"Aoogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

October 2020

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

October 7 - 11 th. Whitewater Tour - CANCELED

October 20 th. - Business Meeting Via Zoom

October 23 rd. Nomination Submissions Due

October 24 th. Nomination Banquet - CANCELED

November 21 st. 2020 Photo Contest Submissions Due

December 5 th. Annual Banquet **

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

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

Lifetime Membership Award

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

Spark Plug Award

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

GET OUT AND DRIVE!

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Become A Member

Interested in joining our club? We would like you to join. Dues are only \$35.00 per year.

For all the information about what our club has to offer please call our membership director or see www.tcmafc.org

Members are recommended to also have a membership in the Model A Ford Club of America or the Model A Restorer's Club.





President's Letter

Autumn is in full swing, and that means some of our avid golfers will soon be scheduling time to polish their golf clubs and tucking them away until Spring, while the rest of us lucky enough, are putting a finish polish on our Model As, as there is lots and lots of driving time still available. Those refreshing cool days in a Model A will feel like we have the modern convenience of air conditioning, making our trips much more enjoyable with the lower humidity and cooler temps. Instead of an ice cream trip, hot chocolate may be the favorite menu item during this season, of course, unless you are a hard core Dairy Queen contributor.

The process of trees slowly closing off the veins that carry water and nutrients to and from the leaves with a layer of new cells that form at the base of the leaf stem will protect the limbs and body of the tree during the upcoming grueling Minnesota winter. During winter there is the anticipation for spring to arrive and the arrival of new buds and the beauty that the new season brings. As I read about this process, it reminded me of all the changes we have experienced this year, and the anticipation of new things to come in the clubs' future. The club will always go through changes, some easy, and some not so much. If you are interested in the business processes of the club, I encourage you step forward and step up as a board member. Mr. Peterson is holding the telly line open in anticipation of your call. If you have a club member in mind, I encourage you to speak to that member prior to passing that name on to Mr. Peterson. As a board member, you have the opportunity to see the buds before they blossom and the beauty of new things as they emerge.

The following quote is paraphrased by myself. The original quote was found printed on the back of a potato chip bag. I thought it was interesting. If you can name the brand, you receive bonus points.

We hold everything we make to the same standard as the artisan bread we make every day.

The board members have been doing a lot of work this year, and I commend them for their patience, deliberation, and decision making. They have held everything they have done to the same standard. No matter what the topic, they have always done what is in the best interest of the club.

Finishing the polishing and opening a bag of chips, Catherine

Twin Cities Model A Ford Club September 15, 2020 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

The September 15, 2020 TCMAFC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Catherine Jammer via ZOOM Video Conferencing Platform.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Pomerleau, Mark Leder, and Doug Persing.

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

TREASURER REPORT: The July & August Treasurer's Reports were reviewed, and motions were carried to approve the reports as presented for July by Mr. Rude, seconded by Mr. Boche, and for August by Mr. Boche, and Mr. Peterson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: There were 5 new members for the month of August.

Steve & Mary Johnson, 35771 425th Ave, St. Peter, MN 56082

Larry Luck, 7341 Lyric Lane, Fridley, MN 55432

Randy & Cynthia Griffin, 2310 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Mark & Karen Potvin, 904 Daily Rd, Hudson, WI 54016

Dan & Mary Stroeing, 523 East Ave Unit 212, Red Wing, MN 55066

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

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

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

TOOLS: Mr. Peterson reported on behalf of Mr. Barnacle that there are tools out to members, and tools ready to be lended.

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

FUNDRAISING/RAFFLE: Mrs. Jammer reported that Model A items were picked up a contributor in Cumberland, Wisconsin and put into storage at Leder Bros. and may be utilized by the club as the club wishes.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS - SHORT TERM COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Swap Meet – Mrs. Jammer reported that the final division of financial assets and physical assets have been completed. Mrs. Jammer thanked Mr. Peterson for his extensive role in the process.

