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June 2019

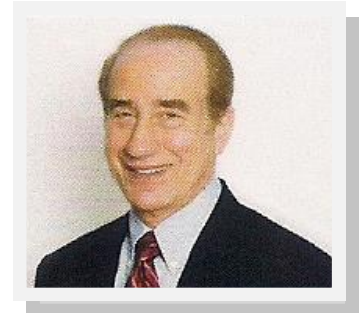
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The President Speaks:

With summer just around the corner, our activities are ramping up to celebrate the season. Activities to date have been well attended and we are looking forward to the warmer dry weather to come.

Our Summer Bash on June 15 promises to be a great time with food and fun activities guaranteed to please everyone. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible to help us get everything organized well in advance. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. Thank you again to Martha and John Kerns for hosting and providing a great venue.



The June meeting on Tuesday the 4th will take place at the Maynard Elks (where we have our swap meet). Thank you to Dick Krug for setting this up and seeing to the details.

We have started to gather for our tours at our new location at Wayland Town Center. Town Center has food, coffee and restrooms, none of which is available at the Grange. We are looking for feedback from the membership on how this is working out. Comments pro and con are welcome at the June meeting.

It has been great seeing our snow bird members again back from their winter habitat and participating in activities along with other members who are here for a summer visit. Your participation and tales of adventure add much to our enjoyment.

Our July and August meetings will be at Sally and Harold Legge and Shirley and John Jacobson respectively. Thank you all for hosting.

Our Model A's seem to be running well, and so far I have not heard of any candidates for the hard luck trophy. Much of the credit goes to the work and expertise of our group of mechanics who volunteer each year at the spring clinic.

Wishing you all happy motoring and a great summer!



Happy Motoring

Harold Samuels



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Mike Doyle passed away after a long illness and a sympathy card was sent to Grace. Our condolences go out to Grace and her family. (see page 9)

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 1:** Collings Heritage Museum Stow, MA
 - June 4:** Regular monthly meeting at Maynard Elks
 - June 5:** 6:30 PM Dairy Joy TL Don Ross
 - June 9:** 10 AM Wellesley College Escort Parade
 - June 13:** 7 PM Bedford Farms Ice Cream TL H. Samuels
 - June 15:** Summer Bash see page 7
 - June 20:** Noon Dudley Chateau TL John Jacobson
 - June 22:** 9:30 AM WW2 Museum Natick TL Marty Grady
 - June 27:** 6:30 Tangerini's Food & IC TL Dick O'Brien
 - June 30:** Noon BBQ Benchmark Senior Ctr TL Tony Zeoli
- TL= Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
April 2019

Income:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Advertising | 150.00 |
| Club Items Sold | 22.00 |
| Coffee Can | 23.00 |
| Member Dues | 80.00 |
| Raffle (Club) | 27.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 302.00 |

Expense:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Misc - Picnic Deposit | 930.73 |
| Oil Leak Printing | 40.00 |
| Roster Printing | 40.00 |
| Total Expense | \$ 1010.73 |
| Net Income | \$ -708.73 |

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

JUNE 1984 35 YEARS AGO

June meeting at the home of Ed Wedge in Northboro, Pres Jacobson presiding.

May Pizza Party enjoyed by many and the Club Paid! JJ explained the surprise was to stimulate attendance at Club events.

JUNE 1994 25 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Bob Noyes with Steve Goldberg presid. M.A.D.D. accepted our check for \$100-.

Brian Clemmer was pleased to accept our Tool Scholarship Award of \$250-.

Who really took a Tour over Doug's lawn !

JUNE 2004 15 YEARS AGO

Pres Peter MacDonald, VP Bruce Marshall, Sec Gary Hoyt, Treas Dick Stitt.

Wayne Champagne's Food & Ice Cream Tour to the Picadilly Pub in Westboro was a big success, and the CLUB PAID for the dinners.

ARTIE-FACTS

The only known 1927 Light Delivery Truck with engine # A 1276 was donated to the Model A Ford Museum in Michigan. Ford supplied a car chassis to the Kentucky Wagon Mfg. Com. of Louisville, KY. The body design was copied from the Model T and was referred to as a "Driver Salesman Body". On your next visit to this museum, be sure to see this special truck.

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 April 2, 2019

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM following a hearty rendition of God Bless America, led by the Mangan's, with approximately 51 members in attendance.

