

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

March 2024

Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- March 12th.** **Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code**
- March 21st.** **Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville - Live Swap Meet, Topics : Motometers presented by Darel Liepold - See Page 5 For Meeting And Zoom Internet Code**
- 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**
- Starting Now** **Photo Contest For 2024 See Page 10**
- June 15th.** **Pancake Breakfast**
- October 2nd.- 6th.** **Whitewater Gathering**

Care free and dancing on the edge, someday you just have to do what you need to do!



Clinics 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**

**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

Greetings Club Members

March 2024

With record setting warm weather already experienced this year, I'm anxious to get my cars out on the road. I'm sure you are wanting to do the same.

As many of you already know, we zoom our restoration clinics. We also record the zoom sessions too, so that we can create an archive of our great presentations. Last month, I created a YouTube Channel for our clubs' materials and put the clinic recordings on that channel. I also searched for other YouTube materials that were associated to our club and linked it to our Club YouTube channel. We are getting many hits on our videos. To see these materials, just type www.youtube.com in your browser. At the top of the YouTube page where it says search type in TCMAFC and hit enter. Click on our club logo and you are now looking at our YouTube channel. Look around and enjoy as there are both videos and playlists of content. If you have Model A content about our club, let me know and I can add it.

In January, I was in Texas for a couple of weeks. I ended up at a car show on a Saturday morning. I got to be talking to a gentleman from the Harlingen Tx area who also has Model A's as part of his car collection. I shared with him pictures of my car along with talking about our club. I mentioned what we do in the winter months when we don't drive so much but we do our Restoration Clinics. He was impressed! He said that he thought we were making good use of our resources available and he almost wished he were in the area to take in things like our clinics. I look at this as a testament of what we are doing well. It was a fun visit with him and enjoyable car show.

That is all for now...

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road!
Jerome Bokelmann

Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for February 13th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:06 P M. via Zoom internet platform.

Attendance: Board Members present: President -Jerome Bokelmann, Vice President - Marc Rude, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, Junior Board, Blain Maus, Secretary - Mark Leder. Members present: Jerry Schilling, Dale Pomerleau, Steve Barnacle, Steve Johnson, Peter Trencé and Roberta Butek. 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: The President asked if there were any corrections or additions to the report for the January printed copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Doug Portlance to accept the January minutes as printed in the Ahoogah Newsletter in January. The motion was seconded by Marc Rude and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasures report:

Doug Portlance presented the treasures report. A paper copy will be retained with the official club notes. The report as will be placed in the official club notes. A motion was made by Marc Rude to accept the report as presented, a second was made by Mark Leder and the vote was unanimous and passed.

Budget A discussion was started on the current amounts budgeted for the 2023 budget and what to change if needed for 2024. The discussion focused on the fact that our 2023 budget met the needs of the forecasted expenses. The topic of expense for technology was discussed in relation to our current equipment and possible upgrades or additions to our audio, visual or data storage needs. A good discussion on how we want to use technology to gain new and retain existing members. The consensus was to increase the technology budget line from \$250.00 to \$750.00. in the proposed budget. The second item discussed was allotting \$50.00 to the Library and Video needs. Board members would only consider spending money should the need arise, not just spend because we have funds allocated. The board is determined to be fiscally responsible. A motion was made by Doug Portlance to accept these changes to the budget and modify the 2023 budget to reflect the technology increase and Library, Video amount thus creating our 2024 budget. Marc Rude seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion was passed.

Membership report: We have three new members presented for nomination. Chad and Julie Huntington of Brooklyn Center MN. with a 1928 Phaeton, Jim Huntington of Saint Joseph MN. with a 1928 Phaeton and Gary Pomerleau of Shoreview MN. with a 1930 Fordor. A motion was made to accept these three applicants for membership by Doug Portlance, Mark Leder seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

It was reported that at this time from our membership director that she estimates we have somewhere around 30 members from last year not renewing. A short discussion regarding why we may have non renewals, some are members that have passed, others mentioned health reasons of certain members mentioned. As always some lose interest or relocate. We have not received anyone not renewing due to a voiced complaint of our club. Our membership is now roughly 240 member families.

