

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

November 2017

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- November **Membership Renewals Are Mailed**
- November **Write Down MARC Mileage Miles From Your Odometer**
- November 10th - **Submissions For The Photo Contest Must Be In Editor's Hands**
- November 16th - **Men's Clinic - Differential Rebuild - First Half *Phil Zins***
Cast Iron Brake and Shoe Rebuild *Phil Zins*
Women's Clinic - Vintage Cards and Charity Activity
- November 21st - **Business Meeting - Brooklyn Center High School**
- December 2nd - **Election Banquet and Holiday Party**
- December 19th - **Business Meeting - Brooklyn Center High School**
- December 21st. **Men's Clinic - Topic to Be Determined**
- January 16th - **Business Meeting - Brooklyn Center High School**
- January 18th - **Men's Clinic - Topic to Be Determined**

More events sponsored by other clubs and announcements by club members, inside this newsletter

Board Meetings – 7:30 PM, Hall A, Room 104

Restoration Clinic – 7:00 PM, Lunch Room Ladies Clinic – 7:00 PM, Staff Lounge

Clinics held at: Brooklyn Center High School, 6500 Humboldt Ave N, Brooklyn Center, MN

Come in the South door and ask for directions to our Meetings / Clinics. * Noted as non-standard meeting date

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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.**



Doug Portlance

TCMAFC President



President's Letter

Greetings All,

The meeting went well this month and lasted a little over an hour. We had a few items of discussion as you can see from the minutes.

It hard to believe we are coming to the end of the driving season. The "Great Northern" Tour which is started on October 2nd to the 5th was fantastic. A special thanks goes out to the committee and everyone who attended the event. It's amazing that we 53 Model As and most of the rooms at the "Comfort Inn" in Hayward Wis. There were even three additional Model A's there from another club besides ours.

The clinic season has started and we need volunteers / presenters for December 2017 thru May 2018. If you are working on something that could interest our group please let Dale Pomerleau, Dave Peterson or Jerry Schilling know and share with our members at the clinics. REMEMBER TO GET YOUR MILEAGE INTO Dale Pomerleau for the MARC Mileage Program

Remember to submit the nominations for "Life Time Membership Awards". If you have anyone in mind please write up a list of items to be passed to the any Past President for review and consideration for this award. The Past Presidents Meeting will be held on Saturday November 18th.

I would also like to extend our clubs condolences to the family of Lorna Holland who passed away recently. The Holland's where a great team that made our club what it is today!! Lorna will be greatly missed!!

Well that's it for now.

Warmest Regards,

Doug Portlance – TCMAFC President

**MINUTES OF THE TCMAFC MEETING
OCTOBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

The October Business Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by Doug Portlance at BCHS

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT President Doug Portlance, Treasurer Mel Eder, Past President Doug Persing, Junior Board Member Jimmy Sletthaugh and Secretary Catherine Kieger.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Zins, Dale and Cindy Pomerleau, Deb Persing, Mark Leder, David Kieger

LAST MONTH MINUTES: The September 19, 2017 Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Doug Persing and 2nd by Cathy the minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mel Eder handed out hard copies of the Treasurer's report for September and was it was reviewed for the details of the report. For the Woman' Clinic (Deb Persing) asked the Committee about kicking in \$60 for making tie blankets in November (for charity) motion approved for \$100.00 Doug Persing made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and it was seconded by Jimmy Sletthaugh the motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Member Report: John and Linda Gferer in Anoka (no car yet) David Weiss 1930 Coupe, Mark & Jackie Rude (no car yet). Jimmy Sletthaugh motion to accept the new members and 2nd by Doug Persing - motioned carried .

MEMBERSHIP GREETING: Volunteer not present.

MEN'S CLINIC: October and November's Clinic is planned looking for idea's for the rest of them year.

Women's Clinic: November Women's Clinic in November will be making cards and tie blankets.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: Volunteer not present. **LIBRARIAN:** Volunteer not present.

VIDEOS: Volunteer not present. **HISTORIAN:** Volunteer not present.

FASHIONS: Everything is going good.

SUNSHINE LADY: Long time member/Life Member/ Spark Plug Lorna Holland has passed away.

NEWSLETTER : Everything going fine, dead line for the first annual picture contest is done on October 31.

