

The il Leak

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The President Speaks


Have we had hot weather or what??? And August can be hot and humid also. Hope your Model A air conditioning (windshield open) is working well. You also need a good radiator to keep the engine cool. But don't worry—this is New England, and there will be freezing cold temperatures that you can complain about in just a few months!

Did you realize that in a regular (non-leap) year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August does? August is also the only month that doesn't have a nationally recognized holiday. However, many European countries consider it a holiday month. So much so that major cities like Paris are almost empty of locals during August. For us, the month is considered the last month of the summer, which means we only have a few more months of Model A driving before the snow flies. (Is he really saying the summer is ending?) I do encourage you to take advantage of the tours lined up during the month. And especially consider going to the Rocky Hill, Connecticut, New England meet in September.



And for your monthly little bit of humor ... a friend of mine, who didn't grow up with computers, told me what his password is: MickeyMinnieGoofy DonaldPlutoHueyLouieDeweyDublin. He was told his password had to have 8 characters and at least one capital.

Prez Brad



Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Get Well card was sent to Mac McElhiney.

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)

- July 27 10:30 AM Uxbridge Antique and food TL Wanye Champagne
- Aug 1 5 PM Lookout Farm Natick food TL T. Zappala
- Aug 4 8 AM Gore Place Waltham Car Show OYO
- Aug 7 Regular Meeting Make you own Ice Cream Sundae
- Aug 10 10 AM Willard Clock Museum 3 Club tour
- Aug 17 10 AM Thibault's Country Store Spencer TL Rich Batstone
- Aug 28 6:30PM C&L Frosty Ice Cream TL W. Champagne
- Aug 31 6:30 Movie Night at the Kerns, Belknap Rd Framingham OYO

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report June, 2024

Income:	
Advertising	50.00
Club Items Sold	40.00
Coffee Can	21.00
Member Dues	40.00
Parades	550.00
Raffle (club)	<u>28.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 729.00
Expense:	
Oil Leak Postage (avoid stamp price increase)	460.00
Coffee Supplies	4.79
Oil Leak Printing	<u>80.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 544.79
Net Income	\$ 184.21

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

AUGUST 1989 35 YEARS AGO
 Our scribe, Art Callan reported, "Don't look for a startling issue this month because my typewriter broke down...you can always read The Restorer twice!"
 We decided to make a donation to the Fruitland's Museum for hosting the Club at a free concert and fun night!


AUGUST 1999 25 YEARS AGO
 There was good news concerning our website! Jack Bickel volunteered to be the Webmaster. We had a total of 13 Model As that turned out for the tour to P.C. Creams in Hudson on May 26th, but the following month, a total of 16 Model As left the Grange for an ice cream tour to Erikson's in Stowe. Beginning in October, our meetings would be held at The Sudbury Methodist Church on Rt. 27 in Sudbury.

AUGUST 2009 15 YEARS AGO
 2009's New England Meet would be held at The Margate Resort on Lake Winnepesaukee in Laconia, NH from September 24th to 27th. Jo Johnson reported that we had 165 paid members and mentioned that new name badges and rosters are available upon request. It was mentioned in this August 2009 Oil Leak.


National Organizations: Highly Recommended you join all three organizations



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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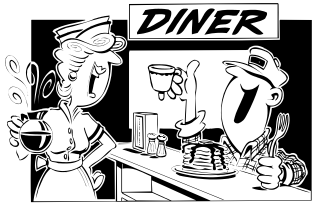
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Weekly Breakfast Group →



The breakfast group at the Big Apple, 890 Boston Post Road East (RT 20) in Marlborough, MA. We meet every Wednesday

around 7:30 AM. Why not join us, there is always room for you.



National News

MARC NATIONAL CONVENTION

In case you missed the news, fires in the town Ruidoso, NM forced the cancellation of the MAFCA national convention. Well, not to be deterred the Linden's regrouped and made last minute plans to attend the MARC national convention in Asheville, NC. The good thing is the travel time to NC is only one night on the road, compared to the 4/5 to NM. We will also be able to enjoy the company of other club members who will also be attending (the Michalaks, Marshalls and Quirks, also former members the Plaggenborgs). I will provide updates on the blog below, although by the time you read this we will be back home.

