

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

Hi All!

Hello October, smack dab in the middle of fall, the colored foliage, pumpkin patches, and good local apples, not to mention the crispy fall air, and still time to enjoy ☺ our lovely cars 🚗. I always enjoy this time, it's the best season to tour.

Time to put our gardens to bed and get ready for winter, tackle the leaves 🍁 and the rest of the yard work. Lots of fun stuff to look forward to; the Wayside inn, the holiday party, and more!

As my term as your president winds down, **Think about volunteering for club positions.** It is a firsthand look at the synergy at work in our club.

The time put in to make club run is returned back to you many times over !!

This I speak from experience as twice having the privilege of serving as your president.



TTFN

John Kerns

(ta-ta-for-now)



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Get Well card was sent this month to: Bob Mangan who had some surgery.

Also, a Sympathy Card was sent to the family of Wilma Johnson, a long time club member who passed away just a few weeks shy of her 100th birthday.

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** 10 AM Apple Picking TL Dick Krug
- Oct 2** Regular Club Meeting
- Oct 8** Movie Night at the Kerns 4 PM
- Oct 19** Wayside Inn Dinner (see page 6)
- Oct 29** Woburn Halloween Parade Noon
- Nov 5** 10 AM - Wright's Chicken Farm Tour TL Dick O'Brien
- Nov 7** Regular Club Meeting & Auction

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
August, 2023

Income:

Donation (Wayside Inn Ride) 50.00

Total Income \$ 50.00

Expense:

2025 NE Meet Hotel Dep \$500.00

Oil Leak Printing 70.00

Total Expenses \$ 570.00

Net Income \$-520.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

OCTOBER 1988 35 YEARS AGO

Plans were set for our Holiday Party - December 8th at the Weston Golf Club. The menu: NY Sirloin or Baked Scrod, your choice, each for only \$20.00. The 1988 MAFCA National Convention in Sturbridge, MA was a great success! A check from the Sturbridge Committee was presented to our Secretary, Phil Iorio, for \$5,000.00! There was a big push for our membership to bring items in for our annual Auction on November 1st.

OCTOBER 1998 25 YEARS AGO

Our 1998 "Super Tour" took place from July 18th to the 26th and travelled through all of Vermont and into the Adirondack area of New York. The membership unanimously voted to increase 1999 Dues to \$20. It was announced that Dick Stitt was a candidate for election to the Board of Directors for MAFCA this year. Doug Linden announced that the Governor had signed Bill #4785 concerning implementation of Comprehensive and Collision Insurance Coverage on all Antique cars. No details were given as to when the new rates would go into effect.

OCTOBER 2008 15 YEARS AGO

Gasoline was close to \$4.50 per gallon! MAFFI Executive Art Callan accepted the donation of an award - winning 1931 Model A Pickup from Gene Bunce for the Gilmore Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Allan Krager, Class of 1943 at the Wayside Inn Boys School in Sudbury, MA gave a talk at our October Meeting. Henry Ford ran this school in Sudbury for the education of orphaned or foster children.

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)

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**Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)
and the Model A Ford Museum \$35/yr.**

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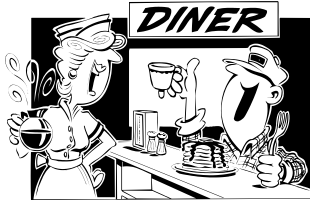
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Weekly Breakfast Group



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.



MODEL A FOR SALE



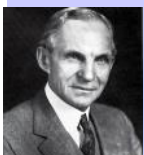
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Oct 7- 8 Stow, MA Collings Foundation WW2 Re-enactment ,Tanks and Military camps, these are always excellent events. 8 to 4:30 each day.

Oct 15 Sutton, MA Annual Fall Festival at Water's Farm. Car Show, Tractor pulls, lumber jack, Farm tours, Antique machinery. 53 Water St, 10 - 4



"Progress consists in a number of related things changing together for the better."
Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club September 4, 2023

Location: Memorial Congregational Church

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President John Kerns, with 30 members in attendance. John with the assistance of the Mangan's then led the membership in singing America the Beautiful.