WEBSITE: More pictures were added to the TCMAFC.org website.

FACEBOOK: Volunteer not present. **SWAP MEET:** Volunteer not present.

SERVICE ADVISOR: Volunteer not present. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** Volunteer not present.

OLD BUSINESS: There is an addendum that can be added to the clubs insurance policy to cover officers.

Doug Persing gave us an update on the Great Northern Tour 53 cars, most in club history, the tour went very good. Everybody had a great time. There was a survey about the tour which Doug Persing is reviewing. Next time maybe have the cars checked out before going on the tour.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was brought up about \$2.00 if anybody wanted an extra roster club book, discussion will be brought up at the Clinic on Thursday.

All board members will run again in 2018 but we do need nominees for Vice President and Junior Board Member.

The Midwest Swap Meet did not have attendance like in past years due to the rain and cold. We could be seeing only \$1,000 for each club. Maybe a fund raiser for income, purchase a pedal car and raffle it off in the future. Tom Boche is stepping down from Membership Greeting - looking for somebody to take it over.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. the board approved a motion to Adjourn made by Jimmy Sletthaugh and 2nd by Doug Persing.

Respectfully,

Catherine Kieger
Secretary

Nomination Banquet Meeting Minutes

Held at the Lookout Bar and Grill

October 21, 2017

Meeting was called to order, and the nominations were made for the following:

Positions

President – Doug Portlance

Vice President – Justin Maas

Junior Board Member – Doug Persing

Secretary – Catherine Kieger

Treasurer – Mel Elder

Old Business – none

New Business

Midwest Swap Meet, it was cold and rainy only 12 to 20 cars where there. We do not have the final numbers yet for this event.

Vince Smith from the Model A Club helped out the Capital City club with the Homecoming parade at

The University of Minnesota. The Club Members that helped out were invited to come to the Capital City Christmas party.

Terry with Little Dearborn is doing good at his new location in Long Lake.

Secretary – Mel Elder everything is looking good.

Special thanks to the Lookout Bar and Grill and Jimmy for doing an excellent job!!! Thanks also goes Deb Persing for the table decorations.

Motion to adjourn by Doug Persing and 2nd by Steve Barnacle.

Meeting adjourned.

See you in December for the Election Banquet on Saturday (12/2).

Respectfully,

Catherine Kieger Secretary

October Men's Clinic

We had Darel and Laverna Leipold present on Orphan Automobiles. As always this couple spent a lot of time compiling photographs, period advertisements and industry news about these cars that are no longer in production and at the time were known by many. With projected photos on the big screen we were told about unique features and in some cases how the car companies were formed and later merged into other car companies. Darel has had a life long interest in classic cars even before classic cars became a recognized hobby. He personally has owned or has friends who have owned these cars and is able to give us many unique facts and inside stories about some of these cars.



Vince Smith brought in a fine point quality bumper that he is going to use on his restoration and pointed out the detail that judging looks for. Different plating textures, the quality of the spacers and the heads on the bar end bolts are very unique and even vary from year or month of manufacture.



Dale Pormerleau always has an interesting historical or "what happened on this day" tidbit for us and he brought to our attention that there is a book published called Automobile History Day By Day for those of us who enjoy the obscure and interesting automobile facts.

Women's Clinic

The agenda for the October Women's Clinic was Heads and Toes or as we like say, The Hats and Shoes of the thirties. All I can say is, WOW!! I can tell by number of hats that were brought in, the Ladies at the clinic have a very similar passion for hats as the women of the thirties and probably for similar reasons. Hats were able to be purchased then and now very inexpensively and can change the look of an outfit. They can accent a women's outfit (dress) or their coat. In the summer they were worn protect the face from the sun and wind. In the winter they were worn to keep the head protected from the wind and cold along with not allowing the body heat to escape. That being said, we had so much fun talking about hats and the various styles of hats, when we got to shoes, there wasn't much to say. Maybe we can talk about them in a future clinic.



