# "Aoogah" Newsletter

### The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

## March 2020

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

March 17th. - Business Meeting

March 19th. - Men's Clinic - Lubrication

April 16th. - Men's Clinic

**April 21st. - Business Meeting** 

May 16th. - Whalen Stand Still Parade

May 16th. - Tune Up Clinic - At The Home Of Jeff And Carisa Halter

May 19th. - Business Meeting

May 21st. - Men's Clinic

May 23rd. - Pancake Breakfast At The Home Of Thom And Linda Boche

June 13th. - 60th. Anniversary Celebration

**June** Business Meeting Date And Location To Be Determined

# Clinics and Business meetings 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

Business meetings doors open at 6:30 P.M., meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Enter at door #4 come to classroom #1

WEBSITE: WWW.TCMAFC.ORG

FACEBOOK: TWIN CITIES MODEL A FORD CLUB

Address Changes Contact: Newsletter Editor & Membership Director

"AOOGAH" Newsletter is published monthly for the members of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club.

**Newsletter Editor:** 

Mark Leder 952-926-3995

**President:** 

Catherine Jammer 540-353-2782

Past President:

Doug Portlance 763-783-8920

Vice President:

Thom Boche 651-770-2370

Senior Board Member:

Marc Rude 651-257-4369

Junior Board Member:

Dave Peterson 612-221-0282

Treasurer:

Mel Eder 651-770-3347

Secretary:

Cathy Kieger 612-597-1719

Clinic Coordinators:

Dale Pomerleau ,Dave Peterson,

763-458-9880, 612-221-0282

Historian:

Neal Anderson 612-239-3633

Librarian, Government Affairs:

Ken Huber 763-377-1385

Videos

Jim Schleicher 952-448-2254

**Tools:** 

Steven Barnacle 952-473-2071

Era Fashion:

Deb Persing 763-442-1943

Sunshine:

Joan Frisk

**Electronic Information** 

Coordinator:

Dale Pomerleau 763-458-9880

Club Photographer:

Neal Anderson 952-473-5269

**Event Coordinator:** 

Tom Owens 651-492-4398

Membership Director:

Doug Persing 763-443-2375

Service Advisor:

Vince Smith 763-786-4145

#### Become A Member

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

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

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









In the Fall, as we peered out the front windshield, Spring was but a tiny spec down low on the horizon. We have successfully journeyed passed winter, and it is at our rear quarter panel. Now that March is here, Spring is no longer but a tiny spec low on the horizon. It is looming as a giant mass taking up much of our windshield, and that mass reads, 'Driving Season'. Words we have longed to see. Soon we will be driving backroads enjoying the fragrant blossoms and beautiful colors of annuals and perennials. It is my hope that you have successfully worked through your 'Repairs List', and are gearing up for the driving season, as it is upon us. Don't let it pass you by, without enjoying its sweet perfume.

This winter, the Board's journey was a flurry of activity. Extensive research was completed and difficult decisions were made, all with the best interest of the club in mind. As Spring begins to bloom, the Board's hope is that those decisions will bloom and position the club in such a way that they will positively impact our club in the years to come. A gardener would call that... planting perennials. A master gardener is aware that perennials are much less work in the long run than annuals. Perennials grow year after year by investing their energy into growing strong roots. The Board is investing their energy into growing a club with strong roots that will last for years, is low maintenance - sun, soil and water – not pulling out annuals and replacing them with more annuals utilizing hours of digging and planting in the same spot, year after year, which results only in a short term accomplishment. We want our members, and those who choose to be on the Board to enjoy their time in the club, driving, building relationships, maintaining their living pieces of history, focusing truly on our club's purpose, and passing on the joy this hobby brings to all who recognize the iconic features, and even to those who don't.

As the Board has passed a budget for 2020/21, conversations and discussions on how best to pull the annuals, and replace them with low maintenance, strong rooted perennials have begun. These decisions are not always easy, they take time, and a lot of it, but it may be worth the effort in the long run. Let's explore some backroads, and find out if they are good, solid, roads to travel. Who knows, a new road filled with fragrant perennials may be found to everyone's delight, even the gardener.