Officers Reports:

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

VP Report:

- Wayside Inn Dinner, Thursday October 19th. Sign-up sheet is in Oil Leak, 6 registrations already.
- Pre-War Vehicle car show at the Gore Estate.
- Brad believes the club should seek other venues for monthly meetings due to the increasing cost of the Church Hall Rental.

There are two current locations that may work. 1) The Elks Club in Maynard.

2) A Church in Weston.

The clubs current contract is paid thru December 2023.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported one new member this month: James Rousseau of Framingham Ma. James has a 1928 Pick-up, a 1929 Coupe and a 1930 Coupe.

National News:

- Doug Linden – MAFCA members should have received in the mail your membership renewal form and ballots for next year's officers, you may notice there is only one candidate from the East Coast, be sure to cast your vote.
- The New England meet is 9/8 to 9/10 in Long Island, NY. The most recent report indicates there are about 125 registrations.

Refreshments:

- John thanked Nan Linden, Anna Gadbois and Leny for providing the refreshments this evening.
- Next month the volunteers are Harold Legge and Don Ross.

Touring:

- 9/8 to 9/10 New England meet Long Island
- 9/14 7:00 PM, Trombetta's Ice Cream – TL Wayne C.

- 9/16 2:00 PM, Artisans @ Hudson - OYO
- 9/24 8:00 AM, Motorheads Car Show in Waltham at the Gore Estate. Admission \$20. - OYO
- 9/30 10:00 AM, Apple Picking – TL Dick Krug.

New Business:

- Doug Linden mentioned that it was time to assemble a Nominating Committee to identify candidates for the upcoming election of officer's. Harold Samuels, Doug Linden and Dawn Levesque have volunteered to make up this committee.
- Conrad's (now Sudbury Point Grill) has been reserved for the Holiday Party, date is December 10th, don't forget your Toys for Tots, unwrapped presents.
- Wayside Inn Dinner is 10/19. See Oil Leak (page 6) for sign-up form.
- Dennis Porter brought in a Wall Memo Board he made which had a Minuteman Logo engraved across the top. It was a very nice item and the bidding started immediately with Jo Johnson securing the winning bid. Congrats Jo !

Old Business:

- Hats and License Plate Toppers for sale.

Programs:

- Todays program will be a short video of the expansion plans for the Model A Museum at Gilmore.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Gadbois

Secretary



Waltham Inventor F.W. Davis

Had it not been for a certain chap named Francis W Davis, those of us who drive might have had arms as large as the Hulk's by now. That we don't is thanks to the mechanical engineer who invented power steering all those years ago. Cars had been steadily getting bigger and heavier and turning the wheel required a considerable amount of effort. Enter F. W. Davis and

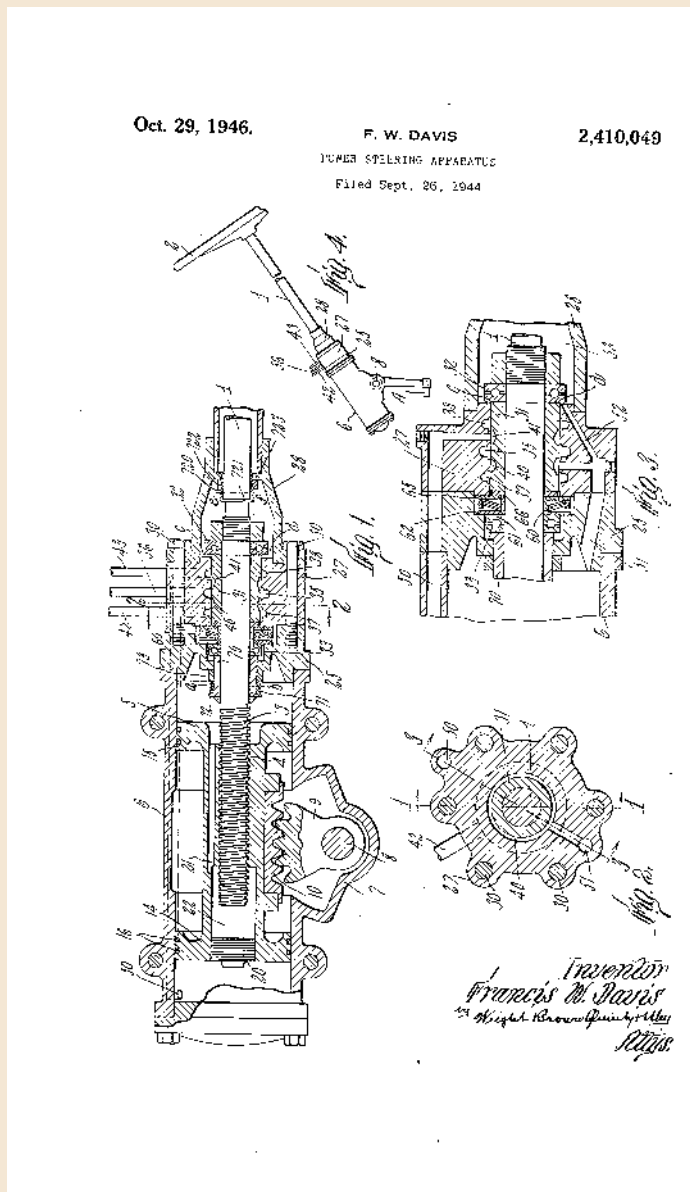
his hydraulically powered unit, developed almost a century ago.

