

# "Aogah" Newsletter

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The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

## July 2025 Twin Cities Model "A" Club Event

**July 15th.**                    **Business Meeting At The Home Of Phil And Mary Zins . See Page for Details**

**July 19th.**                    **Coffee Social In Amery Wi At The Home Of Dennis Wiese. See Page 10 for Details**

**August 9th.**                **Darwin Twine Ball Parade. See Page 5 For Details**

**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.**

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

**Photo Contest              Runs Through End Of October**



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

**For all the information about what our club has to offer please call our membership director or see [www.tcmafc.org](http://www.tcmafc.org)**

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



**President's Letter**

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July 2025

This Club is on a roll. Less than 30 days after what was a memorable Tune Up Clinic, we enjoyed a fantastic Pancake Breakfast. Twenty-seven and a half Model A's and at least one hundred ten members and guests were in attendance. Speaking of guests, a special "Thanks" to past president Jerome Bokelmann for facilitating and inviting our new friends from a Model A club in New Zealand. Gill and Gerry Lake were planning to visit relatives in Minnesota and reached out to Jerome regarding any club events that might coincide with their visit. I am happy that our breakfast fit into the Lake's schedule. Gill and Gerry presented our club with a license plate from New Zealand with the phrase "KIA ORA" which means "BE WELL".

The breakfast was hosted by Dave and Jean Gerold at their home and shop in Jordan. The food was incredible. The service was superb. In the absence of a car tour, Dave opened his shop for a tour and fielded lots of question. It was nice to enjoy the meal and not have to clean up fast to get on the road. We had more time to enjoy meeting new friends and greeting old friends. The feedback was very positive. A BIG THANKS to Dave and Jean.

Some of us met in Inver Grove Heights and caravanned to Jordan. We were led by Roger Anderson and Lynne Groven. Nice to see how well Rog follows directions...

We are just at summer solstice, with a lot more things on the agenda. Be sure to mark your calendar as you read the rest of the newsletter.

Be safe,

Tom Owens



Tom's AA

## Twin Cities Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Attendance:** Board Members present: President Tom Owens - Vice President – Marc Rude, , Secretary - Mark Leder, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, with members present membership director Roberta Butek, Dale Pomerleau, Phil Zins and Jerry Schilling and Scott Huberty. 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 May printed copy of the minutes. There were no corrections or additions voiced. A motion was made by Marc Rude to accept the May minutes as printed in the Aogah Newsletter in June. The motion was then seconded by Doug Portlance. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

### **Treasures report:**

Doug Portlance, our treasurer ran thru the May report as well as those activities to date with a spreadsheet provided for those present for this month's bank and expense activity. Doug Portlance asked a question to those present if Marge Strand had given anyone bills for reimbursement from the tune up clinic to hand in. No one had any bills. Doug said he would pay any bills should they be submitted for those expenses. He also made mention that a donation of \$35.00 was made to the club from the estate of former member John Rohel for some parts that were sold. Our president asked for a motion to be made to accept the report, Marc Rude 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 there were three applications for membership to consider. Applicants are Michael Blanco of Rochester MN. with a 1930 standard roadster, Barry and Peggy Rosell of Lake Elmo with a 1930 Deluxe coupe and David Geist of Rogers, MN. with a 1929 Tudor. Doug Portlance made a motion to accept the proposed members, Marc Rude seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous to accept the applicants as new members.

**Membership Greeter:** Jim Lake was not present, and no contact reports were available from him at this meeting.

**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 not present and no report available.

**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 the editor, that was present for this meeting.

**Website/Facebook:** Member Greg Hillenbrand has been learning and training to assume this position.

**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.

**Calendar of events:** We are informed that at least one Ford Trimotor airplane will be at the St. Cloud airport June 20- 22<sup>nd</sup>. and perhaps some members may want to drive up for photo opportunities. Marc Rude has more information on this. We are also invited to the Anoka airport on June 28<sup>th</sup>. for a fly in event where they would like to have Model A's in attendance. Those who come get a free breakfast and up front parking. Jerome Bokelmann has more information for those who are interested. Twine Ball celebration, Model A Tour to Darwin, Mn. on Saturday, August 9, 2025. This is a celebration for the huge twine ball that was started many years ago and the town would like us to parade and be present. We also have the Coffee Social in Amery WI. At member Dennis Wiese's home on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Scott Huberty has informed us that on Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>. our club has been asked to have 5 or 6 cars at the Wabasha Street Caves for a private event where people can ride in a Model A. The event would donate \$50.00 per car to the club for this. Scott Huberty will be the person coordinating this. August 9<sup>th</sup> is the annual Yellowstone trail event that we have been a part of and we should note that on our schedules.

Phil and Mary Zins will host the July business meeting at their home in Golden Valley.

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

**Unfinished Business:** . We do not have an August business meeting at anyone's home as of yet and should that be the case we will hold the meeting over the zoom platform.

**New Business:** A discussion was started on the topic of sending Marge Strand a certificate of appreciation for her generosity of hosting our very successful tune up clinic. Marc Rude will create a certificate and club president Tom Owens said he would like to be present when Marc delivers the certificate.

