

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks:*

Hello everyone, I hope all are enjoying summer 22 as it goes by quickly and fall is around the corner. I think Fall is the best season of the year in New England.

This past month we had our meeting at Harold and Sally Legge's home in Natick. The meeting was quick but everyone enjoyed ice cream and toppings on a nice warm summer evening. I don't know how to thank them enough except to say **THANK YOU FROM ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS. YOU TWO ARE GREAT!!!**

Other activities this past month where Bedford Farms ice cream, Vermont Car show and Trombetta's Farm ice cream.

Sept is the New England Model A Meet in Mansfield Mass.. This is very close to us. Dates are SEPT 16th to 18th. This is a easy drive to be part of a fun yearly event. Think about going for day trips if you can't stay for the whole event.

Don't forget we start our Monthly meetings back in Sudbury at The Memorial Congregational Church Sept 6th; See you there.



HAPPY  
*Labor Day*

*Keep Smiling Every day*

*Doug Farrell*



At the recent New Horizons display Craig Martin gave a short ride to one of the residents who was VERY happy to be able to relive long forgotten memories. Thanks Craig for making this persons day, you get the Gold Ribbon





# Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Sympathy card was sent to John Peirce for the passing of his grandson. Our condolences go out to the entire family.

Get well cards were sent to Don Ross (foot injury) and Susan Farrell (operation). We hope they are back to 100% soon.

*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 6** Regular Club Meeting (back at the church.)

**Sept 13** 6:30 PM Dinner Tour (Stephen Anthony's)

**Sept 16-18** New England Meet Mansfield, MA

**Sept 24** 11:00 AM Picnic Tour

**Oct 4** Regular Club Meeting

TL = Tour Leader

## Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report  
July, 2022

### Income:

Member Dues	80.00
Parades	460.00
Total Income	\$540.00

### Expense:

Summer Meeting (July)	50.00
Oil Leak Printing	140.00
Total Expenses	\$ 190.00

**Net Income** \$ 350.00



## MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

### SEPTEMBER 1987 35 YEARS AGO

A new club banner was being planned and would cost \$300 for a 3' x 5' cast. Club members were asked to submit their ideas and/or drawings and those were due by the November meeting. New members were Len and Peg Michalak of Northboro, owners of a 1931 Deluxe Coupe and Jim True of Waltham with a 1.5 ton Stake Body AA Truck.

### SEPTEMBER 1997 25 YEARS AGO

Our September meeting was hosted by Jack and Jo in their brand new fantastic garage. The new movie previously known as "Shakespeare's Sister" was changed to a title of "Tempting Fate" and would be released in October. Many club members and their As participated in this movie (which was ultimately titled "The Proposition").

### SEPTEMBER 2007 15 YEARS AGO

Our club's 45th Anniversary was fast approaching at this time and a request was made for suggestions from anyone who had ideas on how we could celebrate. It was announced that our "Super Tour" in 2007 would begin on August 10th for the car show in Stowe, VT, and then to upstate NY to the Thousand Islands on the St Lawrence Seaway, returning home by August 19th. The Larz Anderson Museum hosted a Vintage Ford Day on August 26th in Brookline.

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

See page 5

**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)**

Membership Dues \$50/year



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

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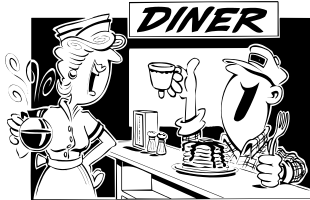
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### *Weekly Breakfast Group*



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.



## *2022 MEMBERSHIP Application Form*

**PLEASE** complete the form and return with your check for \$20.



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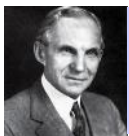
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*Coming together is a beginning,. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.*  
*Henry Ford*

# Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club August 2, 2022

Location: The Legge's Garage, So. Natick, Ma.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM with approximately 30 members in attendance and 13 Model A's parked on the Legge's front lawn.

Also gathering a crowd around it was Dick Graham's beautiful 1929 Cadillac. Tonight's meeting was kicked off with Doug leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Officers Reports:

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

## Membership:

- Nan Linden reported we have 1 new member this month, Mathew Cilley of Bolton, Ma. He has a newly purchased 1930 Fordor.

## Touring:

- Doug Farrell provided updates for Don Ross

### \* Upcoming tours:

8/4 – Bedford Farms – this is an on your own tour, we will all meet at Bedford Farms @ 6:30.

8/11 to 8/14 – Weekend in Stowe. The 65<sup>th</sup> Vermont Classic Car Meet.

8/17 – Trombettas Farm Ice Cream tour – meet in Wayland at 6:30 – tour leader Wayne C.

8/27 – Movie Night at the Kearns, Belknap Rd. Framingham.

9/6 – September Meeting Congregational Church Sudbury.

## National News:

- Doug Linden – No updates this month.

## Old Business:

- Hats and License Plate Toppers for sale.