Francis W. Davis, an engineer of the truck division of Pierce-Arrow, began exploring how steering could be made easier. "The idea of power steering gnawed at me when I was working on those heavy-duty trucks at Pierce-Arrow," he once said. "They were getting larger and more cumbersome and harder to steer. So were passenger vehicles. I knew some mechanical steering aid would have to be developed."

He left Pierce Arrow after five years and moved to Waltham, Mass., to start his own shop with George Jessup. The problem was that the existing pressurized hydraulic systems needed large storage tanks of pressurized oil. After much work miniaturizing the pressurized systems, he was able to demonstrate the first practical power steering system in 1926 by driving his Pierce Arrow from New York to Los Angeles in 12 days. The war slowed things but Davis worked with both GM and Chrysler over the years and the Chrysler Imperial was the 1st company to produce cars that had the

power steering and they called it Hydraguide.

Hats off the Waltham Museum for making us aware of the inventor of this feature that is universal in cars today.



MINUTEMAN ANNUAL WAYSIDE INN DINNER

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2023

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 9, 2023

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

You can bring your check to the meeting on 10/3/23 or mail to:

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

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Recent Club Events

Sept 14 Trombetta's Ice Cream:

Wayne & Sue Champagne led an enthusiastic group of 8 Model A's (and one Chevy) to enjoy the last Ice Cream tour of the season. Wow, it is hard to believe that touring time in the Model A is winding down. Soon it will be time for a hot chocolate and donut tour. None-the-less all those who attended enjoyed the delicious ice cream that Trombetta's is known for and to confirm the season is ending, headlights were needed for the trip home.



Sept 17 Car Display at Artisan Retirement Community:

Artisan is a new facility in Hudson that spans Independent and assisted living and also provides for memory care. The managers contacted the club about putting on a display for the residents. Our event was scheduled for Saturday which marked the end of National Assisted Living Week, but we had to reschedule our visit to Sunday because of hurricane Lee, but that didn't effect the success of our visit. We had 8 Model A's on display for the residents who really enjoyed them. These cars always trigger lots of conversation. Artisan also added an Ice Cream Truck to the event which was also a hit.



“Artie - Fact”

by “A”nonymous

“My car is so old it doesn’t have a speedometer”

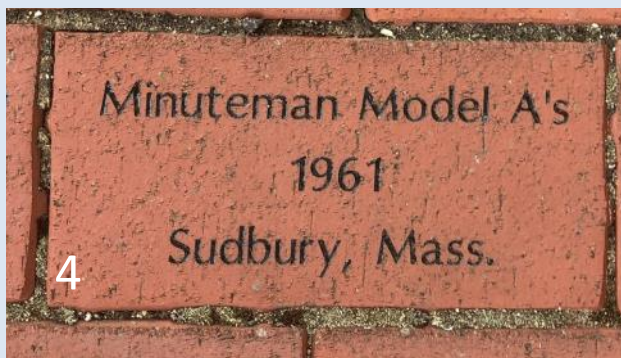
“How do you tell how fast you are going?”

