"Aoogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

April 2024

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

April 6th. Coffee Social With Minnesota Highway Patrol Model A

April 9th. Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact

Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code

April 18th. Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville - Live Swap

Meet, Topics: Seat adjuster and modification - See Page 5

For Meeting And Zoom Internet Code

April 20th. Prewar Swap Meet -Bob Peterson's Farm 7525 Co.12 Blvd. Kenyon

MN. Starts 7. A. M. No Cost To Attend Or Sell

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

Starting Now Photo Contest For 2024

May 4th. Spring Tune Up Clinic See Page 5

June 15th. Pancake Breakfast

October 2nd.- 6th. Whitewater Gathering



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

April 2024

I am happy to announce that I am hosting a Coffee Social again this year with the Minnesota State Highway Patrol at their Maplewood MN DOT facility. I'll be providing the Coffee, Donuts, and Juice for the event. The event will take place on April 6 and runs from 9:00 A. M. to Noon. If weather permits, Bring your Model A. I'm sure the Officers would like to see some of our collection. For those that have e-mail, I'm sure you already saw the email blast and facebook pages about it already. If you have a friend or family member who you would like to have tag along, BRING THEM. I have no issues with others attending. Last year I brought home more donuts than I cared to take, so the more the better.

We had another fantastic clinic in March with Darel and Laverna Liepold presenting MotoMeters. They have vast knowledge about the topics that they present and is always a treat to have them share that knowledge. If you would like to see the presentation and didn't get a chance to see it, visit our TCMAFC YouTube channel and you will find their entire presentation.

I know that it is just April, buy I would like to get you to start thinking about future board positions. You see, even though I very much enjoy being the club's President, the bylaws for our club requirement me to only have 2 consecutive one year terms and I have to step down and let someone else take over. It's o.k. as I will still remain on the board. So, this means, I'll help whoever takes over as president. Another required position new position is our junior board member. Our Junior Board member moves up to Senior Board and we get a new Junior board member every year. So.. if you are interested or just want to ask a question about it, don't hesitate to talk to me about it. It's all good.

That is all for now...

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road! Jerome Bokelmann

Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for March 12th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P M. via Zoom internet platform.

Attendance: Board Members present: President -Jerome Bokelmann, Vice President - Marc Rude, Secretary - Mark Leder. Past President, Thom Boche, Members present: Jerry Schilling, Dale Pomerleau, Steve Barnacle, Steve Johnson, Phil Zins, Peter Trence and Roberta Butek. 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 January printed copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Marc Rude to accept the January minutes as printed in the Aoogah Newsletter in January. The motion was seconded by Thom Boche and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasures report:

Doug Portlance our Treasurer was not present due to a recent surgery procedure. Doug had handed off his report to our president, Jerome Bokelmann. Jerome then went thru the report with those present at this meeting. A paper copy will be retained with the official club notes. There was a short discussion noting that this is the last month of the budget, and it is possible that a few small bills could possibly be on the way, an example would be printing of the newsletter. When looking at the budget and how we ended up we find that the budgeted amounts were very good estimates for our actual expenses this year. Those who created the budget and those who spent the money for our club this year did a very good job to keep us financially strong. A motion was made by Thom Boche to accept the report as presented, a second was made by Marc Rude and the vote was unanimous and passed.

Membership report: We have five new members presented for nomination. Jeff and Rachel Bokelmann with a 1929 Standard Coupe of East Bethel, MN. David and Valerie Howard with a 1930 Coupe of Ham Lake, MN. Harland and Susie Anderson with a 1931 Closed Cab Pickup of Maple Grove, MN. Keith and Jane Olson, no car yet of Stillwater MN. and Mike and Barb Nelson with a 1930 Tudor of North Branch, MN. A motion was made to accept these five applicants for membership by Thom Boche, Mark Leder seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

Membership Greeter: Our official greater was not present and will contact these newly approved members. The official greeter, Jim Lake has contacted all but one of last month's new members, with a call left for the one unable to reach. He will be given the list of the newly voted in members to enable him to contact and welcome them.

Clinics: Our Clinic this month will have Darel and LaVerna Liepold present on Moto Meters. This should be a historical theme, with examples and photos. Our presentations can be brief subjects, or in depth, 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, inventory of tools is ready for members to check out, Steve Barnacle mentions we have tools out to members now and that there seems to be some activity.

Sunshine: Two cards were sent this month

Newsletter: All good, still some continued postal delivery problems that we have no control over.

