

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

My Fellow Model A Enthusiasts,

I write this a few days after returning home from the 61st annual New England Model A Meet which was put on by the New Hampshire Lakes Region Model A Club. It was a great event, and the Minuteman Club was well-represented at the meet. The scenery was spectacular, and from all reports, everyone's cars seemed to be running well. It takes a lot of planning to put on a good meet, and the Lakes Region was up to the task. I was pleased to see a number of Minutemen (and women!) helping out on the Grand Tour and at the Sunday brunch. As I said, the Minuteman Club was well-represented at the meet.



The Fall season will have officially arrived when you receive this note, and I look forward to seeing many of you on the Fall Tour to the Maine Coast, the Wayside Inn Dinner, or on one of our other upcoming fall tours. It's a great time to be out and about in a Model A, and as my car reminded me this past weekend, it wants to be driven. I hope to see you on the road sometime soon.

Alas, the Fall also is the time when we start thinking about putting our cars away and thinking about the year ahead. I mentioned at the last meeting that I was looking for (1) volunteers to serve on the club's Nominating Committee and (2) individuals who would be willing to serve as an officer (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) of the club. Your club has been successful because so many committed and capable individuals have stepped up to help make the club the vital organization that it is. We need everyone's help, and if you are willing and able to help out by serving on the Nominating Committee or would consider taking on one of the club's officer positions, please let me know.

Lastly, I want to recognize and thank Doug Linden for his service to our club and to the Model A community as a whole. In addition to being an avid Model A traveler (along with Nan!), Doug is a past-President of the Minuteman Club who has chaired both National and regional meets, held all officer positions in our club, and published the award-winning publication, *The Oil Leak*. Doug served as the Publication Director for the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) for four years, and it has recently been announced that Doug was nominated and will serve as a Director of MAFCA for 2018-2019. Congratulations, Doug, and thank you for your service to the Model A community.

Tom Zappala



Sunshine

Grace Doyle
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

We had quite a few of our members down and out for a while, but all is well now. They are all like Model A's...they needed tweaking and they are now ready to go. Hope that's it!!!

Larry Conley Get Well
Joyce Croci Sympathy, Passing of her Dad
Rich Batstone Get Well, hospitalization
Clyde Kelton Get Well, after hernia operation

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- Oct 01:** (11:30am) Apple Picking/Lunch TL Martin's
- Oct 09:** (6:30pm) Columbus Day Dinner
- Oct 16:** (6:30pm) Ice Cream Tour
- Oct 20-22:** Maine Weekend Tour (see page 8)
- Oct 26:** (6:30pm) Wayside Dinner (info on page 5)*
- Nov 05:** (10:00am) Wright's Chicken Farm Tour

TL= Tour Leader * On your own, go directly to location.

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

October 1982 35 years ago

Fall tour & rally to Ogunquit
On Saturday a "Sun Rise" breakfast & on to Light-house touring.
Plans for November auction.

October 1991 25 years ago

Pres Wayne Champagne gaveled meeting at Grange Hall.
Tours include-Spook Nite, Wellesley parade, Mt. Wachusett.
Canadian Tour report-Part II-Rain in Maine, Sun in Quebec City.
Day ends with Jack Stokinger under his hood with big problems!

October 2002 15 year ago

Pres Gene Ervin presides.
Questionnaire on use of NE meet funds-40th Anniv Party & Tool Library.
Plans for Wayside Dinner & fall tour to Ogunquit.

(OLD) ARTIE-FACTS

After his Oldsmobile factory burned, Ranson E Olds had each chassis put on a 4-wheel dolly and rolled from group to group to finish the cars.
When Henry Ford viewed this assembly procedure, it gave him an idea for his assembly line.
***At the time of the fire, R E O was in Florida making plans for a new town to be called "Oldsmar".
(Goggle it)

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report

Income:

Advertising	\$25.00
Parades	40.00
Total Income	\$ 65.00

Expense:

Oil Leak Printing (2 mos)	80.00
Total Expense	\$ 80.00
Net Income	-\$ 15.00



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 (modelarestorers.org)
Membership Dues \$45/year



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

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club September 5, 2017

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:35 PM with approximately 45 members in attendance. The meeting opened with an acapella version of God Bless America led by Cindy Mangan.

