

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

May 2023

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- May 20th. Spring Tune Up Clinic. At The Home of Jeff And Carisa Halter
June 4th. Model A Days - Clinton WI.
June 10th. Pancake Breakfast At The Home Of Dave And Jean Gerold
June 24th. Gangster Tour See Page 11
August 12th. Yellowstone Trail Day Event
October 2 - 6 The Great Northern Tour



Looking forward to seeing you at the Tune Up Clinic

**Clinics from now on will be held at St. Michaels's Lutheran Church
located at 1660 County Road B W, Roseville, Mn.**

WEBSITE: WWW.TCMACFORG.COM meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Enter at door #2

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



President's Letter

TCMAFC Presidents Letter

Dear Club Members

May 2023

As you likely expect, I write my presidents letter shortly after the Restoration Clinic of the previous month. Since it is fresh on the mind, I usually say something about the one we just had. The April Restoration Clinic had Blaine Maus present the rebuilding of Shift Towers. He showed how to inspect various parts for wear and his experiences in taking them apart and reinstallation. His presentation was outstanding. Very good job in gathering materials, pictures and talking through the materials. Well Done!

Now that it is May, Time to think about getting out the Model A and finding the list of items needing to get done on it. A great opportunity in getting your car in tip top shape is the Tune Up Clinic on May 20th. Bring or trailer your Model A there as we have a great group of experts at various stations to help you. Remember to order and bring your own parts (and Oil, Grease, etc.). These usually prove to be a huge success and help keep our cars on the road and going to our summer events.

In June we will have our annual Pancake Breakfast with details in the newsletter. It's a great event where we will serve you a wonderful breakfast and then have a mystery tour organized by Steve Barnacle. I hear his tours are very good as he is our current High Mileage Award winner.

Summer also has us conducting our TCMAFC Business Meetings at various members homes. If you want to learn about the inner workings of our club but don't want to join the monthly Zoom Calls, here is a great chance to check it out. There is usually a pot luck dinner and plenty of fellowship.

That's all for now.

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road!

Jerome Bokelmann

Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for April 11th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Via Zoom Internet

Attendance: Board Members present: President –Jerome Bokelmann, Vice President -Marc Rude, Senior Board - Deb Persing, Treasurer – Doug Portlance, Secretary - Mark Leder. Members present: Dale Pomerleau, Past President - Thom Boche, Jerry Shilling, Doug Persing, Robeta Butek, and Peter Trence. Jerome Bokelmann called the meeting to order and conducted the board members in accordance of his duties to meet in the monthly scheduled meeting.

Secretary's report: The President asked if there were any corrections or additions to the report for the March printed copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Marc Rude to accept the March minutes as printed in the Ahoogah Newsletter in April. The motion was seconded by Thom Boche and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasures report:

Doug Portlance presented the treasures report, it was shared on the screens of those present and a paper copy will be retained with the official club notes. Doug Portlance highlighted how close the budget after it's 12 months run came to the projected needs. The budget was very close, and President Bokelmann praised the previous board and it's past President for their ability to maintain a very good financial position for the club. A motion was made to accept the treasurers report as presented by Marc Rude and the motion was seconded by Mark Leder and the motion was passed unanimously.

Membership Report:

Our Membership director has two new members for consideration for membership, those presented are as follows: Brian Ross of Andover MN., and Eric Larson of Bayport MN. Thom Boche made a motion to accept those as presented for membership in the club. A second to the motion was made by Doug Portlance and the motion was passed unanimously. We also acknowledged the renewal of the membership of Victor Jenson

Membership Greeter: Our official greeter will be given the list of new members to contact.

Clinics: Our next clinic we will have a presentation on the shift tower. Blaine Maus will be our presenter.

Women's Clinic: There is an open position that we would like someone to fill and coordinate activities. If interested contact any board member.

Sunshine Lady: No one to reach out to this month

Newsletter: All running well, asking for items for submission as early as possible and looking for members to contribute content.

Calendar Of Events: Marc Rude is still looking for people who want to be placed on a list to be notified of pop up mini tours or driving events.

Fundraising Raffle: We are continuing to build on fund raising ideas, topic of a 50/50 money draw at clinics or popular events was brought up and it looks like we will try it soon. Once again, we will have a generous donation of brake drums/ service work to include in a raffle this year.

