

# The il Leak

October 2021 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 58 Issue 10



**Club Tours - See page 2**



## *The President Speaks:*

Here we are in Fall again!! What a great time of the year.

At the September meeting I asked for a show of hands as to who was interested in attending the Wayside Inn Dinner. There where at least 18 to 20 hands go up, so the dinner is booked for Thursday Oct 21 at 6:00pm. This has been a club event for many years and we need to keep the number above 15. See the form on page 7 in the Oil leak to pick your meal and costs. Meal costs are lower for beef and veggie ravioli, cost for chicken about the same since 2018 and 2019. Reserve your dinner by paying at 10/5/21 meeting or mail check to me not later than 10/10/21. Final date!!



On Sunday 9/25/21 Apple picking tour was led by Dick Krug we followed <6 cars> to Carlson's Apple orchard in Harvard. What a crowd! then of to Sorrento for pizza and subs in Ayer Mass. A good time was had by all on a perfect Sunday afternoon.

Don't forget the fall programs. Tours of Wrights Chicken Farm in R.I. on 11/7/21, the Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster 11/14/21 and Conrad's for the Holiday Party in Sudbury on 12/12/21.

These are all great times and adventures.

**KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY**

*Doug Farrell*





# Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Get Well card was sent to Andy Adams as he recovers from recent back surgery. We also sent Sympathy cards to

John Kerns for the recent passing of his brother and to Clyde Kelton for the recent passing of his sister. Our condolences to both John and Clyde.

*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)

- Sept 30** 6 PM Bedford Farms Harold Samuels TL  
**Oct 5** Club Meeting  
**Oct 11** 10 AM No-U-Turn Food/Ice Cream O'Bee TL  
**Oct 16** 2 PM New Horizons Marlboro Car Display  
**Oct 21** 6PM Wayside Inn Dinner (info on page 7)  
**Nov 2** Club Meeting

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
August 2021

### Income:

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Total Income	\$ 00.00

### Expense:

NE Meet Donation	\$ 100.00
Oil Leak Postage	250.00
Oil Leak Printing (3 )	\$ 70.00
Total Expenses	\$ 420.00
Net Income	\$ -420.00



## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### OCTOBER 1986 35 YEARS AGO

No Report Available.

### OCTOBER 1996 25 YEARS AGO

Dick Reynolds was guest speaker, discussed repair of Model A Speedometer. Dick Stitt wins first place at SAC Park car show. New member Phil Peterson of Sudbury. Dick Stitt running for MAFCA BOD.

### OCTOBER 2006 15 YEARS AGO

New club PA system arrives. Club membership hits 170. The Robbins host a Maine weekend tour, very good turnout. Dick O'Brien's Roadster PU wins 1st place at Larz Anderson. NE Meet in CT had a great turn out. Next year MM will be host in Sturbridge.

### ----- ARTI-FACT -----

A rare parchment engraving of the Declaration of Independence, ordered up by John Quincy Adams two centuries ago from printer William J Stone and found in the attic of an ancestor's Scottish house, sold at a near record \$4.4 million at auction to an anonymous buyer. Concerned by excessive wear to the original Declaration of Independence, Adams commissioned Stone in 1820 to produce an exact rendering. The engraver labored for three years over his copper plate. The 201 copies on parchment were distributed to the signers of the original Declaration, political leaders and institutions.  
**( Ed Wlodyka is still looking for his copy!!!! )**

## National Organizations:



**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**



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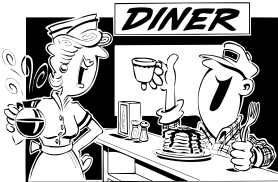
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### *Weekly Breakfast Group*



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is slowly growing. Now

that members have received their vaccine the group keeps growing each week. The Big Apple staff keep the area clean and safe.

Why not join us again.



The apple picking tour group was out for pizza after visiting Carlson Orchards. The pizza and subs at Sorrento's was excellent. And the line up of Model A's looked pretty good. We even had a local Model A'er stop in for a visit.



### Club Officers Needed.

The Club is looking for you. All club positions are available, however the most pressing positions that need to be filled are President and Vice President. Please contact Doug Farrell.

