

The il Leak

June 2022 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 59 Issue 6

The President Speaks:

Summer is here and the club is traveling again; May was Erikson's Ice Cream, the Wellesley Parade and a special tour by Tom Zappala.

The June meeting will be held at The Waltham Museum, 25 Lexington Street, Waltham Mass. on 6/7/2022 This should be an interesting venue for our June get together. Parking is directly across the street ([see map on cover page](#)). Thanks to new member Ron West for making the arrangements at the museum.



Happy Father's Day

In June we have the Lincoln Garden Club at the historic Pierce House on Friday (6/17). I need to know who plan's on going for a head count let me know. I also received a call from the Lexington Historical Society and they are having an event on Saturday (6/18) at the Depot and Hancock-Clarke house. They are looking for a few cars for display from 5-7:30 pm. It would be great for the Minuteman Club to be represented in this Lexington event, after all we are the Minutemen!!! I have two cars already. Give me a call at 78-460-3237 or dfarrell1416@gmail.com.

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)

May 31 6:30 PM Dinner

June 5 10:00 AM Wellesley College Reunion Parade
Meet on Campus *This a paid event*

June 7 7:30 PM Regular Meeting

June 15 6:30 PM Dinner Red Ginger Stow TL C. Martin

June 25 10:00 AM Budweiser Tour Nashua TL Barbara McElhiney

July 4 Noon Sudbury Parade meet in Chiswick Park
This is a paid event of the club.

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A

Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
April, 2022

Income:

Club Items sold (hats)	60.00
Coffee Can (April mtg)	26.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 106.00

Expense:

Coffee Supplies	\$ 13.98
Flea Mkt Expense	48.49
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 132.47

Net Income \$ - 26.47



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

JUNE 1987 35 YEARS AGO

Phil Iorio was taking orders for new club jackets. Ed Giovannella gave a startling demo on defective Pitman Arms. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at Dick and Linda Batstone's house in Berlin, MA on July 7th. The Annual Minuteman Show and Picnic was scheduled to be held on July 25th at Camp Virginia in Bolton, MA with an 11:30 arrival.

JUNE 1997 25 YEARS AGO

WOW! Large Club meeting! 75 members in attendance! Clyde Kelton gave a very informative presentation on Model A and Model T tools. Marathon Monday at the O'Brien's was a beautiful spring day with 21 Model As present. Our Annual Cookout and Picnic was scheduled for June 21st at Dave and Marianne Clark's.

JUNE 2007 15 YEARS AGO

John Jacobson, VP, read a certificate received from MARC congratulating the editor of "The Oil Leak", Doug Linden for excellence in his preparation of our club newsletter. The 51st Annual New England Meet we were hosting in Sturbridge, MA September 14th-16th was coming together nicely with many members stepping up and volunteering to ensure a fantastic meet!

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

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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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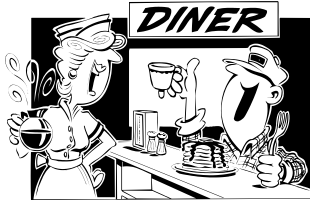
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Weekly Breakfast Group



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.



Membership: Renew - No Changes _____, Renew - Changes _____, New _____

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How would you like to receive your Newsletter: Electronically or US Mail (circle one)

Medfield on the Charles Car Show - Sunday June 26 - 9am to 2pm: \$20 Medfield State Hosp

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club May 3, 2022

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM with approximately 36 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 reported that we have a new member this month: Victor and Sandra Cormier of Sherborn, MA. They have a 1931 Coupe.

Welcome!

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

Touring:

- Don Ross
 - * The Sunday Brunch at the Post Office Pub was well attended and all had a great time. We had 7 Model A's and 2 moderns on the tour.

* The Spring Tune-up Clinic held at the Legge's garage was also well attended. A big THANK YOU to Harold and Sally for hosting this activity. Thank you to all the mechanics who helped out, all had a good time.

* Upcoming tours:

5/11 – Dairy Joy – TL Doug

5/22 – Wellesley Parade meet at fire station on route 9 at 12:30.

5/31 – Dinner Tour - Need tour Leader

6/5 – Wellesley College parade, meet at Chapel on campus.

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.

National News:

- Doug Linden reported on a 1931 Model A Telephone

Truck that was just purchased by the MAFFI Museum. This truck will be a focal point of a Commercial display on Model A day in September of this year. This truck is currently in Waltham Ma. and Dave Libby has offered to transport the truck to the museum in his trailer. Doug Linden will assist him on the trip.

MARC National Convention will be held in Morgantown PA, this would be a reasonable drive from the New England area if you would like to attend with your Model A.