Service Advisor: Not present, no report **Fundraising:** Nothing to report now.

Calendar of Events: Highway Patrol Coffee Social scheduled for April 6th. Tune Up Clinic on May 4th, Pancake Breakfast on June 15th. Possible interest in May for the "Open Door" historical building display in Minneapolis,

Unfinished Business: Technology- have not yet connected with Church staff for sound and video discussion. We are learning from each clinic presentation of how to better use the equipment or search for additional items that may improve the quality and experience.

New Business: Pancake Breakfast – use of facility is \$310.00 and is well within our budget, it will be held at the Baker Park Reserve which has a covered space in case of poor weather, we will need volunteers for set up, serving and cleanup. We think we may have a Tour and tour leader for after the breakfast. Discussion on an additional insurance coverage being offered, this is for crime protection. Those in the discussion felt that the limited assets we have and the oversight of our finances by the monthly review by the board of the treasurer's report leave us open to very little if any exposure to loss. The deductible also might be large enough that a claim to exposure might not even make the deductible. No actions expressed by those present (members comments also solicited) are moving us to apply or be willing to take on the expense for the coverage, so we are not going to pursue this.

Announcements: There will be White Water event this year, Peter Trence will keep us up to date on developments. Spring. Club Member Bob Peterson will be holding his annual Prewar Swap Meet on his property located at 7525 Co. 12 Blvd in Kenyon, MN on April 20th. no costs for attendance or selling spaces.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marc Rude, it was seconded by Mark Leder, the vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 8:04 P.M. Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

COFFEE SOCIAL

Jerome Bokelmann is inviting you to attend a coffee social event. As you may or may not know, the TCMAFC group restored a 1930 Ford Model A 5 window coupe for the Minnesota State Highway patrol several years ago. This Model A is used as a display by the Minnesota Highway Patrol at a few events throughout the year. The car caretaker is Lieutenant John Farmakes. Other supervisor officers of the Highway patrol are also invited to this coffee social to gain some expertise of this very unique vehicle. Coffee Juice, and Donuts will be provided but I suggest if you want to sit, please bring your own chair. Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

April 6, 2024 9:00 a.m. to Noon

MN DOT Maintenance Facility 1779 McMenemy Street Maplewood, MN 55117

Enter on service road from Larpenter just east of I-35E – proceed up the hill to the larger of the two buildings.



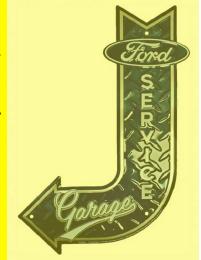
SPRING TUNE UP CLINIC MAY 4TH.

Now is the time to plan to attend this event. We need mechanics, helpers, those who want to learn and of course we need some cars to work on! Evaluate your needs and let our clinic coordinator know what you need help with. If there are special club tools needed reserve them before the event and bring them to the clinic. Order your parts now as lead times and availability may be uncertain.

Items you need to bring - chair, basic tools, parts for your repair job, we are having a simple lunch served. Bring a dessert, salad or dishes to share, soft drinks. If you bring an item to share and it needs a serving utensil, please bring one. We are bringing in Italian food. If you have some folding tables, they would be very welcome.

There will be space for swap items!

Our host this year is Jim Loeffler and he has donated his industrial building to the club this day for the event Location is 959 Payne Ave, St. Paul MN Start time is 8:00 A.M



There will be a Celebration of Life for Colleen and Gordy Loye, the founders of Classtique Upholstery, on Sunday April 21st. at 2:00 pm. It will take place at the North Ridge Winery, Hwy 95, North Branch. The family would like to see Model T's and Model A's at the Winery.

APRIL CLINIC TOPIC: Rob Gusaas: Front seat mechanical adjustment fabrication

Let Zoom Put You Into The Room Clinic Night March 21 St. 7:00 P.M.

Use Zoom Meeting to join the clinic on the Internet

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6172683010?

Password: VEZSeWQxaUV2cGltMDJKVHpqcVlQZz09

TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES:

Mark Leder mleder22@aol.com

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: Herbrand Style (Fox Valley & others) Coil & Condenser Tester. Dale Pomerleau

dfpomerleau@comcast.net. 763 - 458 - 9880

For Sale: New in box radiator for 28-29 Ford. 3 core 8 fins/inch. \$600. Mark Schilling 612-240-5584 Leave message.

or, rustyjunker@yahoo.com

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.

