

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

February 2017

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

February 16th-	Mens Clinic - 1st Half: Cars of the Early Years 1905 - 1920 2nd Half: Cars of the Early Years 1905 - 1920 - Presented by Darel and LaVerna Leipold
February 21st-	Business Meeting
March 16th-	Mens Clinic - 1st Half: Roof (top) Replacement 2nd Half: Roof (top) Replacement
March 21st-	Business Meeting
April 18th-	Business Meeting
April 20th-	Mens Clinic - 1st Half: To be determined 2nd Half: Bucket Swap Meet
May 6th -	Spring Tune Up Clinic
May 19th-20th-21st	Whalen Stand Still Parade and Fun Days
June 3rd -	Pancake Breakfast
October 2nd - 5th	Great Northern Tour

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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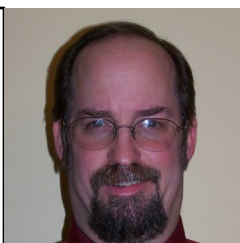
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Become A Member

**Interested in joining our club?
We would like you to join. Dues
are only \$25.00 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,

We completed the first Board meeting of 2017 and a lot was accomplished. There were good discussions on how to get youth engaged into the Model A hobby, club expenses, new advertising and developing the new budget for this year. I am very pleased to have such a supportive board!!!!

I expect the 2017 budget will be approved at the next meeting in February. Some of you might have heard that the Midwest Swap Meet went well this year and it was a beautiful day with good attendance. I am sorry to report we are down \$500 dollars from the previous year. In addition Little Dearborn may or may not always be there as sponsor for our club in the future only time will tell. Our expenses are increasing and our income is at a point where we are slowly going backwards.

If you keep in mind what I mentioned above I hope to have a new set of quotes for the club insurance policy. The cost of our clubs insurance continues to increase so even though Hagerty has provided great service to us. It is time to see if we can reduce the cost of insurance for the club with a new vendor.

You can rest assured that our club is in great shape and is managed very well. I would rather be in a proactive mode then reactive.

I don't know about you but I am tired of this winter thing! Come on spring, it's time to do the Model A touring thing!! Make sure to watch the newsletter for details on the upcoming "Great Northern" tour in October.

Our clinics are doing well and the attendance is impressive. Thank you to everyone that contributes to the success of the clinics. We do need a Woman's Clinic Coordinator. I any of you know of someone that can help our ladies out please let someone on the Board know.

Well that's it for now. I look forward to the coming driving season and upcoming club events.

Warmest Regards,

Doug Portlance – TCMAFC President

MINUTES OF THE TCMAFC MEETING JANUARY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The January 17, 2017 Business Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Doug Portlance. The meeting was held at the Brooklyn Center High School.

BOARD PRESENT: President – Doug Portlance, Vice President – John Roehl, Treasurer – Mel Eder, Junior Board Member - Jimmy Slettehaugh, Senior Board Member - Justin Maas, Secretary Catherine Kieger, Past President – Doug Persing.

MEMBERS PRESENT - Dave Kieger, Phil Zins, Mark Leder, Steve Gray, Roger Anderson

LAST MONTH MINUTES: The December 20th Board Meeting minutes was reviewed and approved, motion by Doug Persing and 2nd by John Roehl.
minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mel Eder handed out hard copies of the Treasurer's report for December and as it was reviewed for the details of the report, Justin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and it was seconded by Jimmy Slettehaugh the motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was accepted

Member Report : There were 3 new members

1. Timothy and Deborah Miller of New Prague, MN car type – 1931 4 Door Slant Window
2. Michael and Wendy Flannigan of Excelsior, MN car type – 1929 Phaeton
3. David and Patty Hagen of St Paul, MN

Mel Eder made a motion to accept the new members and 2nd by Jimmy Slettehaugh – approved.

MEMBERSHIP GREETING: Tom Boche will be taking over the position in March, Steve Gray will be retiring from this position.

CLINIC: Volunteer not present.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: Volunteer not present.

