

# The il Leak

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## *The President Speaks*

### **Happy July**

Happy Birthday to one of the greatest countries in the world, the United States. Every club meeting begins with us saying the Pledge of Allegiance or singing “God Bless America.” The United States may not be perfect, but it sure is a great place that stands for freedoms that don’t exist in many other places in the world. Every time we decide to get in our A’s and go for a drive, whether with the club on a tour or on our own down some country road, we are enjoying the freedom given to us by our founding fathers and carrying on through the decades to today. I sure hope you don’t take for granted all that we experience here in the “land of the free and home of the brave.” On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we get to celebrate the birth of our nation by joining the Sudbury parade. There are several other tours for lunch or ice cream together. Watch for details in the Oil Leak emails.




I’d like to thank Doug Linden for the many times he has planned an entertaining program for our monthly meetings. Recently, he has offered us a demonstration regarding carburetors (with Wayne Champagne), a fun history of our club meeting locations, and a “bring your strange item and tell a story about it” night. If you have any helpful ideas or a presentation that you think the rest of the club would enjoy, be sure to contact Doug.

Don’t forget, our July and August meetings are on the first Wednesday night of the month in our new location, the Grange in Sudbury Center. Speaking of forgetting, I once asked my grandpa, “After 60 years you still call grandma darling, beautiful, and honey. What’s your secret?” He replied, “I forgot her name seven years ago, and now I’m afraid to ask her.”

**HAPPY  
4th OF  
July**

*Prez Brad*



# Sunshine

Sue Champagne

A Thinking of You card was sent to Peter Kaptain

*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)

- June 26** 6:30PM Erickson's Ice Cream
- July 3** Wednesday Club Meeting
- July 4** Sudbury Parade lineup at Noon Chiswick Park
- July 13** 10 am Spyglass Brewery Tour and Lunch
- July 17** 6:30 pm Kimballs Ice Cream TL Rick Gadbois
- July 21** 11 am Middlesex Canal Tour TL Harold Samuels
- July 27** 10:30 am Uxbridge Antique and food TL Wanye Champagne

TL = Tour Leader

### Minuteman Model A Ford Club

#### Treasurer's Report May, 2024

<b><u>Income:</u></b>	
Coffee Can	22.00
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 82.00
<b><u>Expense:</u></b>	
Summer Meeting	44.00
Meet Donations	300.00
Coffee Supplies	17.78
Misc (Tour Clinic food/bev)	206.00
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 647.78
 <b>Net Income</b>	 \$ -565.78

## MINUTEMAN HISTORY



by Dick O'Brien

**JULY 1989 35 YEARS AGO**  
 Club President John Jacobson thanked Dave Smith for all of us. He (Dave Smith) had constructed a storage cabinet for the Club's use in the meeting room at The Grange. A professional antique auto appraiser visited Ed Giovanella's garage. Six Club Members brought their As to be scrutinized and appraised. Reasons for appraisals are to place an independent value on your car for estate planning purposes or if you've had a partial or total loss from fire, theft, or collision for your insurance carrier.

**JULY 1999 25 YEARS AGO**  
 The Minuteman Model A Club agreed to host the 2001 New England Meet. Dick Stitt, John Jacobson and Doug Linden were elected to be Co-Chairmen of this Meet. They selected Jo Johnson to be their Meet Coordinator to do most of the dealings with the hotel. "Move over, guys!", twelve ladies passed their driving test at our Annual Picnic at Clark's "Regional Airport"!

**JULY 2009 15 YEARS AGO**  
 Starting in September of 2008, a new world opened for the Model A Ford Foundation. The Minuteman Club voted for a \$5,000 gift and a \$5,000 Chapter Challenge. As of July 2009, over 41 Clubs had responded (with their chosen amount)! MAFFI's total at this point was \$26,000 to invest in a new museum! Art Callan thanked everyone for their generosity and for motivating other Clubs to participate.,

**National Organizations: Highly Recommended you join all three organizations**

 <p><b>Model A Ford Club of America (<a href="http://mafca.com">mafca.com</a>)</b> Membership dues \$50/year</p>	 <p><b>Model A Ford Foundation (<a href="http://maffi.org">maffi.org</a>)</b> and the Model A Ford Museum \$35/yr.</p>
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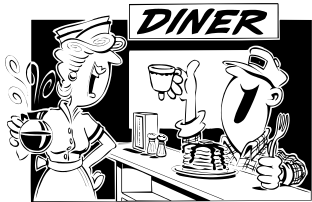
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### *Weekly Breakfast Group* →



