

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

January 2017

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- January 17th- Business Meeting**
- January 19th- Mens Clinic - 1st Half: To be announced**
2nd Half: to be announced
- February 16th- Mens Clinic - 1st Half: Cars of the Early Years 1905 - 1920**
2nd Half: Cars of the Early Years 1905 - 1920
- February 21st- Business Meeting**
- March 16th- Mens Clinic - 1st Half: Roof (top) Replacement**
2nd Half: Roof (top) Replacement
- March 21st- Business Meeting**
- April 18th- Business Meeting**
- April 20th- Mens Clinic - 1st Half: To be determined**
2nd Half: Bucket Swap Meet
- May 19th-20th-21st Whalen Stand Still Parade and Fun Days**

More events sponsored by other clubs and announcements by club members, inside this newsletter

Board Meetings – 7:30 PM, Hall A, Room 104

Restoration Clinic – 7:00 PM, Lunch Room Ladies Clinic – 7:00 PM, Staff Lounge

Clinics held at: Brooklyn Center High School, 6500 Humboldt Ave N, Brooklyn Center, MN

Come in the South door and ask for directions to our Meetings / Clinics. * Noted as non-standard meeting date

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Become A Member

**Interested in joining our club?
We would like you to join. Dues
are only \$25.00 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.**



Doug Portlance

TCMAFC President



President's Letter

Happy Holidays,

As Doug Persing mentioned in his President's letter, thank you to everyone that makes our club run so smooth!! It's hard to believe that exactly 10 years ago I was your President. I am looking forward to the upcoming year, and all that it will bring to our club.

Reflecting back on our club, where we were and where we are today, I see only few things to work on in the next coming year. I would like to focus on a program that will engage the youth and get them exposed to the Model A Ford. If anyone has some ideas on how we can accomplish this, please let the Board know.

Another item would be to review club expenses. One such expense is the club insurance policy. We will be looking into seeing if we can get a better rate for the club from our existing carrier or possibly a new insurance company.

It would be nice if we could find some new advertisers to put in the monthly newsletter, throughout the year. As you all know Little Dearborn has been an avid supporter to our club for many years but as they say, all good things come to an end at some point.

Lastly we have been enjoying a lot of new events such as taking the cars to various nursing homes, high school proms and a car show down in Victoria, MN. It would be nice to come up with more new events for the club to partake in which exposes our club to the community.

Overall, I look forward to all that this year has to offer us as we work to build up our club and reach out to the community.

Warmest Regards,

Doug Portlance -- 2017 President

**MINUTES OF THE TCMAFC MEETING
DECEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The December 20, 2016 Business Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Doug Persing. The meeting was held at the Brooklyn Center High School.

BOARD PRESENT: President – Doug Persing, Vice President – John Roehl, Treasurer – Doug Portlance, Junior Board Member - Justin Maas, Secretary – Catherine Kieger, Sr. Board Member - Tom Boche, Past President - Phil Zins.

Members Present: Dale Pomerleau, Jerry Schilling, Dave Kieger, Mel Eder, Mark Leder, Deb Persing

LAST MONTH MINUTES: The November 16 Board Meeting was reviewed and approved, motion by Doug Portlance and 2nd by John Roehl – motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Doug Portlance handed out hard copies of the Treasurer's report for November and reviewed the details of the report, John Roehl made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, the motion was seconded by Phil Zins - motion carried.

Membership Report: 4 new members were presented

1. Richard and Toni Marple of Plymouth, MN 1931 S Window Coupe
2. Arlen Kylo and Betty Bennett of Zumbrota, MN 1931 Coupe
3. Heidi Sprandel of Isanti, MN
4. Eric and Brenda Thompson of Minnetonka, MN

Phil Zins made a motion to approve the new members, the motion was seconded by Doug Portlance – motion carried. Doug Persing mentioned that we currently have 175 members (167 renewals and 8 new members) since September.

