

The il Leak

December 2024 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 61 Issue 12

The President Speaks

This is the last article of 2024 that I write as your president ... I'm just quietly sitting, enjoying my early morning cup of coffee. My habit is to read and think and work on the Model A of the Day puzzle at mafca.com during these early quiet hours. Here are some of my random thoughts:

- The rain from last night is steaming as the sun comes up.
- I filled the bird feeder, so the birds are happy, and I enjoy watching them flit back and forth.
- The Celtics won again yesterday – might be a good year?
- I finished carrying in all my wood for the winter. Kathy helped stack it.
- No matter who you wanted for president, at least all the ads are gone.
- I hope to take my Model A out for a drive soon, since I've now replaced the broken brace between the rear bumpers, fixed my wheel problem, and adjusted all the brakes.
- There's plenty in life to be content about if you look around.
- I hope the holiday season brings you at least the peace and contentment that I'm feeling this morning, hopefully more.



It has been a privilege to serve as your president this year. Thanks so much to all the many members who have helped make it a good year – a variety of meetings, helping others with their cars, touring, and laughing together. I hope you will join us for the holiday party on December 8th as we celebrate together. And in closing ... drum roll ... my final dad jokes:

*What are the best sweaters made of? Fleece Navidad.
What do you call a bankrupt Santa? Saint Nickle-less.*


*Happy
Holidays*

Prez Brad

Sunshine

Sue Champagne



Get Well cards were sent to Susan Farrell, Carol Smith and Don Folks.

A Sympathy card was sent to Rick Gadbois for the passing of his mother. Our condolences go out to Rick & Anna and the entire Gadbois family.

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)

Dec 8 1 PM line-up Maynard Christmas Parade OYO

Dec 8 12:30 PM Club Holiday Party see page 8

Dec 11 MAFCA Banquet Salt Lake City, Utah

Jan 8 Regular Meeting, **NOTE the date change.**

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report October, 2024

Income:

Coffee Can	17.00
Member Dues	440.00
Raffle (club)	26.00
<u>Wayside Inn Dinner</u>	<u>1987.75</u>
Total Income	\$ 2470.75

Expense:

Mass Tax Filing Fee	18.50
Award Items	60.00
Coffee Supplies	33.77
Oil Leak Printing	80.00
P.O. Mail Box Fee	236.00
<u>Wayside Inn Dinner</u>	<u>1917.44</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 2345.71

Net Income \$ 125.04

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

DECEMBER 1989 35 YEARS AGO

Having had the auction, election of officers, and garage tour, we finished off a great year of Model A'ing with a unique Holiday Party the Natick QM Officer's Club. Seventy drivers (spouses and friends) enjoyed a fun night of dinner and music (era music, of course!).

DECEMBER 1999 25 YEARS AGO

The Club had grown to 173 members and the majority of these new members are young and enthusiastic. I am also happy to report that at the previous meeting our Club selected Jo Johnson to be the worthy recipient of the 1999 MAFCA Chapter Service Award. On December 4th in Huntsville, AL, the MAFCA Board of Directors elected Dick Stitt to the position of Vice President for the year 2000!

DECEMBER 2009 15 YEARS AGO

The Wayside Inn is a local treasure that our club enjoys, even if it's just traveling past it on the way to other locations. It is a Fall tradition for the Club to enjoy a fine evening out dining at the Inn. Thirty six members enjoyed dinner and camaraderie in (where else?) the Ford Room. Wright's Chicken Farm tour is another popular event. After eating 32 Minuteman Members headed further south to a private collection of 25 restored collector cars owned by Angelo Calcagni. Mr. and Mrs. Calcagni were the most gracious hosts and treated us to a huge spread of homemade food and pastries. By 4:00 pm, it was getting late, so we cranked up our As and headed North after a fun-filled day!

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)

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and the Model A Ford Museum \$35/yr.

