

# ***"Aogah" Newsletter***

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

**September 2025 Twin Cities Model "A" Club Event**

**September 9th. Business Meeting 7:00 P.M via Zoom Internet. Contact Tom Owens For Log In And Password**

**Thursdays Model A'ers Breakfast Held On The Second And Fourth Of Each Month At McDonald's Near I-494 And Valley Creek Road, Woodbury At 9:00 AM.**

**Saturdays Lunch Every Saturday, 11:30 AM Flaherty's Bowling Alley. Arden Hills, MN. contact Doug Portlance 763-360-5709.**

**September 11th. First Clinic After Summer Break**

**Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> thru Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> Great Northern Tour**

**November 9th. Nomination Banquet**

**December 7th. Election Banquet**

**Photo Contest Runs Through End Of October**



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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.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 President's Letter for September 2025

Ready? Get Set! The Clinic season is upon us. The first clinic is Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a week earlier than usual. Hope this doesn't throw a wrench into anybody's plans.

I am thankful that Blaine Maus stepped up to take over the clinic zoom work. Over the past several months, Jerome Bokelmann, Blaine, and other board members have been working to compile a list of needed equipment. The gear has been purchased, and Blaine is ready to give it a shot on September 11<sup>th</sup>. A new email address has been established to provide long term continuity for the club. Blaine can be reached at: [technology.tcmafc@gamil.com](mailto:technology.tcmafc@gamil.com). A BIG THANKS to Blaine, Jerome and the board for working to make this a seamless transition. Taking advantage of technology to reach our outstate members with a live, online clinic is just another reason to celebrate our great club.

Jim Slettehaugh has set the dates for the Nomination Banquet and the Election Banquet. Please make your calendars for these upcoming events. All the details are included in this newsletter.

Years ago, at a monthly clinic, a member was selling items from a recent downsizing project. I was able to purchase a nice denim shirt with the club logo. I love the shirt and wear it often. After conversations with Bob Butek and our hat supplier, we are now going to offer shirts for sale. The details are still in the early stages. I hope to have choices and prices by clinic time on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The shirts will be ordered through Bob Butek. At this point we are looking at a Royal Blue polo shirt with an embroidered club logo and a white button-down Twill material shirt with embroidered logo and an option of your name opposite the logo. This is a work in progress, and I encourage input from members.

Thanks for reading,

Tom Owens

## Twin Cities Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P. M.

**Attendance:** Board Members present: President - Tom Owens, Secretary - Mark Leder, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, Senior board - Blaine Maus, past president Jerome Bokelmann, also present membership director Roberta Butek, Dale Pomerleau, and Steve Banacle, Our President, Tom Owens 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 July printed copy of the minutes. There were no corrections or additions voiced. A motion was made by Doug Portlance to accept the July minutes as printed in the Aogah Newsletter in August 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 July report as well as those activities to date with a spreadsheet provided for those present for this month's bank and expense activity. While discussing this month's report a question was asked as to whether Blaine Maus has purchased all of the technology hardware we budgeted for our technology upgrade. Blaine replied we have just about all items and should he need something else, it would be minimal and should be within the allotted budget. We may also consider the additional outlay of a zoom meeting permission, so Blaine could create and maintain zoom meetings. Should we need it, we will make the purchase was the outcome of the discussion. Our president asked for a motion to made to accept the report, Blaine Maus made a motion to accept the report A second for the motion was made by Mark Leder, there were no further questions, and the vote was unanimous and passed.

**Membership report:** Roberta Butek, our membership director was present and told us that were three applications to consider for membership. Michael Koda of Minneapolis, MN, Bob Belland of Stacy, MN and Tom Widhalm of St. Francis MN. Doug Portlance made a motion to accept the proposed members, Jerome Bokelmann seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous to accept the applicants as new members.

**Restoration Clinics:** Dale Pomerleau is formulating ideas and content for the clinics which will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will start with a parking lot and or indoor swap and program content regarding auto insurance coverage after an accident and the process of making a claim.

**Membership Greeter:** Jim Lake was not present, He will be sent a list of the new members and as usual we can count on him to reach out and welcome those recently voted in to TCMAFC.

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

**Tools:** Our coordinator was present and reported the tools of which many he used this month in his own project were extremely helpful to complete his project.

**Sunshine:** Will be advised of cards that can be sent this month. No cards reported sent this month.

**Newsletter:** Reported that all is good from editor, Mark Leder outlined his policy for blast E mail use and reiterated that we want to inform members of important or late breaking items. We do not want to overuse and overfill members e mail accounts.

**Website/Facebook:** Member Greg Hillenbrand has been involved in learning this new position which will continue to make our club more visible and member friendly.

**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. Our collection of service people and venders is now up on our website.

**Calendar of events:** The Great Northern Tour will be held in October, and the hotel and reservation costs have been in the newsletter.

