

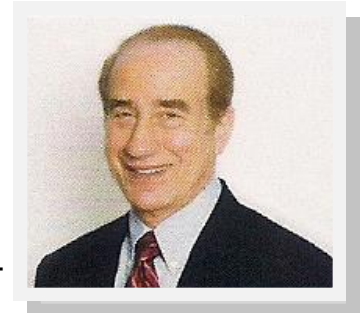
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October 2019

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

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The President Speaks:



Our October meeting is coming up quickly with the first Tuesday of the month on October 1st. I hope to see as many of you there as can make it. We have had a few cold nights that remind us that fall is coming, but warm days are still with us. There are still lots of activities and current forecasts indicate continuing good model A weather.

Several of our members have been or will be participating in national and regional events including Model A day at the MAFFI museum in Hickory Corners, the Regional Meet in the Berkshires, and the National Parks Tour in Utah. Coming up as well is the Hershey Pennsylvania Swap Meet/Car Show event internationally known.

Local club tours continue as well. Please check your tour card and email for upcoming events. We have been getting a number of inquiries directed to our website and directly to the club officers listed on our website. Some have been personal inquiries asking for information or guidance, some requests for our club to participate in charitable events or business promotions. Our website has been a great tool to let the larger community know who we are. We will continue to forward information through email blasts as appropriate.

This is also a good time to plan any major car projects for the winter months when our cars are off the road. I plan on clearing out some space to address the issues that I have been putting off so that I can get a running start next spring.

Keep happy thoughts and stay well. See you at the meeting and on the road!



Happy Motoring

Harold Samuels



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

Get Well cards were sent this month to the following members: Yvonne Pepe, Ralph Parks, Jo Johnson, Grace Doyle, Denise Martone

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

- Sep 28:** 11:30AM Apple Picking TL Craig Martin
- Oct 1:** Regular Club Meeting
- Oct 5:** 10:00AM Car rally and lunch TL Don Ross
- Oct 18-20:** Fall Weekend Tour TL Tom Zappala
- Oct 26:** Wayside Inn Dinner (see page 7)
- Nov 3:** 10AM Wright's Chicken Farm Lunch TL Dick O'Brien

TL= Tour Leader

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

OCTOBER 1984 35 YEARS AGO

Pres "JJ" called the meeting to order with 33 members. Because of conflict with Carlisle & Hershey, JJ stated the annual auction will be held in November.

OCTOBER 1994 25 YEARS AGO

Auction night with Pres Steve Goldberg doing double duty as auctioneer. Proceeds were \$355.25.
Tours: Wayside Dinner, Papa-Razzi in Concord, Foliage tour, Vet's Parade in Wellesley, Frostbite Lunch.
We have details to build a Model A powered Sky Scout!

OCTOBER 2004 15 YEARS AGO

Pres Peter MacDonald brought meeting to order. Art Callan presented a video program of the Wayside Inn Boys of the 1940's.
Secy Garry Hoyt tells the story about Henry Ford asking one kid if he wanted a ride back to the dorm just after the boy cleaned the barn. The boy said he was covered with muck. Henry said if the Lincoln Zepher got dirty, he would just get another from Somerville.

DID YOU KNOW--

How old was Henry Ford when the first Model T rolled off the line?

How old was Henry when the second Model A style appeared?

How old was Henry when the first V/8 appeared?
(Henry was born in 1863, figure it out and check your answer.)

ANSWERS--T 45 A 64 V/8 69

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
August, 2019

Income:

Donation	10.00
Member Dues	20.00
Parades (Sudbury)	<u>300.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 330.00

Expense:

Summer Meetings	450.00
Meet Donation (NE Meet)	100.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Oil Leak Printing	<u>40.00</u>
Total Expense	640.00
Net Income	\$ -310.00



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 (model-a-ford.org)
Membership Dues \$45/year



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

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Club September 3, 2019

Location: Harold & Sally Legge's Home

Minuteman Model A Ford Club September Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:28 PM by President Harold Samuels

Opened with singing of God Bless America lead by the Mangans. Bob and Cindy also performed the song: Days of the Old Model A.

Motion m/s/p to accept the Secretary's report as published in the Oil Leak

Motion m/s/p to accept the Treasurer's report as published in the Oil Leak

Harold thanked Shirley Jacobson for the DD coffee, and Barbara and Jude for the refreshments.

VP Doug Farrell spoke about the upcoming Wayside Inn Dinner. Ten couples have already responded.

Nan Linden had no new membership info; but, a very recent member (Terry Cornellier from Ayer) was introduced. Terry has two Model A's including a Coupe and Deluxe Roadster, both 1931 models.

Harold Samuels made mention of the "project" of some work being done on new member Josiah MacDonald's car and thanked JJ for hosting at his shop.

Doug Linden spoke about the National Tour that is coming up in Oct to Utah. The response has been so great (over 350 reg.) that the event is at full capacity and no further registrations are being accepted.

