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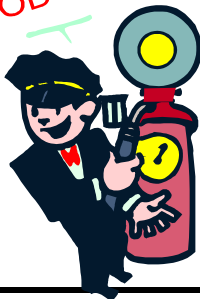
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Peter's November Message

My cheerful hello to everyone! I'm sitting here this morning thinking of all the "stuff" I still have to do before my term as club President ends. You know how it is, searching the archives of my brain reminiscing over the last several months. The time has flown by and here we are at the annual club auction once again. I think this is the one event I truly like looking forward to as I never seem to have enough stuff.

This year we will once again be hosting the silent bid table in addition to the live auction. The silent auction has two parts: donated items on which the revenue goes to the club and "consignment items" which means that any item(s) placed on the table (if you so chose) can be set with a minimum bid amount, with that amount returned to the owner of the item. The additional amount will be retained by the auction. As an example, if the item sell for \$7, with a start bid of \$5, the auction would retain \$2 and the owner of the consignment item would receive \$5. Hence, I encourage you to bring your cherished goodies, as this is a great way to reclaim value back to your pocket.

Tours—Tours—Tours. Although it is getting a little darker sooner then we'd all like it to be, I encourage you to come whenever you can. Bring your "A" or come modern, whatever makes you comfortable. It's your company not your car that fills a room with warmth...

The Halloween Parade is coming; this is a good daytime, daylight event, one you might truly enjoy call me for details.....

Peter

Minuteman Model A Ford Club
Minutes for October 5, 2004 at Memorial Congregational Church in Sudbury MA
32 members and guests attended

Program: Attendance is evidence that many of our members are “on their way” to Hershey PA.
Art Callan took the floor and tried to encourage a member to consider being the Vice President for the coming year.

President-Peter MacDonald

- ❖ Opened the meeting and greeted all those attending
- ❖ Commented and reported on the 48th Annual NE Tour on Cape Cod and congratulated Bucky Silvestrone on the 50/50 and Tom Geagan for his “Best of Show”

Vice President and Webmaster-Bruce Marshall
In Hershey

Secretary-Gary Hoyt
Minutes for September 2004 approved MSP as printed in The Oil Leak

Treasurer- Dick Stitt
Next month will include two months reporting...he is in Hershey

Other Reports

Sunshine-Helen Johnson...no report

Historian-Roy Johnson...no report

The Oil Leak—deadline ASAP

Video Librarian-George Day...no report

Shop Keeper-Harold Samuels...Peter reported that we are doing a survey of new attire from a form being distributed. Results after the next Board Meeting.

Mileage and Raffles-Wayne Champagne (in Hershey) Janice ran the Raffle and there were two winners

Tour Director-Dick O'Brien...not in attendance...in Hershey.

Jo Johnson commented on the NE Meet and congratulated Bucky and Tom G. Tom had the “Best of Show” out of 264 cars. It was the “first showing” of this newly restored 1928 Phaeton
Jo also reminded members of the Wayside Inn Dinner in October.

Current Business:

Reminder of the upcoming Auction...November 2 (Election Day)...donated items are needed

Jim True announced the upcoming *Halloween Tour* in Woburn. Cars and Trucks needed and Costumes are encouraged. Meet at the Grange on 10/31 at 10:00.

Refreshments for November Meeting...Joyce Croci, Gage Russell and Art Callan

**Next Meeting is at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Road in Sudbury
November 2, 7:00 pm for tire-kicking VOTE and then come to the meeting!**

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Hoyt

TREASURER'S REPORT

10/14/04 Income & Expenses
 Sep 16 - Oct 14, 2004

Income	
Coffee Can	\$11.14
Member Dues	240.00
Misc.(Int./Div./Change Value)	11.70
Raffle (Club)	30.00
Wayside Inn Dinner	266.00
Total Income	\$ 558.84
Expense	
Club Items for Sale	\$ 405.84
Donations	27.50
Oil Leak Printing	94.35
Postage	14.80
Service Charge	5.30
Total Expense	\$547.79
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 11.05
Net Income	\$ 11.05



Model A Restorer's Club Mileage Awards

MARC mileage awards were presented to the following members in recognition of their driving achievements with their Model A's. Drivers accumulate mileage and awards are given as plateaus are reached. Contact Wayne Champagne if you would like more information on how to participate in this program.

