

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

June 2020

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

June 16th. - Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Video Conferencing Platform

**Listed below are activities which are not officially sanctioned events of the TCMAFC
The Board strongly encourages that any participants to 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.**

**June 18th. - Third Thursday Tour. Meet at the Target Inver Grove parking lot at 5 P.M.
bring a bag of candy and a lawn chair- Bob Butek to lead Tour**

July 16th. and August 20th. Future Third Thursday Tours

**June 27th. - 3rd Annual Model T, Model A Ford swap meet to be held at our home at 7525
County 12 Blvd. Kenyon, Mn. 55946. at 7:00 a.m. Items should consist of car and truck
parts, vehicles, toys, signs, tools and anything auto related from the pre-war era. No
household stuff. No setup cost or admission. Bob & Helen Peterson. Bob's cell, 507 458
6778. A food truck will be on site vending breakfast and lunch**

CONGRATULATIONS TCMAFC CELEBRATING 60 YEARS AS A CLUB

**Clinics and Business meetings 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

Business meetings doors open at 6:30 P.M., meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Enter at door #4 come to classroom #1

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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

EXTRA ... EXTRA ... Read all about it!!

Good news...I went for that drive and the silver lining has been found. I certainly hope I'm not the only one. I certainly wasn't the only one wishing our 25 year club member Harold Sneen a very HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY on May 6th. What a beautiful night for a birthday celebration parade. It was an honor and a privilege for us folks in Hudson, Wisconsin to motor over the river and through the woods to Harold's house to meet up with about 20 Model Aers. Thank you to Harold's family for the open invitation. The Sneen family is thankful that so many of you made the journey on such a fine night. It was great to see all of you, including that beautiful banjo, and that little red corvette. The celebration continued as some gathered at a local Dairy Queen for ice cream after. You know what they say ... you can't have a birthday without ice cream... and it was GOOD. No worries, we weren't shoulder to shoulder, we were bumper to bumper. From my point of view there were Smiles for Miles, and I hope that was your point of view as well.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.

~ Henry Ford ~

Club members have not taken their eyes off the goals. They are fulfilling the purpose of the club in many, many ways, and the birthday celebration parade was just one of them. Permission is given to sound your AHooga horn and let Mr. Leder know what you've been repairing, and where you have driven. Are you helping someone? Hint: He likes photos. We're all friends here. We all want to know what you've been up to, and how you are enjoying your living piece(s) of history. Some of you have more than one. I agree, they are like Lay's Potato Chips, you can't have just one. It makes us smile to know you are discovering peace, joy, and happiness with your Model A. Keep up the great work.

In other news... the Board is functioning just fine. There have been two ZOOM Virtual Conferencing Platform business meetings. If you are interested in participating, you will need to contact me, and I will be happy to include you in the meeting. All business that needs to be attended to, is being attended to. The Board is finding ways against the wind.

When everything seems to be going against you,
remember that the airplane takesoff against the wind,
not with it

~Henry Ford~

I will leave you with this ...

On the morning of June 4, 1896, Henry Ford and James Bishop, Ford's chief assistant, unveiled Ford's first ever attempt at a gasoline powered automobile that he designed and drove. When they attempted to wheel the completed "Quadricycle" out of the shed for its first trial run, they quickly discovered that it was too wide to fit through the door. To solve the problem, Ford took an axe to the brick wall of the shed, smashing it to make space for the vehicle to be rolled out, so that it could be driven down Detroit's Grand River Avenue.

Grand River Avenue intersects Woodward Avenue, which happens to be where the world's biggest cruise, named The Woodward Dream Cruise, is held.

Let's not take our eyes off our goals, for our goals may turn into dreams people dream of.

Sharpening my axe,

Catherine

Twin Cities Model A Ford Club
May 19, 2020 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

The May 19, 2020 TCMAFC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Catherine Jammer via ZOOM Video Conferencing.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Pomerleau, Gary Thorin, Steve Barnacle, Mark Leder, Scott Huberty, and Doug Persing.

LAST MONTH MINUTES: The April Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion by Mr. Peterson to accept the minutes as presented was made, seconded by Mr. Rude, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's Report was emailed to the Board for the month of April. A motion was carried to approve the April report as presented by Mr. Portlance, and seconded by Mr. Peterson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 1 new member.

Dan Irvin, 1587 Reaney Ave, St. Paul, MN 55106, 1929 Tudor, Motion was carried to approve the new member, first by Mr. Rude, seconded by Mr. Portlance.

MEMBERSHIP GREETING: Mr. Persing reported that Mr. Lake is up to date contacting new members.

MEN'S CLINIC: Mr. Pomerleau and 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.

SUNSHINE LADY: A card was sent out to Grace Radil.