Doug also recapped the MAFCA national board election results. Four positions were open and only four candidates applied for those positions, so each applicant was assigned a role without the need for a nationwide vote. MMAFC is now well represented with both Doug Linden

and Dave Libbey on the board

Tour Director Don Ross spoke of the upcoming tours including:

9/4....Carbone's (go direct)

9/13-9/15 Jiminy Peak regional meet

9/19..Trombetta's ice cream

9/21..Scales Restaurant

9/26..Horizons Nursing Home makeup day

9/28..Apple Picking

10/5..No rally; but, Dick O'Brien is planning on leading a tour

10/18-10/20..Rhode Island weekend

Doug Linden and Rick Gadbois, as Nominating Committee members are seeking 2020 candidates

Note: The 1930 Tudor owned by the late Art Dion is for sale as is Skip Hurst's 39 Ford Roadster

Refreshments for October will be provided by Doug Farrell and Gary Hoyt.

See Daniel DeMatos if you are interested in a restored 1930's era car radio.

7:56-adjourned for refreshments followed by a video from Doug L on the Model A transmission.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Batstone- Secretary Pro Tem

Our thanks go out to Rich Batstone who took the minutes while secretary Rick was vacationing in the Alps.



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Beginning Time:

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MAFCA, ENGINE, SEDAN, GAS, SPARK, PLUG

CANDIDATES WANTED

No, Not for President!

It's that time of year when the club needs your help. The position of Vice President needs to be filled to insure our club continues to provide enjoyment to the membership.

The Nominating Committee (Doug Linden and Rick Gadbois) are interested in hearing from you. Please consider stepping up and help guide the club.

Feel free to contact either one of us or Harold Samuels any time.



The Club Needs You!!!

ICE CREAM TOUR SEPTEMBER 19TH by Wayne Champagne

Thursday evening's tour provided us with clear skies without a threat of any foul weather. The temperature was cool and crisp but not cold enough to discourage anyone from attending. Your tour leaders, Sue and Wayne, arrived at the Club's new starting location the Wayland Town Center at 6:10 pm allowing for plenty of time before our 6:30 pm departure. Departing time came and went without another sole, so we headed out in single fashion in our Town Sedan to meet others at Trombetta's Farm in Marlborough. Upon arrival we found the Mangan's driving their Model A Sedan, the Adams, Michalaks, Kerns and Lindens all in moderns. The ice cream was great and the company was also.

October Model "A" Weekend

Historic Rhode Island October 18 - 20

Here is an overview:

Friday, October 18th: we will tour down to North Kingstown, RI, where we will lodge at the Hamilton Village Inn. The tour down will include lunch, antiquing, and a visit to the lovely village of Wickford, "one of America's best Main Streets" (1), "a picturesque little seaside town with excellent shopping."(2)

On Saturday: we will tour across Jamestown and into Newport, where we will travel the celebrated Ten Mile Drive along the coast and through the neighborhoods of Newport's rich and famous summer residents. We'll stop in for a visit at Marble House, one of the famed Newport Mansions, and after lunch downtown, we will visit the Audrain Automobile Museum in Newport before heading back to North Kingstown.



On Sunday: we'll have a leisurely tour back to the Metrowest area.

If you are interested in joining us, (1) please let me know by return e-mail (and include your mobile telephone number), and (2) contact the Hamilton Village Inn at (401) 295-0700 to book a room for the weekend.

The rates are \$125 per night at the Hamilton Village Inn, plus taxes. Breakfast is available for \$5, but you can decide on that at the Inn. Our contact there is Mita, and you should advise them that you are with the Minuteman Model A Ford Club. Rooms can be cancelled up to two weeks before the trip - or by October 3rd (to be safe). You can also book on [booking.com](https://www.booking.com/hotel/us/hamilton-village-inn.html) (<https://www.booking.com/hotel/us/hamilton-village-inn.html>), although the hotel requested that we contact them directly.

In addition to the hotel and meals, there will be admission fees to the Marble House (\$35) and the Audrain Museum (\$20)

It looks to be a great weekend, and I am hopeful that it fits in with your travel plans this fall.

Tom (and Lisa) Zappala

Canyonland National Tour Kanab, UT

October 6-10, 2019

Click on this link and follow along as we travel the amazing national parks of SW Utah and our Model A adventure back to Massachusetts.

<https://canyonlandandback.blogspot.com/>



Help is Still Needed



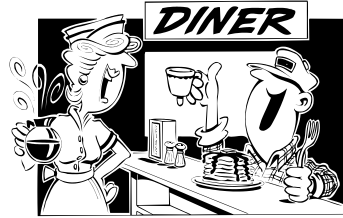
Coffee Person

I can't believe no one has offered to make the coffee. How about someone **JUST** for the October meeting. Call Harold if you would like to volunteer.



