

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

September 2020

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

October 7 - 11th. Whitewater Tour - CANCELED

October 20th. Business Meeting Via Zoom

October 24th. Nomination Banquet **

2020 Photo Contest Submissions Due by November 14th.

December 5th. Annual Banquet **

** Possibility of schedule changes or modification of events due to Covid 19 **

The Board strongly encourages that any participants in group activities and events be aware of and follow all recommended Federal, State, and County orders, as well as continuing to follow the guidance of public health experts and make decisions that are in line with safety measures and precautions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lifetime Membership Award

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, they must have been a member of the club for ten years although those years need not be continuous. The candidate must have been a diligent participant in club activities such as committees, clinics, social tours, etc. You must notify a member of the past presidents committee with your nominee's name. Deadline for nominations is October 20th.

Spark Plug Award

If you would like to nominate a member for their extraordinary involvement and service to our club for the year of 2020 please contact any of our board members to place their name for consideration. Deadline for nominations is October 20th.

GET OUT AND DRIVE!

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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

The beauty of nature is sometimes found in the profound 'intelligence' it exudes. Perennials, which include trees, must protect themselves in order to get through the harsh, freezing temperatures of a Minnesota winter. If trees did not shed their leaves, their soft vegetation would certainly freeze during winter time, damaging and, no doubt, killing the tree. In order to cope with the grueling winter temperatures, trees slowly close off the veins that carry water and nutrients to and from the leaves with a layer of new cells that form at the base of the leaf stem, protecting the limbs and body of the tree. Once the process of new cell creation is complete, water and nutrients no longer flow to and from the leaf, which enables the leaf to weaken at the stem, eventually falling gracefully to the ground.

I trust in nature for the stable laws of beauty and utility. Spring shall plant and autumn garner to the end of time.

Robert Browning

September 22 in Minnesota is when autumn officially arrives this year. The temperature begins to dip into a more comfortable range, and the leaves will begin their yearly journey to the ground. This could be the best time of year to take a road trip to experience the incredible fall foliage this year, whether that trip be just around the bend, or take a day to complete. There is no doubt a lot to love about autumn.

With the current state of affairs as such as they are, here are a few examples of what might make you interested in picking up the telly and 'phoning a friend'. Travel the North Shore Scenic Byway, or Grand Portage State Park to view the highest waterfall in Minnesota. Interstate State Park would be a leafy fairyland this time of year. Tons of sightseeing in the Twin Cities, and 35, commonly known as Great River Road, will take you south through Diamond Bluff, on down to Fountain City. It will be a fountain of color on that trip, for sure, and there is potential to find that diamond in the rough. Whatever your pleasure, you've done the work on your Model A, now go and enjoy the out of doors with all its beauty. Make sure you use the telly, and invite some friends along, even if it's for a short trip to the local Dairy Queen.

My telly has been ringing off the hook, and the clubs' email system is receiving requests for Model A estimates, Model A parts, visits, and new members. Whatever the weather, whatever the climate, people can't help falling in love with a Model A.

Things are ever changing, and the Board is ever watching the current state of affairs and will be making necessary decisions as the calendar nears the last quarter of the year. Rest assured the board is doing excellent work protecting the club from all the elements.

Ever changing,
Catherine

Twin Cities Model A Ford Club
August 18, 2020 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

The August 18, 2020 TCMAFC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Catherine Jammer via ZOOM Video Conferencing Platform.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President – Catherine Jammer, Vice President – Thom Boche, Secretary – Catherine Kieger, Senior Board Member – Marc Rude, Junior Board Member – David Peterson, Treasurer – Mel Eder, and Past President – Doug Portlance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale & Cindy Pomerleau, Steve Barnacle, Mark Leder, and Doug Persing.

LAST MONTH MINUTES: The July Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed and a motion by Mr. Boche to accept the minutes as presented was made, seconded by Mr. Portlance, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: The June Treasurer's Report was reviewed, and a motion was carried to approve the report as presented first by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Portlance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: There were 3 new members for the month of June.

Neil Cosgrove, 260 S Starr Avenue, New Richmond WI 54017, 1929 Murray 4 dr

Jesus & Oliva Rivera, 8602 Dunkirk Court NE, Blaine MN 55449, 1928 Sedan

Joseph & Anna Heinrich, 2901 Cutters Grove Avenue, Anoka MN 55303, 1930 Fordor Town Sedan

Motion was carried to approve the new members, first by Mr. Portlance, seconded by Mr. Rude.

For those in the Blaine, MN area: Mr. Jesus Rivera is looking for assistance with getting his Sedan to run more smoothly.

MEMBERSHIP GREETING: Mr. Lake is up to date/will be contacting new members.

