

The il Leak

June 2024 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 61 Issue 6

The President Speaks

New location! New night of the week!
Club meetings are now at the Sudbury Grange
on the first **Wednesday night of the month.**
See you on June 5th.

In celebration of Youth Month, seven club members brought their Model A's to Faith Church in Acton on Sunday night, May 19th, for the church's youth program. We gave rides around the church to about 75 elementary through high school students, as well as many of their parents, telling the riders different Model A facts and showing off different body styles. There were two Coupes, two Fords, a Tudor, a Roadster, and a Closed Cab Pickup. The club members seemed to enjoy themselves as much as the kids! The rumble seats were the biggest hit. (See pictures on page ??) Thank you to Dick Berry, Matthew Cilley, Doug Farrell, Dick Krug, Bob Quebec, and Harold Samuels.



Do you believe it's already almost June? Around here that means school vacation, summer picnics, gatherings with family and friends, weddings, and yes, great weather for club tours. Be sure to check out the schedule for chances to get together and enjoy driving our Model A's.

Speaking of weddings, I can't believe Kathy and I are getting so old we're celebrating our 44th anniversary this June. (I know, to many of you we're still "spring chickens.") Speaking of old, I see people my age waterskiing, mountain climbing, and even skydiving ... me, I'm just proud of myself when I can put my pants on without falling over!!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Prez Brad



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Get Well card was sent to Ed Quirk.

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)

- June 1** Picnic - **Canceled**
- June 5** Club Meeting at the Sudbury Grange
- June 8** 10AM Waterworks Museum Tom Zappala TL
- June 15** Firetruck Collection Framingham Jim Rousso
- June 22** 9AM Plymouth Tour and Picnic Don Ross
- June 26** 6:30PM Erickson's Ice Cream
- July 3** Wednesday Club Meeting
- July 4** Sudbury Parade lineup at Noon Chiswick Park
TL = Tour Leader

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

JUNE 1989 35 YEARS AGO

Bill Riddell had volunteered to run the "Ole Ben Coffee Pot" since Ole Ben retired from the job the previous month. Our 18th Annual Minuteman Show and Picnic was scheduled for July 29, 1989 at Camp Virginia on Route 85 in Bolton, MA. The "New Logo Committee" presented their efforts thus far in the last Oil Leak. Discussion continued with another report scheduled at the next Club Meeting. Members were asked to present all of their specific ideas to Doug Linden.

JUNE 1999 25 YEARS AGO

The Minuteman Club was forming Committees left and right! There was a lot going on and these committees were right on top of things. Some were: The Picnic Committee, The By-Law Committee, The Committee for the 2001 New England Regional Meet, and the Committee for Our Website. "So get involved and we'll sign you up!" Aldie Johnson stated that the Club Picnic would be held at the Clarks on June 19th.

JUNE 2009 15 YEARS AGO

Our Club received recognition as a 45 Year Chapter of MAFCA and the certificate was presented to longtime member Joe DeMilia. Richard Weintraub offered to put together orders for Cast Iron Brake Drums. Jo Johnson reported 146 paid members and mentioned that new name badges were available and updated rosters were available upon request. "Contact Jo!"

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report April, 2024

Income:

Club Items Sold	\$40.00
Coffee Can	15.00
Flea Market	10.00
Member Dues	20.00
<u>Raffle (club)</u>	<u>26.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 111.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Postage	285.30
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 365.30

Net Income \$ -254.30

National Organizations: **Highly Recommended you join all three 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 \$35/yr.**

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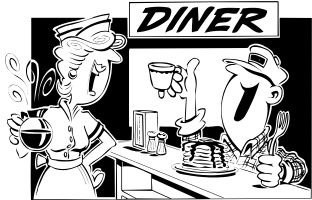
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Weekly Breakfast Group →



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. We meet every Wednesday

around 7:30 AM. Why not join us, there is always room for you. →



National News

MAFFI EXPANSION

This is a great way to help support the museum's expansion and it will also show future visitors to the museum that you and your Model A helped make this possible.

www.maffi.org

My "A" Program

NOW YOU CAN BECOME A VITAL PART OF THE MUSEUM EXPANSION AND MAKE THIS EXCITING GROWTH BECOME A REALITY. FOR A \$200.00 DONATION, A PLAQUE WITH YOUR NAME, VEHICLE, CITY AND STATE AS WELL AS A COLOR IMAGE OF YOUR CAR WILL BE PLACED ON A DISPLAY BOARD BY THE YEAR. 28,29,30, 31. THESE DISPLAYS WILL BE INSIDE THE NEW ADDITION OF THE MUSEUM. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW YOUR CAR, AND SUPPORT THE MUSEUM. THEY ALSO MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT GRANDPARENTS. BE PART OF AN EVER LASTING LEGACY TO OUR GREAT MODEL A FORDS. ACTUAL SIZE IS 4.5" x 2".



