

# "Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

October 2022

## Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- Saturdays** Model A'ers Lunch At Flaherty's Arden Bowl In Arden Hills
- Wednesdays** Model A'ers Lunch Held On The Second Wednesday Of The Month at Flaherty's , And On The Fourth Wednesday Of The Month At The Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Rd.
- Thursdays** 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
- All Month** Get Busy Taking Pictures For The Photo Contest
- October 11th.** Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Thom Boche For Meeting Invitation Code
- October 20th.** Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville
- October 23rd.** Nomination Banquet At DeGidio's Restaurant 425 7th St . W. St. Paul



Clara Gordon Bow was an American actress who rose to stardom during the silent film era of the 1920s and was nicknamed "the it girl". She made the transition to "talkies" in 1929.

**Clinics 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

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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.tcmaf.org](http://www.tcmaf.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**

The September TCMAFC Business Meeting was NOT held on September 13th, 2022, as no quorum was established. I wish to thank all who were online and attended, and we appreciate your patience.

As we continue our normal meeting schedule, the next TCMAFC Business Meeting will be on October 11th, 2022, via the ZOOM platform. ALL members are graciously invited to attend. If you wish to attend, please email me ([thomboche@aol.com](mailto:thomboche@aol.com)), and you will be added to the list of invitees. Please RSVP well in advance of the date and time of the meeting. The October Clinic will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church in Roseville. Contact Dale Pomerleau for more information.

The Nominations Banquet will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at DeGidio's. Please see the flyer in last month's issue of the Aogah News. Signup for the event runs through October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please return your RSVP to Deb Persing!

The Whitewater Tour was a huge success!! The rolling hills and beautiful countryside was just what our Model As needed! Just a wonderful tour! Thanks to all those folks who made it possible to return to Whitewater Park and the surrounding area.

The St. Helena Autumn Daze parade took place on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and was a well attended event for the spectators! The younger generation got a great look into the past! There were three Model As for the event that represented Legion 99 and the VFW, in South Minneapolis.

Mark Leder is looking for entries for the Photo Contest which ends on November 18th!

Nominations for the annual Spark Plug and Lifetime Membership awards, begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to email or hand your handwritten Spark Plug Award nominations to a Board Member for the before the November Business Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, the emailed, or handwritten Lifetime Membership nominations should be given to any Past President prior to 9:00 AM on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The Past President's Breakfast meeting (for Past President's and significant others ONLY) will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00. Look for more detailed information in the coming weeks concerning the Past President's breakfast.

We're moving forward together. We'll see you down the road!

Stay safe. Stay healthy.

Thom

## September 13th Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform

This meeting was attempted at the appointed time and date however a quorum is required of present Board Members and we were unable to have enough Board Members present. No official business was transacted

## First Restoration Clinic Of The Year

The kick off restoration clinic for September was a parking lot swap meet as well as many items that were able to be carried into the building. There were donated items put on a silent auction organized by Mark Leder. Following the swap & general agenda items Steve Barnacle gave us the shortened presentation on one of his & Leah's recent trips to Nashville, Tennessee in his Model A.

**October Clinic** will be presented by Jerome Bokelmann. He will show you how he added turn signals to his Model A keeping it 6 volt and using a generator and the ability to remove it without any noticeable changes.

We are actively searching for presenters at our clinics. We want to have a full schedule for the season so please consider taking pictures and notes on what you are doing and sharing it with others. We all started somewhere in this hobby lets make it easier for the new members using that knowledge, experience as well as the mistakes!

Don't forget to bring in those homemade tools, display items, or an item for our 'Whatzit'. This can be any item you just don't know what it is and does not have to be Model A related, many mysteries have been solved by our members with such diverse backgrounds.

We had a nice turn out for this clinic and we also got the opportunity to have at least three first time members in attendance. We had an interesting show and tell item. Jim Lake in the last month was enjoying a nice drive in his 1931 wide bed pickup and came to a very sudden stop after hitting a sizeable pot hole at a speed which he thinks was 35 mph or more. With the support of a couple of club members on the same drive he was able to move it to the side of the road, however his right rear wheel was locked up and holding the pickup nearly still. A tow truck was called and it was transported to his home.