**Fundraising:** We are not yet ready to work on a new fundraiser, and suggestions and or help is appreciated.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** President Tom Owens requests that any topics or information that should be considered or brought forth to our monthly business meetings be given to him no less than two full days before the meeting so he can create an agenda for the up coming board meeting. The insurance component and agreement for clinic usage at the St. Michaels Church is completed.

There are 34 rooms blocked at the hotel chosen for the Great Northern Tour and nearly all are reserved. Other rooms may be available, but it's not known if the same rate will apply.

Blaine Maus asked if he should use a personal email address or create another one to be used with the club's new computer used in his position for zoom media production at clinics. In the discussion that ensued, we said keep it as simple as you can for yourself. If you feel you want another separate e mail, go ahead and create one.

**Announcements:** Reminders: The start of the clinic season will fall on the second Thursday which is September 11<sup>th</sup>. this is a onetime departure from our usual third Thursday routine. The business meeting for September is Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mark Leder made a motion to adjourn, Doug Portlance seconded the motion, a vote was called, and it was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:22. P.M.

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

### **Trails of Orono Car Show Off** *by Steve Barnacle*

Our own Dave Peterson recently relocated to Trails of Orono living residences and wanted to share with his new neighbors his love of cars and introduce some of the TCMAFC members to the new friends he is making .

We had 7-8 Model A and 1 '56 Buick. Rob Gusaas from Annandale and Clarence McCarthy from Monticello showed up. The weather was great. I think most residence came out to view the cars we had ice cream and lots of questions. It was a well recieved visit from TCMAFC.



## Ice Cream Adventure To Monticello

Sunday, August 17, 7 Model A Club members and 2 guests gathered at Cocoa Mass Chocolatier and Ice Cream Shop in downtown Monticello, MN. We feasted on delicious ice cream and looked over her assortment of candies.

Present were Steve Barnacle, Rob Gusaas and his brother Mark visiting from Horace, ND, guest Dan Gassler from Big Lake, MN, Dan Klick, Dave and Cathy Kieger, Dave Peterson and Clarence McCarty. We shared stories over ice cream and heard from Steve about his excursions. Rob is excited about having Steve coming over to help him with installing a Mitchell Overdrive in September.

Steve Barnacle, Dan Klick and Rob Gusaas brought their Model As. Some of us looked over the cars to see how they have been modified for convenience. 6' 9" Rob Gusaas installed some interesting seat adjusters in his car. That could make its way into a clinic. The Club appreciates Clarence McCarty for arraigning this day and bringing members together



## Work Meetings

**Should anyone have a project, need help with getting a repair done we are always looking for someone to host at their garage. We can get experienced members together and give those wanting to learn, an opportunity to work and share the ins and outs of how these simple old school mechanical assemblies can be repaired. We all want to keep those A's moving down the road. Reach out to the clinic coordinators or any board member with a request for help .**

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

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:**

29 Tudor, Needs compete 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 1931 Tudor (round speedo) dash lamp. I can be reached at [johnsonck@centurylink.net](mailto:johnsonck@centurylink.net) or leave a message at 651-774-9607.

**Club Merchandise:**

Letterman's style jackets - \$225.00, XXL size \$15.00 extra, must be ordered. Baseball style jackets \$98.00, 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:**

1929 Roadster w/ dual side mounts and mirrors, matching color trunk, rumble seat, step plates, wind wings, cold weather side curtains, waffle exhaust manifold, & radiator stone guard. Older restoration. Strong driver; brakes and shifts well. Updates in the past 2 years include new Firestone tires and tubes, new radiator, new 1-piece cast fan, rebuilt water pump, rebuilt service brake cross shaft assy, repainted wheels, new battery & wiring improvements. Brown body with orange wheels to match pinstripe and black top. \$13,000. Car is located in Brooklyn Park. John Saunders 763-568-8836 [jpf.saunders@gmail.com](mailto:jpf.saunders@gmail.com)

- 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:** Nice 1910 Model T Ford touring. Owned it for 78 yrs. \$25,000. 1931 wide bed pickup, owned it since 1969. New perfect box, remanufactured engine by Dave. New running boards. Very good except the cab needs new wood and the doors have some rust on lower edge. Call to discuss price. Want it to go to a local person who will finish restoration. Darel Leipold 952 474 5880 [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:** "31"- 5 window model A coupe with rumble seat. Some parts removed for sand blasting. All parts boxed and labeled. Full photo docs showing during disassembly. New sub frame ready for welding, old removed. Body in great shape. New floor pans and new valves and springs. Motor was seized, filled with lubricant and sited. Needs love and frame painting. Original rumble seat and roof. Best offer. Rich Marple 612-325-2587
- Wanted :** Front cross member for 1928 roadster pickup . George Aitchison 218 - 240 - 4748
- Free:** 1931 Model A Slant Windshield Deluxe Town Sedan used interior door and kick panels  
Free - Contact Pat Mullaney at 608 792 8179
- For Sale:** 1931 Tudor Sedan \$9000 Restored, rebuilt engine LeBaronBonney interior, older body paint need touch up, enamel fenders excellent.. Contact Gordon Barr [agbarr@aol.com](mailto:agbarr@aol.com) for pictures and details.