"There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something"

Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club May 7, 2024

Memorial Congregational Church, Sudbury, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM with approximately 41 members in attendance.

Tonight's meeting was kicked off with Bob and Cindy Mangano leading the membership in singing God Bless America followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Reports:

- Brad requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.

- Brad then requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP

VP Reports: (Harold Samuels absent) Brad read a thank you letter from MAFFI for the clubs memorial donation for Wilma Johnson and Craig Martin's mother in-law.

Membership:

- Nan Linden no new member's to report.

Nan has registration forms for the Connecticut meet in September if you need one.

Touring:

- Don Ross

5/4 The Spring Tune-up Clinic held at the Legge's garage was very successful, we had 12 cars go thru the inspection. 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.

5/14 – Tuesday – 6:30pm Ashland Dairy Queen

5/19 – Sunday – Wellesley Parade meet at fire station on route 9 at 12 noon.

5/26 – Sunday - Wellesley College Reunion parade, meet at Chapel on campus.

6/1 – Saturday – Picnic at Charlies – 12Noon

6/5 – Wednesday – Club Meeting – New day and location!!

6/8 – Saturday –Chestnut Hill Water Pumping Station – leave Wayland at 9:00 AM. Tom Z. leader.

National News:

- Doug Linden - just another reminder of the 2 National meets coming up. MAFCA meet in New Mexico and the MARC convention in Ashville, NC.

New Business:

- Brad presented a certificate from MARC to Doug for his work as Editor of the Oil Leak, congratulation's Doug!!! This was the MARC Award of Merit for 2023.

- Tuesday June 11th car show Natick Community Center they are looking for 50 cars. This show starts at Noon-time.

- Tonight is our last meeting here at the Congregational Church. There are two monthly meeting changes starting

in June:

1) New location – The Sudbury Grange

2) New Day – First Wednesday of the month.

See you on June 5th.

- May is Model A youth month, the event Brad had scheduled was rained out, will try to do it on the 19th. Dave Libby is doing their 2nd Annual event at BayPath Vocational School on May 10th.

- Wayside Inn is having their Roaring 20's night on June 14th, they are looking for a couple of cars to park out front of the tent, if you would like to participate they will give you free admission to the event.

- The Weston School is looking for 1 Model A to be part of a gathering they are having that is on June 1st.

- The Wayside Inn has asked the club to get their Model A fire truck running for them, a few members went over a couple of weeks ago and started it, a list of parts was made and the members will return and complete the job.

Sullivan Tire is donating all new tires for the vehicle.

Old Business:

- Barbara gave a short update on the planning progress for the 2025 New England meet.

We are on target with the venue, Grand Tour destination is coming into focus. We have a draft budget in the works, getting timelines together, looking at logo's, we have good people in place to head up different areas. We still **NEED** volunteers to run the 'Repair Tent' and to provide 'Parking lot security'.

Minuteman 60th Anniversary Celebration

- Tom Z. has completed the arrangements for the tour/picnic (box lunch) as a practice run for the Grand Tour for the 2025 NE Meet. The tour to Fruitlands will take place on Sunday September 8th leaving from Wayland at 10:30 AM. The cost will be \$10-15/person with the club subsidizing approximately \$20/person. This will be 'A' casual but fun 'A'ffair.

Refreshments:

- Brad thanked Doug Farrell and Linda Batstone for tonight's refreshments. Next month's refreshments will be provided by Barbara McElhiney and Nan Linden.

Programs:

- Doug Linden provided a chronological list of meeting locations of the Minuteman Club since its inception.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary

2024 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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Cop Pulls Over
Robot Car

Police in Mountain View, California, pulled over a car for moving too slowly: more than 15 MPH an hour *below* the speed limit. But when the cop strolled up to the door, he found there was no one inside to reprimand—the vehicle turned out to be a self-driving Google prototype. The much-publicized incident became a boon for the tech giant’s marketing department. Call it another innovation of our high-tech age: there is now literal truth to the saying, “The engine’s running, but nobody’s behind the wheel.”

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nan reports One New Member

Jeff Chandler
777 Chase Road
Lancaster, MA
1930 Roadster



May is Model A Youth Month

Thanks to the effort of President Brad Johnson, a number of members displayed their Model A's for the Brad's church youth group. The kids (young and old) and parents thoroughly enjoyed examining the A's and get rides, especially in the rumble seat. It sure pays to be young to get in and out of that seat. It was a great time.



Larry Conley Shared some pictures of his grandkids helping do some maintenance on the Model A. A little help is always welcome, especially when you see the smiles on the kids helping grampa.



2024 MINUTEMAN TOUR CLINIC

The Tour Clinic was a complete success. Our team of Model A specialists addressed a myriad of issues. The most common were steering Toe-in adjustments, Headlight focusing and aiming, an electrical repair of an Overdrive unit, However one Model A that hadn't been running in a number of years was towed in for a restart. Well that turned out to be quite a project, after much work the engine was running but very poorly. It went home on a tow truck. A house call will be made later to install some new parts to get it running properly.



