

The il Leak

May 2023 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 60 Issue 5

The President Speaks:

Hi All!

It is May already! It was a mild winter and I didn't use my new snowblower, but after one storm my snow plow frame rusted off. I got lucky, I hope to get it fixed by next winter.

Thanks to Don Ross we have a great touring season planned.

Lots of fun 🥳 places to visit. We are looking forward to leading the way on the first tour to the Post Office Pub for a quick breakfast. Lots of fun and interesting places to visit this summer.

Let us make it a memorable experience.



TTFN



John Kerns

(ta-ta-for-now)



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Tom Webster. Our condolences go to Judith Ann and the entire Webster 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)

- Apr 30** V8 Fitchburg Flea Market (see pg. 6)
- May 2** Regular Club Meeting
- May 7** 10 AM Post Office Pub John Kerns TL
- May 16** 7 PM Dairy Joy, Weston
- May 21** Noon Wellesley Veteran's Parade RT 9 Firehouse (paid event)
- May 28** 10 AM Wellesley College Reunion Shuttle service (paid event)

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A

Ford Club

Treasurer's Report March, 2023

Income:

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Advertising (Oil Leak ad) | 25.00 |
| Club Items Sold | 60.00 |
| Coffee Can | 21.00 |
| Flea Mkt | 452.25 |
| Flea Mkt Attendance | 879.00 |
| Flea Mkt Vendors Fee | 315.00 |
| <u>Member Dues</u> | <u>380.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$ 2132.25 |

Expense:

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Oil Leak Postage | 334.00 |
| Flea Market Exp | 249.27 |
| Flea Mkt Rental Space | 300.00 |
| <u>Oil Leak Printing</u> | <u>70.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ 953.27 |
| Net Income | \$ 1178.98 |

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

MAY 1988 35 YEARS AGO

Plans were well underway for the Minuteman Club's hosting of the National Convention in Sturbridge, MA in July. We had over 400 registrations at this point. The main purpose of this month's *Oil Leak* in 1988 was to appraise everyone of when and where help was needed and to encourage members to step up.

MAY 1998 25 YEARS AGO

Jeff Gould from Central Mass gave a great technical presentation on the art of powder coating - he is the owner of Central Mass Powder Coating. Dick Stitt once again ran for election as a National Officer of MAFCA (FYI: He WAS elected!).

MAY 2008 15 YEARS AGO

A loud round of applause was had for the great job Craig Martin did organizing our Annual Winter Blahs Swap Meet. The 2008 Tour Cards were passed out. This year the Elm Bank Car Show was featuring the Model A Ford! The "Super Tour" in 2008 involved a trip to Quebec, Canada - leaving July 25th and returning on August 3rd. At the annual Boston Marathon Picnic this year there were EIGHT WOODIES and TWELVE other As on display!

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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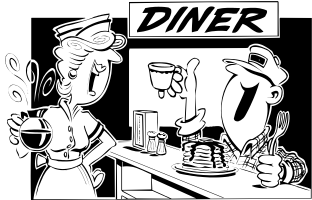
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Weekly Breakfast Group ➡



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:

- Marcial Bones of Pelham, NH who owns a 1929 Tudor.

Welcome

2025 New England Meet Update

Co-Chairs Tom Zappala and Barbara McElhiney report that we are close to signing an agreement with the host hotel for the 2025 NE Meet. This facility will provide an excellent location and facilities for this major event.

Tom reports he is still looking for candidates 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.



"Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice"

Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club April 4, 2023

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM with 39 members in attendance.

Tonight's meeting was kicked off with President John Kerns leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Report:

- Brad read a thank you letter from MAFCA for the clubs donation to the Model A Youth Scholarship Award.

- Brad then reminded everyone that the first Tuesday in July this year falls on the 4th. We need to discuss moving the monthly meeting to the following Tuesday. We also need to find locations for this year's summer meetings.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported that we have two new members that recently signed up.

1) Marcial Bones of Pelham NH. Marcial has a 1929 Tudor.

2) Alan Blades of Westford, MA. Alan does not have a Model A currently but did have a Paddy Wagon in the past.

Welcome Marcial and Alan!

