

# "Aogah" Newsletter

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The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

## December 2024 Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- December 8th.** Annual Meeting Banquet Starts 12 Noon. Degidio's Restaurant  
425 7th. Street W, St Paul, MN.
- December 10th.** Business meeting via Zoom Platform, All Are Welcome.  
Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Invite Code
- December 19th.** Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville.  
Topic : 3 D Printing And Other Neat Stuff. See Page 5  
For Zoom Internet Log On Information
- Thursdays** Model A'ers Breakfast Held On The Second And Fourth  
Thursday Of Each Month At McDonald's Near I-94 And  
Valley Creek Road, Woodbury At 9:00 AM.
- January 14th.** Business meeting via Zoom Platform, All Are Welcome.  
Contact Tom Owens For Invite Code



*"You may delay, but time will not."*

*Benjamin Franklin*

Suggestions: Renew your  
membership in TCMAFC

Do holiday shopping

Spend time with your family

**Happy Holidays!**

**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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**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](http://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**

TCMAFC Presidents Letter

Season Greetings Club Members

December 2024

This is my last presidents letter as I am completing my term as TCMAFC President at the end of December. It has been a blast to be the President and working with the board these last two years. As many of you know, this is the second 2 term President that I have done. The first one was 12 years ago. I have enjoyed serving as your president very much. Our club is running very smoothly due to the work that our board and our volunteers put into making our club great. We have a lot of good things going and I am fully confident that it will continue with our upcoming board for 2025.

On December 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual meeting where we have awards that will be presented to various club members for their contributions to our organization. It is a fun event that we get to wrap up a years' worth of activities. As always, we have a bunch of socializing and a silent auction that looks to have some very nice items. If you have not signed up to attend, do so.

Have you updated and sent in your renewal for continuation of your membership in this club? If you have not done so yet, you still have time. Contact our membership Director Roberta Butek and get your renewal completed. You can reach out to Roberta via her email: [membership.tcmafc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.tcmafc@gmail.com)

Our December clinic had Tim Peterson presenting his restoration of a Model A Station Wagon. It was a good presentation and interesting story of his documented restoration. The station wagon creates unique challenges in getting a restoration completed. I'm sure those in attendance enjoyed it, I certainly did. These clinics are getting well attended and the presentations generate interest and solve problems for the membership when they individually need to take on a project .

That is all for now...And... Thank you, It's been a pleasure serving as you President for the last 2 years.

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road!  
Jerome Bokelmann

**Twin Cities Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for November 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P. M.

**Attendance:** Board Members present: President - Jerome Bokelmann, Secretary - Mark Leder, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, Past President - Tom Boche and Junior Board- Blaine Maus. Our Membership Director Roberta Butek was also present. Members in attendance, Dale Pomerleau, Jerry Schilling, Tom Owens and Phil Zins. Our President, Jerome Bokelmann called the meeting to order and conducted the board meeting in accordance with his duties to meet with the board in the monthly scheduled meeting.

**Secretary's report:** Our President asked if there were any corrections or additions to the report for the October printed copy of the minutes. Dale Pomerleau mentioned that the clinic of last month was not mentioned and thought we should include that in future minutes. A motion was made by Doug Portlance to accept the October minutes as printed in the Aogah Newsletter in November along with the request from Dale Pomerleau. The motion was then seconded by Blaine Maus. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasures report:**

Doug Portlance, our treasurer ran thru the October month's activities with a spreadsheet provided for those present for this month's bank and expense activity. The information showed we were getting some early membership renewals and the accounting for the Nomination Banquet was present and we were on budget for that and made a small amount of money for that event.

A motion was made by Blaine Maus to accept the report as presented, a second was made by Mark Leder, there were no further questions, and the vote was unanimous and passed.

**Membership report:** Roberta Butek told us that there was one new application to consider for membership. Tom Rasmussen of St. Paul MN. He has a 1931 Deluxe Phaeton. It was mentioned that many years ago Tom was a member, and he is presently involved in the auto restoration business. A motion was first made by Blaine Maus to accept the member as presented. Thom Boche made a second to the motion, a vote was taken, and it was unanimous to accept this applicant as a new member

**Membership Greeter:** Not present, he left an email that was read at the meeting and reported that he would be delighted to contact any new member accepted for membership.

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

**Tools:** Coordinator was not present, Steve Barnacle had earlier reported to our president that not much was going on now with tool loans however all the tools are in good shape.

**Sunshine:** Will be advised of cards that can be sent this month. None sent in the last month.

**Newsletter:** Our editor would like to see some members contribute stories and content to the Newsletter. The Photo Contest is running, and we want to create some encouragement to get members involved. We will be sending a blast e mail this month reminding members about ending photo contest, and the Annual Banquet and Membership renewals. Short discussion on ad content accepted to newsletter. Member ads are free, nonmembers ads accepted should space be available and for a fee. Ads should have a subject that is aligned with our club and its interest of promoting automobiles, and that general area of interests. We do not want to advertise non-automotive type content.

