

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*

Dear Club Members;

Back to School time. Be careful driving out there .

I received my July-August Model A news magazine. Look at page 12 and you will see Doug and Nan Linden have been MARC members for forty five years . What a couple of real troopers !

Marilyn and I have signed up for there NE Meet at Lake George. It's a beautiful area. Fort Ticonderoga is an hour away via scenic New York 9N. Lake Placid Olympic sports center has bobsled rides which are probably smoother than the Model A. Nan Linden found alternative housing which I am told is far superior to the host hotel complex for the meet. Hope you can attend too.



Tom and Lisa Zappala brought a family visiting from France on the Weston Diary Joy tour. The mother of the kids had been a nannie for the Zappala children. What amazed me was that two visiting young teenager girls who were quite thin got Mega Buckets of ice cream and finished them both before I had finished my kiddie cup.

September has some of the best weather that New England has to offer. Cool, crisp, cloudless, changing foliage . I hope you get out and enjoy it all.

Looking ahead, the October Freeport, Maine tour is going to be great. Dick O'Brien and Jo Johnson are planning activities including a cookout at the new Johnson/Stokinger house in Harpswell. Of course, there will lots of time to visit LL Bean and their competitors in Freeport.

**LABOR DAY**



Happy Motoring

*Andy Adams*



# Sunshine

Grace Doyle  
(Gdoyle95@aol.com)

Nothing to report for this month. It's good to know we have a healthy bunch...

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

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Sudbury Grange unless noted)

- Aug 29:** 6:30 PM W. Concord Ice Cream  
**Sep 4:** Regular Club Meeting  
**Sep 5:** 6:00 PM Carbone's Rest Hopkinton TL Bob Mangan  
**Sep 8:** 12:30 PM Sunshine Dairy Ice Cream TL Andy Adams  
**Sep 16:** 10:00 AM Skybox 109 (Hampton Inn) TL Dick O'Brien  
**Sep 20-23** NEW ENGLAND MEET Lake George, NY  
**Sep 29:** 11:00 AM Apple Picking TL Craig Martin  
**Oct 2:** Regular Club Meeting

TL= Tour Leader \* On your own, go directly to location.

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
July 2018

### Income:

Member Dues	60.00
Parades	<u>500.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 560.00

### Expense:

Oil Leak Printing	<u>40.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 40.00

Net Income \$ 520.00

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

### SEPT 1983 35 YEARS AGO

Pres Dick Batstone gavels order at the Grange. On display Victor Page's handbook for Model A construction, operation & repair (Page's Garage). Foliage Tour leaves from Friendly's.

### SEPT 1993 25 YEARS AGO

"Fall Is Falling" but plans for Xmas Party, Kennebunk Weekender & Wrights Chicken Farm. After coffee, a video of the Burma Shave road signs.

### SEPT 2003 15 YEARS AGO

Fall meetings are back at the Grange Hall. New members, Craig & Karen Martin. Tours-Apple Picking & Steam Train Rides

### ARTIE-FACTS

*We should put Seniors in Jail and Criminals in Nursing Homes.*

*Senior Benefits-free prescriptions, dental and medical care, video monitoring in case they fall, guards bring meals and snacks to their cell, have access to library, weight room, chapel and pool.*

*Criminal Benefits-cold food, lights off at 8 PM and pay \$5.00 per month with no hope of getting out.*



**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 (modelarestorers.org)  
Membership Dues \$45/year



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

## Secretary's Report

### Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club Aug 7, 2018

Location: Harold & Sally Legge's South Natick, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Andy Adams. In attendance were 54 members with 15 Model A's parked in a perfect line on Harold's front lawn. Andy opened by thanking Harold and Sally for hosting tonight's meeting and thanking all who brought refreshments and home baked goodies.

Andy then announced that our 'summer series' of off-site meetings were now over and next month's meeting would be back at the Congregational Church in Sudbury.

#### Officers Reports:

- Andy requested a motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.

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- Doug Linden - Oil leak - please send articles to Doug, include pictures if available. Always looking for input.

#### Membership:

- Nan Linden reported no new members this month.

#### Touring:

- Tour director Don Ross absent tonight, Dick O'Brien reviewed upcoming tours on schedule.

