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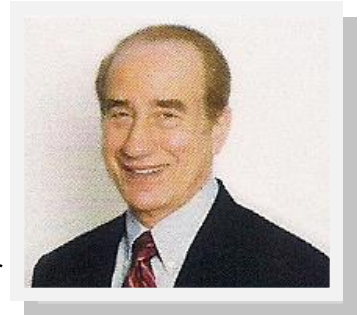
November 2019

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

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The President Speaks:

November highlights include our annual car parts and related items auction and our election of club officers for next year. Please bring your car related items and silent auction items to the meeting on November 5th. John Jacobson has graciously agreed to again be our auctioneer. This is always a fun time and a great fundraising event to help support club activities. Our election promises to be far friendlier than our national government elections. There has always been a great spirit of cooperation among officers that helps the club run smoothly. At this point, the position of vice president on the recommended ticket has yet to be disclosed to me, but the nominating committee is hard at work.



Highlights of October club activities include the fall weekend tour to Rhode Island and the Wayside Inn dinner. More to come on what transpired in the tour reports. Several of our members participated in the National Parks Tour in Utah hosted by the National Club. I have heard that it was a great event, and Doug Linden's blog has been an enlightening read.

Sad to say the days of our summer touring season are getting fewer in number, but we still have Wright's Chicken Farm tour, and the frostbite tour to the Old Mill restaurant in November, and the club Holiday Party at Conrad's in December ahead of us.

There are so many people to thank for their help and support in making this club the great organization that it is. As my term as president nears its end, I want to express my gratitude to all of you. Every member has helped the club in their own way.

More to say in my December message. See you at the meeting!



Happy Motoring

Harold Samuels



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

A sympathy card was sent this month to Yvonne Pepe on the passing of long time member Ralph Parks.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Nov 3: 10AM Wright's Chicken Farm Lunch TL Dick O'Brien

Nov 5: Regular Club Meeting

Nov 10: Old Mill Frost bite Tour

Dec 8: Holiday Party (details on page 9)

TL= Tour Leader

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

NOVEMBER 1984 35 YEARS AGO

VP Bob Noyes gave the start at 8:25, 25 minute late!

Ed Wedge & Bob Noyes chair the Grange Railing Committee.

Phil Iorio again auctioned "Top Job", Ed Giovannella the winner.

NOVEMBER 1994 25 YEARS AGO

Guest speaker, Mike Hart, from Branford, CT. discussed "Secrets of Speed". (It's not a pill) but you need good brakes and perhaps a shortened pitman arm.

Tours: Weekender to Kennebunkport with tour to the Molly Trolley lead by Bo and Sherry Carter.

NOVEMBER 2004 15 YEARS AGO

Auction night with a new wrinkle-a silent auction and /or consigned items with the owner and club sharing the proceeds.

Tours: Bull Run Brunch and Frostbite Mystery Tour.

On Nov 2, 1938, Ford Motor announced the MERCURY CAR with a 95 horsepower V/8, and hydraulic brakes for \$894-.

On this same date in 1938, on my 8th birthday, my uncle gave me a small iron combination/lock bank. 47 years later I emptied the bank and bought the '29 Minuteman Express Model A pickup truck.

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Treasurer's Report
September 2019

Income:

Clu Items Sold	30.00
Coffee Can	11.00
Member Dues	70.00
Raffle (Club 50/50)	15.00
Total Income	\$ 126.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Printing	40.00
Total Expense	40.00
Net Income	\$ 86.00



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 September 3, 2019

Location: Harold & Sally Legge's Home

The October meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 PM with approximately 31 members in attendance. No meeting conflict with the Fall Hershey Flee Market this year, however we were missing a few members due to the MAFCA Canyonlands Tour to Kanab Utah.

Tonight's meeting kicked off with the singing of God Bless America followed by a recording of 'Ragged Ole Flag' by Johnny Cash.