**Website/Facebook:** We need to list address for the community page in the newsletter for the Facebook page, our youtube page is temporarily flagged for adding content and that should be lifted soon and clinic content during the flagged period will soon be added.

**Service Advisor:** Not present but as always, he would like members to collect business cards for any service or shop you can recommend and forward to him.

**Fundraising:** We will be having a fundraiser again the year with a generous donation of four cast iron brake drums, wheel studs and hub swedging service provided if winner sends hubs to Randy Gross. Freight of the prize is the responsibility of the winner. Raffle tickets will be priced at \$5.00 per ticket or bulk purchase discount of 5 tickets for \$20.00. Drawing for the brake drums will take place at the election banquet. The value of this donation is in excess of \$700.00. Drawing for this raffle will be at the Annual Banquet. Blaine Maus reported that he has donated a shift tower and listed it on the MARC website, and he is possibly close to closing a sale. He will be donating the proceeds to the club.

**Announcements:** Our next clinic will have as it's topic a presentation on the restoration of Tim Petersons woody station wagon. Our Election banquet will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>. at DeGidio's restaurant.

Business meeting to be held December 10th via Zoom internet platform. December Clinic will be held December 19th. Clinics are available to be seen on zoom.

The members in attendance will leave the meeting at adjournment, board members will remain and discuss the Spark Plug award nominations.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mark Leder made a motion to adjourn, Blain Maus seconded the motion, a vote was called, and it was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:11 P.M.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary**

### 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 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 to give you a quality newsletter I need to have some preparation time to get it all together.

*Mark Leder, Editor*

### MARC Driving Award Program

**For those enrolled in the program please remember to turn in your odometer reading, not miles driven, just the odometer reading by December 31st. to Dale Pomerleau. Interested in joining? contact [dfpomerleau@comcast.net](mailto:dfpomerleau@comcast.net) or call or text 763 458 9880**

**Event Cancellations :** Sometimes winter weather or unforeseen circumstances may cancel one of our clinics or events. We will use a blast email to alert membership should weather seem threatening or we are noticed from our meeting places of a problem. **Check your email before leaving for an event.**

**Non email user members:** Please find a member that has email and ask to be an "email buddy" your "buddy" can alert you should a cancelation arise

**Winning Ticket will be drawn at Annual Meeting December 8th.**

No 500	Name _____	Email _____	Phone _____	<p><b>2024 TCMAFC Brake Drum Raffle</b></p> <p><i>Four Cast Iron Brake Drums Swedged to Your Hubs</i></p> <p><i>Randy Gross Product And His Service</i></p> <p><i>Drawing Held At Election Banquet</i></p> <p><b>\$5.00 Per Ticket or 5 Tickets For \$20.00</b></p> <p>Winner need not be present to win at day of drawing</p>	No 500
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**We have been fortunate to once again be able to run a raffle as a fundraiser for the club. This prize is valued at over \$700.00 and the quality and safety that this upgrade is to your braking system is one that should go on every Model A.**

**Tickets will be available at all club function up until the moment the lucky ticket is chosen. Should you want tickets and be unable to attend an event, please contact any board member and an arraignment can be made to get you tickets. Consider buying a ticket and gifting it to a friend who has helped you on a project.**

## TCMAFC Restoration Clinic - Let Zoom Put You Into The Room

Every month on the Third Thursday

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695341827?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695341827?pwd=A0gReqK6nYfpNTEwirdIkxcqqbPydU.1)

pwd=A0gReqK6nYfpNTEwirdIkxcqqbPydU.1 Meeting ID: 826 9534 1827

Passcode: 144424

**Clinic Night December 19th. 7:00 P.M.**

**3 D printing presentation, and lots of other cool stuff !**

## TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

[FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :](#)