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**

**Twine Ball Days, Knot to be missed** *by Mark Leder*

Having never seen the world record Twin Ball it seemed like the perfect reason on a summer Saturday to take a drive thru green and lush countryside and head to Darwin Minnesota. This particular day was the towns celebration of the world's largest twine ball as judged by the Guinness book of world records. TCMAFC member Harland Anderson informed our club of this event and asked if members would participate in the parade and celebration. Harland wrote "It is the 75th anniversary of the beginning of this twine ball. I knew the fellow, Francis Johnson, who began winding the twine ball in 1950. My father and I moved the then 6-foot diameter ball from Kimball Mn to Darwin Mn in August of 1957 when I was 9 years old. We hauled it in the back of our 1946 Studebaker pick up. I remember every detail of that adventure". Due to his history with the town attraction, he was asked to be the Grand Marshall of the parade and drive his 1930 pick up. Steve Baracle, Tom Luxem and Mark Leder followed behind Harland and drove the entire 2 block parade route honking and waving to the people on the roadside. This was a small town America celebration with children, dogs, horses, farm tractors, police cars, firetrucks and lots of other stuff creating a parade.

Other than the parade as a moment to make the day special, the process of setting out with two other Model A's and running thru our beautiful back country with the windows down and no modern car distractions makes for a special time.

Steve Barnacle treated us to a great route, he threw in his trademark U Turn to keep things interesting, I rode the last position in the line and had Tom Luxem in front of me. Tom is an excellent, safe and easy to follow Model A'er. Just seeing those two in front of me taking the curves, going past horse stables and farms gave me a relaxing feeling and helped me put aside the pressures of everyday issues. This should be one of the purposes of why one should own a Model A. Owning it is not enough, take these adventures, drive, go to events or find those uncrowded roads.





## Photo Contest For 2025

Please enter, it makes your Editor happy, when you see your photos it will make you happy!

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 2025, 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 Aooogh 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 "Animals". 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, unique or inspiring your submission is. There will be one photo in the special category that will not be accepted as it is too easy - no photos of the quail radiator statue on the car. 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 contest. I'm looking forward to see all your submissions, Mark Leder, Editor Ahoogh Newsletter



**Getting Closer Every Day!**

## 2025 Great Northern Tour October 7th—October 10th

The Twin Cities Model A Ford Club is happy to host the 2025 Great Northern Tour. The tour will be based out of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Hayward Wisconsin. Our tour will take us on the back roads where we will see all the colors mother nature has to offer.

Driver Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passenger Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks should be made Payable to TCMAFC**

In the memo put **Hayward Tour**

Lunch at Garmish (choose 1 per person)

Chicken Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Fish Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_

Send in your registration to us **no later than Sept 25th.**

Doug Portlance  
 8973 Zumbrota St NE  
 Blaine, MN 55449

**Host Hotel - \$159.00 + tax per night**

*(Block of rooms will be released on August 29th)*

**Holiday Inn Express and Suites**

15586 Co Rd B,

Hayward, WI 54843

Phone (715) 634-0700

*(Be sure to mention the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club)*

Tues Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Arrive in Hayward WI

Weds Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Touring with the A's

Thurs Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Touring with the A's

Friday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – Leave for home

### Other Area Hotels

**AmericInn**

15601 US Hwy 63

Phone (715)-502-5820

**Sevenwinds Casino Lodge**

13767 Co Rd B

Phone (833) 479-4637

**Flat Creek Inn & Suites**

10290 WI-27

Phone (715) 634-4100



**TCMAFC Nomination Banquet hosted by Jimmy Slettehaugh**

**Location**

**Crystal VFW Post 494**

**5222 Bass Lake Rd Crystal, MN 55429**

**Fully Handicapped accessible**

**November 9, 2025 12 noon to 4 pm**

**12 noon to 1 pm social hour / 1 pm to 2:30 pm Lunch / meeting 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Menu**

**Grilled Chicken breast**

**Meatloaf in Mushroom Demi Glaze**

**Au Gratin Potato's / Green Beans / Dinner Rolls and Butter / desert**

**Coffee / Soda /Water – Cash BAR**

**“Silent Auction items needed”**

**RSVP deadline is October 25, 2025**

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**Name**

**(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ 16.95 each – Total**  
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**Make checks out to TCMAFC – Mail to Doug Portlance 8973 Zumbrota St NE Blaine, MN 55449-5602**

**Please put Nomination Banquet in the memo of the check.**



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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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