Membership Greeter: Our official greeter was not present and will contact these newly approved members. We have a report from him that he did contact the last months new members.

Clinics: Our Clinics this month will have Phil Zins give us a presentation of cross shaft rebuilding and updated methods from earlier presentations to our group on this subject. Next month we are looking forward to a clinic on Motometers. Our presentations can be brief subjects, or in depth, please contact anyone on the board or our clinic coordinators with your content.

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 present, inventory of tools is ready for members to check out, Steve Barnacle mentions we have tools out to members now

Sunshine: Two cards were sent this month

Newsletter: All good, still some postal delivery problems that we have no control over.

Fundraising: Nothing to report now.

Calendar of Events: Marc Rude says we are looking for a forecast of warm weather for the Ironman, Marc reports that he is sending club updates to the MARC national magazine chapter page.

Unfinished Business: Car logo tags, for the present time we are going to table any action on the purchase or design inquires for these badges. The subject may be revisited in the future.

Subject was raised to offer a reduced membership fee for first time members. The discussions favored no reduced fee. Discussion outlined that we are the only local club devoted to Model A's, our membership numbers prove we offer a good value for the membership fee. A motion was made to keep membership fees as is, one price for all members by Jerome Bokelmann, second to the motion by Mark Leder, motion voted on and passed.

Coffee Social- Brad Nelson has scheduled a gathering at his shop to view the work on the fine point restoration nearly finished on Vince Smith's car February 24th.

New Business: None

Announcements: There will be White Water event this year, Peter Trence will keep us up to date on developments. Spring Tune up Clinic and Pancake breakfast details are in the works and details to be forth coming.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Portlance, it was seconded by Marc Rude, the vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 8:40 P.M. Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

February Clinic

Our topic this night was the rebuilding of the brake cross shaft. Phil Zins has been working on these shafts and previously shared his skills and methods of restoring these. Tonight, he updated us in great details of the new tools, fixtures and solutions he has developed to get these back into factory new condition. We had an impressive display of the assemblies in the room in various states of tear down and typical as found problems that one would see on this shaft removed from service. Overly worn shafts, worn out bearings, clevis eyes oversized from wear, bent clevis connectors, and bent shafts to name a few.

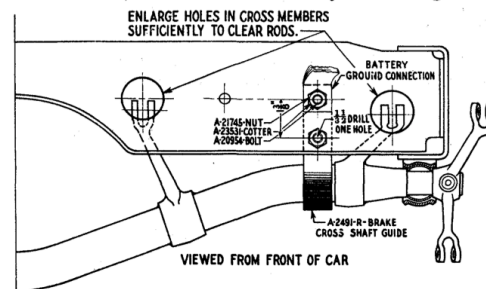


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The rebuild process of removing stuck arms, the weld up and machining back to spec of the shafts, hot riveting along with precision measuring was explained in great detail with the visual presentation this night. Phil answered many questions and the actual sample parts he brought were a great help to understand just what needs to be done. There is a way to replace your worn bearings by bringing the worn journals back to spec by welding and machining, there is another way to short cut this step by a “new” kit offered by vendors, as well as choices in the material and design of the bearings. Phil explained just what is available and the choices that one could make. Phils has a detailed hand out of the presentation that he will e mail to you if are interested and the club has uploaded this presentation to our new Youtube channel – TCMAFC. If you clink on this in Youtube you will see this excellent presentation along with other presentations and videos that we are loading up now as we build our Youtube site.



Meet Sarah

Introducing a relatively new member who is the daughter in-law of longtime member Brad Nelson. Sarah Nelson has jumped in to work with Vince Smith and our club to modernize our collection of vendors, suppliers and service providers contacts that can provide the needed items for our hobby. Sarah is creating a spread sheet of all of our contacts and using headings and cross references so searching for something will be easy and accessible for all of us. If anyone has a vendor they have used please provide a business card or a written contact information sheet so we may include it in the list. This list will be ever evolving and should provide another great resource for the members



MARCH CLINIC TOPIC : Motometers presentation by Darel Leipold. Members are encouraged to bring their motometers for show and tell.

Let Zoom Put You Into The Room

Clinic Night March 21 St. 7:00 P.M.

