/12	WED	7:00 PM *	Wayside Inn Ice Cream	
8/10-12/2012	FRI - SUN	ON OWN	Stowe Auto Show	
08/16/12	THU	6:30 PM	C&L Frosty Food & Ice Cream Tour	
08/18/12	SAT	10:00 AM	Castle Hill Picnic Tour	
08/20/12	MON	7:00 PM	Bedford Farms Ice Cream Tour	
08/25/12	SAT	10:00 AM	Windham Junction Country Store Tour	
08/28/12	TUE	6:30 PM	Dairy Joy Food & Ice Cream Tour	
09/06/12	THU	6:30 PM	Old School Pizza & Ice Cream Tour	
09/09/12	SUN	9:00 AM	Castle Island & Chateau Lunch Tour	
09/12/12	WED	6:30 PM	Trombetta's Farm Ice Cream Tour	
9/21-23/2012	FRI - SUN	ON OWN	New England Meet	
09/29/12	SAT	11:00 AM	Apple Picking Tour	
10/08/12	MON	6:30 PM *	Villa Restaurant Italian Dinner Tour	
10/19-21/2012	FRI - SUN	TBD	Fall Tour to The Mystic Seaport	
10/25/12	THU	6:30 PM *	Wayside Inn Dinner	
10/28/12	SUN	TBD *	Woburn Halloween Parade	
11/04/12	SUN	10:00 AM	Wright's Chicken Farm Tour	
11/10/12	SAT	10:00 AM	Frostbite Tour	
11/13/12	TUE	6:30 PM	Water Lily Dinner Tour	
12/02/12	SUN	1:00 PM *	Maynard Christmas Parade	
12/07/12	FRI	6:00 PM *	Minuteman Holiday Party	

* TOURS NOT STARTING FROM THE GRANGE

CHECK THE OIL LEAK FOR DATE AND TIME CHANGES

Membership: Application ____ Renewal _

MODEL A FORD TOWN SEDAN CLUB

"Dedicated to the Preservation of the Model A Ford Town Sedan"

MARC SPECIAL INTEREST REGION since 1995 and MAFCA SPECIAL INTEREST CHAPTER since 1974

Membership *\$12.00 per Calendar Year.

*Membership will be \$15 starting January 1, 2013 for new applications and renewals.

New members receive the club button and window decal. All members receive the quarterly "Town Sedan Times" newsletter.

Please make checks Payable to:

MAIL TO:

Town Sedan Club

Dan Gambill, President Model A Ford Town Sedan Club 3830 N Kootenai Ct Casa Grande, AZ 85122 email: TownSedanClub@Hotmail.com

Please allow up to 4 weeks for processing Welcome packages.

May we publish your contact information of name, address and email, in club newsletter and annual roster? Yes No

Given the Special Interest Region/Special Interest Chapter affiliations, both MARC and MAFCA Memberships are required.

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Model A Ford Museum News



Hi All,

For those of you who haven't visited the MAFFI website recently, you should. Here is the link: <u>http://www.maffi.org/index.htm</u>

The cool thing is you can view the ongoing construction of the new Model A Museum that MAFFI is currently building. A camera is focused on the building site and things are moving fast. If you attended the last club meeting you saw the ground breaking ceremony and since then there has been a lot of progress.

As a reminder, if you haven't purchased a sidewalk brick, now is the time to do so. Funds are tight for MAFFI and although they are putting up the building donations are still needed to create the displays and providing ongoing funding for the annual operation. You can get any and all donation information on the MAFFI website.







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MAFCA Newsletter of Excellence Award MARC Newsletter Award for Continuing Excellence





June 2012

Please Mail to:

Be sure to visit www.oilleak.org



June Minuteman Meeting

The June Club meeting will be at the Jacobson's 242 Old Connecticut Path, Wayland, MA 01778 NOT at the church.

Reminder BRING CHAIRS

To The Next Meeting at the Jacobson's June 4, 2012

