



### Presidents Message From The Driver's Seat



Once again I would like to thank those members who arrived early enough to setup the tables and chairs for our August Meeting. **Nicky** and I arrived at about 6:45 and everything was set up for the meeting including the coffee. To **Ed** & **Joyce Croci**, **Len & Peg Michalak** and any additional members (those already kicking tires) if you also helped setup, thank you.

We began our meeting by paying our respects to the memory of our newly deceased member, **John Roberson**. **John's** "raffle" table was in its usual spot with a flower arrangement and his chair. Members **Bob & Cindy Mangan** played and led us in singing "Amazing Grace". The **Mangan's** came to me a last week with this idea of singing this hymn before our usual "God Bless America". In addition, member **Nan Linden** approached me prior to our meeting with the idea of having a 50/50 Raffle with the proceeds going to **John's** favorite charity, the MSPCA. Another great idea! **Rick Gadbois** won the raffle and immediately proceeded to return his half of the 50/50 to add to the club donation. Thank you, **Rick**. We collected approx \$150 which will be sent to **John's** wife **Trish**. After the break, **Wayne Champagne** presented a slide show with terrific music of the national meet in Kentucky. Thank you, **Wayne...**.everyone loved your presentation.

**Tom Zappala** updated us on the tours for the month of September. Two very important dates are Sunday Sept 8, 2013 & the week-end of September 27.

September 8 is our 50th Anniversary Party at the Collings Museum in Stow, Ma. We will have several guest among which will be the very first President of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club. In addition to the dinner we will have the opportunity if weather permits to have a photo taken by **Wayne Champagne** of each of our Model A's park next to an antique airplane. In addition, we will be able to tour the Collings Auto and Airplane Museums. This will be a wonderful birthday celebration for the club.

On the week-end of September 27th the Model A New England Meeting will take place in Massachusetts at Hyannis on the Cape. I'm hopeful a member will come forward to lead a group from the Grange on Thursday or Friday using the back roads to the Cape. **Nan Linden**, Thank you **Nan Linden**, **Peg Michalak** and **Joyce Croci** for volunteering to bring the refreshments to our September 3rd meeting.

Sincerely,

Vin

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1963 - 2013



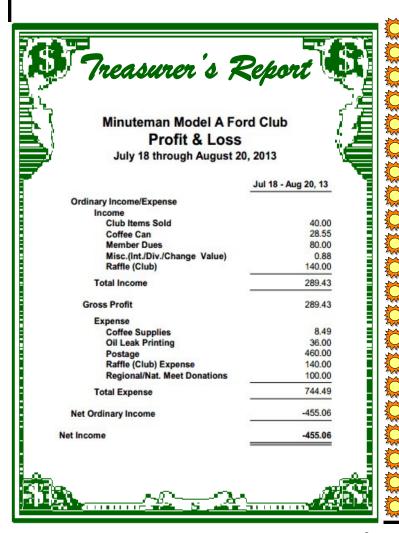
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# Sunshine Report By Sally Legge

A sympathy card was sent to **Trish Roberson** who recently lost her husband **John**, a friend to all and valued member of our club. His presence will be missed by all.

A card was sent to **Jim True** who is recovering from a recent automobile accident.

A card was also sent to **Joe Sarivole** who is at home recovering from recent surgery.

If you know of anyone needing a card, Please let me know @: leggesally@yahoo.com or 508 655-1977

# Secretary's Report





### 8/13/13 Monthly Club Meeting

This meeting was a reschedule of our usual 1st Tuesday meeting night due to the untimely death of member **John Roberson** and the fact that his wake was on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. As a tribute to our friend **John Roberson** we began with the playing and singing of "Amazing Grace" by the **Mangans**. We then opened the meeting with the playing and singing of God Bless America.