As Jim told us he removed his rear brake drum and found the emergency brake carrier cracked and distorted with the brake band out of position and springs disconnected. A few knowledgeable people are of the opinion that the jolt of the pothole either broke or dislodged a spring and then the brake band jumped out of position and got caught up breaking the carrier. One of our brake experts consulted on this has seen this before and he recommends that the spring eye be bent to a more closed position.



**This is a serious piece of steel that was broken**

### Model A Ford Club Of America Longevity Milestones

Your fellow club members have supported this national organization and have been recognized for their long time memberships

#### 50 Years

James and Gail Peters

#### 40 Years

Mark and Sue Leder  
Darel and Laverna Leipold

#### 35 Years

Jerry Schilling

#### 30 Years

Dennis Lind  
Miles and Kris Lindberg  
Jim and Sharon Schleicher

#### 25 Years

Jerome Bokelmann

### 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 below.



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**La Habra CA, 90631-551**  
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**<https://mafca.com>**

## ***CLINICS ARE BACK AT ST MICHAELS CHURCH IN ROSEVILLE***

*Brake Drum Raffel tickets will be available at this and future clinics*

*\$5.00 per ticket or get the "deal" - \$20.00 for 5 tickets.*

Photo Contest for 2022 will end on November 18th

*Anything Model A related is acceptable and we have the extra special category submission involving the subject of Ice Cream for this year. There will be prizes, bragging rights and publication in the Newsletter . Three photos per member or total of six for a member household. Photos must be printed for judging and digital files may be requested for the winning entries for publication.*

***I've already accepted our first entry and I'm eagerly awaiting many more.  
Entries may be dropped off to your Editor at the clinics, club events or mailed***

## **Board Positions for the 2023 year**

**We have openings for the up coming year that need to be filled . This club is succesful due to the talent and hard work that board members have put forth. Please join the board and bring your ideas and talent to TCMAFC. Talk to one of the current or past board members and ask what the duties are. It's not overly time consuming and there is plenty of help to make you feel comfortable taking on one of these positions.**

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

- 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](http://www.durableperformance.net)
- For Sale:** For sale” 30-31 wheels - \$10 to 25 each. Some nice ones., all usable. Model 30 Rajo head for Model T. With manifold. Special price for club members. Model A exhaust manifold. One heater type, (no cover) - all reasonable. Two 21 inch tires with good tread, free. Pair odd rear commercial fenders for Model A. \$40.  
Darel Leipold 0952 474 5880 (work) [leipold@leipolds.org](mailto:leipold@leipolds.org)
- 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
- Wanted :** Title for a '30 - '31 Tudor. Contact Butch Warnke 507 - 485 - 3548
- Wanted :** Rear windowshade for 1930 town sedan or ? , also damper (flipper) round control to go thru firewall for manifold heater, 4 (Four) window cranks for 1930 Tudor, or similar Call Jack Hooper 218 426 3344 Home or 218 232 2412 Cell
- For Sale:** 1930 magnafluxed O.K. cylinder head (not H C) asking \$50.00, 1 pair 1929 org. headlight baskets with 2 bulb style good reflectors and good glass- suggested \$50.00. 1 front fender brace-headlamp bar \$15.00.  
Contact Jack 218 - 426 -3344
- 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. 1930/1931 Model A front bumper \$30 or reasonable offer, Four 19 inch Model A wheels, \$60 all four wheels or reasonable offer, cash payments only. Contact Jim Kelly 651-398-4918 or [indymaggie@comcast.net](mailto:indymaggie@comcast.net)
- Wanted:** 1928-29 Coupe rear bumper braces. I do not need bumpers. Contact Gary Anderson 651 - 776 - 8387
- For Sale:** One new 21" Firestone white wall tire \$175.00, engine stand \$50.00. Contact Gary Kreyer 763 - 607 -1357