MEMBERSHIP GREETING: Volunteer not present

CLINIC: Jerry Schilling talked about the great job Jack did on his presentation of the primary and secondary ignition system. David Peterson is working on to get a representative for engine and lubrication to speak in January. Note the gift cards left over from the Election Banquet will be given out at the clinics as door prizes

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: Volunteer not present

LIBRARIAN: Volunteer not present

VIDEOS: Volunteer not present

HISTORIAN: Volunteer not present

FASHIONS: Still looking for someone to fill this position

SUNSHINE LADY: Jimmy Slettehaugh's father passed away

NEWSLETTER: The printer is running behind, requested 10 extra copies and never received them 85 copies were mailed out.

WEBSITE: Doug Persing , the website is up and working but is still a work in progress. Doug Portlance talked to Kurt about adding more.

SWAP MEET: Volunteer not present

SERVICE ADVISOR: Volunteer not present

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Volunteer Not Present

OLD BUSINESS: The MARC raffle tickets will be given out as door prizes at the clinic. The check will be mailed out to MARC for the raffle tickets and the numbers will be written down with the name of the person in case if there is any winners.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was brought up about the tune up manuals, the manual was last printed in 2001 -2002. There is still over 100 manuals left remaining but we have been getting requests for digital copies instead of the book, Jerry will get a price for scanning the manual and provide that cost at the next meeting.

Swap meet committee member – Dave Birno has volunteered to be on the swap meet board. Doug Portlance made a motion to add Dave Birno to the swap meet committee, Phil Zins seconded the motion – motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you card from the Relay of Life for the donation.

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Portlance and seconded by Tom Boche – motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Catherine Kieger

Our Previous Presidents Outgoing Message

Greetings

The past 2 years has gone by so fast and the club is running so smooth that the time has been very enjoyable. If I was to thank everyone that played a part in making this time so enjoyable the newsletter would probably be the largest newsletter in club history. I do want to thank everyone that has hosted a Tune-up Clinic, Pancake Breakfast, Tour and Business meeting over the past couple of years however that is just a small part of those that do so much for our club. Thank you to those that served on the Board, those that manage and store our assets and a special thanks for Barb for doing the membership while I was President.

President

Doug Persing

Election Banquet Minutes

December 3, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1:09 p.m. on Saturday (12/3) at Tinicui's Restaurant

Election Results –

President – Doug Portlance

Vice President – John Rohl

Treasurer – Mel Eder

Junior Board Member – Jimmy Slettehaugh

Senior Board Member – Justin Maas

Secretary – Catherine Kieger

Charities chosen this year to receive donation

St. Jude's Children's Hospital

Ronald McDonald House

Thank you everybody for voting and thank you Doug Persing for being the President the last 2 years

Spark Plug Awards

- Justin Maas
- David Peterson

- Steve Barnacle

Lifetime Award - Vince Smith

Doug Persing presented the President's plaque to Doug Portlance and Justin Maas presented a book to Jimmy Slettehaugh.

Jim Richardson presented awards to the winners of the Trophy Meet

Awards of Excellence –

473 points – Brad Nelson (29 Town Sedan)

462 points – Bernadette Nelson (30 closed cab pickup truck)

1st Place

449 points – Vince Smith (31 Standard Phaeton)

2nd Place

429 points – Dale Pomerlean (31 Town Sedan)

424 points – Alvin & Arlene Frederick (30 Fordor)

417 points – John Roehl (29 Roadster)

401 Points – Bruce Bjorklund (29 Fordor)

3rd Place

396 points – Jim Batemen (31 Standard Phaeton)

380 points – Bob Nelson (31 standard Coupe)

368 points – Jim and Ginnie Richardson (30 Closed Cab Pick up)

4th Place

344 points – Gary and Mary Thorin (30 Coupe)

313 points – Jimmy Slettehaugh (31 Coupe)

Doug Persing thanked Jim and Ginnie for hosting the event. Dale Pomerleau thanked Jim Richardson for making the awards

Special thanks to Tinnucci's and Justin Maas for doing an excellent job.

Thanks to Linda Pole for making the center pieces. Thank you everybody for the donations.