\* 8/8 – CJ's Food and Ice Cream – Ed Wlodyka leader.

\* 8/14 – Dairy Joy - Food and Ice Cream – Don Ross leader.

\* 8/17 – Ericksons Ice Cream.

\* 8/19 – Lars Anderson Museum of Transportation featuring Ford, Lincoln and Mercury Day - Dick O'Brien leader.

\* 8/29 – Reasons to be Cheerful Ice Cream in West Concord – Dick O'Brien leader.

\*Update on October Freeport Me weekend tour provided by Jo Johnson.

- Tour dates Friday 10/19 to 10/21.

- Depart grange 10/19 at 8:30 AM.

- Lunch stop in Portland

- Block of 15 rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn \$159/night.

- Saturday cook-out at Jack & Jo's.

- Sight-seeing.

**New Business:** Don't forget to Vote for Dave Libbey 2018 MAFCA Board.

**Programs:** No program this month.

#### Running Board Commentary:



The line up of Model A on the Legge's front lawn.

- Harold Samuels provided an update on why he was having intermittent issues with his CB radio. Evidently, his antenna cable was hanging down and contacting the muffler. Harold recommends running the cable on the other

side of the car.

Doug commented "that's why your voice sounded muffled" ;-)

- A discussion started surrounding the new Mass State Inspection procedures. Based on member comments it seems there is a large variance in process requirements between garages.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

**Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois**



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### **Member Information**

Nan reports one new member this month.

Ed & Mira Hunt

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(Ed owns 4 Model A's)

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WELCOME



Correction:

Brad Johnson's

Tel # should be

978-263-5153

oops!



A Memorial  
Donation was  
made in Au-  
gust in the

amount of \$25 to MAFFI in memory of Barbara  
Ward, Lisa Zappala's mom.

*Editors Note: At the last board meeting it was mentioned that newer members don't know about the memorial donations that are made for the passing of member, parent or child. These donations come from the club's Endowment Fund, not the general operating fund. The board also thought it any time a donation is made a notice should be made in the Oil Leak.*

*Most of the time the club knows of a member or family member's passing, there are times when we do not hear this news, so please feel free to contact any board member if a donation needs to be made.*



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Cookout Saturday at 1 pm

Tour from Freeport to Jack and Jo's home in  
Harpwell



August was a busy month with a number of tours scheduled. Our tour leaders have worked hard to schedule events, but one thing we can't control is the weather and unfortunately mother nature rained on a few of our events. We also have had some nasty hot and humid weather that also kept some attendance down. In spite of these deterrents the tour we had were fun. Here are some recaps:

# TOUR REPORT



The rain man really has been active and a few of our tours were "wash-outs." Here is a list of the recent tours that have been rained out. The list consists of the Lester BBQ dinner (Burlington), the Benchmark Assisted Living display (Woburn), lunch at the Starting Line Brew Pub (Hopkinton) and Erickson's Ice Cream (Maynard). These would have been great tours, but mother nature rained on our parade.

## **Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Tour - Don Ross**

On July 28th seven Model A's took a 1 1/2 hour drive along Rt 62 to mount Wachusett. Along the way we met the Batstone's in Berlin MA. Arriving we visited the welcome center for a pit stop and a group picture. All seven cars successfully drove to the summit. It was a pretty clear day so we were treated to a five state panorama. After our descent we lunched at the Wachusett Brewing Factory. The food, beer and conversation was terrific. The bathroom was interesting. Wow, how to use the old barrels.

Present on the tour were Harold, Tony, Doc and Diane, Rich and Linda, Lisa and Mark, Andy and Marilyn and Don and Sue.



**The Model A's at the top of Mt Wachusett. Great view from the 2000' peak.**

## **July 31 Ice Cream - Dick O'Brien**

The plan was to visit Tangerini Farm for OB's favorite food group. However all the road in Millis were be resurfaced so a quick adjustment was made and we scooted over to C & L Frosty's in Sherborn. The food was good and the Ice Cream was even better.