- Wanted:** Wanted: Back issues of the AOOGAH NEWS magazines from 1962-1972. Contact Gary Thorin  
612-788-1564 [garythorin@yahoo.com](mailto:garythorin@yahoo.com)
- Trade:** I have a 28-29 Quail radiator cap and want to trade it for a 30-31 style. Contact Norbert Jensen Cell 612- 209 - 9195 or Home 952 - 469 - 2741
- 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
- For Sale:** Script tire gauge \$60.00, Rexco Oil Pressure gauge and bracket \$40.00, TCMAFC log belt buckle \$25.00  
Accordion running board luggage holder \$25.00 . Dennis Larson 952 -937 -2362
- For Sale:** Rebuilt transmission for 29 - 31. - \$1000. Includes: Shifter tower, u joint assembly and front transmission seal kit. Total rebuilt transmission, has not been used since rebuild. No exchange core needed. Shipping not included. Contact Dick Pirkel - 608-839-8220 or e-mail [dmpirk@tds.net](mailto:dmpirk@tds.net)
- For Sale:** 1930 Town Sedan, 4 door, B engine New upholstery, clock in the mirror, white wall tires  
Never had body off restoration because it never needed it. Original rubber on running board  
This car has had a very good life. Maroon body with red wheels and a spotlight , \$15,000 Norbert Jensen  
612-209-9195
- For Sale:** 1930 2 door sedan, good interior , runs and included is an extra nearly complete , chassis with engine rear end etc, very reasonably priced at \$5500.00. Contact Steve Schoberg 218 - 349 - 2528
- For Sale:** Trunk, all steel curved back, very good condition \$200.00. Hemmings Motor News - old issues - Jan 1958, Oct 1958, Jan 1959, July 1958, Sept. 1958, Dec 1959, Aug 1958 (\$5.00) for all, Armature growler - \$35.00  
capacitor tester - \$35.00, armature lathe - \$50.00. Call Roger Welch 763-753-4810 or 763-377-0086

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

**Do not text information, send via email, USPS or phone conversation**

## Jim's Tech Tips

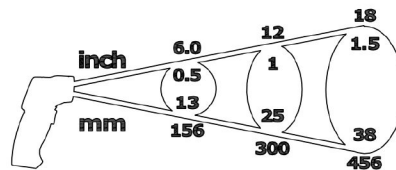
### "Infrared (IR) Thermometer Guns"

These little IR thermometer guns are amazing. I use mine to check coolant temperature at the outlet of the engine, look for cool spots on radiators, check tire sidewall temperatures, and to see if all of my brake drums are at about the same temperature after a hard brake (to confirm even braking action at each wheel).

If you are going to get a reliable, consistent, and reproducible reading with these guns, you need to understand a bit about how they work. When you aim the gun at something and press the button to read the temperature, the gun reports to you the average temperature of everything within its "Field of View".

### **Field of View**

The meter's field of view is 12:1, meaning that if the meter is 12 inches from the target, the diameter of the object under test must be at least 1 inch. Other distances are shown in the diagram below. Make sure that the target is larger than the unit's spot size. The smaller the target, the closer you should be to it. When accuracy is critical, make sure the target is at least twice as large as the spot size.



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If you want to read the temperature with a spot circle diameter of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (a very handy size), you must hold the gun 6" from the object. I have seen some guys hold the gun several feet from a radiator hose and not understand why the reading is so low; their 3" diameter spot circle includes a lot of cool air on either side of the radiator hose. Get in the habit of holding the gun up close to the object for the best readings.

Some guns have a laser pointer built in that helps you see where the temperature readings are being taken. The laser does not read the temperature, it just helps you see where the reading is from. You have to visualize the spot circle size, depending on how far the gun is from the object.

I hope this helps you get more out of your IR thermometer. If you don't have one, they are handy to have around the shop and on the road.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim



## Bouquets on Bonnets

By Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

The hats and bonnets worn in the Model A era came in a myriad of shapes, colors, and designs. These colorful hats could be decorated with ribbons, beads, pins, feathers, and more! A favorite decorative element often used were flowers or other floral and nature-based designs. Hats with flower trimmings were available in all major catalogs as well as stores and millinery shops.

Read the full article on the MAFCA Website at [http://www.mafca.com/ef\\_articles.html](http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html) and learn how hats and flowers complimented each other during the Model A years!



National Bellas Hess Co  
Spring and Summer 1931  
plush flowers



National Bellas Hess Co  
Spring and Summer 1931  
Velvet flowers



The Robert Simpson  
Catalog Fall and Winter 1928-29  
Velvet orchid



Sears Roebuck and Co Fall and Winter 1928-29  
sheer organdy and rayon plush



Sears Roebuck and Co  
Fall and Winter 1928-29  
Organdy and rayon taffeta

Catalogs such as Sears and Montgomery Wards sold separate flowers and floral collections that could be used freshen up old hats or add to new hats and garments. It seems odd that most of time these catalogs showed them in black and white, but just a few color ads are to be found to help demonstrate the vivid colors that were available.