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

## MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Doug & Nan Linden and Dave & Diane Libbey are on their way to Ruidoso, New Mexico to participate in the Model A Ford Club of America's national convention. If you have never attended a national event of either if the two national clubs you are missing the opportunity to visit with other Model A'ers from around the country. The events have great seminars, lots of amazing Model A's and wonderful tours of the local area and of course lots of food. I will blog the trip Out, Back and during the convention to give you a highlight of what we encountered on the trip. Our club members have visited many of these national events and have enjoyed attending. If you have never been to one of these you should try.

Here is the blog site: [ruidosoroadtrip.blogspot.com](http://ruidosoroadtrip.blogspot.com)



*"You say I started out with practically nothing, but that isn't correct. We all start with all there is. It's how we use it that makes things possible"*

*Henry Ford*

# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club June 5, 2024

Location: The Sudbury Grange, Sudbury Ma.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with approximately 31 members in attendance. Brad led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

This is our first meeting at The Sudbury Grange on our new day, the first Wednesday of every month. The doors open at 6:30 PM and lock automatically at 9:30 PM.

### 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. Barbara reported that the checking account for the 2025 NE meet has been set up with \$6000.00 seed money.

- Brad then mentioned that we have a 50/50 raffle tonight, see Dick O'Brien at the break.

### VP Report:

- Harold read a thank you note from the MAFCA National meet for our donation of gift certificates.

- Flyer announcing meet for antique engines, antique tractors and antique autos at Straw Hollow Engine Show in Boylston on Sat and Sun August 10 & 11. Admission is free.

- Harold then reported on the status of the Wayside Inn Dinner. Prices have continued to increase over the years and the cost of the room rental has pushed the pricing way over our expected budget, however, with some recent service provided by the club to the Wayside Inns 1930 Model A fire engine a negotiation took place to waive the room fee. A show of hands from the membership indicated we would like to continue with the scheduled dinner on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Membership:

- Nan Linden – we have 1 new member, Jeff Chandler of Lunenburg, Ma. Jeff has a 1930 Roadster. **Welcome Jeff!**

### National News:

- Doug, just a quick reminder on the 2 National meets coming up in June and July.

### Touring:

- Doug Linden reporting for Don Ross.

\* DQ in Ashland was well attended, we had 7 Model A's and 1 modern. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream and the conversation.

\* Wellesley Veterans Parade saw 5 cars.

\* Wellesley College Parade had 7 cars. The ladies love

riding in the cars. Riders were from the class of 1944, 1949 and 1954. One woman was 101 years old, everyone cheered her on!

### \* Upcoming tours:

6/8 – Waterworks Tour, Leaving Wayland at 9:00 am sharp.

6/15 – Firehouse Tour at Jim's house 10:30 am. then off to Murphy's for lunch.

6/22 – Pilgrimage to Plymouth, leaving Wayland @ 9:00 am. Lunch overlooking Plymouth Harbor.

6/26 – Ericksons Ice Cream

7/4 – Sudbury 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The parade will start at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 4, 2022. As in the past we will line up in Chiswick Park enter from Route 20.

### Old Business:

- Don't forget to register for the 2024 NE meet in Rocky Hill Ct.

### New Business:

- Tom Z. provided an update on the planning for the 2025 NE meet.

On 9/8 the Minuteman Model A Club will host a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party at Fruitland's. We will leave Wayland @ 10:30, admission to the galleries and a picnic lunch will be provided. Sign up in advance cost is \$15/member. This is a trial run for the destination of the Grand Tour for the 2025 NE Meet.

### Refreshments:

- Brad thanked Barbara, Nan and Dick for tonight's refreshments. Tom and Doug will take care of next month's meeting.

### Programs:

- Doug Linden will provide a short talk on handy tools to have in your repair arsenal.

### Running Board Commentary:

- Thread Logic has the Minuteman Logo, you can review their catalogue and order any item they have with the Minuteman Logo.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## “Artie - Fact”

by “A”nonymous

The driver of a brand new car stopped at a road junction and was struck by the car behind. The damage was minimal, so she just glared at the offender and drove on. At the next set of traffic lights the same thing happened. After the third collision the guilty driver got out of his car and came over ready to swap insurance details.