#### Vin DelMastro:

- Announced that the club BOD had voted to approve the expenditure of \$250 to be sent to MAF-FI for the ongoing expenses of the new Model A Ford Museum. This was presented to the membership for approval. A motion was m/s/p for this amount with the understanding that the club would re-evaluate our contribution each year.
- · Vin discussed the "how to" of getting on Yahoo groups so that members can get any email blasts that are sent.
- · Vin thanked Sally Legge, Jude Zeoli, and Martha Kerns for the night's refreshments
- · Visitors were recognized including former member **Dennis Porter**, and a new visitor by the name of **Dana** (did not get his last name).

**John Kerns,** VP, noted the literature available on the head table.

A motion was m/s/p to accept the Treasurer's Report and the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak

Department/Committee Reports:

Membership.	Jo Johnson	reported that a	new membersh	ip roster in boo	klet form	would
be available for distr	ribution to members	s at the $50 \mathrm{th}$ An	niversary Party	on September	8th	

Touring......Tom Zappala discussed many upcoming events.

Programs.......Mike Doyle announced that the program for this evening would be a slide show of the recent Kentucky Meet. Photos were provided to Wayne Champagne by the participants that included Wayne and Sue, Doug, Nan, and Jordan, Andy Adams, and Mike and Grace Doyle. This group drove their Model A's to the meet. Wayne put together an excellent presentation that was enjoyed after our refreshments time.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Batstone Secretary

# One Great Guy! Who will be missed!







John A. "Uncle John" Roberson, 60 of Methuen, MA passed away after a short illness on Thursday August 1, 2013 at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, with his family by his side. Born in Boston and educated in Lynn, he was the son of the late John W. Roberson and Anne L. (Bonnaccorso) Roberson of Peabody. John was a product manager with Unicom Engineering in Canton. Besides his mother, John is survived by his wife of 21 years, Patricia A. (Kelley) Roberson of Methuen. Three sisters, Robin Lally and her husband Paul of Connecticut, Nancy Alfonso and her husband Frank of Medford and Johanna Carregal and her husband Joseph of North Reading. One brother, Bill Roberson and his wife Sherry of Lynn. John also leaves his mother-in-law Lillian Kelley of Methuen. Many loved nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Arrangements: In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the MSPCA 400 Broadway Methuen, MA 01844. Visiting hours for family and friends will (were) be Tuesday from 4:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence Street ME-THUEN, MA 01844. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at 11:00a.m. at St. Lucy's Church also in Methuen, MA. A private burial will take place at a later date at the families convenience. For directions or condolences please visit <a href="https://www.pollardfuneralhome.com">www.pollardfuneralhome.com</a>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	Monthly Club Meeting 18:30	Breakfast Club Mtg. 08:00	5	6	7
Minuteman Model A Ford Club 50th Anniversary Party 13:00	ISO Auto Show 06:30	10 L"A"dees Monthly Luncheon Noon	Breakfast Club Mtg. 08:00 Irombetta Farm I.C. Tour 18:30	12	13	Windham Junction Tour 10:00
15	16	17	Breakfast Club Mtg. 08:00	19	20	21
22	23	24	Breakfast Club Mtg. 08:00	26	New England Meet	New England Meet International Model A Ford Day
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### October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Monthly Club Meeting 18:30	2 Breakfast Club Mtg. 08:00	3	4	Apple Picking Tour 11:00
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Fall Tour to the Berkshires TBD	21	22	23 Breakfast Club Mtg. 08:00	24 Wayside Inn Dinner 18:30	25	26
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# Visite guidate da Jhomas Pre-tour and post-tour information will be provided in the

Pre-tour and post-tour information will be provided in the *Oil Leak*, as it is received. All members are encouraged to contact the leader of the event, if you have any questions about a tour. Also, you may contact **Tom Zappala** at 781-424-3364 or <a href="mailto:t.zappala@comcast.net">t.zappala@comcast.net</a> or <a href="mailto:Vin Del Mastro">Vin Del Mastro</a> at 617-244-8417 or <a href="mailto:nicky.delmastro@verizon.net">nicky.delmastro@verizon.net</a> for a tour leader contact information.