# Secretary's Report

**Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club September 7, 2021**

**Location: Memorial Congregational Church Sudbury.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by President Doug Farrell, with 29 members in attendance. Doug then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Officers Reports:

- Doug requested an update on the Treasurers Report. Barbara provide correction to line item 'Oil Leak Printing' that entry was for two months not the three that was specified. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as corrected. – MSP. Barbara also provide update on account balances.

- Doug requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak. No Secretary's Report since March of 2020. It's great to be back to monthly meetings.

- Doug Linden – National News

MAFCA members should have received in the mail your renewal form and ballots for next year's officers, one candidate is our own member Dave Libby, make sure to cast your vote.

- Doug then presented longevity pins for continuous membership in the Model A Ford Club of America.

- 1) Harold and Sally Legge – 25 years
- 2) John and Janet Erb – 25 years
- 3) Jack and Pam Bickel – 35 years
- 4) John and Shirley Jacobson – 40 years
- 5) Doug and Nan Linden – 50 years
- 6) John Schuler – 55 years
- 7) John Pierce – 60 years.

## Membership:

- Nan Linden – no new members to report.

We will start collecting dues next month for 2022 memberships.

- We have visitors here tonight, Robert and Sue Hart from Shirley Ma. They have a 1931 Pick-up.

## Touring:

- New England meet 9/10 - 9/12 Sunday River Me.

- Mystery Tour - 9/18 10AM

- The Apple Picking tour scheduled for 9/25 has been canceled.

- Bedford Farms Ice Cream - 9/30 6 PM

## New Business:

- Conrad's has been reserved for the Holiday Party, date is December 12<sup>th</sup>, don't forget your Toys for Tots, unwrapped presents.

- Wayside Inn Dinner, looks like there is enough interest, Doug will work on arrangements and provide update. The event will take place on a Thursday evening in October. Doug will provide update via e-mail and at next meeting.

- Endowment Fund Donation. A motion was made to donate \$5000.00 to the MAFFI museum by the Minuteman Model A Ford Club in honor of Art Callen in recognition for all he has done for the Minuteman Club, the hobby and the museum. – MSP.

- John Pierce made a motion for a moment of silence to remember all our members who have passed in the 18 months since our last meeting.

- Tony Raiano's farm at 280 South St. in Marlboro has pumpkins available, bring the grandkids by to see Tony and pick up your pumpkins!

**Dave Libby** – has been on MAFCA board for 2 years as Treasurer and is looking forward to continuing his work. As with any national organization we are working hard to grow membership, if you are not a member now is your chance to join. Please consider a vote for Dave.

## Programs:

- Today's program was a short discussion on expansion tanks. Al Mason brought in a Stainless Steel Expansion Tank typically seen on Hot Rods, best mounting options discussed.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois



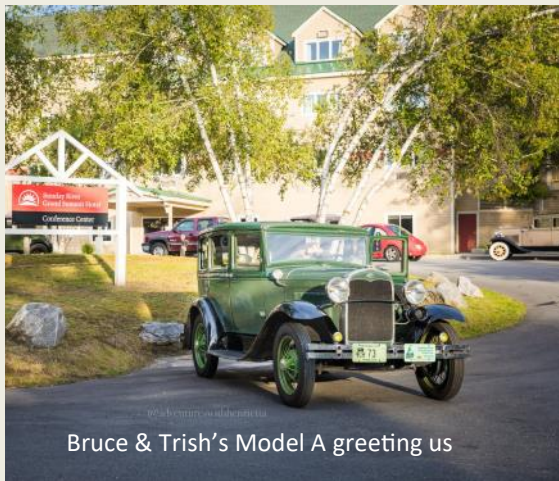
# Our Model A's On Tour

## 64th Annual New England Meet September 9-12 Sunday River Resort, Maine

Well, the 2020 meet which was delayed a year due to Covid was thankfully held this year and a great time was had by all the participants. Thanks to the hard work of the Pine Tree A's, and guided by Jo Johnson, the meet was a great success. Minuteman members attending included Don/Sue Ross, Doug/Nan Linden, Wayne/Sue Champagne, John/Martha Kerns, Len/Peg Michalak, Tony/Jude Zeoli, Dave/Diane Libbey and our northern members Mark & Heather Smith, Jack & Jo and Bruce & Trish. The Lindens, Champagnes and Don Ross with Tony Z riding shotgun drove our Model A's to Sunday River on Thursday. Wayne's off the beaten path route was great, with little traffic. It took us through Meredith, NH where we enjoyed lunch on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee. We arrived at the resort and were happy to see so many Model A already in the parking areas.



