

# "Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

June 2023

## Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- June 4th. Model A Days - Clinton WI.**
- June 8th. Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code**
- June 10th. Pancake Breakfast At The Home Of Dave And Jean Gerold**
- June 24th. Gangster Tour See Page 11**
- August 12th. Yellowstone Trail Day Event**
- October 2 - 6 The Great Northern Tour**



Teapot Dome Service Station is a former gas station located in Zillah, Washington. It was built in 1922. Many such novelties were constructed as roadside attractions. It operated for many years. In 1978 it was relocated and serves as Zillah's visitor center.

**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?  
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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**

Dear Club Members

June 2023

I just returned home from the May 20<sup>th</sup> Tune Up Clinic held at the home of Jeff and Carisa Halter. First, I'd like to thank Jeff and Carisa for being wonderful hosts for the event. This is a great location for us to gather to have some work done on a Model A. I stayed until the Model A that had a rebuilt engine installed into the Model A and it was STARTED. WELL DONE! I'd also like to thank everyone who used their expertise and helped work on the various projects. Lastly, thank you to everyone who attended!! There was great food and it was great to see you and to catch up some. It's events like these that make our club special and unique. I overheard someone saying to another that our club is the most welcoming club that they attend. I'd like to think that is our normal mode.

We held our last Restoration Clinic last Thursday. We had a room change as mechanical work was done in the other larger room. As we are adaptable, we made it work, with a few signs guiding us to our temporary new room. I'd like to thank Dale Pomerleau for the planning, running and being the Master of Ceremonies of our Restoration Clinics. He does a great job in covering all of the topics that we need to talk about before and after our main topic. If you are working or planning to work on a project this year, please take photos and notes. We can help you turn this into a presentation and shared with the group at an upcoming clinic.

During the last Restoration clinic, I shared two things. One was the MARC Award that I gave to our Newsletter Editor Mark Leder. Mark has done an outstanding job in covering topics and getting information out to our club members. I know that the national clubs review our newsletters and I'm not surprised that they gave Mark this award. Speaking of the National Clubs reviewing our newsletter, Jim Zimmer who is the Director of Regions reached out to me. In our last month's newsletter, he saw information about our Restoration Clinic about Shift Tower Rebuilds by Blaine Maus. He wanted a copy of the presentation and I also suggested a copy of the Zoom video I created of the presentation. He went on to tell me that he wants to display this information during the National Tour next year. Well Done, Blaine.

Next up is the Pancake Breakfast and we are getting into the tour, parade, and car show season. If you are interested in getting your car into parades, just let Dave Peterson know who is our contact person for parades. We are getting quite the list of requests for our cars to be part of parades. It's great because the more we get our cars out there, the more interest people are getting about are hobby.

Two raffle fund raisers are going on right now. One is for the complete Brake package (including backing plates) donated by Randy Gross. The other is for your choice of shift towers that were rebuilt by Blaine Maus. Lastly, A reminder for everyone to take pictures for our photo contest. While you can take any Model A related photo, the theme for the contest is “Lake”.

That’s all for now... ..

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road!

## Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for May 9th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Via Zoom Internet

**Attendance:** Board Members present: President –Jerome Bokelmann, Senior Board - Deb Persing, Junior Board – Scott Huberty, Treasurer – Doug Portlance, Secretary - Mark Leder. Members present: Dale Pomerleau, Jerry Shilling, Blaine Maus, Robeta Butek, Peter Trence and Dave Gerold. 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 April printed copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Deb Persing to accept the April minutes as printed in the Ahoogah Newsletter in April. The motion was seconded by Doug Portlance and the motion was passed unanimously.

### **Treasures report:**

Doug Portlance presented the treasures report, it was shared on the screens of those present and a paper copy will be retained with the official club notes. The Coffee Social with the Highway Patrol was underwritten personally by Jerome Bokelmann and there was no expense for the refreshments. A large “thank you” to Jerome for this. A motion was made to accept the treasurers report as presented by Scott Huberty and the motion was seconded by Mark Leder, and the motion was passed unanimously.

