

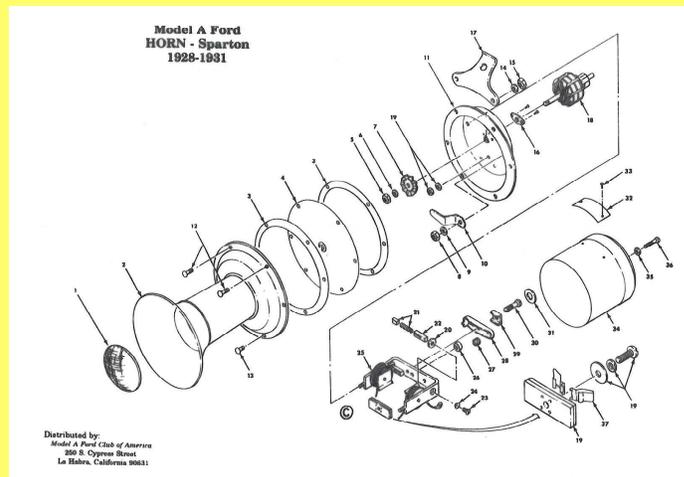
"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

Martch 2025 Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- March 11 th.** **Business meeting via Zoom Platform, All Are Welcome.
Contact Tom Owens For Invite Code**
- March 20 th.** **Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville.
Topic: Window Glass Channel Install, Lincoln Highway East Trip
For Zoom Internet Log On Information See Page 5 for Details**
- 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.**
- April 10 th.** **Clinic Will Be On A Special Date: Thursday, April 10th. The
2nd Thursday . Hood Ornaments And Radiator Caps**
- May 3rd.** **Coffee Social With Minnesota Highway Patrol**
- May 10 th.** **Tune up Clinic. Host: Marge Strand**
- June 7 th.** **Pancake Breakfast. Host: Dave and Jean Gerold**

*Just blowing our own horn
but isn't TCMAFC a fun and
well run club? If you don't agree
the board always welcomes your
input, support and help*



**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 March 2025

“The Times They are a Changin” or, another reason to drive my Model A. I have collected some nice money clips over the years. I still carry cash...in a money clip. In the same pocket is a small collection of coins. My goal is to pay my bill with cash; the exact amount right down to the soon to be obsolete penny. Ok, there are exceptions. When I fill up my diesel pickup at Sam’s Club, I use their credit card. It’s nice to get the 5% cash back. My Social Security check goes directly to my account at Snyder’s Antique Auto. That said, more venues are not taking cash. There have been several reasons for this move. My local mechanic (our modern cars) would rather work on cars than spend time with deposit slips and bank runs. Fastenal now only takes plastic. Some businesses do not want the cash for security reasons. Four magazines that I have subscribed to for years have stopped publishing and gone online. Classic Cars has been merged into Hemmings Motor News. Just finished my registration for Back to the 50’s... online! I still get the Sunday paper...on paper. The rest of the week is on my phone. And speaking of phones, the next time you are in a restaurant, look around at the people. How many of them are talking to each other? Most of them are texting or checking their email. There is a point to my ranting and rambling. Sometimes all these changes can be overwhelming. I have found the perfect way to escape the day-to-day frustrations. Drive a Model A! It is a transport back in time. No computers, no idiot lights, no GPS. I have fold up paper maps and my roster on the package tray. Driving the Model A is like hitting the “reset” button and the scenery is much prettier at 45 mph. Thanks,

Tom Owens

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

Meeting called to order at 7:14 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, Peter Trence, Jerry Schilling, Blair Bollig and Dale Pomerleau. 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 January printed copy of the minutes. There was a correction mentioned that the minutes for the January meeting incorrectly listed Blaine Maus's board position. The correct position that Blaine now holds on the board is the Senior board position. A motion was made by Jerome Bokelmann to accept the January minutes with the correction of the board position, restating what was printed in the Aogah Newsletter in January. 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 January 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.

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 told us that there were four new applications to consider for membership.

Jay Coture of Mahtomedi MN. with a 1929 Roadster, Alan Kunz of Mankato MN. with a 1929 Coupe, Cliff Hanson of Mounds View MN. with a 1929 Tudor and Doug Marthaler of Stillwater MN. with a 1931 Coupe. A motion was first made by Doug Portlance to accept the member as presented. Jerome Portlance made a second to the motion, a vote was taken, and it was unanimous to accept these applicants as new members.

