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The Prez Speaks....

It has been a very busy few weeks now that Summer has finally arrived to New England. The Independence Day Parade in Sudbury was well attended with probably twenty decorated Model As participating. The next evening John and Shirley Jacobson hosted our regular meeting at their beautiful home in Wayland. Shirley, with help from some of the other ladies, put together another wonderful epicurean repast of appetizers, salads, ice cream sundaes and desserts. Thank you John and Shirley!

The annual picnic was held on Sunday, July 10th (the rain date) at the Sullivan's Shamrock Hill Farm in Andover. Despite the fact that organizers Bob and Janice Wright had to postpone the picnic for a day, the turnout was great. Ten Model As made the trek to Andover from Sudbury led by Jack Stokinger along some scenic backroads. When they arrived, another ten Model As were waiting for them at the Sullivan's. On a stunning day filled with bright sunshine we enjoyed food, fellowship and fun. Shirley Jacobson (busy lady) organized the "This Lady Drives a Model A" event. Seven ladies qualified as Model A drivers learning how to start, shift, steer, drive and park their Model As. Thanks for our gracious hosts Pat and Terry Sullivan and the hard working organizers Bob and Janice Wright.

The tour to Fenway Park and the Mapparium is on Saturday, August 27th. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting in August. If you cannot make the meeting, please call me at (617-448-7373) or email me (k1aj@arrl.net) to sign up for this tour. I have to give the people at Fenway Park a number of attendees. I encourage you to

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Minuteman Model "A" Club Membership Meeting

July 5, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President, Bruce Marshall, at the home of John and Shirley Jacobson in Wayland, MA. The President thanked John and Shirley for their hospitality and the abundant amount of food for the enjoyment of the club members. Fifty- plus members and guests were in attendance plus many Model A's were parked in the driveway.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report were accepted as printed in the *Oil Leak*. The Treasurer was unable to be present as he was caring for his mother in Georgia.

Super Tour: President/Web Master, Bruce Marshall, reported that he will have an internet connection from the Super Tour available on our Web Page for those unable to go.

The next **Board Meeting** will be held in September at Bob and Janice Wright's home in Wilmington.

Vice President: Tom Zappala, read invitations and announcement of various neighboring club activities. He also has raffle tickets for the 49th Annual New England Model A Meeting to be held in Long Island September 23 thru the 25, 2005. If you are not going to the Meet you can buy your raffle tickets from Tom. Remember Bucky Silvestone won last year! A reminder that the Endicott Show will be held on Sunday, July 10th and the Codman Show in Lincoln on July 17th. Tom read a thank you from Joanne Giovanella for sympathy received at the time of her father's death.

Sunshine: Our best wishes to Bayard Guild who is reported to be ill.

Membership: Nan Linden announced a new member: David Laituri who spoke on the history of his Model A.

Oil Leak Editor: Doug Linden asked that all information for the next publication be to him by July 15th. Bruce then presented to Doug an award from the Model A Restorers Club for Excellence as Editor of the *Oil Leak*.

Webmaster: Photos of the Sudbury Parade and new cars have been added to the Web Page

Shopkeeper: Harold Samuels reported that the shirts that were ordered have not yet arrived.

Tour Director: Dick O'Brien reported that the Club has already had 22 Tours and there are 26 to go. Dick discussed the Super Tour which is leaving the 16th and 17th of this month. Fourteen cars are going to Nova Scotia.

July 30th – Blueberry picking at David and Maryann's Farm in Sudbury at 11:00 AM. We will all go out to lunch after picking blueberries..

August 7th - bi-plane rides at Plum Island Airport, and a cook-out at Ken and Paula Goodwin's, 202 Middle Street, West Newbury, MA.

Presidents Tour to Boston has been changed to August 27th.

August 20th - Antique and Classic Boat Festival in Salem, MA.

August 10th – Family Day at the Museum of National Heritage in Lexington.

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Our next **Membership Meeting** will be held at the farm of Bill and Eileen Sutcliff in Boxboro. Food will be provided..