Here is the blog site: ruidosoroadtrip.blogspot.com



"My best friend is the one who brings out the best of me"
Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club July 3, 2024

Location: The Sudbury Grange, Sudbury Ma.

Tonight's meeting was kicked off with Bob & Cindy Mangan leading the group in the singing of God Bless America. They then followed up with a Model A favorite "The Good Ole Days of the Model A". And since it's the 4th of July we have one more patriotic tune "The Ballad of the Green Barret". President Brad Johnson then called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with approximately 21 members in attendance.

Officers Reports:

- Brad requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP.
- Brad then requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as printed in the Oil Leak – MSP
- 50/50 Raffle will be held at the break.

VP Report:

- Harold had several flyers for upcoming events.

Membership:

- Nan Linden no new members to report this month.

Touring:

- Don Ross

We had some nice tours in June

The Water Works Tour was great, we had a nice visit to Jim's Fire Station to view his collection of fire engines and related artifacts. The tour to Erickson's Ice Cream was attended by Brad and family – no one else participated.

* Upcoming tours

7/4 – Sudbury July 4th Parade.

7/13 – Saturday – Spyglass Brewery Tour, meet Larry at Westford town common at 11:00 AM.

7/17 – Ice Cream tour – Kimballs Farm in Carlisle OYO.

7/21 – Middlesex Canal Tour at Faulkner Mill in North Billerica. Also outdoor walking tour to see canal that still remains.

7/27 – Uxbridge antique and food tour led by Wayne.

9/8 – Remember to sign up for the 60th Anniversary Party at Fruitlands.

National News:

- The Lindens and Libby's trip to the MAFCA national convention was cancelled due to forest fires in the area. The town was evacuated for a week, they are now having torrential rains and of course with no vegetation they are now having flooding.
- The 2025 MAFCA National Tour will be to Civil War battlegrounds.

Refreshments:

- The August, (8/7) meeting will have Ice Cream Sundae's, John Kearns and Doug Farrell will provide the ingredient's.

New Business: None

Programs:

- Doug will show a short video of the Peter Prescott Collection in Gardiner Maine. This was part of the activities associated with the Great Race 2024.

Running Board Commentary:

Doug mentioned that a couple of Tom Webster's vehicle's have sold. The Ford Express delivery, the AA truck open cab has sold he believes to someone in Maine. The all original Fordor has also been sold.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary

2024 MEMBERSHIP Application Form



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

Membership: Renew - w/no changes _____, Renew - w/changes _____, New _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name _____ Model A : _____

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“Artie - Fact”

“Shutting her eyes and uttering a short prayer, the lady tourist wondered if she’d live to tell the tale of her first journey in a New York cab. The driver sped through the crowded streets, weaving in and out of other traffic, pedestrian leapt out of the way to avoid being crashed into. She looked ahead and saw a truck overtaking in a narrow street. Instead of slowing down, the cabby accelerated and missed a head-on collision by inches.



‘Are you trying to get us both killed?’ she screamed.

‘Relax, lady,’ came the reply. ‘Do what I do—close your eyes.’”

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nan reports One New Members this Month. Please welcome:

Joseph Leone
10 Thoreau Trail
Milford, MA 01757
No Car: Looking for a Model A



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Sunday, September 8, 2024

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 (Select one each) _____ **Grilled Garlic Herbed Chicken**
 _____ **Fresh Mozzarella Caprice**
 _____ **Roast Beef & Cheddar**