Lunch at lake Winnepesaukee



Bruce & Trish's Model A greeting us

Thursday was set up day and many of the Minuteman club pitched in to help Jo get things going. Friday was a day to do some touring of the area, check out the Raffle Room, hang out at Hospitality or just relax and enjoy the scenery. Friday night was a BBQ buffet dinner. After which Christine MacKenzie gave a presentation on how SHE restored her Model A. Peter Brown & Susan Nourse did a presentation on what it was like to compete in The Great Race in a Model A Speedster.

Saturday was the Grand Tour to the amazing Bob Bahre car collection. The drive was took us through the country side of Maine and finally to the

picturesque estate of the Bahre family. The Model A were parked on the grass for judging and the caterer had the tent set up for lunch. I for one enjoyed my Lobster Roll lunch.

Back to the Grand



The Bahre Home



The collection barn

Summit Resort and it was time to get ready for the banquet. The food was great and the band, The Reminiscents, was great playing our oldies music.

The Sunday morning Awards Brunch was good, and the Pine Tree Club did a fine job making sure they got





Top photo: The Food tent complete with a 1930 Pick-up.  
Above photo: Raffle prizes ready to be awarded  
Right Photo: Wayne & Sue with Silver (2<sup>nd</sup>) Place Trophy

things started so we all could get started home in a timely manner. The car awards were given first. I'm happy to say the Wayne & Sue Champagne won 2nd Place in 31 Closed Class. I would also like to say that Mark Smith won 2nd place in the Woody Class, that would be Dick O'Brien's former Woody Wagon.

The final activity was to award the 50/50 and all the raffle items. The Pine Tree club decided to award the entire 50/50 to two lucky winners. That was sure nice. Then it was on the raffle items. That was done with the help of other club members, including our own Len Michalak.

The weekend was great and everyone is looking forward to next year when the MARCOM Club will host the event in Mansfield, MA.



## Apple Picking Tour

Thanks to tour leader Dick Krug, the annual Apple Picking Tour was a success. Dick stepped up to fill in for Craig Martin who had a conflict. Dick lead 6 Model A's to Carlson Orchard for picking. However, the crowd was so large that we decided to by apples and the hard to resist Apple Cider Donuts in their store. Lunch was next at Sorrento's Pizzeria. Another fine Model A event.



# MINUTEMAN ANNUAL WAYSIDE INN DINNER

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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

Cocktails in the Tavern 6 pm

Dinner in the Ford Room 7 pm

**Reservation deadline is October 11, 2021**

Complete this reservation form and make your check payable to  
**"Minuteman Model A Ford Club"**

You can bring your check to the meeting on 10/5/21 or mail to:

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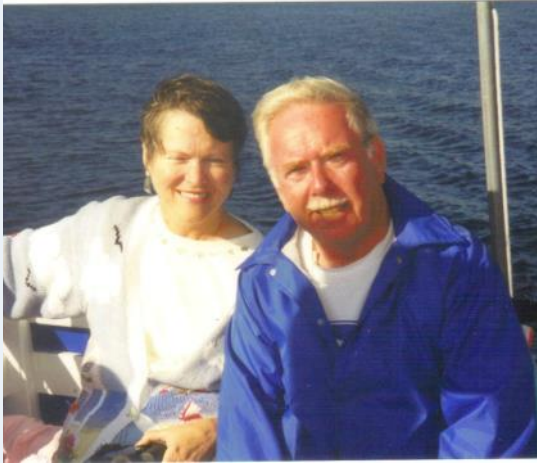
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## *Art Callan Recognized by Minuteman Club*



The Minuteman Board of Directors presented a motion to the members at the September club meeting to recognize Art Callan for all the contributions he has provided to the club over the years. Art's contributions have been long lasting: Oh yes, he held the office of Club President and was the Newsletter editor for 10 years. But Art is also the person who instituted many of our long standing activities. How about that he started the Installation and Awards Dinner for our January meeting; he started the Wednesday breakfast gatherings. Those started out once a month and quickly turned into the weekly gathering we now have. He was also the guy who started our "Winter Blah's" flea market. The flea market has become very popular and is our main outside source of revenue for the club's treasury. Art's dedication to the hobby was also displayed when he was elected as

the Executive Director of the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI). It was through Art's leadership and dedication that MAFFI was able to raise the funds to build its amazing museum in Michigan.