Annual Picnic: Bob Wright reported that picnic will be held at Terry and Pat Sullivan's in Andover on Saturday, July 9th. Rain date: July 10th. Shirley Jacobson passed out information packets on How To Drive Your Model A to the ladies who will drive their Model A's at the Picnic and be tested to receive a badge.

The President assessed fines on the following members for distinguishing themselves:

- Tom Zapalla, 3rd place, at Elmbank
- Gene Bunce, 1st place, "56 T-Bird at Hildene.
- Bob Wright, 2nd place, "31 Closed Cab Pick-Up at Hildene

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Wright
Secretary



COMING ATTRACTIONS

- ◆ **July 30, 2005...**Blueberry Picking at the Clarks, 11AM
- ◆ **Aug 4, 2005...**Ice Cream Tour, 7:00PM Start Time
- ◆ **Aug 7, 2005...**Bi-planes in Plum Island 9:30 AM Start
- ◆ **Aug 9, 2005...**Food and Ice Cream start time 6:30 PM
- ◆ **Aug 12-14...**STOWE VT car show
- ◆ **Aug 17, 2005...**Wayside Inn Ice Cream & Fife and Drum 7:00PM
- ◆ **Aug 20, 2005...**Fenway Park (see President's Message)
- ◆ **Aug 25, 2005...**Kimble's Ice Cream Car Show
- ◆ **Aug 28, 2005...**All Ford Show @ Mus of Trans Brookline
- ◆ **Aug 30, 2005...**Sub & Ice Cream Start time 6:30PM



◆ **Gentlemen Check Your Left Nuts...**According to Gene Bunce, it's a good idea to pay special attention to the LUG NUTS on the left side of the Model A. These have a tendency to loosen because of the rotation of the wheel. You should, of course, check all your nuts on a regular basis just so one of your wheels doesn't pass you while driving down the road.

Editor's Note:

I inadvertently forgot to give credit to the source of the KR WILSON engine rebuilding article in last month's Oil Leak. That information obtained from the internet at the following site: <http://users.michiana.org/rosss/modela.html>. Check it out, it's an interesting site.

Treasurer's Report....

June 16 - July 15, 2005

Income

Club Items Sold	12.00
Members Dues	<u>40.00</u>
Total Income	52.00

Expense

Coffee Supplies	<u>122.12</u>
Total Expense	122.12

Net Income -70.12



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bring the whole family on what should be a fun trip.

Finally, there has been a flurry of activity by the fourteen SuperTourers as we prepare our cars and ourselves for the big trip to the Canadian Maritimes that starts on Saturday the 16th of July. I will bring my laptop computer along and try to get an Internet connection while on the road and post updates about the trip to our club website. Watch www.oilleak.org for these postings.

Bruce

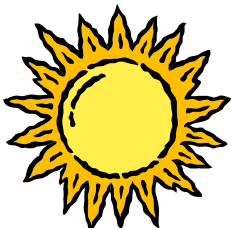
President's Tour

The President's Tour to Fenway Park and the Mary Baker Eddy Maparium has been rescheduled. The new date is **August 27**. The original date now conflicts with the Rolling Stones Concert. Change the date on your tour schedule. See Bruce's Prez Message for more information. Reservations are needed for this event. Contact Bruce if you plan to go.

Service Department

The service department remained busy the last few weeks. Wayne Champagne who suffered an overdrive meltdown, got his OD all repaired from Mitchell and reinstalled it in the cabriolet. Bruce Marshall replaced the timing gear that was heavily worn. Bob Wright had a noise in the motor and found a loose crank pulley and also adjusted the bearing on his motor. The mains were too bad, but the connecting rods were quite loose. Harold swapped the engine from his pick-up into the Coupe. and Bucky will have changed his clutch and pressure plate by the time you read this.

