

The il Leak

September 2023 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 60 Issue 9

The President Speaks:



Hi All!

September all ready!! I noticed weeks ago Dunkin brought out all their pumpkin Flavored Goodness. Some stores have already started to offer Halloween stock for sale. I say, Not So Fast! We still have lots of summer fun left before we get to frost on the

pumpkin. Just like the sports  teams nowadays, the seasons overlap with other sports especially if a team is in the playoffs.

For the first time since before COVID we got out for a couple of long weekend mini vacations The first time our R.V. got to rotate the wheels, nice to see some people and places.

I hope all of you have had lots of good memories of this summer if you have missed some of the weather with lots of rain. My garden has been a disaster, I gave up and let the garden go to weeds. Got a couple of tomatoes and a pepper that's it, like the Red Sox I will have to wait till next season.

So I look  forward to our next meeting back at the Church, time flies by when we are having fun  .



TTFN

John Kerns

(ta-ta-for-now)





Sunshine

Sue Champagne

Get Well cards were sent this month to:

Ed Wlodyka, Susan Farrell and Harold Legge.

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 5 Regular Club Meeting

Sept 14 7 PM Trombetta's Ice Cream TL W Champagne

Sept 16 2 PM Hudson, Artisan Astt'd Living Car Display

Sept 17 9 AM Cape Ann Tour ?

Sept 24 8 AM Gore Place Car Show (see page 3)

Sept 30 10 AM Apple Picking TL Craig Martin

Oct 2 Regular Club Meeting

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report
July, 2023

Income:

Donation (Wayside Inn Ride) 50.00

Parades (Wellesley & Sudbury) 840.00

Total Income \$ 890.00

Expense:

Summer Mtg (June & July) 300.00

Oil Leak Printing 70.00

Total Expenses \$ 370.00

Net Income \$ 520.00



MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

SEPTEMBER 1988 35 YEARS AGO

The Minuteman Chapter had reached its 25th Anniversary in MAFCA and received an acknowledgement award at the 1988 Convention. Our 1988 National Convention was a huge success with a total of 506 registrants and over 350 Model As! At the end of our National Convention, in Sturbridge, MA, we enjoyed a "Lobster Extravaganza" at the Collings Foundation. By the way, J.B. Moates, President of MAFCA, was the last Model A to leave this Extravaganza!

SEPTEMBER 1998 25 YEARS AGO

They came in 36 Model As, bringing 110 car lovers to celebrate 35 years of the Minuteman Model A Club! Clyde Kelton presented an outstanding program, full of laughs and great stories. We were also honored to have in attendance, three of the five Charter Members: Phil Christopherson, Don Freniere, and Fitz Stevens. Thanks to them for starting this club in 1963, 35 years ago.

SEPTEMBER 2008 15 YEARS AGO

Tom Zappala received a large ovation for his extended tour to the West Coast (California) via the Dallas National Meet in his Model A Woodie. John Jacobson (President) thanked Robyn Samuels for all her hard work on the successful 45th Anniversary Party.

Our "Super Tour" to Quebec City was thoroughly enjoyed by 18 Club Members driving nine Model As. Our trip covered a little over 1,000 miles!

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 \$35/yr.

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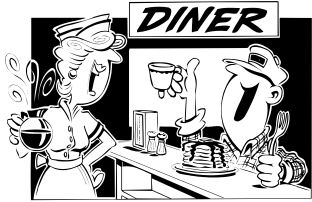
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Weekly Breakfast Group ➔



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. ➔



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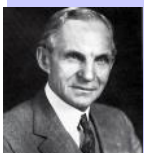
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Other Area Car Shows

- **Sept 16: Minuteman Display at Artisan Assisted Living in Hudson. 2PM**
- **Sept 23: 26th Annual Weston Antique & Classic Car Show Weston Center 8am-3pm www.westoncarshow.com \$25**
- **Sept 24: Car Show Gore Place Estate, Waltham, 8am-3pm. All classes, including Prewar & Brass Era cars and Metz cars. \$20**



"There are no dead ends. There is always a way out. What you learn in one failure you utilize in your next success." Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model A Ford Club August 1, 2023

Location: New Horizons, Marlboro, Ma.

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM with approximately 20 members in attendance. Tonight's meeting was kicked off with John leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Reports:

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

VP Report:

- Brad has been working with Artisan @ Hudson to schedule a time for Minuteman Club to display their cars. The date is Saturday 9/16 @ 2:00 PM. This evidently coincides with National Assisted Living Week which runs from 9/10 to 9/16.

Membership:

- Nan Linden is attending the MARC National Meet we have no new members to report on.

Touring:

- Don thanked Rich and Linda Batstone for hosting the July meeting. He also thank the Batstone's for planning and running the Summer Rally which was lots of fun. Rick and Anna Gadbois won the event thanks to Rick's navigator ;-)

* Upcoming tours:

8/5 – Scenic Tour & Picnic TL Wayne Champagne leave Wayland at 11:00 AM

8/9 – Ice Cream at Mad Willies Framingham, meet there at 7:00 PM

8/10 to 8/13 – Weekend in Stowe. The 66th Vermont Classic Car Meet. Wayne will lead group meeting at Bolton Orchards at 9:00 AM

8/19 – Willard Clock Museum Doug L. will lead group from Wayland at 10:00 AM. Rain date is 8/20. Admission is \$8.00

8/26 – Movie Night at the Kearns, Belknap Rd. Framingham.

