

The il Leak

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The President Speaks:

Well, August just flew by and as we start September and the fall season, I hope all have enjoyed summer. We will be starting the club meetings this month, September 7. There are several covid guidelines set up by the church that we will need to follow. I will send a copy of the church's rules out to all members before the meeting.



The holiday party has been booked at Conrad's for December. At the September meeting a discussion of who is interested in the Wayside Inn dinner will be had as we need a guarantee min numbers for dinner.

September brings the New England Regional Meet 9/10,9/11,9/12 at Sunday River Resort, Newry, Maine; Apple Picking and Bedford farms ice cream. Sept 18 is open for a tour any ideas let DON R. or DOUG F. Know

As always hope everyone has been doing fine and enjoying life it's easier to find the good times and things to think about than the bad.

Keep driving your cars as much as possible, it puts smiles on everyone's faces.



KEEP SMILING EVERY DAY

Doug Farrell



Sunshine

Sue Champagne
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Get Well Cards were sent to Wilma Johnson, Tony Raiano and Peg Michalak and as they are all recuperating from a recent medical procedures. And a Sympathy was sent to Chet Wojcik, a long time friend of the club on the passing of his wife Gloria.

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

Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

Sept 7 CLUB MEETING

Sept 10-12 New England Meet Sunday River Maine

Sept 18 10 AM Mystery Tour

Sept 25 11 AM Apple Picking Tour Craig Martin TL

Sept 30 6 PM Bedford Farms Harold Samuels TL

Oct 5 CLUB MEETING

TL=Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
July 2021

Income:

Member Dues	\$ 40.00
Total Income	\$ 40.00

Expense:

Misc (Club Hats inventory)	\$ 434.45
Oil Leak Printing (3)	\$ 140.00
Total Expenses	\$ 574.45

Net Income \$ -534.45



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Art Callan

SEPTEMBER 1986 35 YEARS AGO

No Report Available.

SEPTEMBER 1996 25 YEARS AGO

Len M. Wayne C, Frank F, and Rich B. win awards at the MAFCA convention in Toronto.

Club members participate in the annual Revere Beach birthday celebration. Great turn out. Additional Club tours included Club Rally, Westford Butterfly Museum , Larz Anderson Museum. Also getting ready for the NE Meet in Pittsfield.

SEPTEMBER 2006 15 YEARS AGO

The Jacobson's invite members attending the Stowe, VT show to a Pizza party at their camp site.

Tom Z reports that 22 cars are signed up for the tour to Martha's Vineyard.

Technical discussion at the meeting was by Franklyn Brown discussing the many Model A Accessories.

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

-The Commanding Officer walks into a bar and orders everyone around.

-Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.

-I named my copier "Bob Marley" 'cause it's always jammin'.

- Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

- Bono and The Edge walk in to a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh, no, not U2 again".

National Organizations:



Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)

Membership dues \$50/year



Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org)

Membership Dues \$45/year



Model A Ford Foundation (maffi.org)

and the Model A Ford Museum \$25/yr

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Secretary's Report

No August 3, 2021 Meeting

Nothing to Report - Stay well

MAFCA Membership Recognition Pins

MAFCA is pleased to recognize the following Minuteman members for their continued membership:

Harold & Sally Legge - 25 Years John & Janet Erb - 25 Years

Jack & Pam Bickel - 35 Years

John & Shirley Jacobson - 40 Years

Doug & Nan Linden - 50 Years

John Pierce - 60 Years



Club Officers Needed.

The Club is looking for you. All club positions are available, however the most pressing positions that need to be filled are President and Vice President. Please contact Doug Farrell.

Stowe VT Weekend

August is time for the annual car show in Stowe, Vermont, an event many in the club have enjoyed for years. The drive to Stowe has always been a pleasant one over secondary roads, just right for touring in the Model A. Over time however participation of our members has declined. This year had the makings of being different, but unforeseen circumstances saw the group drop to 3 couples instead of the 7 anticipated.

The Gadbois' and Lindens headed off from Littleton and took advantage of the back roads for a quiet drive north. Traffic was not a problem and we were lucky to travel on NH Rt 31 which was recently resurfaced. What a treat. The only drawback to the sunny weather was the humidity. We persevered and eventually arrived in Stowe where we were greeted by the Marshalls. Bruce and Trish arrived from Maine shortly before we did.