SUNSHINE REPORT



THREE CARDS WERE SENT THIS MONTH. A GET WELL CARD WAS SENT TO ARTHUR DION WHO WAS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH PNEUMONIA AND ONE WAS SENT TO JUNE HURST WHO WAS ALSO IN THE HOSPITAL.

A SYMPATHY CARD WAS SENT TO JACK STOKINGER FOR THE LOSS OF HIS BELOVED MOTHER. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH JACK AND HIS FAMILY AND WE WILL ALSO KEEP ARTHUR AND JUNE IN OUR PRAYERS AND HOPE THEY ARE FEELING WELL NOW.

HELEN JOHNSON----"SUNSHINE"

FROM THE ARCHIVES

(Submitted by Roy Johnson - Historian)

35 YEARS AGO --- AUGUST 1970

The August meeting was held at Walter Girds garage in Natick. 12 members attended, exactly half of our total membership. Clyde Kelton was the only one to brave the rain in his Model A.

Treasury Balance \$306.94

We had a tour to Amherst N.H. July 26. On a previous tour, Bill McSweeney had bawled everyone out for arriving late at the tour start. This time 6 of us were there but no Bill McSweeney. After a long wait, we decided to start without him but Clyde Kelton thought we had better call Bill's house. Sure enough, he was still there; he thought the tour was next Sunday! The next tour of note will be our sixth Annual Rally on Sept 27.

Our Sept. meeting will be held at Bill Riddell's house in Needham.

25 YEARS AGO --- AUGUST 1980

The August meeting was at Bob Noyes home in Sudbury. There were 18 members & guests but only 5 drove their A's, probably because of the extreme heat. Most of us are spoiled by our Air Conditioned Moderns.

Treasury Balance -- \$543.73

4 A's & 3 moderns made the Pizza & Beer tour July 20th to Papa Gino's on Rt 30.

60 people & 22 A's attended the annual show and Picnic at the Clark's. The prize winners in the club cars show were: Dick Batstone (closed cars); Bud Hicks (open cars); Chuck Danielson (commercial).

For August, we have an ice cream tour planned for the 20th; a tour to Historic Salem on the 24th & an unscheduled Edaville Railroad tour on the 17th. Then it's back to the Grange for the September meeting.

15YEARS AGO --- AUGUST 1990

Due to a last minute change of location, our August meeting was held at the Grange Hall. The threat of thunderstorms kept the number of A's in the parking lot to a mere half dozen.

Ed giovanella brought in a handful of broken wheel studs and cautioned anyone that has changed to cast iron drums and used snyder bolts to replace the bolts immediately as a recent production run with defective metal will fail. As proof, look no further than John Jacobsons trip to the National Meet in San Diego where his "A" made it through floods, high winds, fallen trees, 11,000 Ft. mountain passes, in Desert heat-only to be stopped by a front wheel leaving the Vehicle, resulting in a 400 ft. groove in the pavement and severe damage to the Backing plate and Brake shoes (and 190 miles behind a tow truck).

Treasury Balance -- \$14,231.39

Although July 18th might have been the hottest evening of the summer, 13 A's went on the ice cream tour to the Creamery in Marlboro with a stop along the way at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury to observe the Sudbury Fife & Drum company in Action.

Several tours lie ahead but the Annual Club Rally on Sept. 9 is the one you don't want to miss.

TOUR REPORTS

June 30th Ice Cream Tour: The Champagne's lead a group of about 11 Model A on an interesting ride through Sudbury and Wayland around Heard Pond and eventually into a NEW ice cream stand. Well, new to us. Girard's Turkey Farm now has an ice cream stand that is very nice. Since not too many people know about it we almost had the back parking lot to ourselves. We all managed to get our favorite flavor and converged on the outside picnic tables. It was really a great little spot and happy we were happy Wayne and Sue found this place. We also noticed Girard's has an outside BBQ on Friday and Saturday nights...maybe we'll have to try that out sometime.

July 4th Parade: This is one of our club's traditional holiday parades. I would venture to say we had twenty Model A's lined up, and including Nan Linden's Metropolitan.



