

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

December 2023

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- Thursdays** **Model A'ers Breakfast Held On The Second And Fourth Thursday Of Each Month At McDonald's Near I-494 And Valley Creek Road In Woodbury at 9:00 AM**
- December 10th.** **Year End Annual Banquet At The Wabasha Street Caves**
- December 12th.** **Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code**
- December 21st.** **Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville - Live Swap Meet, Topics Are: Tom Owens: MARC National Meet at Hamilton & Mark Leder: Short On Replacing A Head Gasket – What To Expect And The Choices - See Page 11 For Meeting And Zoom Internet Access Information**



**"As winter comes,
the temperature
falls"**

*(Could this have been
Wren Clair's
Grandmother?)*

Clinics will be held at St. Michaels's Lutheran Church located at 1660 County Road B W, Roseville, Mn.

Clinic doors will open at 6:30 P.M., meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Enter at door #2

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Become A Member

**Interested in joining our club?
We would like you to join. Dues
are only \$35.00 per year.**

**For all the information about
what our club has to offer
please call our membership
director or see www.tcmafc.org**

**Members are recommended to
also have a membership in the
Model A Ford Club of America
or the Model A Restorer's Club.**



President's Letter

TCMAFC Presidents Letter

Greetings Club Members

December 2023

As we enter December, I would like to thank several people who have contributed to our club. First our board members who helped keep our club running smoothly. Past President Thom Boche, Vice President Marc Rude, Secretary Mark Leder, Treasurer Doug Portlance, Junior Board Scott Huberty. A special thank you to Deb Persing who is our Senior Board Member who is rolling off of the board after December.

We also have people who help the club in various capacities like running our clinics coordinator and presenters, membership director, club greeter, librarian, video's coordinator, tool coordinator, sunshine coordinator, coffee and treats for clinics, Tours and Parades, and more.... As you can tell, this club doesn't run without the help of many volunteers and I am so very grateful to all of you who serve our club.

Our November Restoration Clinic had a great presentation by Steve and Leah Barnacle. They presented their trip of the Lincoln Highway in how they prepped for it, various stops along the way and some of their breakdowns that they encountered.

As I last counted, our club has 285 family groups as members to our club. I am pleased to say that our numbers continue to grow. We are a strong organization with a purpose of uniting all persons interested in restoring and preserving the Ford Model A.

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road!

Jerome Bokelmann

Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for November 14th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P M. via zoom internet platform.

Attendance: Board Members present: President -Jerome Bokelmann, Vice President - Marc Rude, Senior Board - Deb Persing, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, Secretary - Mark Leder. Members present: Jerry Schilling, Blair Bolig, Dale Pomerleau, Peter Trence , Steve Barnacle and James Lake. Jerome Bokelmann called the meeting to order and conducted the board meeting in accordance with his duties to meet with the board in the monthly scheduled meeting.

Secretary's report: The President asked if there were any corrections or additions to the report for the October printed copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Marc Rude to accept the October minutes as printed in the Ahoogah Newsletter in October. The motion was seconded by Doug Portlance and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasures report:

Doug Portlance presented the treasures report. A paper copy will be retained with the official club notes. A motion was made by Mark Leder to accept the report as presented, a second was made by Marc Rude and the vote was unanimous and passed.

Membership report: Our membership director was present at this meeting and gave our president a list of this month's group of potential members to be considered by board vote for acceptance. Members for consideration are: Kevin and Karen Fuelling with a 1930 Fordor Deluxe, Ken and Cammy Johnson with a 1931 Tudor, Steve and Becky Waddell - no car mentioned, Jeff Ubel and Mary Hoffman with a 1930 Sedan and Matt Spillman with a 1930 Coupe. A motion was made to accept those as presented by Doug Portlance , Deb Persing seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and it was passed unanimously. As discussed, potential member Don Yahnke decided to voluntarily withdraw his membership application and the check that was sent with it shortly before this board meeting. Jim Lake had a conversation with him and he rethought his decision to apply based on his location and his age.

Membership Greeter: Our official greeter will be given the name of new members to contact.

Clinics: Our Clinics this month will be Steve Barnacle detailing his drive to California on the Lincoln Highway. Mark Leder will have a "short" on head gasket replacement and the process. We are always looking for presenters, the presentations can be brief subjects, please contact anyone on the board or our clinic coordinators with your content.

Fashion Clinic: There is an open position that we would like someone to fill and coordinate activities. If interested contact any board member.

Tools: Coordinator was present, A donated spring spreader has been added to the tool collection from the John Fenske family. A few tools are in use with the members.

