

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

Having recently returned from touring some of the wonders of the ancient world, the word "timeless" remains stuck in my mind. In a small way our experiences with the Model A seem to fit that definition as well. In its day, the Model A changed society in ways beyond mere transportation. Over time with the building of roads, travelling greater distances became a matter of course, and the physical structure of cities and countryside changed. Later, as a hobby and a focus of historical interest, the Model A took on a new role. Today we view the Model A as a source of fun, socializing and family enjoyment, not to mention the learning experiences we have working on the cars and keeping them running.



TOURING EGYPT IN STYLE

We are now in to "touring season" with many events locally and nationally. Our ever-evolving tour schedule is there for you to peruse evaluate and be a part of. Suggestions are always welcome. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors on a tour with you. It will create a memory for them that they will not forget.

Our club board/steering committee, event leaders and volunteers are and always have been the engine that keeps this club active, interesting and relevant. We are always grateful when new members step forward with their ideas and efforts that keep us up to date. I would request that you think about taking on the open positions for next year's Swap Meet chair, September New England meet helpers, and next year's officers. I can tell you from personal experience that you get far more than you give.

I will close with a thank you to the entire membership. See you on the road.



Happy Motoring
Harold



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A sympathy card was sent to Beth Weatherbee on the passing of her dad, long time club member Clyde Kelton. Our condolences to Beth and her family.

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 4 Regular Club Meeting

June 8 Bay State Show Framingham (see page 3)

June 14 Framingham Flag Day Parade (see page 3)

June 19 6:30PM Pizzi Farm Ice Cream TL Doug Farrell

June 21 1PM Benchmark Assisted Living Woburn TL Tony Zioli

June 26 6:30PM Wayland Concert TL Mike Miller

TL = Tour Leader

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

JUNE 1990 35 YEARS AGO

Our Logo Committee made a presentation for a new look for the Minuteman Club, based on an original Minuteman character drawn by Dave Mailly, with professional tweaking from Wayne Champagne. It was voted by the club to accept the new logo. The important business of the evening was the presentation of our Career Award. A check and plaque was given to Matthew LaRose, a student at Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School.

JUNE 2000 25 YEARS AGO

This month, there was a bulletin: "to Minuteman Club Members: The new version of our Club's new website is up and running! You can visit the site by typing www.oilleak.org". Thanks went to Jack Low for giving us server space and for registering the name. President Aldie Johnson presented Jo Johnson with a MAFCA Award for her great work done in publishing the "Oil Leak" in 1999!

JUNE 2010 15 YEARS

Mike Bentinck-Smith presented a seminar on Model A horns. The history of the horn and its many manufacturers added very good incite into why they are different in sound and style. Bruce Marshall, our Club President, presented Doug Linden with an award from MARC recognizing his continued efforts in making the "Oil Leak" a great newsletter. Art Callan reported on the progress of the MAFFI Museum Project. To help raise funds for the museum, MAFFI raffled off a Model A Ford and Art reported that sales of raffle tickets were starting to pour in!

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report April, 2025

Income:

Coffee Can	38.00
Advertising (Oil Leak)	125.00
Raffle (club)	37.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 300.00

Expense:

Misc (postage)	7.30
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 87.30

Net Income \$ 212.70



National Organizations: If you aren't a member of these three groups, we encourage you to join them



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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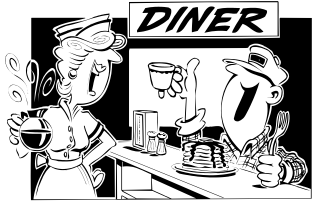
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Weekly Breakfast Group ➔



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. ➔



Seventeen at breakfast and still room for more

June 14: Framingham's Flag Day Parade. It will be held on the grounds of the Cushing Memorial Park (the old Cushing Hospital) location. The Parade will start at 10AM so arrive before that to get a spot in the procession.

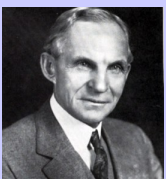
June 8: Bay State Motor Festival, Cushing Memorial Park Framingham. Celebrating Vehicles made in Mass. This will be a large event as it is also the 325th Anniversary of Framingham. \$30 registration fee (\$25 online registration). 8AM arrival. Trophies award at 2PM
More info at: baystatemotorfestival.com

Our Flea Market Needs Help

After 17 years of coordinating the annual flea market, Craig Martin is stepping down from the position. As a result the club is searching for someone to take over the reins for our 2026 event. Craig has volunteered to assist the new coordinator learn the ropes for what is needed to make this event happen.