Membership Greeter: Jim Lake was not present and sent a report to our President that he had made contact with the two out of four of proposed member by phone.

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. Last month one card was sent

Newsletter: All is well. The photo contest for the new year will start now and the "special category" will be animals.

Website/Facebook: Some contacts should be updated, and we will contact Brenden to make some updates

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.

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

Unfinished Business: Action on un renewed members from last year, discussed the action of calling those who had not renewed.

From those present who voiced an opinion, we heard the thought that calling could seem like an annoying call to a member who did not renew. The mailings and announcements from previous months as well as the statement last month on the blast email delivering the newsletter warning that this is the last newsletter for those not renewed has been warning enough. We will always welcome back someone should they decide, they would like to once again resume a membership in the club

New Business: We are discussing our budget in the for upcoming months and asking board members for projections on the current budget categories. One category that we know we will be increasing is that for technology equipment. We do know we will be investing in a new projector, and computer. We will be using this and other accessories to produce the presentations at our clinics. We have a preliminary list and will be asking various sound and video resellers to quote us for our anticipated purchase. We are also looking for someone interested in taking over or helping with the clinic audio / visual production for the next clinic year We are discussing the idea of a judging meet and are looking to see if we can get someone to take on the duties of getting this together.

Announcements: Our next clinic on February 20th.will have a fire safety topic and some “shorts”.

Business meeting to be held March 11th via Zoom internet platform. Next clinic will be held February 20 th. Clinics are available on zoom.

At the Jerry Schilling coffee social there were 47 people visiting the garage and TCMAFC greatly appreciated the invitation from Jerry and Nancy for this well received event

Because of a scheduling issue our Clinic in April will not be on the typical third Thursday schedule that we normally follow. This Clinic will be held Thursday April 10th which is the 2nd Thursday of the month.

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 8:32 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

Our Thursday Night Clinic

We switched some things up on this night, usually we will have something a bit mechanical and technical to share with those present. Our normal social time and club resources like books and videos are always featured.

This night we took a look back at what unfortunately happened to two of our members causing them great stress and financial losses. Fire - it allows man to live, create and prosper but it has a very ugly side when it gets out of hand. We had a summary of one of the catastrophes that took 3 cars and many years of research, collected and restored parts away from a member who was doing everything right. however it is believed tha a failure in fluorescent light caused the fire to destroy the complete garage and most of the items with in.

One of our members, Ken Huber is an attorney and deals with insurance companies looking to recover funds for losses. Ken worked with our member thru this process as a friend and as an attorney. Ken explained just what happens at the beginning of the event, his advice is to leave things lay undisturbed as they are. The insurance company will have an investigator look at the loss and look to explain why the loss has occurred. If you have the insurance that has coverage for that type of loss you should be able to recover your losses up to maximum that the policy allows. This is provided you have keep your insurance up todate and have not deliberately caused the damages yourself (Example : you purposely caused the problem to collect money - criminal fraud!) The insurance company will take it's time to assure themselves that the loss is covered by their policy. Should you have a disagreement on the process or valuations you can always hire an adjuster or attorney to come to resolution. Your state laws give both you and the insurance company rights and the state has enacted many regulations to keep the insurance companies responsible to their policy holders . Your best defense is to realize just what you want to insure against and also what you want as a maximum value to cover the loss. Many people look at the cost of the premium they pay and don't realize the premium cost creates the recoverable amount of money for the loss as well as the circumstances of what is covered. You need to take your time and come to terms of just how much of a loss you are willing to take if you decide not to insure for full value of your items and also certain circumstances that could cause the loss. Insurance is very complicated and the policies have a lot of confusing contract terms. Take your time when you renew and ask a lot of questions to the insurance agent.

We also had Jerry Plagge who is a trained fire inspector and worked as a fireman, talk to us about fire extinguishers that you should consider to own, and the maintenance of them. He left us with an interesting comment, from his talk stating that a fire detector could possibly save more lives as a opposed to a fire extinguisher. The explanation is that a smoldering fire which may not be noticeable creates carbon monoxide and you would could possibly never notice the your life giving air has turned deadly.

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

Every month on the Third Thursday

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695341827?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82695341827?pwd=A0gReqK6nYfpNTEwirdIkxcqybPydU.1)

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Passcode: 144424

Clinic Night March 20th. 7:00 P.M.