The Board, as well as Committee Chairs, have been amazingly fiscally responsible, however, there is room for improvement on a level that could potentially increase our income in the future by decreasing our annual expenses in specific areas. The Board is considering some structural changes to the Nominations Banquet and would like to begin receiving comments, opinions, and ideas from the general membership. There is potential to replace the current Nominations Banquet that is held at a restaurant annually, to a more cost effective, low maintenance meeting held during the October or November Clinic time, thus eliminating the need for a ballot vote. There are clubs where this approach is used with great success. It lowers the annual costs associated with seating a new board, and alleviates some stress on the Sr & Jr Board Member positions at an already busy time of year. The Board realizes that a bylaw change to section 5.2 may need to be made in order for this change to occur, so this is not a curve to be taken at 50mph. The Board respects the general memberships' comments, opinions, and ideas, and looks forward to input prior to moving too far forward. Private conversations are always available in person, by phone or email. Be assured that your Board will be driving carefully down this backroad, looking for pot holes, black ice, and white out conditions.

Ice & Snow, Take it Slow
Flowers in Bloom, Smell the Perfume
Catherine Jammer continued next page

As always, all members are encouraged to attend our monthly business meetings and be a part of the conversations. The Board values your comments, and seeks advice and counsel to make the best decisions for the club. The intent is to invest our time to grow strong roots for the future. Come join us ... and bring a shovel.

Catherine

President & Gardener

#### Twin Cities Model A Ford Club February 18, 2020 Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

The February 18, 2020 TCMAFC Business Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Catherine Jammer at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Roseville, MN.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale and Cindy Pomerleau, Phil Zins, David Kieger, Rollie Radil, Steve Barnacle, Mark Leder, and Jerry Schilling.

**LAST MONTH MINUTES**: The January Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Mr. Peterson to accept the minutes as presented and second by Mr. Eder.

**TREASURER REPORT**: Mr. Eder handed out hard copies of the Treasurer Report for the month of January which were reviewed. A motion was carried to approve the report as presented, first by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Kieger. Mr. Portlance stated that both clubs dues are paid for this year.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**: 4 new members.

Guy Rhoads, 11933 Olive Street, Coon Rapids MN 55448, 1930 Roadster

Williams Westervelt & Peggy Geraghty, 2365 Greenbrier Circle, Little Canada, MN 55117, 1931 Sport Coupe

Randall & Shannon Geier, 2913 Armour Terrace, St. Anthony MN 55418, 1931 Tudor

Steve Stolerek, 4644 Cedar Avenue South, Apt #202, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Motion was carried to approve the new members, first by Mr. Portlance, seconded by Mrs. Kieger. Mrs. Jammer, on behalf of Mr. Persing, reported at the time of printing the rosters there was a total of 240 members. The rosters have been printed and mailed out. The cost to print 300 rosters and 460 membership cards totaled \$514. The cost to mail out the rosters was \$250.

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

**MEN'S CLINIC**: March presenter is Mr. Eivind Stenersen, PE, CLS, Vice President Technology of Lubrication Technologies, Inc. with a presentation on Lubrication. Jerry Schilling is scheduled for April with a presentation on hubcap restoration, and Catherine Jammer is scheduled for May with a presentation on her journey through her full frame off restoration. If anyone has photos of projects they have done, but would not like to present, please provide photos of your project, and the Men's Clinic Coordinators will present on your behalf. **TOOLS**: Mr. Barnacle reported everything is fine, and that he is organizing the filing cabinet.

**NEWSLETTER**: Mr. Leder reported the printer pulled the wrong field for mailing purposes, so the address labels were not 100% correct. Additional work was completed in regards to emailing the newsletter through Comcast, and a test will be done with the March newsletter. TCMAFC may need to change to emailing a hyperlink process

**WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**: Mrs. Jammer, on behalf of Mr. Persing, reported the website is updated, and Mr. Persing has resigned from the website duties. Members who enjoy this type of work, and who would be interested should contact a Board member. Facebook – Mr. Persing to research low maintenance options.

**FUNDRAISING**: Mr. Leder looks forward to the next raffle. Mrs. Jammer reported that 45 cards were sold for a profit of \$675, and the car wash fundraiser is closed.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES REPORTS - SHORT TERM COMMITTEES

**2020** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Mrs. Jammer, on behalf of Mr. Persing, reported the anniversary will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Banquets of Minnesota in Fridley MN. A Save the Date flyer was published in the newsletter, and details of the celebration are ongoing, with a goal of having a cost breakdown complete, so signup information may be published in the April newsletter.

**Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, May 23 at the home of Thom/Linda Boche. Thank you to the Gerold's and Boche's for hosting and making this event the start of our driving season. Needed: Mystery Tour Director. NO Director, NO Tour.

**Tune Up Clinic** - Saturday, May 16 at the home of Jeff/Carissa Halter. Thank you to the Halter's for their willingness to share their home and incredible shop for this event.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Classic Car Website - Mr. Pomerleau did get in touch with the person on the Classic Car Website, and believes he has done as much as possible to update information.