MEN'S CLINIC: Mr. Pomerleau & Mr. Peterson reported that there are programs scheduled for future clinics, when it is safe to resume group clinics.

TOOLS: Mr. Barnacle reported that there are tools out to members.

NEWSLETTER: Mr. Leder reported any content for the newsletter is needed by the end of the 3rd week of each month.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS – SHORT TERM COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Swap Meet – Mrs. Jammer & Mr. Peterson are working to complete the details of the final division.

Business Meeting Schedule/Virtual Conferencing Platform – Mrs. Jammer is working to complete the Boards' motion to purchase a yearly membership.

2020 Board Elections, Banquets, Awards, and Raffles – The Nominations Banquet is tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2020, and the Annual Banquet is tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2020. The details of these banquets are in process, as the club will need to abide by all safety guidelines regarding the current state of affairs which are in a constant state of change. The Board will render a decision as to the location of the Nominations Banquet at the September Business Meeting, after reviewing local, state, and national safety guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sanctioned/Unsanctioned Events – The topic relating to whether a Model A event is considered sanctioned or unsanctioned by the club was discussed for further clarification. After the discussion, it was determined that events relating to the Model A, whether 'organized' or 'loosely organized' (via newsletter, phone calls, word of mouth, discussion at the meeting) will be listed in the newsletter under Calendar of Events as they have been historically printed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The TCMAFC Trophy Meet tentatively scheduled for August 29 has been cancelled.
- The MARC National Meet has been rescheduled for the June 7-11, 2021, and hotel reservations are being taken. The hosting hotel is the Best Western 920-230-1900 mention MARC for the best rate.

Mr. Persing has announced his intent to retire from his position of Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Anyone interested in taking over that position is encouraged to contact a board member or Mr. Persing for additional information.

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Mr. Persing is willing to mentor the next Chairperson to pass along his knowledge of the position. The Board thanked Mr. Persing for his many years of service to the club in this capacity, and we are thankful for his willingness to mentor.

- The club has been contacted regarding parts, vehicle estimates, and other inquiries.

At 8:53 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Portlance and seconded by Mr. Boche, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, Cathy Kieger

Members Keeping Busy

by Mark Leder

Pictured below you can see the beautiful restoration of the a Model A Ford period gasoline pump. This rebuild was undertaken by Phil Zins. As most of know of Phil's work he does not cut corners or just throw things together. He found this pump that was used on a farm by one of his neighbors. The photos below shows the "before" and "after". This is not a cosmetic restoration as Phil also restored the pumping and dispensing functions of the pump. This pump is installed in his backyard on a cement pad and fits in beautifully with his landscaping .



Radiator? Radiator?

By Dave Peterson

I have heard too many stories of Model As overheating.

Potential causes: Engine, water pump, coolant, radiator.

Engine: Improper timing, unwanted material within the engine cavities, (mouse nesting from storage) , bad head gasket, cracked head

Then back to the radiator:

One of the last items that we don't want to spend a lot of money on. The radiator is constructed of two tanks connected by many tubes. The tubes run thru fins that are designed to take the heat away from the tubes. The manufacturing process is to run all the tubes thru all the fins. When all the material is new the parts are fluxed to accept solder and connect all the tubes to all the fins. The heat transfer becomes less effective with age. Over the years vibration and use the soldered connections come apart. The air side of the radiator must be clear for maximum air flow. Painting the radiator insulates the fins and tubes reducing the necessary heat transfer.

The internal of the engine and the radiator can be cleaned and flushed. Vinegar is an effective cleaner outer. I have used Draino as it "eats" organic material but not the brass and non-organics. There are many methods suggested to measure the flow capacity of the radiator. I have taken radiators to radiator shops that can do this test as well. I have been testing many Model As and measured the entering water temperature and return water temps. Factors we must consider are the air temperature and how long the engine has run and if it is warmed up or not. Most tests have given me 10 to 15 degree difference. If you are unsure of your radiator condition, I would like to test yours. I am using a multiple sensor electronic thermometer and feel better about spending \$500 if the radiator is confirmed bad, and that is what is needed to fix your car.

Seeking Board Nominations

Junior Board Member Dave Peterson is seeking nominations for a new Junior Board Member, as he will be moving into the Senior Board Member position in 2021. Mr Peterson is also seeking nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you would like to help guide the club in 2021, are passionate about TCMAFC's mission, and Model A's, please review the officer guidelines found in the TCMAFC roster, as well as TCMAFC Bylaws Article V Board of Directors. Each board member is required to be a member of both national clubs, MARC and MAFC.

Contact Dave Peterson at 612-221-0282 for more information.