## Refreshments:

- Doug thanked Harold and Sally for hosting tonight's meeting and for providing the wonderful Ice Cream Sundae's, and the air conditioning too !

- The September (9/6), meeting will be held at The Congregational Church in Sudbury. Volunteers for refreshments are Nan Linden and Anna Gadbois.

## New Business:

- Doug polled the membership to see if there was interest in having the Wayside Inn dinner again this year. It seems there is, Doug will make the arrangements, expected to be Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional info to follow.

## Programs:

- There was no program for tonight.

## Running Board Commentary:

Doug Linden mentioned that were some local Model A's for sale.

1929 Tudor owned by Mike Gulbankian which only has 1000 miles on it since restoration 20 years ago.

1929 Fordor Sedan owned by Dick O'Brien, Dick recently purchased a 1955 Fairlane and needs room in the stable.

1931 Fordor Sedan Slant Windshield owned by Bruce Marshall, Bruce recently purchased a new Fordor Sedan previously owned by Pat Martone.

## Show and Tell Time:

Doug Linden showed flag holders that clip onto the front bumper, made of plastic, that work very well. The website is CRPICKS.com

Also on this website Doug found an adapter that is used with a dial gauge to set the timing on the Model A. Both items were high quality and work very well.

Respectfully Submitted

*Rick Gadbois - Secretary*



## “Artie-Fact”

- O'bee just planted Bird Seed. Planning for big Thanksgiving dinner!
- I went to an antique show and people were bidding on me.
- At the Last Supper Jesus has everyone sit on one side of the table and says, Hey, can someone take a painting of us.
- **RETIRED: UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**  
(See spouse for details)



# Congrats

Go out to members Dick Krug and Dick Stitt for membership anniversaries in the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). Dick Krug is celebrating 25 years of continuous membership and Dick Stitt is celebrating 35 years. Congratulations to both.



## Name

Badges are

Available at Meeting



For Club Apparel see Thread-Logic information on page 11.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nan reports one new member this month.  
Please welcome:

**Mathew & Lauren Cilley**

147 long Hill Road

Bolton, MA 01740

1930 Fordor

*Welcome!*

## MODEL A'S FOR SALE

- 1929 Tudor owned by Mike Gulbankian which only has 1000 miles on it since restoration 20 years ago. J&M Machine 508-460-0733
- 1929 Fordor Sedan owned by Dick O'Brien, Dick recently purchased a 1955 Fairlane and needs room in the stable. 781-223-0259
- 1931 400-A Convertible sedan, future show winner, full details at mafca.com Tim O'Brien 508-431-6252

# Oh My Aching Head

For the past few weeks Dick Krug has been having a problem with his engine in his Coupe. Dick drove to the New Horizon's display and no amount of fine tuning could get the engine to run properly. A compression test later revealed low compression between # 3 & 4 cylinders which indicated a blown head gasket. With the help of Brad Johnson and Rich Batstone the repair was done in Rich's garage. The project went without any problems and the defective head gasket was replaced, and the team is happy to report that Dick's engine is once again running fine. Good job guys.



Dick and Rich removing the head



Brad and Rich installing the head



All back together



The break in the head gasket

# Out & About In Our Model A's

**Bedford Farm Ice Cream August 4th: Harold Samuels Tour Leader** A good turn out, enjoyable conversation, and great ice cream. Probably one of the hottest evenings of the summer with all attendees going directly to Bedford Farms. Some speed licking helped get the ice cream in before melting. A fun time for all attending. Harold Samuels, Tony Zeolie, Craig Martin, Barbara & Mac McElhiney, Mike & Dawn Levesque. Brad & Kathy Johnson with friends Steve & Lorraine Purinton.



**Trombetta's Ice Cream: Tour August 18<sup>th</sup>: Wayne & Sue Champagne Tour Leaders**

The weather this season has been great for touring and Thursday evening's drive to Trombetta's was a perfect destination for cool treats. Meeting tour leaders Sue and Wayne Champagne at the Wayland Town Center starting point were Rick and Anna Gadbois, Doug and Nan Linden and Doug Farrell. The travel route covered back roads away from busy route 20 past Sudbury's town hall and over to Hudson road with a turn taking us past the Martha Mary



Chapel and the Wayside's Grist Mill. That left us with a short drive down route 20 and on to Farm road where we were met by Len and Peg Michalak, Bob and Cindy Mangan and Craig Martin at our destination. The ice cream was great as usual and the conversations were pleasant. All in all, seven Model A's and a great evening to out and about.

## More Out & About In Our Model A's



### **Movie Night at the Kerns**

It was perfect weather for movie night and 17 members were on hand to enjoy each others company along with all the snacks/desserts that everyone brought. Lots of great conversation while waiting for the sun to set and the movie to start, which was the feature film "O Brother" Thanks go to John & Martha.