Old Business -

None

New Business -

None

Linda Pole mentioned that the Great Northern Tour will be Monday (10/2/2017) thru– Thursday

(10/5/17) in Hayward, WI. . There is a block of rooms set aside at the Comfort Inn and Suites

The rooms are under the Twin City Model A Club

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m. on Saturday (12/3)

First Notice of the 2017 Tour Season:

Club Members Russell and Lois Agrimson once again are working on the Whalen Parade and Fun Days Event . This will occur on May 19th, 20th and the 21st. Hotel space is limited and it is staged out of Loken's Rushford Inn, 201 State Highway 16, Rushford, MN. 55971. Phone 507-864-2222 , email: rushfordinn@yahoo.com Members are encouraged to reserve rooms.

The Model A was never intended to hide from the rigors of everyday use however there were times when a little help was needed to drag it home or to the shop for repairs. The pictured advertisement showing the very popular Weaver Auto Crane was used by many tow truck operators. It was built to last and be adapted to many trucks and "special" recovery vehicles there were sometimes large passenger cars with the rear coach area cut off providing a platform to mount the unit. Many Model A service AA trucks used by the Ford dealers of the day used these units to bring the customers cars to the dealership when they were un drivable.

WEAVER
Auto Crane, Model G

The Weaver Auto Crane, Model G, is ideally designed for towing service. It is simply strong to handle practically any wreck, yet compact and without unnecessary weight or bulkiness to burden the service car. It is extremely simple and easy to operate and ruggedly built for long, hard service. It can easily be attached to any service car and requires little space.

Capacity, 6000 lbs.

For all practical purposes, the capacity of the Crane is limited only by the strength of the chain or cable used, since the frame of the Crane will support a load far in excess of the strength of the average chassis on which it is mounted. Thirty-five feet of the highest quality 3-8 in. 3-15 chain is furnished with each Crane, simply strong to lift loads up to 6,000 lbs. Fifty feet of 7-16 inch flexible steel cable will be supplied in place of the chain at the same price, when specified.

WG 13

Height of boom easily adjusted

The range in height of the Crane, measured from the hook on the chain to the base of the Crane, is from 2 ft. 4 in. to 5 ft. 6 in., providing an adjustment of 3 ft. 2 in. as shown. The height of the Crane, in of course, increased by the height of the service car, which averages 2 ft. 8 in. to 2 ft. 10 in.

The range of overhang on the Crane is from 3 ft. 4 in. to 5 ft. 7 in., providing an adjustment of 2 ft. 3 in., as shown, making it easy to handle closed cars.

Ample height and overhang

The tension bars, which support the boom at the desired height and overhang, are composed of two sections, locked together by a pin which extends through both bars. The pin is held in place by a spring and cannot be accidentally unfastened. When the pin is withdrawn, as shown, and the chain is blocked, one man can easily raise or lower the boom by operating the crank. When the car is suspended from the boom, the chain can easily be blocked by inserting a hook or bolt. If the boom is free it is only necessary to wind up the chain until the pulley wheel is wedged between the sheave wheel and boom, so that the weight of the boom will be supported by the chain.

WITHDRAWING SPRING PLUNGER UNLOCKS TENSION BARS TO ADJUST BOOM

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Cut No. 3. Note height and overhang and ease with which one man can raise or lower boom.



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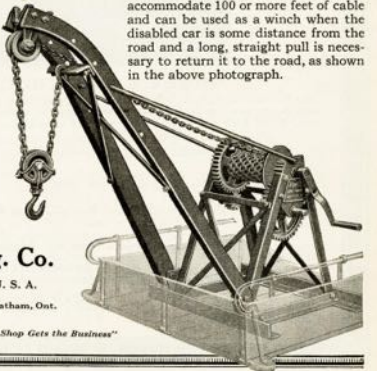
READILY MOUNTED ON SERVICE CAR. Base measures 36 inches wide by 20 1/2 inches long and leaves a 4 in. 1/2 hole for additional equipment in service car.

TWO SETS OF ROLLER BEARINGS follow the main drive shaft and shaft on which it is mounted.

ASK YOUR jobber's salesman to explain the above features or write for literature.

When you buy a Crane be sure you're getting one that will handle the tough jobs just as readily as the easy ones—without a lot of special equipment.

That's why you should insist on getting a Weaver. Take the drum for instance. Its diameter is ample to accommodate 100 or more feet of cable and can be used as a winch when the disabled car is some distance from the road and a long, straight pull is necessary to return it to the road, as shown in the above photograph.