LIBRARIAN: Volunteer not present.

VIDEOS: Volunteer not present.

HISTORIAN: Volunteer not present.

FASHIONS: We are still looking for someone to fill this position, Justin Maas asked what this position entails.

SUNSHINE LADY: Nothing

NEWSLETTER: Mark Leder mentioned that the newsletter is going good. Doug Persing met with Mark to ensure the membership list and e-mail addresses were up to date. Doug Persing also cleaned up information for the new 2017 Roster.

WEBSITE: Doug Persing and Curt Fiedler continue to work on the website. Things are moving forward and working well, Justin Maas said the Face Book is also going good.

SWAP MEET: Doug Persing has the financial report at home and will bring it to the next meeting.

SERVICE ADVISOR: Volunteer not present.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Volunteer not present.

OLD BUSINESS: Doug Portlance mentioned the cost of 280 name badges was about \$4,000 ten years ago. Vince Smith is working on what they could cost now. Doug Persing talked about the Club Insurance and getting bids on the Club Insurance in an effort to lower costs.

NEW BUSINESS: Doug Portlance talked about getting youth involved in our club. Doug Portlance mentioned doing an event with the students at the technical college to experience the Model A Ford car.

Anoka Technical College was excited about getting the engine and would like to be a part of getting the younger generation interested in the Model A Club.

There was a discussion to stress that all new club members belong to both the National Clubs MAFCA and MARC.

Went over the budget for the fiscal year of 2017. We are on schedule for approving the new budget at the next Board Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

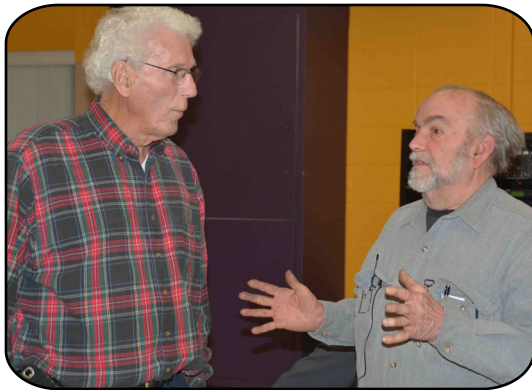
MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m., the Board approved a motion to adjourn made by Doug Persing and second by Justin Maas

RECORDING SECRETARY: Catherine Kieger.

**The 2017 Membership Roster Will Be Available For Pick Up At
The Men's Clinic On February 16th.**

January Mens Clinic

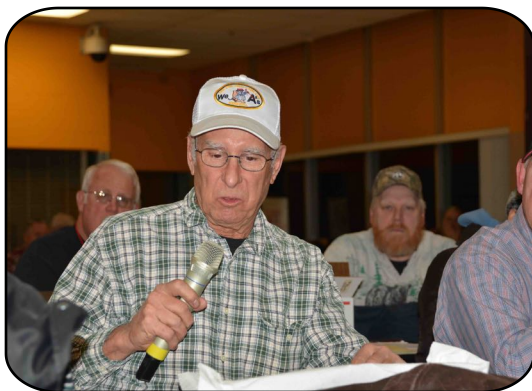
Once again one of our members brought to the clinic a well prepared program using a powerpoint visual presentation . The presenter was Dave Peterson and the topic was the Model A generator. We looked at it's construction and the special tools needed to test and overhaul one. Although there are items that may require rewinding and possibly the work may be beyond what most of the members may not want to or be able to do. What was pointed out is that for the most part the generator design is a very robust and simple design. After all these years of service it is the wear items like the bearings and brushes that take most of the abuse. Replacement, cleaning and lubrication can take care of a large amount of the owners problems. These repair tasks are usually within the skill level and tool ownership of most of the members. The adjustable brush feature of this unit was well explained since it's adjustment is critical to the longevity of your battery and the function of your lighting system.