Touring:

- Don Ross

* 4/18 7:00 PM - Dinner Tour at Ziti's in Natick is on your own, we meet there.

* 4/29 Saturday – Spring Tune-up Clinic will be held at Harold Legge's garage in South Natick.

All half hour slots are taken but see Don and we may be able to squeeze you in.

* 5/2 – Monthly meeting

* 5/7 Sunday 10:00 AM - Brunch at the Post Office Pub in Grafton. John Kerns tour leader.

* 5/18 – Dairy Joy – on your own.

* 5/22 – Wellesley Veterans Parade – meet at fire station on route 9.

* 5/29 – Wellesley College Parade

In addition we have some different tours scheduled this year. We have the Unity Animal Sanctuary, An Old Model A Rally, couple scenic drives with picnics, the Willard Clock Museum, and a Cape Ann Tour. We still have a need for

leaders for some dinner tours.

National News:

- Doug Linden was reviewing the national rosters and was disappointed in the low number of Minuteman Members listed and encouraged our participation. Doug has magazines here tonight, please take one to see what you are missing out on. If you have never been a member before, Nan has forms which allow you to join and the first year is free!

Old Business:

- Craig Martin reported on The 27th Annual Winter Blahs Flea Market.

We had 35 vendors this year which is a good number and approximately 300 patrons thru the gate.

Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped out.

- Layout: John Pierce, Len and Peg Michalak.

- Signage: Doug Linden

- Admissions: Nan Linden, Jude Zeoli.

- Refreshments: John K. and Grace D.

- Raffle: Don Ross and Tony Zeoli -- Many thanks to those who supplied items for the raffle.

- 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.

Refreshments:

- Oops, would anyone like to volunteer???

New Business:

- Gary has hats for sale, we have a new forest green color.

- Tom Zappala gave an update on the progress for planning of the 2025 New England meet. The Host Hotel and Grand Tour destination have been selected, details to follow.

- Tom is also working on a Fall Tour which will be a luncheon at Fruitland's, stay tuned for details.

Programs:

- Tonight we will re-show last month's video on the Spring Tune-up Clinic.

- Next month we will have a presentation by Clyde Kelton on the Model A Tool Kit, be sure to attend!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Gadbois

Secretary

2023 MINUTEMAN TOUR CLINIC - LAST CHANCE

Saturday April 29, 2023



Tour Director Don Ross reports that almost all the time slots for the Clinic are full. The day is set up with half hour sessions starting at 8 AM and runs until 3PM. Appointments are necessary in order to have an orderly flow at the work stations. If you have not called Don, please do so asap as there may be a cancellation.

1928 FASHION (sort of) - BASEBALL GLOVES

Two of the greatest baseball players of all time; Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig influenced baseball fans old and young alike.

Kids growing up wanted to have baseball gloves just like their on field heroes. So it's no wonder ads like these would have the kids begging their parents to buy them these high quality gloves. The depression was far from everyone's imagination so parents had no problems making sure their budding "major-leaguers" had the best gloves to play the game. If you couldn't afford the premium brand gloves, you could find more affordable ones in the Montgomery-Wards or Sears stores (or catalogs).

The thing that caught my eye is how the design of the gloves has changes over the years, in fact when baseball first started no gloves were used.

In 1885 G.H. **Rawlings** patented a glove for baseball that had the figure tips cut off with padding in the palm. Albert **Spaulding**, a ball player himself, also promoted using baseball gloves.

Do these two names sound familiar to you?

A message to every ball player from BABE RUTH

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"And how these gloves snare a ball. A specially formed pocket does the trick, Reach tells me. Whatever it is, any ball that smacks into one of these gloves sure sticks!

"I'm ready to recommend them to any fellow who plays ball—in the field, on the bases, or back of the bat. They got a pretty low price on them, too, for major league gloves."

Babe Ruth

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Ads from 1928

Custom White Message Board

A special event recently took place at the club's weekly breakfast gathering. Thanks to the generosity and talent of club member Dennis Porter he presented our waitstaff with a custom made white message board complete with the Big Apple logo. The staff was surprised to say the least, especially when Dennis mentioned that he made one for each of them as well. What a great surprise. BUT wait, Dennis wasn't finished as he also mentioned the he had made enough message boards for all of the breakfast group. This was also another great surprise. The breakfast group wondered what kept Dennis busy during the winter months. Now we know.