9/5 – September Meeting Congregational Church Sudbury.

National News:

- Doug Linden is out at the MARC Meet – No updates this month.

Old Business:

- No issues discussed.

New Business:

- Bob Mangan reported on a 70th birthday event at the Wayside Inn they and Andy Adams took part in. Bob and Andy provided rides to folks dressed in roaring 20's outfits at the party, all had a great time and the club received a nice donation.

Programs:

- There was no program for tonight.

Running Board Commentary:

- Dave Libby provided a short report on the recent MAFCA tour that he and the Linden's attended in Indiana. It was a 5 day tour, great weather, started in Auburn Indiana at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and traveled all the way to the Model A museum at Gilmore. The Aviation Museum in Kalamazoo was terrific. He was happy to report that they had zero roadside seminars.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Gadbois

Secretary

Editor's note: See pictures of our Model A's on display at New Horizons are on page 9.

Recent National Events

Are you a member of the national clubs? That would be the Model A Ford Club of America, the Model A restorers Club and the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. If you aren't a member of these groups, you should join as these three organization help keep the Model A hobby alive.

Recently Nan & I attend two separate events, the MAFCA National Tour in Indiana and the MARC National Convention in Ohio. These two events had participants from around the country and we enjoyed spending time touring with them.

The MAFCA national tour was an all driving event starting in Auburn, Indiana. A kick



A real Duesy

off party at the National Auto & Truck Museum got things started after touring the V8 Ford Museum and the town of Auburn. We then

toured to Elkhart to visit the Amish country and RV Museum and the beautiful quilt flower gardens in the surrounding towns. South Bend was next; our tour took us to the University of Notre Dame to tour the spectacular Basilica, and the Studebaker Museum. Off to Michigan to visit the Model A Museum at the Gilmore complex. What a place this is with Model # 1 on display. Finally it was back to Auburn for a private dinner at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.



What a week of back road touring and spectacular places to visit. Dave & Dianne Libbey and two members from the Worcester club traveled with us to this event.

We had a week between the next event so we were able to do some touring of the southern Ohio hill country with friends from TX, NC and TN. This turned out to be a great side trip with great scenery and points of interest to visit.

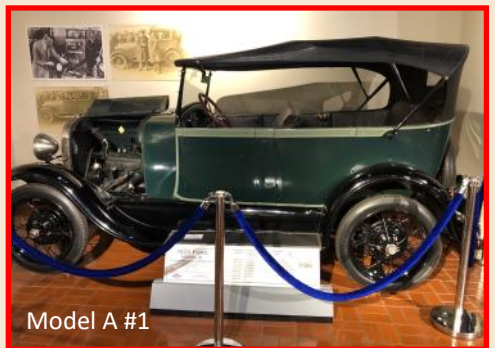


The MARC convention was next and it was a typical event with welcome party, seminars, hubbly races, fashion and car

judging and a banquet. Joop and Marlies Plaggenborg, now living in AZ, were attending and it was fun spending time with them, as well a Len & Peg Michalak who also were attending. The weather was great and we got to use the Model A for the Welcome Party and the Grand Tour. Part of the fun of these events is meeting new people. We

had an enjoyable dinner with Mike Francis, owner of Classtique Upholstery and learned how he got in the business, certainly not what his Computer Science degrees would have lead him too.

We have been members of both national clubs for 50 years and have attended many of these events. The first national we attended was in 1975 in Poughkeepsie, NY and a number of Minuteman members attended. The Most club members to attend a national event was in Vancouver, BC, what a great group we had and what a wonderful time.



Why not think about attending one of these events in the future, they are lots of fun and getting there is part of the adventure.

MINUTEMAN ANNUAL WAYSIDE INN DINNER

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2023

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

Cocktails in the Tavern 6 pm

Dinner in the Ford Room 7 pm

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Dinner includes entree, salad, vegetable, potato and dessert.

Price includes all taxes and gratuities.



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Willard Clock Museum Tour

The August 19th multi club tour to the Willard Clock Museum was a great day and amazing turn out of Model A's and T's. The Minuteman, Worcester County, Blackstone Valley and the Yankee Ingenui "T"s rendezvoused at the Willard Clock Museum in Grafton to display our cars, make new friends from the other car clubs and the public. Unibank sponsored the tour, by covering the admission fee to the museum of the fabulous collection of antique clocks made by the Willard family dating back to 1766. Thanks Unibank! In total there were 40 Model A's & T's on display for everyone, owners and visitors alike, to enjoy. Many brought a picnic lunch, but the museum had a food vendor and a local brewery serving on site as well. The tour of the museum was very interesting; it's hard to imagine creating such amazing clocks with the tools of the period. It was a great day for all attending.