Out & About in our Model A's

Dust-Off Tour to Sanbornville NH:

The challenge to have 100 Model A's attend the Dust-Off gathering at Bean Farm was helped by 6 member of the club driving to meet that goal. Leaving from Wayland, our group consisted of Dick O'Brien and daughter Heather, Doug & Nan Linden, Harold Legge, Rick Gadbois and Doug Farrell with Harold Samuels riding shotgun. Meeting us at the Farm were Larry Conley and Jim Flanagan. It was a round trip of just over 200 miles. The 100 challenge fell just short of its goal with 95 showing up. It was a long day but the Dust-Off was something we wanted to participate in.



Just part of the cars on the field



Lucky Raffle winner Doug Farrell, guess who bought Ice Cream on the way home



Bucky's 1930 Coupe and his



1931 Deluxe Roadster

It was great to see two of Bucky Silvestrone's Model A's at this event. Bucky was a long time member who passed and the cars were sold. It was nice to see them.

CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Name the Indiana-built "boattail speedster"?
2. Name a Beetle engine type.
3. What is the term used for an engine transmission combo?
4. What is a manual control window called?
5. What is a Ford-designed V8 called?
6. What is a driver's footrest called?
7. Name a sporty Hertz rental car.
8. What auto company produced the Rambler?
9. What auto company produced the Lark?





Two recent tours that had good showings of Model A's. The above picture was at the Post Office Pub lunch tour. The picture to the right was at the Dairy Queen. It was a beautiful evening and it brought out the Model A's for ice cream.



Wellesley College Alumni Parade

The club once again was happy to help provide transportation for senior members of the Wellesley College class reunion parade. This year the classes we chauffeured were 1944, 1949 and 1954. Yes, there was one member of the class of 1944 attending this event; Jean Nearing Young is 101 years young and loved the attention she received along the parade route. We had 7 Model A's attend to transport the ladies: Doug Linden, Wayne Champagne, John Pierce, Al Mason, Jacque LeDuc, Doug Farrell, Peter McLaughlin, and Dennis Mauro (who had a no start at the college).

Jean Young , Class of 1944, 101 years



It was a pleasure to drive Jean in the parade



ANSWERS TO CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Auburn
2. Air-cooled
3. Powertrain
4. Crank windows
5. Flathead
6. Dead pedal
7. Mustang
8. Nash
9. Studebaker
10. Paddles



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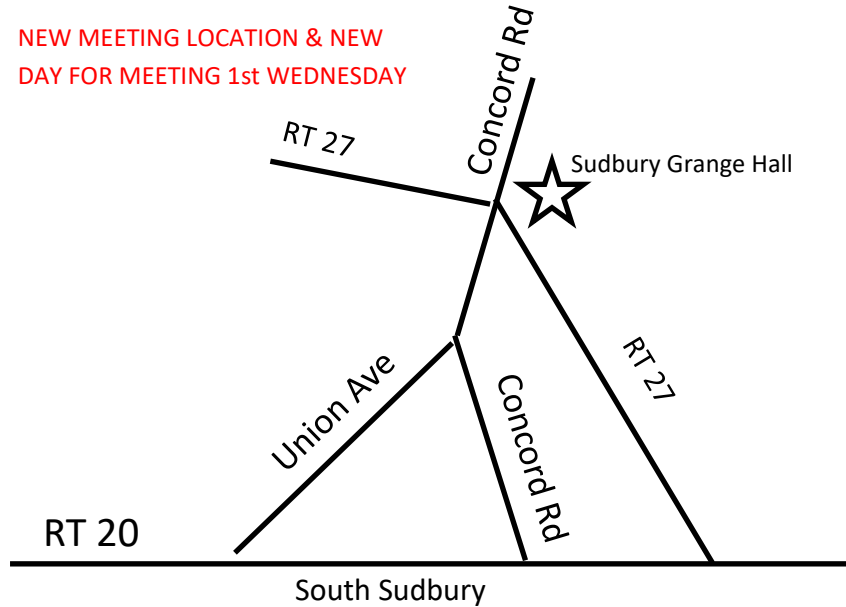
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**New Meeting Location
& New Meeting Day**

The June Meeting will be our first at our new location, at the Sudbury Grange. The building is in the complex of the Sudbury Town Hall and the Noyes Elementary School.

Join us at our new location on WEDNESDAY June 4th.. Tire Kicking at 7:00 and meeting at 7:30 PM.

**NEW MEETING LOCATION & NEW
DAY FOR MEETING 1st WEDNESDAY**



Our Monthly meetings are now being held the first Wednesday at the Sudbury Grange Hall, 326 Concord Road Sudbury, MA. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org



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June 2024

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