

The il Leak

June 2023 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 60 Issue 6

The President Speaks:

Hi All!

It's half past June and have half past twenty twenty three, it seems to go faster and faster every year.

I'm looking forward to the start of the summer meeting season that kicks off at the Waltham Museum in Waltham, seems like a great place to start. I wasn't unable to attend last year's meeting there, but from what I heard from everyone that attended it was a wonderful event full of great displays.

I did manage to get our 29 Sports Coupe going with the help of Lenny Michalak and Harold Legge. I thank them because without them I probably would've never tried. We managed to get to the Post Office Pub tour. Had a wonderful time meeting with the members always pleasant.

I must be getting soft in my old age as after the tour I can feel my leg muscles cramping up from all the shifting, not used to standard and the vehicles that go with it. Martha and I really enjoyed getting out and about on a beautiful day we spent with the wonderful people at the Post Office Pub, and it was good to get out. Will have to try to get out two more times this summer.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the summer meeting in June.



TTFN

John Kerns

(ta-ta-for-now)

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

.A Thinking of You card was sent to Grace Doyle.

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 28 10AM Wellesley College Reunion Shuttle service (paid event)

June 5 Meeting Waltham Museum

June 10 Noon Benchmark Senior Housing Woburn

June 15 7PM Dairy Queen Natick

June 24 11AM Lunch & Unity Animal Sanctuary Tour Sherborn (TL Doug Linden)

June 28 7PM Dinner Tour

July 4 Noon Sudbury Parade (paid event)

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A

Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
April, 2023

Income:

Club Items Sold	240.00
Coffee Can	19.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>40.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 299.00

Expense:

<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 70.00
Net Income	\$ 229.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

JUNE 1988 35 YEARS AGO

The "Great Race" (Disney to Boston) cars had been on the road for a week. There was a rest stop at the Auburn Mall on Sunday, July 3rd at 2pm followed by the final leg, which left Auburn and went to Boston City Hall Plaza. There was an invitation to "join us on a tour" to Auburn to cheer on fellow club member Arnold Goff and his Yellow Packard! National Convention events were coming together well. Registrations were over 450!

The Dead Horse Hill Climb Race was scheduled on our Tour Schedule: "Don't miss this one, we have a great vantage point for viewing!"

JUNE 1998 25 YEARS AGO

We had a sixty car challenge for the club picnic on July 6th at the Clark's. (Sixty-one members showed up with their Model As!). Our membership at this time was over 180 Families and growing every month per Jo Johnson. Art Callan said, after working on a brake adjustment, "I couldn't get good braking, so I made the horn louder!"

JUNE 2008 15 YEARS AGO

Paul Case, President of the LeBaron Bonney Company, was the featured speaker at our May Meeting. There was a great feature story that appeared in the April 30, 2008 edition of the MetroWest Daily News on our own young Matt Johnson and his Model A Restoration project with the help and guidance of Dick Stitt.

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



Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)

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Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)

and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr.

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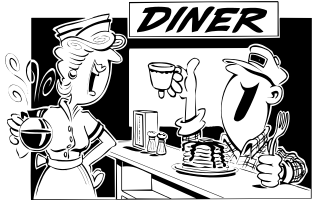
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Weekly Breakfast Group ➡



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. ➡



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

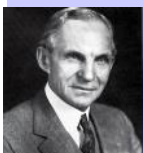
Nan reports one new member this month. Please welcome:

- Dennis Mauro of Marlborough who owns a 31 Tudor and a 29 Sport Coupe
- And welcome back past member Alan Blades of Westford.

Welcome

2025 New England Meet Update

Tom reports he is still looking for a person or persons to chair the Raffle Room, and the Program Advertising committees. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping out with either of these two committees.



"It has been my observation that most people get a head during the time that others waste" Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club May 2, 2023

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM with approximately 37 members in attendance.

Tonight's meeting was kicked off with Bob and Cindy Mangan leading the membership in singing God Bless America.

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 Reports: Brad read a thank you letter from MAFFI for the clubs memorial donation for Tom Webster.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported that we have a new member this month: Dennis Mauro of Marlboro, he has a 1931 Tudor and a 1929 Coupe.

Welcome!

Touring:

- Don Ross -- The Spring Tune-up Clinic

held at the Legge's garage was very successful, we had at least 11 happy customers. 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.

5/7 - The Sunday Brunch at the Post Office Pub

We have reservations for 11:30, meet in Wayland Center at 10 AM.

5/16 – Dairy Joy – this is an 'on your own' tour meet there at 7:00 PM.

5/21 – Wellesley Parade meet at fire station on route 9 at 12 noon.

5/28 - Wellesley College parade, meet at Chapel on campus.

- Dave Libby – Planning a tour for Saturday 8/19, this is a Multi Club event, with the Worcester Club, Blackstone Valley Club and the Minuteman Club. Each club will start in their local area ending up in North Grafton at the Willard Clock Museum. There should be a food truck nearby, there is a cheese shop and Antique shop locally. Museum will have multiple guides available, so we can easily move thru the museum.