Thanks Dennis from the entire breakfast group.



The custom engraving was accomplished with a laser machine.



MARC Mileage Program Report – Wayne Champagne

Congratulations are in order for Bruce Marshall and his 1931 S/W Town Sedan that reached the 15,000 miles driven milestone for the year ending 2022. Thank you for all who submitted their odometer readings to me for last year. Let's hope the driving season will let you reach your new levels too!

If you're interested in joining this program all you need is \$1.00 and your current membership status with MARC (Model A Restores Club). See me at one of our club meetings to enroll in this program. Happy Model A'ing. *Wayne*

Other Model A Activities of Interest



2nd Annual Wings & Wheels
in conjunction with:

51st Annual Swap Meet & Car Show

Early Ford V-8 Club of New England

Sunday, April 30th, 2023
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fitchburg Airport, Fitchburg, MA



Admission \$10 pp

Model A Ford Dust Off

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Annual Gathering of Model A Fords

Bean Farm, 2253 Lovell Lake Rd Sanbornville, NH

Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Water & Soda. Bring a salad or dessert to share if you wish. Also bring a chair.

Clubs invited: Pine Tree, Lakes Region, Little Rhody, White Mountain, Minuteman, MARCOM & Worcester County

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scrapes you off the windshield!

INVENTIONS DURING THE MODEL A ERA

1928



SCHICK ELECTRIC RAZOR:

Electric razors were patented as early as 1900 in the United States, but the first to be successfully manufactured was that on which Jacob Schick, a retired U.S. Army colonel, applied for a patent in 1928 and that he placed on the market in 1931. The idea of creating an electric razor came to him while he recuperated from an injury suffered while doing some gold exploration in Alaska and British Columbia in the early 1910s.

Finding it difficult to shave and, at the same time, having time on his hands while recuperating, Schick drew up crude plans that featured a shaver with a shaving head driven by a flexible cable and powered by a grapefruit-sized external motor. So sure was he of the electric dry shaver's potential, Schick sold the assets of his razor company in 1928 in order to capitalize the new invention.



PENICILLIN: “I did not invent penicillin. Nature did

that. I only discovered it by accident.” Alexander Fleming was a Scottish physician-scientist who was recognized for discovering penicillin. Fleming did not intend to begin a career in research. In the Army he was introduced to Sir Almroth Wright, who was a pioneer in immunology and vaccine research, who agreed to take Fleming under his wing. When World War I broke out, Fleming served in the Army Medical Corps as a captain. During this time, he observed the death of many of his fellow soldiers, not always from wounds inflicted in battle, but from the ensuing infection that could not be controlled. In 1928, Fleming began a series of experiments involving the common staphylococcal

bacteria. An uncovered Petri dish sitting next to an open window became contaminated with mold spores. Fleming observed that the bacteria in proximity to the mold colonies were dying. He was able to isolate the mold and identified it as a member of the *Penicillium* genus. He discerned that it was not the mold itself but some ‘juice’ it had produced that had killed the bacteria. He named the ‘mold juice’ penicillin.

Winter Blah's Flea Market

The 27th Annual Minuteman Winter Blah's Flea Market was another success thanks to the leadership of Craig Martin and the many volunteers who arrived at O-Dark Hundred to help the vendors unload their merchandise. We had a good turn out at the gate, the coffee & donuts sales were brisk and the donations to the raffle was great. All the vendors I talked to had a good time and it was also great just to see many old car guys we haven't seen since the winter weather arrived. The proceeds from this event and other parades we participate in help defray cost of other activities the members enjoy.



Clyde Kelton selling his parts.

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Inside buyers

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Tony Zeoli and Don Ross selling raffle tickets.

Wayne Champagne, Dick Obrien and John Erb selling



Grace Doyle and John Kerns at Coffee Central.