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

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Volunteer needed for this position, as Mr. Persing has retired. Facebook page is up to date.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS – SHORT TERM COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Swap Meet - Mrs. Jammer reported that TCMAFC Treasurer Mr Eder has received a check for the division of the financial assets of the Midwest Swap Meet from Dave Sandels-Capital City Club CoChair of the Midwest Swap Meet. The division of physical property is currently the final division of the Midwest Swap Meet assets that needs to be completed.

Summer Business Meeting Schedule – These events are subject to change, and have been updated to reflect the current schedule.

June – ZOOM, July – ZOOM, August – Phil and Mary Zins

NEW BUSINESS:

Virtual Conferencing – Based on the current state of affairs, Mrs. Jammer will investigate potential long term virtual conferencing platforms for business meetings.

2020 Board Elections, Banquets, Awards, and Raffles – Discussions began regarding the upcoming Board elections, banquets, awards, raffles, and any meetings that typically take place during this time of the year.

At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Portlance, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kieger

Our Membership Director Doug Persing has moved and his new address is :

Doug Persing
16011 Dunkirk St NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304

Matters dealing with membership and roster address information should be directed to him

Model A's Converge On West Lakeland For A Birthday Parade *by Scott Huberty*

Even though our COVID-19 World is causing cancellations of activities and limiting the ability to get together, a special event took place on Wednesday evening, May 6th. A group of about 20 Model A's, along with a variety of other cars, joined up on a beautiful spring evening for a socially-distanced, drive-by parade for Harold Sneen as he celebrated his 90th birthday.

Harold has been a member of TCMAFC since 1995 and when the word came out from family members that they were organizing the drive-by, there was good response. It appeared that Harold was greatly enjoying the sight of the parade, along with the loud chorus of "Aooah" horns, from his front-row seat at the end of the driveway.

Thanks to everyone who was able to come over and join in on the parade. Happy Birthday, Harold!



Harold was completely taken by surprise by this birthday surprise! His daughters and his son in-law prepared this event. Harold wants to use this article to sincerely thank all of the participants driving classic cars and those who also came in modern cars to honor his 90th birthday. Lastly he gives a loving thanks to his family.

A Day In The Garage *by Mark Leder*

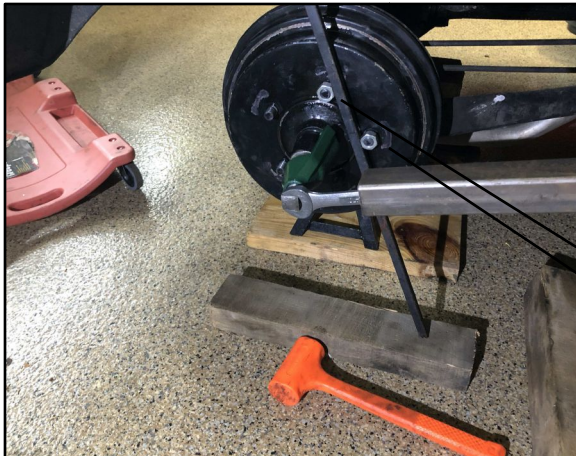
Shown below is a typical garage day that most owners will experience keeping their cars in good repair. The jack stands are common and can be purchased rather inexpensively. In recent years these stands have been made overseas and the quality is an issue. Just recently a large recall was issued as the toggle mechanism was improperly manufactured and the jacks were marketed under a few different label names. If you have any experience in welding or manufacturing quality control, many of the jacks seen for sale have questionable looking welds as well. Taking these items in to consideration ,value your safety and also doubt the safety of a jack or jack stands. Purchase from a reputable supplier and be prepared to pay for quality and if possible the pin style jack stand eliminates the toggle issue. Many have been injured and killed when the jack or jack stand failed, slipped or were placed improperly. Never use concrete blocks to place your car on while working on it. When you hammer, pull strongly on a wrench, work on natural soil while the car is up in the air it's very possible it can slip off the holding device

In the repair shown it was time to pull the rear brake drums and repack the wheel bearings , the car was lifted and placed on stands that were inspected for damage or missing pieces before the car was allowed to rest on them. A cribbing pile of 4 x4 lumber and 1" lumber was laid in this particular pattern as an additional safety precaution should the stands fail or the car slip while forces are applied to it. This is a very good idea to be used on either end of the car once its up in the air.