Business Meeting Schedule/Virtual Conferencing Platform – Mrs. Jammer reported that she has secured a yearly membership with the ZOOM Virtual Conferencing Platform, and forwarded receipts for reimbursement to Mr. Eder according to the Boards' motion. 2020 Board Elections, Banquets, Awards, and Raffles – The Nominations Banquet is tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2020, and the Annual Banquet is tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2020. Mr. Peterson made a motion that due to the current state of affairs, and current and ever changing safety guidelines that the club have no physical in-person banquet, and that the Board pursues alternate Nomination options. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eder, motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Rude that an advertisement be placed into the October newsletter to solicit nominations for Board positions until October 23, and nominations would be accepted either by mail, email, or phone to Mr. Peterson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eder, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Peterson, Mr. Rude, Mrs. Jammer, and Mr. Leder will work to complete the Boards' motion. The Boards' decision was based on the constant state of change regarding federal, state, and local safety guidelines due to the current state of affairs surrounding COVID-19. The Board has established that during these extenuating circumstances an in-person Nominations Banquet is not absolutely necessary for the club to seat a new Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

At 8:34 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Boche and seconded by Mr. Rude, motion passed. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Cathy Kieger

2020 Summer Adventure by Steve and Leah Barnacle

For 2020 Leah and I had a number of Model A road trips planned. In June there was the National Model A convention, August was the MI Model A Round Up in Detroit and October was White Water. We also had planned a vacation to Nashville, TN. Then COVID 19 hit and one by one every event canceled.

From late May to August we ventured out and drove 3000 miles doing day trips in the "A".

After I read in the StarTrib that the Medora Musical in Medora, ND was not canceling their shows, I got the itch to do more than a day's outing. We considered the risk of COVID and after some checking we were satisfied that it would be safe to go. We left August 22nd for a new Adventure in the "A".

A few places we'd hoped to stop at were closed, but we were able to go to outdoor parks and other attractions.

Some of the most unique stops were Hobo Park, the World's Largest Dilly Bar in Moorhead, MN, Salem Sue the 40 foot Holstein cow, and the seven different sculptures on the Enchanted Highway.

We also discovered that ND doesn't have many tarred secondary roads. We drove at least 100 to 150 miles on gravel roads and 3 times the GPS directed us to cow paths that we didn't take!

The back roads were beautifully lined with field after field of sunflowers, wheat and corn. Sometimes we even came across free-range cattle blocking our path.

In Medora we enjoyed the Teddy Roosevelt show and the Medora Musical. Driving through the Theodore Roosevelt National Park we saw, deer, prairie dogs, wild turkeys, rabbits and wild horses. It was hard not to miss the bison as they walked on and beside the road. Many were as large as our car and we were careful not to scare them.

Our favorite place to visit in the USA is The Black Hills of SD. Being we were just north of there we decided to go. More gravel roads and free-range cattle took us on roads we hadn't been on before.

We headed home through the Badlands and of course had to stop at Wall Drug for Steve's picture with the wooden Saloon Hall Ladies.

We decided to take a different route home and spent the night in Pierre, SD. We left early in the morning and drove along the west side of the Missouri River, eventually going straight east to Pipestone, MN. We stopped at the Pipestone National Monument and spent a pleasant hour walking the trails to the quarry and falls. Our plan was to stay one more night on the road, but we were only 180 miles from home and the pull was too strong. We finished the final 5 hours of our trip and arrived home around 8 that evening.

It wasn't the trip we thought we'd take this summer, but any trip in the "A" is an adventure filled with memories and a longing to go again.





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Rog Anderson shares a sunny social distance afternoon with Roy Blakeley

Roy has always said, "DRIVE THOSE A's WHILE YOU CAN...BECAUSE SOMEDAY, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO."

With sadness and gratitude for his friendship and services to our club we are announcing that Steve Gray a long time member has passed, condolences to his family and hoping his memory gives his family comfort

FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES:

TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

For Sale: Rebuilt engines in stock.

