

# The il Leak

November 2021 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 58 Issue 11



**Club Tours - See page 2**



## *The President Speaks:*

Hello Model A Lovers!! This has been a great Fall so far! Let's hope it continues out for another month.

On October 21<sup>st</sup> the club had its Wayside Inn dinner and it was a complete success. 25 members and guests enjoyed the atmosphere and a great meal between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. Wayside Inn activities with the Minuteman Club have been going on for at least 40 years plus or minus. Quite a long tradition and one that will continue into next year.



At the next club meeting on (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>) we will have the fun time auction. So find some old or interesting item to bring to the auction. Everyone has some FORD parts or things that they don't use or need. Proceeds help support the programs that we have all year long.

Next great events include Nov 7<sup>th</sup> tour to Wrights Chicken Farm (RI), Nov 14<sup>th</sup> to the Old Mill Restaurant and on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Conrad's Holiday party. These are some of the best tours and gatherings of the entire year. Don't miss out as 2021 year comes to an end!!!

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

**KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY**

*Doug Farrell*



# Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Get Well card was sent to Don Ross who had a recent knee replacement. He is up and about and doing well.

*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)

- Oct 31** 11:30 Woburn Cinema Halloween Parade
- Nov 2** Club Meeting (AUCTION)
- Nov 7** 10 AM Wright's Chicken Farm Tour
- Nov 14** 10 AM Old Mill Restaurant Lunch Tour
- Dec 12** 1 PM Holiday Party Conrad's Sudbury

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
September, 2021

### Income:

Club Sales Hats	\$ 105.00
Coffee Can	11.00
Member Dues	\$ <u>40.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 156.00

### Expense:

Coffee Supplies	\$ <u>32.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 32.00

Net Income \$ 124.00



## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### NOVEMBER 1986 35 YEARS AGO

Good Turnout for auction, 35 members attended. Welcomed two new members; Pierre Boulanger and Scott Studivan. Report on meeting with MAFCA reps on the 1988 Sturbridge convention. 70 degree weather for Frostbite Tour, we went for Ice Cream.

### NOVEMBER 1996 25 YEARS AGO

Tour Season capped off with great fall weather. Weekend trip to Maine a success. Sadly reported the passing of Glenn Bessert. New member Pete Peterson welcomed. Membership so large now we need to find new meeting place.

### NOVEMBER 2006 15 YEARS AGO

Many members missing, at Hershey. Champagne's Apple picking tour had beautiful weather, no rain Craig. The Zappala's lead a Fantastic Martha's Vineyard tour. 41 members attended and had a great time exploring the island.

### ----- ARTI-FACT -----

#### **Father's Way of Saying, I Love You, Son:**

- 1500's Be sure to check the spokes on the chariot before you go.
- 1850's Are you keeping the oats up for the horses.
- 1929 Take some extra oil with you.
- 1960's Don't forget, the cops love red GT's.
- 2021 Thanks for stopping by.

### National 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 \$25/yr

## 2021 Board of Directors

**President** - Doug Farrell *dfarrell1416@gmail.com*

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**Secretary** - Rick Gadbois *r.gadbois@comcast.net*

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**Editor** - Doug Linden *douglingen@aol.com*

### Steering Committee

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**Tour Director:** Don Ross 617-584-5245

**Sunshine:** Sue Champagne *sdchampagne1931@gmail.com*

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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 slowly growing. Now

that members have received their vaccine the group keeps growing each week. The Big Apple staff keep the area clean and safe.

Why not join us again. →



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Sue & Robert Hart**

9 Moore Drive  
Shirley, MA 01464  
1931 Pick-up

**John & Michelle Bergland**

6 Mitchell Street  
Medfield, MA 02052  
1928 Roadster

**Ken & Carol Smith**

27 Fairway Drive  
W. Newton, MA 02465

### **CLUB AUCTION**



The November Meeting is Auction night. Always a good time. More details on pg 7



### Club Officers Needed.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR CLUB PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT. PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR CLUB ACTIVE. !!**



# Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club October 5, 2021

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Doug Farrell, with 22 members in attendance. Doug then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Officers Reports:

- Doug requested an update on the Treasurers Report. Barbara provide correction to line item 'Oil Leak Printing'. The entry was for one month not the three that was specified. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as corrected. – MSP.

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

- Doug Linden – National News

Sorry no National update this week, Doug is attending Hershey, Happy parts hunting.