Sunshine: Two cards recently sent to Sue Leder and the John Fenske family

Newsletter: Editor reports that our current printer for the newsletter is doing a good job of meeting our needs and producing the newsletter on time.

Calendar Of Events: Nothing to report.

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Fundraising Raffle: We have two raffles starting at the Tune Up Clinic and continuing thru out the year and ending with the drawings made at our year end banquet. One raffle is for four brake drums and rebuilt backing plates, the other is for a rebuilt shift tower for the model year of your choice. Contact Mark Leder if you want some tickets and they will be available at Clinics and Club meeting until the drawing at the end of the year banquet. We are doing well on the sales.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Officers of the club need to submit MARC and MAFCA membership validation as per rules of each of the clubs.

Board members are to remain after adjournment of this meeting to discuss and vote on Spark Plug Award recipients.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marc Rude, it was seconded by Doug Portlance and the vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 7:56 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

Twin Cities Model A Ford Club Nomination Banquet – Business Meeting Agenda

October 29, 2023 JAX Café – Minneapolis, MN

Call To Order – Sign In – Welcome – Thank You: President Bokelmann

30 people in attendance

Jerome Thanked Scott Huberty for setting up the Nomination Banquet and hosting it at Jax Café. Scott informed us that Jax Café was celebrating 90 Years in business this year.

Jerome thanked the current board members for their work on the TCMAFC Board of Directors. Things are running very smoothly without any fanfare or issues. The financials are in great shape and the club is operating very well. Jerome said that as normal part of the process with our board positions, there are a couple of positions that are not voted on and that is Past President held by Thom Boche and our Sr. Board position which will be filled by Scott Huberty who will move up from the Jr board position. Deb Persing who held the Sr Board position will be rolling off of the board. We thanked Deb for her contributions to the TCMAFC board.

Nomination Process for open TCMAFC Board Positions

Will call for names for each position 3 times

President: Jerome Bokelmann nominated by Roger Welch, Jerome accepted the nomination, No other people were nominated for President.

Vice President: Marc Rude nominated by Deb Persing, Marc accepted the nomination, No other people were nominated for Vice President.

Secretary: Mark Leder nominated by Steve Barnacle, Jerome informed the members in attendance that Mark would accept the nomination for Secretary, No other people were nominated for Secretary.

Treasurer: Doug Portlance nominated by Mark Rude, Doug accepted the nomination, No other people were nominated for Treasurer.

Jr Board Member: Blaine Maus nominated by Doug Portlance, Blaine accepted the nomination, No other people were nominated for Jr. Board Member.

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Nomination Process closes

Call for any other business; **No other business was brought up**

Call Adjourn of the Business Meeting: **Motion made by Doug Portlance and seconded by Roger Welch, All attendees approved the meeting adjournment.**

Business Meeting closed

Our host for the Nomination Banquet Scott Huberty, held a fun event of Model A BINGO. Everyone was given a bingo sheet upon arrival that had various Model A cars in the squares. Everyone had to put their name on the sheet and find a Model A Owner who had a particular Model A on a square. This was great because it caused everyone to mingle and find the owners so that they could get their bingo card filled. At the conclusion of the meeting, one Bingo sheet was drawn from the pile of bingo sheets and given a \$50 Gift Certificate to Snyders. The winner was Roger Welch.

Last call for Silent Auction Bids

Reading of Silent Auction Winners

Jerome Bokelmann made and donated a one-of-a-kind Model A/Route 66 50x70 quilt for a silent auction item. Blaine Maus was the high Bidder of the quilt.

Minutes submitted by Jerome Bockelmann substituting Secretary

Feb 29th 2024 Ironman

For those that are new to the club , this is a tour (yes in a Model A)

This is held every leap year and is a lot of fun! When you consider putting your car away for the winter make provisions to take it out for this afternoon . You will have a memory and a story that many will not be able to top

FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :**TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