## Stowe, VT Car Show Weekend

The Stowe Car Show weekend trip has been something club members have been doing since the 1991. The trip is an easy drive and the scenery is always great. This year those attending included the Champagnes, Lindens, Michalaks, Gadbois, Marshalls, Chuck O'Neal & Deb Chiacu, Jack Stokinger, AND Joop and Marlies from AZ.. The flea market was fine and the car show had over 600 cars. It was great that we could all get together and socialize over the long weekend. We toured the local area, sometimes taking dirt roads, visited a few places that unfortunately did not reopen after covid. The way home saw us take yet another dirt road and over a floating bridge to get across a lake. A stop at a brewery for lunch capped off a great weekend..



We stay at the Green Mtn. Inn and really enjoy the amenities. We always seem to find a place to congregate for snacks and 'refreshments' either in someone's room, the pool area or, in this picture, at the fire pit. At night with fire going it is a particularly nice place to relax.. Some additional picture are on the next page.



Dirt roads were part of the tour. And for the most part were not a problem, only a little dusty. The Floating Bridge in Brookfield Village was an interesting way to get across the lake. A sign indicated the first bridge was floated in 1820 and has been replaced 8 times. This floating version was installed in 2015. Of course eating out is part of touring and we had excellent reservation at restaurants in the area. Above you can see part of the group thanks to picture taken by Bruce Marshall.

The need to remove the dipper tray in the oil pan comes up occasionally so I thought this Tech Tip would be good to know the next time you need to separate the two. Looks like it makes removal easy.

## Cleaning Your Engine Oil Pan

**By: Dennis Kliesen  
Technical**

March seems like a great time to get the Model A up on jack stands so you can crawl under and get the old oil pan off to clean out the sludge and look at the rods and mains. Don't do it yet if you think you can't get it done before the OCMAFC Pancake Breakfast! Hold off until at least after the breakfast, we want you and your Model A there.



Recently at club member John Carter's home in Yorba Linda we pulled the engine out of his 1929 CCPU, closed cab pickup, and mounted it to his engine stand to disassemble for an evaluation. It was great to have a lot of members jump in and help. This is not an original idea of mine so I'm not taking credit for it, but I thought it was such a great simple idea that I just had to mention it. Most of us know you just can't get the inside of a Model A oil pan clean without removing the dipper tray. Being's Model A's are about the easiest car or truck to work on, this has to be one of the better ideas for getting this job done. Simply get a block of wood, long enough to go across the rails, resting on top about the middle, place



a clamp down in the hole where the oil pump goes in and the other end of the clamp on top of the board. The tray pops right out. There are sharp edges on the tray with the baffles on the underside, be careful. Before you snap the tray back in make sure all of the old gasket material is cleaned from the surface and the lip of the tray fits properly on both sides.

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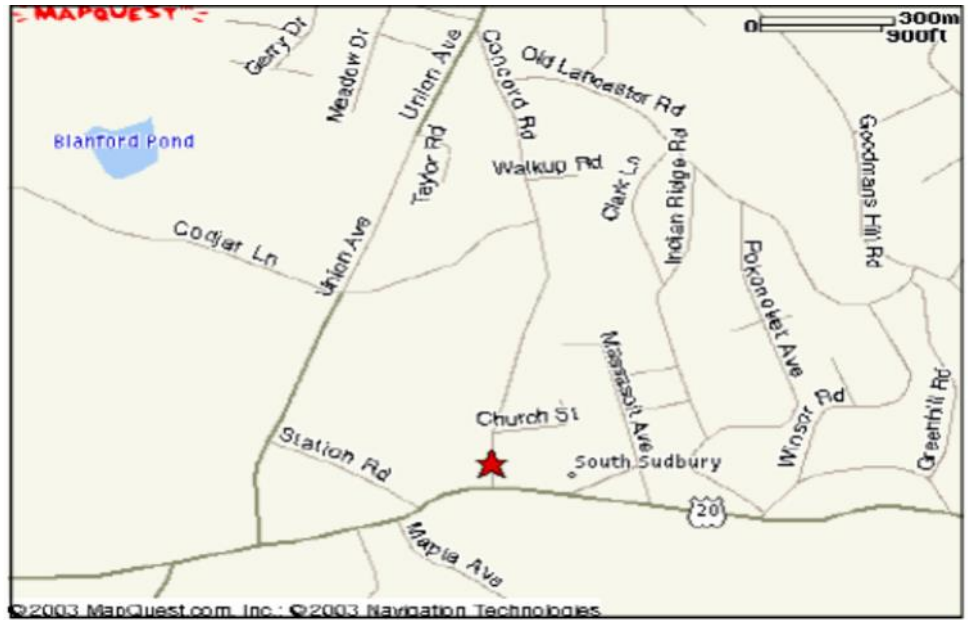
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## Latest News

Our September meeting will be back at the Church, we look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget the New England Meet in Mansfield, there is still time to register if you haven't do so already. Go to [marcommodela.com](http://marcommodela.com) for more information about registration.



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](http://www.oilleak.org)

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