Trade: I have a nice AA front axle (mid 28 to mid 29?) That I would like to trade for a comparable A

front axle. Wayland Porter. 651-735-7222.

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 and reflectors \$150.00 contact Brad Nelson

651-253 3981

For Sale: 1930 standard coupe totally restored, balanced engine, 2300. miles. health forces sale. \$16800.00 John

Humphreys 651-846-9116.

For Sale: 1930 standard Tudor Sedan and 1930 Deluxe Coupe. Sedan is painted Andalusite Blue, needs

finishing. No interior. Roof bows and vinyl replaced. Fenders in primer, need some work. Coupe needs restoration, body mostly solid with some small rust holes. Front fenders missing. Cars have not been started for at least twenty years. Miscellaneous parts included (door handles, etc). Both cars need tires \$9,750 for

both. Contact Bob White at rjwhite767@aol.com, cell 310-686-4664.

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 \$11,500. Steve 218-722-4224

For Sale: 30/31 TUDOR Body Blocks \$60, 30/31 TUDOR Body Block Pads \$8, 1931 Stone Guard VG condition. \$100 Luggage Rack VG Condition \$150 Contact Tom Owens 651 - 492 - 4398

For Sale: Model A Head, milled flat ready to install 125.00 New Wolf Whistle \$45.00, 19" Firestone tire in good condition. \$20.00 Jim Lake 651-245-1937

Wanted: Wanted: TRUNK for my '29 Tudor trunk rack. Ideally black trunk, but open to other options that fits 13' x 34" trunk rack. Please call or text Rob Gusaas 612-750-6410

Missing: I lent my head puller to a club member and I cannot remember to whom, I have a request from another to use it

Please contact Jerry Schilling and let me know when to expect it's return. Call 763 - 213 - 4917

For Sale: 1931 Standard Coupe, lombard blue, cloth interior, rebuilt engine by Bruce Remington, has rumble seat. Nicely restored, some spare parts included. Contact Gerald Aamodt 612 - 322 - 5819

Wanted / A good, safe, reliable used trailer hitch for a 1931 Slant Window Sedan

For Sale: Tan, straight backed trunk for sale. Used, but in great shape. The leather mounting straps are included. Asking price: \$200. Text, or call, Thom Boche at 612-840-4046, or email at thomboche@aol.com.

For Sale: Wide assortment of Model A Parts. I am emptying my storage unit. Parts will be available at 3628 Steele St Minnetonka, mid April. Call to set up an appointment. Jerry Plagge 507-217-9565

For Sale: 29 Tudor, Needs compete restoration. Stalled project, owner passed away. Complete car, no rust thru. Many new parts: top wood kit, all new glass, new rubber floor mats. new ignition and wire kit. new dist. parts. Rebuilt carb. new upols. material. some new seat wood. Eng turns over but has not been run in years. Trunk and many extra parts. Six '21 in. wheels. Extra rad shell. car is all together and rolling. Pictures available. Asking \$8000. OBO. Jack 763-784-9001

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

<u>Do not text information</u>, send via email, USPS or phone conversation

IRONMAN 2024 LEAP YEAR

Who would have thought, that a morning starting out at 14 degrees, would end with a balmy 59 degrees!

We started the event at Christ Lutheran Church in Eagan. It is fitting that the address starts with 1930.

We thank Lois Agrimson for arranging our starting point. She paid for it in memory of her husband Russ.

We had coffee & pastries, nuts & cookie cake, in celebration of Erick Agrimson's birthday.

Everyone joined in singing 2 birthday songs.

At 10:20 we started our 2 hour driving adventure.

We had 21 Model A's and a few modern cars. A total of 50 people.

We wound our way through Eagan, Inver Grove and South St Paul, before crossing the river to Newport.

We turned quite a few heads when they saw our parade.

After a short stay at a park, we went to Schlomka's Landscaping. Paul has an amazing collection of relics in his yard as well as a sign collection, that is second to none.

Jaws dropped at the site of his magnificent collection.

We thanked him for sharing all of this with us. Also, we want to thank his uncle, Hank for arranging the visit.

From there, we headed to the North Pole Restaurant for lunch. Our members had a choice of a hamburger, fish fingers or chicken tenders.

All were served with french fries, a pickle, cole slaw and a beverage.

Our souvenir this time, was a trophy that stated "I survived the 2024 Ironman".

It was a fun day of fellowship, and a chance to drive our Model A's, in the winter, in Minnesota.