Left to right: Mary Thorin, Leah Barnacle, Joan Frisk, Cindy Pomerleau, Cathy Kieger, Jackie Rude, Susan Leder. Front row: Alice Eckhoff, Deb Persing

Here is a list of places where you can find vintage hats:

Online:

Amazon www.amazon.com

Etsy www.etsy.com

Vintage Dancer www.vintagedancer.com

Local Stores:

Kohl's

Goodwill

At the November's Women's Clinic we will covering two hands on activities. We will be making handmade Model A Cards for you to take home as well as fleece tie blankets that will be donated to the MN Veterans Home in honor of veterans day. I will be bringing fleece material but if you have scissors, rotary cutters/ mats please bring them.

As part of a member of the Model A organization we have books and patterns you can borrow. Please contact Deb Persing (debpersing@gmail.com or 763-442-1943) to find out what we have and if it is available to borrow.

If you have a new topic you would like covered, contact Deb Persing (debpersing@gmail.com or 763-442-1943).

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

- 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:** 1927 Ford Model T Roadster, clear North Dakota title, has Ruxtell rear end, wire wheels, has not been started for years, needs restoration. All parts present to our knowledge, has NOS turtle deck with lid and other NOS parts, no rust. Ford Model A used motor with transmission, new valves and rings. Model B 4-cylinder motor with transmission, distributor, fuel pump, and manifolds totally rebuilt. Will include new oil pan gasket and new head gasket so buyer can take head and pan off to review the professional rebuild Located Bismarck, ND. Call Steve Ellefson 701-220-6818
- For Sale:** Model A parts, almost any part you may need including fenders, hoods, tires, gas tanks, windshield frames, distributors, lights, manifolds, horns and many more items. Contact Larry Erickson (651) - 631 - 9127 or Larrybecky@usfamily.net
- For Sale:** 1930 Ford Model A Tudor older restoration, needs some TLC runs and drives well \$7,000.00 . Contact Tim Clancy 763 614 6241.
- For Sale:** 1929 5 window Coupe with rumble seat, freshly rebuilt engine and new shocks.
Medical Issues prevent me from driving this car. Contact Charles Hilgert 651 - 455 -7274
- Wanted :** 28 AA rear brake drum (the one without the separate emergency brake). Contact Dave Hetchler 952 - 261 - 2688
- For Sale:** Front and rear fenders from 1931 Coupe. Poor conditions. Contact Arlen Kyylo 507 - 732 - 5009
- Wanted /Trade** I would like 5 - 21" original black painted wheels, I have excellent cream/yellow wheels and tires with stainless lug nuts for possible trade. Contact Rog Anderson 651 - 457 - 8820
- Wanted:** Enclosed trailer to haul my Model A Coupe. Contact Catherine Jammer 540 - 354 - 2782
- Will donate:** 2 1929 STD Coupe Fenders - need some work 1 1929 Radiator shell that is split in the bottom corner
1 1929 front splash apron a bit bent and rusted but pretty decent . 1 1929 window frame with glass
I will give these items away to anyone who might be able to use them. Otherwise I will be selling them for scrap but I would rather someone with the skills to restore them use them. Joe DuPay (612) 281-2816
- For Sale:** Early pair 1930 fenders with the eye brow design. Good condition. One has a small dent. Probably for Fordor sedan. \$250 for the pair. Darel Leipold 952-474-5880 (w) or leipold@mnmicro.net

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For Sale: 1929 Ford Model A Tudor beautiful older complete restoration inside, outside & under. excellent interior & paint. Not a project car. Contact Dale 763-458-9880 or dfpomerleau@comcast.net

For Sale: Small trailer for vacation and camping , 19" Model A wheels, frame from a Model A, very light weight. \$140.00 or best offer. Contact Dick Zins 651 - 481 - 8004

Wanted: 100% complete original or restored 1928 or 1929 Tudor.
Call Benjamin Rowan 651- 202-3040



The Great Northern Tour October 2017

The “Great Northern Tour” re visited the beautiful northern city and the surrounding areas of Hayward Wisconsin. The Great Northern is held every other year and this is the second time Hayward has been our gathering place. Fall brings about the natural beauty of the leaves changing color and the distinctive fall scent of the cool fall mornings and nights. Every Great Northern tour has grown larger than the previous one.

We had 51 Model A’s on the road and 97 people on the tour. Our tour planners spent many hours and took numerous scouting trips to create this superbly run 3 day event. The majority of the participants are the members of the Twin Cities Model A club and we were joined by some Model A owners from various Wisconsin clubs and also members from the Lady Slippers club from Southern Minnesota.