Robert Simpson catalog Fall and Winter 1928-



Sears, Roebuck and Co  
Spring and Summer 1928  
Handmade fabric flowers



National Bellas Hess Co Inc  
Spring and Summer 1931  
Applied plush flowers



The Robert Simpson Co  
Fall and Winter 1928-29  
Plush blossoms with tinsel stitching

Below are some "New-Old-Stock" (NOS) flower trimmings from an era Millinery supply.



Picture from collection of Patti Jones

## 1931 or 2022 somethings don't change until you find out the hard way

by Mark Leder



Your Model A has a simple but at times a tempermental key componet listed in the original Ford Parts Price List as part # A-12100. If you had walked into the parts department at your dealership and had four one dollar bills and 5 Buffalo nickels you would be out the door in 1931 with a brand new distributor. You would be so lucky to have a brand new upper and lower plate, and the internal componets all Ford apporved ready to to give you many trouble free miles . However that may not have been the

case as you went home and threw on your overalls and took your tool pouch out from under the front seat and opened your tool bag # A-17005-A (cost .30 ) and dug thru the bag and found the 9/16" x 5/8" open end wrench #A- 17016 (cost .15) your wood handle screw driver #A-17020 (cost .15) and your #A -17016 spark plug and cylinder head nut wrench (cost .35). With the sun shining on your back as garages were not as popular as they are now you drained down some of the water in the radiator lower then the head stud level. Making sure iginiton key is in the off position and then are you are removing the head stud nut holding the pop out ignition cable # A 11575-E (cost \$2.00). Distributor lock loosend , screw backed off and up comes the distributor. You then unscrew the problem distributor set it aside and screw in the new one and insert the disributor in the head and then re tighten the screw and lock nut. Next you dig out the hand crank and begin the process of timing the distributor as outlined in your owners manual, you've done this before as you've replaced the points before and adjusted them in the few years you have owned the car. You remove your overalls as you don't want to soil the mohair interior as you get in to start it up. Key on, spark lever up, hand on choke and foot on starter. Round and round the motor spins, however it won't catch.

**Question:** What happened ? the parts are brand new from Ford , you timed it correctly, on the old one you saw the old frayed wire on the lower plate and the bushing were worn out and the points were worn down on the old one. That's the reason you treated your self to a trouble free brand new distributor from the parts counter. **Answer:** *You screwed in the ignition cable too far in and it pushed the lower plate tab against the interior housing causing a short not allowing current to flow to the points. You do not want it tight , just a few turns in. If your car runs well place a small dot of paint on the top of cable and count the number of turns it is in as you remove it. Next time you replace that distributor you will know how far to turn the cable in on that particular distributor.*

With sadness and gratitude for her friendship and services to our club we are announcing that long time member Arlene Frederick the wife of Alvin has passed, condolences to their families and hoping her memory gives the families comfort

**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 e mail. Do not text ads to my phone. 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). Please refrain from texting. The club e mail 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 preparation time to get it all together.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**December 11th is the Annual Meeting and Banquet**

**You are invited to attend the Nomination Banquet**



**Sunday October 23rd**

**12pm Happy Hour**

**1pm Lunch**

**2pm Membership Meeting**

Italian Buffet Including  
Mostaccioli, Bowtie Alfredo, Sausage & Peppers

***Bring your "A", tommy guns and dust off your flapper dresses. This restaurant was founded during prohibition era.***

Family Owned & Operated Since 1933

DeGidio's Restaurant & Bar was founded by Joe "Kid Bullets" DeGidio, a successful bootlegger during the late 1920's and early 1930's. At one point he operated 12 stills in the St. Paul area. "Kid Bullets" parlayed his bootlegging profits and opened DeGidio's Royal Bar at this same location when prohibition ended in 1933.

DeGidio's was a favorite watering hole for many of the most notorious mob figures during Saint Paul's famous gangster era. Of course, all mob ties were severed many decades ago!

Today, DeGidio's remains owned and operated by "Kid Bullets" grandchildren as a family restaurant serving fine Italian food at reasonable prices.

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$26.00 per person. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Silent Auction donations are greatly appreciated, contact Deb Persing with any donation item you may have.

**Please send your RSVP with a check made out to TCMAFC no later than October 16th.**

**Deb Persing**

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