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The Weaver Crane was also a popular childrens toy. This toy is made of cast iron and the winch actually worked, the child could turn the crank and it would raise the hook. This model is based on the Ford Model T.

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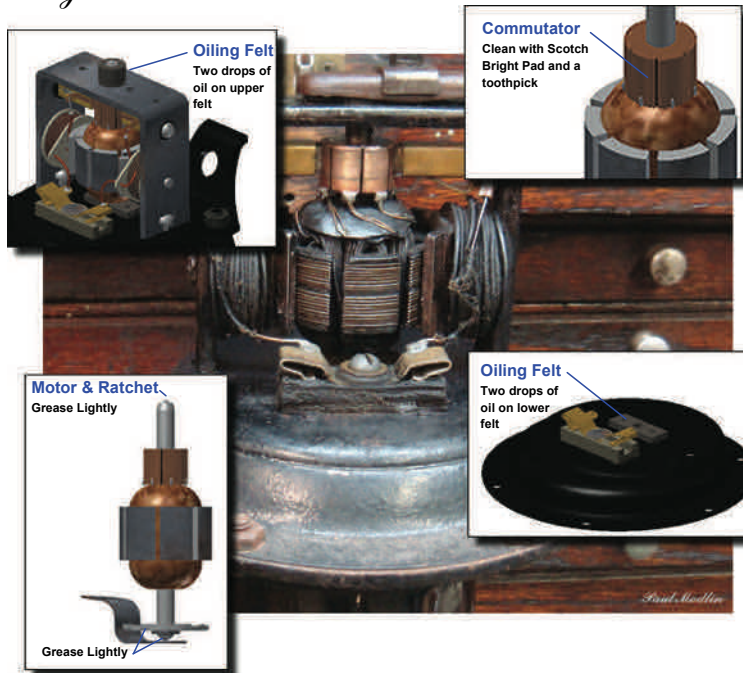
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- For Sale:** 1928 Town Sedan - complete, 1930 Town Sedan - basket case.
Call Chuck Maas (320) - 277-3242
- For Sale:** 1928 Model AA Truck hot rod project. Large collection of Model A parts, many 1928 & 1929 sheet metal quality parts including very good gas tanks, many hard to find trim and special parts from a restorers many years of collecting. Call John Risdon (320) - 593-0367
- For Sale:** 1930 Tudor Sedan - many new parts, green and black with tan interior. This nice car needs a new owner. Call Wayne (612) - 202-5590
- For Sale:** For Sale: Model A parts, almost any part you may need including fenders, hoods, tires, gas tanks, windshield frames, distributors, lights, manifolds, horns and many more items. Contact Larry Erickson (651) - 631 - 9127 or Larrybecky@usfamily.net
- For Sale:** 1930 5 window coupe, dual side mounts, ground up restoration, first place trophy in 2014. Zero road miles, car is black and Ford maroon with red wheels and pinstripe. Contact Glenn Crandall (406) - 930 - 2528
- Wanted:** 1929 AA radiator shell, round speedometers, 1928 & 1931 water pumps, Zenith carburetors and 1928 AR rims. Contact Randy Stallman. Randy.Stallman@gmail.com. or 319 - 453 - 2171
- For Sale:** 1929 5 window Coupe with rumble seat, freshly rebuilt engine and new shocks.
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- For Sale:** 1929 Cabriolet, Very nice running and driving car. Well put together car with good upholstery, top and britework. Priced at \$25000.00 firm. Contact Jeffrey Perkins 651 - 283 - 1167
- For Sale:** Very old Moline brand plow, good patina, nice yard art display item or start planting.
Contact Mark Leder 952 - 926 - 3995 or mleder22@aol.com
- For Sale:** All metal trunk for your car, straight back with curved top. Contact Harold Sneen 651 - 436 - 5503
- Wanted:** 100% complete original or restored 1928 or 1929 Tudor. Call Benjamin Rowan 651- 202-3040
- Lost:** Original Model A grease gun wrapped in a formerly white sock. Lost some time this touring season.
Contact Jim Peters 218 365 0828



Need a winter project to keep you thinking of spring and getting back on the road with your favorite Model A ?. Because the horn's sound and it's form really identifies the Model A, winter time in your warm home gives you the opportunity with a few small tools to tune and maintain your horn. One of the wires to the horn is always hot so begin to remove your horn by first disconnecting your battery cable. Then remove the horn and begin your project.

