

'A' CLUB NEWS

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Happy summer, everyone!

Happy 35th birthday to the Club! We celebrated in fine fashion with cake, ice cream and conversation at our July meeting at the Mitchell/Eliadi home in Shrewsbury. Thanks to Carol and Paul for hosting us and for the treats. Our next meeting will be in Holland - the town, not the country! Join us at Bonny and Ernie Fancy's, 1 Butterworth Drive.

Many of us are hard at work getting ready for the New England Meet – it's coming up soon. The latest update mentioned 142 registrations and more than 250 participants! If you haven't signed up to work at the Meet, please contact Susan O'Keefe or Carol Eliadi. Doing so gets you a free Meet-logo'd tee shirt!!

Several of us took advantage of an opportunity to check out the Wellington Hotel, site of the 2026 Meet, as part of a tour led by Susan O'Keefe. And we got ice cream. A great excuse for a Model A tour, right? Come to think of it, anything is a great excuse for a Model A tour! The Wellington will be a fine venue!

Speaking of tours.....the 2026 President's Tour is now history! Over 30 of us spent five days touring to/from and in the Hudson Valley. Our cars clocked over 500 miles with only one roadside seminar – pretty remarkable and a testament to good preparation. We explored the FDR mansion, Val-Kill (Eleanor Roosevelt's get-away) and West Point. There were tours at the Culinary Institute of America, a cruise on the Hudson River and dinners at numerous local eateries – culminating with a serenade from an Irish bagpipe band at our final diner! We were blessed with great weather, with the rain promised for the *next* day somehow getting postponed yet another day. We enjoyed a visit with several members of the Hudson Valley Model A Club as well.

I want to thank Keith and Ellen Costello who led a tour to the Waushakum Live Steamers annual field day in Holliston, meeting up with fellow Model A-ers from the Minuteman Model A Club. The Steamers is a club dedicated to understanding all forms of steam-powered locomotion, especially trains. This tour was suggested by Ed Sullivan who had to step back from leading it. And thanks to Jim and Pauline Sheridan who led a tour to the Hot Iron Dust-up event in Charlton where we watched drag racing featuring antique cars and motorcycles!

Please take advantage of the summer driving weather to organize a mini-tour. Or just get out for a drive. Your A will appreciate the exercise, and no doubt you'll bring a smile to the faces of those you pass by! The concerts held on various town commons are a fun way to do this – watch for a list via email!

Finally, thanks to Susan O'Keefe and her band of elves for putting on Christmas in July! We had terrific weather, a great tour, a fine lunch (burgers, dogs, many sides and desserts), and equally fine fellowship. Trout Brook Recreation Area in Holden was a perfect venue.

Stay cool and drive on. Ahooga!!
Dave



**Edward Sullivan and Alden Scholfield have been sent cards for recent illnesses
Lyn Stevens Sunshine**



**No new Members
Lyn Stevens Membership**

Treasurer's Report		
Balance, May 31, 2026		8025.63
Income		
50/50 Raffle / Coffee		\$47.00
Dues		\$160.00
Total Income		\$207.00
Expenses		
Coffee Supplies		\$20.72
Stamps		\$15.60
PO Box Rental		\$196.00
Trout Brook Rental		\$200.00
Total Expenses		\$432.32
Net Income		-\$225.32
Balance, June 30, 2026		7800.31



**AUGUST 18 @ 7:00PM
THE FANCY'S
1 BUTTERWORTH DR
HOLLAND MA**



**SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH FITZWILLIAM POLICE
DEPT CRUISE @ KEENE HIGH SCHOOL**

AUGUST 18 MEETING AT THE FANCIES

SEPTEMBER 17 - 20 NEW ENGLAND MEET



Presidents Tour Photo

Provided by Keith
Costello

Worcester County Model A Club Meeting

July 21, 2026

The June meeting of the Worcester County Model A Club was called to order by President David Libbey at 7 pm. There were no guests or new members present. There were 31 members in attendance.

Treasurer's report: starting balance was \$8,025.63. We had income of \$202 and expenses of \$432.32 leaving a balance of \$7,800.31.

