# "Aoogah" Newsletter

# The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

**July 2020** 

#### Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

July 21st. Business meeting via Zoom Internet

August 18th. Business meeting via Zoom Internet

August 22nd. Business Meeting At The Home Of Phil and Mary Zins \*\*

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

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.

July 16th. Third Thursday Tour - Meet at 5:00 P.M. Target Parking Lot Inver Grove Heights - Ken Schindeldecker Tour Leader

**August 20th. Third Thursday Tour** 



**GET OUT AND DRIVE!** 

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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** 

With summer officially here, the perennials are a bloomin' and so are the birthdays. We wish a very HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY to Gary Kreyer. Thank you to all those who shined up their A, and lined up for Gary's birthday parade. What a wonderful way to celebrate our club members' milestone. The Kreyer family is thankful that so many of you participated and celebrated with them, and so am I.

There was another celebration in June... Father's Day. It is the first Father's Day since Daisy has been an A, and not a B. I commonly refer to her as a Model B when she was in barns, bags, bins, buckets, boxes, blasters, body shops, separated in a billion pieces, you get the idea, and most of you, I'm sure, can relate with quite a chuckle. So, with the current state of affairs such as they are, I thought it appropriate, respectful, and honorable to take Daisy for a nice long drive on Father's Day, and my family respectfully obliged. It was a drive my father would have enjoyed thoroughly. We drove through the country, viewing the majestic views, roadside flowers, children enjoying the outdoors, bicyclists working on their 50 mile ride for the day, parents spending time together on a blanket under a tree with young children, one of which unbeknownst to the parents could not take her eyes off Daisy, she just stood, stared, and took it all in, and strangers waving that neighborly wave, the way they do in the country where life is lived in first gear. We drove through the city, albeit a small city, the hustle and bustle of getting groceries, walking Main St., quickly enjoying a Dairy Queen cone in the sun before it melts, the water enthusiasts at the boat launch preparing for an afternoon on the water, the enjoyment of the local park, and that young man who came up to me to say, "I really love your car" as he snuck a photo op. I'm sure Daisy is out there in Facebook land somewhere. It was a good long drive. One I will cherish for a very long time. One that I will always remember because it was the first, and the day the odometer reached 500 miles. On behalf of my dad, I'd like to offer you a Happy Father's Day, two thumbs up, and a big smile.

While on my long drive, it occurred to me that the National Car Collector Appreciation Day is celebrated during the month of July, but the official day is July 10, 2020 this year. The Board encourages you to drive your car in honor of this day, recognizing and remembering the vital role automotive restoration and collection has played in American society. Time is of the essence, and the clock continues to tick, don't let this celebration pass you by.

I see no advantage in these new clocks. They run no faster than the ones made 100 years ago. ~ Henry Ford ~

Just because it is new, does not mean it is better. New ones are cookie cutters designed for profit. Automotive restoration, on the other hand, takes patience, time, dedication, love, most often a torch, and more than one box of Ziploc bags. In the end, it is worth the experience, and enjoyment to be the caretaker of an automobile that embodies a living piece of history where people find themselves stopping, staring, and taking it all in.

All in. Catherine

#### Twin Cities Model A Ford Club June 16, 2020 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

The June 16, 2020 TCMAFC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Catherine Jammer via ZOOM Video Conferencing Platform.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President – Catherine Jammer, Treasurer – Mel Eder, Secretary - Catherine Kieger, Junior Board Member – David Peterson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale & Cindy Pomerleau, Gary Thorin, Steve Barnacle, Mark Leder.

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

**TREASURER REPORT:** A copy of the May Treasurer's Report was emailed to the Board, as well as members who RSVPd for the business meeting. The Midwest Swap Meet portion of the financial assets have been received, and is reflected in the report. The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund category has been renamed Anniversary Fund. Mr. Eder is waiting to receive the final insurance invoice for the year. A motion was carried to approve the May report as presented by Mr. Peterson, and seconded by Mr. Eder.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**: There were no new members for the month of May.

**MEMBERSHIP GREETING**: 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 members should call 952-212-6847 to check out tools.

SUNSHINE LADY: Cindy Pomerleau to send a bereavement card out to the family of John Galatowitsch, who passed away June 10.