President Harold Samuels thanked Cindy Mangan, Robyn Samuels and Anna Gadbois for providing tonight's refreshments.

Officers Reports:

- Harold requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Harold requested a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Oil leak Editor - please send articles and tour reports to Doug, include pictures if available, they make the articles more interesting.

Membership:

Nan Linden - new member in attendance tonight, Kit Tucker of Fitchburg, Ma. Kit has a 1931 Roadster. Welcome Kit!

Touring:

Don Ross - thanked Harold and Sally Legge for holding the Spring Tune-up clinic at their home. There was a great turn out with lots of folks receiving help preparing their cars for the upcoming touring season.

Upcoming tours.

- * 5/15 – Casey's Diner and Park St. Ice Cream - TL - Tom Z.
- * 5/19 – Wellesley Town Parade – meet at Fire Station 12:00 PM.
- * 5/23 – Erickson's Ice Cream - TL - Dick O'Brien.
- * 6/1 – Minuteman National Park - TBD.
- * 6/8 – Sturbridge Village. On your own.
- * 6/22 – WWII Museum Natick – need to fill out form for entry - TL – Marty Grady.

Fall Tour: The Fall Weekend Tour, 10/18 – 10/20, is being planned by Tom and Lisa Zappala. The destination is Kingston RI with a day trip to Newport. Staying at Hamilton Village Inn in Kingston RI.

New Business:

- VP Doug Farrell presented Doug Linden with the

MARC 2018 Award of Merit as Editor of the Oil Leak. Congrats Doug!!

Summer Bash: Club Picnic will be held on Saturday June 15, this event is partially subsidized by the Club, get your reservation and checks into Robin Samuels.

See flyer in Oil Leak.

Summer Meetings:

- June 4th – meeting will be held off site at the Maynard Elks, 34 Powder Mill Rd, Maynard, Ma
- July 2nd – meeting will be held at Harold and Sally Legge's in So. Natick, Ma.
- August 6th – meeting will be held at JJ and Shirley Jacobson's in Wayland, Ma.

See Oil Leak for detail of meeting locations.

Programs:

- Tonight there will be a slide presentation by Bill Brum on the Annual Hershey Flee Market.

Running Board Commentary:

- National News - Doug Linden provide updates on Model A National Events being held this season:

MARC - Mountain Madness in West Virginia 5/20 to 5/23.

MARC National meet – 8/4 to 8/10 Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI.

MAFFI Model A Day – 9/21 Gilmore Museum. The Model A museum is the most visited of all the car museums in Gilmore complex.

MAFCA - Canyonlands Tour Utah 10/6 to 10/10. There are 260 registrations in so far and they are expecting 300 participants, should be a great tour.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 PM
Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary



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Membership News

LOST & FOUND

Sally Legge found two blue folding bag chairs left at their house after the tune up clinic. If you are missing two chairs please contact Sally. If not, Sally thank you for the donation.



Left: AAA to the rescue

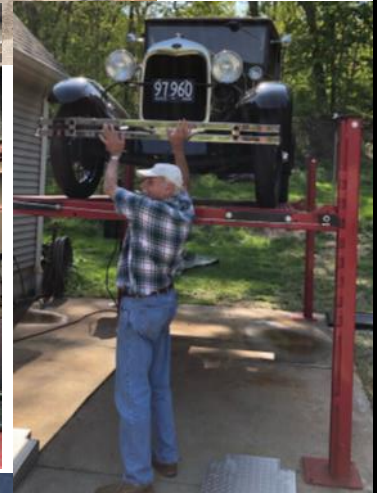
Below Left: Harold checking the clutch arm on his new lift

Below Right: OB pleading "No Pictures"

The Wellesley Parade and it's Aftermath



The start of the parade was in question as rain moved through the area. Fortunately the rains stopped and the parade did manage to get underway. The rain did however keep the crowd down. The real excitement came after the parade when OB's Cabriolet came to a quite stop. Engine running good, just no movement. AAA whisked Dick and the A off to Harold Legge's. A check of the clutch arm showed no problem. Further inspection revealed a clutch problem, which was fixed Monday



As you can see the clutch was totally destroyed. A clutch spring got dislodged and caused the three rivets to be ripped out of the of the center portion of the clutch. A new disk and pressure plate solved the problem.

On The Road Again

TRADITIONS OF WAYLAND

Kentucky Derby Day May 4th 2019

The club spent a wonderful afternoon at Traditions in Wayland to celebrate a traditional American day.

