

The il Leak

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The President Speaks

Here comes October, arguably the most colorful and scary month of the year! I love the beautiful colors that the leaves turn. Taking a trip on a back country road in the fall, perhaps apple picking (tour on Saturday, October 5th), especially in the A, has got to be the best. Reds and yellows sparkling in the cool sunshine. What a great time of year! Of course, I don't like the idea of raking all those leaves into piles and carting them away, but isn't that life – taking the good with the bad. That's October for me. I get a little tired of all the scary movie ads. There's enough scary in real life. I sure don't need to be watching it in a movie. Of course, there's all the candy that goes with Halloween! 😊



As I write, I've just come back from my first full New England meet down in Rocky Hill, CT. This was my first long trip in my A and my first time to take part in all the activities. I was told there were around 150 A's, and guess who got the "Hard Luck" trophy? (That's another story.) One of the beauties of driving an A is you don't often take highways. It took about 5 hours each way but at a wonderfully slower pace and with lots of beautiful scenery. We even took a little ferry ride across the Connecticut River on the way back. None of this 70-mph-just-to-get-where-you're-going stuff. CMARC sure did a great job, and the Minuteman Club will need everybody's involvement to have a great New England meet next year.

Don't forget to sign up for the Wayside Inn dinner on October 24th. We always have a great time together!!

Only two more months of dad jokes coming your way this year, so enjoy: What ailment do grandfathers get in October? They get rakes and pains. And a free bonus joke: Why is October the best month to play a joke on a leaf? Because they fall for it every time.



Prez Brad

Sunshine

Sue Champagne



No Cards Sent out this Month.

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)

- Oct 2** Regular Club Meeting
- Oct 5** 9:00 AM Apple Picking TL - Dick Krug
- Oct 14** 10AM Mel's Café OYO Meet there
- Oct 24** 6 PM Wayside Inn Dinner (See Page 6) OYO
- 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
- Dec 11** MAFCA Banquet Salt Lake City, Utah

TL = Tour Leader

Minuteman Model A Ford Club

Treasurer's Report August, 2024

<u>Income:</u>	
Coffee Can	11.00
Raffle (club)	<u>25.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 36.00
 <u>Expense:</u>	
Misc (July mtg Ice Cream)	45.30
Oil Leak Printing	<u>80.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 125.30
 Net Income	 \$ -89.30

MINUTEMAN HISTORY

by Dick O'Brien

OCTOBER 1989 35 YEARS AGO
 A "Mammoth Air Show" was held in Manchester, NH on the 7th and 8th of September. It included the B24 Liberator Bomber that was restored and flown under the Collings Family Banner. Our "Annual Auction Night" was scheduled for November 7th. Our Christmas Party was scheduled to be held at the Natick Officers Club on December 7th, with music and dancing all evening!

OCTOBER 1999 25 YEARS AGO
 We were definitely able to have the Winter Blahs Swap Meet at the Minuteman Airport in Stow, MA and we had Patti and Dave Carlson to thank for the connection. 32 Minutemen in modern vehicles headed to downtown Boston for a ride on the Boston Duckboat Tour. After about an hour-long tour through Boston streets, they drove into the Charles River and eventually navigated back to land. Marlies reminded everyone that our meetings would be held at the Sudbury Methodist Church moving forward, beginning with the October meeting

OCTOBER 2009 15 YEARS AGO
 The Minuteman Club announced a new and improved Club Auction featuring both a live auction and a silent auction. On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, we had on the Tour Schedule a "New" Tour to the Collings Aviation Museum in Stow, MA for their live "Airfield Battle" re-enactment. Two shows would be performed at 11:00am and 3:30pm. We could also take a ride in a vintage airplane! Cost was \$15 for adults, and \$10.00 for children.

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



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

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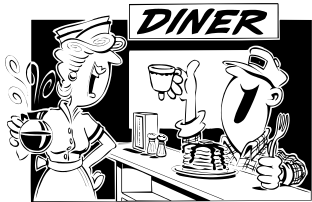
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Weekly Breakfast Group →



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 NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET

The MAFCA NAB will be held on Dec 11 - 14 in Salt Lake City, UT. The host of this event are anxious to show off their area and are calling this a Mini Convention. The size of an NAB is very small, usually about 70 registrations as compared to over 300 for a regular convention. As result these are very casual and you have more opportunity to make new Model A friends. The Host clubs have lots of tours planned; to Promotory Point where the last spike was driven on the transcontinental RR, Tour the Mormon Trail, Pioneer Village, Temple Square and the Tabernacle and enjoy the organ recital. Of course there will be some special seminars. If you register before Oct 1st you get a free Polo Shirt with your Model A as part of the logo. go to <https://utahvalleymodelaclub.org/nab/> to register.



“Before anything else, getting ready is the secret of success”
Henry Ford

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club September 4, 2024

Location: Sudbury Grange Sudbury, MA

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Brad Johnson, with 37 members in attendance. Brad with the assistance of the Mangan's led the membership in singing The Star Spangled Banner.

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.

He also announced there would be a 50/50 raffle tonight.

