

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

Dear Club Members;

I heard on the TV news that we are plus five inches of rain for the year so far. I appreciate not watering the yard but it has cut into my tootling around in the A time.

Kay Waldron and her daughters were very appreciative for the members that attended Gus' wake. Kay said Gus really loved the Minuteman club.

We still have a lot of activities ahead. Freeport will be a good time for all. Apple picking, the Wayside Inn dinner, Wright's Chicken Farm are on the horizon.

Please start looking around for items for the November club auction. Master of ceremonies will that master of patter JJ Jacobson.

It's is time to think about club officers for 2019. If you would like to nominate someone, please call or send me an email.



Happy Motoring

Andy Adams



Sunshine

Grace Doyle
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Gus Waldron. Our condolences go out to Kay and family.

Gary Hoyt has been hospitalized with a stomach ailment. We wish Gary a speedy recovery.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- Sep 29:** 11:00 AM Apple Picking TL Craig Martin
- Oct 2:** Regular Club Meeting
- Oct 4:** 6:30 PM Ice Cream (Trombetta's Marlboro) TL Linden's
- Oct 8:** 6:30 PM Columbus Dinner TL Bob Mangan
- Oct 19-21:** 8:30 Freeport, Maine TL Dick O'Brien
- Oct 25:** 6:00 PM Wayside Inn Dinner (Go Direct)*
- Nov 4:** 10:30 AM Wright's Chicken Farm TL Dick O'Brien
- Nov 11:** 10:00 Am Frost Bite Tour Old Mill Rest TL Craig Martin
- Nov 15:** 6:30 PM Spice & Pepper Dinner TL Rick Gadbois

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

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
August 2018

Income:

Member Dues	40.00
Parades	<u>200.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 240.00

Expense:

Summer Mtg Reimburse	150.00
Oil Leak Printing	<u>40.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 1900.00

Net Income \$ 50.00

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

OCTOBER 1983 35 YEARS AGO

Plans ready for 35th Holiday Party at Wayside Inn. Nominating Comm: Glenn Bessert, Bill Riddell, Jim Surette. Foliage Tour was a perfect day to climb Mt Wachussetts.

OCTOBER 1993 25 YEARS AGO

Auction night- sell it or take it home, J.J. presiding. Kennebunk Weekender set for Oct 22. HELP--November Frost Byte tour needs a leader. Gene Tallone wants 5 16in wheels with tires!

OCTOBER 2003 15 YEARS AGO

Pres Jim True, VP Peter MacDonald, Secy Gary Hoyt, Treas Dick Stitt. Poker Run ends at Clark's for Annual Picnic. Fife & Drum marched as Minutemen enjoyed ice cream.

ARTIE-FACTS

Artie says, I come from a family of writers. My brother writes songs no one can sing. My wife writes poems that no one can understand. I write checks that no one can cash.



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 Sept 4, 2018

Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury, MA

President Adams opened the meeting at 7:30 at the Memorial Congregational Church, Sudbury.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited to begin the meeting.

Members celebrating longevity awards in 2018 with the two national clubs were listed by President Adams and Doug Linden. Members' names like Linden, Champagne, Plaggenborg, O'Brien, Noyes and Robbins have been members from 25 to 45 years with MAFCA or MARC.

It was pointed out the long-time active member Dick Stitt would be moving in the next month to Ohio and would be greatly missed.

President Adams thanked those who furnished refreshments for the night's meeting and asked for and received volunteers for the next meeting.

He announced the program for the evening: a presentation by Clyde Kelton on Model A tools.

There were no visitors present but Nan Linden reported on one new member Ron Kutrieb from Newbury.

A brief discussion on the items to check before a tour as listed in the Maine tour: oil distributor, change oil, grease, check tire air and wheel bearings and check the lights.

Don Ross, tour director, reported that August had six tours that were not rained out. He reported that the Sept. 5 would be a tour to Carbones restaurant, Sept. 8 would be Sunshine Dairy ice cream tour; and the 29th would be the Apple our led by Crain Martin. The New England meet is Sept. 20-23; and the Maine tour would be Oct. 19-21, with Dick O'Brien leading to Hampton Inn. Jo Johnson reported that there were still rooms available for the Maine tour.

See flyer on page 5.

The treasurer's and Secretary's reports were accepted as printed in the Oil Leak.

Doug Linden, Oil Leak editor, is always looking for good stories. He highlighted the blown muffler story and said it was picked up by the national magazine. This kind of calamity was accented by Harold Samuels admission of a similar kind of calamity was accented by Harold Samuels admission of a similar experience.

Harold went on to promote the Wayside Inn dinner on Thursday, October 25th. **See Flyer on page 9.**

During a "Questions for the Experts" time a discussion of retrieving a bendix bolt into the flywheel housing ensued.

Harold also reported that a gift in memory of Liza Zappala's mother to MAFFI was acknowledged.

November's meeting would be the annual club auction. (no junk please)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted – John Erb
Secretary Pro tem



*Clyde Kelton gave members a great tutorial on the tools that were provided with the Model A when it was new. He explained the changes made to the tools over the years of Model A production. He also showed some of the tools you typically see at flea markets that are NOT tools for the Model A. Many tools for the Model T and V8 cars look similar, but are not period correct for the Model A. Clyde stressed if you want to make sure you have the correct tools in your collection you should refer to the **Model A Judging Standards.***

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Member Information

Nan reports one new member this month.