The show was canceled last year so we weren't sure what it would be like this year, especially since the folks usually attending from Canada still can't cross the border. We did notice over 500 spaces for show cars, so the turnout was good.

Friday was our day to visit the Flea Market. There was a good group of vendors already set up and more still arriving. Bruce, Rick and I managed to find some "stuff" to bring home. Bruce was having a problem with his Pop-out ignition switch, but he was able to get a nice original from Clyde. Bruce and I

were able to replace it the switch in the Hotel parking lot and that solved the problem.

After a thunder storm Friday night and early Saturday morning the humid weather was gone and the sun made for a beautiful day. Rick & Anna hit the trails up Mt. Mansfield, while the Lindens and Marshalls headed to the Barre to tour the Granite Quarry Museum and Hope Cemetery to check out some of the elaborate granite monuments. Some of these were really over the top; How about granite planes or sleeping on a bed. Definitely a place to visit.

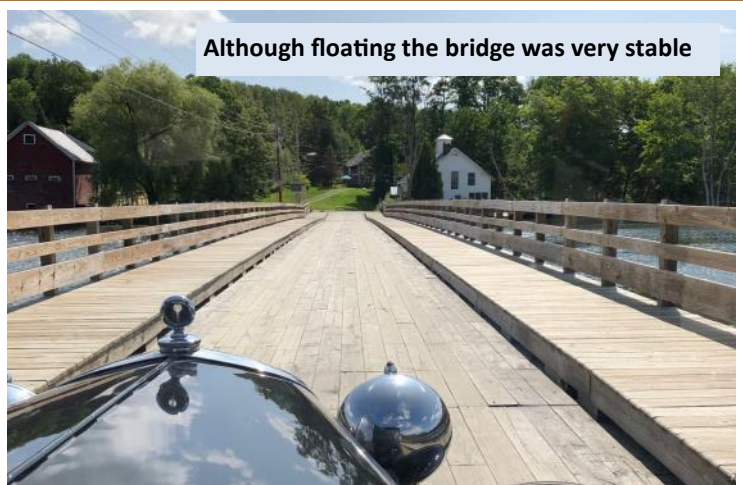
Sunday was time to head home. We bid Trish and Bruce goodbye as they headed east and we headed south. Heading home, a sign to The Floating Bridge caught our eye so we had to take a detour to find it. Turning on a dirt road and up over a hill we finally got to the lake and the bridge. A stop for pictures and then back on the road.

Lunchtime was next and Anna suggested the Harpoon Brewery complex. In addition to the brewery and tap room, there was a cheese shop, Artisan Eats, Rafting Adventure, Silo distillery, Garden Sculpture walk a Simon Pearce shop. What a great stop. After a great lunch it was back on the road for the rest of the trip home.

It was another great weekend of touring.



On the Bridge



Although floating the bridge was very stable



Samples of the very unusual head stones at Hope cemetery in Barre. There is even one with a kiosk that when you push buttons a recorded message of the husband or wife will play for you.



"Wouldn't your mother be shocked if she saw you in that bathing suit?" "She certainly would ; it's hers"

Welcome New Members

Please welcome two new members to our club:

Cheryl Crawford - Andover, MA (Cheryl is looking to by a Model A)

Dale Munsch - Weymouth, MA (Dale has a 1930 Town Sedan)

Cheryl and Dale, welcome to the club and we hope to see you at a club event in the future.

Out & About in the Model A

Some of our recent tours had to be canceled or had limited participation. Canceled tours included the Carbone's Restaurant diner tour do to a major thunder storm, and Movie Night at the Kerns' do to a family conflict.

The tour to Scales took place, unfortunately the restaurant was closed for lunch due to lack of help. A quick change in plans and the group ended up at the Post office Pub, which is always a good.

The lunch tour to Dudley's Chateau in Cochituate was had just 2 attendees. Sometimes situation beyond our control impact the turn out.

Trombetta's Ice Cream in Marlborough had a better turn out and those attending enjoyed the great ice cream.

There has been talk circulating that we might need to cut back on quantity of tours and add some destination tours. These seem to have a higher turn out of members. Something to think about.

