# The dil Leak

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# The President Speaks:

#### Hi All!

November! Can't believe my term as your president is winding down.

As I look back to all the things that have happened this year two things stand out. The low point being the tragic loss of Tom Webster and the high point being seeing Dick Stitt again.

We have lots of fun to be had for the rest of the year. The Wayside Inn. Dinner , the Wrights Chicken Farm tour and the Holiday party just to name a few. Lots of fun to come.





Wrights Chicken farm tour is a fun place to see all the different kinds of cars and clubs that make up the hobby

(editor's note: This event is the unofficial final large multi-club car gathering of the season with clubs from eastern & central MA and RI attending)

I hope Martha and myself can make this happen.

**TTFN** 

John Kerns

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# **Sunshine**

Sue Champagne

A Get Well card was sent this month to Dave Libbey

who recently had surgery.

If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact me. sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

# Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report September, 2023

#### Income:

 Coffee Can
 \$ 12.00

 Member Dues
 80.00

 Misc (2025 NE Meet reimb)
 500.00

 Raffle (club)
 40.00

 Total Income
 \$ 632.00

#### Expense:

Oil Leak Printing 70.00
Total Expenses \$70.00

**Net Income** \$ 562.00



#### **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

## **Coming Events**

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

- Oct 29 Woburn Halloween Parade Noon (at the Show-case Cinema parking lot)
- **Nov 5** 10 AM Wright's Chicken Farm Tour Dick O'Brien TL (more details on pg 9)
- Nov 7 Regular Club Meeting & Auction (pg 5)
- **Nov 12** 10 AM Frostbite Tour to Old Mill Westminster for lunch Craig Martin TL
- Dec 3 Maynard Christmas parade Noon in Maynard
- Dec 10 Club Holiday Party see page 6 for details

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

#### **NOVEMBER 1988 35 YEARS AGO**

It was Auction Night and 58 members were present and ready to bid - and bid they did! Over \$425 was raised thanks to a job well done by John Jacobson!

The Massachusetts Association of Auto Clubs had a meeting at the Museum of Transportation in Brookline. Among the discussions was the availability and use of antique license plates in MA for antique vehicles.

Our 1988 Holiday Party was scheduled to be at The Weston Golf Club. The entertainment would be Gary Dixon, a walking encyclopedia of musical trivia from old radio and TV Shows.

#### **NOVEMBER 1998 25 YEARS AGO**

Congratulations went out to Dick Stitt who had been elected to another two year term as a Director of MAFCA. There had been 37 Tours already in 1998, with two more months to go! Marlise Plaggenborg stated that she was thinking of creating a Minuteman Web Page with items such as our calendar and upcoming events, and other information. The membership approved this expenditure

#### **NOVEMBER 2008 15 YEARS AGO**

Minuteman President John Jacobson presented MAFFI Executive Director Art Callan with a check for \$5,000. Thanks to a vote at the September General Meeting, the membership approved this significant donation to MAFFI. The original idea was presented to the Minuteman Board by 2007 NE Meet Chairwoman Jo Johnson and Vice Chair Bruce Marshall. At the Dallas National Convention we met with the MAFFI Board and questions were answered about their goals, especially their plans for a Model A Museum. We wanted to help them with their museum effort. In addition to our initial donation, a challenge was offered to MAFFI: If MAFFI could get other clubs to donate \$1,000 or more, over the following year, we would match those donations up to \$5,000! That brought our total donation to \$10,000! We wished MAFFI good luck in this challenge as they worked towards the establishment of their new museum!



Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org) and the Model A Ford Museum \$35/yr.

## **2023 Board of Directors**

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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.



## **Annual Election of Officers**



At the November meeting the Nominating Committee will present a list of candidates that will lead

the club for 2024. I'm sure you understand that these VOLUNTEERS have stepped forward to see that the club remains active and fun for all. If there are any open positions, why not step up and help.

# **Other Area Events**

**November 11:** Walpole - Veteran Cars Show Norfolk Aggie School. 400 main Street 8-12

**November 12:** Epping NH, last swap meet of the season NE Drag Way.



"Nobody can think straight who does not work. Idleness warps the mind."