The flea market is a major contributor to the club's operating budget and is primarily used to offset the price of the annual Holiday Party.

If you are interested in helping keep this event viable, please contact President Harold Samuels.



"The man who will use his skill and constructive imagination to see how much he can give for a dollar, instead of how little he can give for a dollar, is bound to succeed." Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club May 7, 2025

Sudbury Grange Hall, Sudbury, MA

President: Harold Samuels gaveled the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 28 members attending. The president led in the pledge of allegiance. The Secretary's and Treasurers reports were accepted as printed in the Oil Leak.

Vice President: Peter McLaughlin reported that he still had two Model A blankets to deliver. Announced the Tebo Barn open house in Milton, NH on May 17 from 9-3. It includes an 80 mile tour if anyone is interested in going.

Member Larry Conley reported that there were still some license plate toppers available at the head table.

A discussion was held about the request for a donation of \$250.00 to the Youth Restoration Award which would go to a Youth between 14 and 22 who is restoring a Model A. The recipients of this Award would be announced at the MARC National Convention in Gettysburg. It was determined that this donation was always done.

Membership: Nan Linden reported that there were no new members this month.

Tour Director: Don Ross reported on the tours for the club mentioned that the tour clinic was a success with 10 cars participating and the May 3 PO Pub tour had 22 people and ten Model A's.

- **May 18** would have the Wellesley Veterans Parade
- **May 25** would have the Wellesley College parade
- **June 8** Baystate Motor festival at Cushing park in Framingham.
- **June 14** Framingham flag day parade at Cushing Park.

He reported the new tour list is on the website. He said it included new tours to the Kennedy assisted living on August 27.

Doug Linden reporting on the National news mentioned the two main events in Virginia and Gettysburg, PA. He spoke of the MAFFI Model A day in Michigan and that the program for the evening would be on the Gilmore museum. He showed us a club

magazine from a Model A club in Norway. There is a request for a couple of cars for the Wayside Inn Roaring 20's Ball on June 13. Doug spoke on the passing of member Clyde Kelton, saying that we always make a memorial donation but in Clyde's case we should consider a donation of a memorial brick at the museum which costs \$150. He suggested passing the hat tonight to raise what we could toward that goal. \$350 was raised and it was decided to use the extra funds to purchase a "My A" plaque with Clyde's name and car picture on the wall of the museum.

New England Meet Chair: Tom Zappala reported on the New England Meet that we are hosting in 4 months. He reported that plans are moving along quite well. He would be later looking for people to volunteer for tour guides, donation for the raffle and other parts of the weekend. Gift baskets and scratch tickets for the raffle would be needed. He is looking for a person or group to man the repair tent.

President Harold thanked Tom and the others who are working on the New England Meet.

Harold also brought up the need to replace Craig Martin as swap meet leader as he is retiring after many years. Craig would help the new person.

Doug Linden spoke on Clyde Kelton's wake and funeral as it was a great tribute to Clyde and also going to the Amvets after the funeral had time to share more stories.

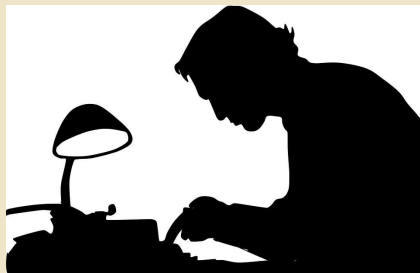
As there was no more old or new business, the president thanked Dick and Jeanne for tonight's refreshments and next months; refreshments people Tom Zappala, Ben Chirco and Barbara McElhiney.

At 8:01 we adjourned for refreshments and 50/50 raffle, followed by the program on the Gilmore museum.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Erb

Secretary



Model A For Sale



1929 Model A Roadster

Sadly selling my 1929 Standard Roadster. She's a beauty with a perfect LeBaron Bonney Top, interior and rumble seat. Color is Rose Beige with Seal Brown belting. Extras include a new set of wind wings and a motor meter. No dents, no rust and runs as good as it looks. Comes with one of our new club blankets in the rumble seat! **\$14,500**

Kit Tucker I can be reached by email at kittucker@icloud.com



1964 Thunderbird

Gary is selling his beautiful 1964 Thunderbird Coupe. Color is Sea-foam Green with light green interior. Only 45K miles.