We brought **10 Ford Model A's and 1 "T"**. When we arrived we were greeted by a small group of

Sen-Agers all decked out with their home made derby hats. The clientele enjoyed the viewing of our cars and told us many Model A stories. Later we were all treated to Mint Juleps, shrimp, cheese & crackers and cheese pizza slices.

The high light of the afternoon was the 7 piece Civil War Band, the "Grey Heads", who serenaded us with hits like "Down by the Riverside", "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and others.

A Grand Time was had by All.



Casey's Diner & Ice Cream

Tour Leader Tom Zappala and his ever faithful companion, Sophie, lead the assembled group on a tour to down town Natick. Starting from Wayland Town Center, our new starting location, proceeded to Natick via

some less traveled roads and arrived at Casey's Diner for some of their famous Hot Dogs.

The service was fast and the hot dogs were good. Our next stop was Park St Ice Cream on the common. Park Street Ice Cream was recently used as another location for film be made in the area. The Ice Cream was terrific too. Fun night for those participating.



Help 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



food is good and there is plenty of Model A talk. We arrive about 7:15 AM. (see ad page 10)

THE A'S OUT IN LAVENDER (A pun)

The first tour of the season to depart from a new starting point took place on April 27th. The Wayland Town Center proved to be quite an improvement over our previous starting point over many years, the Sudbury Grange.

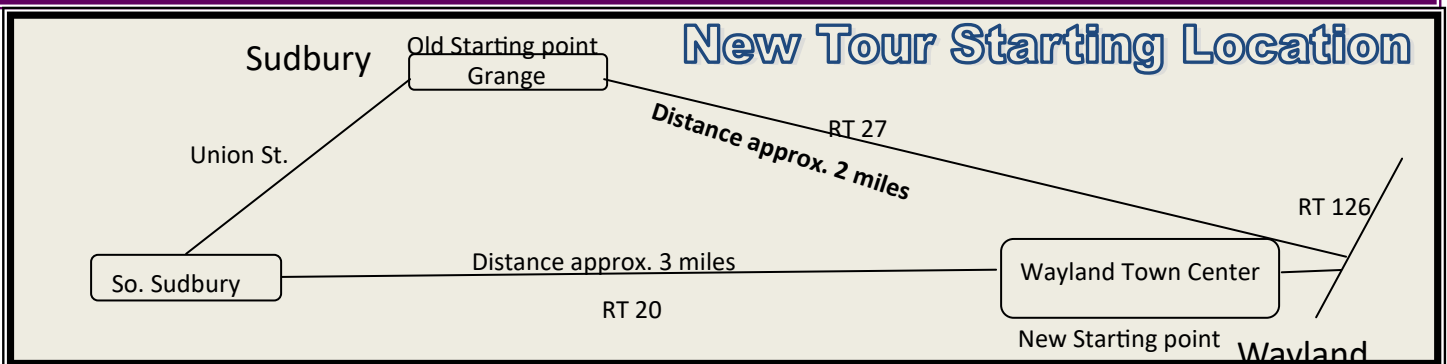
Better Parking, entry and egress, and toilet availability were appreciated by all.

The Mangans (and invited guests), Adams, Kerns, Doug Farrell, Michalak's, Zeolis, and Ross' we're in attendance, most following JJ and copilots Shirley Jacobson and daughter Tracy, wending their way along back marshland roads and arriving at a new dinner location (from previous years) called Lavenders which specializes in Asian cuisine. They were Very accommodating, offering linen napkins and tablecloth's and, from all reports, great food!



Some showoffs used chopsticks, including one of the Jacobson's —Guess who?

Respectfully submitted —that little old fork user, JJ





Fun Activities!

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SUMMER BASH

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11:00am - 3:00pm *(rain or shine)*

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Please confirm your reservation before May 29th.

For catering purposes, we need to have an accurate count of people who will be attending so please respond as soon as possible.

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Members' grandchildren : \$10.00 per child
Non-members & children : \$20.00 per person

Make your check payable to : Minuteman Model A Ford Club

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85 Concord Road
Bedford, MA 01730

Members have volunteered to bring chips, pretzels, dip and salsa. Please coordinate these items and anything else you would like to contribute with Robyn at (781) 275-2814.

Bring Your Own Wine and Beer.

