

The il Leak

November 2025 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 62 Issue 11

The President Speaks:

Some exciting highlights for the upcoming November meeting, with the annual club auction and election of next year's officers as key items. Don't forget to bring your car related items to be auctioned off for "the good of the club" and be prepared to bid on what could be unique finds.

Our nominating committee has been hard at work and will present their recommended slate of officers for your consideration. As always, nominees can also be proposed from the floor by attending members. Suggestions for tours, and volunteering to assist with events throughout the year is always appreciated as well and is another opportunity to get more involved with the club.

Fall activities are in full swing with the scheduled tours, including the Wayside Inn Dinner, Frost Bite tour and the Holiday Party just to mention a few.

I would like to thank Peter McLaughlin for presiding over the October meeting in my absence, and for organizing the Wayside Inn Dinner. I have a suspicion that we will see a lot more of Peter's talents in the coming year.

Lots more to look forward to before winter sets in. See you on the road as we journey together. Stay well, stay happy and enjoy the Fall.



Happy Motoring
Harold

Remember the November meeting is our auction



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

Get well cards were sent to Don Folkes and to Amy Chirco.

A sympathy card was sent to Paul and Christine Stitt for the passing

Paul's dad, long time member Dick Stitt.

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)

- Nov 2** 10:00AM Wright's Chicken Farm Dick O'B TL
See page 3
- Nov 5** Regular club meeting
- Nov 9** Old Mill Restaurant Luncheon Tour Craig Martin TL
See page 3
- Dec 7** Noon Maynard Holiday Parade See page 3
- Dec 14** 12:30 PM Club Holiday Party See page 7

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
September, 2025

Income:

Coffee Can	18.00
Member Dues	45.00
Raffle (club)	47.00
Total Income	\$110.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Printing	80.00
Total Expenses	\$ 80.00

Net Income \$ 30.00
9.28



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

NOVEMBER 1990 35 YEARS AGO

Our candidate for the first "National Recognition Award" was Ed Giovannella. His name was submitted to MAFCA for consideration in the first round service "unsung hero" awards. The Model A is a durable performer. Member John Jacobson drove one of his Model As from Wayland, MA to California for the prior year's national convention, and although a wheel fell off mid-continent, he was able to repair it and finish the trip.

NOVEMBER 2000 25 YEARS AGO

Jo Johnson had received 40 responses to October's survey. It appeared that the majority of voters wanted our Club Logo changed. It was requested that members with ideas keep them in mind until the first of the year when we would be addressing the issue. Chapter Service Award - it was announced that the Executive Board had submitted the nomination of Jack Stokinger to the membership. It was moved, seconded, and passed by the membership

NOVEMBER 2010 15 YEARS

Thread Logic was our new provider of our club apparel. Members could order directly from them at their website or contact Harold Samuels, our Club Shopkeeper. Visiting their website, you would see that they had a wide variety of shirts, jackets, totes, and accessories. You could order any style and any color.

National Organizations: If you aren't a member of these three groups, we encourage you to join 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



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and the Model A Ford Museum \$35/yr.

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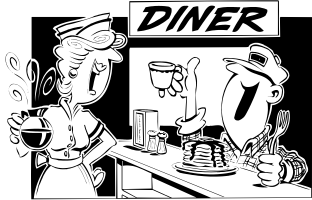
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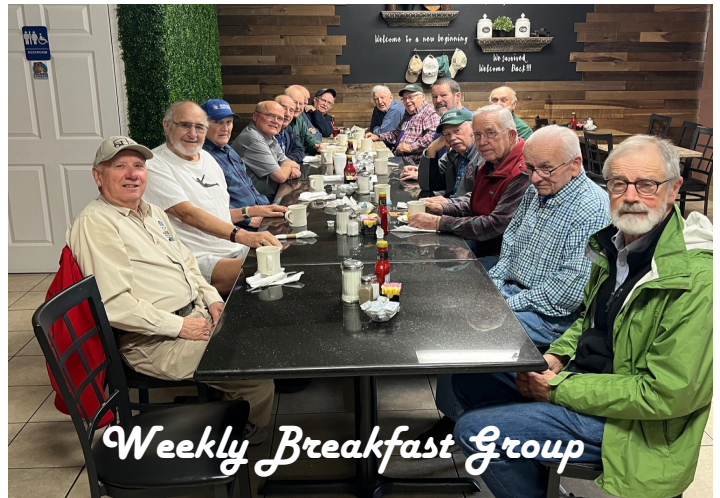
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Sunshine: Sue Champagne sdchampagne1931@gmail.com

Weekly Breakfast Group ➡



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. We meet every Wednesday around 7:15 AM. Why not join us there is always room for you.