Henry Ford

# **Secretary's Report**

### Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club October 3, 2023

Location: Memorial Congregational Church

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President John Kerns, with 17 members in attendance. John then led 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 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 Nan is also in attending Hershey.
- Dues are due, see membership form in The Oil Leak.

#### **Touring: Don Ross**

#### **Recent Tours:**

Wayne led the group on a mid-night ride down Edmunds Rd at 50 miles per hour (at least that's the way it seemed), it was a dark and winding ride. The ice cream on the other end was a welcome treat!

Bob Mangan led the group to Artisans Retirement Community, we had 8 cars and the residents really enjoyed them.

Dick Krug led us on an Apple picking tour to Honey Pot Orchards, all had a great time.

#### **Upcoming tours:**

- -10/19 Wayside Inn Dinner. Meet in the Tavern at 6:00 PM for cocktails. Dinner at 7:00 PM
- 10/22 Gore Place 8:00 to 3:00, pre-war and brass era car show
- 1029 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.

- 11/5 Wrights Chicken Farm meet in Wayland at 10:00 AM Dick O'Brien TL
- 11/7 Annual Auction at monthly meeting. Bring all your unwanted parts and treasures and we'll open up the bidding, you never know who may need it.

- 11/12 The Old Mill lunch meet in Wayland at 10:00 AM Craig Martin TL
- 12/3 Maynard Christmas Parade 12 PM OYO
- 12/10 Holiday Party at Sudbury Point Grill in Sudbury at 12:30 PM

#### **New Business:**

- Shopkeeper Gary Hoyt has hats for sale, See President John for one.
- Wayside Inn Dinner, Brad reports we have 19 signed up so far.
- The Sudbury Point Grill has been reserved for the Holiday Party, date is December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM don't forget your Toys for Tots, unwrapped presents. See Oil Leak for details and sign-up.

#### **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:**

-John Kerns and Harold Samuels led a discussion on the responsibilities of the VP position in an effort to entice club members to apply for the position.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

# Rick Gadbois

Secretary



# Inventions of the Era

# 1930: The Cheesesteak

The cheesesteak was invented in 1930 by Philadelphian hot dog vendor Pat Olivieri who one day decided to substitute beef instead of a hot dog in a hoagie bun. A taxicab driver noticed the alluring aroma and asked for his own sandwich. Through word of mouth, Olivieri's sandwiches the following day were highly sought after by taxi cab drivers around Philadelphia. Due to booming business, Olivieri soon opened up his own shop, Pat's King of Steaks on 9th Street and Passyunk Avenue. Eventually, according to legend, he added cheese to the steak. The cheesesteak is considered to be a cultural icon of the city of Philadelphia.



Credit: Timeline of United States inventions (1890–1945)

# **WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

Nan reports one new members this month. Please welcome:

Charlie Gautreau 181 Shawmut St Marlborough, MA 1930 Coupe



# "Artie - Fact"

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Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if vegetables smelled as good as bacon!!

# **November Auction**



At the November meeting we will conduct our traditional auto parts/stuff auction.

For our new members, the "stuff" on the auction table is kindly donate by members who bring those Model A or other parts and stuff no longer need-

ed to the auction.

The Auctioneer then sells these items to the audience as a way to raise funds to help with the club's operating budget

This is always a fun night, so please search for those auction items to donate to the auction. - Thanks!

Your chance to get good stuff cheap. However, if the item you bring doesn't sell you are required to take it back home.





# MINUTEMAN ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH

12:30-4:30PM

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



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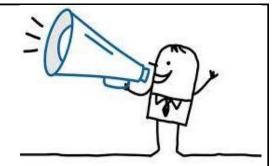


\*A large portion of the cost of this event is subsidized by the club.





# Time to renew your MEMBERSHIP



Dues are Due

2024

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*.

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## RECENT MODEL & EVENTS

## Sept 30, Apple Picking Tour:

With all the rain that we have had recently it was so nice to have a bright sunny day for our Apple Picking tour. Tour leader Dick Krug coordinated our visit to Honey Pot Orchards with Craig Martin, cousin of the orchard owners, to have preferred parking for the Model A's. What difference that made as the traffic getting to the regular parking areas was extremely heavy. We had Eight Model A's show up for this tour and the back roads we took to the orchard made for a pleasant ride, and although we did see some colors in the trees it was still a little early. We had upfront parking at the orchard store which was convenient for us to get fresh apple cider donuts. Yummy. Lots of questions from the other orchard visitors. Everyone enjoyed visiting the orchard.