National News:

- Doug Linden presented a Certificate from MAFCA recognizing the clubs 60th anniversary as a member of MAFCA. The club started out as the Tri-County Model A Club.
- John Kerns then presented a certificate from MAFCA to Doug for his work as Editor of the Oil Leak, congratulation's Doug!!!
- Doug left pamphlets on the table for 2 upcoming events; Medfield on the Charles in June and the Waltham Museum in September.
- On Tuesday May 9th at 3:00 PM, there will be a Memorial Parade leaving the Hudson Elks traveling to the Collings Museum in memory of a young man who passed away at the age of 22 from a brain ailment. He was very active in the community.
- MARC National Convention will be held in Hamilton, OH, 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 Tour starting in Auburn Indiana.
- MAFCA has issued a new membership roster, Doug has copies, they are \$20, see him if you would like one.

Refreshments:

- John thanked Lenny M. and Don Ross for tonight's refreshments. Next month's meeting will be off-site, look for updated information in next month's Oil Leak.

Old Business:

- None to report.

New Business:

- Tom Z. is finalizing contract with hotel for the 2025 New England meet. Tom will be looking for volunteers for the Program, Advertising and Raffle Room.

Programs:

Tonight we will have a presentation by Clyde Kelton on the Model A tool kit

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Gadbois
Secretary



Clyde Kelton presented a great seminar on Model A tools at the May meeting and also covered how to tell a T and V8 tool from an A tool. Very informative presentation.

HIKING IN STYLE IN THE MODEL A ERA



The popularity of walking or 'hiking,' as it is termed, is amazingly on the increase. 'Sabbath day journeys' are undertaken by the youth of both sexes, armed with knapsacks. Starting from Waterloo to the Surrey hills and commons, where they walk, either in clubs or in private companies, or alone, all day, to return by train at night.

So relates *The Sphere* in the September of 1930 in an article entitled 'Knapsackery on the Surrey Hills.' Regarded as the 'Phenomenon of the Post-War Youth,' hiking saw an explosion of popularity in the early 1930s, as young walkers took to the hills.

Another important social element in the hiking revolution was the freedom that it afforded the young women who participated in the pursuit. Hiking permitted the wearing of shorts for women, still quite a taboo in society at the time, as well as the showing of bare legs!

As regards to clothing, a jumper of khaki or other serviceable material, breeches, and either knickers with low boots or high knee-boots are most suitable... Shorts, with socks and shoes as affected by some walkers, are useless in timber-strewn or rough country.'

A look at era catalogs show specific clothes and shoes for "outing" activities. I guess hiking was still a term in the making. In any event there was no lack of stylish fashions for those wanting to explore the great outdoors.

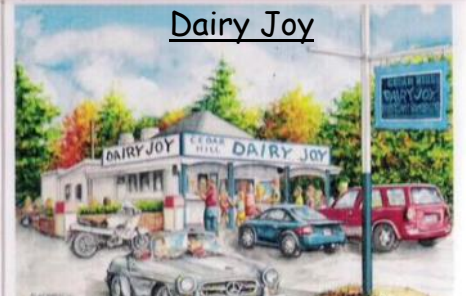
(some of the information above from a 1930's era British Newspaper)

RECENT MODEL A TOURS



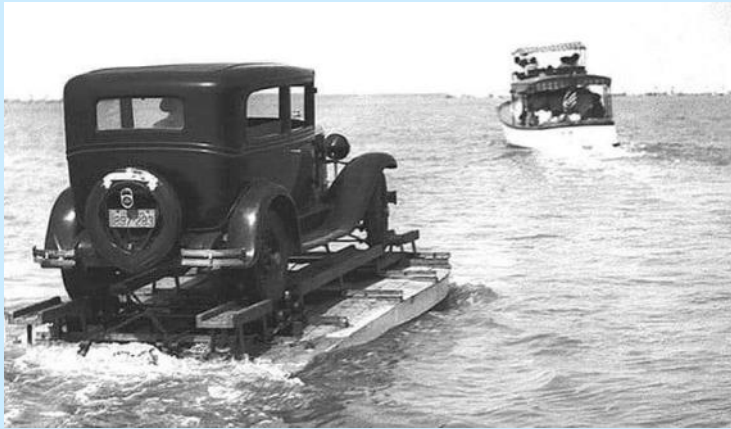
Post Office Pub

The lunch tour was our first tour in the Model A's and we had a good turn out: 7 A's and 1 modern with 18 people attending. The weather was perfect for a drive in the Model A. Thanks go to our tour leaders John & Martha Kerns for an enjoyable event.



Great turn out for our first ice cream tour with 7 Model A's present to enjoy one of our favorite treats.

Ferry Ride Anyone?



This photo sure looks like a scary way to ferry your Model A across the bay. BUT this photo does remind me of a ferry ride while we were on a Super Tour in Canada a few years back. We were traveling from New Brunswick to Campobello Island and this required two little ferry rides. One Ferry was just a little on the small side and the only way the captain could get the 13 Model A's on board was to toss the utility boat overboard YIKES! I can't call it a

life boat because it was too small, but it was just the way the captain nonchalantly decided the only way he could get all the Model A's on was to use the room taken up by the boat.