Additional Event/Tour Info

Nov 2: Wrights Chicken Farm tour is to the restaurant and meet up with clubs from all over MA and RI. Family style dinner is \$28.60 PP this year.

Nov 7: The Old Mill Restaurant is our last driving tour of the season. We caravan to Westminster and enjoy the camaraderie and atmosphere of the old mill. Usually we stop at an antiques shop on the trip home.

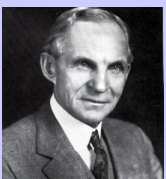
Nov 7: The annual Maynard Christmas Parade will begin to assemble at 12:30 at 20 Sudbury St. and kicks off at 2PM

CONGRATULATIONS



To the following for their years of MAFCA membership:

- Jack Stokinger 60 Years
- Tim O'Brien 50 Years
- Dick Berry 30 Years



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Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club October 1, 2025

Sudbury Grange Hall, Sudbury, MA

Vice President: Peter McLaughlin opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with 36 in attendance. After leading in the pledge of allegiance the secretaries' report and the treasurers' reports were approved by the members as printed in the Oil Leak.

Membership: Nan Linden reported that there were two new members in attendance: Margaret and Frederick Klingmeyer who have a 1929 A coupe. She also mentioned that there were NE Meet calendars and Model A centerpieces for sale for \$10 and \$20 respectively.

Tour Reports: Don Ross reported on the Ice Cream Tour to the Erb Barn on the 18th and was not attended by more than one member. On the 27th of Sept. the tour to the Time Machine Museum was attended by 8 Model A's and others as well. The Sept 30th Stephen Anthony restaurant tour was attended by 20 people. October tours would start with an apple picking tour on Oct. 4 to Carlson Orchard in Harvard led by Dick Krug. He will leave the Grange at 9:30 for a 13-mile tour and is planning pizza at Sorento's in Harvard after the apple picking. On October 19 the Acton Historical Society would like old cars for their 65th reunion. October 23 will be the Wayside Inn Dinner, 6 pm for cocktails and 7 pm for dinner. October 26 will be the Woburn Halloween Parade, meeting at noon at the Woburn theatre complex.

New England Meet: Barbara McElhiney was asked to report on the New England Meet. She reported on behalf of co-chair Tom that the event went very well with lots of volunteers and even the hotel staff enjoyed our stay. She thanked all who helped and said there were 157 registrants, 280 attendees, 19 clubs and 31 plus trailers. At the Friday night meal there were over 190, Saturday's dinner had 240 and Sunday breakfast had over 250 in attendance. The event made a estimated profit of \$8000. There were 30 cars on a the Friday tour and 127 on the grand tour. The DJ on Friday was a volunteer and the Beatles tribute band on Satur-

day was well received. The Sunday breakfast included awards and raffle prizes as well as the hard luck trophy. Next year the New England Meet will be hosted by the Worcester club. Some discussion followed on the profit, and it was announced that the board would deal with that and the membership would have the final vote.

National News, Doug Linden reported that after the New England Meet several members headed to Michigan to the Gilmore Museum for the grand opening of the new addition to the MAFFI Model A museum. He also reported that they brought Ed Croci's weathervane he donated to the museum and that it was so well received that it was installed within the hour. He reminded all that the

Hershey meet was coming up next week. Also announced was the passing of long-time member Dick Stitt who almost reached 99 and died in his sleep. Doug also mentioned three upcoming national meetings: December MAFCA in Mobile AL, a MARC meeting in French Lick, IN and a MAFCA

meeting in Pendleton OR.

