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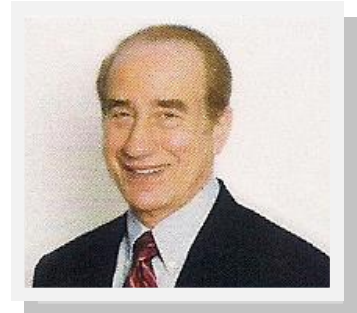
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## *The President Speaks:*

Spring is finally here and we are off to a great start. Our tour leaders are keeping us organized and moving forward with our scheduled events. The spring clinic will ensure that our cars are operating properly for the season ahead and minimize any mechanical problems. Thank you to Sally and Harold Legge for again hosting this event.



Plans for the Summer Bash Picnic have been finalized for June 15 and this event promises to be the highlight of the season. We are hoping that some of our members who have moved out of the area will make this part of their promised summer visit to us. Please see the flyer on page 7 for details, and let Robyn know as soon as possible who will be attending.

Don't forget to attend the May meeting on the 7th. We have a great program scheduled in the form of a presentation that Bill Brum has put together on the Hershey Swap Meet. Bill has provided a flyer on page 4 in this newsletter for your information.

I would especially like to thank this year's officers, steering committee and volunteers whose great work makes this club function so well and provide a source of great enjoyment for all the members.

Let's keep those engines running smoothly on our favorite model A roads!



Happy Motoring  
*Harold Samuels*



## Sunshine

Sue Champagne  
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

A Sympathy card was sent to Mike Miller for the recent loss of his father. Our Condolences to Mike and his family

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

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)  
(see info & map on pg 9)

**May 4:** 2 PM Traditions Derby Day Celebration (see pg 6)

**May 7:** Regular Club Meeting

**May 15:** 6:30 PM Casey's Diner & Ice Cream TL:Tom Zappala

**May 19:** 12:00 PM Wellesley Town Parade. Go direct to Wellesley Highway Dept on RT 9 at RT16.

**May 23:** 7:00 PM Ericksons Ice Cream

**June 1:** Minuteman Park Tour (Details later)

TL= Tour Leader

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
March 2019

### Income:

Club Items Sold	110.00
Coffee Can	19.00
Flea Market (coffee, raffle)	522.00
Flea Market Attendance	846.00
Flea Mkt Vendor Fee	520.00
Member Dues	100.00
Raffle (Club)	20.00
Total Income	\$ 2137.00

### Expense:

Coffee Supplies	46.96
Flea Market (Ads, Mailing)	94.90
Oil Leak Printing	80.00
Tour Card Printing	260.00
Total Expense	\$ 481.86
Net Income	\$ 1655.14

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### MAY 1984 35 YEARS AGO

The "Striper Guy", Gregg, conducted a Q&A about paints and striping details.

O'Brien looses brakes on the way to the meeting, changed direction and heads for Clyde's. Problem solved.

Plans for Summer Meetings at members houses.

### MAY 1994 25 YEARS AGO

Spring meeting -53 members and 21 cars.

New roster includes 114 members.

Tech talk-Doug Linden-the cooling system "BINKY" BBQ tour to Maynard.

### MAY 2004 15 YEARS AGO

VP Bruce Marshall presiding-MacDonald's in Scotland.

Swap Meet report by Gene Tallone - 42 vendors, day's profit \$1,181.

Plans made for a Tour Clinic.

### ARTIE-FACTS

Riggers hoisted the Hudson Diner on a trailer for transport to the Henry Ford Museum at the Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan. The diner built in 1947 was sent with it's stools, booths, pots and pans and is still a working diner. When you visit this Museum, stop in for a hot dog and a coke



**National Organizations:** If you are not already members of the following organizations, consider joining them.



**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

# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Club April 2, 2019

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with 38 members in attendance.

Harold Samuels kicked off the meeting by leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Officers Reports:

- Harold requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Harold then requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP
- Harold thanked Shirley Jacobson and Clyde Kelton for providing tonight's refreshments. Next month's volunteers are Harold Samuels and Anna Gadbois.
- VP Report – Doug Farrell read off a list of Thank You's from MAFFI for the Clubs recent Memorial Donations.
- Oil leak newsletter editor Doug Linden looking for input. Touring season should be picking up and we will have more material of interest.

