

The il Leak

November 2022 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 59 Issue 11

The President Speaks:

Fall is now here, and winter will be here quickly, so enjoy the remaining great days of cool mornings, blue skies, and no humidity.

Last month we had our apple picking and the Wayside Inn Dinner tours, a great time was enjoyed by all who attended. November we will have Wrights Chicken Farm in R.I. and The Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster. Both are super popular events with always a great turnout. TRY TO ATTEND you will be glad you went.

Our Holiday Party is DEC 4th; this is the best attended club event every year. It is at the old Conrads, which is now called **SUDBURY POINT GRILL**. Please, if you are going, send your check with the form out of the Oil Leak (*see page 7*) to me by Nov 28th so I can have the correct count for the restaurant 5 days before the event. Remember to bring some toys for our annual collection to TOYS FOR TOTS. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO MINUTEMAN MODEL A CLUB, and MAIL TO ME at 16 SUNSET DRIVE BURLINGTON MASS. 01803

The NOVEMBER meeting will be our FUN auction of old parts etc. and your donations are welcome. It's always exciting to see what parts and pieces people don't want and others look at as Treasure. Bonus: the money raised helps Fund the Clubs Activities. The Oil Leak, Holiday Party, monthly Hall rental, ETC. The club cannot survive on just Annual dues.



Keep Smiling Every day

Doug Farrell

*Happy
Thanksgiving* 



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

No cards were sent out last month, that is good news.

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 30** 11:30 AM Woburn Halloween Parade
Nov 1 Regular Club Meeting (Auction Night)
Nov 6 10:00 AM Wright's Chicken Farm, Dick O'B TL
Nov 13 10:00 AM Old Mill Lunch Tour, Craig Martin TL
Dec 4 12:30 PM Annual Holiday Party - See Page 7
 (Note: Holiday party replaces regular club meeting)

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A

Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
 September, 2022

Income:

Member Dues	20.00
Total Income	\$ 20.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Postage	334.00
Oil Leak Printing	70.00
Total Expenses	\$ 404.00

Net Income \$ - 384.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

NOVEMBER 1987 35 YEARS AGO

Aldie Johnson brought greetings from the MAFCA Directors. They toured Sturbridge and loved the area for our 1988 National Meet. Tech Talk at our meeting went something like this:

John Jacobson: "How do you know if the horn rod works?"

Bucky Silverstone: "Press the button."

It was a super night as Phil Iorio charmed the bucks out of padlocked wallets at our November Auction. (Over \$300!!)

NOVEMBER 1997 25 YEARS AGO

The Club By-Laws needed updating (last printed in 1964!), so a committee was formed. Doug Linden, Gene Tallone, Russ Thomson and Marlies Plaggenborg were assigned to take on the task. It was decided that the 1997 Holiday Party would be held at the Marlboro Country Club.

La Menu! :

Boneless Sauteed Breast of Chicken.	\$10.00
Baked Stuffed Jumbo Shrimp.	\$13.00
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$16.00

NOVEMBER 2007 15 YEARS AGO

Leftover business from the Super Tour: Dick Stitt was the recipient of a brand new set of jumper cables presented by Doug Linden. Doug pointed out that Dick's cables were held together with Duck Tape. Dick responded that he was "the only one on the Super Tour who even had jumper cables!" Web Master Gene Laks reported that the website was up to date with 163 photos of our 2007 New England Meet.

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)

Membership Dues \$50/year



Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)
 and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr.

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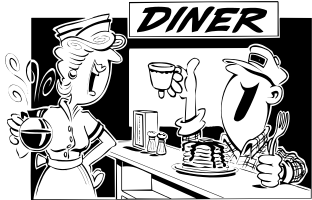
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Weekly Breakfast Group



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.



2023 MEMBERSHIP Application Form

PLEASE complete the form and mail your check for \$20 made out to Minuteman MAFC to PO Box 545, Sudbury, MA 01776

Membership: Renew - No Changes _____, Renew - Changes _____, New _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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



"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you are right"

Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club October 4, 2022

Location: Memorial Congregational Church, Sudbury, MA.

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by President Doug Farrell, with 28 members in attendance. Doug then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Reports:

- Doug requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak. – MSP.
- Doug requested a motion to accept the Treasurers' 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 – No new members to report this month.
- Dues are due, see membership form on page 3 of The Oil Leak.

Touring:

- 10/9 – Apple Picking – TL Dick Krug
Meet at Erickson's Ice Cream at 10:00 AM.
Dick will be leading us to Carlson Orchards in Harvard, Ma.
- 10/20 – Wayside Inn Dinner. Meet in the Tavern at 6:00 PM for cocktails.
- 10/30 – 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. Parade kicks off at 1:00 PM.

New Business:

- Shopkeeper Gary Hoyt has hats for sale, President Doug set his quota at 2, lets hope he makes it !

- Wayside Inn Dinner, Doug reports we have 16 signed up so far.

- 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.

- Doug thanked himself and Isabella for providing tonight's refreshments. -

- Refreshments volunteers for the November meeting are Harold and Craig.

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:

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary



**Next Meeting is our
Annual Auction.**

**Gather up your items to donate
to make this event successful.**



Wayside Dinner

Our annual Wayside Dinner was a great success. With almost 30 members attending we enjoyed a each others company for cocktails in the rustic bar with the fireplace glowing. Dinner was in the Ford room. Which was actually the bedroom suite where Henry stayed when he visited the Inn.

