

"Aooogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

April 2025 Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- April 8th.** Business meeting via Zoom Platform, All Are Welcome.
Contact Tom Owens For Invite Code.
- April 10th.** Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville.
This is A Special Date: Thursday, April 10th. The 2nd Thursday . Hood Ornaments And Radiator Caps.
- April 19th.** Swap Meet and Get Together See Page 4.
- Thursdays** Model A'ers Breakfast Held On The Second And Fourth
Of Each Month At McDonald's Near I-94 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.
- May 3rd.** Coffee Social With Minnesota Highway Patrol.
- May 10 th.** Tune up Clinic. Host: Marge Strand. Details See Page 9.

**Spring is here and
it's good to see a
few of us are
already making a
little progress on
hitting the road**



**Clinics from now on will be held at St. Michaels's Lutheran Church
located at 1660 County Road B W, Roseville, Mn.**

Clinic doors will open at 6:30 P.M., meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Enter at door #2

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Become A Member

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

For all the information about what our club has to offer please call our membership director or see www.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 April 2025

I am writing this on the first day of spring. That means the Tune Up Clinic is getting closer. Saturday, May 10th is the date. I encourage attendance with or without your Model A. We have a club full of knowledgeable people who are eager to help. Please come and share your experience.

Personally, I have had to rely on club members for help on more than one occasion. I'm probably not the "Lone Ranger," but once in a while I "open a can of worms." This idiom means: an action or decision, while seemingly simple, will lead to a series of unforeseen and potentially difficult issues.

Years ago, at one of our State Fair Swap Meets, I purchased a stalled project 1930 Tudor. The sheet metal looked straight, the paint was fresh and nice, the interior was missing. The seller said the engine was done by a club member and the frame was straight. I asked about the 3M stick-on drip rails. He said the original rails kept falling off, so he threw them away. That is when I should have walked away. However, it was the same model, year, and color as the first Model A I drove...OK, steered.

(At this point, my wife wonders if she should continue proofreading.)

When work began on the Tudor, I removed the incorrect drip rail. In reality, I "opened the can" and removed a long worm. The top material was not properly fastened, the top wood was rotten except for the bows, and the sheet metal parts were not fastened properly. The only other usable part was the chicken wire. The seller had supplied some pictures with the purchase. It was a "body off" project. With the body off the chassis, why wasn't a brake job done? With the engine out, why weren't the cracked and poorly welded rear engine mounts replaced? The front spring was a "boat anchor." On a positive note, had I walked away, I would know a lot less about Model A restoration.

A lot of the knowledge was acquired by picking up the phone and calling a club member. So, when you find yourself suffering from an emotional rather than a rational decision, keep the roster in your toolbox.

Tom

P.S. Just came in from the garage. In the middle of a brake job on our AA Dually, I removed the rear service brake rods. They were installed backwards, and the passenger side rod does not have an "upset" for the anti-rattle spring!

Twin Cities Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for March 11th. 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P. M.

Attendance: Board Members present: President – Tom Owens, Secretary - Mark Leder, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, and Senior Board- Blaine Maus. Past President Jerome Bokelmann. Our Membership Director Roberta Butek was also present. Members in attendance, Dale Pomerleau, Jerry Schilling, and Thom Boche. 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 February printed copy of the minutes. There were no corrections or questions, a motion was made by Doug Portlance to accept the February minutes as printed in the Aogah Newsletter in February. The motion was then seconded by Blain Maus. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

Treasures report:

Doug Portlance, our treasurer ran thru the February report as well as those activities to date with a spreadsheet provided for those present for this month's bank and expense activity. The report was read and those present did not find anything to question. We note that this is the eleventh month of our budgets report.

A motion was made by Mark Leder to accept the report as presented. A second for the motion was made by Blaine Maus, 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 there were no applications for membership for this month. One of the board members did give an application to someone and we expect to have it turned in at the next Clinic.

Membership Greeter: Jim Lake was not present and there were not any contacts given to him this last month.

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

Tools: Not Present.

Sunshine: Will be advised of cards that can be sent this month. None sent for February.

Newsletter: All is well. The board was noticed that those that who have not renewed membership for 2025 have now been removed from the newsletter distribution list and blast emails.

Website/Facebook: Transmit updated information when needed.

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 vendors is now up on our website.

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

Unfinished Business: We started last month discussing changing the budget for known as well as very possible expenses that could change. Building on that from last month, Blaine Maus has taken on the challenge of investigating one of the identified budget items that we think will have a significant expense. This is the technology category. The board and members present have shared ideas of replacing our projector, camera and computer and necessary accessories to deliver sound and visuals to those present for the clinics. Our equipment is getting old and suffering performance issues, certain software and memory items are getting outmoded.