Horn Basics

by Paul R. Modlin



Oiling

Tools and Supplies:

- Flat blade screw driver
- Scotch Bright Pad (or similar)
- Sewing Machine Oil
- Kerosene
- Toothpicks

Procedure:

1. Remove the dirt build up from the **Upper and Lower Oiling Felts**. Clean with kerosene and pad dry.
2. Polish the **Commutator** with a Scotch Bright Pad. Clean between the gaps with a toothpick.
3. Apply two drops of sewing machine oil to both the **Upper and Lower Oiling Felts**.
4. Lightly grease the upper and lower tips of the **Motor** shaft, as well as the bottom of the **Ratchet**.

Problems and Solutions

Tuning Screw

Adjust with cover on.



Cover Screw

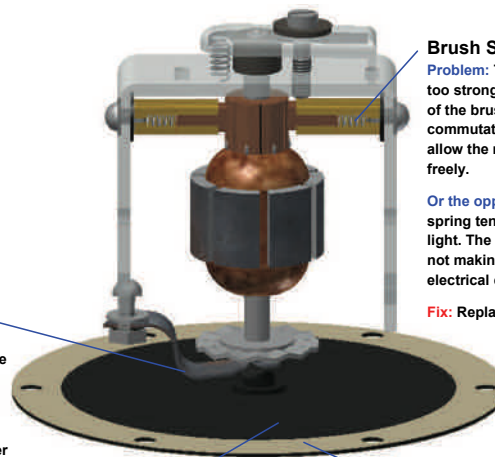
Problem: Reproduction screw allows cover to be over tightened.

Fix: Loosen screw or replace with original.

Tension Spring

Problem: The spring is too strong. The pressure of the spring will not allow the motor to turn freely.

Fix: Add an extra washer to drop the spring or slightly bend the spring to reduce the pressure.



Brush Spring

Problem: The spring is too strong. The friction of the brush on the commutator will not allow the motor to turn freely.

Or the opposite: The spring tension is too light. The brushes are not making a good electrical contact.

Fix: Replace spring.