Dave Peterson the night's presenter has a word with Jack Fortman who has also presented Automotive Electrical systems to our group



New Members with questions regarding thier "new " old Model A



Lee Oster is working on another 1931 Slant Window Fordor. This car contains wood graining on the interior trim. Lee brought to our attention an alternative to to how woodgraining traditionally has been done (paint products) . He brought some trim that was done by the hydro dipped process. The result was well done and turn around times are very good.

By Mark Leder



narrow so they probably would not have been a big enough canvas for a man with as much vision, potential and accomplishments as Floyd B. Olson.

What did the man do? and how did he get to be our Governor serving from 1931 – 1936 ?. He has been considered as one of the greatest Governors of our state and was considered as one of the most influential politician of that time period. Floyd B. Olson grew up in North Minneapolis, in the poorer section surrounded by immigrant families that had yet achieved middle class American life. He attended North High School and after graduating he worked for a railroad in a labor position. He aspired to better things and after a year or so became a student at the University of Minnesota. He was somewhat of a rebel and disregarded the school's policy of wearing a hat while in class. He favored a derby and also refused to join in the required ROTC drills of the school. He left after a year, working his way thru Canada, Alaska and became a stevedore in Seattle Washington. Some think that his tenure as a stevedore kindled his interest in a populist political view point as he was a member of the Industrial Workers Of The World which represented the stevedores. He came back to Minnesota in 1913. He went to law school at the Northwestern School of Law which later became William Mitchell College of Law. He worked for Hennepin County as an assistant attorney and eventually became the head attorney. A notable case involved the Ku Klux Klan in which death threats were made to him but he earned the citizens respect for his zeal in taking on the tough cases and the dishonest businessmen of this period. There was even a case he led against a hitman who was hired to dynamite a union leaders home. By 1930 the depression had it grip on the nation and the Farmer – Labor party saw a lot of promise in Floyd B. Olson and convinced him to run for Governor. He won in a landslide getting 59% of the vote. With his three terms as Governor he got the legislature to pass bills based on his vision that included a progressive income tax, a social security program for the elderly, guaranteed equal pay for women, a minimum wage bill, unemployment insurance and a collective bargaining law.

He dealt with the bloody 1934 truckers union strike in Minneapolis. This two-month strike resulted in 4000 National Guardsmen being called in and martial law being declared. The Governor had many accomplishments and like all administrations allegations were made against him about his honesty and his associates. These allegations were made by a local newspaper editor who was later gunned down and died. Kid Can a notable gangster of this era with a lot of influence in the city was charged with the crime but was not convicted of this particular crime. During his tenure as Governor the organized crime in Minnesota like most other states had a strong presence. Some of his critics felt he was too close to many of those involved in those activities. In November of 1935 Olson considered running for President of the United States as a third party candidate but decided to run for a U. S. Senate seat instead while still having some time to serve as Governor. In December of 1935 he was diagnosed with cancer and died in August of 1936 at the age of 44.

He had a very large public outpouring of mourners and was buried in a glass topped casket in Lakewood Cemetery. High Way 55 in Minneapolis from downtown going west was renamed Olson High Way shortly after his death and there is a large statue erected of him along this road.



Mourners pay respect to the Governor



Highway 55 statue today

I am not a liberal," Olson declared to the Farmer-Labor convention in 1934. "I am what I want to be—a radical."