Unfinished Business: Scott Huberty has been working on a St. Paul Gangster tour perhaps with a stop at the Wabasha Caves. Details will be published in the newsletter

50/50 drawing will be tried at our next clinic and at the Tune Up Clinic

Possibility of Club participation in the Minnesota State Fair parade, this is being researched

Sunshine Lady name will be shorted to Sunshine

Tom Wesenberg's Model A which has been proposed as a donation to the club is still unfinished business as proper title and concerns as to who has the right to release it to the club still is uncertain.

New Business: Coffee Social – Minnesota State Highway Patrol Model A - April 29th.

Tune Up Clinic - May 20th. hosted by Jeff and Carisa Halter

Pancake Breakfast – June 10th. hosted by Dave and Jean Gerold along with a Mystery Tour

Great Northern Tour – October 2nd- 6th. Question can be answered by Doug Persing

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Portlance, it was seconded by Marc Rude and the vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 8:06 P.M

Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

Announcing the 2023 Great Northern Tour October 2nd—October 6th

The Twin Cities Model A Ford Club will be hosting the Great Northern Tour in Hayward Wisconsin. A block of rooms has reserved at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Hayward for \$140 per night. Beat the rush and reserve your room today.

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NEW PHOTO CONTEST FOR 2023

This contest will have two categories. "General" and "Scavenger Hunt" Choose either or both. Each member family may submit a **total** of 6 photos. These must be photos taken in 2023, the contest will end in the month of November. Photos will need to be submitted as a printed item. I cannot accept digital files.

Here is what the contest is about. Photos must have some tie in to Model A Fords, or a club event then these photos can go into the "General Category"

The second "Theme" category will be similar to a scavenger hunt. Because Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes the key word is "Lake". This category will need some tie into the image, word or ?? along with a Model A or club event. This is your chance to show how clever your submission is. Think this thru and make it **special**, wait for that special moment to take the photo or frame the photo to show beauty, humor, nature, etc. at its best or worse. – you choose and make the judges really consider the efforts you took to create this photo. It's too easy to just pose a Model A in front of a lake on a normal summer day. Make this different!!

Opportunities to gather with some of your friends and catch up

Saturdays	Model A'ers Lunch At Flaherty's Arden Bowl In Arden Hills
Wednesday	Model A' ers Lunch Held On The Second Wednesday Of The Month And On The Fourth Wednesday Of The Month At The Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd.
Thursday	Model A'ers Breakfast Held On The Second And Fourth Thursday Of Each Month At McDonald's Near I-494 And Valley Creek Road In Woodbury at 9:00 AM

FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :**TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR**Mark Leder mleder22@aol.com

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Two wheel steel box trailer, (Factory made (BenHur brand) in 1946) Uses Model A Ford wheels. 1913-14 Model T Ford differential. Six vintage out board motors, probably from 1930s. Darel Leipold 952 474 5880 (work) leipold@leipolds.org
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- Wanted:** Front shock assemblies for 29 Tudor Sedan. Contact : Clancy 763-291-8888
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- Wanted:** Good bellhousing for a 1929 Model A. Can be with or without clutch pedals and shaft.
Contact Jon Buesing 651 - -484 - 0759 Ok to leave message.
- Wanted:** Herbrand Style (Fox Valley & others) Coil & Condenser Tester. Dale Pomerleau
dfpomerleau@comcast.net. 763 - 458 - 9880
- For Sale:** N.O.S. standard compression head-magnafluxed, set of new old reproduction stock 1930 running boards with black pyramid matting and stainless steel molding. Each item \$300.00 cash or reasonable offer. Vintage Porcelain (empty) Jim Beam Decanter 1928 Ford Model A Rumble Seat Cabriolet Tan Black \$20 cash. Contact Jim Kelly 651-398-4918 or indymaggie@comcast.net
- For Sale:** One new 21" Firestone white wall tire \$175.00, engine stand \$50.00. Contact Gary Kreyer 763 - 607 -1357
- For Sale:** Rebuildable Model A Ford engine. serial # A809223—Dec 1928. complete except for clutch and transmission. call for details \$500. firm. John Pole @612-810-6811 or johnfpole@gmail.com
- For Sale:** 1929 Model A Blindback. Very nice older restoration, clean interior, runs good, many new parts with receipts and notes. Needs work on brakes and steering for highway use. Also needs frame sag correction. Priced at \$12,000. Email Rod Coleman at rcolem@hotmail.com for photos and details. Serious inquiries only.

