

# The il Leak

November 2024 Minuteman Model A Ford Club Vol 61 Issue 11

## *The President Speaks*

Where did the year go? Can you believe Thanksgiving is almost here! It's one of my favorite holidays. I remember one Thanksgiving very clearly. Having grown up in Maine, it wasn't totally strange to have snow in November. However, this one Thanksgiving in the early '70s we had about a foot. I had a friend who came from a broken home, and they didn't celebrate much of anything. So, we had invited him over for our turkey dinner. He lived about a mile away and didn't drive, so I figured, with all the snow, he wouldn't come. I remember looking out the big picture window in our dining room, and there he was – riding his 10-speed bicycle down the plowed street toward our house! (He had a little more trouble with our unshoveled driveway!) He and another friend are with me in this month's picture – right after we had put the rebuilt engine in my first Model A, back in 1973. My bike-loving friend is the one on the right. I'm the one with the straight hair. 😊



This Thanksgiving, I encourage you to be mindful of all that we have: three meals a day, a roof over our heads, family and friends, vehicles to travel in – including our Model A's – and much more.

Hope you've put your manifold heater back on, if you have one. As the touring season comes to an end, I hope you'll join us for our November club meeting. It's our annual club auction, so bring your unwanted parts to sell. Remember, there is no club meeting during December. Our last get together for the year is the holiday party.

I couldn't decide which of these two were the worst ... What do you call snow on Turkey Day? Fowl weather. Or, what do you call people thumbing through magazines after Thanksgiving dinner? Readers' digesting.

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

*Prez Brad*



Don't Forget The November Meeting is Auction Night. Bring your donations and help support the club.

# Sunshine

Sue Champagne



Get Well Soon cards were sent to Clyde Kelton and to Jack Stokinger.

If you know of a member who needs a little cheering up contact me. [sdchampagne1931@gmail.com](mailto:sdchampagne1931@gmail.com))

## Coming Events

(Tours Start at Wayland Town Center RT 20)

- Oct 27** Noon Woburn Halloween Parade OYO
  - Nov 3** 10 AM Wrights Chicken Farm Gathering
  - Nov 6** Regular Club Meeting
  - Nov 10** 10 AM Frostbite Tour - Old Mill Restaurant
  - Dec 1** Noon Maynard Christmas Parade OYO
  - Dec 8** Club Holiday Party see page 8
  - Dec 11** MAFCA Banquet Salt Lake City, Utah
- TL = Tour Leader

### Minuteman Model A Ford Club

#### Treasurer's Report September, 2024

**Income:**

60th Anniversary Picnic	\$640.00
Coffee Can	7.00
Donations	30.00
Member Dues	20.00
<u>Raffle (club)</u>	<u>36.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 733.00</b>

**Expense:**

60th Anniversary Picnic	\$1,183.00
Office Supplies	31.86
<u>Oil Leak Printing</u>	<u>80.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,294.86</b>

**Net Income**                                **\$ -561.86**

### MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

#### NOVEMBER 1989    35 YEARS AGO

John Jacobson was appointed as our Club Rep to plan future Regional Meets: the administration, locations, and financing thereof. Our membership had expressed interest in being an active part of these Regional Meets. Our Holiday Party location for December 7th was scheduled to be at The Natick Officers Club. There was a motion to accept the state of officers for 1990 as presented by the Nominating Committee: President Don Morris, VP Wayne Champagne, Secretary Art Callan, and Treasurer Phil Iorio.

#### NOVEMBER 1999    25 YEARS AGO

On October 21st we were saddened to hear that Fitz Stevens had passed away at 77 years old. Fitz was one of our original Founders. We had 13 Model As in his procession to the cemetery where he was laid to rest. This year we had SEVENTEEN Minuteman Club Members attending the huge Hershey Flea Market in Pennsylvania. The Flea Market had 11,000 vendor spaces, 50 miles of vendors (if placed end to end), 26 miles of rows, and an attendance estimate of 1/4 MILLION PEOPLE!

#### NOVEMBER 2009    15 YEARS AGO

This year our Annual Auction would have a new twist. For the first time we would be splitting the proceeds with the owners that brought the item. This is an attempt to have better quality items, and to encourage you and others to bring better items to be sold. There would also be both a regular auction and a silent auction. Our congratulations went out to the New Hampshire Lakes Region for putting on a great New England Meet! Over 400 participants brought over 200 Model As to the Lakes area of New Hampshire.

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



**Model A Ford Club of America ([mafca.com](http://mafca.com))**  
Membership dues \$50/year



**Model A Restorers Club ([model-a-ford.org](http://model-a-ford.org))**  
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and the Model A Ford Museum \$35/yr.

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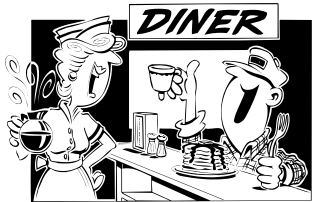
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### *Weekly Breakfast Group* →



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.