VP Report:

- Harold Samuels reported the Wayside Inn Dinner is on, it is scheduled for Thursday October 24th. Cocktails in the Tavern at 6 PM followed by dinner.

- Holiday Party is also scheduled for Sunday afternoon on the 8th of December. It will be held again at the Sudbury Point Grill on route 20.

Membership:

- Nan Linden reported one new member this month: Joe Barrell of Belmont, he has a 1931 Coupe.

National News:

- Doug Linden – MAFFI Model A Days is coming up in September, that happens the week after the New England meet in Connecticut.

- MAFCA national tour next year will be the American Civil War Tour to Virginia, it will tour all the battle grounds. The dates are 6/15 to 6/22.

-MARC national convention will be held in Gettysburg next year and the meet dates coincide with the MAFCA dates so you'll have to choose one.

Touring:

Don thanked all the tour leaders for August;

Dave Libby for the Clock Museum Tour.

Rich Batstone for Thibault's Country Store.

John Kerns for Movie Night.

Wayne & Sue Champagne for C&L Frosty

Dave Libby for Woodstock Fair.

September tours include:

9/8 60th Anniversary @ Fruitland's Museum – meet Wayland at 10:30 AM

9/13 NE Meet Rocky Hill Ct. group leaving Friday at 11AM

9/20 MAFFI Model A Days

9/21 Mini Golf & Brewery tour - Larry Conley

10/5 Apple Picking - Dick K. 9:00 @ Wayland

New Business:

- Doug Linden mentioned that the Nominating Committee is still looking to identify a candidates for the position of VP.

- The November meeting will be Auction Night. Last year's auction was very successful, bring in all your goodies that you are no longer using and donate them to the auction.

Old Business: None

Running Board Commentary:

Doug shared two stories:

This year's tune-up clinic was the first time we had a car arrive and leave on the back of a flat bed.

Jeanne and Ron's sedan gave us fits at the tune-up clinic, but we are happy to say that it is now running fine and they are confidently driving it around the neighborhood.

Jack Stokinger's young friend Beau Barns, 15 year old high school student, is assembling a pile of parts into a Model A. He has just found out he is in need of a radiator, to the rescue is Harold Legge. He happened to have a 30-31 radiator that he has generously donated to the project. Thank you Harold! Also we would like to mention that Bo is the recipient of a Model A Youth Scholarship Award. Congrats Bo!

Refreshments:

- Brad thanked Doug, Harold and John for bringing the refreshments this evening.

- Next month the volunteers are Tom Z. and Don Ross.

Programs:

- Doug has a short video demonstrating the proper way to bring a Model A to a stop in a medical emergency

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gadbois - Secretary

August 28th. Food and Ice Cream Tour

Meeting us at the Wayland Town Center were the Linden's, Doug Farrell and Dennis Mauro. The ride over to C&L Frosty in Sherborn was very smooth and uneventful as we were able to keep all four Model A's from getting separated during the trip. Tom Zappala was spotted driving his Phaeton just before we arrived along with Dick Graham. At C&L Frosty we were met by the Dowding's, Dick O'Brien and John Pierce. The evening was pleasant as we dined on fried goods and topped off with ice cream (of course)! Thank you to all who attended.

Submitted by: Susan and Wayne Champagne, tour leaders

Photos by Tom Zappala



Lookout Farm Tour

On Thursday, August 1st, the Minuteman Club took a scenic tour from The Wayland Center to Lookout Farm in South Natick. The tour wound its way over country roads in Wayland, Weston, Natick, Wellesley, Needham, and Dover before arriving at the farm. Tour leader Tom Zappala took the group that included Doug and Nan Linden and Don Ross through the Wellesley College campus and down Winding River Road and Dover's scenic Claybrook and Haven Streets, and Andy Adams joined the group in South Natick. The tour group enjoyed a nice dinner in the air-conditioned brew and cider pub at Lookout Farm before heading home.

Report by Tom Zappala



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nan Reports One New Members this Month.

Joe Barrell
14 Holt St
Belmont, MA 02478
1931 Coupe

MINUTEMAN ANNUAL WAYSIDE INN DINNER

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2024

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

Cocktails in the Tavern 6 pm

Dinner in the Ford Room 7 pm

Reservation deadline is October 9, 2024

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

Price includes all taxes and gratuities.



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67th Annual New England Meet



The 2024 edition of the New England Model A Meet is in the history books. The Connecticut Model A Restorers Club (CMARC) event was very successful and was blessed with sunny weather, albeit a little warm at the grand tour destination. 160 registrations were received for the event, which represented 296 people and 142 Model A's. The Minuteman club was well represented with 31 members in attendance: Tom & Lisa Zappala, Rich & Linda Batstone, Doug & Nan Linden, Andy & Marilyn Adams, Don & Sue Ross, Mike & Dawn Levesque, Wayne & Sue Champagne, Len & Peg Michalak, Brad Johnson, Harold Samuels, Barbara McElhiney; also included were those with dual memberships, i.e., Dave & Diane Libby, Bruce & Trish Marshall, Tony & Jude Zeoli, Suzanne & Robert Hart, and Jack & Jo Stokinger/Johnson. A few of our group drove down on Thursday with rest traveling on Friday.