Blaine created a shopping list of items with two or three choices in each needed category. He built a spread sheet and priced items from local vendors, from Amazon or internet sellers. He even looked at used items available from Pawn America. We discussed the idea of pre-owned or new. The discussion welcomed all opinions, and it seems that we would rather purchase new, and have items with a warranty. The spread sheet allowed us to mix and match the choices and gave us a range that we now can project a cost for replacement. It was a very well-done presentation, greatly appreciated by the board for Blaine's research and presentation skills.

MAFCA and MARC contacts: For each club's magazine we need a contact. Dale Pomerleau has taken on the job for the MAFCA club, Marc Rude will be the MARC contact. Tom Owens will be our contact for the MAFFI museum organization.

New Business: After the presentation given regarding choices and prices for the technology items as well considering other identified categories within the budget, a discussion ensued and the board came to an agreement and asked for a motion for increases for the budget. A motion was first made by Jerome Bokelmann stated as follows.

Raise the amount for the Tune Up Clinic by \$100.00, Raise the amount for the membership and roster by \$300.00. Raise the amount for technology by \$3250.00. Doug Portlance seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous. The budget is now complete for the 2025 year.

Announcements: Our next clinic on March 20th. will have Jim Loeffler present side window glass channel installation and Steve Barnacle will present Lincoln Highway East trip and maybe some shorts.

Motion to adjourn: Doug Portlance made a motion to adjourn, Blaine Maus seconded the motion, a vote was called, and it was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:48 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

If anyone would a like to come up with a get together Model A ride for ice cream, or a running board lunch because the weather looks good , We can post up a blast e mail of the event. It would be nice to have 3- 4 days of notice. Also we can cancel the event should weather change by sending a second blast email. This is an easy away of trying to get more items for all of us to participate in. Contact Mark Leder or Dale Pomerleau to create the blast e mail with the information.

So much negativity online, so I figured I'd share a positive post

At our next clinic , provided that the newsletter gets read, How about we ask those present who submitted this ? Any guesses?



8th Annual Pre – War Car & Truck Swap Meet and Get Together Saturday April 19th. 7:00 A.M.

Bob & Helen Peterson's Farm 7525 County12 Blvd. Kenyon, MN.
Free Set Up and Admission, free primitive camping the night before.
Food Wagon and Porta Potty on site. Event is on rain or shine.
Information: Call Bob (507) 458-6778.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Jerome Bokelmann is inviting you to attend a coffee social event. As you may or may not know, the TCMAFC group restored a 1930 Ford Model A 5 window coupe for the Minnesota State Highway patrol several years ago. This Model A is used as a display by the Minnesota Highway Patrol at a few events throughout the year.

The car caretaker is Lieutenant John Farmakes. Other supervisor officers of the Highway patrol are also invited to this coffee social to gain some expertise of this very unique vehicle.

Coffee Juice, and Donuts will be provided but I suggest if you want to sit, please bring your own chair.

Your Spouse, Children, Grandchildren are also included in this invitation!

Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

May 3, 2025
9:00 a.m. to Noon

MN DOT Maintenance Facility
1779 McMenemy Street
Maplewood, MN 55117

Enter on service road from Larpenner just east of I-35E – proceed up the hill to the larger of the two buildings



Thanks,
Jerome Bokelmann TCMAFC Past President

TCMAFC Restoration Clinic - Let Zoom Put You Into The Room

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 April 10th. 7:00 P.M. **(NOTE : SPECIAL DATE)**

Topics: Darel and LaVerna Leipold will present on radiator caps and mascots , Short presentations on various subjects may also be included should time allow

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:

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 .

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 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. 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:** 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 , Jim Lake 651-245-1937
- 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.
- 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 siting. Needs love and frame painting. Original rumble seat and roof. Best offer. Rich Marple 612-325-2587
- Wanted:** Upper body for a Zenith side bowl carburetor Richard Darling 763-574-0849.
- For Sale:** 1930 Model A Station Wagon .New body, fenders, aprons, and tires. Restored chassis, 3.54 gears. Rebuilt 5.5 head engine, touring cam, alternator, radiator. \$21,000. Chuck Straub Wausau, 715 581 8631 Straub31@charter.net

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



Announcing the 2025 Great Northern Tour

Tuesday October 7th – Friday October 10th

The Twin Cities Model A Ford Club will be hosting the Great Northern Tour in Hayward, Wisconsin. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Holiday Inn Express Suites in Hayward, WI. (same as 2023).

Holiday Inn Express and Suites
15586 County Road B
Hayward, WI 54843
(715) 634-0700

*** Be sure to mention you are with the Model A Car Club
Model A group rate of \$159 plus taxes for Oct 2025**

Photo Contest For 2025 - Please enter, it makes your Editor 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 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 "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. **If you are looking for a sure winner, a Model A in a herd of wild Unicorns or a group of Dodo birds could secure the Judges interest from what I'm told.**

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.



Tune Up Clinic May 10th.

Hosted by Marge Strand Located at 5385 260th. Street, Wyoming, MN.

Start time 8:00 A.M. Rain or shine we have a very large building to hold this event in

No Model A required – just work alongside and learn, offer your expertise to others.