Diaphragm

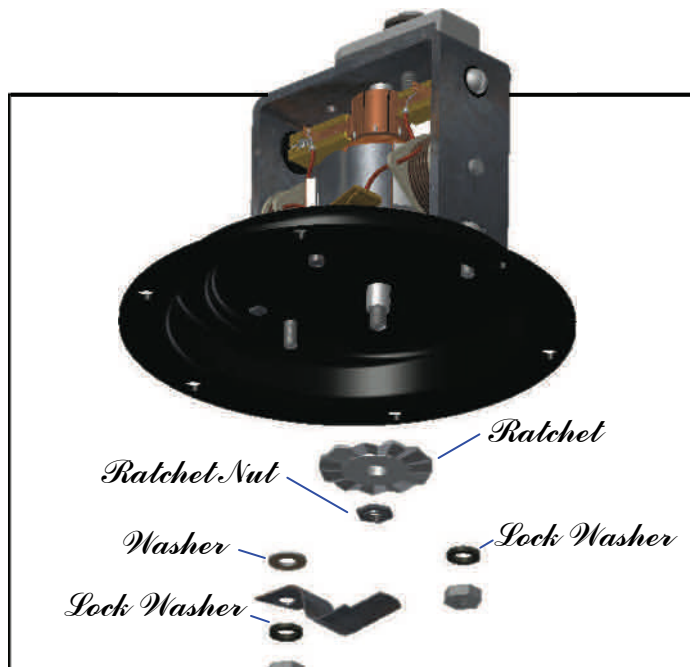
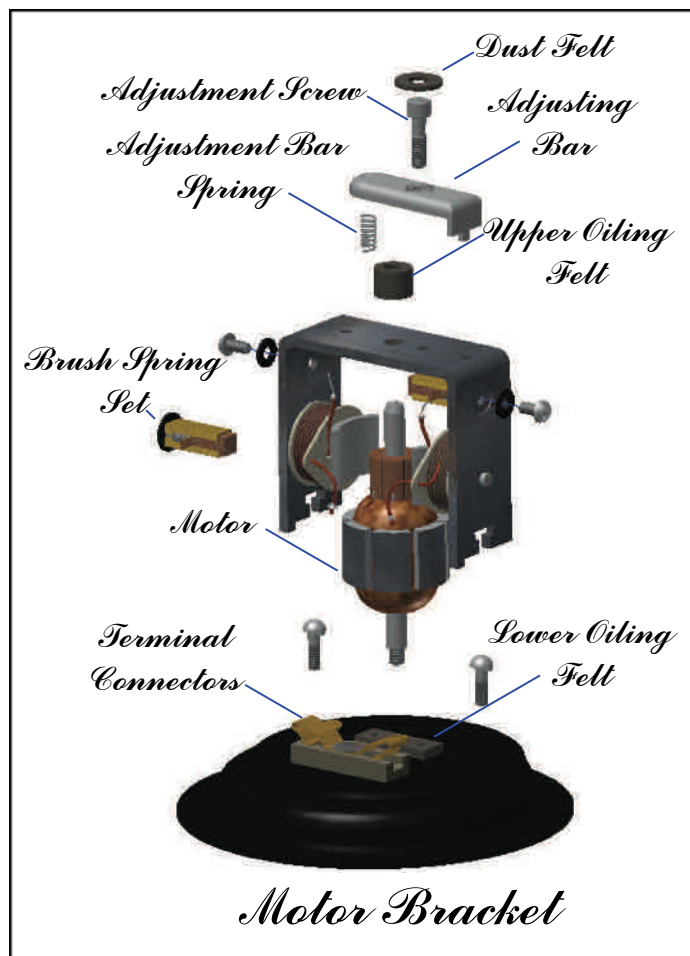
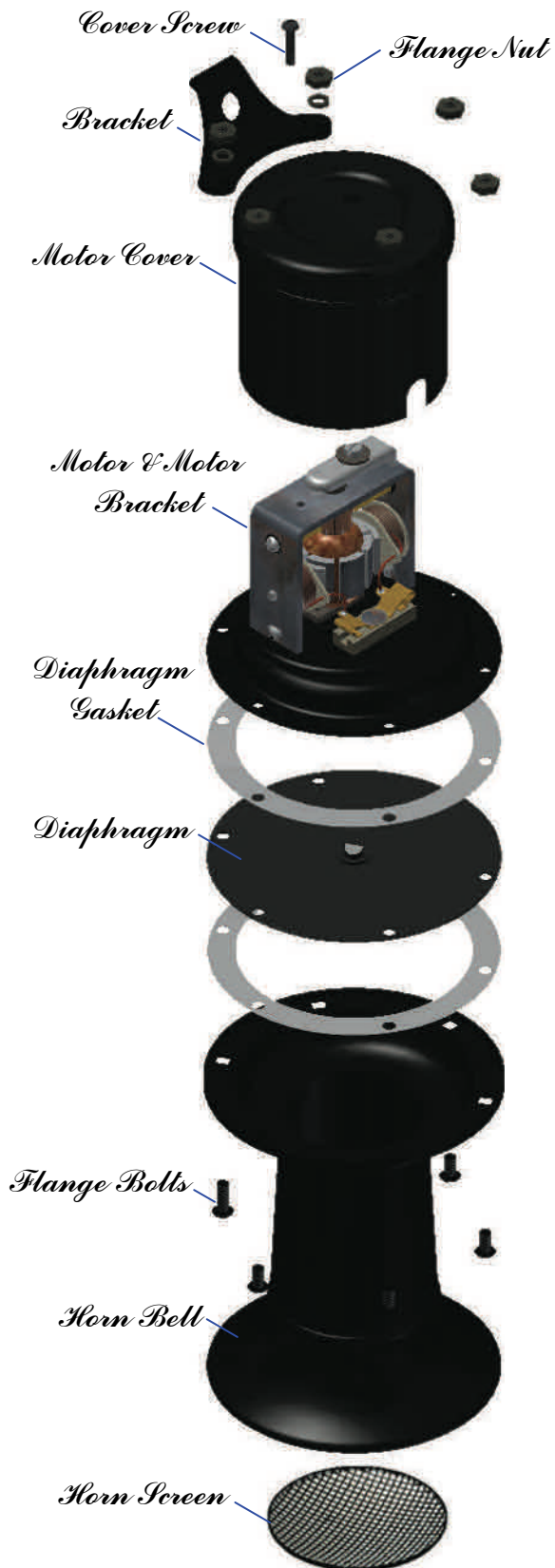
Problem: Over restored. The paint is too thick, preventing proper resonance of horn.