Awards were presented as follows:

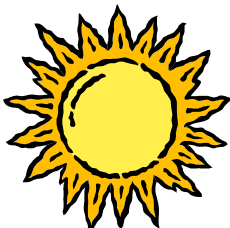
- David Carlson.....2000 Miles Fordor
- Bucky Silvestrone.....2000 Miles Roadster
- Gene Ervin.....2000 Miles Station Wagon
- Gene Ervin.....2000 Miles Roadster
- Gene Ervin.....5000 Miles Victoria
- Jim True.....5000 Miles AA Stakebed
- Dick Stitt.....5000 Miles Cabriolet
- Wayne Champagne..15000 Miles Cabriolet
- Dick O'Brien.....20000 Miles Station Wagon
- Dick Stitt.....25000 Miles Fordor
- Doug Linden.....40000 Miles Fordor

TOUR SCHEDULE*

- Oct 30.....10:00AM.....Doug to Douglas...Country Store Tour...leader Doug Linden
- Oct 31.....10:00AM.....Woburn Halloween Parade...Jim True tour leader
- Nov 7.....10:00AM.....Bull Run Brunch Tour...Dick O'Brien tour leader
- Nov 21.....11:00AM.....Frost Bite Mystery Tour....
- Dec 3*.....6:30PM.....Annual Holiday Party at the Marlborough Country Club

*** Tours start from the Sudbury Grange unless otherwise mentioned**

SUNSHINE REPORT



I sent a card to Gene Bunce as he had unexpected abdominal surgery. He wanted me to thank everyone for all the Model A's showing up at his house on the tour he was supposed to have led. We all hope he is feeling well now. Also sent a card to June Hurst as her beloved sister had passed away. Our sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with her. Please call me if you know of anyone needing a card for any reason.
 Helen Johnson, "Sunshine"

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

MINUTEMAN MODEL A FORD CLUB

Membership Application 2005

Date _____

New Member / Renewal [circle one]

Last Name _____

First Name: _____

Spouse's Name _____

Phone: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip _____

E-Mail: _____

List Model A or other antique car information below:

Year _____ Body Style _____ Year Acquired _____ Restoration _____ %

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Dues are \$20 per year. Make check payable to: Minuteman Chapter. You may bring this application to the next meeting or mail to:

Nan Linden, Membership Chairman PO Box 545, Sudbury, MA 01776

Membership includes husband and wife (or significant other) and dependent children.

Membership in the National Model A Clubs (MAFCA & MARC) is encouraged.

If you are over 80 years old and have been a paid member for the last 5 years you are eligible for free membership, if you would like to continue your membership just check here and return this form to the membership chairman.

CLASS "A" FIEDS

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- **FOR SALE...**1931 Coupe, Fully Restored, Dual Side Mounts, Rumble Seat, LB Interior, Green & Black, Excellent condition. Call Russell Pellegrine (617) 965-4659

Minuteman Model A Club

Annual Holiday Party

When: Friday evening December 3, 2004

Time: 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Where: Marlborough Country Club
200 Concord Road
Marlborough, MA 01752

Live Band: The "Swingers" 4 piece band and vocalist

Dinner: Buffet style

Cash Bar
Appetizers
Multiple Entrees
Dessert
Coffee & Tea

Cost: \$20 per person for Minuteman MAFC members, spouses or SO (subsidized by club)
\$30 per Person non-members, Guests and Friends

Toys-for-Tots: Each person attending is asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child