## National News

### MAFCA TOUR/MARC CONVENTION

Two big Model A events are planned for June 2025. The Model A Ford Club of America will be hosting its National Tour of the Civil War Battlegrounds. The tour will begin and end in Waynesboro, VA and also spend time in Gettysburg, PA and other major civil war sites. The dates for this event are June 15-22. More information can be found at ([mafca.com](http://mafca.com))

The Model A Restorers Club will hold its annual National Convention in Gettysburg, PA. The dates for this event are June 16-20. This event will feature tours of the area. More information can be found on the MARC website ([model-a-ford.org](http://model-a-ford.org))

To participate in either of these events you must be a member of the respective national club.



*"Time and money spent in helping men to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving"*

*Henry Ford*



# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club October 2, 2024

### Location: Sudbury Grange Sudbury, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Brad Johnson, with 34 members in attendance. Brad then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Officers Reports:

- Brad requested a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Oil Leak. – MSP.
- Brad requested a motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as printed in the Oil Leak. – MSP.
- There will be a 50/50 raffle tonight.
- There are still a few openings for the Wayside Inn dinner.
- Holiday Party is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30.

#### Membership:

- Nan Linden – No new members to report.
- Provided information for hotel registration for the 2025 NE meet.

#### National News:

- Attended Model A Days in Hickory Corners MI. They unveiled a 1931 commercial bus, which was very well done, folks there got rides and had lots of fun.
- MAFCA you can renew your membership on-line now.
- Hershey coming up next week.

#### Touring: Don Ross

##### Recent Tours:

- 9/8 – We had a great day and turnout for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party led by Tom and Lisa.
- 9/13 – NE England Meet in Rocky Hill Ct had a good showing of Minuteman members attending.
- 9/20 – Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum.

##### Upcoming tours:

- 10/5 – Dick Krug leading a tour for Apple Picking at Carlson Orchids. Meet Wayland at 9:00 AM
  - 10/14 – Lunch at Mel's Café Route 30 Wayland – OYO 12 noon.
  - 10/24 - Wayside Inn Dinner. Meet in the Tavern at 6:00 PM for cocktails. Dinner at 7:00 PM
  - 10/27 - Woburn Halloween Parade
- It is the largest Halloween Parade in the state and

has been for years. Parade starts at the Cinemas' at route 38 and 95 and proceeds to Woburn center. Parade kicks off at 1:00 PM.

11/3 – Wrights Chicken Farm meet in Wayland at 10:00 AM – Dick O'Brien TL

11/6 – Annual Auction at monthly meeting. Bring all your unwanted parts and treasures and we'll open up the bidding, you never know who may need it.

11/10 – The Old Mill Restaurant– lunch – meet in Wayland at 10:00 AM – Craig Martin TL

12/1 – Maynard Christmas Parade assemble 12 PM, Parade kicks off at 1:00.

12/8 – Holiday Party at Sudbury Point Grill in Sudbury at 12:30 PM

#### New Business:

- Brad presented John Kerns with a Gaveled Plaque in honor of his 2023 Presidency. Thank you John for your contribution.
- Voting for next year's Officers will take place at next months meeting, we still need someone to serve as Vice President.
- Thank you Tom, Don and Dick O. for tonight's refreshments. Next months volunteers are Bill and Nan.

#### Programs:

- Tom Zappala led an interactive discussion on 'Winterizing your Model A'
- Next month we plan on having a small auction so bring all your unwanted parts and treasures and we'll open up the bidding.

#### Running Board Commentary:

- Brad displayed his 'Hard Luck Trophy' which he obtained at the NE England meet in Rocky Hill Ct. It appears that the lugs (studs) on one of his brake drums broke loose and the wheel could not be tightened. Luckily the repair tent had a used drum which he could use to get home.

Respectfully Submitted

*Rick Gadbois* - Secretary

## Drive-in Movie Night at the Kerns'

Once again John & Martha Kerns hosted their Movie Night under the stars and the weather was perfect. John & Martha had plenty of pizza and pop corn on hand while those attending brought all kinds of appetizers and desserts. The feature presentation for this event was "The Magnificent Men and their Flying Machines." Lots of great antique planes on the screen and lots of laughs off screen. A big thank you to John & Martha for a great night.



## 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 produced the early Volvo's?



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



**Nan Reports Two New Members this Month.**

Andre & Elizabeth Boudreaux  
72 Main Street  
Dover, MA 02030  
1929 Coupe

Steve & Pat Briand  
9 Asbury Ave.  
Woburn, MA  
1949 Pickup, No Model A, yet.