George Stokinger Nov 1951 – Aug 2021



Our Model A family recently lost another member. George has been a member of the club for many years. Since George and his wife Debbie lived in NH they couldn't attend many local tours, but they were regulars on our longer weekend tours. George really enjoyed his first Model A, so much so that it resulted in two more being added to the "fleet." However the "fleet" out grew the garage so George, following brother Jack's lead, constructed a beautiful new barn to store the Fordor Sedan, the Cabriolet and the recently added pick-up, plus his growing collection of automotive and railroad memorabilia.



George's long career in accounting saw him serve as Treasure and ultimately as Business Administrator of the Timberlane School District in NH until his retirement.

George is survived by his wife Debbie, son Jason, daughter Liz and granddaughter Ellie. He is also survived by his brothers Jack and Phil.

We will miss George's humor that always surfaced while we were touring.

Our heartfelt condolences got out to Debbie and the entire Stokinger family.



George's new barn that he built for his fleet. George would occasionally stop to conduct a roadside seminar. Sometimes it was a fuel line problem or cooling as the case above. No matter the problem it was always a team repair. Thanks for the learning experiences George.



NE England Meet

September 10-12, 2021

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!

The registration form was in the May Oil Leak. For the latest information you can visit the Pine Tree A's website for the latest information.



<https://www.mainemodelafordclub.com/ne-meet>

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

Act Now if you want to attend



↑ *Weekly Breakfast Group* ↑

The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA is slowly growing. Now that members have received their vaccine the group keeps growing



each week. The Big Apple staff keep the area clean and safe. Why not join us again.

On behalf of the club I would like to extend our condolences to Susan Champagne and the entire Champagne family on the recent loss of her mother. In addition, Wayne & Sue also had to say goodbye to Syburr, their long time companion. Syburr was a regular on many Model A tours and will be missed.

2021 MEMBERSHIP Application Form

PLEASE complete the form below and return with your check for \$20. If there are no changes, you won't have to complete the entire form, just check the appropriate box.

Thank you.

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Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

Working with Jack Stands

We frequently put our vehicles up on jack stands, to change the oil, grease the chassis, or adjust the brakes. I have a hard time seeing under the car, to see if I have the two jack stands on an axle set to the same height. I sometimes end up with the car leaning to one side or the other when I get one jack stand set to a different height from the other.

Here's what I've done to help my poor eyes: Use a paint pen and number every other ratchet tooth on each jack stand, so that you can quickly set the pair on an axle to the same height.



Holly has a nice collection of these paint pens in her craft stuff, so I borrowed a white one for a few minutes and added some numbers to the teeth. As you can see, the contrast of the white paint makes them easy to read from a distance. I now quickly get them set where I want them.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day! Jim



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Men Working

By Melanie G. Whittington

How does the Model A man dress when he isn't a suit and tie or overall wearin' kinda guy? There are plenty of choices to give your Model A excursion an era feel. A modern, long-sleeved button up dress shirt is a good start. Referencing the Fashion Guidelines look for solid colors, striped or figured designs in harmonizing or contrasting colors. Long sleeved button up shirts made of cotton, flannel, wool, or blends of these fabrics are common. A flannel shirt in plaid or solid colors would fit in perfectly. [OverAttired Vintage Fashion](#) carries a variety of vintage clothing and are always adding to their inventory.

As you begin, a modern pair of trousers with or without cuffs, flat front, or a single pleat with belt loops would be appropriate. Look for a trouser with wide legs and a high waist. The most difficult to recreate is the button fly on a pair trousers. There are patterns available to make your own or see if a local tailor is willing to take the pattern and make you a pair. [Simon James Cathcart - SIC - \(simonjamescathcart.com\)](#), is a high-quality modern brand making era appropriate men's clothing.



1: National Bellas Hess Co. Inc., Autumn 1931, Winter 1931-32

Headgear for the everyday man was also diverse. Straw, sailor and boaters were worn during warmer weather with casual wear, according to the Fashion Guidelines. Caps are easier to find in modern men's shops and there are companies recreating them to have the correct look of the A era, [TheWellDressedHead \(etsy.com\)](#), is one example. A variety of patterns were used; tweed, checked, herringbone and plain. The Fashion Guidelines also list a variety of specialty caps including mechanics caps. The familiar blue striped engineer cap was also worn by mechanics.