Member: _____

Spouse/SO/Guest/Non-member: _____

Number of member/spouse/and So's: _____ x \$20 each = \$ _____

Number of Guests and non-members: _____ x \$30 each = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make your check payable to: Minuteman MAFC and send by Nov 26, 2004

Mail with this form to: **Bruce Marshall**
Box 4054
Andover, MA 01810-0811

HERSHEY - 2004

If you're new to the hobby, you have no doubt already heard someone reference "HERSHEY" in conversation and wondered what it is. Well, Hershey is the common reference to the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Eastern Regional Meet, which is held annually in October. This year marked the 51 such Flea Market and Show held on the grounds of Hershey Park in Hershey, PA. Hershey is special, in that it is an international event and is famous for it's 4 day flea market that has grown to 10,000 vendor spaces, and the fabulous cars that are in the show. Many have said, if you can't find it at Hershey, it doesn't exist. It's over 24 miles of walking to do all of the flea market and car corral. Hershey weather is legendary, as it's can be snowing one year and summer like the next, but it was the rain and Hershey mud that was truly feared. Why I (your editor) had the sole of my shoe ripped off by that mud and have logged many a sloppy mile trudging to vendors in the deep mud. I've seen it all



Bob Wright and Dick Stitt look like they've had good luck finding some choice parts at Hershey



Some of the unbelievable flea market vendor spaces found at the Hershey Flea Market, Jack Stokinger found a hard to find part at this space.

since my first Hershey in 1973. Over the years things have changed, the flea market fields have been rearranged many times, the airport has been closed, hot top has replaced much of the grass flea market fields and the prices have gone out of site. But, Hershey is the place to be in October and this year the Minuteman club was well represented. Those seen were: Doug Linden, Jack Stokinger, Wayne Champagne, Dick Stitt, Dick O'Brien, Bob Wright, Dick Berry, Bruce Marshall, Gary Hoyt, Bob Griffin, Clyde Kelton, Skip Dunham, Bayard/Kay Guild, Harold/Sally Legge, Terry/Pat Sullivan, and Len Michalak. If others were there, I didn't see them. The weather this year was perfect and we all managed to come home with some new special items. This is one event, that when it's over and we're heading home, we are all ready talking about next year.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

(Submitted by Roy Johnson)

35 Years Ago---Nov. 1969

Five members attended the Nov. meeting. After a short bull session, the meeting adjourned to the local Dunkin Donuts. Final arrangements were made for the annual banquet to be held at the home of Dick Hathaway in Weston. It will be pot luck. Be there at 7:00, snow or no snow.

Treasury balance \$276.69

The foliage tour in October was sparsely attended. Only 5 cars and only 2 of those were Model A's.

George Reidel is offering a 1930 AA Stave body truck, partially restored, for \$400.

25 Years Ago--Nov. 1979 is missing from our files.

15 Years Ago---Nov. 1989

Plans were made at the Nov. meeting for the annual rally and the Garage Tour. Also, the membership has expressed an interest in hosting the N. E. meet every 6 years. John Jacobson was appointed as our Rep. to attend future planning sessions of the N.E. meet committee.

The annual auction was held after the business meeting.

Officers for 1990 were nominated and voted in: Pres. Don Morris; Vice Pres. Wayne Champagne; Sec'y Art Callan; Treasurer Phil Iorio.

The annual Holiday party will be Dec 7 at The Natick Officers Club.

Treasury Balance--\$13,023.26

Ten A's made the annual weekender in Kennebunkport, Maine.

The Oil Leak listed 36 different items in our Tool & Safety Kit to be carried by the tour leader on all tours.

16 Minutepeople turned out to take down the tents at the Girl Scout Camp in Bolton.

Roy Johnson-----Historian

Dear model A Friends,

I would like to thank all of the Minute Man model A ford members for the donation to the Model A Ford Foundation in memory of my mother.

As she grew up in the days of the model A's she enjoyed reminiscing about the old cars and enjoyed going to the car shows with us.