## Recent Happenings

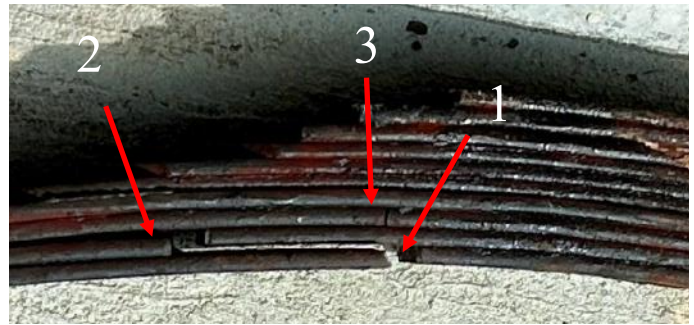


At October meeting, President Brad presented 2023 President John Kerns with a Plaque with the ceremonial club gavel. This neat plaque was presented to John in appreciation for his service. The plaque was crafted by member Dennis Porter using laser engraving to provide the details on the wood.

While attending the recent New England Model A Meet in CT, Don Ross' Model A suffered a broken spring that was noticed while visiting the TV Set/Showroom/Restoration Shop of Wayne Carini. The spring had at least 2 broken leaves and was not safe to drive.

Wayne had Don pull into the shop where the repair could be made that following Monday. It took a little longer to get the replacement spring to arrive but the job was completed and Don got to meet Wayne up close.

You can see in the picture of the spring that it most likely had 3 broken leaves.



Week was a success for those attending. It was good to see out of state members Gene Tallone

and Peter Kaptain joining in on the fun from Virginia and Florida respectively. The flea market had less vendors according to reports but there was still plenty of them on the field. Some of the vehicle selling prices were out of sight, but others were reasonable. A good time was had for those buying and selling. We did miss Clyde who wasn't able to attend this year but I hear he was on the phone a lot checking on the activity.

Hershey Group at dinner



Wayne C, Gene T and John E

Doug & Nan L with Peter & his SO Angela



Just a small part of the field





## Apple Picking Tour—Carlson's Orchard

Four Model A's left Wayland Center at 9:30am (not 9:00am as planned). We will get to that later. Those present were Ed Wlodyka, Doug Farrell, Don Ross and Dick Krug. Fortunately the weather was perfect, there was very little traffic and Dick planned a backroads, slow paced tour.

On our arrival Dick arranged for premium parking right outside the entrance. It was the perfect spot to show off our cars and Dick spent most of his time answering questions.

Lunch was scheduled at 11:30 just down the road at Sorrento's.

At one point Dick exclaimed that "it is not what you know but who you know"

He knew the owner of the farm, so we were treated very well and she was very nice.

At lunch, we were surprised to discover "there is such a thing as a free lunch". He is a good friend of the owner.

The reason we were late starting the tour was due to the visitor we met in the Wayland parking lot. He just saw our cars and came over. He was riding a 1948 Harley Motorcycle and was dressed in costume. He said he was going to Wayland Town Hall to protest the building of another set of high price condominiums. As we reach the grange he was standing on the corner with his signs and bullhorn.

He was a friendly and nice guy and ,,,,Dick never said He Knew Him.



## Nominating Committee Report



The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following candidates for Club officers of 2025. As always additional candidates can be made from the floor at the November meeting.

**President: Harold Samuels**

**Vice President: Peter Mclaughlin**

**Treasurer: Barbara McElhiney**

**Secretary: John Erb**

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1. Chrysler Corp.
2. Flathead V-8
3. Air-cooled engines
4. Points
5. Chrysler
6. wiper arm failure
7. Four
8. Fender skirts
9. Hand operated
10. Sweden



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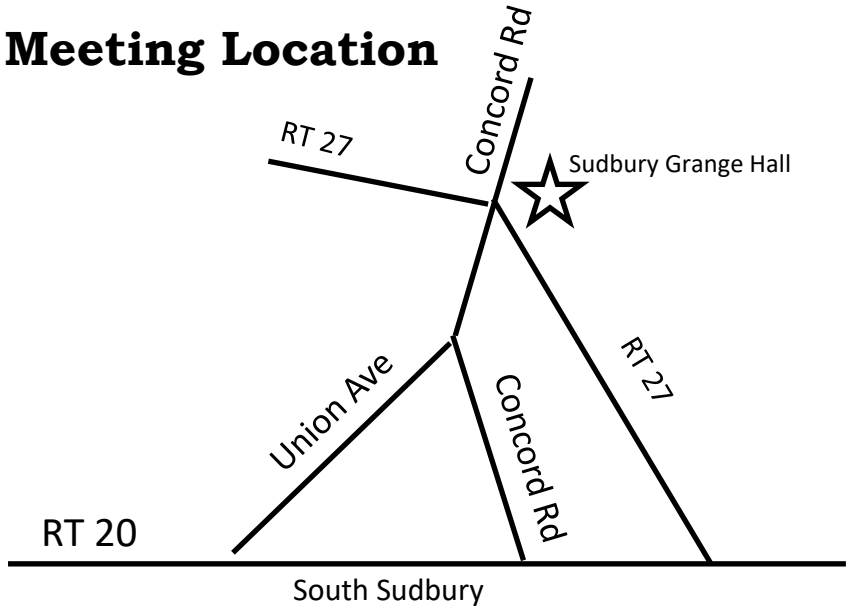
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Also at the meeting will be the vote for the 2025 officers.

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

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