“Easy. At 20 mph, the wheels rattle, at 30 mph the doors rattle. And if I go any faster then I rattle.”



National News - MAFFI Model A Days

The club was well represented at the recent Model A Days festivities at the Model A Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The following members were in attendance: Doug & Nan Linden, Len & Peg Michalak, Jack S & Jo J, Dave & Diane Libbey, and Bruce & Trish Marshall who did drive there in their Model A to Michigan. Also attending were good friends and former members Mark & Heather Smith from NH. The events at the Museum included an excellent two day Model A parts swap meet, seminars covering fashions and technical topics, there was even a session to teach the starting, operation and driving of the Model A complete with a driving certificate. Of course you also have the amazing Model A museum, which provides rides in Model A around the museum grounds.. Plus you have all the other museum building in the Gilmore complex to admire. It is really a great event to attend and members of MAFFI get free admission.



1) The front of the museum, which is designed to resemble a Ford dealership of the time, had a steady stream of Model A's. 2) Jack is riding in the 1930 Model A School Bus. 3) The Flea Market turned up this rare KR Wilson fuel level gauge. It accurately allows setting float valve for proper gas level in the carb. 4) One of the big Museum fund raisers is the sale of walkway bricks. I found our club's brick. Many of our members have purchased these bricks over the years as well and it is always a challenge to find them all.

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Dick Stitt returns for a visit.

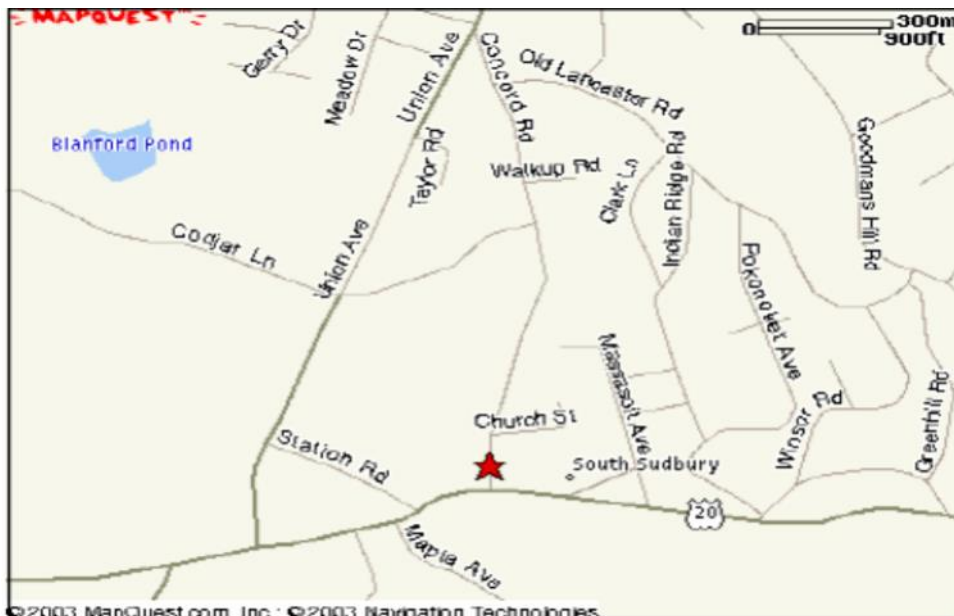
Long time member Dick Stitt returned to visit family and friends in the Sudbury area recently. It was especially nice that he could join us at the September meeting and at Wednesday breakfast. Dick was here for a week and as you can see he was traveling in style in Rick Gadbois' beautiful 1955 Chevy convertible. Dick is now back home in Cincinnati.



Latest News

Please notice the announcement of the Wayside Inn Dinner (p. 6) and sign up early as space is limited.

The club **NEEDS** members to step up to be officers for 2024. Please volunteer to help the club grow.



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

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