Many Thanks.

JOYCE CROCI & the Griffin Family

Trains Don't Wander

All Over The Place

'Cause Nobody Sits

In The Engineer's Lap

Burma Shave

Trains & Chinese Food Tour

Trains don't wander, but Model A's do. Following the Callan to the Nonatum Hill Garden Railway, we viewed some of Newton's cottages that sell in the 2 Mil up range. Jack and Mary Mullen had all their trains running on an impressive backyard track for us. All that smoke and action makes one very hungry, so, after a short hop into Watertown, we found the perfect Chinese restaurant, chun Slo Moe. Good food takes time to cook, says the chef: a long, long long time. There is still time to get your order in, Mike Doyle may still be eating.



THIS OLD WOODY

Does this picture look familiar? Well it just happens to be Norm Abram's and Steve Thomas, stars of the highly popular PBS series "This Old House." And maybe you recognize the car...yes it's Dick O'Brien's 1929 Woody Wagon. In case you didn't know, 2004 is the 25th Anniversary of the show, and in the special issue of TOH Magazine they had a special section of favorite pictures. GUESS which was one of them? Yup, this was one of them. How about that, of all the photos they have of the show, this was one of the very few to make their all time favorite photos. Congratulations the show for having good taste...and to Dick for providing the perfect "prop."

FOOD AND ICE CREAM TOURS

The sun is setting sooner and the evening tours are coming to an end, but we've still managed to get out and enjoy our Model As over the past few weeks. Starting off the month was an Apple picking tour led by Bob and Jan Wright. They were filling in for Gene Bunce, who was recovering from surgery. The weather was overcast and the turn out was on the small side, but those attending had a great time. They even stopped by Gene's house to check on his recovery. On October 11th, the club held it's Columbus Day Dinner, which saw a large group drive their Model A's over to Nicholas' Restaurant in Natick. Chicken Parmigiana was the special of the day, and it was a hit with many of us. We may not all be Italian, but we sure did enjoy the night out and the food. The annual Wayside Inn dinner was held on October 21st. This is always an upscale event since the Inn is such a special place. The atmosphere is second to none and the food is always great. Those attending had a wonderful time. The month rounds out with a fall weekend tour to Rhode Island, more food on the Oct 27, a tour to Douglas, MA on the 30th and the Woburn Halloween Parade on the 31st. So you can see we still have a pretty active schedule over the next few weeks. Plan to enjoy the camaraderie and your Model A, because before you know it that white stuff will be falling down and the Model As will be stuck inside for many months.

A NOTE OF THANKS

from Aldie Johnson

I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the Minutemen and others who helped me so much during a bit of a trying time at the New England Meet. To Wayne Champagne who volunteered his Friday afternoon to diagnosing the problems with my truck and trying to get the engine up and running properly; to Mike Bentinck-Smith (an old and faithful Mail Truck owner) who volunteered to help overhaul the engine on the spot (if necessary) or accompany me home in case of further problems; to Dick Stitt, the Tour Leader, and the rest of the NE MEET Tour Group who were willing to help nurse the truck back home and not leave us stranded; To Bucky for counsel and advice regarding the problems; to Gene Bunce for making his ramp truck available (if necessary) to haul the truck home; to Richmond Bell (another Mail Truck owner) for having parts available (again, if necessary); to Art and Pat Callan for the actual transportation home; and finally to Bob Gedney for offering his truck and trailer and the time to drive back to the Cape and retrieve the truck on Monday. As Russ Thompson used to say, "*The Minutemen are a great bunch of people*" and this showed again at the New England Meet. We couldn't have done it without you!



How about this for a great "turn-back-the-time picture." This is Bruce Marshall's Cabriolet parked by a gas pump display at a cottage along the shores of Lake Sunapee, NH. Sure makes a great backdrop for our Model A's.

AUCTION !