Harold then thanked Doug F. and Gary H. for providing tonight's refreshments. Thank you to John Kearns and Dawn Lévesque for volunteering to make coffee! Thank you Rich Batstone for being the substitute Secretary at last month's meeting.

Officers Reports:

The Treasurers' Report, no additions, accepted as printed October Oil - MSP.

Secretary's report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.

VP Doug F.

* Wayside Inn dinner on the 24th, 16 paid, a couple more committed. Capacity of room is 25 so we are covered with minimum charge.

* Holiday Party – Dec 8th at Conrad's, Oil Leak will have sign-up sheet next month.

* Thank you note from NE Meet for our donation.

* Thank you note from The Model A Youth Scholarship Fund of California for our donation. This past year 9 individuals across the country received youth scholarships.

Membership:

Nan Linden is on the Canyonlands Tour no report for tonight, however, she will start collecting the 2020 dues starting next month.

Touring:

VP Doug F. provided update in Don's absence.

* Car Rally has been cancelled.

* 10/18 – Fall Tour to Newport, RI.

* 10/24 – Wayside Inn Dinner.

* 11/3 – Wrights Chicken Farm, departing at 10 AM.

Harold provided commentary on the Apple Picking Tour. Craig provided a great day, good weather, great lunch at Stow Airport and a nice ride to Carlson Orchards for apple picking.

New Business:

* We will be voting on club officers for 2020 at the November meeting, please contact Harold if you are interested in serving the club.

* We will also hold the annual Live & Silent Auctions next month so please remember to bring all your 'slightly' used, parts and household items.

* Doug Linden has a Blog going for the Canyonlands Tour, follow along at <https://canyonlandandback.blogspot.com/>

* Dick Batstone commented on the venue for the holiday party. Conrad's he believes is too small and we are too crowded there. He also mentioned the hors d'oeuvres seemed to disappear too quickly, maybe the restaurant can serve/hand out.

Volunteers for next month's refreshments: Joyce, Harold, and Peg.

Programs: No program tonight.

Andy Adams made motion to adjourn - MSP

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary



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- DOYAKNO -

Question: All Model A exterior plating was either nickel or stainless steel with the exception of the bumpers True or False

Answer: The exterior plating on production Model A Fords was as follows: 1928-29 – Nickel plating was used on head lamps cowl and rear lamps, radiator shell, cowl band, and outside door handles. The 1929 Town Car was an exception, with chrome plated exterior trim after April 1929. Some models built between October and December 1929 may have either nickel or chrome exterior brightwork. Standard commercial vehicles had a black painted radiator shell, headlamps, and rear lamps (except nickel plated rims).

1930-31 – Stainless steel was used for head lamps, cowl and rear lamps, radiator shell, cowl band, and outside door handles. These were buffed to a high luster. Standard commercial vehicles had black painted radiator shells, head lamps (except stainless rim), and rear lamp. The cowl band was magnetic steel and painted the body color.

Restoration and Judging Guidelines, MAFCA, 1997, page 15-1

CANDIDATES WANTED

No, Not for President!
Help is still needed

It's that time of year when the club needs your help. The position of Vice President needs to be filled to insure our club continues to provide enjoyment to the membership.

The Nominating Committee (Doug Linden and Rick Gadbois) are interested in hearing from you. Please consider stepping up and help guide the club.

Feel free to contact either one of us or Harold Samuels any time.



Nov 5th CLUB AUCTION NIGHT

The November meeting is auction night so bring your car parts (and other related items) to the November 5th meeting.

Please gather up your items and bring them along.

Don't forget, if the item doesn't sell you need to bring it home.

October Model "A" Weekend

Historic Rhode Island October 18 - 20



A concept Corvette at the Audrain Auto Museum. Now that's cool looking

The Fall Tour to Rhode Island had a small group attending, but it lacked in size it made up by having lots of fun.