MAFCA will be holding its National Convention in Kerrville, TX.

Old Business:

- Hats and License Plate Toppers for sale.
- 43rd Annual Founder's Day Event in Paris Hill, ME. Saturday July 16th 2022 from 9 to 5. This is a great event and the only time each year you can see the Bob Bahre collection of antique and classic cars.
- Medfield Auto Show on June 26th, this is a great event and they are expecting 800 cars this year!

Refreshments:

- Doug thanked Nan Linden and Craig Martin for tonight's refreshments. Volunteers for next month's meeting are Jude Zeoli and Ron West.

New Business:

- Summer meetings are typically off site, not here at the Church, thus far we have not made arrangements for off-site locations.

Ron West will check to see if the museum in Waltham will be available for the June meeting.

See Oil Leak for details on upcoming meeting locations.

Programs:

- Tonight we will have a short YouTube video on troubleshooting the electrical system on the Model A.

Respectfully Submitted

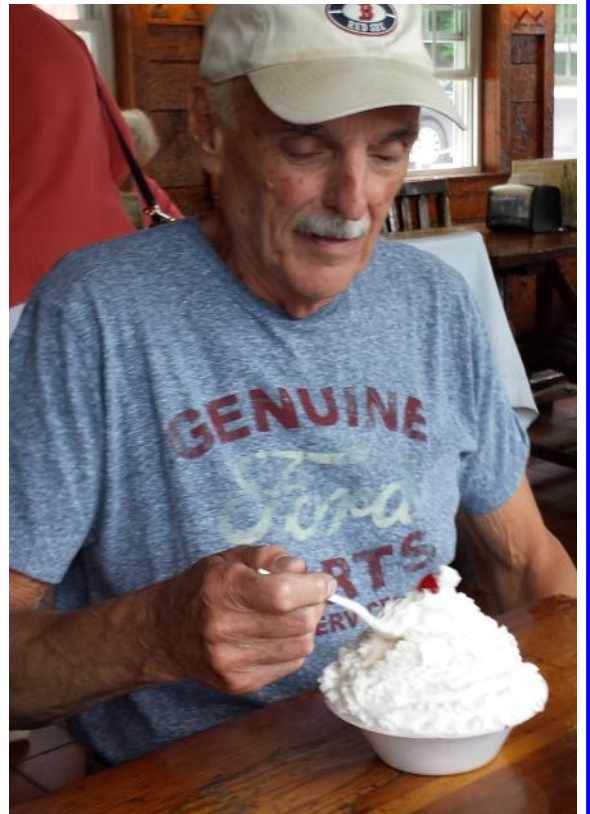
Rick Gadbois - Secretary

"Artie-Fact"

Say the words ICE CREAM and O'Bee's eyes light up! He may have visited every ice cream parlor in the Northeast while selling Toast Masters, AND he may have introduced our club to Ice Cream Tours, AND he may have a drawer full of ice cream scoops, BUT has he ever heard of Alfred Cralle?

Alfred worked at a Pittsburgh hotel and felt that drawing ice cream with spoons was a sticky task. In 1897, Alfred got a patent for a tool called the "Ice Cream Mold and Disher".

If O'Bee has just one of these originals, it's worth more than his whole drawer full.



Name

Badges are

Available at Meeting



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Victor and Sandra Cormier
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1931 Coupe.

Welcome!



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

Minuteman Club Tour Clinic

Our Tour Clinic was a great success. Thanks to the hospitality of Harold and Sally Legge for providing the venue for our gathering we were able to check out 13 Model A's. The primary areas that we seem to find problems are Steering and Headlights. This year we checked out the differences between the new LED headlight bulbs and original. Our tests showed that only the original headlights would focus per the Ford Service bulletins. The older version LEDs could not be focused per the specification, however the new LED bulbs did at least show a High and Low beam difference, but still no discernable pattern on the test board. The LED bulbs do broadcast a lot of light but keeping the beam on the road and out of oncoming drivers eyes still needs work. Steering issues varied, some loose Pitman arms and toe-in problems were corrected. Unfortunately some steering boxes had more complicated problems that would require removal and rebuilding to correct them.

One Model A that showed up was so nice that it required nothing, the only comment on that cars report was "Excellent Car."

Thanks to all the "mechanics" for lending their expertise and to the members for bringing their Model A's to checked out for roadworthiness for the upcoming touring season.