- Wanted:** Wanted: Back issues of the AOOGAH NEWS magazines from 1962-1972. Contact Gary Thorin
612-788-1564 garythorin@yahoo.com
- 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
- Wanted:** I'm looking for car storage for some of my Model A's . I'm located in Plymouth MN. and desire something close to me. Contact: Chuck Cloutier 612 - 516 - 7010.
- Wanted:** 30 -31 front fenders. Also 30 - 31 rear fenders for coupe/pickup. Rog Anderson 651-457-8820
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- For Sale:** Two complete front seats for 1930 TUDOR. Contact Dave Peterson 612-221-0282

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

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Patrolman, restored cruiser are real troopers

Russ Forsberg does an inventory of the glistening black highway patrol car. There's the siren, the cowl lights. The oval red patrol sign on the fender is just the same as he remembers, and the little red round light with the gold star painted on its lens is right there in the middle of the grill, just like it always was.

"That light was the dangest thing," Russ says, chuckling.

"Every time the captain was looking for you, he had no trouble spotting you if that light was on. Unless you over-twisted the bulb a little, of course. Happened a few times," he says with a wink.

The Minnesota State Patrol cruiser is a 67-year-

old coupe, a 1930 Model A Ford just unveiled in its totally renovated state, and the car takes Russ, 90, back to the early adventures of a career in police work. He drove one just like it after he joined the state patrol in 1930, the year after the patrol was formed.

There were 70 troopers in 1930 — there are 510 today — and Russ and his partner covered 12 counties all by themselves in their Model A, stuffing rags around the doors in the winter to stay warm. Russ even found a way to flirt with suspension from duty because he insisted on having a very modern piece of equipment in his car.

"The police radio made our work easier," says



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Russ. "Before we had the radio, we just drove around and kept our eyes open. The Minneapolis Police Department had all kinds of radios, though, and they gave me one for our patrol car."

He had it installed, but the patrol chief, who didn't believe in radios, found out about the gadget and told Russ to get rid of it.

"So we told our mechanic to put it under the dash. Then the chief found out we still had it and he told me *again* to get rid of it. I had the shop move my radio to the trunk."

One day when Russ was patrolling out in the wilderness, he was summoned by the chief, who wanted to know if Russ still had that dang radio. Russ admitted that he did, and then the chief wanted to know how far it worked.

"I'm in Shakopee," Russ said.

Not long after that, all Minnesota State Patrol vehicles were fitted with radios.

On Thursday, Russ and the re-



The early days of the Minnesota State Patrol brought troopers John Franklin, left, and Russ Forsberg to the job, along with their new patrol car, a Model A Ford coupe, shown here in 1931.

stored Model A were the stars of Retired Trooper's Day at the Minnesota Patrol Training Academy in Shoreview. All of the nearly 100 old troopers had adventures to tell about, but no one goes back as far as Russ and that old Model A, which has just been restored to factory condition by members of

the Twin Cities Model A Club.

Forty members of that club — some of them so specialized they only work on rear axles or engines — put 1,000 to 1,200 hours of work and \$10,000 in parts into the Model A last fall and winter. It is as it was when it rolled out of Henry Ford's factory, and it's ready to be

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driven in shows and parades around the state. Russ was just happy to see one again.

"My partner took after a big, fast Hudson one time, and we not only stayed with it but we pulled it over. The driver of the Hudson said, 'What in hell are you guys driving that's so fast?' We told him, and he said he could outrun a Ford.

"On the straightaways," Russ' partner told the guy. "We beat you in the turns."

The speed limit on Minnesota roads was 45 mph in those early days of highway travel, and the Ford had a top speed of between 65 and 85, depending on whose stories you listen to.

When Russ was not chasing speeders, he was educating drivers to stop for stop signs.

"I had one guy drive around the block four times so that he could practice stopping. He was disgusted.

"I also rode motorcycles, big old Harleys," Russ says. "One time a guy on an Excelsior pulled up and said he could beat me in a race if I'd let him use my grease gun to loosen his cycle up.

"I let him use my grease gun and I still beat him."

Russ didn't like the motorcycles, though. He was coming around the corner at Snelling and Como once, lost control and wound up in a heap against the curb.

"I woke up in a squad car and had to keep my head wrapped in ice for 10 days. I hit that curb so hard with my head that I think I chipped the concrete."