Doug also discussed our Liability Insurance coverage provided by the National Club.

Doug then discussed the National meets scheduled for the upcoming year.

### Membership:

- Nan Linden reported, we have "A" new member at this months meeting. John Sophis of Natick has a 1931 Fordor.

Nan then passed out a copy of this year's membership roster to members in attendance. If you need a copy please see Nan at the next meeting.

### Touring:

- Don Ross - tour cards are available, tours are also listed on the Club Web site. This year's tours will start at Wayland Town Center.

- \* 4/7 Sunday Brunch - Post Office Pub
- \* 4/17 Wednesday – Lavenders Dinner
- \* 4/27 Saturday – Spring Tune-up Clinic

will be held at Harold Legge's garage in South Natick.

- \* 5/4 Saturday - Traditions Wayland – Kentucky Derby Day - come spend some quality time with the residents and enjoy a Mint Julip.

- \* 5/7 Tuesday - May Club Meeting

### Old Business:

- Craig Martin reported on The 25th Annual Winter Blahs Flea Market. The weather was great this year maybe the best we have ever had.

We had 40 vendors this year which is a good number and the number of patrons thru the gate was very

good this year and many left with new/old treasures in their hands. Also, someone left behind a Red Craftsman 2 wheel hand truck, if it is yours please contact Craig to claim it.

Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped out.

- Layout: John Pierce, George Day, Len and Peg Michalak.

- Signage: Doug Linden

- Security: Dick Krug.

- Admissions: Nan Linden, Jude Zeoli and Grace Doyle.

- Refreshments: Trish Roberson and Joyce Croci.

- Many thanks to those who supplied items for the raffle; Clyde Kelton, Skip Dunham and Andy Adams.

- Don Ross and Tony Zeoli ran the raffle during the day.

- Accounting: Barbara McElhiney.

- Many thanks to all the volunteers' who helped the vendors with un-loading and loading their vehicles, this is a great help in expediting set-up and breakdown.

### New Business:

- Harold discussed this year's Club Picnic which will be held on Saturday June 15, at the home of John and Martha Kerns. Robyn Samuels has been working hard on arrangements, currently we are look at catering by Firefly's. They do a great job with Rib's and will set-up, and serve. This event will be partially subsidized by the Club with a minor cost to the attendees.

Harold then submitted a motion for membership approval for the expenditure of \$2000 for the Club's Summer Picnic. Motion second by John Pierce and passed unanimously.

Robyn is looking for a Croquet Set, Brad Johnson has one we can use.

### Programs:

- Tonight we will have a short video on timing the Model A engine.

- Next Month's meeting will be a special program, be sure to attend. There will be a flyer as part of the newsletter with details.



Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted

***Rick Gadbois - Secretary***

## **2019 Board of Directors**

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**Editor** - Doug Linden [douglingen@aol.com](mailto:douglingen@aol.com)

### **Steering Committee**

Wayne Champagne, Rich Batstone, Clyde Kelton, Andy Adams, Jo Johnson - Emeritus

**Tour Directors:** Don Ross 617-584-5245 / Dick O'Brien 781-223-0259

**Sunshine:** Sue Champagne [sdchampagne1931@gmail.com](mailto:sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

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## **Member Information**

### **ROSTER CORRECTIONS:**

Please make the following changes to your Roster, Thanks.

Bruce Marshall's email is:

[K1AJ@ARRL.NET](mailto:K1AJ@ARRL.NET)

Daniel DeMatos' phone number is  
781-363-3119



## **Welcome New Members**

Kit & Karen Tucker

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Fitchburg, MA 01420

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John & Patricia Sophis

28 Plain Street

Natick, MA 01760

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1931 Fordor

## **May Meeting Program-Welcome to Hershey -2018**

*Presented by Bill Brum*



Join us for a walk through of the 2018 Hershey antique auto flea market. Antique autos, tools, memorabilia, and many other Model A era items. Also, a look at the AACA museum & library exhibits. Don't miss the fun!

