

The il Leak

October 2022 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 59 Issue 10

The President Speaks:

Only 3 months left in 2022. What do you think!! We still have several functions left for this year, plan on coming along for the fun of it and enjoying your Model A.

Last month our club did the following tours. The Vermont Car Show, Trombetta's Farm ice cream, Movie night at the Kerns, Dinner at Stephen Anthony's Restaurant and The New England Meet in Mansfield. All events were well attended by the Minuteman Club members.



I want to give a big thank you to John and Martha Kerns, their movie night was a big hit and everyone enjoyed the show. AGAIN THANK YOU JOHN AND MARTHA!!

For the month of October we have Apple picking and Wayside Inn Dinner. Please see the reservation sheet enclosed in this oilleak (page 9). I must put the dinner order in 7 days in advance. Fill it out and send check and form to me ASAP. The Wayside Dinner Price is the same as last year TAX and TIP included. Last year we had 25 quests, and I am hoping for more this year!!!

During the October meeting we. Will be discussing new officers for next year. The Club can only continue with volunteers. The jobs are not difficult and if we want it to continue to succeed your help.is needed!!!

Keep Smiling Every day

Doug Farrell





Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A sympathy card was sent to Ed Wlodyka for the passing of his sister. Cards were also sent to Dick Stitt, Barbara Tallone and Art & Pat Callan.

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)

Oct 4 Regular Club Meeting

Oct 9 11:00AM Apple Picking Dick Krug TL

Oct 20 Wayside Inn Dinner (see page 9)

Nov 1 Regular Club Meeting

Nov 6 10:00 AM Wright's Chicken Farm Dick O'B

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A

Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
August, 2022

Income:

Member Dues	20.00
Total Income	\$ 20.00

Expense:

Summer Meeting	150.00
Oil Leak Printing	70.00
Total Expenses	\$ 220.00

Net Income \$ - 200.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

OCTOBER 1987 35 YEARS AGO

The Club presented "Ole Ben" with a cake loaded with candles on his 75th birthday...and YES, the club sang Happy Birthday! The Holiday Party for 1987 was scheduled to be at Finnerty's Country Squire in Cochituate. Also, there was a big push to get members to bring items for our Annual Auction scheduled for November 3rd.

OCTOBER 1997 25 YEARS AGO

Congratulations went to Russ and Ellie Thompson for winning the "People's Choice Award" for Best of Show at the "Castle Hill Concourse" in Ipswich with their '29 Coupe. One of the questions printed in the Trivia Quiz in the October Oil Leak was..."What member showed off his propane powered "A" Pick up Truck in April of 1980?"

OCTOBER 2007 15 YEARS AGO

The 2007 New England Meet came to an end and it was a huge success! A full report would come in the following month's Oil Leak. Thanks went to all who contributed. MAFCA dues increased to \$40.00.

----- ARTI-FACT -----

See page 5

National Organizations: (If you are not a member of these great organizations please 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 \$50/year



Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)

and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr.

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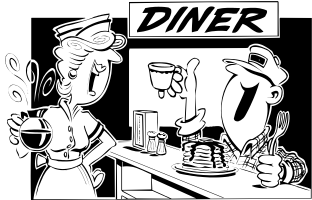
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Weekly Breakfast Group ➔



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is back and growing. We meet every Wednesday around 8 AM. Why not join us there is always room for you. ➔



2023 MEMBERSHIP Application Form



PLEASE complete the form and mail your check for \$20 made out to Minuteman MAFC to PO Box 545, Sudbury, MA 01776

Membership: Renew - No Changes _____, Renew - Changes _____, New _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

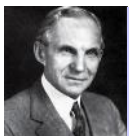
Spouse/Significant Other Name _____ Model A : _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

email _____ Telephone _____ - _____ - _____

How would you like to receive your Newsletter: Electronically or US Mail (circle one)



"Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement"
Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club September 6, 2022

Location: Memorial Congregational Church, Sudbury, MA.

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by President Doug Farrell, with 32 members in attendance. Doug then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Reports:

- Doug requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Doug then requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported "No new members this month".

National News:

- Doug Linden – MAFCA members should have received in the mail your membership renewal form and ballots for next year's officers, there are 6 candidates for 5 positions, be sure to cast your vote.
- The New England meet is 9/16 to 9/18, MARCOM reports they should have over 150 registrations by the time the meet begins. The Grand Tour ends at the Collings Foundation, all three museums will be open and available to visit. In addition to the Model A tour, there will also be a WWI airplane fly-in taking place on the grounds.

Refreshments:

- Doug thanked Nan Linden and Anna Gadbois for providing the refreshments this evening.
- Next month the volunteers are Harold Legge, Barbara McElhiney and Isabella Noyes Lequia.

Touring:

- Stephen Anthony's 9/13 @ 7:00 PM
- New England meet 9/16 - 9/18 Mansfield, Ma.
- Picnic Tour and Drive 9/24 – details to follow via email blast.