Now is the time to order your parts!

Contact our Clinic Coordinators and our Tool Custodian and tell them what you need help working on.

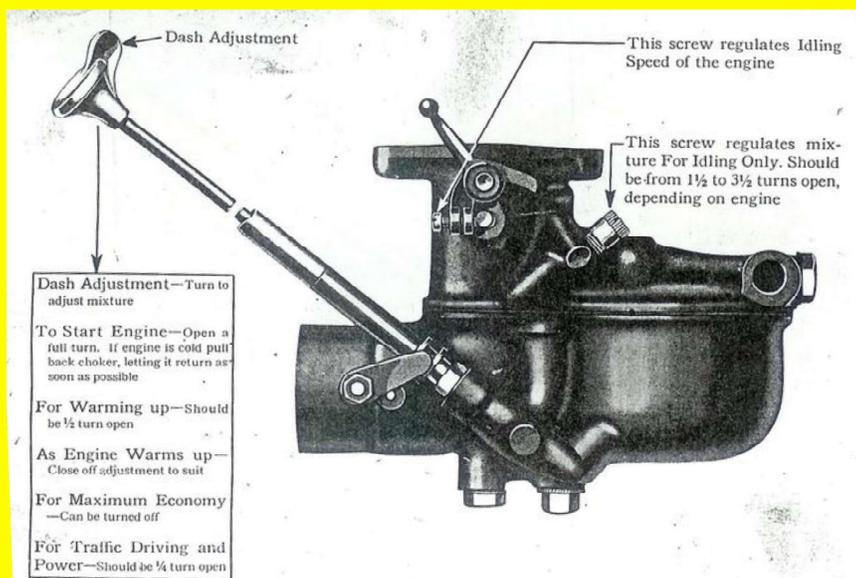
Every year we have this event to get our cars ready for the driving season. There will be experienced mechanics to help you get your project worked on. This is your opportunity to learn just how to keep these great cars running. We would like to have those who have little experience work side by side with knowledgeable members.

Members will form teams that have a common knowledge in electrical, fuel systems, brakes, etc. and then will deploy as needed on members requests for assistance.

Coffee, juice, and rolls will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. A lunch item will also be provided.

Plenty of space for trucks and trailers, space for swap items

Please bring chairs and if you have a small table that would be appreciated as well.



Thursday Night Clinic

We covered a lot of ground this night, we first welcomed new members and those who may be exploring joining, we had the opportunity to meet 5 new Model A owners. Usual announcements and updates of products, vendors and members activities were handled by Dale Pomerleau with his enthusiastic energy and wit.

Mark Leder presented a “short” which dealt with visual confirmation of engine timing using a process that explained checking your distributor for correct upper plate travel, steering column orientation, distributor linkage length and of course making sure points were preset to factory spec. Once checked proceed to finding top dead center and knowing the concept of back lash and how to remove it when setting the rotor position. Set your timing and now the whole lesson of this presentation is using a test lamp to confirm that your points open up on either the first or second spark advance notch. When the ignition switch is on, the spark lever is all the way up, move lever down one notch at a time, look for the light to come on. The second notch is preferred, and this should give you a good timing spec. Simple and easy to do with one person.

Next up we had Jim Loeffler who has been working on replacing the widow side glass in the doors. This can be a fussy operation, removing the glass from the doors can be tricky, with little room to maneuver. Jim shared that getting the glass cut is getting harder as there are fewer vendors to do it. Even with the best practices glass will crack as he found out. He also pointed out that the reproduction inside weather strip hidden under the door garnish molding was for him a disappointment, that with all his efforts he could not get to fit properly so he left it off.

Our third presentation was the power couple Leah and Steve Barnacle. They recounted the trip that they had taken on the second leg of the Lincoln Highway adventure they undertook this last summer. This time it was Minnesota to the New York City. Eastern travel was very stressful with the traffic and roadways the further east they travelled. There were may interesting photos and stories they shared of the stops they made. Of course, there were breakdowns, and Steve was able to keep it running, His skill and the couple’s faith in someone bigger looking over them has always made their trips a memorable adventure. The MAFCA Restorer magazine last month featured their previous trip to California via the Lincoln highway, the next Restorer magazine due within a month or two will feature the eastern trip they presented and should show case many of the photos and details they shared with us. Getting a write up in the national magazine is quite an honor and a trip of this length and difficulty was certainly a great accomplishment.



Visual Confirmation of timing



Jim Loeffler



Presenters Leah and Steve Barnacle



MARC mileage award for Thom Boche



MARC mileage award for Tom Owens



Lois Agrimson - long time, good to see you!



Jasper Bond with early race pennants



One of our newer members Elizabeth Kalmon is now the proud owner of a 1930 Huckster and is explaining to the group that she is looking for help to learn about maintaining and fixing this truck - Our clinics and Spring Tune Up Clinic will be good resources for her along with anyone volunteering to reach out to help her as needed.



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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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