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

**FACEBOOK/WEBSITE**: There are a few members who have contacted Board members regarding the position, and those people will be contacted.

#### 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, which is now reflected in the May Treasurer's Report. The division of physical property is currently the final division of the Midwest Swap Meet assets that needs to be completed. Mr Peterson has been instrumental in the division of property task, and the Board is thankful for his assistance in this area. **Summer Business Meeting Schedule** – These events are subject to change, and have been updated to reflect the current schedule.

July – ZOOM, August – Zins

**2020 Board Elections, Banquets, Awards, and Raffles** – Discussions continued regarding the upcoming Board elections, banquets, awards, raffles, and any meetings that typically take place, and how best to journey during this unprecedented time. Discussions also continued regarding any potential By Law changes that would not only affect the clubs' ability to journey in this unprecedented environment, but also any future environments that are unusual.

With sadness and gratitude for their friendship and services to our club we are announcing that these two members have passed, condolences to their families and hoping their memories give the families comfort

John Galatowitsc passed June 10th, Celebration of Life date to be determined. Wife preceded his passing

Janet Noyes passed June 16th, survived by Husband Wes Noyes and children, Memorial Service July 1 st.

# Timing and it's consequences by Steve Barnacle

Last summer my wife and I were on a trip to Nova Scotia with the Model A. We got as far as Montreal when Hurricane Dorian hit our destination so we turned back for home. We drove through Vermont with no problems, but when driving in northern New York on the north side of the finger lakes where we encountered some very steep hills. After that I began to hear some new noises coming from the engine.

When we got home I had Dave Gerold listen to the engine. Dave wasn't sure what it was so I pulled the engine out of the car at home and then took it to Dave's Garage to tear it down.

We found that the main insert and rod bearings were damaged. Dave was sure that the damage was done from having the spark too far advanced.

By having the spark too far advanced, the extreme pressures created between the bearings and journals forces the oil film from between the surfaces and there is direct contact between the crankshaft journals and the bearing surface. This condition causes the surfaces to heat up and the softer bearing material to yield, fractures and delaminate. As the bearing material yields the oil clearance increases even more and the oil is quickly forced from between the surfaces and the dreaded knocking sound becomes evident. This type of bearing failure happens with original Babbitt or more modern insert bearings. Thankfully, in my case there was no damage to the crankshaft journals or rods. Only the insert bearings shells needed to be replaced.

There is a good article on timing on pages 12-14 in the March/ April Restorer magazine.

The article says that at highway speeds the Model A engine with a standard head the spark advance should be set at 28 degrees and on a high compression head at 26 degrees. The manual spark advance level on a Model A with 11 notches is able to advance the spark as much as 40 degrees. That means by using the full down position of the spark lever is too much advancement.

When vacuum auto spark advance came out in cars it helped automatically adjusted the spark for different situations and conditions. For instance, when starting the engine there is no vacuum so the spark is retarded and after the engine starts there is a vacuum which will automatically advances the spark. When the car climbs a hill the engine is under a load where the vacuum drops and then the spark is automatically retarted. The Model A's doesn't have vacuum to control the spark so it has to be done manually

Looking back to my trip in Northern New York I went up some pretty long and steep hills. I did retard the spark a little bit but maybe not enough. Plus I stayed in 3<sup>rd</sup> gear and with my foot pushing hard on the gas peddle to try and keep my speed and engine RPM's up. The results were that I was not able to keep my speed or RPM's up so the results were that I was lugging the engine. My speed had dropped as low as 18mph. What I should of done was down shift to 2nd gear to keep the RPM's up and advance the spark to the normal position

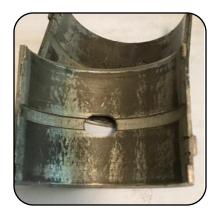
Dave is right, my bearing problems were caused by improper spark adjustment for the conditions.

Different engine RPM's and driving conditions require different spark settings.

Make sure that the spark advance setting changes with the different driving conditions. Starting, idling, city streets, highways and hills.

Note: About 30,000 miles ago my engine was rebuilt and included insert bearings and a HC head.

Thanks to Dave Gerold and his help writing this article.





