

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

January 2023

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- Saturdays** Model A'ers Lunch At Flaherty's Arden Bowl In Arden Hills
- Wednesdays** Model A'ers Lunch Held On The Second Wednesday Of The Month at Flaherty's , And On The Fourth Wednesday Of The Month At The Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd.
- 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
- January 10th.** Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code
- January 14th.** Zoom Coffee Social With Jay McCord Immediate Past President of MAFCA. Starts at 11:00 A.M. See Details Page 8
- January 19th.** Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville

January is one of the best months to take a winter brake. In fact 4 brakes are are great project as we wait for spring.



Clinics 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

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**Interested in joining our club?
We would like you to join. Dues
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**For all the information about
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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

January 2023

Greetings and Welcome to the New Year!

First, I would like to thank everyone for the support in having me as the TCMAFC club president for 2023. It is my desire to serve the club well in a thoughtful and prudent manner. If you have ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the current board members.

I would like to thank the previous board members led by President Thom Boche. Through their leadership, we managed to keep the club active during the pandemic and restarted many "in person" events like the restoration clinics. They leveraged technology like Zoom to conduct board meetings and various coffee social events. I was so happy that they were able to start up the in-person restoration clinics in 2022, first in Eagan and then in our planned location of Roseville.

In December we had a very successful annual meeting with several members in attendance. The location of Banquets of Minnesota was a very nice place where the food was very good and the staff was easy to work with. There were several items for the silent auction and the variety of things was great to see. Our Brake Drum raffle was a huge success as it raised \$913.85 in total which was larger than the raffle of the previous year \$694.00. A huge Thank You to Randy Gross for donating the brake drums.

We had Gary Thorin present 1982 Model A World Tour and the 1982 MAFCA National Meet held in Minnesota at the December restoration clinic. Gary showed the trophies that he created for the 1982 national meet. For our January Restoration Clinic, the topic is accessories. If you can, bring in a Model A accessory or as in my case, bring in a photo on a jump drive and we will project it. My accessory is attached to the Model A.

Lastly, I would like to do a special thank you to Life Member Lois Agrimson for a memorial membership in honor of her late husband Russ.

Cheers,
Jerome Bokelmann

The new Board members are experienced individuals, most of whom have had various positions on the TCMAFC Board in previous years. Lean on them to continue to move the Club forward!! They're going to be great!

We have moved forward together in 2021 and 2022. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as President. I appreciate the trust you have placed in me and thank you for allowing me to learn more about this great Club in the process!

We'll see you down the road!

Stay safe. Stay healthy.

Thom

Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for December 13th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M. Via Zoom Internet

Attendance: Board Members present: President – Thom Boche, Treasurer – Mel Eder, Vice President – Doug Persing, Junior Board – Deb Persing, Senior Board - Peter Trence, Secretary - Mark Leder. Members present Dale Pomerleau, Jerry Schilling, Roberta Butek , Jerome Bokelmann and Steve Barnacle. Thom Boche called the meeting to order and conducted the board members in accordance with the duties of the board to meet in the monthly scheduled meeting.

Secretary's report: There were no corrections or modifications to be made and a motion was made by Doug Persing to accept the November minutes as printed in the Ahoogah Newsletter for November. The motion was seconded by Mel Eder and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasures report:

Mel Eder presented the treasures report, there was a question asked as to the timing of deposits of funds for a banquet. The easiest and least compiled way to handle the money is to make one large deposit of the collected funds after the banquet. The board desires to make it easy and the least busy work possible for its treasurer. A motion was made by Mark Leder to accept the treasures report as presented. The motion was seconded by Peter Trence and the motion was passed unanimously.

Membership Report

There were five new members submitted for consideration for this meeting: Dean and Peggy Johnson of Maple Grove, MN. 1929 Fordor. Robert and Tammy Turner of Hudson, WI. 1930 Tudor, Matt Spillman of Maple Lake MN. 1930 Coupe, Jonathan and Marilyn Buesing of Maplewood, MN. 1929 Leather Back Sedan. Mike Henricks of North Branch MN. 1929 Open Cab Pickup.

