

# **"Aogah" Newsletter**

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

**April 2020**

## **Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events**

**All DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES /MODIFICATIONS**

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| <b>April 16th. -</b> | <b>Men's Clinic</b>   |
| <b>April 21st. -</b> | <b>Business Meeting</b>                                       |
| <b>May 16th. -</b>   | <b>Whalen Stand Still Parade</b>                              |
| <b>May 16th. -</b>   | <b>Tune Up Clinic - At The Home Of Jeff And Carisa Halter</b> |
| <b>May 19th. -</b>   | <b>Business Meeting</b>                                       |
| <b>May 21st. -</b>   | <b>Men's Clinic</b>   |
| <b>May 23rd. -</b>   | <b>Pancake Breakfast At The Home Of Thom And Linda Boche</b>  |
| <b>June 13th. -</b>  | <b>60th. Anniversary Celebration</b>                          |
| <b>June</b>          | <b>Business Meeting Date And Location To Be Determined</b>    |

**Clinics and Business meetings from now on 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

Business meetings doors open at 6:30 P.M., meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Enter at door #4 come to classroom #1

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**Interested in joining our club?  
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**For all the information about what our club has to offer please call our membership director or see [www.tcmafc.org](http://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**

It would be true to say that we have winter right where we want it to be... in the rear view mirror. It would also be true to say that what we are seeing out the front windshield isn't quite what we expected to see. Yes, spring is arriving, and I can see the giant mass taking up much of our windshield that reads 'Driving Season'. Words we have longed to see. Although, now those words are not quite as crystal clear as we expected. As those words were magnified the closer we came to spring, they have also been clouded by tiny specs that have been magnified 100,000 fold and plastered on our 'Driving Season', as well as much of the news stories, whether online, radio, printed the old fashioned way, or on our telly.

The only problem with one correct solution is a math problem.

Catherine Jammer

Since only math problems actually have correct solutions, that leads me to believe that this tiny spec of a problem that has magnified itself across the world, will have multitudes of solutions very dependent on the current situation, state of affairs, and what back roads appear to have the least amount of pot holes. As for our club and its membership, I guess that means a whole lot of things. I sent out an email blast that read in part, 'In light of the evolving circumstances around COVID-19, the TCMAFC Board has decided to cancel all March meetings and clinics. The health, well being, and safety of our membership, as well as their families is our top priority regarding the current state of affairs. The Board has always made decisions that are in the best interest of the club, and this decision was no different.' This email was followed up by Mr. Peterson and Mr. Pomerleau making some individual telephone calls to those who may not have received the email. Thank you, gentlemen for helping with the solution.

The membership has a magnitude of resources which correlate into solutions. 1) The Board is continuing to communicate regarding resuming meetings and clinics in April, if possible, as well as any business that is in dire need of resolution. 2) We now have extra time to complete our 'Repairs List'. 3) Be thankful for Alexander Graham Bell. The Scottish-born American inventor, scientist, and engineer, who is credited with inventing, and patenting the first practical telephone. The operative word here is practical. It wasn't perfect, but it worked. I encourage you to use your telecommunications device that permits two or more users to conduct a conversation when they are too far apart to be heard directly, and I encourage you to use it often, as most of us are on the 'unlimited' plan. Nowadays, you can even send pictures on your phone, or even pictures by email. 4) Be grateful for our members. We love our living pieces of history, and we're willin' to get our hands dirty to help you get yours on the road. If that means being on speaker phone with you for hours, we'll do it. Our hands won't get dirty, but yours will. We'll wash anyway. 5) Think of the new friendships that can form. Kind of like pen pals, only phone pals. Only these people you may have already met, or will in the near future.

Maybe you met a new person at the Iron Man Tour. It was a great tour. My winter hat is off to Rog & Lynn and their support staff. 6) Make good use of the Roster and the Newsletter. Great solutions here to find people near you, **IF YOU NEED ANYTHING. Anything...** like parts, advice, coffee, toilet paper, maybe that 9/16" offset box wrench, perhaps?

7) Thankful for a great club. The club is in excellent shape, no worries, we're planting perennials. It's spring after all.

As we journey into spring, keep in mind that all scheduled events are tentative at this point. The Board will be continuing to review the situation here at home and around the globe, and making the decisions that are in the best interest of the club, and its members moving forward. If you have a question regarding an event, make use of the phone first.

Keep a good attitude. Soon we will be driving backroads enjoying the fragrant blossoms and beautiful colors of annuals and perennials, and enjoying their sweet perfume. In the meantime...