Our president asked if it would be possible to change the date of our first clinic at St. Michaels Church as it falls on the day the MAFFI museum in Michigan is having the annual Model A days celebration and dedication of an enlarged addition to the museum. The discussions brought up were that we would need to contact St. Michaels to see if they have an open space for us on another date. Tom Owens will check this out and then we can see what can or cannot be changed. Those present did not have any problem with a date change should space be available.

**Announcements:** Mark Leder said he is considering a “Running Board Lunch” event. He will blast email membership if a date can be obtained.

**Motion to adjourn:** Marc Rude made a motion to adjourn, Doug Portlance seconded the motion, a vote was called, and it was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:07. P.M.

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

## Running Board Lunch June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Last year we tried one of these lunch get togethers by using a blast email to inform members of in a sense a “pop” up event. This takes no planning other than picking a destination and hoping for good weather. Look at the weather forecast and look four or five days out to give ample notice.

I said it was going to be good, dry and sunny. So far it was the hottest day of year (about mid 90’s and humid) and we had four Model A’s come and two members came in modern cars. We had a nice, shaded area in the parking lot and we had 3 members come to the event who were not really familiar with each other and for one reason or another find our clinics, tours and events conflicting with their schedules. I was so happy to be able to have this format to bring together these members. After lunch three of us went on a bear hunt, you never know what adventures you can have in a Model A.

We went into the store to purchase our lunch, had good conversations and a laid-back time for a portion of day. I would urge other club members to plan one of these get togethers, different portions of the city make it easier for some to come, and it is an incentive to jump in your A and take a drive somewhere else if you like adventure. All in all, it is fun way to meet new members and catch up with those you know. Having events and simple get togethers makes our club strong, builds great friendships and memories.





## If your knot already tied up on Saturday, August 9, 2025 Model A Tour to Darwin, MN.

The town of Darwin has had a parade for the last 30 years or so in conjunction with Twine Ball Days. This year, they want me and my 1931 Model A Pickup to lead the parade with a pair of large vinyl banners depicting the twine ball, secured on each side of my Model A pickup box. The parade will start at 12:30, and set up is an hour or so before the start. I would like to invite every member of the club to join me in the parade. Darwin is about 50 miles west of Wayzata on US Hwy 12. contact Harland for details and meet-up spots . Harland Anderson TCMAFC Member cell# 612-578-3963 [hpanderson@comcast.net](mailto:hpanderson@comcast.net)

**Home work assignment for July:** Take photos for our annual photo contest, look over the calendar to see about joining the club for the Great Northern tour October 7th.- 10th. Work on a project and maybe create a work day for the club members or turn it into a presentation for one of our clinics.

**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.  
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Call Dave Gerold for options and pricing at (952) 290-3630 or see my website  
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**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:**

1931 Model A station wagon. New body, Fenders, aprons, running boards, tires. Restored chassis and engine. New alternator, tach, temp, oil gage, seat belts., wiring. \$19,500. [Straub31@charter.net](mailto:Straub31@charter.net) 715 581 6736 - Tom

- 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:** 1929 Tudor Sedan in rose beige with seal brown reveals and orange pinstripe; seat belts front & rear; turn signals; second taillight added. New Coker steel belted radial tires & tubes; brakes by Mike Sweeney. Many upgrades and accessories, call me for the whole story - \$15,000 Ken Huber 612-423-4936
- For Sale:** 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 finished 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 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.
- Wanted :** Front cross member for 1928 roadster pickup . George Aitchison 218 - 240 - 4748
- Wanted:** Left front 1931 fender no wheel well. Jim Lake 651-245-1937

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

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

## Pancake Breakfast 2025

**WOW!** That is the word you need to describe this morning. Beautiful sunny morning and you drive through rural farmland and pull up to a stunning home site filled with more than 25 Model A's parked for your inspection and pleasure.

But there is more, blueberry pancakes getting cooked by a serious crew maned by Dave Gerold, sausage fruit, muffins and beverages in a large eating area temporally taking over the Gerolds shop building, tables of Model A owner's sharing stories and meeting new members and eating a wonderful breakfast, going back for seconds was encouraged and it didn't take much prodding.

Word got out that the pancakes were so good and the people of the TCMAFC so friendly a Model A couple from New Zealand came on over to check us out as they were in Minneapolis visiting family. Gill and Gerry Lake fit into to this crowd perfectly, you only knew they were different as their New Zealand accent wasn't what we are normally used to. Gill and Gerry presented to our club something similar to a license plate topper that says "Kia Ora". Looking up the meaning, it truly is an expression of friendship that those in New Zealand use. Here is an explanation: It translates literally as "have life" or "be healthy", wishing the essence of life upon someone, from one speaker to the other. It is used as an informal greeting or farewell equivalent to "hi", "hello", or "goodbye" and can be used as an expression of thanks similar to "cheers".

It is a perfect set of two words, and we were delighted to make the connection with Model A enthusiasts from very far away, distance aside and their accent you couldn't find them any different from any of our members. Gill is currently working on restoring a 30 or 31 closed cab pickup.