Wanted:

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

For Sale: For Sale: Engine hoist/puller used twice. \$150 ,exhaust manifolds, some with intake manifold, several hot air heater

types. \$35 each. NOS roadster trunk lid. Ford parts book says 1928-31. Original paint, a bit of surface rust on one edge. Had it for 60 years, \$550. 1931 wheels, from fair to real nice. Reasonable, you must see and pick out

what you want. Darel Leipold, 952-474-5880 (my store number) leipold@leipolds.org

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor older complete restoration inside, outside & under. excellent interior & paint, 880 miles. New

distributor, water pump, Head Gasket, 2 blade fan. appraised \$19,500 / taking offers. 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

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

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

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

Contact: Clancy 763-291-8888

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

For Sale: 1929 Four Door Town Sedan, Leather Back. Fully restored.

Excellent, show condition. Many new parts, turn signals, custom made trunk. A lot of spares available, carbs, distributors, wheels etc. Contact: Chuck Ash 715-245-7303 or cwash211@comcast.net

For Sale: 1930 Model A Ford radiator shell, very good condition \$175.00, 1931 Model A Ford radiator shell, very good

condition \$ 325.00, 1931 Deluxe A radiator shell, this is the one with a removable insert at the bottom, very good condition. \$ 375.00 . 1928 - 29 Model A Ford Roadster top bows, very good condition \$ 325.00 Ford Motor Co.

Twin City plant badges, I have a few to choose from. All in excellent condition. \$ 125.00 each.

Contact: Gary Anderson 651-776-8387

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

Contact Hugh 763 550 9330.

For Sale: 1930 parts: Radiator shell very good \$150.00, rear window frame for Sports Coupe \$95.00, new windshield \$125.00

rebuilt distributor \$100.00, ignition switch & cable \$110.00, (4) 21" wheels \$110.00, 4 car dollies hardly used

\$120.00. Other parts available. Contact: Bud Curtis 763 - 712 - 9752 or 612 - 419 - 6993

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

garythorin@yahoo.com

Wanted: Parts for Early 30 Tudor sedan. 1) Original seats/upholstery in decent condition for an unrestored hobby driver; some

tears, holes ok. 2) trunk/trunk rack in any condition. 3) original rear view mirror/side mirrors; bad glass ok. 4) interior header board above windshield. 5) Tudor Basement aftermarket accessory. 6) manifold cooker. 7) exhaust pipe / muffler in useable condition. 8) original door/window handles and escutcheons, 9) left side engine pan. 10) original right rear quarter window in good condition. 11) windshield frame with good glass; either original or new,

12) used but not abused 19" tires, 13) factory or older aftermarket accessories. 14) working oval speedometer.

Scott Petersen pyrodork@yahoo.com or 763-645-2323. Email preferred.

For Sale: 1929 Town Sedan for sale. This car was a five year frame off restoration using about 90% original parts. Engine has

inserts and a high compression Brumfield head. Car looks and runs great with 3 thousand miles on the car since restoration. This car was judged both at MAFCA and MARC national meets and was one of the top cars at both. Cell phone number 952 -334 - 0347 or 952 - 925 - 1005. Best number to call is the cell. Bruce Remington

For Sale: 1931 Coupe Engine, transmission, differential and brakes rebuilt. Body is solid and all the parts are there.

Needs interior, some paint and assembly. Need to sell to make room for other project cars. Asking \$7,000 or best

offer.

For Sale: Excess inventory of very nice Model A parts, most are original, some retored or rebuilt, to much to list here! For a

complete list contact Jerry Schilling at 763-213-4917 or jerry.nancy.schilling@gmail.com

For Sale: 1930 Coupe trunk lid, make offer, 1930 Coupe rumble seat parts, make offer,