Outside Vendors



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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email _____ Telephone _____ - _____ - _____

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

Model A Owned: _____

Thompson “Tom” Webster

February 1946—March 2023

The club was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of our member Tom Webster. Tom and his wife Judith Ann were members for a number of years, but due to their distance from the bulk of the club activities, they were only able to attend special club events and tours. Tom enjoyed his diverse collection of car and boats. Tom was partial to his Model A's and his Austin Healy. Tom was on a club tour to Maine, and during our visit to The Goldenrod Garage he managed to buy a very nice Model A Pick-up truck and recently bought O'bee's 1929 Town Sedan.

Tom grew up on the Cape and new old timers there including Rich Bell and Bill Wescott. He in fact bought Bill's very unique 1929 AA Roadster express truck. Tom owned his own excavation business in the Magnolia/Gloucester area and was well known, the lines at the Funeral Home were a testament to this fact. Our condolences go out to Judith Ann and the entire family.



2023 New England Meet - Hyatt Regency Hotel 1717 Motor Parkway Hauppauge, NY
September 6th – 10th, 2023



Make your plans now to attend this fun filled event. Click on link to website!

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If you are interested in purchasing club shirts or jackets, visit this website and check out their offerings. We have many new members who would like to purchase club apparel. You can pick any shirt or jacket with the club logo. If you bring a copy of what you would like to buy to the meeting, the club will place one order so the shipping will be free, if the order is over \$300.



On Your Mark Get Set GO!!

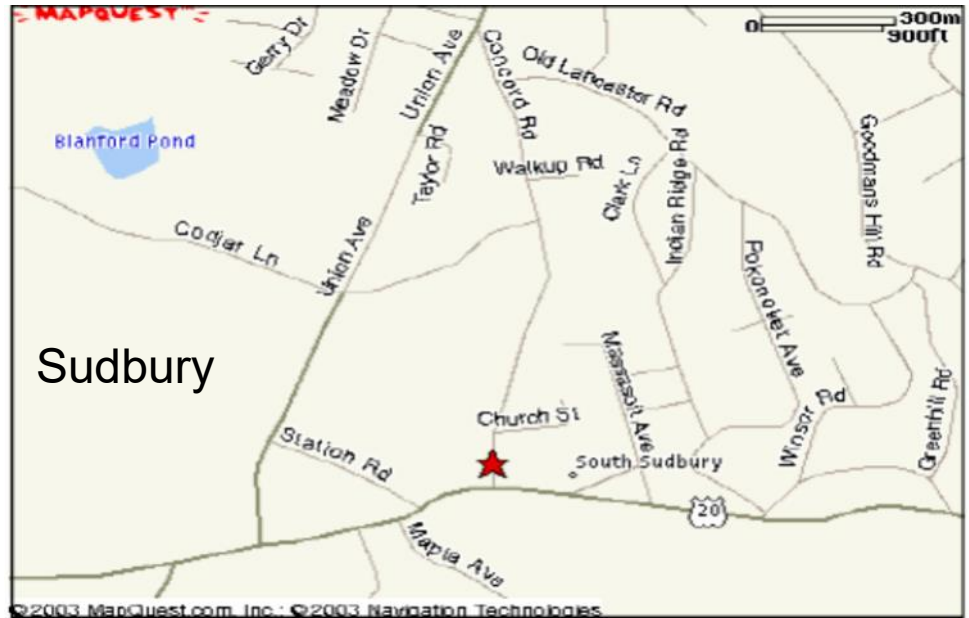
How cool is this picture I got from Bob Mangan, here is the story:

Earlier today, 2 days before the 2023 running of the Boston Marathon, an officer motioned me to pull my Model A up to the starting line. He then stopped traffic and asked me for my cellphone, took this picture, handed me back my phone, and started traffic moving again. All this in a very busy Hopkinton, and witnessed by people from all over the globe who took photos of the car as well.

May Info

The next event on our schedule will be the brunch tour to the Post Office Pub in Grafton. This always a good event. C U there.

The May meeting will feature a special presentation on tools for the Model A Ford. Clyde Kelton will conduct this program and explain the difference in T, A and V8 tools. Lots of good info.



Our Monthly meetings are held at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Hope to see everyone there.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org

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