### **Membership Report:**

Our Membership director has one new member for consideration for membership, presented are as follows: Steven Johnson of Ramsey MN. owner of 1931 Victoria. Doug Portlance made a motion to accept the proposed person for membership, Scott Huberty seconded the motion, and a vote was taken and it was unanimous to accept them as a new member. We also acknowledged the renewal of the membership of Matthew Reed

**Membership Greeter:** Our official greeter will be given the name of new member to contact.

**Clinics:** Our last clinic until the fall will be a mixture of tour preparation and basic maintenance for the upcoming driving season

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

**Sunshine:** No one to reach out to this month

**Newsletter:** We have terminated our relationship with the printer who we had used for at least the last eight or more years, due to unreliable service to our needs. A new printing business has now printed our May newsletter, they have been responsive to our needs and the costs are in line with what is acceptable to the club as budgeted for the printed version of the newsletter. The Photo Contest is open, and the editor urges all members to get your cameras out.

**Calendar Of Events:** Marc Rude is still looking for people who want to be placed on a list to be notified of pop up mini tours or driving events.

**Fundraising Raffle:** We have two raffles starting at the Tune Up Clinic and continuing thru out the year and ending with the drawings made at our year end banquet. One raffle is for four brake drums and rebuilt backing plates, the other is for a rebuilt shift tower for the model year of your choice.

**Unfinished Business:** Scott Huberty has been working on a St. Paul Gangster tour perhaps with a stop at the Wabasha Caves. Details will be published in the newsletter

Possibility of Club participation in the Minnesota State Fair parade, this is being researched

Tom Wesenberg's Model A which has been proposed as a donation to the club is still unfinished business as proper title and concerns as to who has the right to release it to the club still is uncertain. A letter has been drafted and sent to the brother of Tom Wesenberg and it is anticipated that an agreement releasing the car and ability to obtain title leaving the club with the protection that it desires should this donation happen.

**New Business:** Coffee Social – Minnesota State Highway Patrol Model A - April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Tune Up Clinic - May 20<sup>th</sup>. hosted by Jeff and Carisa Halter

Pancake Breakfast – June 10<sup>th</sup>. hosted by Dave and Jean Gerold along with a Mystery Tour

Great Northern Tour – October 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>. Question can be answered by Doug Persing

We have hosts for the summer business meetings, we have July and August covered and the June meeting will be via zoom like the winter meetings of this year. Any member is welcome to join the zoom meetings. – Contact Jerome Bokelmann for the meeting code. Meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7:00 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Portlance, it was seconded by Deb Persing and the vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 8:26 P.M

Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

## Announcing the 2023 Great Northern Tour October 2nd—October 6th

The Twin Cities Model A Ford Club will be hosting the Great Northern Tour in Hayward Wisconsin. A block of rooms has reserved at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Hayward for \$140 per night. Beat the rush and reserve your room today.

**Host Hotel** - \$140.00 per night

*(Block of rooms will be released on August 29th)*

**Holiday Inn Express and Suites**

15586 Co Rd B,

Hayward, WI 54843

Phone (715) 634-0700

*(Be sure to mention the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club)*

## 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!!

## Opportunities to gather with some of your friends and catch up

<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>Model A'ers Lunch At Flaherty's Arden Bowl In Arden Hills</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Model A' ers Lunch Held On The Second Wednesday Of The Month And On The Fourth Wednesday Of The Month At The Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>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</b>

FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :**TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR**Mark Leder [mleder22@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.durableperformance.net)
- For Sale:** For sale: 30-31 wheels - \$10 to 25 each. Some nice ones., all usable. Model A exhaust manifolds, several to chose from.  
Two wheel steel box trailer, (Factory made (BenHur brand) in 1946) Uses Model A Ford wheels. 1913-14 Model T Ford differential. Six vintage out board motors, probably from 1930s. Darel Leipold 952 474 5880 (work) [leipold@leipolds.org](mailto:leipold@leipolds.org)
- 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
- Wanted:** Title for a '30 - '31 Tudor. Contact Butch Warnke 507 - 485 - 3548
- Wanted:** Good bellhousing for a 1929 Model A. Can be with or without clutch pedals and shaft.  
Contact Jon Buesing 651 - -484 - 0759 Ok to leave message.
- Wanted:** Herbrand Style (Fox Valley & others) Coil & Condenser Tester. Dale Pomerleau  
[dfpomerleau@comcast.net](mailto:dfpomerleau@comcast.net). 763 - 458 - 9880
- 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. Contact Jim Kelly 651-398-4918 or [indymaggie@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:johnfpole@gmail.com)
- 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 for highway use. Also needs frame sag correction. Priced at \$12,000. Email Rod Coleman at [rcolem@hotmail.com](mailto:rcolem@hotmail.com) for photos and details. Serious inquiries only.