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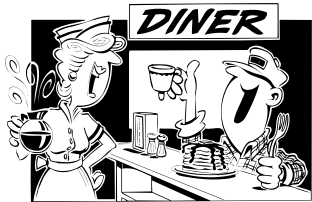
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Weekly Breakfast Group →



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. →



MODEL A FOR SALE:

1931 Vicky: Has original interior and possible paint. Has a late 31 motor which was a leftover from production and has no numbers on it. The car came to me with a 28 motor. That motor number is on the title and registration. I have no trouble getting a sticker. The car runs well 45-50 miles an hour. If you have a question call Dean Stevens at 508-885-9537. Asking \$20,000.00. Located in Holden, MA.



"There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something."

Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club November 6, 2024

Location: Sudbury Grange Sudbury, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:28 PM by President Brad Johnson, with 45 members in attendance. John then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Reports:

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

Membership: Nan Linden

- Three new members to report on this month.

* Steve Briand of Woburn, Ma. Does not currently have a Model A but is in the market for one.

* Andre Boudreau of Dover, Ma. Has a 1929 Standard Coupe.

* George Hall of Hudson NH has a 1931 Tudor Sedan and a 1929 Huckster.

Welcome all!!

- Dues are due, see membership form in The Oil Leak.

National News: Doug Linden

* No National News to report on tonight.

Touring: Don Ross

Don reports there are only 3 more events this season.

- Sunday 11/10 – The Old Mill in Westminster Ma. Tour Leader is Craig Martin. Meet at the Grange at 10 AM. Reservations are for 11:30.

- 12/3 – Maynard Christmas Parade we line up at 1:00 PM, with kick off at 2:00 this is a very quick parade that traverses down Main St.

- 12/8 – Holiday Party at Sudbury Point Grill Restaurant (Formerly Conrad's) starts at 12:30 PM, and don't forget your TOYS for TOTS!

New Business:

- Craig Martin is proposing to raise the admissions fee for the Winter Blahs Flee Market from the current \$3.00 to \$5.00. The MARCOM club is also planning to raise their price to \$5 this year. Motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership.

- Doug Linden presented the slate of officers for the 2025 calendar year;

Harold Samuels for President,

Peter McLaughlin for Vice President,

Barbara McElhiney for Treasure,

John Erb for Secretary.

A unanimous vote from the floor confirmed all candidates. Congratulations to the 2025 officers.

Refreshments:

Thanks to Bill Scaglione and others who brought in refreshments.

Volunteers for the January 8th meeting are Nan Linden and Peter M.

Programs: It is Auction Night and there is lots of nice stuff tonight to bid on!

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted – Rick Gadbois

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary

Editor's Note: After seven years Rick is stepping down as Secretary. I could always count on Rick's report coming to me in plenty of time to be inserted into the "Oil Leak." Thanks for filling this important club officer position for so long and I hope you enjoy your "retirement" sitting in the audience.

Woburn Halloween Parade

The Woburn Halloween Parade is a major fundraising event for the Lions Club. There is a huge turnout of units in the parade and of spectators along the parade route. The Minuteman Club has been participating in the parade for many years. This year our turnout was a small but enthusiastic group. Attending were Doug Farrell and his granddaughter, Rick & Anna Gadbois and family, and Barbara McElhiney and her sister Sheila McElhiney.



CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What auto company purchased the rights to the LeBaron name in 1953?
2. What Ford V8 engine had the valves in the block and not in the heads?
3. What do Early VW or Corvair engines have in common?
4. What is a distributor contact called?
5. Which of the (Big 3) automakers produced the LEAST number of cars for the 1945 calendar year?
6. Why were nearly 4 million 1949-1969 Volkswagen recalled?
7. How many headlights did the 1960 Corvair have?
8. What exterior part did Ford offer as an option in 1952?
9. How were windshield wipers operated in 1916?
10. What country produces the Volvo ?



WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Nan Reports Two New Members this Month.

George & Maryann Hall
18 Par Lane
Hudson, NH 03051
603-889-4065

Owns: 31 Tudor and a 29 Huckster

Beau Barnes
2 Jesse Road
Topsham, ME 04086

Restoring a 31 Pickup

Recent Happenings

NOV 10: ANNUAL FROSTBITE TOUR (Craig Martin reporting)



Our November Frostbite tour to the Old Mill Restaurant was a huge success. The weather was perfect, sunny but with a little chill in the air. 14 cars made the trip to Westminster. The Old Mill had a nice warm fire in the fireplace upon our arrival. We warmed up our hands before being seated, once seated we dug into their delicious pecan rolls. 26 minute people enjoyed a hearty lunch with plenty of manifold talk. Meg, our waitress, was fantastic.