Larry Connelly reported on his restoration project and asked for help in checking the electrical system.

Auction: It was announced that next month's meeting would be the annual club auction. It was also announced that Central Mass Powder coating is closed, and several alternatives were mentioned. Also mentioned was the closing of Bratton's auto parts. There will be an email about next year's event to the Maine Classic Car Museum.

Next month's snack volunteers are Nan and Dawn and Peter will do the coffee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Erb

Secretary





2025 New England Meet

The Minuteman Club hosted the 68th annual New England Meet - a gathering of Model A enthusiasts from all over New England, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Arizona - and the meet was hailed as a great success. Meet Chair Tom Zappala said that he couldn't be prouder about how Minuteman club members stepped up both as volunteers - before, during, and after the meet - and as donors for the raffle that helps to underwrite the costs of putting on the meet. Vice Chair Barbara McElhiney echoed this comment, noting that the Minuteman Club had the highest number of registrants for the meet of any club attending.

Individuals started arriving at the host hotel, the Boxboro Regency, as early as Tuesday, and there were nearly ninety registrants at the hotel by Thursday evening. The host hotel sold out for the weekend, and overflow rooms were secured at the Westborough Regency, a sister hotel. The Registration room opened on Thursday afternoon, as did the Raffle and Hospitality rooms, and Nan Linden and her team of Dawn Levesque, Peg Michalek, Jo Johnson, Pat Zwicker and Sue Ross welcomed meet registrants arriving in Model As, moderns, or in trailers with Model As in tow. The Raffle Room was bustling as Kathy Johnson, Jude Zeoli, and Linda Batstone helped Lisa Zappala and Debbie Chiacu take, accept and arrange income raffle items, sell raffle tickets, and assist guests who didn't put their numbers on their raffle tickets. And next door, Sue Champagne, Karen Martin, and a host of Minuteman Club members offered hospitality in the form of coffee, homemade treats, and local apples and cider donuts to our guests. The aptly named Minuteman Grill at the host hotel was hopping on Thursday night as many of our guests stayed for dinner there that evening.

The weather for the weekend was perfect as on Friday morning, 44 Model As filled with those attending headed out on a tour to Minuteman National spark that included visits to the Lexington Green and the Old North Bridge led by Barbara and Mac McElhiney. Meanwhile, back at the hotel, Brad Johnson, Ron West, and Ben Chirco held down the Repair Tent while Susan Champagne offered our

Minuteman hospitality to our guests at the meet. The festivities on Friday evening included a delicious buffet dinner in the grand ballroom followed by the energizing entertainment of disk jockey (and meet attendee) Newton Wells from Vermont, who had the dance floor filled until closing time.

The activities on Saturday included the meet's Grand Tour, a scenic winding route set up by Craig Martin and Rich Batstone that took our Model As through apple country and around the Wachusett Reservoir before ending at Kimball Farm in Lancaster, where our guests enjoyed lunch and lots of ice cream. As the Model As arrived at Kimball Farm, they were guided onto the show field and parked by year and class of vehicle for peer judging. The sun shone brightly on the tour, the lunch, and the ride back to the hotel where our guests enjoyed the Hubley Derby competition in the hotel atrium. The day concluded with a dinner dance in the grand ballroom featuring the sounds of Studio Two, a Beatles tribute band that had the dance floor filled all night. Among the evening's festivities was the announcement of the winners of the silent auction items - which included a magnificent copper Model A Weathervane handcrafted by Ed Croci.

The meet concluded with a brunch at which Wayne Champagne and Len Michalek announced the car judging results, including the Best-In-Show Award to Steve Corie from the Model A Club of Long Island for his beautifully restored 1931 Station Wagon. Following the car awards, Lisa Zappala and Debbie Chiacu, with an army of helpers, drew, announced, and distributed almost 200 raffle items from the Raffle Room. The drawing for the meet's 50/50 raffle was announced by the inimitable Tony Zeoli and Don Ross, our 50/50 captains for the weekend before we sent our guests off towards home.

It truly takes a village to put together an event as successful as the 2025 New England Meet, and members from the many clubs attending have offered congratulations and thanks to the Minuteman team for putting together such a memorable meet.