## Membership:

- Nan Linden – Last month's guest Sue and Robert Hart have officially joined the club. They live in Shirley Ma. and have a 1931 Pick-up truck. Welcome to the club !!

- Tonight's guest is John Bergland from Medfield, he has a 1928 Roadster which is currently stored in Westport Ma. John hopes to move it to Medfield soon so he can become more active with it.

Update: John joined the club prior to the end of tonight's meeting, welcome aboard John !

- Dues are due, see membership form on page 9 of The Oil Leak.

## Touring:

- 10/31 – Woburn Halloween Parade

It is the largest Halloween Parade in the state and has been for years. Parade starts at the Cinemas' at route 38 and 95 and proceeds to Woburn center.

- Nov 7th – Wright's Chicken Farm in RI.

- Nov 14th – The Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster.

## New Business:

- Shopkeeper Gary Hoyt has new hats for sale, a

great new blue color this year. You can be sporting one for \$18.00 !

- Wayside Inn Dinner, looks like there is enough interest, we have 13 signed up so far. The dinner is Thursday October 21st and we have some forms here tonight if you need one.

- Conrad's has been reserved for the Holiday Party, date is December 12th at 1:00 PM don't forget your Toys for Tots, unwrapped presents. See Oil Leak for details and sign-up. (see page 8)

- Dave Libby – has been on MAFCA board for 2 years as Treasurer and is looking forward to continuing his work. If you are a member of MAFCA and haven't voted yet please consider a vote for Dave and send your card in ASAP.

-Doug thanked Rick and Barbara for providing tonight's refreshments. Refreshments volunteers for the November meeting are Harold and Andy.

- An old member donated many issues of The Restorer and Model A News, if you would like some please take a few tonight before you leave.

## Programs:

- No program today.

- Next month we plan on having a small auction so bring all your unwanted parts and treasures and we'll open up the bidding.

Sorry - No silent auction this year.

## Running Board Commentary:

- Barbara mentioned she recently saw a TV commercial for Roku that featured 2 cavemen. One cavemen was hauling something on wheels and was quite proud of himself and the other cave man had on virtual reality glasses in which he saw two Model A's driving by. So I guess virtual reality in caveman era would have been a Model A!

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois

# Horizon's Senior Visit

Saturday Oct 16, under the direction of Bob & Cindy Mangan, the club displayed our Model A's for the residents of New Horizon's of Marlborough. The weather was great and the residents turned out to view the Model A's and T and asked lots of questions. New Horizon's provided the ice cream and lemonade for everyone. It was nice to socialize with club members as well as listen to the residents share their stories of similar cars from years gone by. Thanks to the Champagnes, Lindens, Leducs, Kerns, Rick Gadbois, Doug Farrell for displaying their cars. It was a good time that we and the residents enjoyed.





### WELLESLEY VETERAN PARADE

The town of Wellesley held their annual Veterans Parade on October 3rd and the weather was perfect. This is a paid parade for the club, so it was great to support the town and receive a generous donation to the club treasury as well. We had seven Model A's participate. We were at the head of the parade but it was still a slow ride. We finished the parade and few of us stopped off for a late lunch in Natick. It was good to get out in the Model A's on a nice fall day.



### Wayside Inn Dinner



The club's annual dinner at the Wayside Inn was another great night of Model A friends getting together for lots of conversation and great food. Cocktails in the Tavern was where we gathered for some refreshing beverages. It was also great to see some members we haven't seen for a while. Since we had 25 people in our group the Inn decided to move us to the upstairs Ballroom for better seating. It didn't take long for us to get settled and for the staff to serve the meals. It is amazing how quiet it gets when the food is served. All those attending had a great time. (photo below)



I thought you might like to see this unusual photo. It was taken a few years ago and shows John Jacobson (JJ) giving Bucky Silvestrone a ride in the sidecar of his 1953 BMW motorcycle. Looks like JJ decided to give Bucky a little more exciting ride, but based on the smile on Bucky's face he was all in on the ride.





The new year near!  
Time to renew your  
**MEMBERSHIP**



***Dues is Due***  
**2022**

In order for us to keep our records up to date, **PLEASE** complete the form below and return with your check for \$20. If there are no changes, you won't have to complete the entire form, just check the appropriate box. *Thank you.*

Membership Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ or New: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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No Changes \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 80 and been a member for at least 5 years? \_\_\_\_ If, yes, membership is free. However a donation in lieu of dues is always welcome

I would like to receive my **Oil Leak** by email. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(If you do not specify, it will be sent electronically if we have an email address on file.)