↑ *Weekly Breakfast Group* ↑

Doing anything on Wednesday morning? No. Well then, you are invited to join the group for breakfast at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. The



food is good and there is plenty of Model A talk. We arrive about 7:15 AM. (see ad page 10)

Carbones Italian Dinner Tour



Bob & Cindy Mangan hosted the Sept 4 dinner tour. Members met at the Carbones Restaurant to save time and enjoy great food and lots of good conversation. Good time was enjoyed by all. Thanks Bob & Cindy

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Minuteman Annual Wayside Dinner

Thursday October 24th

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Cocktails in the Tavern 6:00 PM

Dinner in the Ford Room 7:00 PM

Reservation deadline is October 12, 2019

Complete this reservation form and your check payable to
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You can bring your check to the meeting or mail to:
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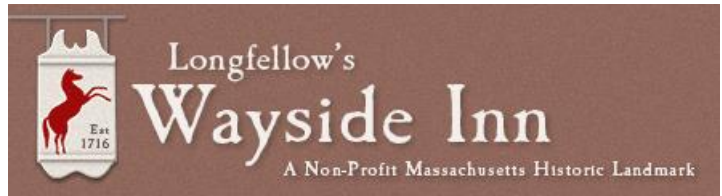
Member name: _____

Spouse/guest: _____

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Prime Rib of Beef:	\$51.00	X	_____	= \$ _____
Boneless Breast of Chicken	\$41.00	X	_____	= \$ _____
Vegetarian Ravioli	\$40.00	X	_____	= \$ _____
			Total \$	_____

Dinner includes entrée, salad, vegetable, potato and dessert

Price includes all taxes and gratuities



The 63rd Annual New England Meet Sept 13-15

The New England Meet was hosted by the Western Mass Model A Club at Jiminy Peak Resort in the picturesque Berkshire Mountains. Some our group traveled on Thursday so they could tour the area on Friday. Others left Friday and were able to check into the hotel and pick up their registration packet before heading off to the afternoon activities. The afternoon event was a visit to High Lawn Farm which is nationally recognized for its herd of Jersey cows. We were toured the entire facility and were amazed the pampering these cows received. From robots to help feed them, water beds to lay on and, believe it or not, they could walk up on their own to automatic milking machines! A very informative visit and the Ice Cream was good too.



Friday evening was the welcome social where we all had the chance to mingle with members from other clubs we only see once a year at this meet. They also had a contest for the oldest, dated, Model A meet shirt. I (your editor) won with a 1988 shirt from the MAFCA meeting in Sturbridge convention.

Saturday was a little damp, but the start of the Grand Tour was dry. The tour was 35 miles and ending up at the Hancock Shaker Village. The cars arrived just in time for a heavy rain shower that lasted about 15 minutes. It was dry the rest of the day. The historic buildings made a perfect backdrop for the Model A's to celebrate International Model A Day.



Saturday evening was the banquet and plenty of opportunity to dance/listen to music of the 60's band.

Sunday Morning was the awards brunch and the raffle drawings. Breakfast went without any problems and the Model A Awards were presented. Two club members won awards: Mark Butler for his 1929 Roadster and Tom Webster for his 1929 Woody. As for the raffle, well, most of us considered the money spent on tickets as a donation. But the big news is the Ed & Joyce Crocci won the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations Ed & Joyce.

The 2020 NE Meet will be hosted by the Pine Tree A's and will be held at Sunday River Ski Resort, Sept.11-13. Phone # 800-207-2365 or 800-543-2754 mention 2020 NE Meet or group code 85W88Z



Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon,



Starter Ground

I've had several people ask me why their starter seems to crank the engine over rather slowly. For the most part, this is because that's what our starters do, they did not spin as fast as on a modern car. So there is nothing wrong.

However, I will mention that you need to make sure that the starter has a really good ground when you mount it to the flywheel housing. Fresh paint on the engine combined with fresh paint on a newly rebuilt starter can result in you not having a very good ground connection between starter and engine. Over time you can also get a buildup of rust on the mounting surfaces, or a film of oil and dirt accumulation that interferes with the ground.

So if you think your starter is cranking a bit slowly, it would not hurt to pull it off, clean up the mounting surfaces with a degreaser followed by some fine sandpaper, and reinstall it. See if that gets it turning at a better speed again.

Have a Model A Day!



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From: MAFCA monthly newsletter

Kimball's Ice Cream Tour Aug 29th

It was a perfect evening for an Ice Cream tour and Doug Farrell lead a hungry group to this local favorite ice cream stand. In addition to the ice cream Kimball's has great fried food—yum.

Those attending were The Farrell's, Linden's (modern) Craig Martin, Babara McElhiney, and Daniel DeMatos. The ice cream lines seemed to be moving slowly, but the end result was a delicious treat. And the picture shows Barbara was not going to lose any part of it as her Frappe was about to run over the top. Good going Barbara.



New England Meet Attendance

The club had good representation at the New England Meet. Attending were the:

Champagne's, Michalak's, Linden's, Ross', Crocci's, Quirck's, Webster's, Kern's, Batstone's Butler's, Jack Stokinger, Marshall/Roberson's, Brum's, Robbin's, and Libbey's.

Thanks making this a successful event. See you next year in Maine.

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October 2019

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The October meeting will be at the church. One of our goals is to secure a volunteer to serve as Vice President of the club. All the other offices are covered but we need someone to step forward as VP.

Also, don't forget to save **November 11th** for the Frostbite Tour and **December 8th** for our annual Holiday Party.

Still a little touring left at the end of the season.



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