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- 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:** 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](mailto:johnfpole@gmail.com)
- For Sale:** 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. 10k OBO. Will provide lots of photos and details, [rlcolem@hotmail.com](mailto:rlcolem@hotmail.com) or 651-703-8695 .
- For Sale:** Original 1929 headlamps with script, nickel plated with rims, lenses and reflectors correctly cad plated mounting studs very nice selling for the cost of plating \$650.00 also original 1929 cowl lamps (no arms) chrome plated ( easily stripped to nickel ) includes rims lenses and reflectors \$150.00 contact Brad Nelson 651-253 3981
- For Sale:** 1928 Model A Roadster for sale owned by John Roehl It is an older restoration and the paint is showing it's age but still nice. The engine was rebuilt by Dave Gerold in 2018 or 2019 and have very few (less than 1k) miles on it. \$15,000 or best offer, contact Doug Persing 763-443-2375 with any questions or to setup a time to see the car.
- For Sale:** 29 Tudor, Needs complete restoration. Stalled project, owner passed away. Complete car, no rust thru. Many new parts: top wood kit, all new glass, new rubber floor mats. new ignition and wire kit. new dist. parts. Rebuilt carb. new upols. material. some new seat wood. Eng turns over but has not been run in years. Trunk and many extra parts. Six '21 in. wheels. Extra rad shell. car is all together and rolling. Pictures available. Asking \$8000. OBO. Jack 763-784-9001
- Wanted:** I'm looking for these parts for a 1930 Tudor, dash lamp. I can be reached at [johnsonck@centurylink.net](mailto:johnsonck@centurylink.net) or leave a message at 651-774-9607.
- For Sale:** Ford Model T front axle with spring, spindles, tie rod & wishbone. \$50 OBO, or trade for parts for '28-'29 Model A coupe. Has surface rust. Was used on a farm wagon & still has parts to attach drawbar. Can send photos. I know where rear axle is if you're interested (bring chainsaw!). Steve Smith 612-718-4464 (call or text)
- Club Merchandise:**  
Letterman's style jackets - \$225.00, XXL size \$15.00 extra, must be ordered. Hat pins \$4.00, Gas ration stickers \$5.00, Club patches \$5.00, Window stickers \$1.00. See Bob Butek at our clinics or contact him at 651 - 301 - 9560

- For Sale:** Upgrade your Model A to a 6 volt positive ground alternator for \$145.00. Includes all brackets and bolts to install on your car. I have 4 alternators in stock ready to go. Call Steven Barnacle 952 212 6847
- Wanted:** I'm looking for a front leaf spring as well as a full set of tube style shock links for my town sedan. Dan Cunningham cell number is (651)442-6662
- Wanted:** Good original used parts for my 1931 narrow-box CCPU project: locking door handle, 2 roof panels, 2 top and 2 side hood panels, re-buildable distributor, tail gate + more. Call or text Al Malachowski 612-364-3423
- For Sale:** Model A Head, milled flat ready to install 125.00 , New Wolf Whistle \$45.00. Jim Lake 651-245-1937
- For Sale:** 1931 Standard Coupe, lombard blue, cloth interior, rebuilt engine by Bruce Remington, has rumble seat. Nicely restored, some spare parts included. Contact Gerald Aamodt 612 - 322 - 5819
- For Sale:** Assorted Model T parts, reasonable. 1930 and 1931 radiator shells. Assorted 1930 head lights and parts . Model A data plates. Exhaust manifolds. Keys cut, need lock, switch or key number. Darel Leipold, 952 474 5880 days at work. [leipold@leipolds.org](mailto:leipold@leipolds.org).
- For Sale:** Model A Test Stand on wheels \$100.00. 1929 Driver side front and rear fenders. \$40.00 each. Graco Paint System model 700 with portable spray equipment \$200.00 for all. Call Roger at 763-377-0086
- Wanted:** Wanted: Gas tank for a 1930 Coupe. Ron Hein (507) 461-3606
- For Sale:** 1930 Ford Model A Tudor for sale. Very nice older restoration. Great interior. Runs well. Driven annually and in parades. Price just reduced to \$10k. Will provide lots of pictures and video. Many NEW parts, 2 new mufflers and original tools can be negotiated into price if desired. Contact Steve A. 651-307-9396
- Storage:** Heated winter garage storage in Chanhassen for Model A's. \$400 for season. Contact Blair 612-812-6791
- For Sale:** 1931 Model A rumble seat coupe. It runs great, drives great and in fact may be an original unrestored vehicle. Two club members saw this car and are helping this elderly gentleman get it sold. It is garaged in Dellwood, Minnesota. He is asking \$12,000 for the vehicle. Call club member Eric Thompson Cell# 612-940-9049

Ads placed on these pages are free for members, if your ad is no longer needed please contact newsletter Editor to remove it. Should be have open space, non members may place an ad for a fee. Ads should be for cars, parts, or services related to automotive items

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

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

## An Extra Distributor Can Be Your Best Friend One Day *by Mark Leder*

After being involved and around Model A's now for 55 years I respect my friends that keep an extra distributor built up and pre timed in their car for that time when a good drive turns into a bad one. On as many tours and drives that I have been a part of, what commonly brings a car to a stop or causes it run poorly is many times a problem within the distributor. Rather than poke around for a while then adjust the points, maybe replace the condenser or look for a break in the lower plate wire all while traffic whizzes by, just pull out the spare one you know is good that you keep onboard!

You can change out the suspect distributor with your spare one in 5 – 10 minutes. The key here is to have previously timed it to your car and test run it knowing that it us good to go. How many bad words would you say if you took your distributor apart on the side of the road and lost a screw, spring or insulator and could not find it?