Upcoming Car Shows:

- 9/11 - Tyrod's 48th Annual Car Show at the Lancaster Fairgrounds on Route 117
- 9/10 - Kitty/Fenwall in Ashland
- 9/25 - Motorheads Car Show in Waltham at the Gore Estate. Admission \$20. Opens at 7:00AM

New Business:

- Doug Linden discussed the upcoming election of officer's. Candidates are needed to fill the President and Vice President positions.
- Doug Linden also mentioned that in 2025 it will be the Minuteman's turn to host the New England Meet, ideas, organizers and volunteers will be needed.
- Conrad's has been reserved for the Holiday Party, date is December 4th, don't forget your Toys for Tots, unwrapped presents.
- Wayside Inn Dinner, looks like there is enough interest, Doug is working on the final arrangements, the projected date is Thursday 10/20. See Oil Leak for sign-up form.

Old Business:

- Hats and License Plate Toppers for sale.

Programs:

- Today's program will be a short video of Doug Clayton's garage and car collection, recorded and hosted by Paul Shinn.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary



“Artie-Fact”

40 people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
 "Man's Best Friend" in the movies and TV never bite.

Can you identify these Friends?

DOGS

Pluto
 Petey
 Bullet
 Eddie
 Hooch
 Scooby-Doo
 Lassie
 Asta
 Toto

BREED

Bloodhound
 Pit Bull Terrier w/black eye
 Shepard
 Jack Russell Terrier
 Mastiff
 Great Dane
 Collie
 Wire Fox Terrier
 Cairn Terrier

FRIEND

Disney



(answers on page 10)



Name

Badges are

Available at Meeting



For Club Apparel see Thread-Logic
 information on page 11.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nan reports no new members this month.

If you are out & about and see a Model
 Pay the driver a visit and invite them to
 join the club.

Welcome!

MODEL A'S FOR SALE

- 1929 Fordor Sedan owned by Dick O'Brien, Dick recently purchased a 1955 Fairlane and needs room in the stable. 781-223-0259
- 1929/30 Model A Pickup. Transition year truck hence the 29/30 classification. Older restoration. Truck is located in Southbridge. Best Offer. Contact Judy Olson 508-330-3970

2022 New England Meet

The 65th Annual New England meet was held September 16 - 18 in Mansfield MA. A number of Minuteman members attended and had a great time. The host for this year's event was the MARCOM club and they had planned a little something for everyone. Over 160 families registered with 130 Model A's driven to the event. Needless to say the parking lot was filled with Model A's. Friday was a busy day with a make your own cloche hat seminar for the ladies and for the guys there was a seminar on fasteners of all types. The raffle room was filled to the brim with prizes and the hospitality room was equally loaded with snacks and drinks of all kinds. Friday night ended with a great buffet dinner.

Saturday was the Grand Tour which would take 120 Model A's to the Colling's Foundation. Colling's also scheduled a World War 1 airplane fly-in which gave the spectators a couple of extra exhibits in addition to the other museums.

Saturday evening was a banquet complete with a large orchestra for dancing. Sunday was the Awards Breakfast where the car show winners were announced and the raffle and 50/50 prizes were drawn. A few of us won some raffle items and best of all the Zeoli's won the 50/50 drawing. Next year the NE Meet will be hosted by the Long Island Model A Club and held on Long Island.



At the banquet



Model A's at the Colling's Foundation



Out & About In Our Model A's

Sept 13 Dinner Tour

Due to the rainy weather we had all day, our Model A's stayed dry in the garage and everyone went modern to the restaurant. We all met at Stephen Anthony's in Marlborough for good conversation and food. Because of covid it has been a while since we have been to this restaurant and Anthony and his staff were ready for our visit. We all had a great meal with lots of Model A and family talk. A great evening for sure.



Sept 25 Car Show At Gore Place

The car show at Gore Place in Waltham was jointly hosted by the Motorheads car club and the Waltham Museum. The show was a fund raiser for the MS Society and was well attended. There were a wide variety of vehicles on the field; muscle cars, antiques (A's & T's and Metz's), Hot Rods, Lead Sleds and American and British sports cars. Minuteman members with their cars on display were the Lindens, Ron West, Mike Bizzozero, and Jack LeDuc. Lots of people stopped by and we had a good time talking about the Model A's.



The Linden's Model A with an Era dress on display and a map showing all the states our Model A travelled.



Center top: a 1913 Metz and below is a 1901 Oriant. Above is the display of the Model A's and T's.

Art Callan Honored by MAFFI

Congratulations

to our own Art Callan for being inducted into the MAFFI Hall of Fame, which recognizes individuals who have made a significant contributions to the Model A hobby.