Use Zoom Meeting to join the clinic on the Internet

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6172683010?pwd=VEZSeWQxaUV2cGlhMDJKVHppqcVIQZz09>

TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR[FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :](#)**Mark Leder** 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**For Sale:**

Nice 1930 radiator shell, several good 1931 shells, several exhaust manifolds, box of 1930-31 head light shells and parts (some complete), two complete Model T rear end units with drive shafts (one with closed spool), and other Model T parts. Darel Leipold. 952 474 5880 leipold@leipolds.org

Wanted:

Title for a '30 - '31 Tudor. Contact Butch Warnke 507 - 485 - 3548

Wanted:

Herbrand Style (Fox Valley & others) Coil & Condenser Tester. Dale Pomerleau
dfpomerleau@comcast.net. 763 - 458 - 9880

For Sale:

New in box radiator for 28-29 Ford. 3 core 8 fins/inch. \$600. Mark Schilling 612-240-5584 Leave message.
or, rustyjunker@yahoo.com

For Sale:

2 - 21" whitewalls for sale for \$175, each. Contact Thom Boche- 612-840-4046.

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:

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 or 651-703-8695 .

Trade:

I have a nice AA front axle (mid 28 to mid 29?) That I would like to trade for a comparable A front axle. Wayland Porter. 651-735-7222.

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:

1930 standard coupe totally restored, balanced engine, 2300. miles. health forces sale. \$16800.00 John Humphreys 651-846-9116.

- Wanted:** Wanted: Back issues of the AOOGAH NEWS magazines from 1962-1972. Contact Gary Thorin
612-788-1564 garythorin@yahoo.com
- Wanted:** 30 -31 front fenders. Also 30 - 31 rear fenders for coupe/pickup. Rog Anderson 651-457-8820
- For Sale:** Upgrade your Model A to a 6 volt positive ground alternator for \$160. 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:** 1931 170-B Deluxe Fordor Sedan (Blindback) Original interior, straight, no rust, runs well. 1929 engine. leak less water pump, alternator, electric gas shutoff. powder coated wheels. Built from January through March of 1931. Asking \$13,500. Steve 218-722-4224
- For Sale :** 30/31 TUDOR Body Blocks \$60, 30/31 TUDOR Body Block Pads \$8, 28/31 TUDOR Seat Hardware kits \$9ea. All items New in Box. Contact Tom Owens 651 - 492 - 4398
- For Sale:** Model A Head, milled flat ready to install 125.00 Jim Lake 651-245-1937
- Wanted:** Wanted: TRUNK for my '29 Tudor trunk rack. Ideally black trunk, but open to other options that fits 13' x 34" trunk rack. Please call or text Rob Gusaas 612-750-6410
- Missing:** I lent my head puller to a club member and I cannot remember to whom, I have a request from another to use it
Please contact Jerry Schilling and let me know when to expect it's return. Call 763 - 213 - 4917
- 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
- Wanted/** A good, safe, reliable used trailer hitch for a 1931 Slant Window Sedan
- For Sale:** Tan, straight backed trunk for sale. Used, but in great shape. The leather mounting straps are included. Asking price: \$200. Text, or call, Thom Boche at 612-840-4046, or email at thomboche@aol.com.

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

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

Fine Point Car Coffee Social Gathering

Can anyone envision Vince Smith as a thirteen-year-old boy in the small town of Browns Valley Minnesota? What is also hard to imagine is that same thirteen-year-old boy in the early 1960's having made his mind up on owning a Model A Ford. Small town boy, with a family that worked very hard, Vince worked odd jobs in that small community, but his paper route earnings of \$300.00 finally needed to be spent for his dream. He let it be known that he was looking for a Model A, a college kid in his town knew what Vince was looking for and told him of a school friend that was selling a his 1930 Town Sedan. Vince got his father to drive him and his little brother to Holdingford Minnesota about a 130 mile drive thru farm county to look at the car he was told was for sale. Vince relates they stopped on a road overlooking the property, he saw the car from a distance, and it was a thirteen - year-olds' love at first sight.

