

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

Welcome to Summer 2021. The weather is warm and things are looking great with the virus problem. We are all happy to get out and have normal lives again.

Club activities have gone well for the month of May.

1. Sunshine Dairy in Sherborn. 2. Dairy Joy in Weston.
3. Safety Clinic in Natick. All these activities were well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. Don Ross has set up a busy schedule and I hope to see many of you on these summer tours this year.



We need to give a big THANK YOU to Harold and Sally Legge for hosting this year's safety clinic and to our super mechanic crew who with all their years of experience helped make it go so well. Thanks to Dick O'Brien, Wayne Champagne, Rick Gadbois, Harold Legge and Lenny Michalak, and all who attended.

Now for the GOOD NEWS! Barring any problems we will begin our regular monthly meetings in September after over 1 1/2 years of shut down.

Keep Driving Your Model A as much as possible as it does put a smile on everyone's face.



KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY

Doug Farrell



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
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A get well card was sent to John Jacobson who is recuperating after surgery.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Jun 3 6:00 PM Erickson's Maynard Ice Cream
Jun 12 10:00 AM Mason Recreation Center, Lancaster
Jun 16 8:00 AM Big Apple Breakfast Show
Jun 20-24 MAFCA National Tour NH
Jun 29 6:00 PM Dairy Queen Natick
July 4 Sudbury Parade Canceled again this year.

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
April 2021

Income:

Member Dues	\$ 140.00
Total Income	\$ 140.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Printing (2 mnths)	\$ 140.00
Total Expenses	\$ 140.00

Net Income	\$ 0.00
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MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

JUNE 1985 35 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Ed Wedge's. Connecticut Club and Mman meet at Sturbridge to plan the National Meet. Tours: Flea Mkt at Taunton Dog Track, Admission \$1.00, Lobster Dinner at Ware Cove in Newton. Live boiled lobster, drawn butter, salad, rolls, desert, soda. \$6.25. Chefs-Art & Pat Callan

JUNE 1986 25 YEARS AGO

Summer meetings will be in So. Natick, Bedford and Marlboro. June at Harold & Sally's Old House. Sudbury Grange paid for Summer rentals with a matching gift from Gene Bunce. Program: 6 volt Dilemma by Jack Stokinger. Tours: Hildene VT, Garden Tour with Sue Champagne, Annual Picnic and Hampton Airport.

JUNE 15 YEARS AGO

Meeting at Gen & Joyce Bunce's home in Acton. Breakfast at the Boston Trolley Diner in Marlboro. (The Diner was sold and to be moved to So. Boston. It never made the move, and heaven only knows who set the fire). Tours: Hildene, Wellesley College Alumni Parade, Elm Bank, a dinner/movie night and ice cream at Pizzi Farms.

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

DID YOU KNOW--that Frank & Dottie Buckley drove their '31 Roadster from NY City to San Francisco, 7,000 miles, to attend the MAFCA Nat Convention in 1962. The reliable "A" needed only gas and oil plus one fan belt. They also received a plaque from a J C Whitney exec. for the most reliable Model A.

National Organizations:



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

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Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,



We all have these electrical outlets in the garage, outside the home, in the bathroom, in the kitchen that cut off the power (Interrupt the Current) if they detect a bad electrical connection in something (a Ground Fault). So they call them Ground Fault Current Interrupt, or GFCI, outlets and they help keep you from getting electrocuted.

We were in our house in Houston for almost 30 years and I never gave them much thought. We had a bunch of them, and I assumed they worked... Boy, was I wrong!

As it turns out, you need to TEST them about once a year or so. They go bad with time, especially those exposed to the elements. They have a TEST button built right into them that you press, to see it trip (and a Reset button to turn them back on after a trip).

I was doing a lot of work around the house a couple of years ago when we were preparing to sell it. Holly and I pressure washed the floor of the garage and I vacuumed up the water with an electric shop vac as we went. It turns out, that tingling feeling I was getting while running the shop vac was not from my True Love working right next to me. I had a bad electrical connection (extension cord) in that water and the GFCI never tripped!

I was lucky I was not hurt. I never, in over 25 years, tested a GFCI. Don't push your luck like I did. Please go test the ones you have that you rely on, and replace any that fail.