It was a tight squeeze to get the A's on, but once we made it was a just a short boat ride to our destination. I have to report that the trip to and the tour of the Roosevelt Summer home on Campobello was great fun and provided a great photo op for the Model A's.

Other Model A Activities of Interest

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“Artie - Fact”

by “A”nonymous

Edsel’s Laws of Model A Repair

1. If you can get to the faulty part, you don’t have the tool to get it off.
2. If you can get the part off, Tam’s will have it back ordered.
3. If it’s in stock, it didn’t need replacing in the first place.



INVENTIONS DURING THE MODEL A ERA

*****1928*****



TELEVISION: John Logie Baird (August 1888 – June 1946) was a Scottish inventor, electrical engineer, and innovator who demonstrated the world's first live working television system on January 26, 1926. He went on to invent the first publicly demonstrated color television system and the first viable purely electronic color television picture tube.

In 1928 the Baird Television Development Company achieved the first transatlantic television transmission. Baird's early technological successes and his role in the practical introduction of broadcast television for home entertainment have earned him a prominent place in television's history.



THE YO-YO: Pedro Flores, a Filipino immigrant to the United States, opens the Yo-yo Manufacturing Company in Santa Barbara, California and is credited with popularizing yo-yos in the United States. He patented an innovation to the yo-yo that used a loop instead of a knot around the axle, allowing for new tricks. Flores initially made yo-yos for neighborhood children by hand, but soon started buying machinery to produce them more quickly. Approximately a year after Flores opened his yo-yo business, his company was selling 300,000 yo-yos annually. Between 1930 and 1932, Flores sold his interest in his yo-yo manufacturing companies for greater than \$750,000, to Donald F. Duncan Sr., which during the depression of the 1930s was a fortune. On this transaction Flores was quoted saying *"I am more interested in teaching children to use the yo-yos than I am in manufacturing of yo-yos."* Taking his own words

to heart, he became one of the key promoters in Duncan's early yo-yo campaigns. During 1931-1932, Flores was instrumental in setting up a large number of the promotions in the cities where the early Duncan contests were being held.

FYI - June 6th is National Yo-Yo Day

Spring Tour Clinic

The annual tour clinic was a great success, the weather was overcast but thankfully no rain. All of the available time slots were filled which meant it was going to be a busy day for the “technicians” performing the evaluations and adjustments. This year we found the usual headlights that needed to be aimed and focused for proper operation. We also found a number of steering issues, parts that were loose that needed to be tightened, and rear wheel axle nuts that were not tight. These were retorqued to 100 lb-ft to keep the hub tight on the axle taper. All who attended appreciated the opportunity to get their Model A’s checked and ready for touring.



Lots of action, talk and eating at the clinic.



Every job needs a supervisor so here is Don hard at work! 😊

2023 MEMBERSHIP Application Form



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

Membership: Renew - w/no changes ____, Renew - w/changes ____, New ____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name _____ Model A : _____

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

Model A Owned: _____

How Tight should the Lug Nuts Be?



How often have you heard this question being asked, or even asked your self. With today's new cars if you look in the owners manual you will find the torque specs for your car, and it will probably be around 90lb-ft. The owners manual is a great source for maintenance information. Well, guess what, the Model A "Instruction Book" (or owners manual) has information on tightening the lug nuts. On or about pg. 35 it states:

"When replacing a wheel tighten each hub bolt nut a few turns at a time. Then follow around hub, tightening each nut firmly. If nuts are not drawn up evenly, the wheel will not run true"



Ok, but how much is firmly? Back in the day when precision torque wrenches were few and far between, tools for specific jobs were designed so an average man using that wrench could exert enough force to properly tighten the bolt or nut. In the case of the Model A Ford the key is in the design of the engine hand crank / lug wrench. As stated an average man could exert enough force to sufficiently tighten the lug nut using this wrench.

By following Fords recommendation I tightened the lug nuts very firmly using the original Ford supplied crank/lug wrench. I then broke out my torque wrench and proceeded to check all the lug nut to get an average torque reading. The result was 55lb-ft of torque on the lug nuts, which according to Ford must be what they refer to as being "firmly" tightened.

So when working on your Model A wheels you can set your torque wrench to 55 lb-ft and be assured you are tightening the lug nuts as Ford recommended.

2023 New England Meet - Hyatt Regency Hotel 1717 Motor Parkway Hauppauge, NY
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Bob & Cindy Mangan had their Model A parked in front of the Wayside Inn recently which provided lots of opportunity to talk music and Model A's. The Model A always seems to generate a lot of curiosity for young and old alike. Bob & Cindy are certainly Ambassadors of the Model A .

Latest News

The June meeting will be returning to The Waltham Museum located at 25 Lexington St. This is an neat 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

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Lexington St

Church St

Moody St

City Hall

The June meeting location is at **The Waltham Museum**

23 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA

Please note: Lexington St is one way, and that there is a public parking garage across the street from the museum.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org

June 2023



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