Contact: Catherine Jammer 540-354-2782 or catherinejammer@gmail.com



Kirk Lindberg	Oct/3	Clayton W. Miller	Oct/10	Terrill Stratton	Oct/16
Marvin Witte	Oct/3	Becky Street	Oct/10	Jim Peters	Oct/18
Joe Costa	Oct/5	Jeff Halter	Oct/11	Marc Rude	Oct/20
Alvin Frederick	Oct/4	Ron Johnson	Oct/11	Mike Neeley	Oct/21
Bud Curtis	Oct/6	John Rivers	Oct/11	Ron Lotz	Oct/23
Doug Portlance	Oct/7	Dan Stroeing	Oct/11	Sharon Schleicher	Oct/24
Miriam Bragg	Oct/8	Mike Sweeney	Oct/11	Jesus Rivera	Oct/26
James Rovano	Oct/9	Darlene Sweeney	Oct/12	Gary Thorin	Oct/26
Wayne Brown	Oct/10	Ed Kodet	Oct/16	Stan Braatz	Oct/31
Art Doucot	Oct/10	Cheryl Neeley	Oct/16	Dan Irvin	Oct/31

What we drove in High School by Mark Leder

At 16 years of age my father Morton was driving a Rolls Royce to high school in Minneapolis, at age 16, I was driving a Model A to high school in St. Louis Park. So, here is the story – my father's family was made up of five children fairly closely spaced in age, he was born in 1924 and his parents like many were immigrants to our country. His father was a junk peddler and did most anything to provide for his family. My grandfather always bought large old cars as he had a fondness for Lincolns and needed space for his family. He bought and sold second had items and collected scrap metals. Many times, 4x4 lumber was wedged under the front bumper and atop the axle to provide a platform to carry an old dresser or a cast iron radiator that he bought and was going to resell or junk. There were not too many rules of the road then. As my father got older, he worked with my grandfather and they used worn out AA Ford trucks that were cheap and easy to fix to do the junking in the late 30's and early 40's.

My grandfather watched a 1926 Rolls Royce limousine with a chauffeur's compartment sit for well over a year at the Graham Paige dealership in Minneapolis. He needed a family car for the seven of them and bought the Rolls, this was in 1940. You need to put things into perspective, the styling and technology of the automobile moved at an incredibly fast pace in this part of that century. These big cars were deemed obsolete by most people. Their value was rather low. My father was 16 when the car was purchased and he said it was perfect, 12 cylinders, dual ignition, built in air compressor and jacks to service your tires as well as sterling silver vases in the passenger compartment. He said the car could sit overnight and was so tight that it would start without the starter by turning on the fuel, and ignition and then moving the spark advance to produce an ignition moment. At sixteen like many he like to drive fast, and he claimed he was able to get it to 100 mph. My grandfather worked junking during the day and my father drove this car to school as he was the only other driver in the family at that time.

One day there was a gentleman knocking on my grandmother's door and he asked for the owner of the Rolls. My grandmother having learned passable English said that her husband owned the car. The gentleman then said he knew what my grandfather did for a living and his reputation of observing rules of the road. He stated he represented the Rolls Royce company and was concerned that the reputation of the car could be tarnished if used how my grandfather was known to use his cars. He offered to buy it back. My grandmother assured him that this was the family car and her son drove it for the family and her husband was the owner of a truck now.

The year was 1940, there was turmoil in Europe and the calendar moves forward to December 7th 1941 the day Pearl Harbor was attacked came. My father was 17, the country was at war and patriotic scrap drives were being set up and my grandfather and father were working for the government on these drives. Gasoline and especially tires were very scarce, and any available metal was needed for the war effort. The Rolls had enormous tires and was not an economy car and it contained a fair amount of aluminum. There were not a lot of repair parts to be found for it. Although it was in great shape as my dad recounted, my grandfather patriotically turned it in to the scrap collection efforts of the war. My father drove it for a little over three years until he was eighteen and he took it apart. He says there was well over a hundred bolts he needed to unfasten to breakdown the oil pan from the motor without the aid of power tools which took him well over a day. The iconic classic grill shell was placed in our family's resale yard and a brick mason bought it and made a two wheel brick dolly out of it. The axles went to make trailers. The only remaining item that was saved was the microphone from the chauffeur's compartment which as a young kid I played with and created many stories up in my young mind.