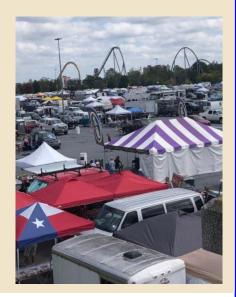


# Hershey Flea Market & Car Show (Oct 2-6):

The Hershey flea market is an annual tradition for many members of the club. This is still the largest antique flea market in the world, and this year it didn't rain! However it was unseasonably warm. Lots of vendors, huge car coral and of course lots of fun. In addition to the walking the huge flea market, each day I did a presentation on Long Distance Touring at the MAFCA tent and for the past few years Nan has been helping Sandra with MAFCA sales. Another great Hershey is now history.







#### For Sale: 1931 Model A Wide Bed Pickup



Purchase new by Carrol Keene from Chatham, Always on Cape Cod. Excellent Restoration Brewster Green

and Black. Dual Side mounts. \$25,000

Contact 3rd Owner: Ted Whittaker 508-945-0552

## Wright's Chicken Farm Lunch Tour

This a great event and well attended. The primary starting location is the Wayland Town Center parking lot. However, other intermediate locations to join the group are in Westborough Minuteman Park (10:15 AM) Holliston (10:25AM) and Mendon, MA at Main St & RT 16 (10:40AM)

# Annual Wayside Inn Dinner

Our annual dinner at the Wayside Inn was another success. 35 members attended, which our largest turn out in the post covid era. The evening started with a reception in the Tavern which had plenty of conversation and adult refreshments. Members, especially the ladies, were able to catch up on recent activities. It was also very nice to have Shirley Jacobson join us tonight. Our dinner reservation had us in the Ford Room, which back in the day was Henry & Clara Ford's bedroom. As usually the food was excellent, especially the Roast Beef. I also heard the Chicken and Ravioli were also top notch. It was great to see old and new members attending this event. Only One Model A graced the front of the Inn, thanks to Bob Mangan.

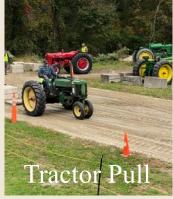


### WATERS FARM FALL FESTIVAL OCT 15

This is a great fall festival, complete with a large number of craft vendors, a huge car show, tractor pulls, hit or miss engine display, farm animals, hay rides, working saw mill, kids play area, and food trucks. The Linden's, with grandson Aaron, attended and enjoyed the event. Also attending in their Coupe were Jack and Karen LeDuc. There were a few Model A's, but mostly Hot Rods and Muscle cars. The ride to the farm, located in Sutton, was very pleasant especially since the trees were really showing their colors. I can report that our grandson Aaron was hooked on watching the tractor pulls. I think they have a new fan of this event.









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**Latest News** 

2023 is winding down and only a few tours are remaining. The Wright's Chicken Farm and the Frostbite tour in November finish the season.

The December Holiday Party brings 2023 to an end. Please see page 6 for more details.

The club is still looking for a volunteer for the VP position. consider stepping up.

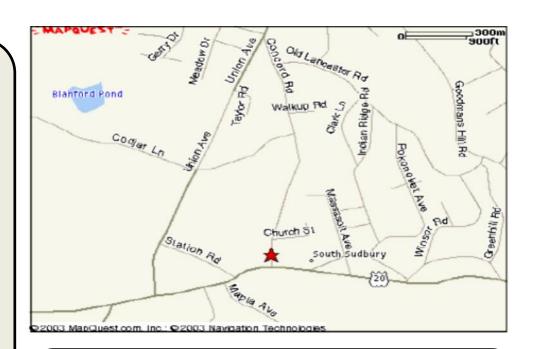


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Minuteman Model "A" Ford Club

Mail to: Реаѕе

Our Monthly meetings are held at the Memorial Con-Please gregational 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 2023