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

Wanted :

28 AA rear brake drum (the one without the separate emergency brake). Contact Dave Hetchler

952 - 261 - 2688

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

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

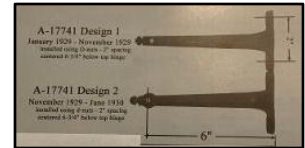
Wanted:

Pillar Mount Mirror Bracket for a 28/29 Pick up. Jim Lake 651-245-1937

Wanted:

One front bucket seat for a 30-31 Model A Victoria or Tudor Phaeton.

Contact: Chuck Straub 715 - 581 - 8602 Charles.Straub@Frontier.com

**For Sale:**

License Plates 28-31 years. \$80-\$240 depending on condition.

Contact: Clancy 763-291-8888

Wanted:

Front shock assemblies for 29 Tudor Sedan. Contact : Clancy 763-291-8888

For Sale:

1929 Four Door Town Sedan, Leather Back. Fully restored.

Excellent, show condition. Many new parts, turn signals, custom made trunk. A lot of spares available, carbs, distributors, wheels etc.

Contact: Chuck Ash 715-245-7303 or cwash211@comcast.net

**For Sale:**

1930 Model A Ford radiator shell, very good condition \$175.00 ,1931 Model A Ford radiator shell, very good condition \$ 325.00 , 1931 Deluxe A radiator shell, this is the one with a removable insert at the bottom, very good condition. \$ 375.00 . 1928 - 29 Model A Ford Roadster top bows, very good condition \$ 325.00 Ford Motor Co. Twin City plant badges, I have a few to choose from. All in excellent condition. \$ 125.00 each. Contact: Gary Anderson 651- 776 -8387

For Sale:

1928 Model A Tudor , est 90% original, 59 year history,excellent driving condition. \$7900.

Contact Hugh 763 550 9330.

For Sale:

1930 parts: Radiator shell very good \$150.00, rear window frame for Sports Coupe \$95.00, new windshield \$125.00 rebuilt distributor \$100.00, ignition switch & cable \$110.00, (4) 21" wheels \$110.00, 4 car dollies hardly used \$120.00. Other parts available. Contact: Bud Curtis 763 - 712 - 9752 or 612 - 419 - 6993

Wanted: Wire binders for the "Restorer" and "Model 'A' News" magazines. Contact Gary Thorin 612-788-1564
garythorin@yahoo.com

Wanted: Parts for Early 30 Tudor sedan. 1) Original seats/upholstery in decent condition for an unrestored hobby driver; some tears, holes ok. 2) trunk/trunk rack in any condition. 3) original rear view mirror/side mirrors; bad glass ok. 4) interior header board above windshield. 5) Tudor Basement aftermarket accessory. 6) manifold cooker. 7) exhaust pipe / muffler in useable condition. 8) original door/window handles and escutcheons, 9) left side engine pan. 10) original right rear quarter window in good condition. 11) windshield frame with good glass; either original or new, 12) used but not abused 19" tires, 13) factory or older aftermarket accessories. 14) working oval speedometer. Scott Petersen pyrodork@yahoo.com or 763-645-2323. Email preferred.

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

For Sale: 1931 Coupe. Engine, transmission, differential and brakes rebuilt. Body is solid and all the parts are there. Needs interior, some paint and assembly. Need to sell to make room for other project cars. Asking \$7,000 or best offer. Contact: Ron Langer 763-443-6193

For Sale: Excess inventory of very nice Model A parts, most are original, some rstored or rebuilt, to much to list here! For a complete list contact Jerry Schilling at 763-213-4917 or jerry.nancy.schilling@gmail.com

For Sale: For Sale: 1930 Coupe trunk lid, make offer, 1930 Coupe rumble seat parts, make offer,
Contact: Catherine Jammer 540-354-2782 or catherinejammer@gmail.com

September Birthdays



Kathy Moran	Sept/1	Bill Matthews	Sept/18	Diane Nelson	Sept/21
Kevin Pumarlo	Sept/3	LeRoy Tauer	Sept/19	Marnie Peterson	Sept/21
Dennis Wiese	Sept/7	Steve Gray	Sept/20	Robert Dickson	Sept/26
Lois Agrimson	Sept/12	Jim Almsted	Sept/23	Amy Jo Bromenshenkel	Sept/28
Richard Marple	Sept/12	Rog Anderson	Sept/23	Roger Wolfgram	Sept/28
Ellen Straub	Sept/16			George McMullen	Sept/29

Caution when using the use of the Nu-Rex timing wrench with modern points

Find Top Dead Center (TDC) with your timing pin.