# **Members Keeping Busy**







Phil Zins has worked his way around the problem of having to remove the original popout ignition cable clamp from the head should you need to remove the distributor body. In the original set up you are advised to drain the coolant down before removing and then you need to deal with re torqueing the head and worrying about disturbing the head gasket and potential leaks. His skillful machine work on the original clamp with a modification solves it.





Here Richard Darling shows us his attention to detail and organizational skills. Spare parts labeled and categorized. Before rebuilding the Zenith carburetor on the bench all the parts are laid out. Note all the lower parts are next to the lower unit for reference and assembly to that section. The same is true for the upper half. The brass item in the far right is a go/no go gauge Richard has made to test the wear in the throttle shaft area.



Vince Smith found a great way to keep the ever messy grease gun in a clean and handy storage container. Simply using an empty one gallon oil container modified by cutting two holes in it. The excess grease that is alway present leaking from the tip is now contained in the leakproof container. It also stores well on the shelf or the floor



#### FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :

#### TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

For Sale: Rebuilt engines in stock.

Trade in or bring me yours to re-build. Precision machining and assembly work. Call Dave Gerold for options and pricing at (952) 290-3630 or see my website

www.durableperformance.net

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

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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.

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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

<u>Wanted:</u> 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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Wanted: NOS or workable Bendix starter drive (A-11350-DR) for early 1/2" starter shaft. Call Wayland

Porter 651-261-9662

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

#### July Birthdays



<b>Howard Thorsheim</b>	July/1	Sharon Ferch	July/13	Nancy Dickson	July/18
Kathy Dunlap	July/3	Robert (Bob) Nelson	July/14	Judy Jellings	July/19
Paul Stark	July/5	William Westervelt	July/14	Jon Lord	July/21
Allison Rausch	July/6	David Birno	July/15	Gerald Aamodt	July/22
Robert Reedquist	July/7	Russell Isakson	July/15	Jim Thyr	July/22
Alice Eckhoff	July/8	Kim Lowinger	July/16	Mary Curtis	July/24
Linda Schindeldecker	July/8	Chester Reitan	July/16	Gilbert Scholz	July/27
Patrick Wolfgram	July/8	Mike Bjorn	July/17	Jim Kelly	July/28
Rusty Nelson	July/9	Evonne Tauer	July/17	Kent Larson	July/28

#### Third Thursday Tour Led by Bob Butek by Lynn Groven

Bob Butek was the host / tour guide for the June tour.

He postponed it from Thursday June 18th to Friday June 19th, due to bad weather conditions.

It was a good thing that he did, as Friday was a beautiful day.

We met in the Target parking lot in Inver Grove Heights at 5:00.

Ken Huber came and gave each individual (or family group) a vintage picnic set. Each set was different. Ours has a wooden case, which will go in our woodie wagon. It contains 2 thermoses, dishes, enamel cups and silverware. Others were suitcase style or a thermos in a carrying case, interestingly, some locking.











We wound our way to Newport where we picked up 3 more Model A's, driven by Mike Buhl, Steve Gray and Thom Boche. Dave and Cathy Kieger joined us driving modern. From there, we drove to St Paul Park and stopped at an old gas station that has been converted into office space. The outside is still old looking and includes signs, visible pumps and a mural.







Bob led us on some really scenic backroads to Grey Island. Dave Jasper, the owner of the private 16 acre estate, was there to greet us. His family members were dressed in era clothing and there was 1920's music streaming out of the massive house.

The setting was right on the river and oh so gorgeous!





# 20 years of hunting and collecting





Member Ken Huber collector and caretaker of classic American goods decided after 20 years of searching, collecting, repairing and learning about vintage picnic sets that his mission had come to an end. With his enjoyment of the hunt filled as well as his storage spaces, he was determined to spread the joy and satisfaction of owning a picnic set to TCMAFC members and friends. Ken distributed his collection to a number of our members and only asked that they get as much enjoyment from them as he did assembling the collection.





# MARC Mileage Award Recipients

Congratulations for the 2019 reporting year to Mark Leder for the 1st of many for his 1931 Slant Window at the 2,000 mile level. Tom Owens raised the bar by reaching the 30,000 mile level in his 1930 Standard coupe.