DATE	DAY	TIME		TOUR LEADER	TOUR DESTINATION
8/3/2013	SAT	10:00 AM		Doug Linden	Saugus Iron Works Tour
8/7/2013	WED	7:00 PM	*	John Kerns	Wayside Inn Ice Cream Tour
8/9/2013	FRI-SUN	ON OWN		On Your Own	Stowe, VT, Auto Show
8/15/2013	THU	6:30 PM		Grace Doyle	Ye Olde Cottage Diner Tour
8/18/2013	SUN	ON OWN		On Your Own	Collings Race of the Century
8/20/2013	TUE	6:30 PM		Dick Stitt	Dairy Joy Food & I.C. Tour
8/24/2013	SAT	10:30 AM		Thomas Zappala	Great Brook Farm Picnic Tour
8/28/2013	WED	6:30PM		Grace Doyle	Kennedy's Rest. Dinner Tour
9/8/2013	SUN	1:00 PM	*	Thomas Zappala	50th Anniversary Party
9/11/2013	WED	6:30 PM		Rick Gadbois	Trombetta Farm I.C. Tour
9/14/2013	SAT	10:00 AM		Sally Legge	Windham Junction Tour
9/27/2013	FRI-SUN	ON OWN		On Your Own	New England Meet
10/5/2013	SAT	11:00 AM		Craig Martin	Apple Picking Tour
10/8/2013	MON	6:30 PM	*	Andy Adams	Villa Restaurant Dinner Tour
10/18/2013	FRI–SUN	TBD		Thomas Zappala	Fall Tour to the Berkshires
10/24/2013	THU	6:30 PM	*	John Kerns	Wayside Inn Dinner
10/27/2013	SUN	TBD	*	Barbara McElhiney	Woburn Halloween Parade
11/3/2013	SUN	10:00 AM		Dick O'Brien	Wright's Chicken Farm Tour
11/9/2013	SAT	10:00 AM		Craig Martin	Frostbite Tour
11/12/2013	TUE	6:30 PM		Thomas Zappala	Water Lily Dinner Tour

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**DUE DATE: AUGUST 23, 2013** 

Checks Payable to:	Minuteman Model A Ford Club			
Checks sent to:	Thomas Zappala, 379 Charles River Street, Needham, MA 0249			
We plan to Attend:				
Our Guests:	Lobster Steak			
	Lobster Steak			
Children:				



<sup>\*</sup> Member rate applies to two members per membership & includes \$15 entrance fee per person



# **Minuteman Outings**

### Codman Estate Auto Show

**July 21, 2013** 

Half a dozen Model A's were there. bunch of T's
Bruce Marshall and Mike Doyle in the pic - Codman House behind

Andy



#### Welly's Dinner Tour

#### **July 25, 2013**

A rainy evening couldn't dampen our planned dinner tour to Welly's in Marlboro but it did dampen the tour. Our diners all arrived in their own in their "moderns". 29 Minutemen enjoyed a good meal and by the level of noise a lot of good conversation. Good way to spend a rainy night. **Harold and Sally Legge**, TL



### Ye Olde Cottage Diner Tour August 15, 2013

Barbara Tallone and Rick Gadbois coming and going? Photos by Jo



### Saugus iron Works Tour August 3, 2013



# **Minutemen At Outings**

# Roaring 20s Lawn Party at Castle Hill on the Crane Estate June 21, 2013

At the invite of Jason Volk, Minuteman members joined the gala event in Ipswich MA. It was a Gatsby style lawn party picnic party. A family fun event, with dancing, live music, food, drinks, games for the kids, and plenty of room to have a picnic. 20's attire was optional. Early arrivals had prime parking between the beautiful tress on the Crane Estate. The Minutemen at-Steve & Donna tending were Smith, Dick & Linda Batstone, Bob & Nancy Stallard (they are new members)













Photos provided by **Steve** 

### Antique & Classic Car Show at Smolak Farm in North Andover August 11, 2013

The weather was perfect for the Smolak Farm's 2nd Annual Car Show. **Steve and Donna Smith, Chris Mosby, Pat Martone** and **Tony Zeoli** represented our Minuteman club at this grand very well organized event. Chris' mother, wife and children joined the group in the afternoon. Over 300 antique and classic cars were in attendance for the free entry, ice cream, hot dog, pop corn, potted plant, hay ride, ,just to name a few of the gracious perks. There was live and taped Doo Wop music, plenty of shady seating, door prizes every half hour and trophies for many categories of car entries. A great future scheduled Minuteman tour event.

