Stay safe, and "Have a Model A Day!" Jim

Secretary's Report

No May 4, 2021 Meeting

Nothing to Report - Stay well

Annual Tour Clinic

The tune up clinic was a success; actually we were happy to have it again after being canceled last year. Those who attended had their Model A's evaluated and then proceeded to get it inspected to make sure the major areas of the Model A were functioning properly. We did have a few new members show up to have their A's checked out. We usually find a few items on these first time A's that may need attention, This year was no exception, but the problems we found were relatively minor, e.g: directional signals, overdrive operation, and brakes. We did find other problems on some of the other members Model A's. One Model A had a significant amount of slop at the rear wheel. Removal of the brake drum showed a disintegrated axle shim. However just tightening up the axle nut solved that issue. Another Model A had brake issues and when the rear drum was removed it show a significant amount of grease and oil on the brake shoes. It looks like seals on the hub and the axle housing will need replacing. Thanks to Harold & Sally Legge for opening up their home and Rick Gadbois, Wayne Champagne, Dick O'Brien and Len Michalak for being the "Mechanic On Duty" role. It was a great day!



V P Needed

The club can use your help! Yes we are looking for a volunteer to fill the VP position. There is still time to volunteer. Please contact Doug Farrell,,,,,Thank You.

Model A Garage Activity

Members have been busy getting their Model A's ready for touring season.

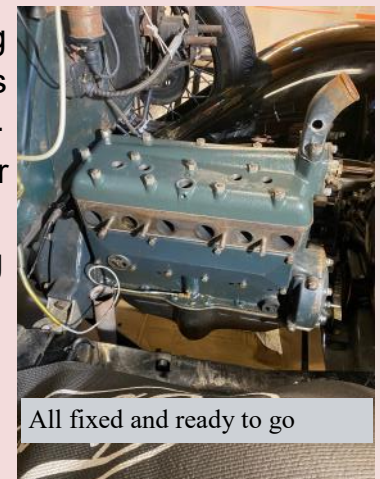


Recently Jack Stokinger repaired a leaky banjo gasket on the rearend of his sedan. The offending gasket was at the banjo on the drivers side which made the task little easier since it only required the drivers side of the axle to be removed. It took a little work to clean everything but the job was completed and the leak fixed.



Meanwhile George Stokinger brought his recently purchased Model A Pickup over

to brother Jack's house to do a brake job. However, during the drive over the engine was not running well. A compression test showed that cylinder #3 was very poor and needed to be checked. Removing the head revealed the valves were not sealing fully and they needed to be lapped to get them functioning properly.



The brake job was delayed and the engine was repaired successfully.

Bruce Marshall, upon retuning from South Carolina, went to start the Fordor up and it had wouldn't start. The starter was groaning and eventually stopped altogether. He also had no lights/horn. Bruce had a spare starter and tried that, still no luck. After some extensive diagnosis he found two problems. He had recently repaired the starter switch and apparently it was the culprit, a replacement was installed. Also, the fuse in the fuse holder was blown, but it looked fine. Bruce reports the Fordor in now running well and ready for the MAFCA National Tour in NH.



Speaking of starter switches, Rich Batstone also experienced trouble with his starter switch. These parts are poorly made and can be the source of problems. Fortunately Rich was able to buy a nice original from Len Michalak and that solved the problem.

NE England Meet

September 10-12, 2021

The big event for the year that is always great fun is the annual New England Model A Meet that will be held in September at the Sunday River Resort in Maine. The

registration form was in the May Oil Leak. For the latest information you can visit the Pine Tree A's website for the latest information.

<https://www.mainemodelafordclub.com/ne-meet>



Weekly Breakfast Group

The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is slowly growing. Now that members have received their vaccine the group keeps growing each week. The Big Apple staff keep the area clean and safe. Why not join us again.



MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR

I received my apparel for the 2021 National tour that will be held in North Conway, NH. The logo on the hat and shirt

look great. The tour will be in a few weeks and I am looking forward to seeing Model A's from around the country enjoying the White Mountains. Registration closes on June 10th. Here is the website:

<https://www.2021mafcanationaltour.com/>



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I am sure we all have passengers that were the modern day equivalent of this Rumble Seat License.

MAFFI MUSEUM UPDATE

Model A Day Sept 18, 2021

Our Annual Model A Day is fast approaching and since our last year's event had to be postponed to this year, all of our displays are already in place, just waiting for your arrival! We talk a lot about all of the beautiful cars that are on display in the Museum but did you know that there are many era fashions that are also on display year round. Our museum fashion director, Linda Morford does such an excellent job of keeping these displays fresh and ever changing. This year we have changed out a couple of our mannequins to wear our First Responder outfits.