If you haven't already joined the MARC Mileage Program, consider doing so now. Registration forms are on the MARC website or contact Dale Pomerleau, the Mileage Coordinator for our Region. This is a fun MARC program, and a real deal for a one time \$1.00 per registered vehicle

# Using proper social distancing techniques Dale Pomerleau hands out the awards



### Questions, Young Men, Model A's and a United States Senator. By Mark Leder

Ask a question and get the answer, the answer makes you curious and you need to follow up with more questions. I asked club member Eric Thompson how he got started with Model A's, he told me at age seventeen in 1967 he bought the car he restored and still has. This was the era of the "muscle car", what young guy wanted a 37 year-old car with 4 cylinders? It turns out Eric used to babysit a neighbor's children whose parents were Rudy and Ellen Boschwitz. Rudy created the 72-store chain of Plywood Minnesota stores and then went on to become a two term United States Senator for Minnesota. He had a very respected run as our Senator. He had a Model A and Eric became intrigued with the car and Rudy let him tinker and help out with the Model A.

Questions need more answers, I was able to contact Senator Boschwitz via telephone and explained I was a member of TCMAFC and editor of our newsletter. He was gracious enough to endure my questions and I had a wonderful experience of him walking me thru part of this history.

Senator Boschwitz came to Minnesota in the early 1960's with the desire to open what became the large chain of home remodeling materials stores known as Plywood Minnesota. As he told me at that time he owned a Buick Invicta, a car that earned the nickname "the bankers hotrod" among the car enthusiasts. It was stylish and had a big engine. There seemed to be a softness in his voice as he recalled the car. He recounted that he sold that car as he needed capital to move forward on his desire to create Plywood Minnesota. With the Buick sold for decent money he bought a 1930 Model A Fordor from a man studying for the ministry who wanted to marry and could no longer afford to own his Model A with the changes to his life and his new responsibilities.

So, in 1963 a very proud Model A owner named Rudy now owned that Fordor.

It was not his first Model A, Rudy always liked Model A's. When he was in the US Army in Hawaii in 1954-1955, he bought a 1930 Model A with a rumble seat. After his service duty in Hawaii ended, he wanted to bring it home but as a PFC his rank was too low for the government to ship it to the mainland when his tour was over as it did for more highly ranked personnel. He sold it and went home. He knew the Model A. it was dependable, inexpensive to own, operate and it had character. Most of all it was fun!

Rudy in those years was not yet a Senator but a determined man needing to get a business dream he had become a reality. He drove the Model A to his suppliers and negotiated for goods and services with some of the proceeds of the sale of the Buick Invicta with his banker's style desk size check book. It may have not been a flashy car, but it got him around and it was as comfortable as an old flannel shirt which later became a Rudy Boschwitz trademark. Rudy knew that he needed to pay his suppliers rather than spend money on a flashy car so he would get by with his old friend the dependable Model A.

The concept he had was solid, he was genuine and took care of his customers and suppliers and he stretched the chain of stores across 8 states and had 72 stores. He became a fixture on television with his advertisements with much recognition. With success as a businessman and a desire to serve the public he agreed to run for the United States Senate and was elected and served two terms. He was in office from December 30 th. 1978 - January 3<sup>rd</sup> of 1991. He served his terms with a desire to make our country stronger and better. After his terms expired, he was asked by then President George H W Bush in 1991 to act as his Emissary to Ethiopia to negotiate airlifting 14,325 oppressed Black Ethiopian Jewish people for resettlement in Israel. That remarkable airlift was accomplished in two days. Later President George W Bush named Senator Boschwitz in 2005 as his United States Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which met in Switzerland. He continues to serve on various committees and boards

So, what are the last questions you can ask? "Senator what ever happened to the car?" Answer "Oh I still have it, needs some work as it's been in storage for some time, I'd like to get it running". Again, there seems to be a softness in his voice. "Senator what can we do to help you get it going? are your children or grandchildren interested in it.? What can TCMAFC do!"

I 've asked the questions and hope to get more answers.

#### **This And That**

A birthday parade was assembled for Gary Kreyer this month to celebrate his 80th birthday, it was a warm and sunny day







THE AOOGAH NEWSLETTER HAS RECEIVED THE MARC AWARD OF CONTINUING EXCELLENCE FOR THE YEAR 2019 - MARK LEDER, EDITOR

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