Russ also remembers stopping one time in the 1930s alongside a car that had a flat tire. The occupants said they were seminary students and told him it was his Christian duty to change their tire. He jacked the car up, then said they could take it the rest of the way themselves, with God's help.

"They complained that they'd get their clothes dirty, and I told them I didn't especially want to dirty my uniform on their car. Then they began swearing and I figured they weren't divinity students."

The back seat of the car was full of women who seemed to be hiding something under the robes on their laps. Russ later figured

the women were hiding the tommy guns.

"After that, my partner and I went for coffee and saw newspaper pictures of some of John Dillinger's henchmen. I drew a mustache on one of them, and there was the seminary student."

The Twin Cities Model A Club's labor on the patrol car was a gift, and the car was formally presented to the patrol by club officers Dick Punchard and Werner Langenbach. It'll be driven around the state this summer by another patrol retiree, Phil Hodapp.

Russ Forsberg retired from the patrol in 1963, a couple of years after he was injured when a truck plowed into his patrol car at an accident scene out in Golden Valley.

"The hospital was full of victims, so my friends had to haul me home with my injuries. That was the one thing I always dreaded — going home hurt."

Russ waves his cane in the air. "And I'm still suffering from it!"

Don Boxmeyer's column runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Russ Forsberg, 90, helped celebrate Retired Trooper's Day this week by breaking in the upholstery of this restored 1930 Model A patrol car. Forsberg is the oldest retired trooper of the Minnesota State Patrol.



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April Clinic

We have been starting each of our clinic nights with a swap meet which seems to be a great social interaction, over the displays of sale items there are many opportunities to greet your friends and introduce yourself to others and find out what is going on each one's lives.

We had a detailed presentation from Blaine Maus, he took on the project of rebuilding the shift tower assembly. There were three variations used thru the production run, although most of them are split between two types. The greatest difference is the placement of the emergency brake lever and the physical design of it. This assembly gets its share of punishment with each gear change and over the life of the cars now in their mid 90 years of life you will see a lot of accumulated wear. Blaine guided us thru the differences in the model years and then took us thru the disassembly, parts inspection, build up, machining and re assembly. He alerted us to the special tool needed to deal with the heavy-duty spring under the shift lever and the cautions of the power of that spring.

After this detailed presentation, he thanked some of the members for their help working with him to learn about the refurbishment of this component and Blaine announced that he will be donating the shift towers to the club to be used as a fundraising effort.

We also had Jasper Bond bring some new technology to show, he found a set of wireless turn signals that attach easily and were originally marketed to be used on bicycles and he thinks these are just the item for those not wanting to make permanent changes to a car that may be judged but want to drive, also the ease in which they install will encourage some to install. Ken Huber had an interesting story of his recent trip to New Zealand and his interaction with the vintage car community there, he was welcomed with open arms and I'm sure this club would and has done for visitors thru out the years.





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Steve Barnacle receives the MARC Mileage Award
for 60,000 miles driven in his Model A- WOW!

Model A's To Go Back In Time With A Gangster Tour! Saturday Afternoon, June 24

Many of us know that the City of St. Paul has a rich history with the gangster era of the 1930's. The TCMAFC has a great opportunity to relive some of this history by way of a special event coming up on the afternoon of Saturday, June 24. We are able to offer a special opportunity for Club Members to gather with their Model A's and period attire (including Tommy Guns!) at the Wabasha Street Caves where we will go on a motorcoach tour of places around St. Paul that were notable sites during this gangster era. We will also have a chance for a tour of the Wabasha Street Caves to experience this unique place and learn about its interesting history.

The specific start and ending times of the event are not yet identified as we are coordinating our event with some other groups. What we can tell you is that the Gangster Tour will require about two hours and the Cave Tour takes about 45 minutes. We will have the option for people to do one, or both, of these activities. We can also tell you that the Gangster Tour will probably require a fee of \$40.00 per person, while the combined Gangster Tour and Cave Tour will cost \$50.00 per person.