Stay home, stay healthy, work on your car, and wash your hands,

Catherine

### TWIN CITIES MODEL A FORD CLUB

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN LIEU OF REGULAR MONTHLY MINUTES MARCH 2020

Due to the current circumstances of the worldwide pandemic of the corona virus changes to our club's activities have been modified. TCMAFC is following the suggested as well as the regulated conditions of social distancing, the board thru e mails and phone conversations realized that the March business meeting and the scheduled March clinic in the best interests of our members and of the community could not be held. Your board is in contact with one another thru digital means and telephone conversations. As the situation develops decisions will be made in the best interests of public health and adherence to government regulations as to when normal or modified activities will resume. Should you receive the e mail edition of the newsletter and know of a member who does not have an e mail edition please try to connect with them and keep them up to date should you receive an e mail update effecting future club activity.

## Ironman Tour

The 2020 Ironman Tour began, as tradition, on February 29th. This time a Saturday. The meeting place, thanks to Lois and Russ Agrimson, was Christ Lutheran Church, fittingly at **1930** Diffley Rd, in Eagan.

While the start time was 9:30, many members arrived by 9:00, due to the varying long distances traveled to get there.

Saturday's temperature started out in the teens, and by the end of the tour, we enjoyed a balmy 35 degrees. This was much improved from the temperatures on our 1996 Ironman Tour where the temperature was 6 below, with a 29 mile an hour wind!!! Brrrr...rrrr...!! The event began with pastries, coffee and socializing. Era displays were set up around the room, thanks to members bringing items from their collections. Ken Huber brought some wonderful fur coats, and other items. Ken Schindeldecker brought many items, and Lois provided era clothing. Thank you to all who brought something. Ken Schindeldecker and Jasper (007) Bond brought era correct Sno-machines, that were on display in the parking lot. Bob Butek had tire chains on his spare tire. At 10:00, a quiz was handed out to everyone, asking questions about the displays and to look for answers along the driving route. President Catherine Jammer read the criteria for the quiz. Rog and Lynne gave a short presentation regarding the history of the Ironman Tours, and some directions regarding the day's tour. It's amazing that the Ironman started as a joke! We lined up in the parking lot for the tour. 16 Model A's, 1 Model T, a 50's car and a few modern cars left at 11:00. Our tour was a little over 2 hours long. We drove by the new Vikings training facility, the old Dakota County Swing bridge (built in 1894), along the Mississippi river and the back roads of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan. We ended up back at the church for lunch.

Miles Lindberg was the winner of the 25 question quiz. He was the one and only person to get all 25 answers correct.

Blaine Maus received the long distance award for driving from New Richmond, WI. The bonus feature this year was coverage by KARE 11 TV. Not only did they shoot film of the actual tour, they did footage at Ken Huber's garage the Wednesday before the tour. Tom Owens spoke of firsthand details of the operation of the swing bridge that we drove by on the tour. Thank you to the 68 people who attended. And a special thank you to Fred Rengel, Pam Koetz, Lois Agrimson, Jim Slettehaugh, and all others who helped with set up and take down.

See everyone again in 2024!

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## Our First Ironman Tour

As a relatively new member of the TCMAFC when I got a text message from Rog inviting me to the Ironman Tour, I was hesitant. I had only finished a complete down-to-the-frame restoration of my great-grandfather's 1930 Fordor Sedan a year ago. I haven't driven it enough to be really confident in the reliability of the car and hadn't driven it since last fall. I didn't know if the battery even had a charge on it. What about the windows fogging up without heat or defrost? I'd hate for it to break down somewhere in the middle of the winter. Call me a wimp, but I decided to drive my "modern".

Sarah and I showed up at the church for the social time. What a delight to see all the A's parked in a row, especially the ones with snow tracks. What a hoot. While we were there the sun started coming out, and a few members started chiding me for not driving my A. Thom Boche in particular. Turns out Thom and I played in band together at Simley High School. Small world. I turned to Sarah and said, what do you think? The A is in my hangar at Fleming Field Airport in So.St.Paul. We could meet the group at Target. She said, "It's up to you.". OK, we'll give it a try.

We drove like the dickens to the airport. I said I'd check the oil and see if it would even turn over. Oil - Full. Check. Turn on the ignition, open the gas valve, a little choke, and after 2 - 3 rotations the engine came to life. Ok, I guess we're going. Sarah put some air in the tires while I added a bit of 50/50 mix to the radiator. Looks good to go. Now drive like the dickens, as much as an A can anyway, to Target. We got there and then sat in the parking lot. Did we miss them? Have they already gone by? Call Rog. No answer - voicemail. Now what? A minute later the phone rang. It was Lynn. They were on Amana Trail less than a minute from Target. I pulled out of the lot to the intersection. Rog and Lynn drove by, Thom and Linda right behind them. Thom slowed to let me slide into the #2 spot. We were on our way. My first Ironman. Actually my first anything in the A, other than just driving around a bit.