Recent Club Events

August 5th. Scenic ride and Picnic Tour

Saturday August 5th turned out to be a beautiful sunny day and a bonus considering all the rainy days we have seen this year. Meeting at the Wayland Town Center were; Sue, Nova and Wayne, Doug Farrell, Mike Bizozero, Andy and Marilyn Adams, Rick and Anna Gadbois and Don Ross. As Don coasted into his parking spot someone noticed his luggage rack was tilted on a strange angle. Oh Boy! It was an opportunity for all the men to spring into action to access the problem and come up with a solution. One of the bolts that hold the rack had previously departed somewhere along Don's travels leaving the bracket to dangle in the winds. The fearless crew quickly came up with a solution – "who has a zip tie"? Wrenches and ties quickly made their appearance and the rack was back in place ready for the journey.



About 15 minutes after leaving the Wayland Town Center a call on the CB came from Rick Gadbois who informed me that his car quit and was on the side of the road. We quickly turned into a parking lot conveniently located at Honey Dew Donuts. Now the mechanics had a real dilemma, do we go back and help Rick or get a donut and ice coffee?? In true Minuteman fashion we stayed and had coffee while Rick tried to get his car back and running. After popping many 30-amp fuses Rick decided to disconnect the wiring at the alternator and head back for home.

The rest of the ride was uneventful and pleasant as we passed through shady roads, a beautiful side road with many large estates backed up to the Hopkinton County

Club where many golfers were spotted chasing their golf balls. Our destination was nearing and before long we were all parked at Sandra Pond which is the water reservoir for Westboro. We were surprised to find Ed and Joyce Croci waiting who had driven their Model A to join us. It was great to see them as it has been a long time since they have attended club activities. After finding a shady spot under some pine trees we all set up our chairs for a nice picnic lunch topped off with Sue's homemade chocolate cookies being passed around.

Our plan called for a return trip stopping for ice cream but the consensus was to head for home to take in the remainder of the day with other plans. Or maybe was it that we had too many cookies? All in all, it was a great day for touring even though we had a few unexpected problems. What happened to Rick's car??? Rick determined that the horn wire connectors were causing the problem.



Thanks to all who attended. *Sue and Wayne Champagne*

“Artie - Fact”

by “A”nonymous

Two Cadillac drivers got in a fender-bender, got out of their cars, and then started yelling at each other.

Within a few seconds, they were in a fist-fight. I guess you could say things Escaladed quickly.



We had a great turn out of Model A at the club meeting. The residents at New Horizons do enjoy when the club has our cars on display. Thanks to New Horizon’s for providing space for our meeting.



2023 MEMBERSHIP Application Form

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



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How would you like to receive your Newsletter: Electronically or US Mail (circle one)

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2023 New England Meet - Hyatt Regency Hotel 1717 Motor Parkway Hauppauge, NY
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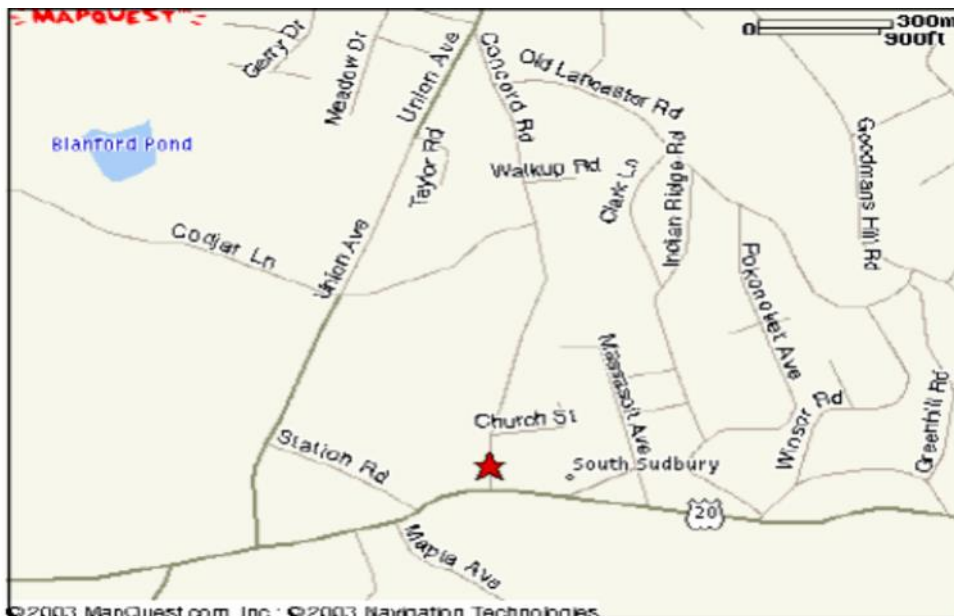


Latest News

Our summer meetings at remote locations are over and we will be back at the church in September.

Please notice the announcement of the Wayside Inn Dinner (p. 6) and sign up early as space is limited.

We will also have an update on the 2025 New England Meet.



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

September 2023



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