Tom then spoke about all the great tours we had in the month of August expanding on the recent tour to the Budweiser plant in Merrimac NH led by Larry Conley.

Tom thanked all the tour leaders from the season and those for future tours.

Tom also thanked Harold and Sally Legge for hosting the August meeting.

Tom spoke about our recent trips to Benchmark and other senior living facilities. The club should consider these venues to hold our monthly summer meetings, we get to use their meeting room and the seniors love seeing the cars.

Officers Reports:

- Secretary's report handed out at today's meeting, motion to accept report - MSP

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

Oil leak - please send articles to Doug, include pictures if available. Always looking for input. Doug then suggested maybe an article on how you originally got into the Model A hobby.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we have 3 new members.

* Jim Flanagan of Wakefield MA has a 1930 Tudor.

* Michael Levesque of Dracut, MA has a 1930 Fordor.

* Tom Garcia of Brunswick, ME has a 1930 Coupe and 1925 2 door.

Touring:

- Dick O'Brien provided a review of upcoming tours on schedule.

*9/6 – Supper Buffet – Mangan's tour leaders, go

straight to restaurant due to forecasted inclement weather.

*9/12 – C&L Frosty - Linden's tour leaders.

* 9/28 – Dinner tour – no leader – looking for volunteer to lead tour.

* 10/1 – Apple Picking – tour leader Craig Martin – Craig is forecasting nice weather and NO RAIN this year. Apple crops are reported to be excellent this year.

- The New England meet is 9/15,16,17, the group running meet is looking for assistance with the Grand Tour, if you are interested in helping out please contact Tom Z.

- Fall Weekend Tour to the Maine coast 10/20 to 10/22, hotel looks great, call group sales for Minuteman rate – Wayne and Sue are planning a great weekend.

Still looking for an Oil Leak Editor!!!

New Business:

Tom will be seeking volunteers for this year's nominating committee.

Volunteers for next month's refreshments Craig Martin, Barbara McElhiney, Vin DelMastro.

Programs: After refreshments a video on Henry Ford will be shown.

Running Board Commentary:

Tom followed up on Doug's request for stories and told a great story about a Model A ad that he has responded to. This is a story in progress so stay tuned for developments.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Gadbois - Secretary



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8/26 - Budweiser Brewery Tour

Our tour to the Bud Brewery in Merrimack, NH was greeted with perfect weather which resulted in a large turnout of Model A's. Nine Model A's and one modern joined in to see how the worlds largest brewery cooks up the brew we enjoy. Tom Zappala lead the main group from the Grange and took us to Chelmsford where Larry Conley took the lead and led us to the Brewery.

The Budweiser plant added a new Brew Pub and that's where we had a nice light lunch before taking the tour. The lunch was good and we even got to sample some of the final product of the plant.

The tour covered all aspects of the brewing process, from the rail cars bringing in the grain and hops, through the hot area where the mash is cooked and to the COLD fermenting area. The final viewing area is the bottling section and all those bottles flying by on the conveyor belts was something to see. I don't think we saw a single broken bottle on the floor. The last stop was the tasting room which was a big hit with all.

Leaving the brewery, Larry had made arrangements with the Stable to have one of the world famous Clydesdale brought out for a photo op. What an impressive combination, a beautiful horse and the Model A.

Larry had one more surprise for us, he lead us for a free Ice Cream Sundae at Hayward's in Nashua. What a great way to end a super tour.

A big thanks go to Larry & Kathy being our leaders today.



Attending: the Lindens (with Jordan), Zeolis, Conleys, Samuels, Zappalas, Marshall/Roberson (with Dave/ Kay Pulzetti) Don Ross (with his brother), Renners, Rick Gadbois, and Ed Wlodyka,





MINUTEMAN Annual Wayside Inn Dinner

**** Thursday, October 26th ****

Cocktails in the Tavern 6:00 pm

Dinner in the Ford Room 7:00 pm

Please join us for our annual dinner at The Wayside Inn.

This is a popular event and seating is limited, so don't delay!

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Total:				\$ _____

Dinner includes entree, salad, vegetable, potato, and dessert.

Price includes all taxes and gratuities!