When pulling brake drums you need a quality hub puller as the drums are very tightly held to the tapered axle shaft. The clubs tool library has one if you don't own one. They can come off easily but many times it takes a lot of force with an extension of leverage on your wrench to brake them loose. Even the leverage many times needs help with hammer blows to the drum while pressure is applied. Sometimes drums can be so stubborn that heat from a torch is need to get the things moving. Other tricks sometimes needed are to leave the puller on under tension and walk away from it for a day or two and occasionally smack it with a hammer and then see if you can tighten the puller more if they should it not come off. It's possible you may hear a "bang" when you out of sight of it and then it's loose. Another trick said to help is to go to the other side of the car and to have the axle nut on just proud of threads and it with a hammer blow or two to the nut send a shock to the other side while the puller is under tension.

All these hammer blows and leverage on the wrench can move the car so again as a reminder be safe and support the car with good equipment .

In order to be able tighten the hub puller you need to be able to hold the drum from spinning so if you can take a steel rod that has flat surfaces on it and use two of the studs with the nuts positioned to the flat surface of the bar with one end resting on a a piece of wood as shown in the photo. A crowbar with it's hex design is ideal for this purpose.



Flat surface of hex lug
nut against flat of
steel bar

FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :**TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR****For Sale:**

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www.durableperformance.net

Wanted :

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

952 - 261 - 2688

Wanted /Trade

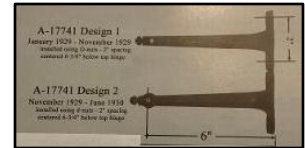
I would like 5 - 21" original black painted wheels, I have excellent cream/yellow wheels and tires with stainless lug nuts for possible trade. Contact Rog Anderson 651 - 457 - 8820

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 Roadster, very nice stock all steel body. Runs and drives great has had a frame off restoration. has car cover, recently refreshed engine, brown leather interior. \$17000.00 or reasonable offer considered. Contact Laurie Zins 651- 481 -8004



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.

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Little Dearborn is temporarily having telephone connection problems for it's customers as the stay at home order and safe distancing suggestions have made regular retail transactions different than normal. You can reach Terry on his cell number at 612-275-4538.



Jim Guddal	June/1	Phyllis Hohenwald	June/17
Debbie Owens	June/1	Philip Eckhoff	June/19
Grace Radil	June/2	Darel Leipold	June/21
Wayne Geist	June/3	Brendan Kellen	June/22
Debbie O'Connell	June/6	Cheri Lotz	June/24
Jerry Plagge	June/6	Lucy Selander	June/26
Richard Hayes	June/7	Vince Smith	June/26
Gary Weyrauch	June/10	Sherry Perry	June/27
Timothy Peterson	June/11	Robert "Cookie" Taylor	June/27
Ivan Erickson	June/13	Guy Rhoads	June/28
Mary Gray	June/13	Steve Ellefson	June/29
Laurie Zins	June/13	Catherine Kieger	June/29
Felix Quast	June/14	Linda Boche	June/30

Waking Up A Sleeping 1929 Pick Up *by Bob Butek*

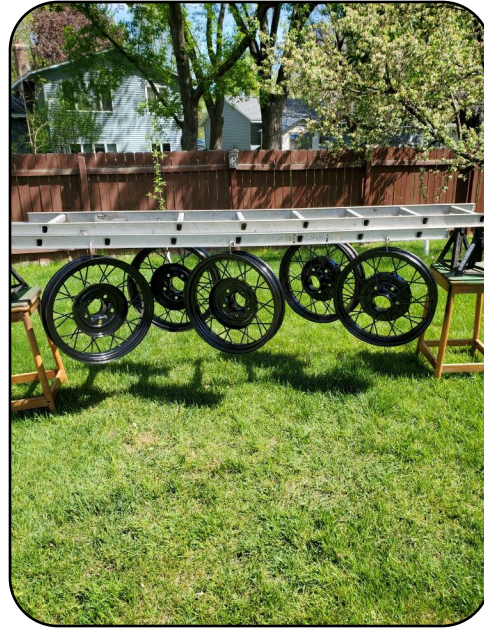
On May 2nd some of us A members got together for a little social distancing. We brought our own lunch and lawn chairs. We were going to meet at a park but after driving past it realized it was too full. Right across the street was an empty factory parking lot, so there we parked. Had a great time!

On our way there a former club member Nick Linsmayer spotted us and met with a few members. He said he has a 29 roadster pickup that hasn't been started in 4 years and would like some help in starting it. So, on Wednesday Rog Anderson, Thom Boche and I went to his place of business. First, we changed the oil, pulled the plugs and cranked it over by hand to lube the bearings. Next we checked the gas; it was empty so that was good. We put in fresh gas. He had already put in a new battery. Nick got in to start it and it turned over and over but then started to fire. After about six more attempts with choking, it was running pretty smooth. Nick cried out "It's Alive". He drove it around his parking lot to check the brakes and steering, they were good. So now with a little more adjustment and lubing it'll be for sale. It came from Arizona and has a beautiful paint job. If anyone is interested in it call Nick at 651-248-5023.