Did you get your mailing on the club auction? Well then, you need to search your garage and bring some "stuff" that you would like donate to the next meeting. This is always a fun event and you get some pretty good "stuff" too. Peter's message has more information.

ELECTION

I know you've heard this before, but the club needs your help. All clubs run on volunteers and ours is no different. We know it's hard to juggle all your other activities you have and to ask to take on more is a hard thing to do. BUT, the club needs your help or it will start to fall apart. Won't you please consider to helping out. It doesn't take much time and it's helping a fun part of your activity to boot. Think about it and tell an officer at the Nov meeting that you would like to help.

Fall Weekend Tour

I have just received a report that the Fall Weekend tour to Rhode Island was a complete success. The weather held off and the scenery was colorful in spite of the overcast conditions. There was lots to see and according to Wayne he has some great pictures of some of the places visited. A detailed report will be published in next months Oil Leak.

~~~ DOWN MEMORY LANE ~~~

It must be time to fire up a couple more stories. I don't think anyone else reads these except for Jean Kelly of Sagamore. Having done some work on her coupe last year, we have become friends. She was looking for someone to get her car to a condition where it was sure to make it back home under its own power. It was typical of cars that had been restored some 20 – 30 years ago. Enough inexperienced hands had been under the hood in the meanwhile that it was not in good running condition. Going through the process, I of course, fell in love with the car. What a neat little coupe. Finished nicely but not too nicely that you wouldn't want to drive it to the grocery store.

So we made sure to meet at the Sea Crest Inn in Falmouth at the Eastern Meet. That is what nudged my mind back to Model A memories. I was there in my '34 roadster. Only because I can't afford a Model A. Would you believe that? It's true. As I drove about the parking lot looking at the many cars, I wonder how many of them, and which ones I had brought down from Maine years ago. I had purchased them for \$50 to as much as \$150 and got them running well enough to drive down from Bangor, or Ellsworth or other exotic villages. Today, and I can't believe it, I could afford up to \$ 4000. But there are zero cars at that price, in any condition. That is incredible!

I wondered if one of the '30 phaetons at the meet was my original one. I would have to pull the front seat cushion out and look to see if the seat back had weld marks. The elderly couple that owned it (good grief, now Ann and I are getting in that age grouping) had cut the seat backrest down either side and across the bottom. A couple of hinges were mounted so the seat back would lay back. They traveled like this, over-nighting in the car to winter in Florida.

Well, it has taken me all this verbiage to get to my story. While touring the parking lot, there was a bright red sedan delivery. That brought back memories of the day, years ago, cruising all the back roads around Sanford, Maine. The slant windshield sedan had a trailer in tow, anticipating carrying some A parts. I came across a Church where the minister was out burning some overgrown-weeded areas. Out of the corner of my eye there appeared a burned and rusted luggage rack. Just what was needed, given that our 5 children pretty much filled the phaeton. I think it was given to me. Pretty tough shape but it was on the phaeton when sold many years later.