The tour started on Monday October 2nd. and ended on Thursday morning as we all headed back to our various home locations. We headquartered at the Comfort Suites hotel in Hayward which provided great rooms and a staff that handled all of our needs. A large breakfast room and meeting room provided friendly spaces to socialize and enjoy our morning meal. We occupied nearly all the rooms and the parking lot at the hotel looked like a Ford dealers used car lot from the early years. Many of the town’s residents came to the hotel at night and enjoyed the lineup of the cars and asked the owners questions about our gathering and our cars. On Monday which was the travel day up to Hayward a number of the participants met for lunch at McKenzie’s landing near Spooner Wisconsin which was about a 3.5 hour drive from the Twin Cities. With our lunch and the first leg of the trip done, a surprise visitor showed up – “The Chicken”. The Chicken is a rotating “prize” should you have a breakdown as you travel with the group. Judy Jellings got the honor of receiving the Chicken as her rear bumper bracket broke and she was nearly dragging her bumper. Bailing wire was deployed, the bumper held in place and the Chicken wired to the car as well. From this lunch stop we drove another hour or so and pulled into the hotel and saw a number of cars that had come earlier. We filled the parking lot and spent a bit of time admiring all the cars, making a few minor adjustments and meeting new people and old friends. We had two cars that showed up that are not very common. We had a barn find A 400 and a real unrestored survivor Ford taxi that toured with us.

Monday night kept us in the hotel while heavy thunderstorms, great displays of lighting and a lot of rain fell on the cars in the parking lot. Day one had us assemble at 8:00 A.M for our first tour lead by John and Linda Pole. A drivers meeting is held each morning and the route, safety suggestions, local history and landmarks are discussed. An orderly line of cars leave with designated leaders and on this year’s tour Vick Emery acted as our “sweeper”. Vick is a very experienced Model A mechanic who drove in the last car position tending to the needs of our breakdowns keeping the group motoring along each day. We made our way to our first stop in the town of Bruce. We were invited to L Car which is a very high end auto restoration business.

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We toured the shop which was operating room clean and saw cars in progress as well as the finished cars. They brought in a Model A Pick up they were working on and our members some of whom are experienced in fine point judging were able to instruct them on certain finishes to use. From L Car we headed on towards our lunch stop at the Birchwood American Legion first stopping for fuel and a typical Wisconsin meat and cheese market for a few road snacks. The Legion donated lunch for all of our tour members in appreciation for filling their lot with all our cars and in gratitude we set up a box to donate to their organization. After a home cooked meal and a big Thank You! to the staff we set off in a bit of rain thru the country roads to the Red School House of Wines. We came to a quaint older building and were offered samples of cranberry wine a seasonal favorite and other wines of the area.

Day two tour leaders were Dale and Cindy Pomerleau who brought us to a local coffee roasting business that sells their products throughout the country. We were given a tour of the plant and learned about the beans, how and where they are bought from. We saw roasting machines and the process to create the perfect blend. Midwest Roasters provided samples of the product to enjoy as well as some sweets. The weather was better on this day as we headed to Cable, Wisconsin for our lunch stop at the majestic Garmish Resort overlooking Lake Namakagon. This North Woods lodge with its impressive interior timber construction and charm along with delicious food gave us all a moment to kick back and reflect on the fun we have been having. Next stop was the Drummond Historical Museum to see local artifacts and history of the area. The tour ended after this site with our return to the hotel for a catered meal, a few prizes and a lot of laughs. We had a few more visits from "The Chicken", 3 muffler detachments, a few carburetor and points adjustments, flat tire and bad fuel. Two cars went home on trailers for items we could not fix, a timing gear at the very end of the tour and a radiator neck that separated from the top tank.

We have to thank our team of tour planners, John and Linda Pole, Doug and Deb Persing, Dale and Cindy Pomerleau and Doug Portlance along with all the participants who helped each other enjoy this fall tour.





Thank you all for a great adventure, the photos speak for themselves as record of good times and great people.



Election Banquet And Holiday Party

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Social hour: 11:00 A.M.