Upcoming Tour Information

The Wright's Chicken Farm tour to Rhode Island is the last big event of the year for many local car clubs. The parking lot is filled with cars of all types from all over the area. We tour as a group to Wright's for their special chicken diner. It is a pleasant Model A ride.

The Old Mill is a restaurant in Westminster the has a special ambience and offers great food. The tour to the Old Mill is on secondary roads and is about an hour's drive. Reservations are needed so contact Craig Martin if you go directly to the Old Mill.

Both are events are very popular club activities, why not join us.

AUCTION

Night at our next meeting. 11/1

Bring your donations. Remember if it doesn't sell you must take it home.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nan reports no new members this month.

If you are out & about and see a Model
Pay the driver a visit and invite them to join the club.

Welcome!



Don't Forget

We have to vote for next year's officers at the November meeting.

We are still looking for someone to take the President position. Doug Farrell has done a yo-man's job for three years it is now time for someone to take over and lead the club. Please volunteer !!!

2022 Hershey Flea Market

The Hershey (PA) Flea Market has been a tradition for many in the old car hobby since 1954. Members of the Minuteman club have been making the journey to this event for many, many years. Technically the event is the Hershey Region AACA Fall Meet and includes a three day auto flea market and one day car show. The flea market has 10K flea market spaces and the car show has well over 1000 cars on display, so it a massive event held on the ground of the famous Hershey park. This year Doug & Nan Linden, Jack Stokinger, Wayne Champagne, Bruce Marshall, Bryan Wittstein, Mike Levesque, Clyde Kelton and Peter Kaptain. Hershey weather has quite a reputation and this year we did have a wet and soggy first day. The rest of the week was fine and we all managed to find some treasures to make the trip home. It is always a fine time for those attending.



Out & About in the Model "A"



Last Wednesday Rick and the Linden's took an impromptu ride to enjoy the great fall weather and view the colorful foliage. A quick stop a local farm stand and their pumpkins was just the right place to take a picture.

MINUTEMAN ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH

12:30-4:30PM

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

Please respond with check by November 28, 2022

Includes:

Hors D'oeuvres, Salad, Buffet Meal & Dessert

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NON-MEMBERS (\$45 PP)**

**Please bring an unwrapped toy or gift card for our
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MEMBER NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

NON-MEMBER: _____

Complete this form and make your check payable to
"Minuteman Model A Ford Club"

Mail check to:

Douglas Farrell - 16 Sunset Drive Burlington, MA 01803
Questions call: 781.460.3237 (cell)

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

New England Regional Meet Survey

This past September the New England Regional Meet was hosted by the MARCOM chapter and held at the Envision Hotel located in Mansfield, Mass. Several Minuteman members attended and enjoyed all the planned activities MARCOM had provided. The weather was perfect and the bonus of seeing World War I airplane demonstrations held by the Collings Foundation was an added delight.

For our newer club members, a little background history is in order regarding the new England regional meets. This annual event is hosted by several clubs on a rotational basis. Clubs involved in the past were: Adirondack NY, Long Island NY, Western Mass, Minuteman, CMARC Connecticut, MARCOM, Little Rhody, Pine Tree A's, The Lakes region New Hampshire. The hosting chapter is responsible for providing the host hotel, hospitality, registration, raffles, dinners, grand tour for judging cars, programs, repair tent, etc.

The Minuteman club has hosted the regional three times in the past. Representatives from all clubs meet at the completion of the yearly meet to review with the hosting club and review plans with the next club who will be hosting for the next year and to look at who is next in the rotation for following years. The Minuteman club is slated to host the regional meet for 2025.

Many club members have stepped forward and participated in hosting this event in the past. It is a large undertaking and requires planning at least two years ahead of the time to secure a host hotel and line up volunteers to handle all the tasks involved to make the meet a success. Proceeds from this event allow clubs to donate to worthy charities, sponsor youth education programs, offset club expenses and continued interest in the Model A Ford.

We would like to take a survey from our membership to determine if there is enough interest and support to handle the requirements of hosting this event. To that end, we would like you to review the following list of responsibilities and indicate your willingness to take on the task(s) we have outlined below. Please indicate your choices and sign the survey so we can accurately determine if we as a club are prepared to host this event.

New England Regional Meet

Responsibility

Your Name

Meet Chairman

Meet Co-Chairman

Hotel Location

Registration

Hospitality Room

Raffle Room

Car Judging

Grand Tour

Program Book

Advertising/Sponsors

Repair tent

Treasurer

50/50 Raffle

Apparel

Logo Design

Table Centerpieces

Trophies

Please indicate your area of interest by placing your name next to your choice(s).

Return complete this survey by December 31, 2022 and mail back to:

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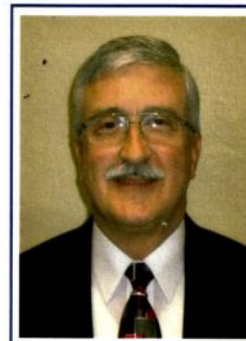
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Latest News

Club election of officers needs to is scheduled for the next meeting. We still need a volunteer for President. Please think about volunteering.

Please read the New England Meet information and survey that are in this issue. Our club is scheduled to host this event in 2025 and it is not too early to plan. Someone to serve as coordinator of the team of workers is required. We really can't proceed without this person to oversee the activities.



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

November 2022

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Mail to:



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