### Bob Teling the story!

### A Model A Story by Bob Mangan

On July 6, '13, we had a reunion at my home of a band we had in high school in the late 60's. There was a set of brothers, **Ken** and **Jeff Knapp**, whom I hadn't seen in over 40 years. They both attended. I was informed a day or two before that one of

them, **Jeff Knapp**, was not doing well and may not attend, but he did. Other than the fact that he didn't eat much, he seemed in pretty good shape. He socialized and really seemed to enjoy the day. Before things broke up, I took him and a couple others for a ride to the Wayside Inn and back in my 1930 Fodor. When we got back, he asked if he could sit in the drivers seat and have his picture taken, which I was glad to do. It shows the whole car with him in the drivers seat. (The photo I brought to breakfast shows me driving and him in the passenger's side.)



Last week, I got a call saying that **Jeff** had passed away with the cancer he was battling. As sad as it was to hear that, I took a small amount of comfort when I developed the photos of him smiling and enjoying the Model A. I was about to send him the pics when I got the call that he had just passed. My "A" brought a little joy to him at the end of his life. I guess it's OK to feel good about that.

### Monthly L"A"dees Luncheon

Our next L"A" dees Luncheon is at Bertucci' in Wayland Town Center on Route 20: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at Noon.



Please let Robyn know, if you are attending, in order to give the restaurant a heads up.

#### Robyn

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### The Real Miss America

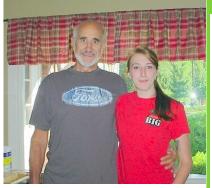




As you must know by now, this editor has a fetish for beauty queens. Meet the real Miss America. Vanessa Dubos is a gunner on a USAF gunship. She has seen action in Iraq and Afghanistan. She likes long walks on the beach, men who aren't afraid to cry and puppies.

# Breakfast Club Waitress Michelle

Meet Michelle (the one on the right) a seasoned waitress new to the Breakfast Club. She provides the grand and consistent Big Apple Deli service to a motley group.



### Wednesday Breakfast Club

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## **ART'S PARTS**

### SEPTEMBER 1978 35 YEARS

Tour to the Higgins Armory was changed midway and ended at Arnold Goff's "Rat and Monkey Farm".



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Tech talk by Al Baker started with a poem:

My auto 'tis of thee short cut to poverty, Of thee I chant. I blew a pile of dough on you three years ago, now you refuse to go, or won't, or can't



### SEPTEMBER 1988 25 YEARS

Scott Studivan plans the club rally.

National at Sturbridge successful financially, ending all worries. MAFCA loan repaid and proceeds shared with Little Rhody and Conn. clubs.



### SEPTEMBER 1998 15 YEARS

"Stimulating debate"---dues raised to \$20-.

Harold Legge and Jo & Jack host summer meetings.

Dick O'Brien sent a "get well card".

Blueberry picking at the Clarks.



Why do we sing Take Me Out To The Ballgame when we are already there?



Why do they call them stands when they are for sitting?



If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?





**Art Callan** 



#### **MODEL A DAY AT GILMORE**

The event will be held on Saturday, September 21st at the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan from 10-5.

A registration form is available on line at Maffi.org or from **Art Callan.** Party includes hotel reservations, raffles, seminars and Sat evening dinner. All museum buildings are open on Saturday and Sunday.

MAFFI members enjoy free admission.