Art was executive director for almost 20 years and during that time he was instrumental in getting the funding for the beautiful Model A Museum that we now have in Michigan. Congratulations again Art



Jim's Tech Tip

"Infrared (IR) Thermometer Guns"



These little IR thermometer guns are amazing. I use mine to check coolant temperature at the outlet of the engine, look for cool spots on radiators, check tire sidewall temperatures, and to see if all of my brake drums are at about the same temperature after a hard brake (to confirm even braking action at each wheel).

If you are going to get a reliable, consistent, and reproducible reading with these guns, you need to understand a bit about

how they work. When you aim the gun at something and press the button to read the temperature, the gun reports to you the average temperature of everything within its "Field of View."

If you want to read the temperature with a spot circle diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$ " (a very handy size), you must hold the gun 6" from the object. I have seen some guys hold the gun several feet from a radiator hose and not understand why the reading is so low; their 3" diameter spot circle includes a lot of cool air on either side of the radiator hose. Get in the habit of holding the gun up close to the object for the best readings.

Some guns have a laser pointer built in that helps you see where the temperature readings are being taken. The laser does not read the temperature, it just helps you see where the reading is from. You have to visualize the spot circle size, depending on how far the gun is from the object.

I hope this helps you get more out of your IR thermometer. If you don't have one, they are handy to have around the shop and on the road.

Until next time,

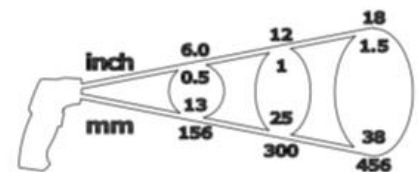
Have a Model A Day!

Jim

Field of View

The meter's field of view is 12:1, meaning that if the meter is 12 inches from the target, the diameter of the object under test must be at least 1 inch. Other distances are shown in the diagram below. Make sure that the target is larger than the unit's spot size. The smaller the target, the closer you should be to it. When accuracy is critical, make sure the target is at least twice as large as the spot size.

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MINUTEMAN ANNUAL WAYSIDE INN DINNER

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20TH

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 13, 2022

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

You can bring your check to the meeting on 10/4/22 or mail to:
Douglas Farrell - 16 Sunset Drive Burlington, MA 01803
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PRIME RIB OF BEEF	\$47.50	X	_____	=	\$ _____
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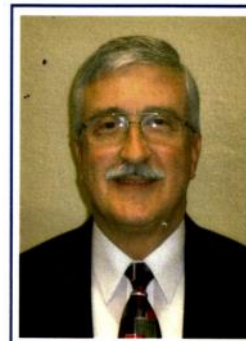
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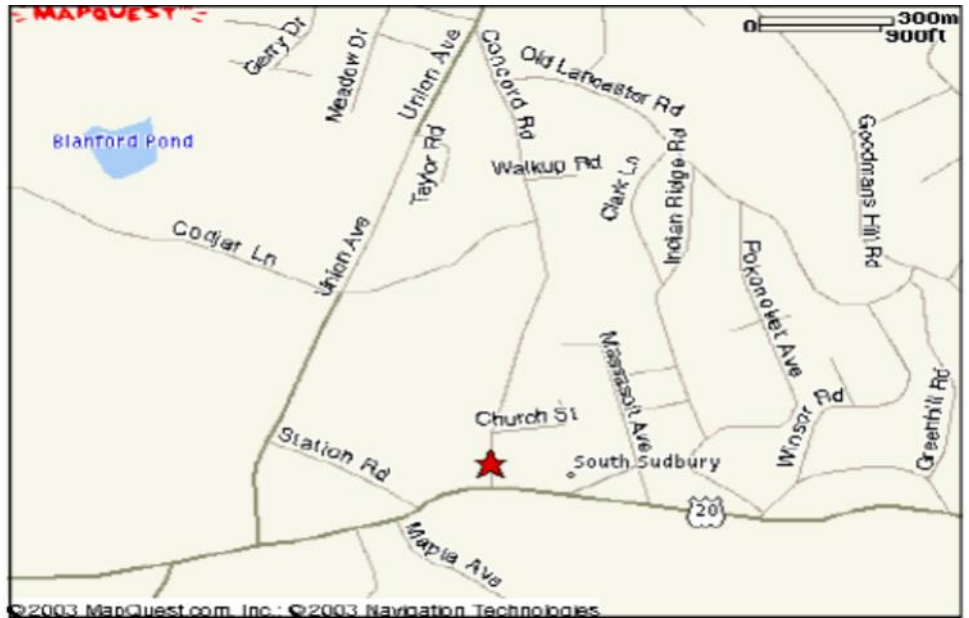
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Latest News

The club is looking for a member to step forward to fill the spot of President. All the other offices have candidates, don't let the club stop functioning, volunteer now.

Also, many of us just returned from the NE Meet in Mansfield. The Minuteman club will be hosting this event in 2025, so preliminary plans need to be started now and that means someone to chair the event. Please think of host hotels locations in the mean time.



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

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org

October 2022

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