

The Oil Leak

September 2019

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

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The President Speaks:

It's time to meet back at the Church in Sudbury on September 3rd after our summer "away" meetings generously hosted by club members. Thank you to Dick Krug for the June meeting at the Maynard Elks Club, to JJ and Shirley Jacobson for the July meeting at their home, and to Harold and Sally Legge for the August meeting at their home.

We have had some great new additions to our tour schedule this year that have been well attended, with more events still to come. New ideas are always welcome and add to the enjoyment of all. Let's keep that in mind as we think about future activities.

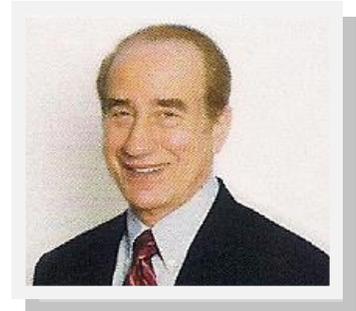
Thanks again to all the tour leaders and to John and Martha Kerns for hosting the club picnic and movie night.

On a personal note, Robyn is recovering nicely from knee replacement surgery. Surgery on Wednesday, home on Thursday. Amazing. My nursing skills however are getting mixed reviews.

On-line chatter about car problems, trouble shooting, repairs and projects seems to be continuing at a good pace. It is very helpful to have google groups to share that information as well as updates and reminders for tours.

Hope to be out and about with you soon.

Have a great Model A day.



Happy Motoring

Harold Samuels



Always a great turn out of Model A's for the meeting at the Legge's



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
(sdchampagne1931@gmail.com)

A sympathy card was sent this month to Corinne Simonelli for the recent passing of Bob. Our condolences go out to Corinne the entire Simonelli family.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Aug 29: 6:30PM Kimball's F+IC Westford TL Doug Farrell
Sep 3: 7:30 PM Regular Club Meeting
Sep 4: 6:30PM Carbone's Rest Hopkinton TL Bob Mangan
Sep 13-15 New England Meet
Sep 19: 6:30PM Trombetta's IC TL Wayne Champagne
Sep 21: 10:30AM Scales Rest Millbury TL the Kern's
Sep 26: 6PM Horizon's in Marlborough TL Bob Mangan
Sep 28: 11:30AM Apple Picking TL Craig Martin
Oct 5: 10:00AM Car rally and lunch TL Don Ross

TL= Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
July, 2019

Income:	
Misc. (Summer Bash)	20.00
Member Dues	<u>40.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 60.00
Expense:	
Oil Leak Printing	<u>40.00</u>
Total Expense	40.00
Net Income	\$ 20.00

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

SEPT 1984 35 YEARS AGO
 Monthly meeting at the Grange Hall.
 Plans for November auction night.
 Videos of August picnic shown by Dan Hnatio & Bruce Lundeen.

SEPT 1994 25 YEARS AGO
 Full house at the Grange Hall to hear Ed Horsfield from R.I Technical Plating to describe the process and cost of chrome plating.
 Tours: Manifold Bake to Topsfield Fair, Apple picking & Wayside dinner.
 Report from Sit & Bull Pub - no pizza, no deserts- just BINKY and BBQ.

SEPT 2004 15 YEARS AGO
 Meeting at the Congregational Church with make your own Sundaes.
 Tours: Schooner "Fame" in Salem, Bennington Car Show, and N.E. Meet in Falmouth.
 Letter of thanks from Geneva Carroll for cars at Jack's funeral and a "Hello" letter from Bucky's daughter, Kathy Ferrin in CA.

According to the Webster Dictionary: HOBBY a pursuit outside one's regular occupation engaged in for relaxation.
One year I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked, why, I said, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year".



NEW TOUR - Horizons of Marlborough Car display. Bob Mangan has arranged for us to display our Model A's for the residents of the facility. The residents always enjoy our display of cars.

Join us there on September 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM

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 Ford Foundation (maffi.org) and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr
	Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org) Membership Dues \$45/year		

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Club August 6, 2019

Location: Harold & Sally Legge's Home

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Harold Samuels. In attendance were 45 members with 17 Model A's and 1 Model T parked in a perfect line on the Legge's front lawn.