We drove along, part of a stream of wonderful old cars. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful February 29th. Sarah turned to me and said, "Aren't you glad you drove the car?" The grin on my face was the answer. The smiles of people as the parade drove by is something I'll never get tired of. Some would honk their horns hoping to hear an A-ooo-gah. Someone usually obliged.

We had a nice stop to visit with everyone at the old swing bridge. I'll never forget the time as a boy of about 12, my dad had bought a used manure spreader in Newport. He thought it was a particularly good deal as it had a full load of manure on it. :-) We were pulling it across the old swing bridge to our farm in Inver Grove Heights. The bridge boards were rickety and the cars were backing up behind us. We hit one particularly rough board and all of a sudden a big lever bounced and activated the manure spreader. Aromatic bovine number two started flying through the air splattering on the cars behind us. The drivers were not amused. Honking horns, shaking fists and words a 12 year old of that time hadn't heard before. I had to ride on the manure spreader the rest of the way home holding the lever so the manure spreader wouldn't accidentally activate again. That is my swing bridge story. Ah, childhood memories. I told this story at the Inver Grove Heights city council meeting the night they were voting to approve funding for the swing bridge park. I'm sure it helped sway the council to approve the funding.

We made it back to the church and had a wonderful lunch while visiting with the people at our table. Now it was time to head back to the airport, put my precious family heirloom back in the hangar and await spring for more fun on the road.

I can't wait until February 29, 2024, unless it is 10 below. Thank you to Rog and Lynn for putting this event together every four years, and thank you to all of you for providing a community where we can share our love for these wonderful living pieces of history called Ford Model A's.

Kirk Lindberg

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**For Sale:** 1928 Model A Roadster, very nice stock all steel body. Runs and drives great has had a frame off restoration. has car cover, recently refreshed engine, brown leather interior. \$17000.00 or reasonable offer considered. Contact Laurie Zins 651- 481 -8004



## February Men's Clinic

Darel & LaVerna Leipold gave an interesting presentation at the February Clinic that illustrated Valentines and postcards featuring early Fords and other early automobiles. Many of the cards were from the pre WW1 era. The Model T Ford comic post cards showed the Ford bettering the much bigger autos. The valentines often made use of the Ford name such as in "Afford". Most of the valentines and post cards illustrated were from their personal collection.

Steve Barnacle give us a hands on demonstration of properly using the head puller tool that is part of the club's collection of tools available for the members use. He also went thru the process of rebuilding a modern alternator and converting it to 6 volt positive ground for use in your Model A.



**With sadness we announce the passing of longtime, Life Member Richard Zins. Our thoughts and support go to his wife Laurie and the Zins family. Richard "Dick" Zins led us on a number of Mystrey tours as well volunteered on numerous occasions for club sponsored activities.**

## *Spring Tune Up Clinic*

*J & C Halter Motors*

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*On May 16th our annual Spring Tune Up Clinic will be held at the home of Jeff & Carisa Halter's  
10480 Heather Lane Concoran, MN 55374..*

*You will have the opportunity to work with fellow club members to learn and also teach others how to maintain a Model A . Bring your car or a project you would like to work on. There will be experienced Model A mechanics to ask your questions to.*

*Tools and equipment will be on hand to be used on the projects. Further details will be available in future newsletters and at our clinics*

*Contact Dave Peterson at 612-221-0282 or dpete40131@gmail.com He is looking forward to finding out what projects you are interested in and who is willing to volunteer at this event*



## Annual Model A & T Ford Swap Meet



Hosted by Bob & Hellen Peterson

# POSTPONED



Russell Agrimson	Apr/1	Cindy Johnson	Apr/11
Chuck Ash	Apr/1	Kenny O'Connell	Apr/11
James Ellingson	Apr/5	Lyle Stratton	Apr/18
Paul Gran	Apr/5	Bruce Bjorklund	Apr/19
Al Hohenwald	Apr/5	Lyla Dooley	Apr/20
Lyle Oestreich	Apr/6	Lynne Groven	Apr/20
Julie Hillenbrand	Apr/7	John Lauber	Apr/27
Carisa Halter	Apr/8	Jackie Rude	Apr/27
Joe DuPay	Apr/9	Ellen Young	Apr/29
Rochelle Stark	Apr/9	Graham Nelson	Apr/30
Jill Bjorn	Apr/11		



**Hey**  
**Members**  
**Listen Up !!**

**Keep this coming June 13th open !**  
**Cuz were going to be celebrating**  
**our clubs 60th Anniversary.**  
**Details will be coming soon.**  
**So keep your eyes and ears open !!**



May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Thom and Linda Boche's**

5747 Highlands Ct N  
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RSVP to Dave Gerold or Thom Boche



Mystery Tour to follow



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