Lunch: 12:00 P.M.

\$23.00 per person

A very generous buffet will be served

Tinuccis Restaurant

396 21st Street

Newport MN.

651-459-9011

CUT AND MAIL THIS FORM

Number of people attending _____ @ \$23.00 per person. Total \$ _____

Names of attendees:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Silent Auction Items are greatly appreciated as a donation to this event

RSVP with a check made out to "TCMAFC"

Please mail or turn in at the clinic this form to:

Jimmy Slettehaugh

875 313th Lane NE. Cambridge, MN 55008

***Send your payment with this form, it is difficult to accept
and process payments at the door.***

Nomination Banquet at the Look Out Bar and Grill October 21, 2017

The business of the club incorporated a social event along with the required procedure of nominating a President and all of the board positions as written in our bylaws. We had a gathering of over 40 people at this event that included a social hour and lunch. The Junior board member is responsible for the coordination of this event and other members also helped with this function. Jimmy Slettehaugh brought us to a new place and a Thank You is well deserved for the hard work he and others put into this banquet. We had a silent auction with donated prizes and a door prizes for those attending. We also had a 50/50 raffle . After lunch we started the nomination process and an existing member would take the floor and nominate someone for each of the positions. Each nomination was from a different club member and objections or additional nomination candidates were called for at each nomination as is the written in our bylaws. We have all positions filled with a candidate and at the election banquet we will determine and seat new or existing members in the nominated position. The Election Banquet is December 2'nd 2017 and a flyer for attendance and RSVP is in this newsletter.

We had a number people dress in period attire in attendance and we also had some Model A's in the parking lot.

Your nominations for the new year are:

President: Doug Portlance , Vice President: Justin Maas, Junior Board: Doug Persing,
Secretary: Catherine Kieger, Treasurer: Mel Eder



I need your photos by November 10th.!

Mail them to me at my address located on the back page of this newsletter

Photo Contest - Keep Snapping - Closing date is October 31st.

There are many great activities like the Great Northern Tour, Halloween and the natural beauty of our midwest fall to use as your subjects

We are holding a contest for all members to submit their favorites photos of this year's Model A activities. We will allow up to three photos submissions per member household. Winners will be chosen and prizes will be awarded.

The rules are as follows:

Submit any photos that were taken from January 1st. of 2017 until October 31st. of 2017

Photo subject must be Model A themed, which could include club activities, period dress, Model A's out and about in today's world. Photos may contain people, pets, scenery and any creative touches you want to include. Surprise us with your submissions! When you submit the photos, you agree that we may use them in the publication of the Ahooga Newsletter.

Submit your photos any time prior to the contest ending date of October 31st. But any photos must be submitted by November 10th. 2017 to be included in the judging

Submit your photos as a **printed item**, minimum size of the photo should be 3" x 5". You may print the photo on your home computer printer in either black and white or color, on regular paper, you may also choose to submit a processed photo on photo paper. The printed form of submissions will be the easiest for the judging panel to evaluate. Since most photos are shot on digital media today make note of the digital file and keep it handy. Should your photo be chosen we may request a digital file of the winning photos or a processed printed copy so we may use it in the printing of the Newsletter. All photos have an equal chance of winning and we invite any all submissions.

We will not guarantee the return of your photos directly to you should you want them back. We will have them in a box at future clinics and events, you may look thru the collection and take yours back.

A simple tool to help you find top dead center when timing your car

Timing your car for most of us is using the factory supplied timing pin feeling and having it slip into the recess in the timing gear. Many people feel this is a bit uncertain as to when the pin seats into the recess signaling what is TDC (top dead center). Bent over the car and cranking with one hand and pushing the pin inward is a bit awkward and it's also easier to do if you remove the spark plugs to release the compression. Something you may want to try is the marked timing pin sold by Model A parts supplier Brattons. It simply is a timing pin with a line etched into it that gives you a visual reference. You can actually see the pin move in then out as you pass thru the recess in the timing gear. When watching the etched mark move in and then out you can on the next go around of the crank hit the mark. The pin is not expensive and if you have a lathe or just careful you can take your own pin and mark it. The mark at first is proud of the boss on the timing cover, when the recess in the correct position (TDC) the mark is just even with the top of the boss.



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