Members Keeping Busy

Jim Lake and Mark Leder spent some time jacking up and moving the big AA trucks to make Jim's work space more efficient



Bob Butek used the clubs wheel painting machine fixture to apply a fresh coat of paint to his trucks wheels.

Cheesehead Model A's Enjoying a Spring Evening

After participating in Harold Sneed's 90th Birthday Parade in West Lakeland, a contingent of three Model A's from western Wisconsin went back across the St. Croix and enjoyed chocolate dip cones at the Hudson Dairy Queen. It's definitely possible to practice social-distancing at DQ! Pictured are cars (front to rear) belonging to Scott & Jody Huberty, Catherine Jammer and George Bell. George Bell and Jody Huberty are in the photo. Look closely and you'll see Catherine Jammer closing the trunk of her car. What a great way to cap off a beautiful spring evening...



Owing A Model A And The Memories They Make *by Eric Thompson*

Last summer I signed up on a website called Drive Share. The website is sponsored by Hagerty insurance. It promoted itself as a way to get your vehicle into movies or any other type of production like that. It actually turned out to be a rent your car out or an Uber type website. I had no interest in doing that. Before I could remove my vehicle from the site, I received a call from Sheila Delaney Moroney. She asked if I would be willing to pick up her mom and dad and their very best friends from California for a ride down memory lane in the Highland Park area of Saint Paul.

I initially declined but Sheila was rather persistent in a nice way. After several phone calls I reluctantly agreed. I told her that if the weather was bad, I would not be driving from Minnetonka to Highland Park. The forecast for Monday, October 5 was rain. I was just about to call to cancel and the skies cleared.

I met Sheila at her mom and dad's residence where she handed me a map of five or six locations including her father's childhood home, her dad and Fred's grade school, the University club where Sheila's parents had their wedding reception. After a cocktail at the University Club we are off to the Lexington on Grand Avenue where the family gathered for a birthday gathering

It turned out to be a memorable experience for them and me as well. Driving home from Saint Paul later that afternoon I begin to realize what a fulfilling experience it was for me.



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Two months pass. In December I received the following email from Sheila.

My parents and their friends, Muriel and Fred, have spoken about you and their wonderful outing so many times since early October. The joy of that event still lives on.

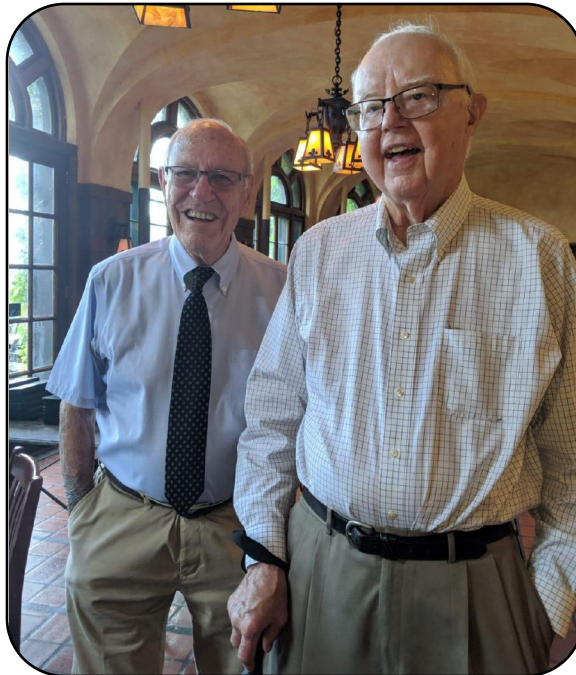
It is even more poignant now as some sad events have unfolded. My dad passed away on November 20th and then Fred, his best friend for 75 years, died yesterday. We are all reeling from my dad's death, of course, and are in awe of the circumstances that brought my dad and Fred close together again in death in such short order. It's hard to grasp. Just two weeks ago at my dad's funeral, Fred's comments included "See you soon, Jack." As a religious person, it's hard not to believe some higher power had a hand in their timely reunion.

Erik, though we only knew you for a few hours, you played a significant and memorable role in the very last celebration that these two wonderful characters enjoyed together. It's hard to believe they are both gone, but the memories and photos of their joy ride in your beautiful car will bring us pleasure for years to come.

Thank you again for helping to create such a meaningful outing. Your generosity was a gift to all, and you will be fondly remembered by my mother, Fred's wife Muriel, and me. Who would have thought that just 8 weeks after their spritely day-on-the-town they would both be gone?

Sheila and I have spoken on several occasions of how it was an unbelievable set of circumstances that brought us together. So when anyone asks for a favor escorting someone around in your A be sure to remember this story.

Erik



Dr. Fred and Dr. John were life long friends

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