

"Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

November 2025 Twin Cities Model "A" Club Event

- November 11th. 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.**
- November 9th. Nomination Banquet**
- November 20th. Clinic At St. Michaels - See New Internet Log In Code Page 4**
- November 22nd. Photo Contest Ends, Photo Contest Submissions Due Today**
- December 7th. Election Banquet - See Page 11**



**2025 Great Northern
Tour**

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

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

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

**For all the information about
what our club has to offer
please call our membership
director or see www.tcmafc.org**

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



President's Letter

November 2025 Presidents Letter

This letter was initially meant to remind everyone about the upcoming club events. The Nomination Banquet on the 9th of November and the Election Banquet on the 7th of December. Also, our November clinic will feature a presentation by the Minnesota Safety Council. Lots of scheduled events and pop-up events happening, be sure to check your email and read our newsletter. Mark Leder does a great job of keeping us posted and the photo contest ends in November, by submitting photos that would be a nice thank you to him for his work on our newsletter.

Mid-September I was contacted by Derek Ross, an event coordinator for the Marvella Retirement Community built on the former site of the Twin Cities Assembly Plant. He was planning a presentation to be called "Stories from the Ford Assembly Plant". He assembled a panel and a slide show. The panel included two employees with over 30 years of experience and Brain McMahon, the author of "The Ford Century in Minnesota". Derek asked me to supply three Model A's to be parked in front of the buildings. He hinted that if the cars were built at the TC Plant, that would be extra special. On the 2nd of October, Miles Lindberg, Jim Lake and I were part of the presentation. Jim Lake brought his '31 Pickup and Miles Lindberg brought his '28 Fordor. Both vehicles were built at the TC Plant!!! I brought my Special Delivery since my grandfather's agency was mentioned several times in McMahon's book.

The presentation was fantastic and enlightening. I learned that there were 4.5 miles of tunnels dug under the plant to recover silica sand to make glass. The tunnels are still there. The sand was over 90% pure. Coal for the steam plant, located on the riverbank, was brought in by rail to a hopper building near the center of the plant. The coal was transferred to a very long conveyor belt that had its own tunnel running under the plant and Mississippi River Road to the steam plant. The presentation was attended by over 150 residents and family members. Some had direct ties to employees of the plant. Everyone was invited to view the Model A's parked outside. Miles, Jim and I had a great time showing the vehicles and answer questions. Too bad they didn't have more room for Model A's. I've had some experience with parades!

Hope to see you at our next event.

Tom Owens

Twin Cities Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2025

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

Attendance: Board Members present: President - Tom Owens, Secretary - Mark Leder, – Vice President Marc Rude, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, Senior board - Blaine Maus, -past president Jerome Bokelmann, also present membership director Roberta Butek, Dale Pomerleau, Steve Barancl, Jerry Schilling, Doug Persing, Thom Boche, and Paul Shinn. 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 September printed copy of the minutes. There were no corrections or additions voiced. A motion was made by Doug Portlance to accept the September minutes as printed in the Aogah Newsletter in October, the motion was then seconded by Jerome Bokelmann. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

Treasures report:

Doug Portlance, our treasurer ran thru the September business report ending on the 30th. of the month as well as those activities to date with a spreadsheet provided for those present for this month's bank and expense activity. It was a slow month for entries to the clubs financial records. One expense that came in was for the continuing maintenance and updates for our website and web presence with the Go Daddy company. Our treasurer was not sure of the length of term this expense pays for. **NOTE: Within two days of this meeting our treasurer emailed the board members and reported the expense was for a three year period.** We are paid now for the next three years. We were also informed that there was a transfer from the money market account to checking to refresh the balance in our account for the expenses we have been gradually writing checks for. We will soon be reordering checks and a donation for \$350.00 was received by the club from the Wold Chamberlain American Legion post for our participation in a recent parade. 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 there were two new member applications to consider. Jack Brown of Woodbury, MN with a 1930 Sports Coupe, and Brad and Janis Kromminga of Bloomington, Mn with a 1930 Coupe. A short discussion was held and a motion to accept the two proposed applications was made first by Marc Rude and a second was made by Doug Portlance. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous and passed.

Restoration Clinics: Dale Pomerleau has content set up for the November meeting which will be a safe driving presentation by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Although not the four hour class that enables you to apply for a lower auto insurance rate, this shorter presentation should prepare our members to realize the need to sometimes relearn some of the driving skills and practices to keep our self's safe. Dale is also looking for a person to assist with the clinics as a coordinator. Should someone be interested please contact Dale or a Board member.

Membership Greeter: Jim Lake was not present. He will be given the list of new members voted in.