### **Model A Ford Mileage Driving Program report, submitted by Wayne Champagne**

The Model A Ford Restorer's Club (MARC) driving program acknowledges members who drive their Model A's on a regular basis. The program records yearly odometer readings and is reported back to Dick Fisher the chairman of the national office at the end of every year. The one-time fee to enroll is \$1.00 and you are required to be an active member of MARC. Driving levels are rewarded at 2,000 miles with a radiator badge emblem and then tags are given at each 5,000-mile level achieved thereafter.

**For the 2018 driving season the following participants received the following:**

- Bruce Marshall, 5,000 miles, 1931 S/W Town Sedan
- Andy Adams, 15,000 miles, 1931 Tudor Sedan
- Doug Linden, 85,000 miles, 1931 Town Sedan

If you'd like to enroll in this program, please contact Wayne Champagne, Minuteman Model A Ford Club, Mileage Coordinator



### **Pizza Party & World Famous Pizza Quiz**



**A good turn out for Pizza**

Our first gathering of the season was a success. The members turned out for not only great pizza but also to test their knowledge taking the Pizza Quiz. There was plenty of socializing before the salad and pizza arrived which almost overflowed the table. Amazing how the chatter goes down when the food arrives. Next it was time for dessert and the QUIZ. Twenty questions aimed at testing your Model A era knowledge. Time was up and those with high scores were able to choose from a number of prizes. It was a fun evening.

### **POST OFFICE PUB BRUNCH, NORTH GRAFTON TOUR**

April 7, 2019

Tour Leaders: Eddie and Joyce Croci

What a perfect day for the first tour of the season--sunny and not too hot and not too cold. Joining us at the Grange were: Doug Farrell, Martha & John Kerns, Karen & Jack LeDuc, Cindy & Bob Mangan, Bruce Marshall & Trish, Don Ross, and Ed Wlodyka all in their A's and Dick Graham in his Cadillac and his friends Ina & David Steiner in their vintage Chrysler. Most of the people arrived at the Grange before we did and we had plenty of time for visiting with everyone. We had a great tour to the Post Office Pub in North Grafton travelling on a lot of back roads and trying to avoid as many pot holes as we could. Cindy Mangan got to enjoy a ride in Dick Graham's Cadillac to the Pub and joining us there were Sue & Wayne Champagne, Nan & Doug Linden, Peg & Len-n-y Michalak all in their A's and Jude & Tony Zeoli and JJ & Shirley Jacobson in their moderns. I guess everyone had the same idea on this beautiful day as we had to wait in line for our brunch, but it did move quickly. They had quite a variety of food and the fruit was nice and fresh and the omelets station was kept busy. We had a nice private room so we could enjoy everyone's company. Thank you all for joining us.

## Help Needed



### Coffee Person

I can't believe no one has offered to make the coffee. How about someone JUST for May. Call Harold if you would like to volunteer.



### *Weekly Breakfast Group*



Doing anything on Wednesday morning? No. Well then, you are invited to join the group for breakfast at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. The



food is good and there is plenty of Model A talk. We arrive about 7:15 AM. (see ad page 10)

## Winter Blah's Flea Market – 2019

We had a fine sunny 50 degree day for the swap meet. This doesn't happen that often, so the 40 plus vendors and the steady stream of attendees were in a good selling & buying mood. Lots of help from club members which is always appreciated.

What a great club!

Thanks,

Craig

PS Someone left behind a Red Hand Truck, are you missing yours?? If so contact Craig.



*As you can see there was lots of interest in the vendors "stuff". It was a great event all around.*





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**Please confirm your reservation before May 29th.**

For catering purposes, we need to have an accurate count of people who will be attending so please respond as soon as possible.

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Members have volunteered to bring chips, pretzels, dip and salsa. Please coordinate these items and anything else you would like to contribute with Robyn at (781) 275-2814.

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Summer Bash reservation

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## Jim's Tech Tip

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Yes, if your Model A battery has caps that you can remove to see inside, you need to add water to the cells on a regular basis. Charging the battery boils the water off while you drive. If the plates inside the battery are exposed to air, it ruins them and reduces your battery's storage capacity. So you need to check the water level about once a month.