#### **MINUTEMAN MEMORIALS**

Elizabeth Batstone Frank Buckley Gene Ervin Matt Doyle Nancy Graham Judie Hazelwood Theresa Mangan Esther Robbins John Roberson

Each name has been added to the Model A Ford Foundation Memorial Book.



Our special thanks to the Minuteman vote of a \$250.00 donation to the Museum Fund.

Art Callan







Andy Adams visited A&L Specialty Parts in Canton CT He noted they have a brake switch that is far superior to others. You can even oil the bushings on both sides of the box. The attachment bolts are the replicas. Hopefully, there will be catalogs at the next Minuteman meeting.

## **How to Time the Model A Ford 4 2012**



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Thanks, Pat Martone

## Pikes Peak Model A Club: Radiator Flush



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Thanks, Pat Martone

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### **MODEL A'S AT THE MUSEUM SEPTEMBER 20-21 2013**

We have been able to extend the discount room rate at the Sheridan in Kalamazoo. This is until August 30 2013 then they will release the rooms and the rate goes up. Please get your reservations in soon. Registration form is available on the MAFFI.org website.

Sincerely,

John LaVoy Vice President Model A Ford Foundation Inc.

### MAFFI NEWS







# Tony's Transmissions



## Minuteman Model "A" Ford Club



Interested in joining Tony Zeoli to participate in the ISO New England Auto Show in Holyoke, MA on Monday, September 9, 2013? Simply, let him know by September 4, 2013, for the required prearrival registration requirement.



What year was this woman Miss America?



Be the first to answer correctly and win a nut.



Club member Bob Mangan is an numismatist,. At the July 31, 2013, in celebration of our 50th anniversary, Bob presented Club Breakfast gathering, with an appropriate penny for the year of the Model A they owned. Did someone get 25 cents





### NC to NH & VT

September 8-13 2013. The Tar Wheel A's of Raleigh, North Carolina are coming to NH and VT for a Covered Bridge Tour. Wouldn't it be grand if some Minuteman members could join them. For more information contact: Chet Butcher, 600 Occoneechee Dr.,, Fuguay Varina, NC 27526, nhbridgetour2013Q@tarwheela.com



### A New Model A Chit Chat!

Pat Martone thought we might find this interesting.

He was chatting with a 102 year old neighbor on August 16th and he was telling Pat that he bought his 1929 Model A sedan brand new in 1929 and he recalls paying around \$800.

What surprised me was he routinely drove it between MA and NH, to get liquor during the prohibition, and he said his car loved going 50-55 mph, and the engine ran smooth and the car cruised beautifully at that

It was a nice treat to talk to someone who actually bought and drove a brand new Model A.

### "A" Woodie **Snowmobile**

The good thing is:

Termites go deep into the ground in winter!-- $\mathbf{JJ}$ 





Be the first member or non-member to identify this famous woman pictured in the 1930's for bragging rights and Oil Leak acknowledgement next issue.

# Class "A" Ads

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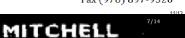
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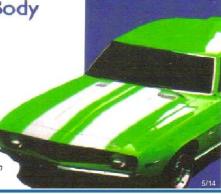
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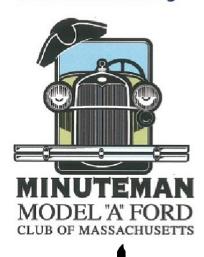
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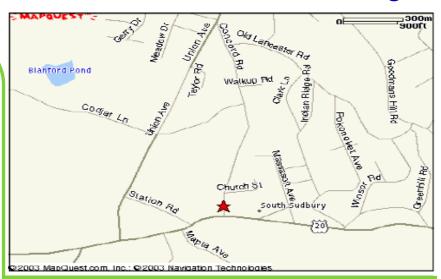
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### **REMINDER**

The Next
Minuteman Club
Meeting,
September 3, 2013
is at the Memorial
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Monthly meetings are held on most first Tuesdays of the month at the Memorial Congregational Church at 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury, MA 01776.

Tire kicking at 7:00 PM Club Meeting begins at 7:30 P.M.