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62nd New England Meet

The Lindens, Adams', and Marshall/Robersons just returned from attending the NE Meet in Lake George, NY. I wanted to give a short report in this issue and provide a more detailed report next month. The Model As traveled the 470 mile round trip without any problems. Well maybe a little. The Adirondack A's did a great job planning activities for the attendees. The weather cooperated as you can see. I think they had 180 registrations. More next month.





Freeport Fall Weekender Tour



October 19-21

Tour Leader: Dick O'Brien

Departing from the Grange at 8:30 am October 19th

Lunch stop along the way ~ more details to follow

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Cookout Saturday at 1 pm

Tour from Freeport to Jack and Jo's home in
Harpwell



September was a busy month with a number of tours scheduled. Our tour leaders have worked hard to schedule events, but one thing we can't control is the weather and unfortunately mother nature rained on a few of our events. We also have had some nasty hot and humid weather that also kept some attendance down. In spite of these deterrents the tour we had were fun. Here are some recaps:

TOUR REPORT



ICE CREAM TOUR

The West Concord Dairy Tour was led by Dick O'Brien. The name of the establishment was "A Reason to be Cheerful" Six Model A's took the drive. Members present were Dick, Don, Doug from Bedford, Andy/Riley, Bob G. and Ed.

Good Ice cream worth the drive

No, Dick O'Brien didn't order this Sunday!!



Carbone's Dinner Tour

The unseasonable weather we have been having continues and the day of our scheduled dinner tour was hot and humid. Not the best weather for driving in your Model A. None the less a few souls did drive while the rest of us opted for the AC in the modern iron. I mis-read the tour schedule starting time, so by the time we got to the restaurant just about everyone was already seated.

Carbone's is a family restaurant that got its start in the Model A era, well 1933 to be exact. It started out as a small club and then steadily grew over the years to become one of the favorite Italian Restaurants in the area. In fact the Model A club held the popular Pizza Party here for a many of years.

One of the great things about the club getting together for a night out is getting to share stories that you might not otherwise get a chance to hear. Of course the other thing is the good food. The staff managed to get us all eating at the same time and all of a sudden the room got quiet.

The dessert menu managed to catch a few people's eyes, but for most of us there was just no room for anything else to eat. We headed outside to be greeted with heat and humidity and for most of us a ride home in air conditioned comfort.

See you on the next tour.

SKYBOX 109 Tour



The tour card said Sunday, September 9th, 10 AM- Skybox 109? Hampton Inn? Breakfast?, Brunch?, Lunch?

A gorgeous day , back is feeling better—Hurry up Shirley! Let’s go!
We can just make the Grange start if I get the Model A out now!



But wait—all these questions —Better call the tour leader first!
But can’t remember who they said he was at the last meeting



I know, I’ll call Don Ross —he knows about all tour stuff!

-OH,OH— He doesn’t know either—Worse yet, he answered from church!
Asked him to pray for me, and took his suggestion to call Tour Chairman, Dick O’Brien— Bad news
—He has family medical issues and can’t make it. Worse yet, he doesn’t know who I can call, suggests
Doug Linden.



Doug answers - He’s on the way home from the Midwest !

Have to go warn people waiting at the Grange—

Too late to get the Model A out, so I Grab a modern and get there just in time to find Harold Samuels
and Ed Wlodyka and inform them that I am their new tour leader-(Like it or not !)



Institute Plan B:

- 1-Meet Me, my Model A, and the beautiful Miss Shirley at my house (2 Miles away)
- 2-Proceed to Mel’s Commonwealth Cafe (Destination Changed by mutual consent) for Breakfast/Brunch/Lunch via back roads, through two states- Massachusetts and Confusion.

Quizzically submitted,
JJ, and Shirley Jacobson, Pinch Hit Tour Leaders



2017 Maine Epilog



On the Champagne lead tour to Kennebunkport, we were invited to visit the private car collection of Bentley Warren. It became one of the highlights of the trip and had been arranged by my friend, Bob Brown. I just received notice that Bob died as a result of a tractor accident, at age 91. He had a wonderful and exciting life; from rags to riches.

He left High School to pick potatoes in Aroostook, was a US Marine, a pilot, a successful businessman and a bank board member. He will be missed at my “Bored” meetings in Florida.



Art Callan

MODEL A DAY at the MAFFI Model A Museum



Doug & Nan Linden, Bruce Marshall/Trish Roberson and Art Callan had the opportunity to attend Model A day at the MAFFI Museum. This was to be a special event because of a display of Tim Kelly's Town Cars and Town Car Deliveries. These vehicles had never been all together in any one location, so this was to be a once in a life time display.

If you have never been to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI you really need to find time to visit this amazing complex. The Model A museum is just one of many individual museums on the grounds.

What makes the Model A Museum so special is that it just doesn't show Model A vehicles, it also displays the Model A ERA stuff. On display with the school bus is replica of an era class room, Model A era fashions are on display along with model a tools, cut away engine and transmission, etc. How about a Model A engine powered airplane. You can see this and many other displays. You can check out the museum by visiting maffi.org to find out more. I'm sure you will enjoy your visit.





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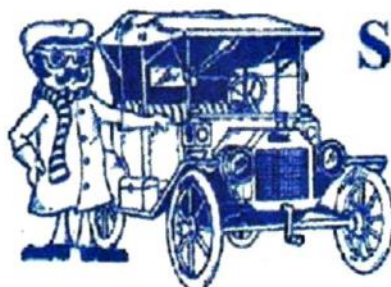
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The Time has come to help support the club. We need you to step up as the club needs a Vice President to lead the club.

If you would like to help please contact Andy or any club officer. Our election will take place at the NOV. meeting.

The club looks forward to your help.



Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00 PM.