This traditional breakfast for our club in the past would conclude with a road tour. We tried something different this year which allowed for more social time, and it was evident it was a good choice. This year Dave Gerold our host who is a Model A engine rebuilder gave us a tour of his shop at his home and he is into many other Model A and mechanical projects. There were good questions asked to our host and his answers helped many understand the precise nature of his engine building endeavors.

The event was eagerly staffed by members serving and cleaning up, Dave and Jean Gerold put much effort into this event long before this morning and a huge thank you goes to them for opening their home up to us all.





**Our hosts Jean and Dave Gerold on left.**

**Our New Zealand guests Gerry and Gill Lake with the "Kia Ora" spirit on the right**



### Emergency Brake Work *by Mark Leder*

Recently I went through my braking system updating with cast iron drums, shoes, and rebuilt backing plates and hardware. I would guess many cars have original and probably well worn emergency brake lever hardware. If this is the case the replacement is easy enough and the results are worth the effort. The ratchet and the pawl which clicks into place as you move the hand lever if working well should easily engage and hold car at the third and fourth click. The release should also be easy and positive if you rebuild or should I say replace both the ratchet and the pawl. Replacement parts are available and reasonable for the 1929 – 1931 models and this was the style I replaced. There are parts available for the 1928- early 1929 models as well.

To do the job you will need to remove the handle and ratchet assembly from the car. You will need to remove the old pawl which is held in place by a peened head (looks like a rivet head) created from the brake pawl rod. Once on the work bench, the method I used was to take a small propane torch like you use to solder plumbing pipes, heat the peened head red hot and

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take a pliers and squeeze it moving around the head and making the head smaller (you may need a few reheats). Once it is smaller you can work the old pawl off. Reinstall new pawl and heat the end again to red hot and back up the rod on a strong surface and take a ball pein hammer and flatten the end like it was originally seen. You can purchase the pawl only and install it on an old ratchet, but you need to look at the parts catalogue carefully to determine which one is the correct one. I'm not in favor of mixing the new with the old. The new parts have a perfect no wear fit, they are like gears that are meshing and they are heat treated to make them wear resistant.

There is a very noticeable feel and easy effort to operate when you rebuild this, it is very positive feel of engagement and the lever in the cabin doesn't have side play.

When you have the lever out of the car you can remove the pawl rod and brake handle button and clean the accumulated dirt out of the handle and spring and then lubricate the internals, again this makes the operation of the lever so much better and just requires a little bit of time.

The ratchet was upgraded in the last year of production and fits the mid '29 – '31 years. My original ratchet was not the upgraded version and the new one fit perfect, should you lay the ratchets on top of each other the shape of parts are different but each works. The new ratchet requires a specific pawl so if ordering clearly explain to the parts supplier what you want.



Note the worn pawl teeth



## Is The Coffee Any Good In Wisconsin???

You now have an invitation to find out, We know the people there are friendly and Dennis Wiese has graciously asked TCMAFC members to drive on over to his home for a nice social gathering in Amery Wisconsin.

We have some time and perhaps groups can be formed from certain sides of our metro area so they can head on over to Amery. Bring a chair for your comfort.

**Here are the details: Dennis Wiese Coffee Social at Amery Wisconsin**

**July 19th. 9:00 to Noon**

From the south:

Start in Amery, WI

Take county road F west for 1.6 miles

Take a right turn on county road C

Drive 2.2 miles to 85th Ave (There are 5 or 6 mailboxes on this corner)

Take a right. Drive straight ahead to the red barn.

From the north:

Starting on Wis Hwy 8 east of St Croix Falls WI

Drive east on highway 8 and turn right on Hwy 65

Drive south on 65 about 5 miles, take a left turn on county road C

Drive 6.1 miles to 85th Ave. (5 or 6 mailboxes on the corner)

Take a left. Drive straight ahead to the red barn,

Dennis. 612 749 0160

**Business Meeting at Mary and Phil Zins' Home**  
**Tuesday Evening July 15, 2025**

2165 Zealand Ave No Golden Valley MN 55427  
763-546-6923

- Begin at 5:00 PM (or earlier if you like 12).
- Meal will be served at 6:00 PM.
- Business Meeting at 7:00 PM.
- The main dish will be hot beef and/or sloppy-joes. Beverages will be provided.
- Please bring a dish to share and a chair. If you forget the chair, we have extras.
- Directions: Many of you have been to our home in the past but if you have forgotten, the following are two alternate routs:

*Alternate 1--From Hwy 169* Turn East on Medicine Lake Rd and proceed for about 5 blocks.

- Turn right (South) on Cavell and go the equivalent of about 3 blocks.
- Turn left (East) on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave and go the equivalent of about 2 blocks.
- Turn right (South) on Zealand. Our house is the 3<sup>rd</sup> on the right.

*Alternate 2--From Hwy 55:* Turn North on Winnetka Ave and proceed about 1 mile.

- Turn left (West) on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave and go the equivalent of about 5 blocks
- Turn left (South) on Zealand. Our house is the 3<sup>rd</sup> on the right.

**Hope to see you on July 15<sup>th</sup>!**



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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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