Vince's father made the deal for his son, and they got into the car with mismatched wheels and questionable mechanicals and started the drive home on a warm sunny day with Vince in the front and his little brother in the back who discovered that the window shades pulled down in the rear compartment much to the dislike of Smith senior. They couldn't roll them up, it was dark and the ability to see out was poor, so they removed them on one of the numerous stops along the way for oil and other quick fixes. The one big surprise along the way was the brakes really didn't work and Vince's dad used the emergency brake to control the car.

With the car home under its own power and without any big problems, the young Vince Smith began to make himself familiar with his dream car. A thirteen- year -old boy has a lot of growing up to do, there was school, work, military service, work, more school, becoming a school teacher, marriage, children, and finally the car in his more mature life came back to this dreamer. Now for almost the last 20 years of his research, collecting parts, and then even collecting better parts the car is coming to completion. The goal is entry into fine point judging and having everything as original and matching as it came out of the factory. Vince has been working with club member Brad Nelson who also has gone thru fine point judging and built his own extremely high scoring 1929 Town Sedan. Vince has high praise for the members of the TCMAFC club and the support he has received in his quest to finish this car and all he has learned as a member.

Vince and Brad invited TCMAFC to a Coffee Social at Brads shop for us to see the results of all of the work. We had a large turnout, new members were in attendance and some of our mature members who we don't get to see as much were in attendance. Vince proudly showed off his car and pointed out the details important for fine judging, such as month specific parts for this certain car. Brad painted this car which is impeccable and his knowledge of judging standards and how certain finishes are present on fasteners, engine parts and the chassis were on display. Pin striping is scheduled in the next few weeks and Vince is not that far away from realizing that these many years of work to see this project of a "factory fresh car" started from the age of thirteen become reality.

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Our proud matured thirteen year old Vince Smith



Our host Brad Nelson



Photo Contest For 2024

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 2024, the contest will end in the month of November. Photos will need to be submitted as a printed item. I cannot accept digital files. When you submit the photos, you agree that we may use them in the publication of the Aogah Newsletter as well as possibly the Restorer magazine of MAFCA.

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 like a scavenger hunt. Our theme this year is “Flags”. 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. Just to mention a few flags as examples. Federal, state, athletic, warning, symbolic, danger, caution, prize, etc, etc. There are a lot of flags out there so go and find them.

There will be prizes for the winners and I would really like to see some member submissions from those who have never participated in the last contests.

I'm presently working with the Orange County A's and the editor of the Restorer magazine to challenge them to a photo contest on the Flag theme. We will submit our 3 best photos and they will submit theirs for an article with the submissions to be published in the MAFCA Restorer. Please consider this extra audience from the members of the national club as an incentive to get you involved and see your photo in a national professionally published magazine. Mark Leder Editor



Model A period correct flag with 48 stars



PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEWS!

We have reserved the Driftwood Picnic Area shelter at the Baker Park Reserve in Medina for Saturday, June 15th.

The park gates open at 9:00 am. We will serve breakfast from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Clean up will be from 11:30 to noon. A tour could leave at 12:15. All the times are approximate for now.

This new location should accommodate our group very well. Dave and Jean Gerold are hosting this event and volunteer helpers will be needed. More details to follow as we get closer to the event, in the meantime mark your calendar for this traditional event.

WHITEWATER NEWS!

October 2nd through the 6th 2024 Lady - Slipper A's Whitewater Event

Located 26 miles east of Rochester, Minnesota, Whitewater State Park is where we gather at a secluded group camp, reserved for our use. This camp has been updated with a new stove, refrigerator and other amenities in the main lodge. New mattresses in the sleeping cabins are to be replaced, spring of 2024. As in the past, we're planning Model A driving tours, a night with live entertainment, and breakfast & dinner served at the lodge. More details and registration forms will follow this summer.

Annual Spring Tune Up Clinic

TCMAFC traditionally holds this clinic from late April to early May. This event is an opportunity to get help and learn about your car and how to maintain it. We have a generous offer from a member offering his place to hold this. The date is yet to be determined. Now is the time to think about what you need help on, you have plenty of time to order in parts, inquire on the internet forums what others who have had the same problem have done or purchased. We welcome all to share their experience, help and most importantly ask for help and ask questions. Experienced Model A mechanics will be on site.

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.

Mark Leder, Editor



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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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