When you test the distributor that you keep as a spare, I recommend that you count how many revolutions of the ignition cable gets screwed into the distributor and write it down and place the note into the container you keep the spare in. If you screw the cable too far in you may create a short, this will block the voltage needed to the points inorder to get the engine to run.

Secondly but very important is to keep the spare in a box and pack a rag or bubble wrap around the cast iron body to safeguard the possibility of one of the ears that hold the two spring type clips from breaking. The distributor body is cast iron, and the small section of the ear area is fragile. A tool rattling against it under the seat or dropping it on concrete can easily break it.

The open ear distributor body was used from 1928 thru end of production. Late in the last year of production and perhaps replacements made after had a "closed" or bridged ear. This style is stronger, less prone to breakage; however, I would still use some padding in the container stored within the car.



Open ear design, (broken ear) 1928- 1931



Closed ear design late 1931 - and replacement part perhaps as stock of open year design was used up

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Very early distributor (square notch)



1928 - 1931 typical distributor

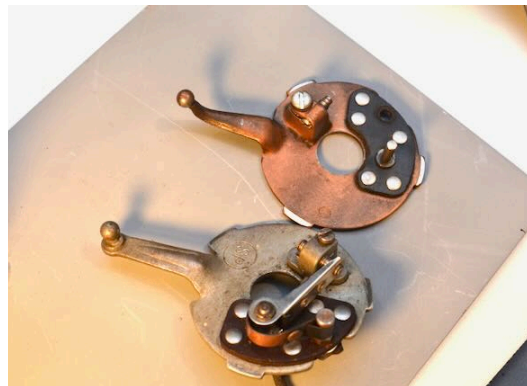


Square notch



Shown above is the very early plate on left. The regular 28-31 plate was stamped steel and the arm had a lot less angle to it.

Radius notch



The early plate on top, was a forging, note angle of the arm.

The early distributor casting is not very often seen and I thought you would be interested to see this and the upper plate that is used with it. To a restorer of a fine point early car this is a sought after item for correct restoration and maximum judging points. The square notch distributor was used from beginning of production to March of 1928. The notched casting must use the early style plate and cannot be interchanged with the regular plate.



Notice the tire chains on the rear wheel

## November Clinic

This night brought together a group that totaled over 70 people, 70 is a good number, some of the people were age 70 or older but we also have a bunch that are younger than 70. This is a gathering where experience, wisdom, questions and energy are shared. It is a great place to make new friends and welcome those you are so familiar with.

As always Dale Pomerleau led us off with announcements and updates, a few members added information regarding our upcoming Annual Banquet on December 8<sup>th</sup>, mentioning that silent auction prizes would be gladly accepted and the drawing for the brake drum raffle would have a winner chosen at the event. Tickets will be available at the event, or you contact Mark Leder before and get tickets.

As many of the members have been aware that we have the ability to live broadcast the clinic via the Zoom Internet platform, we had a special drop in guest that we opened the channels of communication with. Mr. Paul Shinn one of MAFCA'S board of directors, holds the technical director's title and he was projected up on the big screen. He has a regular you tube channel devoted to Model A's which has a very strong following. He told us what MAFCA is currently working on and what possible future projects may be undertaken. We had a technical question from a member of our group regarding water pump grease. It has been a sticky subject (that's a joke, people) as to just what Ford intended to have used in the Model A and what we can use today to not plug up the radiator. Paul will investigate and hopefully get us a good answer.

Paul stayed online and then followed along with us as Tim Peterson was the featured presenter. Tim had a well done presentation that detailed his attraction to Model A's and his early goals for education and a fully centered life with his family. He had restored a previous Model A and found out about a woody station wagon that someone intended to put together but unfortunately passed away after collecting and cataloging all the needed parts and many more. The car was in Texas and he and his son in-law took a road trip to go get it.

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Tim has a very talented son in-law who is involved in video production and creates content for you tube and other media. This also became a project for his son in-law to create a whole series on the restoration of the car and story of Tim and his desire to interact with his grandchildren helping him on the project. The video series is on you tube and it can be easily found by just going to our TCMAFC you tube page and searching thru our video content.

Rounding out our night we had a few interesting objects brought forth by Steve Barnacle (a double venturi Zenith carburetor, Jerry Schilling had a reproduction failed distributor drive and Ken Huber found an early tire manufactures book extolling the benefits of ballon tires for commercial vehicles. These objects that come to the clinics are a great reason to come and actually touch some neat stuff when members bring these “finds” to our clinics.



Happy to see Richard Darling join us



Paul Shinn visits via technology



New clinic visitor gets welcomed



Well attended night



Tim Peterson brought in a great presentation



Always interesting finds and curiosities with Steve Barnacle, Ken Huber and Jerry Schilling





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## 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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