Will we do it again? We'll see in four more years.

Rog & Lynne

























COTTER PINS, COTTER PINS AND MORE COTTER PINS by Mark Leder

Dave Gerold and I were discussing an application using cotter pins, it was a snowy day with some down time on a quiet day and I had time to ponder about cotter pins- I would not be surprised if Ford was the largest single consumer of those on the planet in those years, and if made by an outside source they probably created great wealth for many generations of the producer. Can you imagine talking to your friends today and saying my family's prosperity today is a result of my grandfather's cotter pin factory and the relationship with Ford while he was building the 5 million Model A's.

5 million Model A's produced.

Snyders Antique Auto sell's a 159-piece cotter key set for the drivetrain and chassis which they state is each of the required pieces needed. There are a few other cotter keys used in other areas which would not be included in this set.

Estimate those cotter keys weigh between .50 lb to .75 lb

5,000,000 cars with at least 159 cotter keys = 795,000,000 cotter keys
Add 10% as a conservative estimate of the above for spare parts produced which would
include cotter keys in their assembly and shipment of such supplies as well as cotter key
hardware to the dealer network.

795,000,000 79,000,000 (10 %)

874,500,000 cotter keys needed for production of cars and spare parts. (number is probably higher with the AA truck production and spoilage on the line)

874,500,000 cotter keys divided by 159 = 5,500,000 packages that weigh .50 lb.= 1375 tons 874,500,000 cotter keys divided by 159 = 5,500,000 packages that weigh .75 lb = 2062.5 tons

In those days a rail box car could haul maximum 50 net tons.

1375 tons would take 27.5 box cars to haul them.

2062.5 tons would take 41.25 box cars to haul them.

Note – It would actually take more cars because the cotter keys would be packaged in wooden kegs or boxes and those have weight in themselves probably to increase the need for one to two more cars to haul the tonnage.

*Everything above is an estimation and adding in or subtracting a "fudge" factor may be close. It gives you an idea of how large the Model A had an impact on manufacturing

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEWS!

We have reserved the Driftwood Picnic Area shelter at the Baker Park Reserve in Medina for Saturday, June 15th.

The park gates open at 9:00 am. We will serve breakfast from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Clean up will be from 11:30 to noon. A tour could leave at 12:15. All the times are approximate for now.

This new location should accommodate our group very well. Dave and Jean Gerold are hosting this event and volunteer helpers will be needed. More details to follow as we get closer to the event, in the meantime mark your calendar for this traditional event.

WHITEWATER NEWS!

October 2nd through the 6th 2024 Lady - Slipper A's Whitewater Event

Located 26 miles east of Rochester, Minnesota, Whitewater State Park is where we gather at a secluded group camp, reserved for our use. This camp has been updated with a new stove, refrigerator and other amenities in the main lodge. New mattresses in the sleeping cabins are to be replaced, spring of 2024. As in the past, we're planning Model A driving tours, a night with live entertainment, and breakfast & dinner served at the lodge. More details and registration forms will follow this summer.

Photo Contest For 2024

This contest will have two categories. "General" and "Scavenger Hunt" (Flag theme) Choose either or both. Each member family may submit a **total** of 6 photos. These must be photos taken in 2024, the contest will end in the month of November. Photos will need to be submitted as a printed item. I cannot accept digital files. When you submit the photos, you agree that we may use them in the publication of the Aoogah Newsletter as well as possibly the Restorer magazine of MAFCA. All photos must have a tie in to a Model A theme or club event .

Newsletter acceptance and deadlines

In order to put this newsletter out I need to have articles, ads for sale and general news in my possession by the beginning of the third week of the month. Consider the 21st. day of the month the cut off. I need to allocate space for known items, certain meetings, and club business. Wild card items do come up and I save some space to accommodate them. I would like items sent to me either by mail or e mail. Do not text ads to my phone. Please write your ads out and I can help edit them if needed. Contact me to remove ads that sell. I prefer that any newsletter items come to my personal e mail (mleder22@aol.com). Please refrain from texting. The club e mail address is used mainly as a one way service to deliver your newsletter and any late breaking club information items we feel you need to have. Since more than one person sends items out via TCMAFC @gmail.com, should you need to contact a person for clarification or assistance your board members, newsletter editor and committee members contacts are listed on the Presidents column page as well as in your membership roster. I appreciate all submissions to the newsletter however to give you a quality newsletter I need to have some preparation time to get it all together.

Mark Leder, Editor





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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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