The group consisted of: Tom & Lisa Zappala, Rick & Anna Gadbois and Chuck O'Neal & Debbie Ciacu. And we can't forget Sophie

The ride down to North Kingston on Friday was without incident and everyone arrived at the Hamilton Village Inn.

On Saturday, they journeyed across Jamestown Bridge to Newport, where they traveled the celebrated Ten Mile Drive and visit Marble House, one of the famed Newport Mansions and the Audrain Automobile Museum. The weather was spectacular for Saturday's activities.

The ride back home was also without incident and everyone made it home before the Patriots football game.

Thanks Tom & Lisa for arranging a great weekend.



Help is Still Needed



Coffee Person

I can't believe no one has offered to make the coffee. How about someone JUST for the October meeting. 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



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Craig's (Dry) APPLE PICKING TOUR



September 28, 2019 - A Beautiful day for riding in a Model A. 7 Model A's, a motorcycle and a modern with 17 minute people enjoyed lunch at the Airfield Cafe at Minuteman Airfield in Stow and apple picking at Carlson Orchards in Harvard.

Love that apple crisp & no rain.
See you next year,
Craig



September 25th Raytheon Veterans Show

The Minuteman club was invited to participate at the Raytheon Engineering facility in Marlborough. The car show is for employees and invited guests. I guess the organizers have seen our Model A's at our breakfast gathering and tasked us to join them.

The weather was excellent and the following members were able to participate: Bob Mangan, Barbara McElhiney, Doug Farrell, Harold Samuels and Rich Batstone with their Model A's and Mike Miller with his little red Isetta.

It was an enjoyable event for those attending.



Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,



Torquing Nuts and Bolts on Your Model A

Torque is actually a measure of the twisting force on something, like a nut or a bolt. When you tighten a nut, you are actually stretching the bolt or stud that the nut is turning on. It is the stretch of the bolt or stud that provides the strong "clamping force" that holds everything together tightly. Think of the bolt or stud as a very powerful spring. You stretch it out when you tighten the nut and the stud or bolt "spring" keeps pulling it together. If a stud or a bolt is weak, due to age or corrosion, it will often break under the intense stress you are applying when you torque the nut.

Although Ford did not publish torque values "back in the day", there are many values published today for nuts and bolts on a Model A. I recommend you follow them as a guide and use a torque wrench. Today's modern torque wrench "clicks" when you get to the desired torque. When it clicks, stop tightening. If you are going to insert a cotter pin into the nut after it is tight, keep turning the nut beyond the point where the wrench clicks, just until the cotter pin will slide in.

All published torque values, unless it clearly states otherwise, are for tightening a nut or bolt with clean, dry threads. This means the rust has been cleaned off of the bolt or stud threads (I use a wire brush) and they have been wiped dry. No oil or grease or anti-seize compound should be applied to the threads that the nut will be turning on. (If you'd like to, a small drop of oil can be applied to the face of the head or other surface that a nut is tightening against, such as the boss on the top of a head, where the stud goes through the head.)

If you lubricate the threads on a stud or bolt, it will be too easy to turn the nut as you torque it. So when you stop at your target torque (say 55 ft-lbs for a head nut) you will have stretched the bolt or stud more than 2 times as far as you would with the same torque with dry threads. This will be like over-torquing the nut and can result in the stud or bolt breaking, the stud pulling out of the block, or the head or block cracking, due to too much stress on it. That will ruin your day!

So clean the threads before you start, keep the threads dry, use a torque wrench, and stop pulling the instant the torque wrench clicks. You'll be glad you did.



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Have a Model A Day!

Jim

MINUTEMAN ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

12:30-4:30PM

Conrad's Restaurant
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Please respond with check by December 1, 2019

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November 2019

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Mail to:**

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Our Model A touring season is winding down and we just have a few left to enjoy. Please see the tour schedule on page 2.

The November meeting will be our annual auction so please bring any parts or other stuff you would like to donate to this fundraiser.

We are still looking for a candidate for VP for next year. How about volunteering.



Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00 PM