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. Steve Barnacle said a number of tools are now in use.

Sunshine: Will be advised of cards that can be sent this month.

Newsletter: Reported that all is good from editor, again the post office is sometimes returning for no reason newsletters with good addresses. Photo contest to close in November.

Website/Facebook: Member Greg Hillenbrand has been involved in learning this new position. Greg has been advised of certain updates to add to our pages.

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: Trunk or Treat children's candy / Halloween party at the St. Micheals Church, The Church has asked if any members would like to participate in this event. A blast e mail will be sent to membership

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

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Short discussion about making our club more visible by again including club stickers in the renewal roster that get sent out. Stickers identify the club and we should encourage members to place one in the car's window. The current supply of stickers is abundant and when they finally are exhausted, we should redesign and add our website address.

Announcements: Let it be noted that the Clinics are back on the regular 3rd. Thursday of the month schedule and business meetings are the 2nd. Tuesday of the month and any member is welcome to join the zoom meetings. Simply ask Tom Owens for the zoom meeting log in information. Notice of two banquets have been published and will also be announced at the Clinics.

Motion to adjourn: Jerome Bokelmann made a motion to adjourn, Marc Rude seconded the motion, a vote was called, and it was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:02. P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

Third Thursday of the Month Clinics

For those joining our next clinic via the internet on 11/20/25 - The NEW CODE which will be used for all the clinics is as follows:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87956671753?
pwd=E0Kkpgdm6zqMb6NCR3ANIQ3vk6cK63.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87956671753?pwd=E0Kkpgdm6zqMb6NCR3ANIQ3vk6cK63.1)
Passcode is: 817727

Our November clinic will feature a presentation from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Topic: Driving skills and safe driving practices

Feel free to bring items of curiosity, Photo Contest submissions can be handed to Newsletter Editor as this is the the deadline for submission.

October Clinic

We were again fortunate to have good weather and the parking lot swap got some attention. We had 50 plus people in the room and we had an interesting presentation from LaVerna and Darrel Leipold detailing the Minnesota license plates issued through the years. There were many revisions and changes that Darrel was able to show us as he has a large collection of plates . License plate collecting has a devoted group of collectors.

As well as our presentation for the night we also had a number of members share items and detail solutions to problems related to the Model A's. This is a good opportunity to bring an item and get a better understanding as to what you don't know

or can't figure out how to repair or identify. One of our newer members had a situation where he could not get acceptable gas mileage from his current Zenith carburetor and it also ran rich. He shared with us that he had purchased this "rebuilt" carburetor on the internet and when he had the opportunity to take it apart he found that the GAV needle was about 3/8" shorter than standard. - It fit and it looked the same as any other Zenith needle. The problem was that as much as you closed it, it did not seat. so really it was always open and wasting gas .

Member Mike Koda brought in some old diagnostic tools primarily used on automobiles. One of the neatest items was a device to measure the power or luminance of head lights and other lights. To say they don't make things like they used to certainly applied to his items . The absolute quality and care taken to design these were a pleasure to see.



Our presenters Laverna and Darrell Leipold



Lloyd Turner discussed his carburetor issue



Mike Koda and some of his very interesting "old" test equipment

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**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.

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:

30 - 31 rt. ft. Fender, painted ready to install. 31 radiator shell. Rebuilt round and oval speedometers. Bob Butek 651 301-9560.

For Sale:

Model A trunk for sale. Black body with brown leather trim. Flat back. Very good overall condition. 33" long x 13" wide x 18.5" tall. Has bottom bolts for mounting to rack, plus leather straps. Locking metal buckles with key. \$125. Ken Huber, 612-423-4936

- 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. Call to discuss price. Want it to go to a local person who will finished restoration. Darel Leipold 952 474 5880 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
- 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 for pictures and details.
- For Sale:** (2) 1928-29 Model A wheels in good condition. \$50 each. (\$100 each on E-bay) Can deliver to the next clinic. Gary Thorin 612-788-1564 garythorin@yahoo.com

Ads placed on these pages are free for members, if your ad is no longer needed please contact newsletter Editor to remove it.

Should we 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

The Great Northern Tour of 2025 *by Dale Pomerleau*

Tuesday October 7th was the start of a beautiful fall midwest day. One group of Model A Fords met at the Blaine McDonalds, another group met in Somerset, WI. They converged in Osceola, WI at the train depot leaving as one caravan North out of the city following the East side of the St. Croix river through fields, farmlands and scenic overlooks on every backroad we could find until we stopped at Burnett County Dairy in the huge town of Alpha. Always a good place to stop for something to eat, free coffee, and of course Ice cream! As well as top off your gas tank too. One member left the group to return home and get one of their 'spare' Model A's to meet up at the host hotel later.