The Board asked the Minuteman club members to approve a \$5000 donation to MAFFI in recognition of Art's service to the our club. The money would come from the Endowment Fund and not from the club's operation account. The motion was unanimously approved.

The check was presented to MAFFI at their annual Model A Day celebration at the museum in Hickory Corners, MI by Doug Linden. It was great to be able to hand the check over directly to MAFFI President John Begg during his annual report to the members.

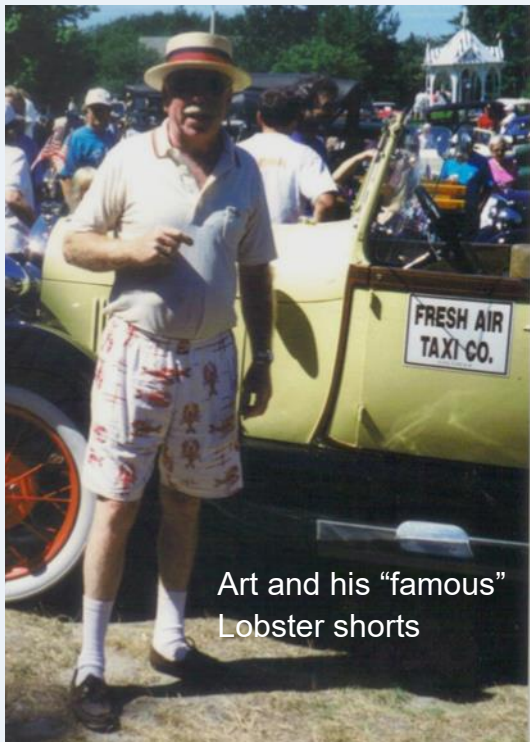


On a personal note, Art has always provided us with unique was for us to appreciate his creativity. Art reinstated our club anniversary celebrations, going back to the 35th anniversary. He made that special by having Lobsters and Steak.

Art was in the Lobster business so that part was easy. The Steaks he would buy when they were on sale. Some how Art was able to convince the caterer to cook the steaks...thanks Art good going.

Art also continues to provide support to the newsletter by submitting the History and his Artie Facts.

Thanks Art for your continued dedication to the club and hobby.



Art and his "famous"  
Lobster shorts



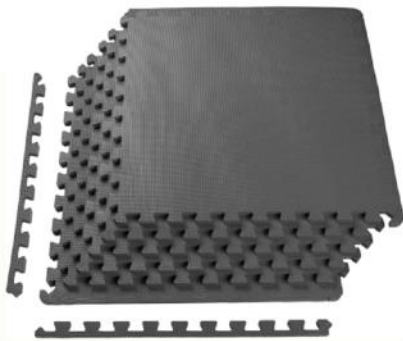


## Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

### Exercise Mats for Comfort

I picked up a set of 6 foam exercise mats, about ½" thick and 2 feet square, at a yard sale a few months ago. I think I paid about \$5 for them. They have interlocking edges that allow you to join them to make larger mats.

These things have proven to be wonderful to sit on or kneel on, any time I need to work on something low on the car. I will join 2 or 3 of them and lay under the car on them. They are also very comfortable to stand on in front of a work bench.



I have seen these mats sold in a set of 6 on Amazon and similar places for about \$25. They are also sold in ¾" and 1" thicknesses. If you can't find them easily near you at a yard sale, that is another option. Either way, they are well worth having on hand.

Be comfortable! Have a Model A Day! Jim

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP Application Form

**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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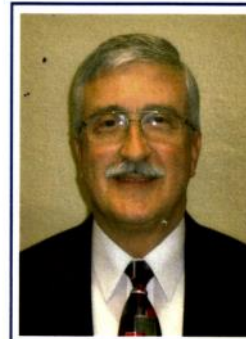
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**In light of the recent increase in the Covid Delta vari-**

**ant the Church is encouraging everyone, vaccinated or not, to wear masks while in the hall.**

**It has been a long time since we have had a meeting and I'm sure we all look forward to having a regular meeting again.**



Monthly Meetings have resumed at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Hope to see everyone there.

**Minuteman Model "A" Ford Club  
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**October 2021**

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