Sporting a Red Sox motif. The weather was also very cooperative with warm and dry air, none of that high humidity we just had. The parade route was lined with thousands of happy moms, dads, grandparents and KIDS. We meandered down the road at snail speed and waved as everyone cheered as the cars went by. When we got to the end of the route we had plenty of time to get something to eat...if there was any food left...and watch the rest of the parade. What a great day it was!

July 6th Chinese Buffet: Gene and Dolores Ervin provided the leadership for this night of eating. The monsoon weather dictated the use of the modern irons, but once in a while you have to rely on something other than the old Model A. 26 people were on hand, enjoying each other's company. There was plenty of food on the buffet and it sure looked by the portions on the plates that no one was going to go home hungry. We all had a great night out and headed home in the rain, and were relieved to know the Model As were home nice and dry.

July 9th Annual Picnic: Not quite, the weather man wasn't so helpful and the rain date had to be used. Sunday the 10th was the date of the picnic and 20 Model As were at the farm of Terry and Pat Sullivan. Jack Stokinger led a group of 10 Model As over some very scenic back roads through Concord, Carlisle, Billerica and Tewksbury. It was a great ride. The Model As all lined up by the barn looked pretty nice, and all the food set up under the tent was even better. After eating, it was time for Shirley Jacobson to conduct the "This Lady Drives A Model A" program. All the participants got schooled on starting the Model A. Of course the final test was to see them start the A's and go for a test drive. Congratulations to them all. Later, Terry took us on an escorted tour of the museum (aka the barn) and it was spectacular. What a day! (See Bob Wright's report elsewhere.)



Fountain Pens: Model "A" Ford Era Fashion Accessory

By Donna May Bewley

February 2004

I collect era fashions and items that qualify as era fashion accessories. Some of my favorite accessories are jewelry, watches, purses, umbrellas, furs and fountain pens. I know that many other era fashion enthusiasts also enhance their enjoyment of our hobby by researching and searching for era fashion accessories.

Our MAFCA Era Fashion Guidelines defines accessories as all non-clothing articles worn or carried pertaining to and necessary in completing the major garment as an ensemble. Examples given are Jewelry, purses, wallets, etc. Many "Additional Limited Accessory Items" are also listed including fountain pens.

Perhaps you have never thought of a fountain pen as a fashion accessory. Certainly it is one of the most utilitarian inventions ever conceived. There was a time, in this country and around the world, when the fountain pen was seen as a highly desirable fashion accessory. Precious metals and gems were sometimes used in their manufacture. Color and style were emphasized along with performance. People purchased pens that reflected their personality, taste and socio-economic status.

During the Model A years scores of pen companies produced an amazing variety of pens. In the United States, Waterman, Parker, Sheaffer, and Wahl-Eversharp were the sales leaders. Less well known were brands such as Esterbrook, Carter, Diamond Point, Webster, Majestic, Waltham, Traveler, Red Dot and others too numerous to list. Fortunately for us, during the Model A years, some of America's best and most famous pens were produced.

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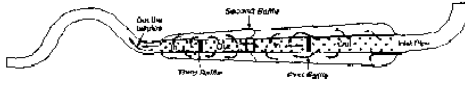
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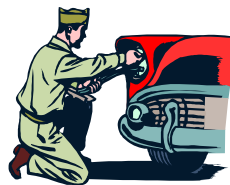


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Sulfur in air is the primary cause of tarnish on the headlight reflector. Try this chemical method of cleaning. Gather a plastic or glass container big enough to submerge a reflector and that will withstand boiling water. A one-gallon plastic pail should do. Line the bottom of the container with Aluminum foil, shiny side up. Add a teaspoonful of salt per gallon of water and boil the water. Pour the solution into the container and stir in a



heaping teaspoonful of baking soda. While this solution is hot, submerge a reflector in it. The tarnish will leave the reflector and plate onto the Aluminum foil. Rinse the reflector in plain water (warm) and blow dry it. Do the same for the next reflector. As the Aluminum foil becomes tarnished and the mixture cools, the cleaning time will increase. Be patient.