Headlight Servicing



Clutch adjustment



Delivering The Telephone Truck

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) recently purchased a beautifully restored Telephone Truck that was listed for sale and owned by Fred & Diana Taranto from Hopkinton. I was asked to inspect the truck which was garaged in Waltham at home of his brother Bill who just happens to be a Minuteman Club member. The truck lived up to its description and more so. The Museum made an offer which Fred & Diana accepted and the deal was done. Once all the paper work was completed the next step was to arrange for its transportation to the museum in Michigan. As all this was taking place, club member Dave Libbey was searching for a Slant Windshield Fordor sedan. The search lead him to Ohio and where he was able to purchase one that met his requirements. Dave contacted the museum staff and they reached an agreement for transporting the telephone truck to MI which then allowed Dave to pick up his "new" Fordor on the return trip. I offered to ride along and that resulted in a 2000 mile three day Road Trip.



Top: Fred & Diana with the with the truck and when it was loaded on the trailer. Fred & I finalize the paper work.

Mid: Trailer at the museum ready to unload and finally unloaded

Bot: Telephone truck on display at the museum . Dave with his Fordor loaded for the return trip.



Jim's Tech Tips

"Grease Fitting Added to 7-tooth Steering Gear"

The Ford Service Bulletin from September, 1928, has a brief mention of adding a grease fitting to the sector shaft housing of the 7-tooth steering gear. Today's Tech Tip is a reprint of that little article from that bulletin.

FORD SERVICE BULLETIN for September

PAGE 281

NEW LUBRICATOR FITTING IN STEERING GEAR HOUSING

The drilled hole in the steering sector shaft, through which the lubricant in the steering gear housing was carried to the sector shaft bushings, has been discontinued. Sector shaft bushings are now lubricated by means of a lubricator fitting placed in the steering gear housing. (See A, Fig. 570.) Lubricant should be forced into this fitting every 2,000 miles.

Should an instance arise where it is necessary to install the present design sector in an old steering gear assembly, it will be necessary to install a lubricator fitting in the housing. This is done by drilling a $21/64$ " hole $2-3/32$ " back from center line of flange where housing is bolted to frame. (See Fig. 571.) The hole should be drilled through housing and sector bushing and then tapped with a standard $1/8$ " pipe tap. When tapping the hole, do not tap too deep. The hole should be tapped just deep enough so that when the lubricator fitting is screwed down tightly approximately two threads on the fitting will remain above the surface of the housing. (See Fig. 571.)

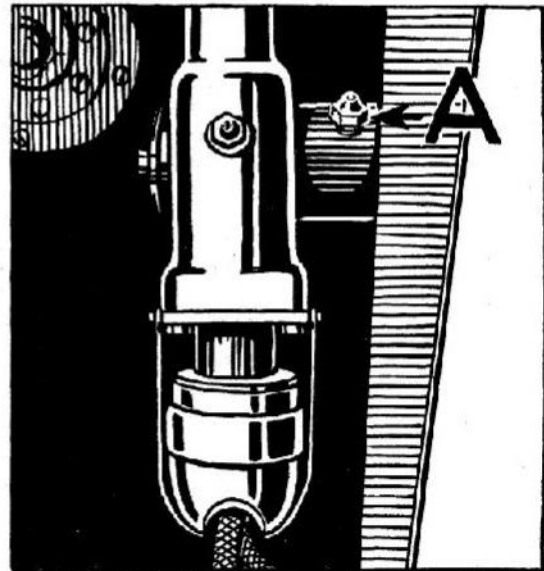


Fig. 570

You fill the steering gear box with the very heavy and thick 600W oil, and you squirt a little grease into this fitting that you are adding. The grease will lubricate the sector shaft, and it will form a little bit of a barrier that will slow down (not stop) the 600W gear oil from seeping out the sector shaft.

Have a Model A Day!

Jim

As you can see 600w oil is used in this steering box even though a grease fitting is used in on the housing.