**The view from the rear window traveling to Mt Wachusett.**



# TOUR REPORT



## August 8 CJ's Grill - Ed Wlodyka

It was an overcast evening and the forecast was for some storms moving in later in the night. This was a factor in the turn out, only 4 members attended. The Lindens, Morris', Craig Martin and Ed. The Morris' were making the maiden voyage in their 1952 MG - TD. As you can see it is a beauty. We enjoyed the AC in the restaurant and learned the Don was happy to be on the final steps of the MG's restoration. The only thing left on the list was the top. About the time we finished eating a you guy came in with a notice that storms were coming. Well Don & Donna bolted for the topless MG and headed home. In fact we all headed home. The thunder & lightning preceded the down pour. We almost made it home in our Model A, but we just rolled up the windows of the sedan...Don & Donna weren't so lucky, they had to take cover under the Sudbury Mobil gas station's canopy for an **HOUR** to escape the rain. It was quite a storm, but we all made it home safely.



## August 14 - Dairy Joy - Don Ross

On arriving at the Grange on Tuesday August 14th, Sue and I were totally surprised to find Doug from Burlington sitting in his coupe in a drenching downpour. We hung around and Tom and a family visiting from France arrived in Tom's woody wagon. He had promised them a ride. The rain stopped sometime during the tour. When we arrived we were met by a large crowd. JJ + Shirley, Rick, Andy + Marylyn. It was great to see Mr. Doyle and his son. Mike seemed much better.



Tom with friends from France.



Hard to see, but the rain is pounding on the roof of Doug's Coupe.



## August 19 Larz Anderson All Ford Show - Dick O'Brien



The weather was perfect for the tour to Larz Anderson Museum for the All Ford show. Five Model A's were on hand to make tour over to Brookline and be part of the Fords on display. The group included Dick O'Brien, Ed Wlodyka, Craig Martin, Doug Farrell and Dawn & Mike Levesque. It was fun to see the assortment of Fords on display and getting to meet with some other Model A owners in the area.

### INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY



Saturday, Sept 22 2018

For those of you not going to the NE Meet at Lake George, don't forget to take your Model A out for a ride on Model A Day and put a smile on the faces of people you will pass while driving around.



### School is Back

Watch out for all the kiddies running around on the streets over the next few days.

### Stowe Vermont Car Show Update

This year the annual Stowe car show was different, the show has moved to Waterbury due to the sale of the field in Stowe. This new venue was received with mixed feelings. The new show field is very nice, i.e. it's big and flat. There were more vendors (good) but a little less show cars (not so good). The car parade and evening block party also moved to Waterbury. We missed watching the parade from the porch of the Green Mountain inn. Here is a link to the local paper for more info.

[https://www.stowetoday.com/waterbury\\_record/news/local\\_news/antique-car-show-makes-its-mark-in-waterbury/article\\_7c82b2ee-a15b-11e8-b3f1-5770902f8834.html](https://www.stowetoday.com/waterbury_record/news/local_news/antique-car-show-makes-its-mark-in-waterbury/article_7c82b2ee-a15b-11e8-b3f1-5770902f8834.html)



Here is what happens to a muffler when the timing of a Model A engine is 180° out. The ATOMIC backfire blew the muffler apart. Yikes!





# **MINUTEMAN**

## ***Annual Wayside Inn Dinner***

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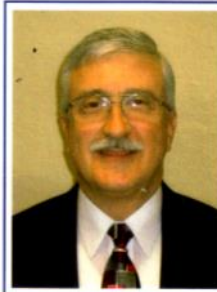
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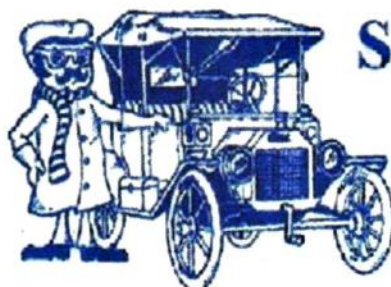
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**September 2018**

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We are back to our regular meeting place. During the summer we meet at various locations, this year we were the guests of New Horizons (June), Haartz Corp (Acton) and the Legge's home (so. Natick)

Are you planning to attend the NE Meet in Lake George. If so, don't forget to send in your registration form.

It's time to look for club officers for 2019. If you would like to help, please contact Andy at the next meeting.



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.