Down the road was another smoldering fire. A fellow was burning some tires and various cars in what had been a small junkyard. There was sedan delivery in there, with the front end in the fire. I convinced the fellow to give me the rear door. As I was trying to remove it, the wiring, paint, and then the floorboard and seat began to burn. I had a rag over my nose and mouth as I removed the last fasteners. That was all that I could salvage. The fire ruined the body. But the door was a good find. Why, it was sold to someone in New York for 75 whole dollars!

Rounding another bend in a wooded area, the windshield took a hit from a small pebble. Then I heard a shotgun blast nearby. Seems it was upland bird hunting season and the hit was a piece of buckshot. Now today we would call that collateral damage. But perhaps the hunter mistook the winged motometer for a Quail!

Well, it sure was a pleasure to see those fine cars. We were able to work our way inside the Sea Crest and spent some time with Charlie Colbath and Don Harding. Being from "up north", most of you folks don't know them but they are the "Bucky's" of Cape Cod. Master mechanics of the first order!

The **ORACLE** (Don Freniere)

PS, thanks for the card. It was my knee that was replaced. Now they can call me "Skippy" again!

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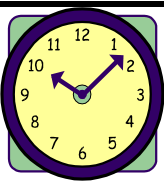


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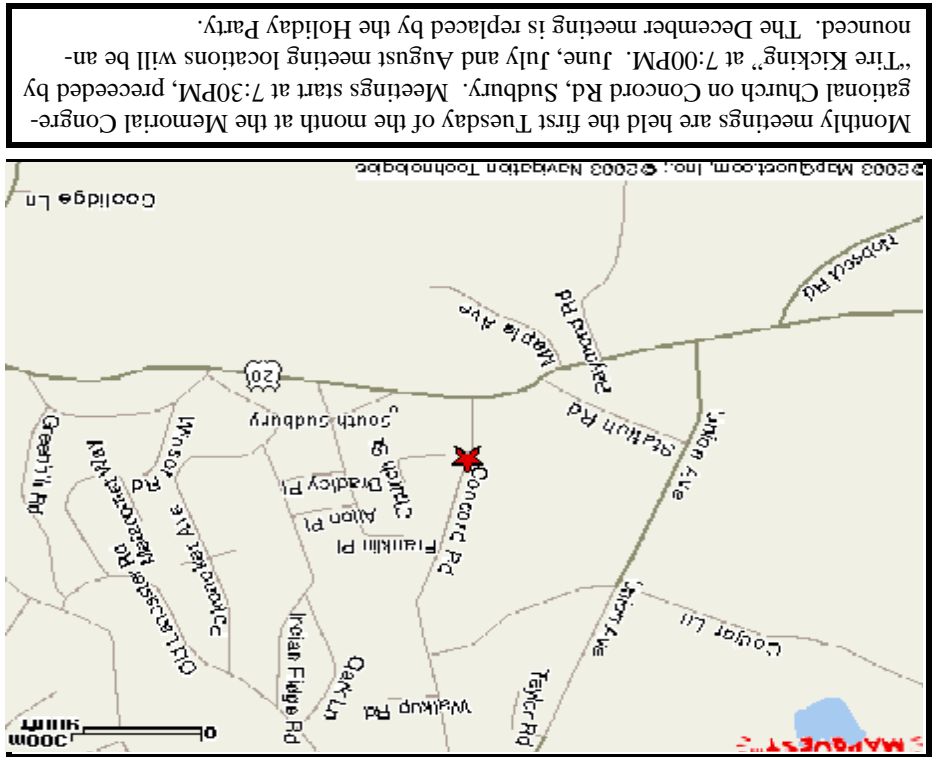
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YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATES

I got the following information at the recent Mass Association Of Auto Clubs (MAAC) meeting. If you have YOM plates on your Model A, or other antique vehicle, and you want to cancel the registration, you need to know the following information. When you go to the registry to get your cancelled registration form, the normal procedure is to turn your plate. Well, in this case the palte is yours so there is no plate to turn in. Some registry location aren't sure what to do, but the procedure is very clear on the RMV website. The clerk should use the CA-19 form to process the request. This procedure takes into account that although the registration is cancelled, that plate is not required to be returned. It's similar to the Lost Plate C-19 cancellation-form.



Don't Forget to Change your clocks on October 31st....
and while your at it be sure to change all the batteries in your
smoke detectors



Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at the Memorial Congregational Church on Concord Rd, Sudbury. Meetings start at 7:30PM, preceded by "Tire Kicking" at 7:00PM. June, July and August meeting locations will be announced. The December meeting is replaced by the Holiday Party.

The November 2nd, regular meeting place and will feature our Annual Auction. We will also be conducting our election of officers. This should be a busy night, so please plan to attend and be ready to get some great bargains at the auction table.

REMINDER

**Minuteman Model "A" Ford Club
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