A stop at the Cider Mill Antique shop in Sterling rounded out the day.



See you all next year. - Craig



The minute members enjoying the great atmosphere and food of the historic Old Mill Restaurant.



NOV 3: WRIGHT CHICKEN FARM TOUR

Our annual tour to the multi-club gathering at Wright's Chicken Farm was well attended. We had 11 antique cars in our parade to Burrillville, RI. We were met by others who drove directly there and we finished up with close to 30 hungry eaters in our group. The weather was amazing which contributed to the great turnout of cars from the other clubs. Thanks to Dick O'Brien for once again taking care of the arrangements and leading the tour.



ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION

The popular club auction was conducted after the November business meeting which was short because of all the great auction items. This is an important fundraiser to help boost the club's treasury. There was a lot of good "STUFF" on the tables and the bidding got pretty exciting on some of the items. The big ticket item was the Trico Windshield display case. In addition to the items we had a number of tasty baked goods that also offered something a little different than car parts. Thanks to everyone who brought "stuff" to sell and especially to those who bid on these items. At the end of the night the auction was a huge success.

The photos below show just a small sample of the goodies that were donated to the auction.



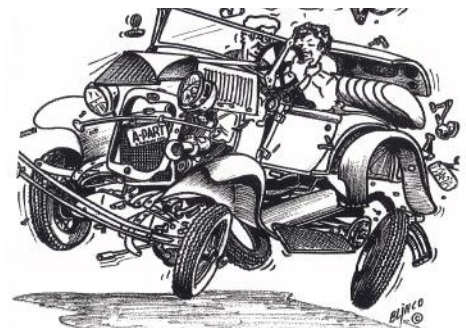
The TRICO Wiper display case was the hit of the auction.

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- Plug adjustments effect wheel alignment



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THANK YOU !

2025 Election of Officers

Per our by-laws the Nominating Committee published the list of candidates for the club officer position in the last newsletter. President Brad Johnson presented the slate to the membership and with no nominations from the floor a vote was taken and unanimously approved. The officers for 2025 will be:

President: Harold Samuels
Secretary: John Erb

Vice President: Peter McLaughlin
Treasurer: Barbara McElhiney

MINUTEMAN ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th

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- 3. Air-cooled engines
- 4. Points
- 5. Chrysler
- 6. Wiper arm failure
- 7. Four
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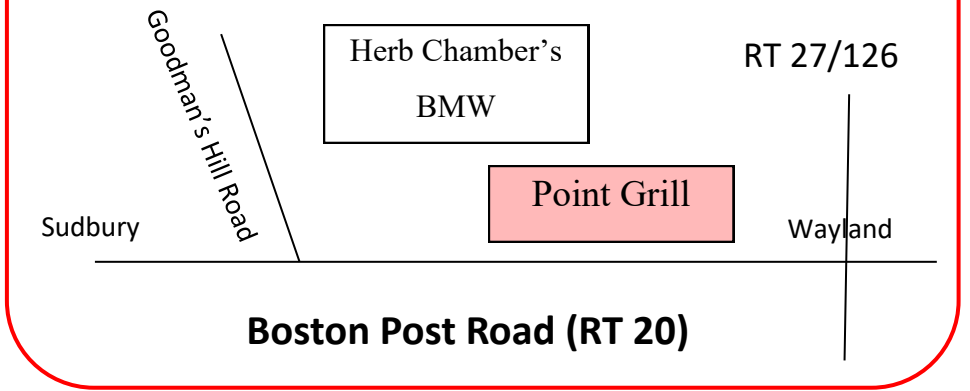
There is no regular December meeting, it is replaced with the Holiday Party on December 8th. Please see the notice on page 8.

Please bring a gift or gift cards for the Toys for Tots program, it makes a big difference for the underprivileged kids in the area.

Also note the January meeting will be on Jan 8, the 1st is New Years Day so no meeting.

Holiday Party at Sudbury Point Grill Restaurant

120 Boston Post Road Sudbury



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December 2024

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