“Never mind that,” said the woman.  
“Just give me a five-minute head start!”

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nan reports No New Members  
This Month.



# The Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Invites You To

## Celebrate Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On

### Sunday, September 8, 2024

at

## The Fruitlands Museum

102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, MA

### 11:30 AM

featuring

## Art, History, and Scenic Views

and a

## Picnic Lunch

### \$15 per member; \$30 per Guest

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**We Plan To Attend:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Names Here)

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Box Lunch Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spicy Roasted Turkey BLT**  
(Select one each) \_\_\_\_\_ **Grilled Garlic Herbed Chicken**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Fresh Mozzarella Caprice**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Roast Beef & Cheddar**

## Minuteman Model “A” Club Meeting Location History

In the early days the small size of the club the meetings were at members’ homes with meetings on the second Tuesday of the week.

**September 1963:** the club meetings moved to the Methodist Church in Saxonville but at cost of \$5 per meeting was viewed to be high.

**November 1964:** the club meetings moved to the Grange Hall, however the condition of the building was not great, but it was free.

**January 1967:** due to the Grange’s poor condition a new meeting place was found at the community room at the Framingham Co-op Market on Mt Waite, Ave, Framingham.

**January 1968:** due to construction a new meeting location was needed and the club moved to the Framingham Co-op Oil Company on Leland St. Framingham.

**January 1970:** Conditions at the Co-op Oil not good, so meetings moved back to members’ homes. Meeting night changed to first Tuesday

**January 1972:** The club membership outgrew members’ homes, a new meeting location was found at the Peace Lutheran Church in Wayland.

**August 1976:** The club needed to find a new meeting location, so arrangements were made to meet at the Wayland Rod & Gun Club which was a less than ideal facility.

**June 1978:** The deplorable conditions of the R&C resulted in the women not attending the meetings. A new location was needed and so we headed back to the Grange Hall where the condition was somewhat improved.

**October 1996:** The deteriorating condition of the Grange finally caused the club to move to a new location, just next door at the Sudbury Town Hall.

**May 1997:** During the reconstruction of the library the Town Hall was used to store books and we had to find a new location. We went back to the Peace Lutheran Church in Wayland.

**July 1999:** The club outgrew the Peace Lutheran Church so a new location was found at the Sudbury Methodist Church. The meeting room and other facilities were excellent.

**January 2000:** The Sudbury Methodist Church had a conflict with our meeting day and since we didn’t want to change our meeting date we relocated to the Memorial Congregational Church (MCC).

**June 2024:** The rising costs of the room rental at MCC became too much and a new location was needed. The remodeled Sudbury Grange Hall fit the bill although the meeting date had to move to the first Wednesday. So we are once again meeting at the Grange.

## Framingham Fire Station 6

Well, actually it is what Jim Rousseau's calls his replica Fire station at his home where he displays his amazing collection antique fire trucks. And no, Jim was never a fireman but his love of fire trucks and memorabilia stems from him growing up across the street from the old Saxonville fire station. Jim is proud of the fact that he can share his firetrucks at local parades and firetruck shows around the area. We learned a lot, with Jim explaining all sorts of interesting things on the trucks and in the station, and thankfully he didn't give us a test. Thanks Jim for sharing you fabulous collection with us.



### CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What is the slang for model B-based coupe?
2. What is the name for gasoline in Italy?
3. Name the classic Ford station wagon.
4. What auto company also made aircraft?
5. What auto company was called the Letter Car Maker?
6. What other type of seat was used other than a bucket?
7. What is the cooling system pump called?
8. What was the car named for Henry's estate?
9. Named the 50's vacationing Olds.
10. Name the common door damage