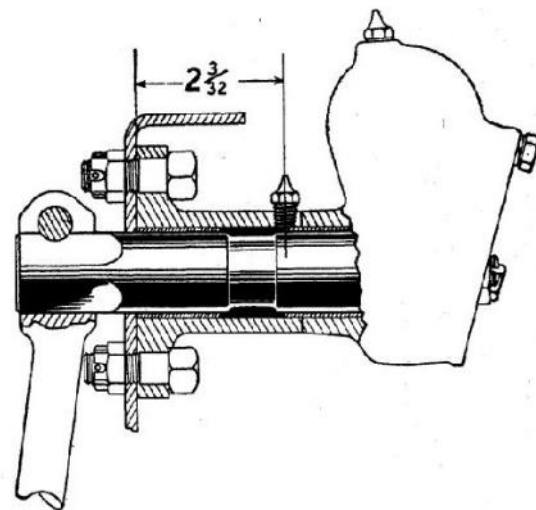
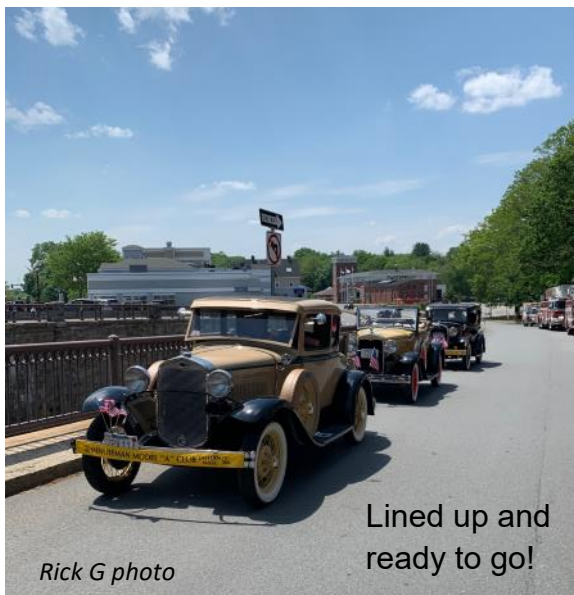


Fig. 571

HOT! HOT!

The Wellesley Veterans Parade

Hot! Was the word for this year's Wellesley Parade. In fact it was so warm some of the car clubs didn't show up, and we only had 4 members of our club in the parade. Since this was a paid event for the club Don Ross, Doug Farrell, Rick Gadbois and Doug & Nan Linden braved the heat to help support the parade and our treasury. The spectators along the route were also noticeably lower, again probably due to the heat. The parade went well, albeit a little slow, but the Model A's didn't overheat so that was a plus. A recent add to the festivities is a car show on the main street in downtown Wellesley. I received a report that club members Dick Graham, Bob Griffin and James Kowalik had their cars on display. Looks like something for everyone.



Rick G photo

Lined up and ready to go!



In the staging area and doing some socializing

Nan L photos



James K photo

James Kowalik's 1928 Model A Pick-up and Dick Graham's 1928 Cadillac on display at the Wellesley car show. Just a little difference in size.



Don's Sedan is more than ready for the parade by flying the Stars and Stripes.

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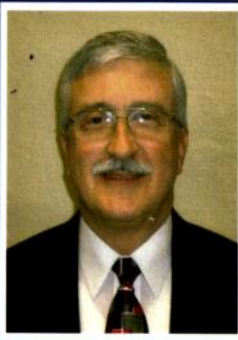
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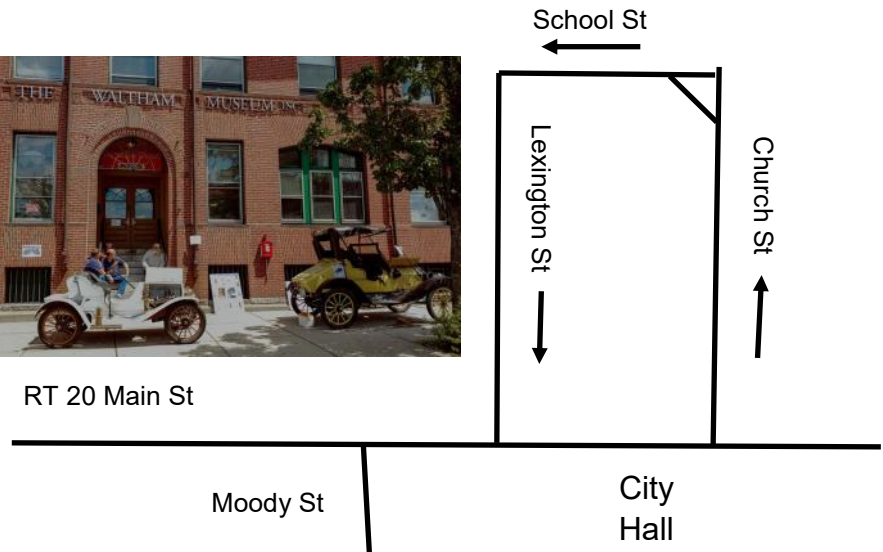


Latest News

Our June meeting will be held at The Waltham Museum located at 25 Lexington St. This is an interesting museum that features men and women who were influential in industry that had a connection to the city of Waltham. Please plan to attend and enjoy the museum's exhibits.



RT 20 Main St



The June meeting location is at **The Waltham Museum**
23 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA
Please note that Lexington St is one way.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org



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