Are You a member of MAFFI \_\_\_\_\_ MAFCA \_\_\_\_\_ MARC \_\_\_\_\_

Model A Info:

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# MINUTEMAN ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

12:30-4:30PM

Conrad's Restaurant  
120 Boston Post Road (RT 20)  
Sudbury, MA

**Please respond with check by December 5, 2021**

Hors D'oeuvres and Caesar Salad

Buffet Menu:

Steak Tips

Ravioli Marinara

Baked Stuffed Chicken

Roasted Vegetables

Dessert: Sheet Cake

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Questions call: 781.424.3364

*\*A large portion of the cost of this event is subsidized by the club.*



## Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

There are several places on a Model A where you are installing something that is attached with multiple screws. For example, here are a few:



- Instrument panel
- Floor boards
- Valve cover (under exhaust manifold)
- Oil pan
- Window trim

When installing them, start each screw with only a few threads. Leave them all pretty loose to start. Then you can move the piece around, as needed, to finesse each subsequent screw into the next threaded hole. The last ones are often the hardest to get aligned. I use an awl in the hole where the screw will be going to adjust the piece to get the holes to line up.



Get all of the screws started, and then go around and tighten them all up in several passes. Have the screw head just touching the piece at first, then make them all snug, then make them all fully tightened. Just like you do when tightening head nuts, start with tightening the screws in the middle and then work your way out to the ends. Alternate sides left and right as you go on each tightening pass.

I hope this helps you get things together a bit faster and easier next time.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

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## Annual Club Auction



Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> is Auction Night. This year the auction table will be an assortment of Car parts, Baked Goods and misc. Household items. There will be no Silent Auction table. So you have plenty of time to search for some treasures you would like to donate, after all it's for the good of the club.

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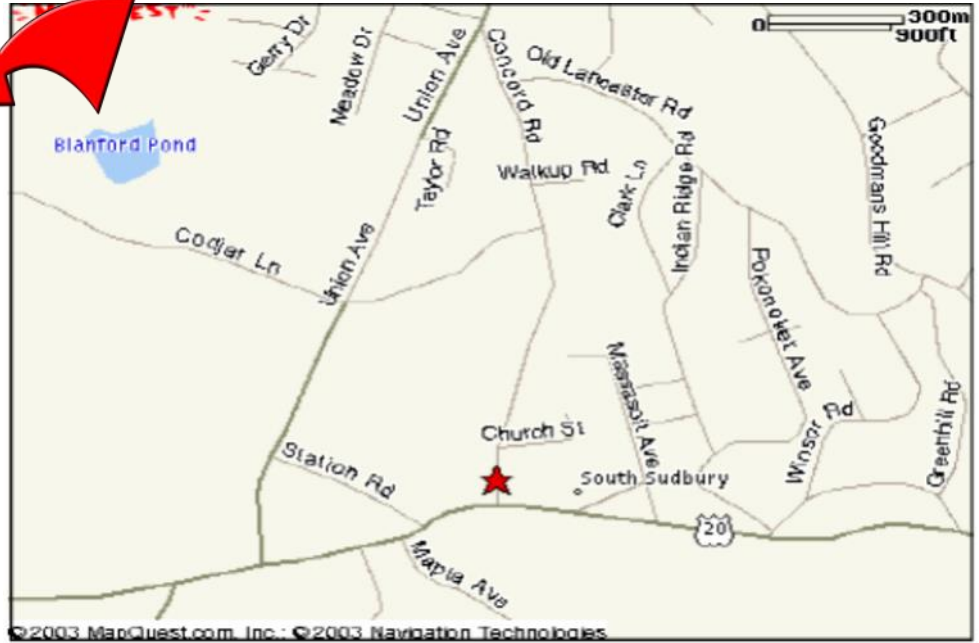
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## NOTICE

- Don't forget to re-new your club membership. Your dues help keep the club operating.
- The Holiday Party will be here soon, info is on page 8.
- We need volunteers for club President & Vice President. The club needs you !! After 58 years we don't want the club to dis-band. Please Help!!



Monthly Meetings have resumed 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](http://www.oilleak.org)

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