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

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www.durableperformance.net
- For Sale:** 1928 Town Sedan - complete, 1930 Town Sedan - basket case.
Call Chuck Maas (320) - 277-3242
- For Sale:** 1930 Tudor Sedan - many new parts, green and black with tan interior. This nice car needs a new owner. Call Wayne (612) - 202-5590
- 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 5 window coupe, dual side mounts, ground up restoration, first place trophy in 2014. Zero road miles, car is black and Ford maroon with red wheels and pinstripe. Contact Glenn Crandall (406) - 930 - 2528
- Wanted:** 1929 AA radiator shell, round speedometers, 1928 & 1931 water pumps, Zenith carburetors and 1928 AR rims. Contact Randy Stallman. Randy.Stallman@gmail.com. or 319 - 453 - 2171
- 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
- For Sale:** 1929 Cabriolet, Very nice running and driving car. Well put together car with good upholstery, top and britework. Priced at \$25000.00 firm. Contact Jeffrey Perkins 651 - 283 - 1167
- For Sale:** Very old Moline brand plow, good patina, nice yard art display item or start planting.
Contact Mark Leder 952 - 926 - 3995 or mleder22@aol.com
- For Sale:** All metal trunk for your car, straight back with curved top. Contact Harold Sneen 651 - 436 - 5503
- Wanted:** 100% complete original or restored 1928 or 1929 Tudor. Call Benjamin Rowan 651- 202-3040
- Lost:** Original Model A grease gun wrapped in a formerly white sock. Lost some time this touring season.
Contact Jim Peters 218 365 0828
- Wanted :** 28 AA rear brake drum (the one without the separate emergency brake). Contact Dave Hetchler
952 - 261 - 2688
- Wanted :** New member desires clean , straight and drivable 1931 4 door Model A sedan . Contact
Daniel Bourgeois 612 - 721 - 4021, 612 - 408 - 3212 coldrod007@gmail.com
- For Sale:** Restored 30 - 31 cowl band - \$80.00 Contact Rog Anderson 651 - 457 - 8820



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Election Banquet of 2016 . Election results: President - Doug Portlance, Vice President - John Roehl, Treasurer - Mel Eder, Secretary - Cathy Kiegar, Senior Board Justin Mass, and Junior Board - Jimmy Slettehaugh.

Attendance was well over 60 people with a large selection of tasty food to tempt everyone to try one and sometimes more of everything. Awards for our trophy meet and the Spark Plug and Lifetime Membership were presented.



Justin Maas receives a Spark Plug award and congratulations for his hard work on putting together the this banquet as well as the all the efforts he has put in as the junior board member

Outgoing President Doug Persing receives a recognition plaque from in coming President Doug Portlance for his tenure as President

New junior board member Jimmy Slettehaugh gets the "book" of running a successful club from former junior board member Justin Mass who is now our senior board member

December Mens Clinic

Once again we had a busy and productive night club as member Jack Fortman schooled us on the primary and secondary ignition system of the Model A. Jack has many years of practical experience working with automobiles and was a traveling instructor helping mechanics and shop owners understand auto mechanical systems. With a powerpoint program and his ability to simplify mechanical concepts the group became well informed. We had two interesting show items, Ken Huber brought a classic Schwinn bicycle and Tom Wesenberg showed us the energy consumption of new efficient LED lighting and how they compare with the now "old" incandescent bulbs

A recap of the election banquet and the reporting of the new officers elected along with the trophy meet winners was presented. Justin Mass took on the responsibility of running the event and a large and loud THANK YOU to him for a great afternoon. We presented Spark Plug awards, Lifetime Membership awards at the banquet to those present and at the clinic were able to present these awards to those that were not able to be at the banquet. Further thank you to Linda Pole and Jimmy Slettehaugh for their help on the banquet.

Trophy Meet awards were given out by meet organizers Jim and Ginnie Richardson who this fall hosted this event at their home. Please see the winners of awards by looking at the Election Meeting Minutes on page 4 and 5. Jim Richardson created the beautiful awards himself that were presented the winners.



Jack Fortman



Classic Schwinn



Trophy Award



Jim Richardson



Trophy Meet Participants



Spark Plug Award



Spark Plug Award



Spark Plug Award



Lifetime Award

Please Welcome These New Members To The Club

Richard and Toni Marple of Plymouth, MN., Arlen and Betty Bennett of Zumbrota, MN.

Heidi Sprandel of Isanti, MN., Eric and Brenda Thompson of Minnetonka, MN.

TCMAFC Items For Sale

Caps—Solid Blue, Blue Mesh, Solid White and White Mesh \$10

“A” Gasoline Ration Sticker Best quality around \$5

We A’s Patch ready to be sewn on your shirt \$5

Contact Doug Persing 763-443-2375