Old Business:

- Hot Heads car show was a success with 135 cars present
- President's Tour had 32 participants, 15 Model As and 1 modern car. There were tours to lots of places in the Hudson Valley including the FDR home, Val-Kill, the CIA, and a Hudson River cruise. Only 1 roadside seminar.
- Hot Iron Dust-up event. Tour was led by Jim Sheridan; there were 8 cars from the club in attendance. It was bigger than last year's event and ended with ice cream.
- Washaukam tour was led by Keith Costello. There were 7+ cars from the club. We met up with cars from the Minuteman Club, so it was a most enjoyable day that ended with ice cream in Grafton.
- Christmas in July, July 25th at Trout Brook Recreational Area. Cars will meet at Trout Brook and then tour from there led by Susan O'Keefe. Menu is hot dogs and hamburgers with side dishes and desserts provided by members.
- Club apparel is still available. Order direct from the company, same prices and you are responsible for picking up your order.

Summer meeting dates and places

- August 18 at Ernie and Bonnie Fancy's home in Holland
- September 15 at Dennis and Catherine Gentile's home in Barre
- October 21 – Club Auction at Joey's Limo in Worcester.

Local Tour options:

- David provided a list of summer concerts on the Common as places to gather and enjoy a night out with friends.
- Sunday, August 2 opportunity to tour with the Minuteman Club to Essex.
- Holden Days – August 22. Gather at the Health Care Center at 8:30 am. We will park on the ball field in the shade so visitors can view the cars and ask questions.
- Ladies Day tour – no date and no leaders yet. Great opportunity to plan a tour experience for our lady drivers.

New England Meet Update

- Ron provided signup sheets for both the Raffle Room and Silent Auction donations. Please let him know if you are bringing something so they can plan the necessary space.
- At present there are 142 registrations for 255 guests. There was a flurry of recent registrations sent to beat the late fee charges.
- Please sign up for slots to work – volunteers will be given 1 yellow t-shirt with meet logo on it. If you would like more, please let Susan know so she can order the right number. Additional shirts are \$12.50 each.
- The Mitchell/Eliadi garage is running out of storage space for the meet. If you have snacks or items for the raffle/silent auction, please bring them on the Thursday of the Meet. Hospitality Room needs WRAPPED goodies, water, and soda. Let Amy O'Keefe know what you are bringing.
- Raffle Room opens on Friday morning.
- We are still looking for traffic cones for the parking lot. Trailers will park across the street from the hotel's main lot.

Legislative update – Doug Linden

- No forward progress this legislative session. Will need to start over when the new session starts.
- A good contingent of Club members went on the Finger Lakes Tour. It was a successful tour and they saw lots. Highlight was driving on the Watkins Glen track.
- Next MARC Tour will be in Oklahoma in 2027
- Next MAFCA Tour will be in Durango, CO in 2027

Show and Tell

- Ernie brought a windshield wiper vacuum plate and had questions about installing it
- Doug shared a Model A Tool Kit Guide which details on what was really included in the tool kit. The Guide is available online.
- Doug shared an app for phones for Model As – “A-Speed”

Bakers for next meeting – Amy O'Keefe, Susan O'Keefe and Diane Libbey.

Refreshments were a Happy Birthday cake for the Club's 35th anniversary.

Respectfully Submitted – Diane Libbey, Secretary



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MAFFI Minute

June 2026



Happy Summer, Model A'ers!

I hope everyone is enjoying the driving season and finding plenty of opportunities to get their Model A out on the road. Whether you're heading out on a cross-country tour or simply enjoying an evening drive through the countryside, there's nothing quite like summertime in a Model A.

Here at MAFFI, preparations are well underway for Model A Days, and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the museum. This year's event will feature an exciting display of Model A Speedsters, including vehicles from the Secrets of Speed Society. It promises to be a unique opportunity to see these remarkable cars up close and learn more about this fascinating part of Model A history.

If you're looking for ways to support the museum, please consider purchasing a memorial brick or participating in the My-A Program. Both are meaningful ways to leave a lasting impact while helping preserve the history of the Model A Ford for future generations. Be sure to also check out our sweepstakes 1930 Fordor Sedan- it's another great way to support MAFFI while having the chance to take home a beautiful Model A.

As always, the museum continues to stay busy thanks to the incredible efforts of our volunteers, who work year-round to care for the collection and keep the museum looking its best. Their dedication is what keeps MAFFI moving forward.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Model A Days. Until then, enjoy the season, drive safely, and keep on motoring!

John Grossheim Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI

Supporting Blue Line Appreciation Community Day



Free admission

2026

Fitzwilliam Police Association Cruise Event



Sunday August 16th starting at 11am
(gates open at 10am)

**Keene High School
Alumni Field**

77 Arch St Keene, NH 03431

Cars - Food - Raffles

* Proceeds benefit scholarships for high school seniors

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