**Midwest Swap Meet update** –Mrs. Jammer reported receiving a partial list of the property owned by the Midwest Swap Meet from Mr. Thuening.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Summer Business Meeting Schedule – June – TBD, July – host Marc/Jackie Rude, Aug – host Phil/Mary Zins

**Budget for 2020/21** - Budget was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Eder to approve budgeted items as reviewed for 2020/21, seconded by Mr. Portlance. Motion carried.

Whalen Stand Still Parade - Saturday, May 16.

**Scholarship** – Discussion relating to providing scholarships was initiated.

**Nomination Banquet** - Discussion relating to potential structural changes was initiated. There is potential to utilize the Oct/Nov Clinic as the banquet in an effort to control costs as it relates to seating a new Board each year, and lower the amount of time required by Board members in the planning, execution, and ballot phases. The Board recognizes is may involve a bylaw change to 5.2. The Board is seeking the general memberships' comments and opinions.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

Jerry Shilling announced that he has 4-28/29 rims available, and 5-30/31 rims available to anyone who has interest.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**:

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. by Mr. Portlance, second by Mr. Eder, motion carried.

#### 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.



250 South Cypress La Habra CA, 90631-551 Phone 562-697 -2712 https://mafca.com



6721 Merriman Rd. Garden City, MI 48135 Phone 734 - 427 - 9050 http://model-a-ford.org

### **Accurately Setting Distributor Points**

by Mark Leder

At the January men's clinic, I brought a small fixture that I put together to prove a theory that I had. It seems that whenever we get groups of cars together for a tour or just a parking lot gathering there always seems to be someone adjusting or contemplating adjusting the points.

We always seem to hear that the repro parts are inferior and the rubbing block at first needs to wear in and that the wear in period seems to happen rather rapidly resulting in an adjustment to performance. Now I don't necessarily disagree with the previously mentioned causes, I just don't think that they are the majority of the reasons that the hood gets opened and the tinkering begins.

So, in order to investigate my theory, I began with myself. I think I have fairly good "garage skills" along with a lot of field experience in getting things done to a specification and prescribed tolerance. Setting points with a feeler gauge involves practice and knowing what your personal strength and weakness are which can make the difference for you to get your desired results. The feeler gauge is selected for the proper setting and then placed between the two points; one fixed the other moveable. You should want to achieve a setting of .018"- .022" so let's say you want an even .020", then grab the feeler gauge of that size and go to it. I tested myself with the aid of the fixture I made and a dial indicator to actually measure the movement of the moveable point contact from the stationary one after setting them. I didn't do too well. I consistently was off at least .003" from my target of .020". Couple that error with the standard differential of maybe +.002" to -.002" of the varying cam lobes and factor in even more as a distributor wears and your desired number of .020" starts to get fairly inaccurate. Note I used the feeler gauge setting on one marked lobe of the cam and tested with the dial indicator from that same lobe. I came to the conclusion that I'm always getting a smaller result by about .003" after going thru the exercise at least 10 times. So what did I learn? If you ask me on the side of the road to help you set your points I'm going to grab a feeler gauge .003" larger then what you desire me to set them at. My motor skills (fingers hit by a hammer once to many times) and eyesight – dreaded bifocals! - I think plays into to this and this is how I would compensate for them.

Because the theory was in play due to my own trials at home. I brought the fixture to the clinic and asked members to set the points on the distributor. We had some veteran members who had a lot of automotive or vocational experience do very well. Knowing what they did or do for a living the results were what I expected. For the more casual owner I saw consistently settings that were under by .003"or more. Some were on the other side of the spec and way to high but the majority were low.

Conclusion. Everyone is different and doing this set up is something that is learned and done by feel. Not hitting your target measurement will certainly effect your motors performance. This is a skill that you should practice and make adjustments to your technique if you continually set either to low or high. There is not a lot of room for error here and as the rubbing block wears, and because you may have started out on the low side that's why all the sudden things are going bad as you are out for a drive. Case in point is when you hear "I just tuned it up before starting this tour". If you were low to start with and with just a few more miles of wear on the rubbing block of the points it moves to a lower number and now you find yourself on the side of the road.

I will bring this set up to future clinics and the tune up clinic and let members practice.





#### 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: 100% complete original or restored 1928 or 1929 Tudor. Prefer colors as follows: 28-arabian sand 29-bonnie gray.