Member name: _____

Spouse-Guest: _____



ON THE ROAD

(61st New England Meet)

by Rich Bowes

The New Hampshire Lakes Region Model "A" Club hosted the 61st Annual New England Model "A" Meet in Conway NH between September 15th and 17th. Approximately 400 people attended, bringing just under 200 Model "A"s with them. 36 members of the Minuteman Club attended with their vehicles.



Other than a rain shower on Friday morning, the weather was beautiful, and the scenery was spectacular, as fall foliage was beginning to change the lush green forests of the area into a kaleidoscope of various hues of red, orange, and yellow.

In addition to nature's offerings, the area provided a wide range of shopping, with outlet stores, antique shops, and boutiques, as well as the very popular tourist attraction, the Conway

Scenic Railroad.

Suzi and I took the train ride from the North Conway station to Crawford's Notch, climbing 1500 ft. up the mountains in about 23 miles, enjoying the scenery, and a roast turkey dinner in the dining car during the return trip.

Most of the Meet's attendees enjoyed a cocktail hour and Italian buffet dinner Friday evening at the host hotel, The North Conway Grand Hotel.

The "Grand Tour" took place Saturday morning. The 50+ mile

route took us through small hamlets, forests, over a covered bridge, onto a section of the Kancamagus highway, and ended at the base of Mount Washington.



32 Intrepid Model "A"ers drove their cars up the 6290 ft. to the top of Mount Washington, the highest point in the north-eastern US, and back without any reported problems.

The rest of us less-adventurous types stayed down at the base to inspect the Model "A"s on hand and to vote for the best of the various classes.

Of course, anytime a lot of Model "A"s are brought together, you can always find at least one unusual car. I don't know how you'd classify this one.

The rest of Saturday's schedule included an era fashions show, and dinner with live music and dancing.

The meet ended Sunday morning with a buffet breakfast, presentation of awards, and distribution of all the raffle prizes.

Next year's New England Meet will be held at Lake George NY, hosted by the Adirondack "A"s.



Champion 3X Spark Plugs for 1928-1931 Model A Fords

Left: New Old Stock -- Right: Reproduction (1960s and later)



Award Winners At The New England Meet

To follow up on Rich's report on the New England meet, our club members did very well in collecting awards at the meet:

Bob Simonelli - 2nd Place 28-29 Closed

Mark Butler - 1st Place 28-29 Open

Dick O'Brien - 2nd Place 28-29 Open

Wayne Champagne - 2nd Place 30-31 Closed

Bob Wright - 1st Place 30-31 Closed

Tom Zappala - 1st Place Woodie Wagons

Dave Robbins - 2nd Place Woodie Wagons

Dick Stitt - Most Senior driver of Model A to the Meet



Differences between the NOS and the Reproduction Plug:

3X on the porcelain on the NOS plug has a flat top 3; the repro plug has a rounded top 3.

Knurling on the base of the NOS plug goes all the way to the bottom; repro knurling does not.

NOS box has red end flaps and does not mention Model B; repro box has blue end flaps and mentions Model B.

NOS box front says "Dependable"; repro box front says "Guaranteed Dependable".



NE Meet Cars

The parking lot at the host hotel was filled with Model A's. I think every body style and color was on display. It was an impressive sight. The local paper was there and reported on our activities. Check it out:

https://www.conwaydailysun.com/news/local/an-a-day-to-drive-a-model-a/article_c69d179e-9c9c-11e7-a2f8-



Welcome New Members

Nan reports no new members this month.

WELCOME



Model A's For sale

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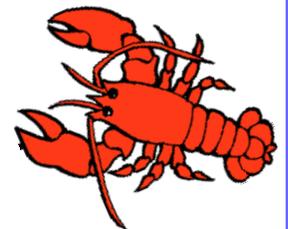
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Fall Weekend Tour to Maine

Final Reminder !!

If you haven't made a reservation, act now.



The Minuteman Club's fall weekend get-a-way on October 20-22nd is fast approaching. **The special discount room rate of \$118.81 per night at the Hampton Inn in Wells, Maine will be held until September 20th after which time the regular room rates will apply.** Don't miss out! Call 207-646-0555 now (do not hit 1) to speak with the Hampton Inn reservations agent to reserve your room before it's too late!! Be sure to mention the Minuteman Model A Ford Club when you call. We look forward to having you join us.