**Wanted:** Wanted: Back issues of the AOOGAH NEWS magazines from 1962-1972. Contact Gary Thorin  
612-788-1564 [garythorin@yahoo.com](mailto: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:** 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

**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

**For Sale:** Curved back trunk complete with straps. All steel interior, full length hinge, tan exterior. Fair shape, need some work. Unknown manufacturer. Base measures 32 3/4" x 12 1/4" x 18" high. Pics available. \$120.  
Contact Jerry Schilling 763-213-4917.

**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:** Two complete front seats for 1930 TUDOR. Contact Dave Peterson 612-221-0282

We are getting requests to participate in events with our cars. It is great to share our cars with others.  
We are looking for anything from parades, nursing homes, city events.  
Passing your email to Dave Peterson will put you on an occasional email informing you of opportunities to participate in these events. Feel free to call Dave with suggestions or requests.  
612- 221- 0282 or email [dpete40131@gmail.com](mailto:dpete40131@gmail.com)

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

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

## May Clinic

This was our last clinic until we start up again in the fall, since we are now starting to get out and driving our clinic presentation was a video and discussion on checking your car out for the driving season, maintenance, and safety. This was a great lead in for the tune up clinic scheduled within the next few days and prompting members to follow thru on some of the topics shown and discussed.

Dale Pomerleau gave a presentation on what is 3 D printing and bought some interesting and very detailed examples of the projects and parts that could be made with this technology. If you are creative and desire to make detailed items or want to prove a design of a part this process along with a small or moderate investment in a printer can make that happen.

## Clutch slips, then it does not, but now... *by Jerry Shilling*

The Model A had not been driven for a long time (60 years), but late last fall on a cool morning (5 degrees F) I attempted to drive it onto a trailer. The down slope to the trailer was fine but the car would not go up the ramp! Backed up some and took a run at it and made it onto the trailer. Unloading later was fine because all was downhill.

Fast forward to spring, the car was able to climb back onto the trailer with no hesitation. Backing into the garage, I noticed some clutch chatter. Drove up to a tree, slipped the clutch 10+ seconds, spun the tires digging a hole. Greased the throw out bearing. Drove around the block several times but there was extreme chatter when starting out in first gear.

I remembered that when cleaning up the drivetrain, I found the rear motor mount bolts loose (yes, no safety wire) and all the clutch housing to flywheel housing bolts were loose. It started to make sense that the clutch chatter was a problem a long time ago.

Three and a half hours later the engine was sitting on an engine stand. No assistance accepted. I had to pry the pressure plate out of the flywheel, it was encased in dried-up grease and dirt. The buildup of dry grease affects a whole lot of things; clutch slipping in cold weather, clutch chatter, clutch plate not sliding on the spline, throw out bearing not sliding on the hub, etc.

Cleaned up with a new clutch plate and pressure plate installed, now all is smooth.





## Tune Up Clinic

We had a terrific clinic, once again Jeff and Carisa Halter invited us to their home as they hosted this clinic. A great property that allowed us the space for a swap meet, along with a large well appointed garage and work space. Lunch was served and members brought dishes to share. We had beautiful weather that allowed us to sit in the warm sun and visit. The Minnesota Highway Patrol brought their Model A coupe over for a “wet” service and some additional sorting of problems that developed since the car was restored by this club in 1997. There was a carburetor issue that was keeping the car from developing full power and as luck would have it there was a spare restored carburetor in the spare parts package carried by the coupe. To determine the cause of lack of power and hesitation, work was done in an orderly manner to rule out inadequate fuel flow, checking fuel line ferrule to carburetor fit up (it was shortened as it was too far out), check for incorrect timing and points adjustment and cleaning back to spec was performed. It ran better but not good with the GAV adjustment opened more than two turns. That carburetor was opened up and the jets were removed and blown out and inspected. Once re assembled it still did not run right. It came down to replacing the carburetor with a known well working one which brought it back to how it should run. The original carburetor went home with one of our members for a more thorough cleaning and examination and then it will be returned in good working order to the Patrol. The supplied spare carburetor in the parts package was installed and worked just fine.