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- For Sale:** Rebuilt engines in stock.
Trade in or bring me yours to re-build. Precision machining and assembly work.
Call Dave Gerold for options and pricing at (952) 290-3630 or see my website
www.durableperformance.net
- For Sale:** Nice 1930 radiator shell, several good 1931 shells, several exhaust manifolds, box of 1930-31 head light shells and parts (some complete), two complete Model T rear end units with drive shafts (one with closed spool), and other Model T parts. Darel Leipold. 952 474 5880 leipold@leipolds.org
- Wanted:** Title for a '30 - '31 Tudor. Contact Butch Warnke 507 - 485 - 3548
- Wanted:** Herbrand Style (Fox Valley & others) Coil & Condenser Tester. Dale Pomerleau
dfpomerleau@comcast.net. 763 - 458 - 9880
- For Sale:** N.O.S. standard compression head-magnafluxed, \$300.00 cash or reasonable offer. Contact Jim Kelly 651-398-4918 or indymaggie@comcast.net
- For Sale:** 2 - 21" whitewalls for sale for \$175, each. Contact Thom Boche- 612-840-4046.
- For Sale:** Rebuildable Model A Ford engine. serial # A809223—Dec 1928. complete except for clutch and transmission. call for details \$500. firm. John Pole @612-810-6811 or johnfpole@gmail.com
- For Sale:** For Sale: 1929 Model A Blindback. Very nice older restoration, clean interior, runs good, many new parts with receipts and notes. Needs work on brakes and steering. 10k OBO. Will provide lots of photos and details, rlcolem@hotmail.com or 651-703-8695 .
- For Sale:** 1930 Ford Model A Tudor for sale. Very nice older restoration. Great interior. Runs well. Driven annually and in parades. \$15K OBO. Will provide lots of pictures and video. Many NEW parts, 2 new mufflers and original tools can be negotiated into price if desired. Contact Steve A. 651-307-9396
- For Sale:** Heated winter garage storage in Chanhassen for Model A. \$425 for season.
Contact Blair 612-812-6791
- For Sale:** original 1929 headlamps with script, nickel plated with rims, lenses and reflectors correctly cad plated mounting studs very nice selling for the cost of plating \$650.00 also original 1929 cowl lamps (no arms) chrome plated (easily stripped to nickel) includes rims lenses nd reflectors \$150.00 contact Brad Nelson 651-253 3981

- Wanted:** Wanted: Back issues of the AOOGAH NEWS magazines from 1962-1972. Contact Gary Thorin
612-788-1564 garythorin@yahoo.com
- For Sale:** 1929 Town Sedan for sale. This car was a five year frame off restoration using about 90% original parts. Engine has inserts and a high compression Brumfield head. Car looks and runs great with 3 thousand miles on the car since restoration. This car was judged both at MAFCA and MARC national meets and was one of the top cars at both. Cell phone number 952 -334 - 0347 or 952 - 925 - 1005. Best number to call is the cell. Bruce Remington
- Wanted:** 30 -31 front fenders. Also 30 - 31 rear fenders for coupe/pickup. Rog Anderson 651-457-8820
- For Sale:** Upgrade your Model A to a 6 volt positive ground alternator for \$160. Includes all brackets and bolts to install on your car. I have 4 alternators in stock ready to go. Call Steven Barnacle 952 212 6847
- Wanted:** I'm looking for a front leaf spring as well as a full set of tube style shock links for my town sedan. Dan Cunningham cell number is (651)442-6662
- Wanted:** Good original used parts for my 1931 narrow-box CCPU project: locking door handle, 2 roof panels, 2 top and 2 side hood panels, re-buildable distributor, tail gate + more. Call or text Al Malachowski 612-364-3423
- For Sale:** 1931 170-B Deluxe Fordor Sedan (Blindback) Original interior, straight, no rust, runs well. 1929 engine. leak less water pump, alternator, electric gas shutoff. powder coated wheels. Built from January through March of 1931. Asking \$13,500. Steve 218-722-4224
- For Sale :** '30/'31 Radiator. Repo. Had small leak. Was cleaned, repaired and pressure tested by Mora Radiator end of November. Selling for repair bill. \$125. Tom Owens
- For Sale:** 1930 Tudor sedan. This car runs and drives, it has been in one family for at least 58 years. It needs someone to do a lot of catch up maintenance on it. This would be a good project car at a reasonable price. Contact Lois Held 612 - 990 -5938
- For Sale:** 1931 Standard Coupe, Lombard blue, cloth interior, nicely restored not many miles on engine rebuild by Bruce Remington. Car has rumble seat and some spare parts included. Contact Gerald Aamodt 612 - 322 - 5819
- Wanted:** Wanted: Trunk rack & trunk for '29 Tudor. Ideally chrome trunk rack, but open to other options and possibly a trunk that fits that rack. I do have a spare tire on the back of my car, but I see I can buy extensions from various parts warehouses. Please call or text Rob Gusaas 612-750-6410

Submission Deadline for advertisements is the 21st. day of the month

Do not text information, send via email, USPS or phone conversation

Jim's Tech Tips

"Ignition Misfires"

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim

Nomination Banquet

This Banquet was held at the time honored Jax's Cafe in Minneapolis. The purpose of this banquet is a gathering of our members to socialize and to prepare our club to solicit and then place in nomination members who will serve on the board of directors. This nomination process is conducted as to the rules and bylaws that TCMAFC has in place. For those who have never attended this event, the existing president asks those present to place a members name in nomination for a specific board position, someone stands up and states that they nominate (member xx) for that position. The president then asks are there any other nominations for that position that someone else would also nominate. This process continues for that position until there are no more names submitted. The President also asks if that nominated person would be willing to serve and if so we will keep that persons name on the active list for people to vote on.