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Wellesley Veterans Parade May 18, 2025

The annual Wellesley Veterans Parade was another fine day. We had 11 cars in the parade, 9 model A's and 2 others ('58 Impala and a '70's Dodge). We had plenty of time to socialize before the parade started. Once under way it was kind of slow going but it was fun watching the reaction of the kids when we gave a blast of the Ahooga horns. The parade ended with the reviewing stand and from there some went home and other grabbed a bite to eat.. The nice thing is that the club got paid to participate in this event.



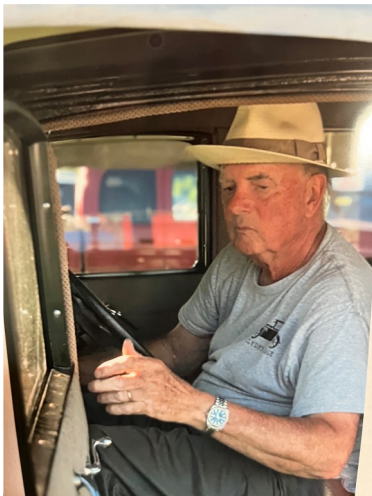
Clyde B. Kelton

The club was saddened to hear of the passing of long time member Clyde Kelton. Clyde joined the Model A club in the late 60's where he and his wife Chris were always on the road with one of the many Model A's Clyde had at the moment. It was not unusual in those days to Clyde & Chris, and the other young families unloading strollers and babies from the Model A's when we went on tours. It was quite a sight to see.

Clyde was an entrepreneur and used his love of the Model A, and its parts, as a way to supplement his income while attending Law School. Clyde's Model A used parts business grew and was not only a big help our club members, but also to all those buying parts from him at the Amherst, South Shore, Stowe, Bennington, Rhinebeck, and Hershey flea markets. Clyde was always on the search for Model A's and parts, and when Clyde passed the bar exam (the club celebrated that milestone) and became the Clerk of Courts in Boston he always finished his instructions to the new pool of juror's that he collected old cars and if they new of any to let him know. Clyde always reported that this often led to new acquisitions.

Clyde's easy going manor and fine sense of humor were what made Clyde a friend to all who met him. His passing will be wide felt in not only the Model A Hobby but also within his legal family.

Our heart felt condolences go to his daughter Beth and her husband Bob and the rest of the Wetherbee family.



Annual Tour Clinic

Our annual tour clinic was another success. Our rain date of Sunday didn't affect the turnout, only two couldn't make it. We had our "service team" ready to check out the Model A's and make adjustments as needed. The areas of headlights and steering "toe-in" are areas always needing help. This year was no different. Lug nuts were also checked and a few needed to be tightened. The road test of the cars attending is a way to identify any drivability issues. But this year one test came to a abrupt halt. Unfortunately Ben Chirco's Pickup suffered and cracked head while on it's test drive. Oops! As luck would have it Harold Legge had a spare that he gave to Ben. How's that for prompt service. Thanks to Harold & Sally Legge for hosting this popular event.



Ben with his new head



Some of the A's attending the clinic



Some fine tuning being done



Steering Adjustment



Electrical Adjustments

2025 Minuteman MEMBERSHIP Application Form

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

Membership: Renew - No Changes ____ ; Renew - Changes ____ ; New ____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name _____ Model A : _____

Street _____

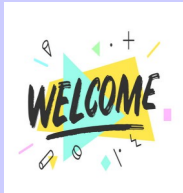
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How would you like to receive your Newsletter: Electronically or US Mail (circle one)

Welcome New Member

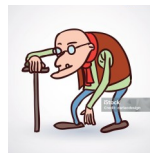
Nan reports no new member this month:



“Artie - Fact”

By “A” anonymous

- The older I get the tighter companies are putting the lids on !
- The fitness trainer asked me “What kind of squats are your accustomed to doing?”
I said “Diddly!”



CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What is a rare 1950's sound option?
2. What is an outdoor seat on a (1928-1931) Model A Ford called?
3. Name the car company that merged with Nash in 1954.
4. Name the (bulldog) hauler.
5. What is now an infrequent engine work?
6. What is used to test engine horsepower?
7. What auto company was purchased by Ford in 1922?
8. What is usually done to a stolen car?
9. Name two types of bearings.
- 10 What are two types of fuel pumps?