A motion to accept the proposed members was made by Mel Eder, motion was seconded by Deb Persing. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Clinics: Our next clinic we will have Phil Zin's presentation on the electrical Coils and Distributor rebuilding We are going to have a bucket swap meet at each of the clinics to encourage members to bring smaller clean items to sell.

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

Newsletter: All items running well

Fundraising Raffle: The Raffle was very successful, and our winner Doug Persing was present at the banquet when his ticket was selected. We already have a commitment from Randy Gross to participate in some way next year.

Unfinished Business: There was nothing carried over from the last meeting

Newsletter discussion on costs of the printed issue, should it be needed, the operating budget could be used if our budget for this items gets exhausted as discussed by the Board.

New Business: Discussion on how to handle a membership that was prepaid for a recently deceased member for the club year 2023. The decision was to ask the person who prepaid how they would like to have their funds spent or returned.

The board discussed an appropriate way to thank Randy Gross for his donation to the raffle as well as his donations in previous years and the unanimous decision was to give a membership to him and his wife Rosemarie and welcome them to our club. They are from Huntington Beach, California and have a 1931 Victoria

Short discussion on advertising in the newsletter and how to go about increasing revenue versus the complications of adding space and the printing costs in the printed version should we have to add pages.

Announcements: Members Jeff and Carisa Halter have once again generously offered to host the tune up clinic in the spring. A date and details to be determined.

At 8:09 P.M. A motion to call for adjournment was made by Doug Persing , a second to the motion was made by Mel Eder, there was no opposition, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

NEW PHOTO CONTEST FOR 2023

This contest will have two categories. "General" and "Scavenger Hunt" Choose either or both. Each member family may submit a **total** of 6 photos. These must be photos taken in 2023, the contest will end in the month of November. Photos will need to be submitted as a printed item. I cannot accept digital files.

Here is what the contest is about. Photos must have some tie in to Model A Fords, or a club event then these photos can go into the "General Category"

The second "Theme" category will be similar to a scavenger hunt. Because Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes the key word is "Lake". This category will need some tie into the image, word or ?? along with a Model A or club event. This is your chance to show how clever your submission is. Think this thru and make it **special**, wait for that special moment to take the photo or frame the photo to show beauty, humor, nature, etc. at its best or worse. – you choose and make the judges really consider the efforts you took to create this photo. It's too easy to just pose a Model A in front of a lake on a normal summer day. Make this different!!

Time to sign up for another year in the TCMAFC

Deadline January 15th. 2022

Renewals received after the deadline may not be included in the 2023 roster.

Our 2023 renewal forms were recently sent via e mail to those of you that have email addresses. The e mail sender was listed as membership.tcmafc@gmail.com. A summary of your information such as address, contact information and vehicles owned were listed on the form. The current renewal fee and option to order additional membership rosters were listed. Members who do not receive e mails will be sent a form in via USPS. Please read or search for this email and use it to renew your membership. We are trying to reduce the costs of out going mailings as much as possible to keep memberships affordable.

Please print out your e mailed form, fill out your membership renewal and return it as well as your payment via USPS.

Our harding working membership chairperson appreciates your prompt return of your form and the payment

**Address your envelope to: Roberta Butek
8922 - 89th. CT. So.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016-3404**

Is It to Early To Think About Spring?

Members Jeff and Carisa Halter have once again volunteerd to host the Spring Tune Up Clinic at their home.

Although this is still a number of months away it is not to early to think about what you want to work on, order parts ,talk to our Clinic Coordinators and see if they can find one of the club experts to be ready and equiped for your project.

Maybe decide you want to create a work station and help someone with what you are familiar with. This has always been well attended event.