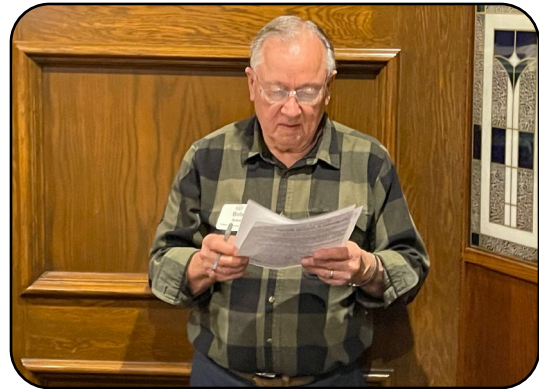
At this meeting the following occurred: Nominations were made for Club President (Jerome Bokelmann), Vice President (Marc Rude), Secretary (Mark Leder), Treasurer (Doug Portlance), and Junior Board Member (Blaine Maus). No contested races, so these Nominees will serve in these roles in 2024. The way our bylaws are written the Junior board member from the existing board before the nomination process will move on to the newly formed board as the Senior board member.

Scott Huberty our Junior board member was the person responsible for creating this banquet and he had the members play "Model A Owners Bingo", we had a winner -Mr. Rodger Welch and he recieved a \$50.00 gift certificate to Snyders Antique Auto Parts. A very unique item was donated that Jerome Bokelmann created, this was a one of a kind Model A /Route 66 quilt. This item was featured in our silent auction and it was won by Blain Maus.



Scott Huberty put a lot of effort into this event and as you can see the Bingo event caused everyone to interact to fill out their cards. It was a sneaky way Scott got everyone to mix and meet.





MARC Driving Award Program

For those enrolled in the program Please Remember to turn in your odometer reading, not miles driven, just the odometer reading by December 31st. to Dale Pomerleau. Interested in joining? contact dfpomerleau@comcast.net or call or text 763 458 9880

November Clinic

Once again we had a very nice number of people come out for this clinic. In addition to those present your club is also live streaming the clinics so those that are unable to come can zoom in via the internet and be a part of these nights. You might not be able to take part in the swap meet that starts off the night or be able to pick up books or videos or examine those examples of tools or parts that are the topic of the night but join in and be part of these special Thursday nights.

We had Leah and Steve Barnacle give a presentation that detailed their recent Minnesota to California Model A adventure along the Lincoln Highway where they spent somewhere close to a month on this adventure. Steve detailed his car preparation, repair parts and tool selection, routing and the painful recounting of those breakdowns and missed turns. A large number of slides were displayed and Leah chronicled the interesting places they passed, historical facts, the places they stayed and some of the humorous things that happened along the way. What one could gather is that this couple really supports one another on these "who knows what is going to happen trips", with surprises, one of kind experiences and attracts good people who want to talk to those people in "that old car".



December Clinic : We will have time for an indoor swap sale at the beginning of the clinic.

December 21 , 2023

Topic: Tom Owens, MARC National Meet at Hamilton & Mark Leder: "Short" Replacing A Head Gasket – What To Expect And The Choices

Our Library and Video checkouts will be available and so will veteran members ready to help with questions and suggestions for your projects

Use Zoom Meeting to join this clinic on the Internet

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6172683010?pwd=VEZSeWQxaUV2cGltMDJKVHppcVIQZz09>



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National Club Affiliation Information

Members are encouraged to belong to one or both of the National Model A Ford clubs. Benefits of membership include six high quality magazines for the year, ability to place advertisements in each of the publications as well as many technical and historical articles that relate to the hobby and time period of these vehicles. Each of the clubs host national meets, tours and social events. Products and services are reviewed and advertised in the publications and you get a overall view of where the direction of the Model A Ford enthusiasts car hobby is headed. Each club has an on line presence with well executed websites. Contact information for the each of the national clubs are below.



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