Fix: Remove paint and repaint sparingly.

Gasket

Problem: The gaskets are missing. There should be one on each side of the diaphragm.

Fix: Replace gaskets.



Election Banquet of 2016 . Election results: President - Doug Portlance, Vice President - John Roehl, Treasurer - Mel Eder, Secretary - Cathy Kiegar, Senior Board Justin Mass, and Junior Board - Jimmy Slettehaugh.

Attendance was well over 60 people with a large selection of tasty food to tempt everyone to try one and sometimes more of everything. Awards for our trophy meet and the Spark Plug and Lifetime Membership were presented.



Justin Maas receives a Spark Plug award and congratulations for his hard work on putting together the this banquet as well as the all the efforts he has put in as the junior board member

Outgoing President Doug Persing receives a recognition plaque from in coming President Doug Portlance for his tenure as President

New junior board member Jimmy Slettehaugh gets the "book" of running a successful club from former junior board member Justin Mass who is now our senior board member



December Mens Clinic

Once again we had a busy and productive night club as member Jack Fortman schooled us on the primary and secondary ignition system of the Model A. Jack has many years of practical experience working with automobiles and was a traveling instructor helping mechanics and shop owners understand auto mechanical systems. With a powerpoint program and his ability to simplify mechanical concepts the group became well informed. We had two interesting show items, Ken Huber brought a classic Schwinn bicycle and Tom Wesenberg showed us the energy consumption of new efficient LED lighting and how they compare with the now "old" incandescent bulbs

A recap of the election banquet and the reporting of the new officers elected along with the trophy meet winners was presented. Justin Mass took on the responsibility of running the event and a large and loud THANK YOU to him for a great afternoon. We presented Spark Plug awards, Lifetime Membership awards at the banquet to those present and at the clinic were able to present these awards to those that were not able to be at the banquet. Further thank you to Linda Pole and Jimmy Slettehaugh for their help on the banquet.

Trophy Meet awards were given out by meet organizers Jim and Ginnie Richardson who this fall hosted this event at their home. Please see the winners of awards by looking at the Election Meeting Minutes on page 4 and 5. Jim Richardson created the beautiful awards himself that were presented the winners.



Jack Fortman



Classic Schwinn



Trophy Award



Jim Richardson



Trophy Meet Participants



Spark Plug Award



Spark Plug Award



Spark Plug Award



Lifetime Award

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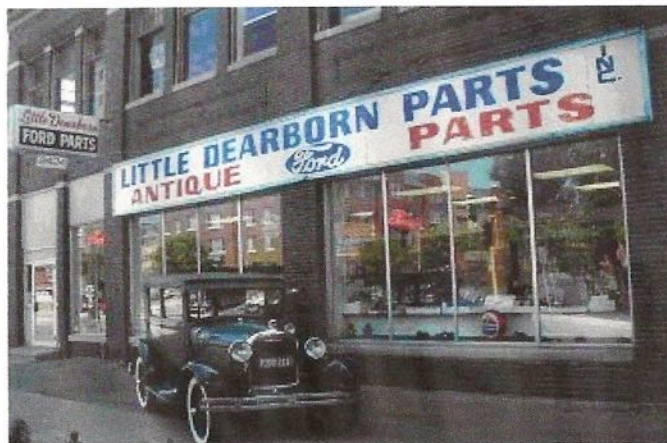
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