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Contact Jack 218 - 426 -3344
- For Sale:** N.O.S. standard compression head-magnafluxed, set of new old reproduction stock 1930 running boards with black pyramid matting and stainless steel molding. Each item \$300.00 cash or reasonable offer. Four 19 inch Model A wheels, \$60 all four wheels or reasonable offer, cash payments only. Contact Jim Kelly 651-398-4918 or indymaggie@comcast.net
- For Sale:** One new 21" Firestone white wall tire \$175.00, engine stand \$50.00. Contact Gary Kreyer 763 - 607 -1357
- 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

- 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:** I'm looking for car storage for some of my Model A's . I'm located in Plymouth MN. and desire something close to me. Contact: Chuck Cloutier 612 - 516 - 7010.
- Wanted:** 30 -31 front fenders. Also 30 - 31 rear fenders for coupe/pickup. Rog Anderson 651-457-8820
- For Sale:** Script tire gauge \$60.00, Rexco Oil Pressure gauge and bracket \$40.00, TCMAFC logo belt buckle \$25.00
Accordion running board luggage holder \$25.00 . Dennis Larson 952 -937 -2362
- For Sale:** Rebuilt transmission for 29 - 31. - \$1000. Includes: Shifter tower, u joint assembly and front transmission seal kit. Total rebuilt transmission, has not been used since rebuild. No exchange core needed. Shipping not included. Contact Dick Pirkl - 608-839-8220 or e-mail dmpirk@tds.net
- For Sale:** 1930 Town Sedan, 4 door, B engine New upholstery, clock in the mirror, white wall tires
Never had body off restoration because it never needed it. Original rubber on running board
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capacitor tester - \$35.00, armature lathe - \$50.00. Call Roger Welch 763-753-4810 or 763-377-0086
- For Sale:** 1931 Victoria 2 door. Contact Don McDonald 651 - 332 - 6979 or cell 612 - 242 - 1591
- For Sale:** 5 nice 19" wheels from California, painted vermilion red - \$225.00 Contact Jim Lake 651 - 245 - 1937

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

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

ZOOM With Us Saturday Jan 14, 2023 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)



Join in for our " Zoom Coffee Social "
We will have as our special guest Mr. Jay McCord the immediate past president of MAFCA and administrator of the MAFCA Facebook page. He is an energetic supporter of all things Model A.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87875414024?pwd=bENZalRocW1XMk5ldTI2clFaMk5RUT09>
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LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT

MARC Mileage Award

It is once again time to turn in your odometer reading for this year. This "event" show cases the miles you put on your Model A and at certain levels of milege you are awarded a small emblem to place on your car showing your milege event. MARC mileage reminder; get those Odometer readings into me before you forget! Anyone interested in participating or just want more info email dfpomerleau@comcast.net or call 763-458-9880

December Clinic

Our clinic was a look back to an event that the Twin Cities Model A Club and a few of its members had a hand in the story of a one of a kind adventure. Gary Thorin and his wife Mary were part of the story and they also recounted to the group what four Model A's and their owners did back in 1982.

It was called the World Tour, it started from Minneapolis right after the club's annual spring banquet. The four couples took off and via road, cars loaded on ships, ferries and airplanes moved thru the U. K., Europe, the Middle East, Egypt, India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, and our great United States. Hot, cold, strange foods, paying bribes and helpful people along the way and a few breakdowns, getting to see incredible historic sites and then the end was the National Convention that our club hosted in 1982 back in Minneapolis. All four couples and cars made it! Our own Gary Thorin drove on the first day from Minneapolis to Chicago with one of the couples.

Gary recounted some of the stories that are in book that chronicled this adventure that one of the participants wrote. The Thorin's are in contact with the one couple still living and they gifted the club a copy of the book. Gary and Mary held a drawing where the prize was a copy that they gave away to a member. Diane Davis wrote the book Passports to Adventure – a World Drive in Model A Fords. It is available now in the club library.