More details of the event, such as a confirmation on event costs and specific event times will be coming in May, but we want you to start thinking about this now. You also need to know that currently we may have a limit on how many can participate, so start contacting Scott Huberty by phone, email, or text message to hold your spot! Scott can be contacted at: Cell: 612-518-3330, email: sahuberty@gmail.com

REMINDERS:

Tune Up Clinic needs tables, volunteer for mechanical helpers, bring food items to share - call Carisa Halter

RSVP To the Pancake Breakfast, volunteer to help

Photo Contest picture opportunities

Model A Day in Clinton Wisconsin is June 4th



On May 20th. our annual Spring Tune Up Clinic will be held at the home of Jeff & Carisa Halter's
10480 Heather Lane Corcoran, MN 55374.

You will have the opportunity to work with fellow club members to learn and teach others how to maintain a Model A. Bring your car or a project you would like to work on. There will be experienced Model A mechanics to ask your questions to. We have space for a Swap Meet items.

Tools and equipment will be on hand to be used on the projects. Further details will be available in future newsletters and at our clinics. Plan on ordering and bringing any parts you may need for this day.

Contact Dave Peterson at 612-221-0282 or dpete40131@gmail.com He is looking forward to finding out what projects you are interested in and who is willing to volunteer at this event.

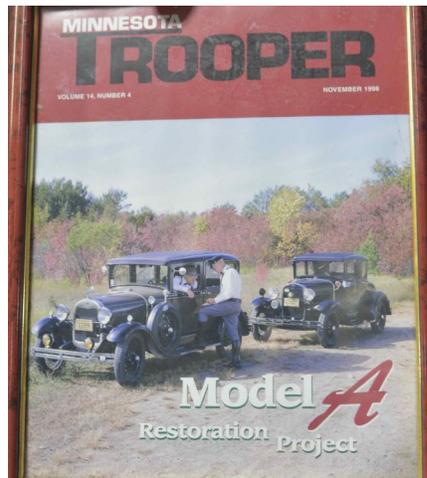
Bring a chair and if you have a table to be used for the lunch set up please bring it, The Halter's will be supplying meats, buns, coffee and water, member should contact them at 612-263-3251 with what they will bring for food to share. A Porta Potty and ample parking will be available.

State Patrol Car Coffee Social

For those who missed this morning, there was donuts, coffee and a wonderful opportunity to see just what this club has accomplished making a Model A an ambassador for people to interact with the very professional, important law enforcement group known as the Minnesota Highway Patrol. This group of professional people keep us safe and respond when unfortunate actions happen on and near our highways and they also supervise the security at our state capitol buildings. The Highway Patrol operates from boarder to boarder of our state and is identified with immaculate uniforms and a very strict code of conduct and procedures.

We had the opportunity to see and educate our members and the patrol members about this car originally restored in 1997 by our members, some of which were in attendance. Werner Langenbach a TCMAFC member in this time period was the "quarterback" on this project, parceling out work projects to specific teams , deadlines and parts procurement. He was in attendance and club president Jerome Bockelmann conducted an interview and discussion with him in front of those assembled describing just how this was all pulled off.

This car will soon be seen at Public Service Day at the state capitol on May 16th, the Back to The 50's car show this summer and the Minnesota State Fair and hopefully more events.



Zoom into to the Restoration Clinic May 18th. We are trying to use today's technology to keep our distant members connected with those of us present at the Clinics. Please come to the meetings as we all know greeting , interacting and asking questions leads to a stronger organization. Those zooming in will be spectators as we probably cannot devote a moderator to select member questions and comments. We are going to try this and would like your feed back and comments should you have any. You may send those comments to :

newsletter.tcmafc@gmail.com

7 - 9 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6172683010?pwd=VEZSeWQxaUV2cGlhMDJKVHhpcVlQZz09>

Minnesota Patrol Caretakers of the Model A



Trooper Lee Gear, Major Joe Dwyer, Jerome Bokelmann and Trooper John Farmakes



Major Joe Dwyer learns the fine points of the Model A from Dale Pomerleau



Werner Langenbach with Jerome Bokelmann



John Farmakes presents a beautiful plaque of appreciation to TCMAFC



National Club Affiliation Information

Members are encouraged to belong to one or both of the National Model A Ford clubs. Benefits of membership include six high quality magazines for the year, ability to place advertisements in each of the publications as well as many technical and historical articles that relate to the hobby and time period of these vehicles. Each of the clubs host national meets, tours and social events. Products and services are reviewed and advertised in the publications and you get a overall view of where the direction of the Model A Ford enthusiasts car hobby is headed. Each club has an on line presence with well executed websites. Contact information for the each of the national clubs are



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