SPYGLASS BREWERY TOUR

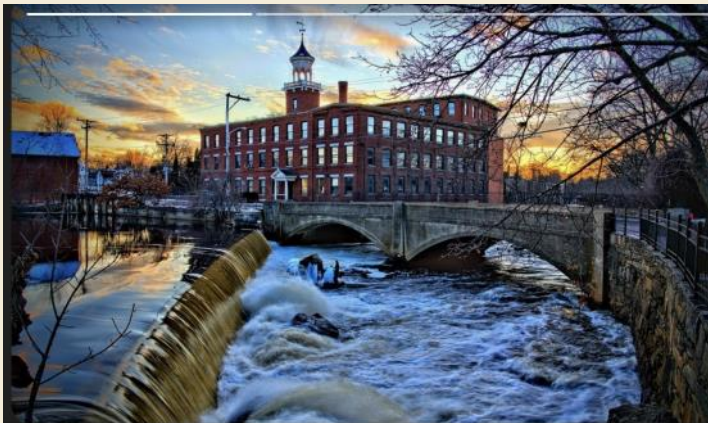


July 13th - We started our Model A tour from Westford town common, good starting place to Nashua! Weather was sunny!

Spyglass Brewery, was the final destination. Arrived by 11:30, and the parking lot was sectioned off for us. We took a few pics outside, met the owner and some of the employees. Once inside John gave us a fantastic Brewery Tour, explained all the processes, about vats, hops, and was even good enough to share what the costs were of doing business, great tour, tasting and pours with lunch!

Larry Conley

MIDDLESEX CANAL MUSEUM TOUR



We had a great start to the Middlesex Canal Tour on 21 July, with weather cooperating. In attendance with tour leader Harold Samuels were Don Ross, Jim Rousseau, Ed Wlodyka, Harold Legge, Matt Cilley and Parents, Sue and Robert Hart, Doug Farrell, Brad and Kathy Johnson with Grandchildren.

We were met on arrival by Ron Pare, the owner of the Faulkner Mill complex where the Middlesex Canal Museum is located. He provided reserved parking for us. His unique Model A truck was on display with a for sale sign. He is an old car buff and owns several

Thunderbirds of varying vintage as well.

After a brief look at a remaining section of the canal, the dam, and the water still running under the mill originally used for power, we entered the Museum. Russell Silver was the museum host of the day. He showed us around the facility and set up a video for us that documented the history, route, and surroundings of the Middlesex Canal.

In its day, the Middlesex canal was a major commercial force for the area. It carried materials to and from Boston, from as far as Concord New Hampshire via connection to the Merrimack River. The digging of the canal by shovel, construction of locks, embankments, bridges, aqueducts, and holding ponds was an amazing feat for the time, all done by hand. The demise of the canal was brought about by the building of the railroad along the same route. The railroad could move goods at a faster rate with less labor.

After visiting the museum, some of the group headed to Supreme Pizza for the optional lunch, and others headed directly home. All and all, it was an enjoyable and informative Model A day.

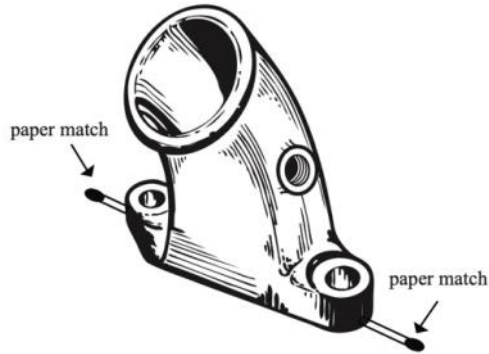


Congratulations to Rich Batstone on his recent award. A number of years ago Rich took his 1930 Coupe to the AACA Show in Hershey and won a Junior First Place and subsequently a Senior First Place. After many years of touring in the Coupe he decided to enter it in the 2024 Saratoga Springs AACA Eastern Spring National meet in hopes of winning a Preservation Award. Well after all the cleaning and buffing Rich did achieve his goal and received the Preservation Award.

Congratulations Rich !!

Here is an old tech tip that is still valid today

MODEL A WATER OUTLET INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



To avoid cracking the cylinder head gooseneck when installing, place ordinary paper matches between the gasket and the ears of the gooseneck before tightening. Cut off the

matched with a razor blade after torquing. This method never fails.