Here are some photos taken at the Meet. There are many more taken by Frank Kennedy that you can see on his website by clicking on the link in the lower right corner.



<https://frank-kennedy.smugmug.com/Annual-New-England-Model-A-Meets/68th-Annual-New-England-Model-A-Meet-September-2025>

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Welcome New Member



Nan reports a new member this month:

Margaret and Frederick Klingmeyer
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1929 Coupe

Nominating Committee Report

The committee has been actively canvassing the membership and we are disappointed to report that we have not been able to complete our task. The office of Vice President still is vacant. No one we approached has volunteered to fill this vacancy. Please think about helping the club.

President: Peter McLaughlin

Vice Pres: VACANT

Treasure: Babara McElhiney

Secretary: John Erb

CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What kind of car did Stanley build?
2. Did the Ford Motor Company produce a Model A boat tail or a speedster car?
3. Name the first fuel-injected production U.S. car.
4. Name a review mirror dress-up item in the '50s & '60s.
5. What optimizes tire longevity?
6. Name the model of the four-door Jeep.
7. Name an oil level indicator.
8. Name a freeway entrance procedure.
9. What is Michelin's signature tire brand?
10. What part of a car is surrounded by rubber?





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ANSWERS TO CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. The Stanley Steamer car.
2. No, neither car
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4. Hanging dice
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8. To merge into traffic
9. The pilot model
10. The tire rim



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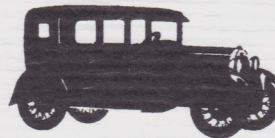
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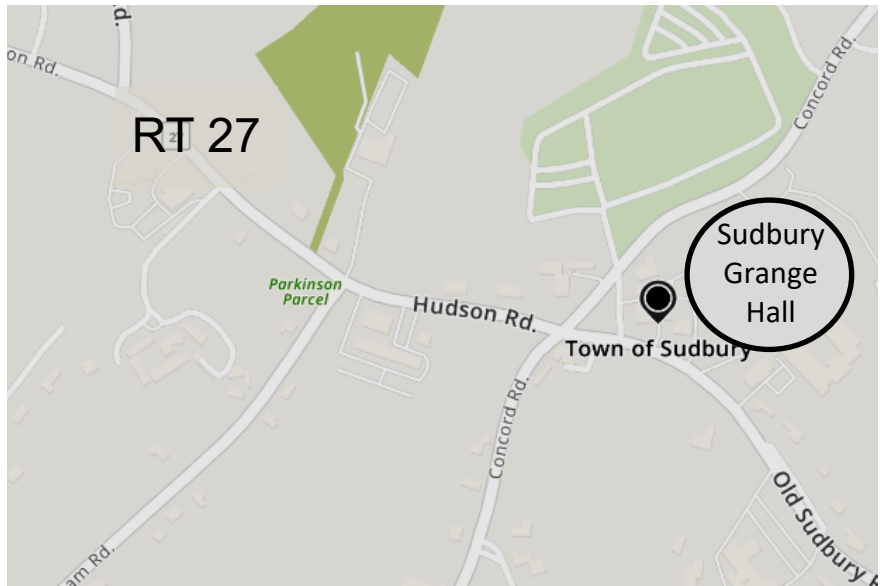
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November News

CLUB AUCTION

will be held at our November meeting. Please make plans to gather your items to donate now. Car part, household items, almost anything is welcome.

We will also have our election of officers. We still need a candidate for VP. Being an officer is something you can do, so please don't just sit back and sit on your hands. The club needs volunteers to survive.

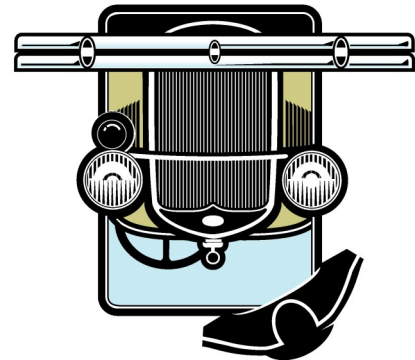


Our meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at the Sudbury Grange Hall, 326 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.



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