A number of events have taken place the past few days. Here is some information in no particular order.

OUT & ABOUT

✓ China Buffet Tour - The Mangans

The weather forecast for the tour to the China Buffet in Marlborough was for cold rain, and given that there would probably be no Model A's attending tour leader Bob Mangan had everyone meet directly at the restaurant. The idea was good, but the turn out was a little low. However, those attending enjoyed the copious amount of food on the buffet tables. In fact, Harold Legge had an interesting way to save time, just put your ice cream with your noodles and chicken.



✓ Food & Ice Cream - The Lindens

It was an evening out and we were headed to C&L Frosty's in Sherborn. The weather was cooperative, however the only member to join us was Harold Legge and even he was alone. Oh well, we had a pleasant drive over to our destination and the ordered our food. We were soon joined by Bob Simonnelli who was on his way home from work and saw the Model A's. The group may been small but we still had a nice time.

✓ Food & Ice Cream Tour - Rick Gadbois

It was another great day for a trip to Kimball Farms, this time to the Lancaster location. The tour took us along some very scenic roads through the towns of Bolton, Berlin and Lancaster. The route also took us past, The International, home to not only the longest course in the world, but one of the most difficult. The Pines course is home to the signature "Tiger Tee's" topping out at 8,325 yards, rated one of the most difficult courses in America.



Joining Anna and I for tonight's ride were the Linden's, Stitt's, Michalak's, Legge's, Ed Wlodyka, Dick Graham, Wayne and Syber. All enjoyed great food or cool treats and warm conversation. Then it was off again for the return trip home; another fine evening enjoyed by all.

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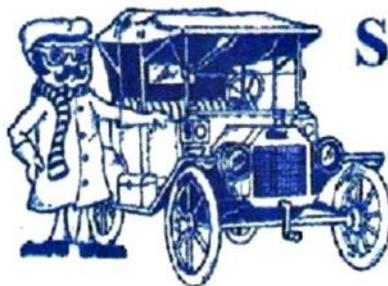
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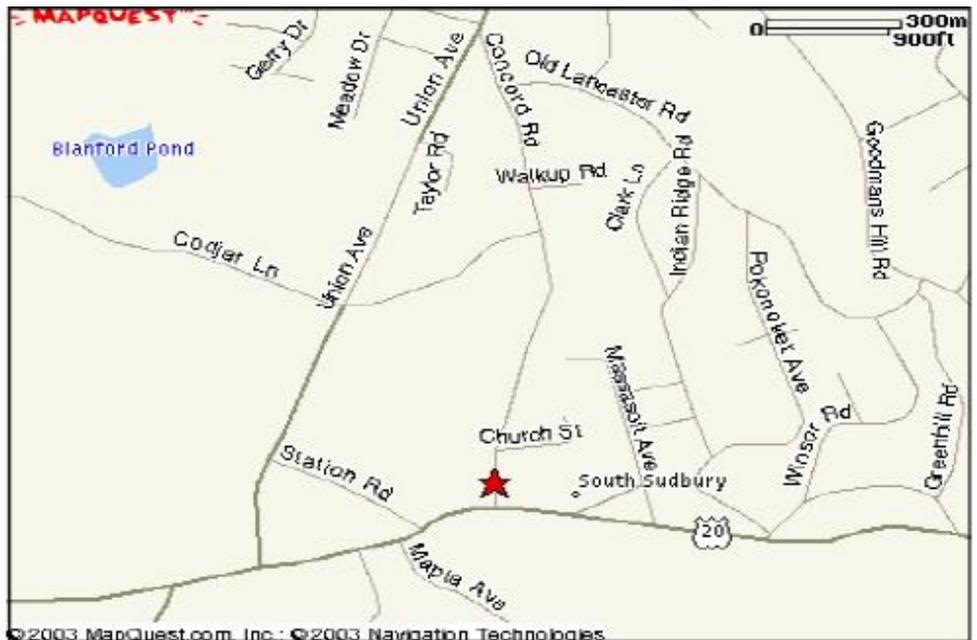
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REMINDER

The October meeting will be on October 2nd. We will talk about coming tours such as the Maine Weekend tour; our nominations for next year's officers; and the November club auction.

We will also continue the video of Henry Ford we started last month.

On Columbus Day,
lead straight for a great time!



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