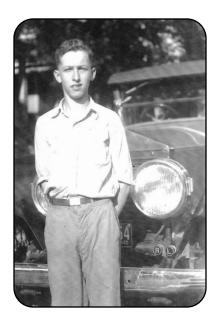
I got my 1930 Model A pick up at age 13 as a partnership with my father, he paid for it and the parts. I was responsible to learn to do the labor and we kind of restored it. I learned to drive on it at age 15.

Flash back to age fifteen, I got my learners permit and we drive over to the home of my grandmother in the Model A pickup and the family is cleaning out the house she lived in for many years and my dad says jump the curb and just back up the hill thru the grass and put the tailgate next to the second step. I learned the rules of the road to get my permit and said, "you can't do that." He said don't worry, drive! He gets four cousins together and some 4x4 lumber and some rope.

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There is an old safe in the house and he makes up a sling and puts someone on each end of the 4x4 and they struggle and sweat to get the safe into the bed of the Model A. I'm the driver, he says go to your aunt's house 6 blocks away as we need to deliver this. Nothing is tied down, so he says drive carefully, jump the curb, get the cousins together and back up thru the yard to the step. Somehow, I knew my grandfather was smiling because this was how he did things.

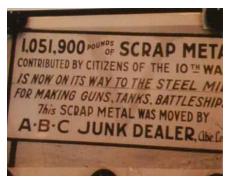
I still have the pickup and re restored it with my two boys and they learned to drive on it and drove it to high school as well.



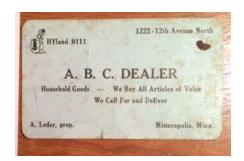
My father 1940 High School car he joined TCMAFC in 1969



Mark 1974 driving High School Car



The War Board posted this sign after a scrap drive my grandfather and father ran for the 10th ward of Mpls.



My grandfathers business card used during this war time period

Nominations Needed

We have reached the time of the year when we must solicit names to fill our board positions as stated by our club's bylaws.

Please look at the list of board positions that we have open and need to fill.

The strength and longevity of the club has been possible thru members willing to step up and help guide us thru last 60 plus years.

Please send your nominations by October 23rd either by mail, email or phone.

Direct your nomination list to:

Dave Teterson	
612-221-0282	
2625 Fox St	
Wayzata, MN 55391	
Dpete4013@aol.com	
Ballots will be sent out shortly after October 23 rd	
President	
Vice President	
Treasurer	
Secretary	
Junior Board	

THE RULES HAVE CHANGED! Photo Contest for 2020.

Due the unique circumstances of this year and the limitations of club activities we are going to depart from our usual format.

Now dig thru any and especially all your club related and Model A related photos <u>from any year</u> and enter something that you think is interesting for our members. Only rules are they must have some relevance to the club or Model A Hobby. Three photos per member allowed. A family can therefore submit a total of six photos. The photos will need to be printed on paper and because of the circumstance we are in they will need to be mailed to me or dropped off at my residence by November 21 st. Should you need the photo returned include a self addressed envelope and postage and I will send them back. Please continue to support this contest with your photos, I always get interesting photos and the members comments are very positive when they get to see them. There will be prizes awarded and any photo has the opportunity to be chosen, and numerous photos will find their way into this newsletter.

Delivery of the photos to my address: Mark Leder 4420 West 25th. St. St. Louis Park, MN. 55416

PLEASE KEEP MY MAILMAN BUSY AND MY BOX FULL!

Weegee worked in Manhattan's Lower East Side as a press photographer during the 1930s and 1940s and developed his signature style by following the city's emergency services and documenting their activity. Much of his work depicted unflinchingly realistic scenes of urban life, crime, injury and death. Weegee published photographic books and also worked in cinema, initially making his own short films and later collaborating with film directors such as Jack Donohue and Stanley Kubrick.



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 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 email. 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). The club email 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 in order to give you a quality newsletter I need to have some time to get it all togather.

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