By Steve Barnacle

The Nu-Rex timing tool is a great easy way to set the cam position on a Model A distributor.

(From Snyder's Antique Auto Web site) on how to use a Nu-Rex timing wrench)

1. Remove the distributor cap and rotor. Place NU-WRENCH on the point cam: loosen the cam hold-down screw for a slight drag on the wrench rotation and rotate the wrench clockwise. This removes distributor shaft drive train slack.
2. Rotate the Timing Tool two (2) turns clockwise. STOP when the tool leading edge (▲) contacts the #4 rear most distributor pin. Hold the tool against the pin and tighten the cam screw. The points are just opening-causing spark. This concludes adjustment.
3. Reinstall the rotor and distributor cap.

I have found this works great on original points but on some (not all) modern points I have had problems with getting the cam position right using this tool.



We drilled a hole in the handle of this tool that is lined up with pin #4 instead of the arrow. It is about half the width of the handle.

Both Dave Peterson and I have seen this issue with modern points on our engines. No sure why! It maybe that different manufactures position the wear block at different positions on the point arm. Of course, I did no keep the points that were a problem.

I did talk to Dave Gerold and he had a similar problem. He thought it might have been the position of the cam notch. He never thought it could be the wear block.

How I found this problem. After following all the proper timing procedures, I use a test light to check to make sure points are opening at the right time. I use this test light every time I set the timing.

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Test light Procedure:

Connect the Test light - one lead to a ground and one to the points wire connection. Don't let it touch ground.

Set the spark lever to full retard or all the way up. Turn the key "ON"

If the light is already on the point are open. The cam is too far advanced. Turn the key "off" and try the tool again. If the light is still "ON" turn the key "OFF" and the start over from the very beginning of the timing procedure. If the light is still "ON" now try moving the NU- Rex wrench handle arrow past post #4. about the half width of the handle and the point should close and light should turn off.

With the key "ON" and the light is "OFF" slowly move the Spark lever down one notch at a time. The test light should come on at the 2nd or 3rd notch. The points are now open. It tested correctly. You are done.

If the light doesn't turn "ON" until the 4th or 5th the cam is in the retarded position. Turn the key "OFF" and try again with cam tool. If it is still not right start from the beginning of the timing procedure.

Turn key "OFF" Put the cap and wire back on the distributor and now the engine is ready to fire up.

The light I bought at Northern Tool for a few dollars.

Any question call Steve at 952 212 6847

August Third Thursday Tour

by Kirk Lindberg

Our August tour started from the Target store parking lot in Inver Grove Heights as usual. However, with the earlier starting time of 2:30pm and a beautiful August day we had a fantastic turn out with 27 people and 16 A's plus our chase car. What fun to see that parade of cars going down the road with people stopping to take pictures and videos of us as we passed by.

The first stop was a short 15 minute drive to scenic River Road in Inver Grove Heights. It dead ends at the private Seaplane Base owned by the Wiplinger family, owners of Wipaire, one of the world's largest manufacturers of aircraft floats. Wipaire is based right in our back yard at Fleming Field Airport in South Saint Paul. With a manicured grass runway for airplanes with wheels and a docking area with access to the Mississippi river for float planes, it is a real slice of heaven for pilots. Originally built in the early 60's for customers to land their planes on the grass runway then have "Wipline" floats installed, the seaplane base is now mostly maintained as a Wiplinger family heirloom in memory of Ben Wiplinger who started the company in the 1950's.

The next stop was a 30 mile drive south of Hastings to the Little Log House Pioneer Village developed by Steve and Sylvia Bauer. The Bauer's have saved over 45 historic buildings from demolition over the decades and moved them to this location. Every summer for one weekend in July they hold the Antique Power Show. Unfortunately, it has been canceled for this summer but is scheduled for the summer of 2021 on July 23, 24th and 25th. I encourage you to put it on your calendar and take it in for a day if you never have. If you like old mechanical things, and apparently, we all do :-), I know you'll enjoy it.

The last stop was just another 3 miles to the town of Miesville where we stopped at King's Place for dinner. We had the entire outdoor seating area to ourselves and with no fewer than 64 different hamburgers on the menu hopefully everyone found something they liked.

A few of us made an unofficial tour stop at the Dairy Queen in Hastings on the way home. It was a good way to wrap up a really fun tour.

I brought my drone along and took a few aerial photos of the group at Target and the Pioneer Village. You can view them here: <https://tinyurl.com/TourTCMAFC>





There will be a photo contest this year!

**Since circumstances are keeping us apart, record
your activities and share your experiences**

**Send me stories and news for the newsletter
Keep your best photos for the year end contest
Your Editor, Mark Leder**

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