

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

May 2024

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- May 4th.** Spring Tune Up Clinic See Page 5
- May 14th.** Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code
- May 16th.** 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville - Live Swap Meet until 7:30 in Parking Lot Inside meeting at 7:30 :- See Page For Meeting And Zoom Internet Code
- 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
- 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
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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

Greetings Club Members

May 2024

The pancake breakfast is quickly approaching on June 15th. It is a great time for socializing and getting the Model A on the road. This year we are at Baker Park Reserve in Medina MN. We will have plenty of space available for an enjoyable breakfast. ALSO... Remember we do a tour after the cleanup is done which is always a good event. Plan on attending, details later in this newsletter.

I want you all to be aware of e-mail scams. It was recently brought to my attention that an e-mail went out that looked like it came from me asking for gift cards and financial support for veterans. I didn't send anything out like that. Never click on a link where someone is asking for anything like that and don't do a reply to it either. Always look at the sender's e-mail address and see if it appears legitimate. If you have questions about a suspect email from the club, just reach out to me and I'll let you know if it is legitimate or not. I don't want you caught up in a scam.

I know that some of you have had difficulty getting our newsletters via e-mail or postal mail. We know of a case where a club member didn't get a postal e-mail for over a month and a half. They went to the post office and asked questions. Their address has not changed for over 40 years. The Post Office staff said they were backed up and short of staff. We also heard of e-mailed newsletters not arriving. We suspect it was e-mail servers that got bottlenecked. If you don't get your e-mailed or post office delivered newsletter in a reasonable amount of time, just reach out and we will try to figure out what is wrong. We are doing our best to ensure information gets out to everyone. Remember we are all volunteers and sometimes outside factors hurt our abilities in keeping up with our goals. If you have a question, are missing newsletters, or other things, just reach out to any board member as we are here to help.

That is all for now...

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road!

Jerome Bokelmann

Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for April 9th, 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, Treasurer – Doug Portlance, Junior Board - Blaine Maus, Members present: Jerry Schilling, Dale Pomerleau, Steve Barnacle, Steve Johnson, 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 March printed copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Doug Portlance to accept the March minutes as printed in the Aogah Newsletter in April. The motion was seconded by Blaine Maus and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasures report:

Doug Portlance, our treasurer took those present thru the report for our first month of our fiscal year. Very few payments or deposits for this month. A motion was made by Mark Leder to accept the report as presented, a second was made by Blaine Maus, there were no questions, and the vote was unanimous and passed.

Membership report: We have three new members presented for nomination. Charlie Hult of North Branch, MN with a 1929 Tudor, Mike and Sue Rowley of Stillwater MN. with a 1931 Victoria and Todd and Lori Fisk with a 1929 Coupe. A motion was made to accept these three applicants for membership by Doug Portlance, Blaine Maus seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and it was unanimous for approval. Our membership director discussed with the board that a few membership rosters sent out have been returned by the post office for unknown reasons. Second attempts to resend and phone calls to members are being used to solve the problem, which are a result of the post office.

Membership Greeter: Our official greeter was not present and reported to our President that he had contacted newly approved members of last month. 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 Rob Gusaas presenting seat adjusting hardware and modification. We may even have a few shorts presentations thrown in to round out the time devoted. 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. Reserve any tools now needed for Tune Up Clinic as Steve will be out of town the week of the clinic.

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: Blaine Maus would like to have one of his shift towers used in a fund raising event

Calendar of Events: We have the Tune Up Clinic, Pancake Breakfast in the near future, Marc Rude is getting information on an invitation to the club for our presence at the Osceola Wheels & Wings on September 7th.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Short discussion of which an out of town Model A Club member from Santa Barbara CA. contacted Mark Leder and asked if we would consent to have our newsletter distributed and shared with about 60 or more other cubs and individuals that she has been a part of. Mark had some concerns of member privacy, others at the meeting had concerns about our want ads suddenly being consumed by others and leaving our members competing for those parts which we would like our members to use and satisfy their needs and ability to keep their cars on the road and involvement with our club.

Announcements: Summer meetings discussion, Phil Zins will host the August meeting and we are looking for hosts for the June and July meetings typically held at a member home, however being creative and finding a park and having a picnic or other meeting site is certainly acceptable and we are always open to new and different ideas.

The Tune up Clinic is scheduled (May 4th.) at the industrial building that Jim Loeffler owns on Payne Ave in St. Paul,

Pancake Breakfast is scheduled (June 15th.) and each of these events will need volunteers and helpers. At our monthly clinic we will have sign up sheets and will request member input for suggestions and participation.

A big thank you was given to Jerome Bokelmann for his sponsorship of the Coffee Social with the State Patrol of last week that had good turn out and interest by members and the Highway Patrolmen

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Portlance, it was seconded by Blaine Maus, the vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary



SPRING TUNE UP CLINIC MAY 4TH.

Now is the time to plan to attend this event. We will have mechanics and helpers, we are looking for 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. Bring your parts as we will not have parts available. Bring your tools, we can share tools if needed.

Items you need to bring - chair, 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



Our Club has 4 MARC mileage award recipients this year.
 Pictured left to right: Doug Portlance 10,000 miles, Steve Barnacle 70,000 miles, Blaine Maus 5,000 miles
 Not pictured is Jim Lake 15,000 miles



MAY CLINIC TOPIC : Outside swap meet until 7:30, Then a series of short subjects

Let Zoom Put You Into The Room

Clinic Night May 16th. 7:00 P.M.