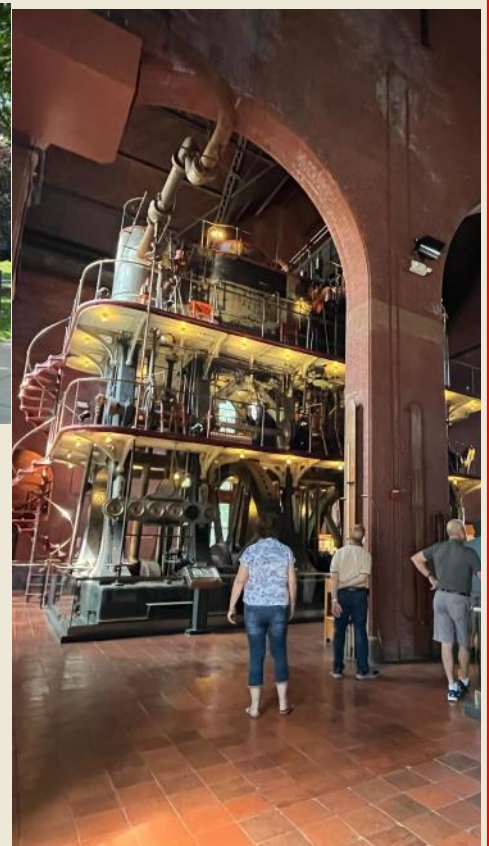
## Waterworks Museum Tour

On Saturday, June 8th, ten vehicles from the Minuteman Club toured over scenic roads and under sunny skies to the Metropolitan Waterworks Museum in Chestnut Hill. Tour Leader Tom Zappala led the parade through Wayland, Weston, and finally Newton, where the Model As followed the Boston Marathon up and down Heartbreak Hill past Boston College. Harold Samuels brought up the rear of the caravan and helped keep the crew together.

The group was met by the museum's Executive Director, Eric Peterson, who gave an excellent presentation about both the growth of water needs within the City of Boston and the life cycle of the Waterworks pumping station, describing how clean water was once a commodity for only the those who could afford to pay for it. Mr. Peterson described how the reservoir in Chestnut Hill, designed to be a clean and natural environment, drew picnickers and bicyclists out from the city for recreation. He also taught us how gravity brought water to much of Boston and about how when parts of the city at higher elevations were developed, those areas could not get water without the aid of the Waterworks pumps.

The pumping room looked something like the engine room on the Titanic; the coal-fired, steam pumps were enormous - and intricately designed. Mr. Peterson showed us the progression of pumps used for almost one hundred year - up through the 1970s. The pumps were required to service areas of Boston where gravity-fed lines could not reach. Mr. Peterson pointed out how the ornate pumps of the late 1800s gave way to the more austere designs of the early 19th century due to wartime metal shortages and a more utilitarian approach to designing machines.

The tour group gathered outside the museum for pictures before heading over to Echo Bridge Pizza for lunch and more good company.



**ANSWERS TO CMARC TRIVIA QUIZ**

- 1. Deuce
- 2. Benzina
- 3. Ranch Wagon
- 4. Ford
- 5. GM
- 6. Bench
- 7. Water
- 8. Fairlane
- 9. Holiday Coupe
- 10. Ding



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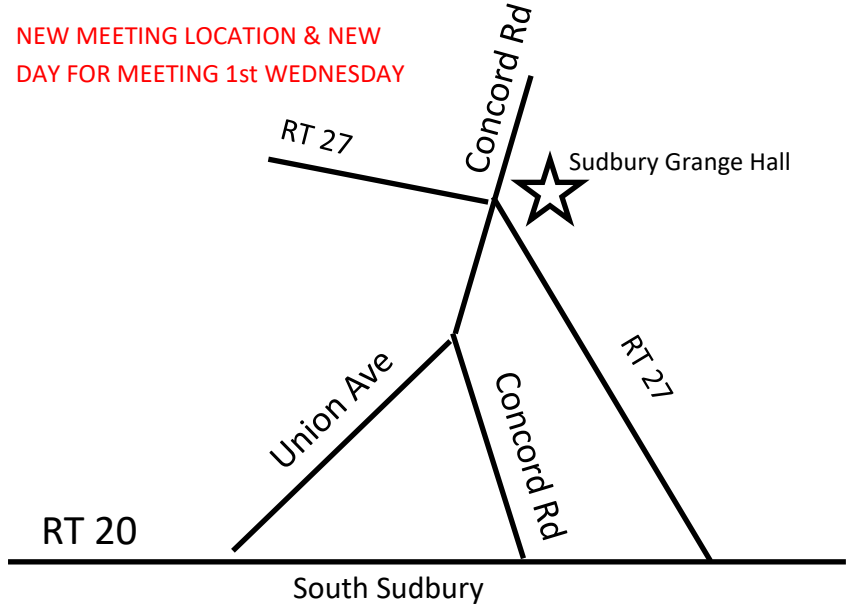
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And also plan to join us at the Sudbury 4th of July Parade. This is a paid event and we look forward to you joining us on this fun parade.

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.

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