I found this article on the internet and thought it was timely since it's so warm.

JANTZEN KNITTING MILLS

Known primarily for its swimsuits, the Jantzen Knitting Mills are located in Portland, Oregon. John A. Zehntbauer and Carl C. Jantzen founded the company in 1910. It was then called the Portland Knitting Co. and consisted of a retail store and "a few [knitting machines](#) on the second floor" where heavy sweaters, woolen hosiery and other articles of clothing were manufactured.

The two partners were intent on expanding their company, especially by means of a product that would give them an edge in the highly competitive knitting industry. Fortunately, a member of a rowing club approached them one day and asked if they could make him a pair of rowing trunks "of a rib stitch." The success of this item led to the company's specialization in the manufacture of [swimsuits](#) in the elastic rib stitch. A patent for this suit was granted in 1921.

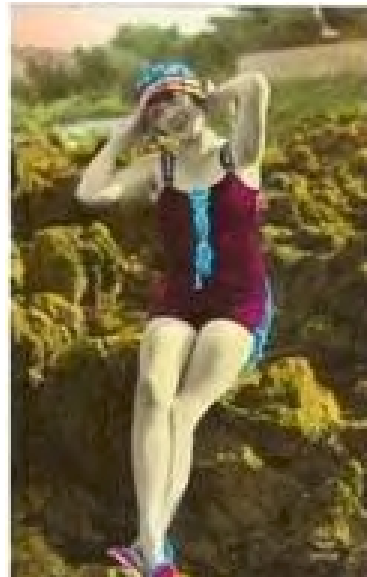
Carl Jantzen's inventiveness was responsible for the development of an automated circular knitting machine, derivative of hosiery knitting machines, with a fine needle-bed which produced the light-weight material needed for swimsuits. It also reduced the cost of knitting dramatically.

In 1916 the company first used the name Jantzen as a trademark in advertising, and in 1918 they changed the name officially to the Jantzen Knitting Mills. The name was again changed in 1954 to Jantzen Inc.

Early [advertising campaigns](#) were aimed at encouraging swimming. One of the longest used slogans was "the Suit that Changed Bathing to Swimming." An idea for a cut-out sticker of a "diving girl" in a red Jantzen suit and knitted cap was reported in a 1923 issue of Men's Wear N.Y. as "proving popular with auto-drivers--[and that] many windshields carry as many as 3 or 4 of the figure." It also became the Jantzen

logo. Billboards were used extensively with artwork by George Petty and McClelland Barclay. Ads in *Life* and *Vogue* in 1921 represented the first national advertising of the bathing suits and established the product as "first class." Before the peak year of 1930, the firm operated factories in Canada, England, and Australia, in addition to exporting to many countries in Europe, South America, and the Philippines. After the Depression years of 1931-34, a decision was made to license companies in Europe, rather than operating there. The decision was based on the uncertainty of U.S. foreign trade regulations and on the awareness of Zehntbauer, after a trip to Europe, of the political changes taking place there.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/archives/d9233.htm>



Bathing suits started to get pretty daring

The **Annual Club Picnic** was held at Pat and Terry Sullivan's Shamrock Farm in Andover on Sunday, July 10th, 2005. Approximately 50 members and guests were present. Happy to see members of the North Shore Club joining us.

Thank you to Sullivan Family for their hospitality and hard work, i.e. mowing the expansive yard and field, setting-up tables, putting up directional signs, providing ice containers, dishes, clean-up and foreseeing everything we would need. It was a beautiful day and many just enjoyed sitting under the tent with the light breeze watching the festivities. Terry was very gracious in allowing everyone the opportunity to roam his barn and garage viewing his abundant collection of autos, tractors, scooters, bike (all sorts), signs, carriages, etc. etc.