Call Benjamin Rowan 651- 202-3040

For Sale: Clancy's PowerBox 12-volt power supply box \$129.99 Use Coupon Code modelA at checkout page for 10% discount

through 12-31-2019 Link: https://clancysoutdoors.com/products-page/12-volt-accessories/clancys-powerbox/

**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

Available: 21" (28/29) rims and 19" (30/31) rims, club owned, rusty but in good condition, available for free will donation to the

club. Contact Jerry Schilling 763-213-4917

**Scottt Huberty sent this in:** Had a group of helpers - Catherine Jammer, Blaine Maus, and George Bell came over in the afternoon to help with some front-end maintenance on my '31 Roadster, 'Miss Lucy'. We had a great time - at least I did...







For Sale: License Plates 28-31 years. \$80-\$240 depending on condition. 28-29 Gas tank. \$275

Contact: Clancy 763-291-8888

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

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

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



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

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

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

Contact: Gary Anderson 651-776-8387

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

garythorin@yahoo.com

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

some tears, holes ok. 2) trunk/trunk rack in any condition. 3) original rear view mirror/side mirrors; bad glass ok. 4) interior header board above windshield. 5) Tudor Basement aftermarket accessory. 6) manifold cooker. 7) exhaust pipe/muffler in useable condition. 8) original door/window handles and escutcheons, 9) left side engine pan. 10) original right rear quarter window in good condition. 11) windshield frame with good glass; either original or new, 12) used but not abused 19" tires, 13) factory or older aftermarket accessories. 14) working oval

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

ATTEND THIS CLINIC MARCH 19TH.

WE WILL HAVE AN INDUSTRY EXPERT GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE LUBRICATION PRODUCTS USED WITH IN THE ANTIQUE AUTO WORLD.



## Spring Tune Up Clinic



On May 16th 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 also 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.

Tools and equipment will be on hand to be used on the projects. Further details will be availble in future newsletters and at our clinics

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

## Annual Model A & T Ford Swap Meet Saturday, April 18, 8 A.M.





Hosted by Bob & Helen Peterson at their farm at 7525 Co. 12 Blvd. Kenyon MN. - Automobile and mechanical items, toys & memorabilia from the 1900's - 1930's. No household or flea market stuff. Lunch will be served. (507)458-6778 (Bob's Cell)



James Perry	Mar/2	Nancy Warnke	Mar/15
Michael Cash	Mar/4	Roy Blakeley	Mar/16
Bill Lowinger	Mar/6	Russ Felt	Mar/18
Rick Negaard	Mar/6	Roland (Rollie) Radil	Mar/18
Steven Welch	Mar/7	Dale Young	Mar/18
<b>Gregg Richmann</b>	Mar/8	Joe Skogh	Mar/19
Cheryl Larson	Mar/9	Dale Pomerleau	Mar/21
Julie Thorsheim	Mar/10	Lynette Reuter	Mar/27
Michael Buhl	Mar/13	Mary Sue Ash	Mar/30
James Lake	Mar/13	Ginnie Richardson	Mar/30
Barb Myers	Mar/15		



Keep this coming June 13th open!
Cuz were going to be celebrating
our clubs 60th Anniversary.
Details will be coming soon.
So keep your eyes and ears open!!



## Thom and Linda Boche's

5747 Highlands Ct N Lake Elmo, MN

World Famous Pancake Breakfast by Dave & Jean Gerold
RSVP to Dave Gerold or Thom Boche



SEEKING: Mystery Tour Director



## Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

#### Check Your Oil Filler Pipe and Cap

Many Model A owners experience excessive oil leaks when driving their car, often out the rear main seal. One simple thing that can cause this is a restriction in the oil filler pipe. Take the cap off and look down the pipe with a good light. You should only see a series of little metal baffles, half-moon in shape, inside the filler pipe. If you find where someone has covered the pipe with a sock, or stuffed a piece of cloth down in the filler pipe to stop oil from coming out the filler when driving, this will put pressure inside the crankcase and force oil out the rear main seal while you drive. Easy to fix: get that stuff out of there!



While you have it off, also inspect the inside of the oil filler cap. It, too, needs to be clear inside. No pieces of steel wool, pot scrubber, or old sock in the cap! Look for evidence of someone accidentally pushing the oil filler cap on too far. When you do, you bend the little tabs inside the cap and mash it all the way down on the pipe. This blocks the engine's ability to vent the crankcase, builds up pressure, and causes a bad leak out the rear main seal.

I hope this little tip helps you stop that oil leak while driving. Have a Model A Day!

Jim

Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

Mark Leder

4420 West 25th. Street

St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416

mleder22@aol.com





F 100 Steering Box Conversions
Generators • Starters • Alternator Kits 6 or 12V
Brake Shoes • New Cast Iron Brake Drums
Emergency Bands • Rebuilt Backing Plates