Our main purpose at this clinic is to get more people involved and educated in the maintenance and upkeep of their cars. We had a great example of using this clinic to expose members to pitching in and learning. Matt Reed brought his car on a trailer because he had pulled the engine out of it and in the tow vehicle was his newly rebuilt engine. At about 10:00 A.M three or four members unloaded the engine from the tow vehicle and Matt Reed’s Model A was rolled into the Halter’s shop which had an overhead frame with a chain fall attached to it. With common hand tools and the overhead chain fall the engine was on its way into the car with a three man crew. We had spectators and occasional additional helpers wiggle and jiggle the engine into its place. It is true that you learn by example, and this was textbook engine install. For those who were spectators the task now doesn’t look so daunting and the ability to ask questions and know that others in the club will pitch in, answer questions, and offer help sure makes owning a Model A and being a member in this club the right place to be.

The engine installers worked right along and had the opportunity to break for a great lunch along with questions and encouragement from the group. They started this around 10:00 A.M and about 2:45 the engine was installed, wired, manifolds, muffler, carburetor, linkages and radiator connected along with a lot of other small items and a trial start was made. Although the engine started right up as it was previously run in a test stand there was one small problem. The front crank pulley was rubbing on the front motor mount very slightly. Either of these two parts may have been replaced during the motor rebuild process. Just a small amount of metal removal on one or both parts to relieve the rubbing will take care of the problem. This was a great effort and learning experience and a small problem like this will always show up, but it is greatly overshadowed by what these guys made happen in those few hours.





**TCMAFC and its members appreciate and would like to thank Jeff and Carisa Halter for the hosting this event , the volunteers and those who brought food to share , that worked on the projects and those who helped in set up and clean up.**

## TCMAFC Annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Rain Or Shine....



Menu:  
 Pancakes & Sausage  
 (A new recipe this year from  
 cowboy cook Ken Rawlings)  
 Warm Blueberry Muffins,  
 Fresh Fruit ,Coffee, Milk &  
 Orange Juice

We will have lots of parking room for those who wish to trailer their cars to our place.

Come early if you want a quick shop tour before we start serving.

We will need 4-6 people to help set out the food and prepare tables. If you can come early (8:00 A.M) to help, please call us before the date of the event.

**Please email or text us if you plan to attend and state the number of people in your party so we can order the appropriate amount of food. Dave and Jean Gerold**  
[dave@durablepreformance.net](mailto:dave@ durablepreformance.net) or 952 -29

We will serve breakfast from 8:30 until 10:00. Clean-up will be from 10:00 until 10:30.

**After a healthy and delicious breakfast the "Mystrey Tour" will depart right after clean up.**

**Steve Barnacle will lead the tour, make sure your car is fueled up and ready**

## Model A's To Go Back In Time With A Gangster Tour! Saturday Afternoon, June 24

Many of us know that the City of St. Paul has a rich history with the gangster era of the 1930's. The TCMAFC has a great opportunity to relive some of this history by way of a special event coming up on the afternoon of Saturday, June 24. We are able to offer a special opportunity for Club Members to gather with their Model A's and period attire (including Tommy Guns!) at the Wabasha Street Caves where we will go on a motorcoach tour of places around St. Paul that were notable sites during this gangster era. We will also have a chance for a tour of the Wabasha Street Caves to experience this unique place and learn about its interesting history.

The specific start and ending times of the event are not yet identified as we are coordinating our event with some other groups. What we can tell you is that the Gangster Tour will require about two hours and the Cave Tour takes about 45 minutes. We will have the option for people to do one, or both, of these activities. We can also tell you that the Gangster Tour will probably require a fee of \$40.00 per person, while the combined Gangster Tour and Cave Tour will cost \$50.00 per person.

More details of the event, such as a confirmation on event costs and specific event times will be coming in May, but we want you to start thinking about this now. You also need to know that currently we may have a limit on how many can participate, so start contacting Scott Huberty by phone, email, or text message to hold your spot! Scott can be contacted at: Cell:

612-518-3330, email: [sahuberty@gmail.com](mailto:sahuberty@gmail.com)



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