If you have been to the museum in the past, you may have noticed "Dolly" donning her lovely vintage housedress and apron. This year, Dolly has been transformed into Nurse Dolly. Her uniform is thanks to a find by Executive Director, John Marshall and the beautiful cape came from Julie Kluttz, of the MARC Fashion Committee. Don't worry, she will have white shoes by Model A Day!

Officer Delaney was once our Good Humor Ice Cream man. He now proudly wears an authentic Police Uniform also donated by John Marshall.

Our fireman (yet unnamed) is wearing a complete era fireman's outfit thanks to Ken Ehrenhofer. I was there when they were dressing this guy and let me tell you, it's not easy putting those boots on a mannequin! A hole needed to be cut in one of the boots in order for it to fit onto the stand. Fire boots were not meant to be cut into!

Hopefully you will be able to make it to Model A Day September 18th, to see these wonderful displays in person. For more information go to our website at: maffi.org. Start making your plans now, it's gonna be great!

See you in September!!



2021 MEMBERSHIP Application Form

PLEASE complete the form below and return with your check for \$20. If there are no changes, you won't have to complete the entire form, just check the appropriate box.

Thank you.

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Service Station Attire



In the early years of the automobile, getting gas for the horseless carriage was no small feat. Dispensing gasoline evolved from bulk depots on the outskirts of towns, often requiring three people to fill the tank from curb side pumps. As the popularity of the motor car increased and technology allowed larger quantities of fuel to be refined from the same amount of petroleum, merchants of all stripes, from bicycle shops, general stores, garages, and automotive dealers, installed gas pumps in front of their establishments.

By 1920 approximately, 15,000 gas stations were located in the United States. They were primitive at best, some little more than shacks, with advertisements littering their walls and the roads leading to them. They were considered by many to be an eyesore, and even worse, there was little confidence in the product they offered.

Major oil companies took note and began to standardize their stations, making them visually appealing to the motorist. Not only did the station need to look good, the service employees needed to project honesty, integrity, reliability and quality. What better way to do that than through the clothing they wore?

Ford Service Bulletins emphasized service, shop cleanliness, and the appearance of the employees. This illustration, from the July 192 *Bulletin*, shows the serviceman in a shop coat with the Ford logo, shoes polished, and cap in hand. This mechanic also wears a shop coat with the same type of cap. The shop coats were designed to promote ease of movement through the use of pleats in the coat.



Ford Service Bulletin, August 1928

SERVICE STATION ATTIRE IN THE MODEL A ERA

By Lois Przywitowski, Lafayette, Colorado

From mafca.com

The Burtz Model A Engine

Well the day we've been waiting for has arrived. Through perseverance and determination the Burtz Model A Engine is here!! Below you will find pictures and brief descriptions of what has occurred. Terry is to be congratulated for living this dream and to his partners for helping him achieve it. The engine has been tested, disassembled and all moving parts inspected for wear. Terry and team agreed that the design is valid, they have authorize production. For clarification the term "engine" is used loosely because the only new parts are the cylinder block, crankshaft, and connecting rods. All interfaces for mating parts are identical to original and they have been documented from original Ford drawings.

(above from the Santa Clara club website)

I had the opportunity to visit with Worcester Club member Ron Lacanto who recently took delivery of one of these new blocks. Ron had a display in his garage that laid out the new block and parts beside and original block so you could see the differences between them. The most obvious is the that that the new block has 5 main bearings and the crank is fully counter balanced. Larger connecting rods are also used. The block is full oil pressure at the mains and con rods. All bearing are modern insert type. Ron is considering other upgrades such as lighter pistons, touring cam and HC head. He wont have it running for the NH National tour, but plans to have it running at the NE Meet.

It will be interesting to get a report from him on the assembly process. BTW the price now is \$3900



The new block with 5 mains with caps



The new counterbalanced crank above, old below



New Connecting Rods. Notice the larger journals



The workmanship on the casting was excellent

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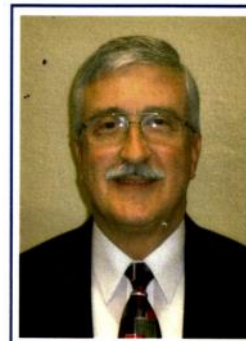
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On The Road Again!



I hope you have been able to join us on our tours. It

has been great to get the Model A out on the road and be able to meet with other members. More tours are planned so get you Model A ready for the road and hope to see you soon



Monthly Meetings will **RESUME** at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00 PM. See you then

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