Harold thanked the Legge's for hosting tonight's meeting and thanked all who brought refreshments and home baked goodies.

Harold 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:

- Barbara issued a correction to the Treasurers Report printed in the Oil Leak. Oil Leak printing should have been \$40 instead of the \$80 listed. Harold requested a motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as corrected – MSP.

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

- VP Doug Farrell read a beautiful note of thanks and appreciation sent by Grace Doyle.

- VP Doug Farrell then discussed the annual dinner at the Wayside Inn. Attendance has been declining and pricing has been going up. In order to eat as a group in a private room we have 2 options:

The Old Kitchen Room, cost of room \$100, 15 people minimum.

The Ford Room, cost of room \$200, 25 people minimum.

This week Doug sent out an e-mail to the membership looking for a potential head count. He received responses that indicate 16 folks were interested in attending.

Much discussion ensued with most of the membership leaning towards abandoning the tradition of an annual dinner at the Wayside Inn, however, Nan Linden made a motion that since we had 16 members interested in attending, that we secure the option of having dinner in the Old Kitchen, motion was second and passed.

Wayside Inn dinner will be held Thursday evening 10/24, there is still more room for you to join.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported a new member in attendance tonight. Josiah MacDonald from Brighton has a 1929 Roadster pick-up that has been in his family since 1987. Welcome to the club Josiah.

Touring:

- Tour director Don Ross thanked tour leaders for the wonderful tours they lead during the month of July. He then reviewed upcoming tours on schedule.

* 8/17 – Southwick Zoo – 9:00AM start, the cost varies up \$28

* 8/24 – Movie Night @ The Kearns, 5:00 PM start, hot dogs and hamburgers, bring chairs.

* 8/29 –Kimball's Ice Cream Westford, 6:30 PM start, TL Doug Farrell

New Business: Don't forget next month's meeting is back at the Church. Refreshments volunteers are Barbara and Jude.

Shirley has volunteered to make the coffee for the September meeting.

Programs: No program this month.

Running Board Commentary:

- Harold Samuels provided a story of an issue he had on the return trip from the Scale Steam Train tour. His car stalled and would not restart right away. After looking at the points, but not really changing anything, he tried it again and it started. Based on his description of the issue the membership thought it may have been a problem with vapor lock, it was a very hot day.



Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadhois - Secretary

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Jim's Tech Iip

by Jim Cannon,



Nut and Bolt Torque - Part 2

I wrote last month about the basics of tightening a nut or a bolt with a torque wrench. As I mentioned, there are tables of recommended torque values to use for guidance on our cars. Let's continue with that theme.

In general, published torque values (unless it states otherwise) are for tightening a nut or bolt with clean, dry threads. This means the rust has been cleaned off of the bolt or stud threads (I use a wire brush) and they have been wiped dry. No oil, grease or anti-seize compound should be applied to the threads that the nut will be turning on. (A drop of oil can be applied to the surface that a nut is tightening against, such as the boss on the top of a head, where the stud goes through the head.)

If you lubricate the threads on a stud or bolt, it will be too easy to turn the nut as you torque it. So when you stop at your target torque (say 55 ft-lbs for a head nut) you will have stretched the bolt or stud more than 2 times as far as you would with the same torque with dry threads. This will be like over-torquing the nut and can result in the stud or bolt breaking, the stud pulling out of the block, or the head or block cracking, due to too much stress on it. That will ruin your day!

So clean the threads before you start, keep the threads dry, use a torque wrench, and stop pulling the instant the torque wrench clicks. You'll be glad you did. Have a Model A Day!



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Jim

From MAFA "On the Road" August 2019

Model "A" Movie Night

Movie Night at the Kerns' was a big hit. The weather cooperated, with sunny and mild temperatures, which was probably why we had such a good turnout of Model A's and people. John & Martha were all set for us with tables and chairs all set for the cookout that they had arranged for before the show could get started at dusk. John even had a new outdoor Movie Screen to make this a real cinematic event. Thanks go to our little helpers (the Linden's 10 year old grandkids), Brookelyn for taking food orders and Blake for assisting "master chef" Don Ross at the grill. The hamburgers and hot dogs were a big hit as well as all the other items that the guests brought.