**Topics: Window Glass Channel Replacement: Jim Loeffler, Lincoln Highway Going East
Steve Barnacle**

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:

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:

29 Tudor, Needs complete 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 , New Wolf Whistle \$45.00. 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
- For Sale:** South Bend Precision Model A Lathe. 3 1/2 foot bed length. 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.



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 knowledgable members.

We are looking for members willing to form teams that have a common knowledge in electrical, fuel systems, brakes, etc. and then deploy as needed on members requests for assistance.

Details in the next newsletter on time schedule and location.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast has been scheduled for June 7th .

Our hosts will be Dave and Jean Gerold and it will be at their home in Jordan MN.

Volunteers will be needed for the event and should you want to lead or have an idea for a "Mystrey Tour" please contact Dave Gerold or any of the Board members.

Be Fashionable Club Merchandise For Sale

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Jim's Tech Tip

Clutch Pedal Free Play

It is easy to forget to check the Clutch Pedal Clearance (or Free Play) now and then, but you really do need to check it. I press down gently on the pedal with just a couple of fingers, to judge how far down the pedal goes before you are pressing the throwout bearing against the clutch "fingers". If you do not have an inch of movement, follow the instructions below. A little extra free play will not hurt anything.

Clutch Pedal Clearance

The correct clearance or play for the clutch pedal is approximately 1". That is when the clutch pedal is depressed there should be about 1" movement in the pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch.

As the clutch facings wear this clearance or movement gradually grows less. Consequently it should occasionally be checked. Under no circumstances should the car be driven without clearance or play in the clutch pedal.

Adjusting Clutch Pedal Clearance

The adjustment is easily made by removing the clevis pin (see Fig. 4) and turning the release arm rod. Screwing the rod in decreases the clutch pedal play. Screwing the rod out increases the play. After making adjustment, be sure to replace clevis pin and cotter key.

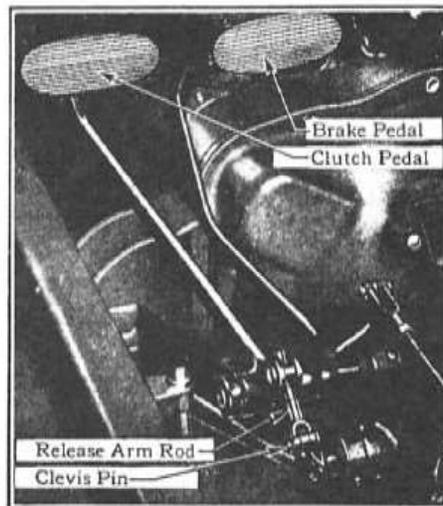


Figure 4
Clutch Pedal Adjustment

Forgetting to keep an inch or so of clutch pedal free play can lead to premature throwout bearing failure, because the bearing is spinning all the time where the pedal is pressing it into the clutch. We don't want that. So maybe check it every time you change the oil and adjust as required.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

Work Meetings :

We have been trying to get as much help as possible to members who may just not have the knowledge or may be hesitant to undertake a repair or be able to solve a problem. We would like members to step forward and outline the repair or problem and invite the membership to their garage on a weekend and let the membership help you and also help others learn from the experience. Should this be something that can be brought to one of our Thursday night clinics we may be able to turn it into our topic for the night, in either case contact Dale Pomerleau and we can possibly schedule something and solve some of those problems.

Tours?, Lunch?, What Ever? - Start Planning Now!

Interested on going on a local drive or a "pop up" event that may present itself? Marc Rude has volunteered to maintain a list of those members he can contact who may show interest. He is also looking to be the contact person that is informed of these events that may come up. You may contact Marc at : marcandjackie@hotmail.com or 904-228-0979

From The Model A Ford Club Of America

Do you Know: that we have a successful Facebook Group with over 62,000 members? Look for It, MAFCA-Model A Ford Club of America. We feature a daily Topic that I am sure you will find enjoyable. Answers to technical questions are readily available. The page is designed to be entertaining and informative. I hope the activity on the page will continue to help us bring in many new members.

Do you Know: That there is an email address where you can receive answers to your Model A Mechanical question? Send an email to modelatechquestions@gmail.com. We have a group of experts who are willing and able to help you.

Read All About It :

The Model A Ford Club Of America's award winning publication "The Restorer" has as an article from our members Leah and Steve Barnacle . This article details their adventure following the Lincoln Highway, one of Americas early roadways that crossed our country. A good read with nice pictures and an insight to just what fun, the unexpected and the rewards await a long road trip in a Model A



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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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