If you want to find out more about this, here are some items to help you learn more.

1982 National Convention appears in the RESTORER magazine Sept/Oct 1982 Volume 27 issue 3

World tour in the RESTORER magazine January/ February 1983 Volume 27 issue 5

Also available from MAFCA on a flash drive from the club-the first 50 years of the RESTORER magazine price \$85 plus shipping.

It was an interesting night and the Thorin's did a good job of keeping the history alive and donating their energy and the books to our members.



Gary and Mary Thorin



Blaine Maus and Doug Portlance



Ken Schindeldecker and his next project

With sadness and gratitude for their friendship and services to our club we are announcing that long time club members Alvin (AL) Frederick has recently passed, condolences to their family and hoping their memories gives the families comfort.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Banquet signals the end of the year and the installation of the newly voted in Board of Directors. We met for the first time at this facility (Banquets of Minnesota). We had a very positive experience with this facility, the food and service were very good and the amenities suited our groups needs very well.

I believe we exceeded 50 people in attendance and a social time before the meal found members visiting with each other and inspecting the large number of items donated for the silent auction.

Our Junior Board member Deb Persing tasked with the job along with help from her husband Doug provided us with an enjoyable afternoon. Several of our members who pitched in with table decorations and the other odds and ends also helped to keep the afternoon a success.

We filled the board this year with some new faces. We have as our President - Jerome Bokelmann. Vice President – Marc Rude, Senior Board – Deb Persing, Junior Board – Scott Huberty, Treasurer – Doug Portlance. Secretary – Mark Leder

The work and dedication of the board members and those leaving the board was summed up by now departing President Thom Boche in his last official address to all of us present. Our new President Jerome Bokelmann thanked Thom for his role and the accomplishments of his term.



Life Time Member award to Thom & Linda Boche

Spark Plug Award to Jerry Schilling



Party Planner Deb Persing



BACK PAGE RAMBLE *BY Mark Leder*

New members need the old members of this club. We have new members and they have joined for several reasons. One of the greatest resources of this club is the accumulated knowledge of the existing members who have worked extensively on these cars. There are books written and videos online, but the contact and mentorship of these newer member is what will keep this club moving forward.

Looking back into my own involvement with the club there are a few individuals who stick out in my mind as the reason I have been involved to the degree that I am. In 1970 I along with my father joined this club, I was 13 years old and the pickup we had was a father and son project, we went to a number of events and met some nice people. The years clicked past as I went to college and had a family at which time I dropped out from the club as I didn't have much extra time. I eventually rejoined as time allowed and found the same great people were still the reason for the strength of TCMAFC.

One particular man now deceased really rekindled my interests in being a more active member of the club. I had restored a 1930 pick up with my father, I had never driven another Model A other than what we owned. Now with more time on my hands I had always envisioned a long road trip. I went to the annual spring tune up clinic and asked Ray Bragg what he thought about the chances of my pickup making the trip to Oshkosh Wisconsin for the national convention over ten years ago. He agreed to drive my truck and tell me what I needed to address. He jumped in, away we went and when we got back, he asked me who did the brakes on the truck? I dreaded answering that I did and he said, "I wish mine were that good!" He said "what are you waiting for, make the trip". Ray was the guy that at a drop of a hat would lead a tour and welcome everyone with a beaming smile. I did the trip with the two other club members Vince Smith and Jim Bateman now also deceased, a real ambassador of the club and had the time of my life.

That got me started and caused me to end up buying another Model A, a Slant Window Sedan that my wife and I enjoy touring with this club on event like the Great Northern tours.

This short story is to remind our members we are stronger together as we continue to build this club. Make it a point to welcome a new member, ask an existing member for help should you need some and do something if you can like volunteer for a committee, help at an event, attend board meetings, present something at clinic. No matter what you know or don't know someone will benefit from your presence along with your questions and enthusiasum.

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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