Some Things to Ponder

- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What does the abbreviation DOHC stand for?
2. What sub-compact car did Chrysler -Plymouth introduce in 1971?
3. Where was the engine located in the Corvaire?
4. What country manufactures the Toyota?
5. What does SVO stand for on the 1984 Mustang?
6. What year was the first four-door hardtop by Oldsmobile introduced?
7. What was introduced in 1937 that would remain until 1952 on Ford automobiles?
8. What type of headlight did Ford introduce in 1940?
9. What make of car did the GTO share its body style with?
10. What country manufactures the Citroen car?



Sudbury 4th of July Parade

It's always great to participate in the festivities of the Sudbury forth of July parade. This year the weather cooperated with warm temperature, no rain and a little cloud cover to keep everyone from getting baked. We also had a great turn out of members and Model A's. There were 17 Model A's, 1 Model T and 1 BB Ford Truck. What a turn out, thanks to all who showed up. Jim Rousseau also was on hand, but instead of his Model A he brought 4 of his antique Fire Trucks. John Pierce got the kids hooping and hollering as he had his Super Soaker squirting the entire route. It was a good time.



As you can see from the photos, it was a great turnout of Model A's and spectators. We haven't seen crowds this large for a while. The Sudbury parade is also a paid event for the club so it was great to have a large turnout. Thanks to all who attended.



ANSWERS TO CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Double overhead camshaft
2. The Cricket
3. Rear engine
4. Japan
5. Special vehicle operations
6. 1955
7. Two-piece windshield
8. Sealed- beam headlight
9. Tempest
10. France



The Registration Form for the NE England Meet is now on line. Please visit this website and register for this fun event.

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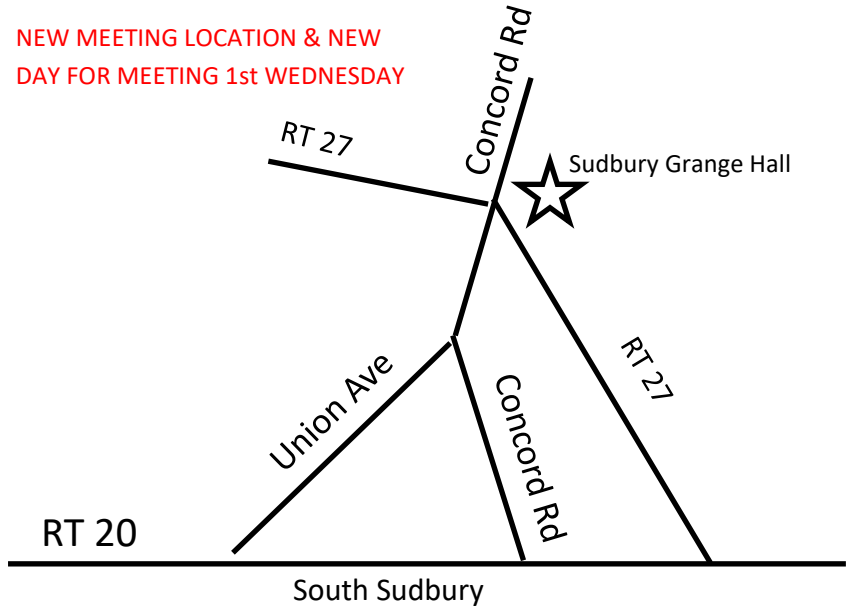
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August Announcements

The August meeting will feature a make – your-own-sundae. This always a good way to beat the summer heat so plan to join us at the meeting. We have some good tours schedule in August so please get you Model A out and join the group. Also, don't forget to register for the NE Meet in CT. Info on pg. 10.

NEW MEETING LOCATION & NEW DAY FOR MEETING 1st WEDNESDAY



Our Monthly meetings are now being held the first Wednesday at the Sudbury Grange Hall, 326 Concord Road Sudbury, MA. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org

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