Summer Bash reservation

Please complete & return with your check **BEFORE MAY 29TH**

Name : _____

Phone : _____

Number Attending : _____ Check Amount : _____

Tour Clinic

The April 27 Tour Clinic held the home of Harold and Sally Legge was a great success. The weather was cooperative and the members who brought their Model A's to be checked out found some issues that they were happy to get resolved. It is still amazing how many headlight problems we find and correct. Having the ability to properly adjust and focus the headlights makes a world of difference when driving at night.

Brakes were checked and we did find a few that needed adjustment. We also found a few brake problems that could not be corrected at the clinic because the more extensive work was needed. The members will have to get the parts before we can get the brakes working properly. We also found a steering spindle arm that was very loose.

It was an easy fix that cured a noted steering problem. Steering toe-in was checked and fortunately only one Model A needed to be adjusted.

A few other repairs were made such as frayed electrical wires replaced and a new set of tube shocks was installed.

Some members stayed the whole day to use this event as a learning session and based on the variety of items we encountered and fixed that was good plan.

The intent of this clinic was to make sure the members Model A's were in good condition for the touring season and other that a delayed fixes, we accomplished that goal.

It was a fun day !





Mike Doyle

Our Model A Family has lost a friend and long time member.

Michael Doyle, age 72 of Weston, passed away on Tuesday May 14, 2019. Beloved husband to Grace (Basile) Doyle. Loving father of William Doyle, Kenneth Doyle & his wife Buffy of NH and the late Matthew Doyle. Cherished grandfather to Gavin, Kendall & Danica. Dear brother of William, Mark and John Doyle.

Michael was a member of the Model A Club of America, and the Minuteman Model A Club of Sudbury, Former Weston Rotary Club Member, and was also a private airplane pilot.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to: MAFFI Memorial Fund, PO Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468 or Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923.

Mike was a long time member of the Minuteman club and enjoyed getting his Model A's (1929 Pick-up and 1931 Coupe) out on the road. Mike & Grace were great touring partners. They especially enjoyed the two long distant trips they took to Marquette, MI and Lexington, KY. Mike enjoyed tinkering with his Model A's, keeping them running and looking good. Mike will be missed by all and our condolences go out to Grace and her family.



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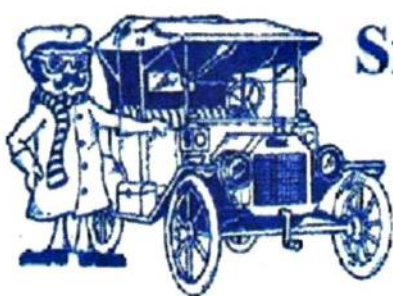
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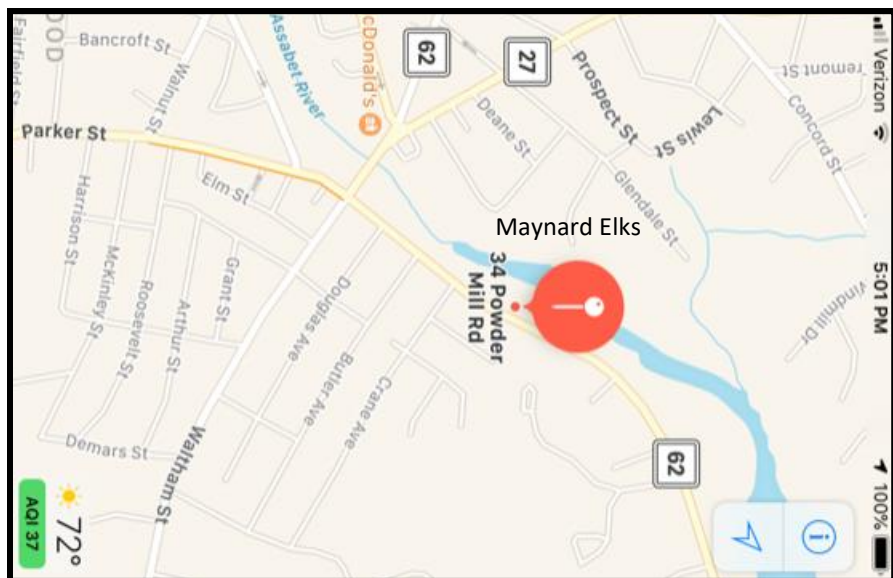
ATTENTION

Meeting Location Announcement

The June Meeting
will be held at the
Maynard Elks on
34 Powder Mill
Road (RT 62).

We will meet in
the same room
we have the Flea
Market

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.