To add to your look, a sleeveless or long-sleeved, V-neck sweater could be worn. A shawl collar long sleeve pull-over or button up sweater could be added. [Bozeman Vintage](#) carries a variety of vintage menswear for everyday dress. Hunting and outdoor jackets made of khaki or duck are very similar to what you can find today from Carhartt, Cabela's and other sporting goods stores. Long underwear or union suits are in all the era magazines, usually wool, cotton or a mix. Cotton union suits in red or white are still easy to get from a variety of stores like Tractor Supply, Vermont Old Country Store and Hanes.

Lucky for you, men's era shoes have not changed much from those you can find in modern stores. Low top, high top, cap toe and plain toed shoes and boots were available. Square and round toe shoes were seen in all four years of the A era. Cowboy boots and hunting or hiking boots are also options you can look into. These shoes and boots would have been leather with leather soles, with some having rubber heels. Leggings and puttees could be worn for a hunting or hiking look. These could be leather, wool or canvas and would provide warmth and protection for the lower leg.

Take a look in your closet or at your local second-hand store. You may find a suitable outfit for your next ride in the Model A I hope this helps you put together an easy and comfortable outfit. We look forward to seeing you on tour and posting pics to the MAFCA social media pages: [MAFCA - Model A Ford Club of America | Facebook](#) and [Model A Era Fashions - MAFCA | Facebook](#).



2: Montgomery Ward & Co., Spring and Summer 1928

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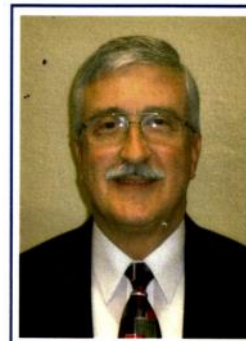
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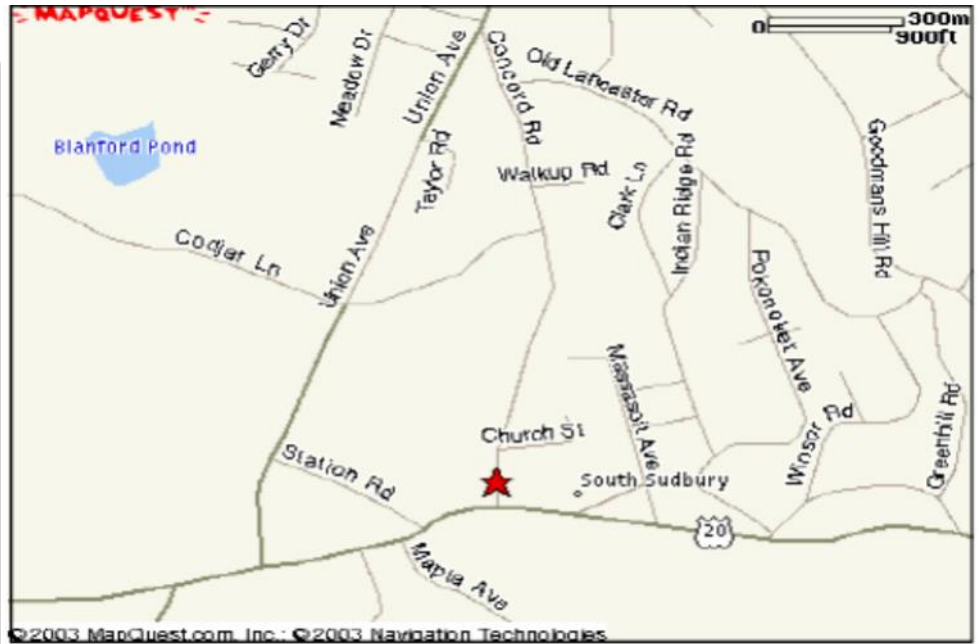
NOTICE



In light of the recent increase in the Covid Delta vari-

ant the Church is encouraging everyone, vaccinated or not, to wear masks while in the hall.

It has been a long time since we have had a meeting and I'm sure we all look forward to having a regular meeting again.



Monthly Meetings will **RESUME** in **SEPTEMBER** at the Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Hope to see everyone there.

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