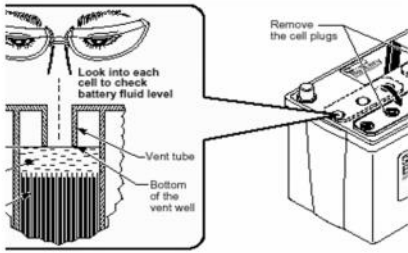
Unfortunately the battery access plate in the front floorboard provides a small opening to work through. Not very easy to add water to each cell. I've tried pouring water in from above and just made a mess!

Here's my tip: Get a plastic syringe (100 to 150 cc) from a pharmacy or feed store and put a 6-8" piece of vacuum hose on the end of it. Pour some distilled water into a clean cup. Now draw water up into the syringe and use the hose end to squirt water into each battery cell, to bring the liquid level back up to the bottom of the vent well (see figure).

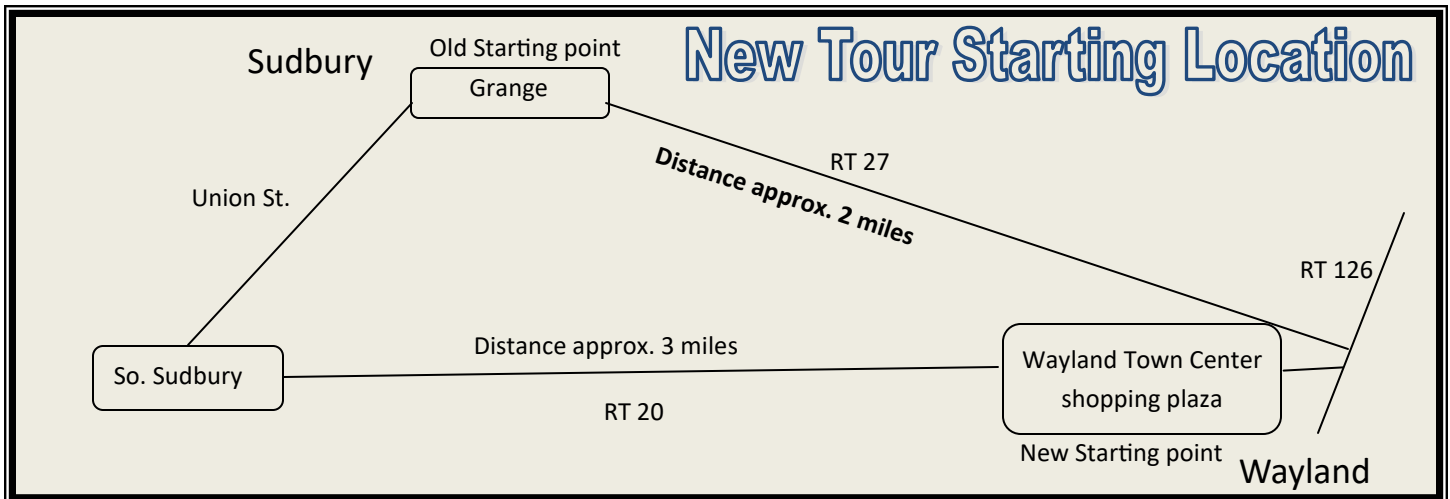
Remember that this is sulfuric acid in the battery. Don't splash it up by spraying the water into the cell too fast. Don't let the end of the hose go into the acid. Please wear safety glasses while working around a battery.

Have a Model A Day!  
Jim Cannon

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Saturday MAY 4<sup>th</sup>

**Traditions of Wayland** has once again in-

vited members of the Minuteman Club to join them to celebrate the "Running of the Roses" on May 4th. 2:00 PM arrival to show off the Model A's then enjoy some Music, Food and Mint Julips. (The food is always excellent) Traditions of Wayland is located at: 10 Green Way (off RT 126/27) Wayland, MA 01778 Don Ross will lead this event.

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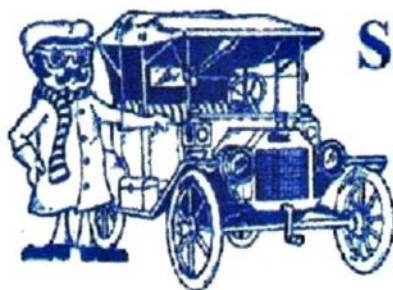
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**May 2019**

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present.*



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