With the help of Blake, John was able to get the video equipment ready for the performance when the sun finally set. The movie John had was the "King of Jazz" (1930) which was one of the first color movies. As the sun set the projector was fired up and the film started, well actually it was DVD player and a digital projector. High tech is everywhere. The show was an interesting assortment of cartoons, skits and great music featuring the well known band leader Paul Whiteman. Included in the film was a very young Bing Crosby when he was part of the Rhythm Boys.



As the sun was setting it did get cooler and the hot coffee and desserts sure did help stay warm and satisfy your sweet tooth. A fun was had by all.

The photos here look bright, but that was because the camera compensated for the darkness.



Help is Still Needed



Coffee Person

I can't believe no one has offered to make the coffee. How about someone **JUST** for the October meeting. Call Harold if you would like to volunteer.



↑ *Weekly Breakfast Group* ↑

Doing anything on Wednesday morning? No. Well then, you are invited to join the group for breakfast at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. The



food is good and there is plenty of Model A talk. We arrive about 7:15 AM. (see ad page 10)



Bob Mangan reports that he took his friend Carlos Avilia & family for a ride to the Wayside Inn then to breakfast at Steven Anthony's. What makes this special is that Carlos lost both legs in a plane crash. He and the family loved the ride in the A. Bob says Carlos doesn't let his handicap slow him down as he is active in sports (including Rugby), swimming and in his home shop. As a music teacher Bob had provided the Carlos' daughters with piano lessons for a number of years.



Oh - oh, on the recent trip to Stowe VT Bruce had to have a parking lot tire seminar. One of his tires had a big bubble on the sidewall so he thought it would be best to change it here rather than on the side of the road. Hard Luck Trophy candidate???

Minuteman Annual Wayside Dinner

Thursday October 24th

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

Cocktails in the Tavern 6:00 PM

Dinner in the Ford Room 7:00 PM

Reservation deadline is October 12, 2019

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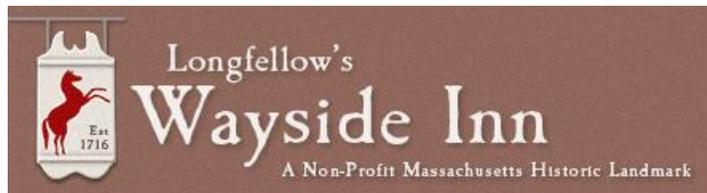
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Dinner includes entrée, salad, vegetable, potato and dessert

Price includes all taxes and gratuities



WOBURN HISTORICAL TOUR,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019



Woburn Town Hall

Eight Model As, and two moderns (including the tour leader's, whose A would not start that morning), attended the tour. Participants were Linda & Rich Batstone, their son & granddaughter, Doug Farrell, Jim Flanagan, Rick Gadbois, Nan & Doug Linden, Daniel Matos, Don Ross, & Harold Samuels.

Beginning at Woburn City Hall, the group of 12, led by "Mac" McElhiney, was introduced to the city's memorials on Woburn Common and "the wall," the honor roll of citizens participating in all military operations since the 1600s. The group then walked to the Ancient Burial Grounds, where founders of the city,

casualties of the first days of battle at Lexington and Concord, and descendants of presidents, among other notables, are interred.

Walking a short distance to the Woburn Library, a National Historic Landmark built in 1879, the group enjoyed touring one of the most distinctive and beautiful buildings in the area. The octagon room contains artifacts of the city since its beginning in 1640. Next, the group walked to the First Congregational Church, a Registered National Historic Place built in 1862. The massive structure's steeple is the tallest wood structure of its kind in the world, and the sanctuary is the largest built by wood without internal supports in the Americas.