Use Zoom Meeting to join the clinic on the Internet

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

Password: VEZSeWQxaUV2cGltMDJKVHpqcVIQZz09

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- 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)
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651-253 3981
- 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.
- For Sale:** Estate sale of John Roehl on Friday and Saturday May 17th and 18th from 9am - 5pm. Besides the standard
household items there will be a section for the all the Model A parts tool. Incudes, hub caps, distributors,
generators and many more items. Contact me with any questions. Doug Persing 763-443-2375

- For Sale:** Upgrade your Model A to a 6 volt positive ground alternator for \$145.00. 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:** 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. Contact Thom Boche 612 - 840 - 4046
- For Sale:** 1929 Model A Four door leather back sedan, very nice restoration of car which was owned by Walter Ranua. Very clean, rebuilt engine, beautiful paint, upholstery, and chrome work. Stored indoors, His family would like a new owner to appreciate it as much as Walter did. \$17000.00 or B.O. Pictures available. Contact Tami 612 - 865 - 0906
- 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
- For Sale:** 1928 Model A Roadster for sale owned by John Roehl It is an older restoration and the paint is showing it's age but still nice. The engine was rebuilt by Dave Gerold in 2018 or 2019 and have very few (less that 1k) miles on it. \$15,000 or best offer, contact Doug Persing 763-443-2375 with any questions or to setup a time to see the car.

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

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

Welcome the warm weather and the opportunity to finally get our cars out of storage.

With our time off during the winter and now trying to get back into a garage that is warm enough to start or even finish a project it may be beneficial to take a step back and look around the garage and see what may have changed in your garage.

When I think of some fires that have changed people's lives and accidents that are "dumb" but happens to all of us, we unfortunately for the most part can place the blame on ourselves.

Could you fall into a situation where in the rush to finally get your car out you overlook something that could really cause problems?. What about the half full gas can you've had on the floor near the snowblower, the paper holiday decorations that didn't get put away but are over there in the corner. Anyone leave a heavy ice chopper balanced unsteadily ready to fall over on the Tudor just out of storage with the beautiful paint on its fenders?

I hope you are getting the picture. You may start using a grinder, or welder and not notice those potentially flammable items nearby or how your access to your fire extinguisher is obstructed.

Question: Who has a fire extinguisher, and do you know they have a shelf life? . Do your or members of your family know how to use it? Talk to your local fire department about how to use it, some departments actually have public demonstrations to train people about home fires. Although the pressure gauge says it is good it may not spray the firefighting powder out because it has been hanging on hook for years. It may have the powder clumped in the bottom. It is recommended to yearly turn the extinguisher over and take a rubber mallet or block of wood and tap on the bottom several times to break up any clumps of the fire fighting powder.

It is no secret that Model A's leak, many people use an old rug or cardboard under them to catch the drips. You should think of those as kindling for your next unfortunate fire. The fuel shut off valves as well as the carburetor float valves will at some point leak and that is a constant threat to your safety and something to keep your eyes on. As an alternative to keep your floors clean, for less than \$20.00 you can purchase steel pans to place under your car at most local O'Reilly's or Autozone stores.

I have seen two of our members have fires, and it was heartbreaking to see the damage and the stress and changes these people went thru. No one is perfect, sometimes we need a reminder to take a step back and consider how to be safe and organize where we work and live.

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Coffee Social

Our coffee social with the Minnesota State Patrol was a great opportunity to get out and see the Highway Patrol Model A Coupe along with some of their other restored cars and a very neat 1930's patrol motorcycle. The troopers were in force this morning and were very welcoming once again to our group. I'm happy to report there were no arrests this morning, only warnings were given to enjoy the donuts, coffee and the fellowship that old cars open the doors to. A number of our members drove Model A's to the facility and were allowed to bring them inside the maintenance facility.

Our club president Jerome Bockelmann sponsored this event, and he coordinated it. Once again, we have interesting programming thanks to the efforts of our hosts and the unique places that Model A's seem to open the doors to. Many of us have associations and contacts that may be interesting for the next coffee social, our group is always up for these events, so we are always looking for the next event so please consider hosting or facilitating one.



April Clinic

If you missed the clinic nearly 70 people were there to take your chair. How great is it when we get to have a crowd like this together. We had a “Big Presenter” for this night’s subject, Rob Gusaas who stands a shade just under 7 feet tall solved a problem that he had with what he thinks is a wrong with his 1929 Tudor. He finds it is a little short on leg room. Some of the crowd can identify with this problem, I can’t as I’m about 5’ 4” on a good day, but his presentation kept me very interested, it was excellent as he had a great visual presentation with very good images and details. He was able to adapt some after-market slider tracks from an automotive supplier with simple and minimal fabrication equipment to get a lot more travel and the best part is he really did not have to disturb the original parts. He solved a problem and now others have a path to do the same. If you missed it, check our YouTube channel, and watch the segment.

With still some time to learn more things, Steve Barnacle got up and ran thru how the alternators that some people use have failed and what the easy way is to substitute some new parts to be back with either that 6 or 12 volts that went missing.

We had an interesting “What is this” brought in by Ken Huber. He brought an era test machine to check function on a spark plug. You actually fire the spark plug and visually see the spark reflected by a mirror. Some of the more technically educated mechanics in the room pointed out that the compressed air connection on the machine is there because the spark acts differently when you simulate the compression found in the cylinder that is now created by increasing air pressure in the test chamber.



Rob Gusaas



Steve Barnacle



Jasper Bond, Ken Huber and Jerome Bokelmann

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 Aogah 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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