Thank you to Shirley Jacobson for organizing and conducting the "This Lady Drives A Model A" seminar. Thank you to everyone who brought desserts and salads and who helped in the preparation of the food. Thank you to Nan Linden, Dick Stitt and John Pierce and others for graciously assisting in the grilling of the food.

Bob Wright, Chairman

What's New for the Model "A"

(From the Ford Service Bulletins)

August 1928

The focus this month was the use of the K R Wilson service tools for the Model A Front and Rear axles. A complete description of the tools and their proper use was detailed. Illustrations showed removing the pinion bearing assembly, seals and replacing bearings and races. *(It would sure be nice to have a complete set of those KR Wilson tools).* Installing Landau Irons on a business coupe was provided for those customers who wanted to dress up their car. For Trucks, the 7.21 axles have a letter A stamped on the left housing next to the rivets on the bell. The 5.17 ratio has a letter B stamped at the same point.

August 1929


A new ignition wire clip was introduced. It was changed from a forging to a stamping. This has reduced the thickness of the clip and requires a shorter head stud. Three wire clip have been used, the first was 15/16" thick and used a 4 7/16" long stud. The second was 9/16" thick and used a 4 1/16" stud and the final clip is 5/16" thick and uses the 3 11/16" stud. Attention should be paid to the coil. To insure proper operation the coil insulator needs to be kept clean. Signs of dirty coil is a slight miss in the engine. This can lead to constant misfire and eventual cut out. Mechanics were advised to tell customers to keep the coil clean.

August 1930

Ford offered it's new battery *(Ford script of course)* for only \$7.50, the lowest price ever. Instruction were provided on how to gain proper advance of the distributor. Some mechanic increase the plate lever notch width to increase the travel. This should not be done as the notch has been machine to give 20 degrees of travel. To correct a problem the adjustment should be made at the steering column. Details are shown how to make this adjustment. New items this month included Generator terminal bushings; new steering gear gaskets; and a new steering shaft worm and bearing. New valve springs are now being used. The new spring is 2 15/16" vs the old at 3 7/16" in length. They can be used interchangeably.

August 1931


The De Luxe Coupe rear window has been changed from stationary to one that can be lowered or raised. It is also available as an option for the Standard Coupe. When a rumble seat is installed in a standard coupe the adjustable window will be supplied at no extra cost. Due to the amount of labor required, it is not practical for dealers to replace a stationary window with an adjustable window in old coupes.



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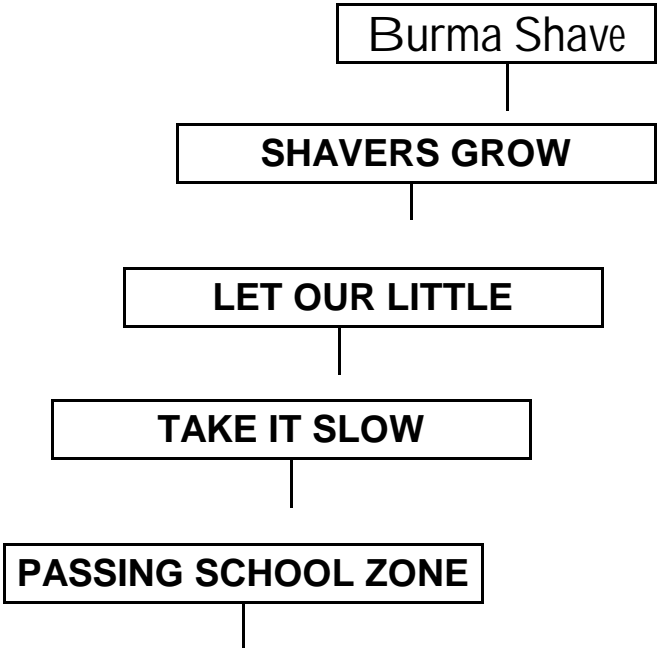


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REMINDER

The next meeting will be at the home of Bill Sutcliffe at 540 Stow Road in Boxborough, MA. Bill has a cleaned out his barn and says to come early. Hot Dogs will be available.