After lunch at The Brickyard in Woburn Center, the group drove to the Horn Pond Area to tour the pumping station at the Woburn Water Works, which houses the huge 100+-year-old steam pump, the same as those used on the Titanic. Next, the group drove to North Woburn to visit Benjamin Thompson/Count Rumford's Birthplace, a National Historic Landmark, built in the early 1700s. The guided tour provided a great deal of information about a brilliant and controversial American, whose legacy is protected and continued by the Rumford Society (since 1877). The group then drove to Baldwin Green, the final stop of the day. Mac pointed out the Baldwin Mansion, built in 1661, and the 1790 House, built by Baldwin for Count Rumford (both Registered National Historic Places), and an open remaining portion of the 27-mile long Middlesex Canal. He explained that the green is named for another exemplary Woburn citizen, Col. Loammi Baldwin, who served with Gen. Washington, and is known as the father of civil engineering.

Thanks to Mayor Scott Galvin's office, four of the seven sites were opened and guides and parking were made available for our tour. It was a busy and informative day, and Mac and I were pleased that we had great support from the City and the Historical Society, and great attendance from our club. Even the weather cooperated. Hopefully Jody, our A, will cooperate for the next tour.

Barbara & Dennis "Mac" McElhiney, your tour leaders



Woburn Historical Pictures:

Top Left - HH Richardson Library, Top Right - Water Works Building, Mid Left & Right - Antique Steam water pump, Bottom Left - Water Works Reservoir, Bottom Right - Count Rumford's House.



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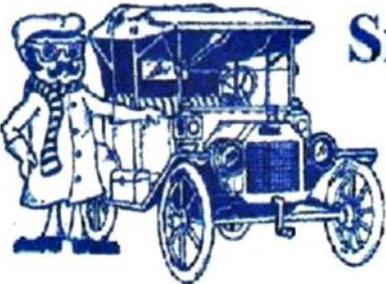
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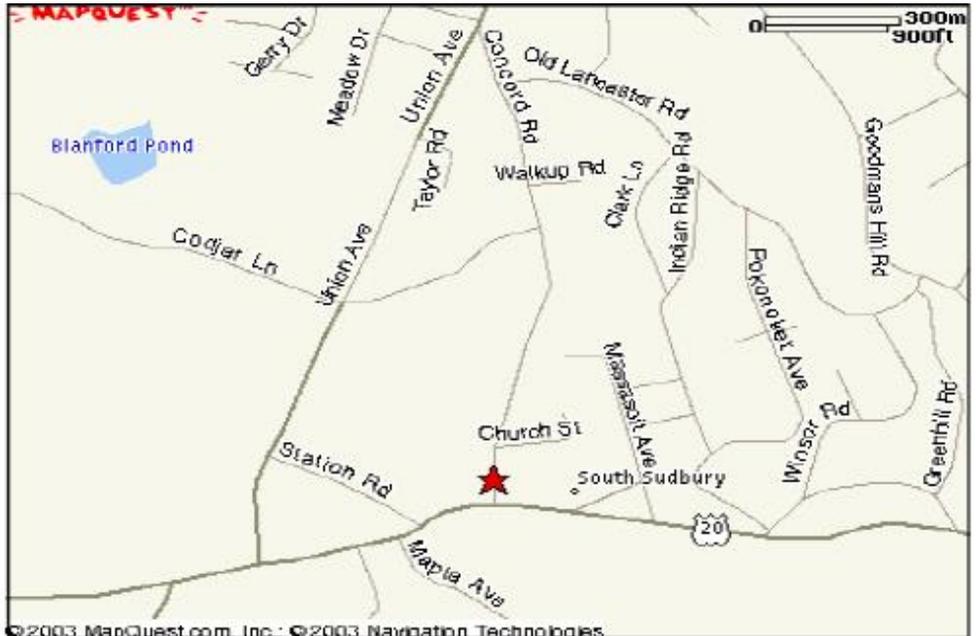
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Now that the summer meetings are over we will be meeting back at the Memorial Congregational Church. September brings cooler weather and is so nice for touring in the Model A. Don't forget kids are back in school so drive carefully.



LABOR DAY



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