2025 New England Meet Update

Have you registered for the New England Meet? This event will have some great tours and activities. The Saturday night banquet will be an exciting night of great Beetles music. You can't participate if you are not registered so don't delay and send in your registration soon.

The financial success of a New England is based on the Raffle Room. We need your help with donations for the raffle room; these could include Model A related items such as car parts or tools. We are also seeking donations of lottery tickets for a basket of lottery tickets that we are putting together for the raffle room. The more items in the raffle room means more ticket sold.

Help will be needed during the Meet. We will need members to help parking at the hotel and at the final destination on the Grand Tour. One other area we will need some help is at the repair tent. The repair tent is usually a fun place to hang out and help other do any light repair on their Model A's.

Individuals willing to donate items for the raffle, volunteer during the meet, or who would like more information can contact Tom Zappala [at (781) 424-3364 or t.zappala@comcast.net] or Barbara McElhiney [at mcelhiney@rcn.com]. Your support is very much appreciated

Tips from the Garage

Changing the location of the Model A Numberplate

Some of you may be interested in changing the location of your front license plate from it's factory location hanging from the center of the light bar to the front bumper. For some it may be because you like the cleaner look and for others you may be looking for better cooling by more air flow through the radiator. For whatever reason you can thank Paul Shinn for this option. The first thing you do is to buy a rear license plate mount for a 1932 Ford, you can find these from the parts folks that deal in 1932 and up Ford parts or from Amazon. I bought mine from Amazon for \$21.90 which included tax and shipping.



1932 Ford rear numberplate bracket

Remove your old license plate and bracket from the light bar. Loosen the nut and bolt from the right front bumper bracket and attach the new 1932 bracket. You will need a large washer for the bolt, not included. It is a simple install, you just need a 7/16" and 7/8" wrench and a screwdriver. Voila, you have the new look. Of course you would not do this for your fine point car.

Here is a link to the Paul Shinn video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7_52g4hYh8

ANSWERS TO CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. A record player
2. The rumble seat
3. Hudson Motors
4. Mack trucks
5. Tune-up's
6. DYNO
7. Lincoln motors
8. chopped for parts
9. Roller and needle bearings
10. Electrical and mechanical pumps



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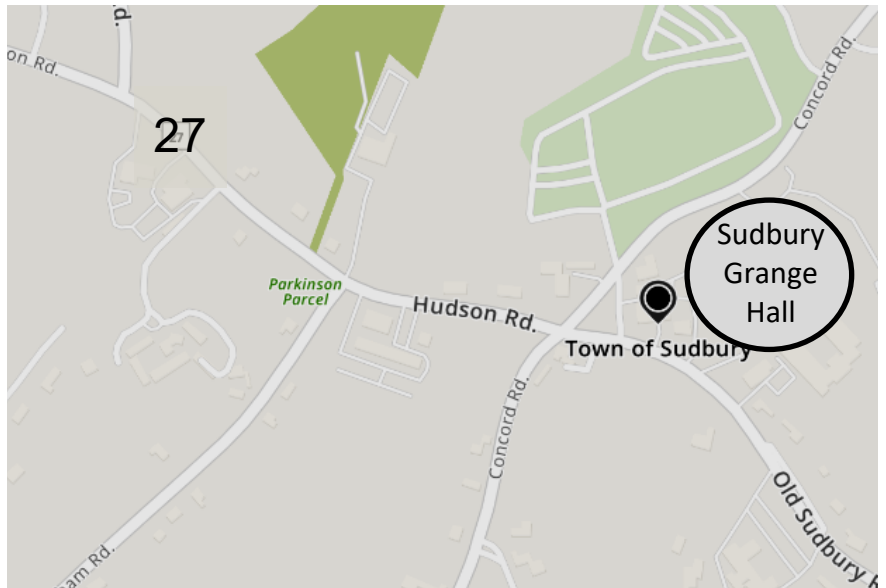
June Meeting News

Lottery Scratch Tickets are needed for the NE Meet raffle. Please bring your ticket donation to the club meeting Wednesday.

The June meeting will be at the Sudbury Grange on Wednesday June 4th.

Watch your tour schedule and join us on our events planned for June.

If you have any ideas for the summer meeting programs, please contact Harold Samuels. Thanks



Our meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at the Sudbury Grange Hall, 326 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org



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