The ride to Rocky Hill was about 3-4 hours of secondary roads. One treat was to take the nation's oldest continuing operating ferry across the Connecticut River. It was a neat little 3 car ferry. Once at the hotel the parking lot was loaded with Model A's of all types. What a sight. Registration went smoothly. The Hospitality room was busy and we learned that one gentleman made ALL the cookies and brownies and were they yummy. The Raffle Room had over 200 items and was a huge success.

The Friday welcome party was well attended and included Wayne Carini from the "Chasing Classic Cars" as the guest speaker. His dad was one of the original founders of the Model A Restorers Club.

The Grand Tour was on Saturday, which went by Wayne's shop and he invited people to stop in. The tour route followed the River and went through some charming small towns with beautiful old homes. The destination was a state park that also had a Hit-or-Miss Engine show and flea market. The cars looked great on display and the large tent provided shade while enjoying our box lunch. Back at the hotel the Hubby race was held and Rich Batstone won first place in his class.

Saturday evening was the Baquet and dancing. It was great to socialize with Model A friends we only see at the NE Meet. Lots of good conversation, food and music for dancing.

Sunday was the breakfast buffet, car awards and the raffle drawings. The room was brimming with excitement. The car awards were first and our own Len Michalak won 2nd Place in 30/31 Closed Class. The Hard Luck Trophy was presented to Brad Johnson for his damaged brake drum and wheel. What makes this unusual is that when Don Ross pulled into Wayne Carini's complex the front spring on his Tudor broke. Wayne just had Don pull into the shop and his guys would replace the spring Monday. But Don wasn't at breakfast so he wasn't a candidate.

AND finally it was the 50/50 raffle and Robert Hart was holding the winning ticket.

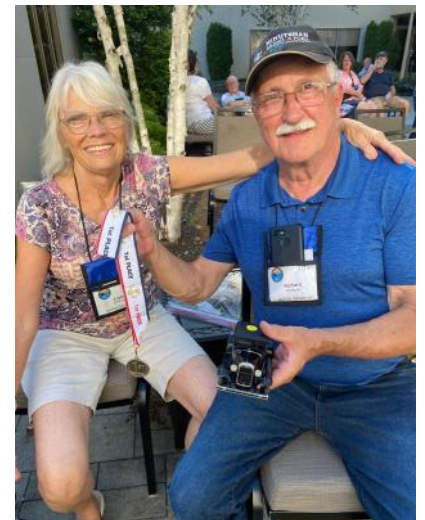
With the event over it was time to head home and prepare for hosting the 2025 NE Meet.



WE WANT YOU!

The Minuteman club needs YOU!

It's that time of year and the club needs you to help keep it going. Our by-laws require the nominating committee to seek out volunteers for the club officers for 2025. The committee is still seeking a candidate for the office of Vice President. Please consider stepping forward and supporting the club. (Nominating Comm: Doug Linden, Peter Mclaughlin & John Kerns)





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Wayne Carini, of TV's Chasing Classic Cars, was the welcome party guest speaker at the 2024 NE Meet .

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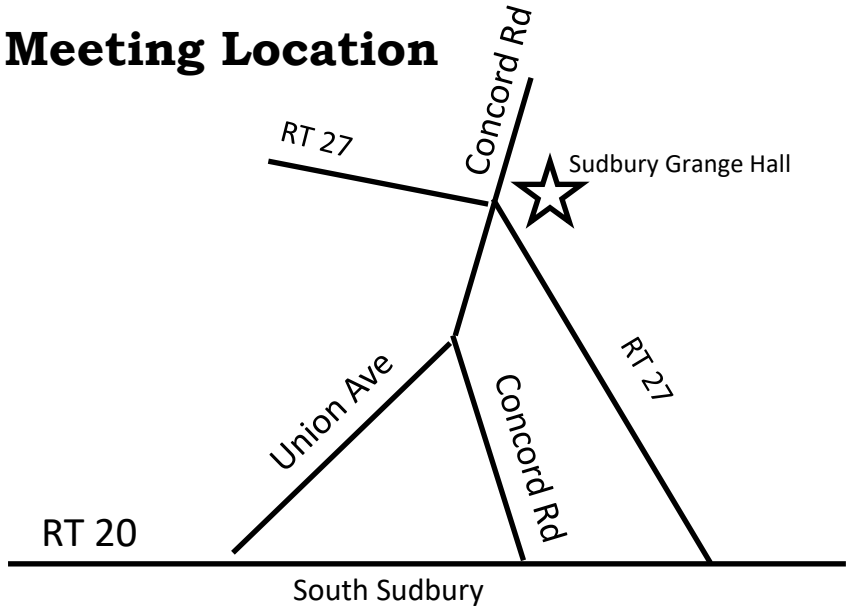
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The nominating Committee is looking for a volunteer for Vice President. Please consider helping the club; with over 100 members we should be able to have 1 person step forward.

Don't forget to get your reservation in for the Wayside Inn Dinner. See page 6. Space is limited.

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.

Be Sure to visit www.oilleak.org

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