We left there taking all backroads that take a turn at every farm, every section grid, every body of water, of which there are many! Nobody got lost, no breakdowns, no hiccups other than a surprise section of gravel road that we guess the county just can't keep paved. We rolled into the hotel parking lot on time and settled into our respective rooms for a short while. Some went exploring, out to eat, or gathered in the parking lot and lounge area to renew friendships, meet new ones. We had a 'meet and greet' at 7:00 in the meeting room, every participant was introduced, told a little about themselves as they received their tour packet. Appetizers and snacks held people there for quite a while before retiring to their room.

Wednesday morning, just as the weather person predicted, was 26°. Those that only ran water had hopefully drained their radiator the night before. Some cars were covered to keep frost off the windows but as the morning sun came up through clear blue skies it quickly warmed up. Empty radiators were refilled and after breakfast everyone met in the parking lot at 9:00 for a driver's meeting and explained how the day would unfold & Driving directions were handed out. Heading out of the parking lot we only had to drive about 1,000 ft before turning on to some country farmland and wooded areas. The tree covered paved roads took us into Stone Lake where we took a 30 minute break at Farm Boyz to look at all the varied items for sale, pick up a sandwich or other food item as this was a bring your own lunch or manifold cooker day. It wasn't a very long drive so cooking an entire meal was not going to work, but a nice warm-up of food items. Just out of Stone Lake we headed south onto increasingly smaller and smaller roads eventually turning into not much more than ATV trails. 2 miles through the winding rolling wooded path took us to a clearing. The clearing was a private air strip created in the middle of the woods. We gathered at the hanger that had been built to resemble an old Airport. Our hosts for the day were Bob and Judy Gillette. On this beautiful piece of North woods Wisconsin property, they had set up tables and provided (at their own expense) a Bloody Mary or Pina Colada bar with all the fixings. They had a bonfire going on the grounds which was very spacious, it was a very relaxing afternoon in the sunshine which felt really good! We headed back, again all back roads, the colors were just turning to their fall beauty. One of our favorite roads takes us through a 'tunnel of trees'. We arrived back early enough for a short freshen up and then a group of those who wanted to, walked to a native American cemetery where we looked at and learned about Spirit Houses. At 6:00 our catered meal was delivered, and we were ready to eat! Following supper and socializing there was an impromptu music jam.

Thursday morning, we did not have to deal with the cold frosty morning as it was 45° and sunny. We headed down the road making a stop at Clam Lake Junction to regroup, get gas if needed, pick up a few items and head toward our lunch stop at Garmisch USA resort. When leaving Clam Lake Junction one of the cars had some loose lug nuts which was dealt with on the spot and repairs were made and vehicles continued to Garmisch USA on Lake Namakagon. The main lodge dates back to the 1920's. Architecture is old world, hand crafted by local artisans. The main lodge and many of the guest cabins were built as a private vacation retreat for a wealthy Chicago family. There was time to look around in the main lodge and the grounds both before and after lunch, before heading back to the hotel. Our catered meal was delivered at 6:00 followed by much socializing.

Friday morning after breakfast it was a leisurely departure as we all headed toward home. One small group of Model A's traveled through the Shell Lake area and took a side trip to 'The Junk Yard Bar'. Just after we pulled in, we were surprised to be joined by 4 ladies from the Lady Slippers club that had been with us all week. We will not elaborate here ... Google it! If you are in the area, we recommend checking it out.





Just the long and short of the Great Northern
Tour of 2025

CONTEST CLOSING : Photos need to be submitted by November 22nd.

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 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. 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.

TCMAFC would like to inform our members of these two members who have recently passed and offer our condolences to their families.

Richard Darling a lifetime member and generous contributor of Model A knowledge and help to the club has passed. Survived by two nephews and Louie his faithful dog. No funeral or obituary notice were his wish.

Virginia “Ginny” Richardson, survived by husband Jim Richardson and family. Ginny participated in many of our events. A funeral or service is pending, the family will inform the club when plans are made.

**TCMAFC Election Banquet hosted by Jimmy Slettehaugh
Crystal VFW Post 494**

5222 Bass Lake Rd Crystal, MN 55429

Fully Handicapped accessible

December 7, 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

Rosemary Roasted Turkey

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 November 7th., 2025

Name _____

Number attending _____ @ 16.95 each – Total _____
mail to Doug Portlance 8973 Zumbrota St NE Blaine, MN 55449-5602

Please put Election in the memo of the check.

Notice: You will soon see renewal notices for your membership

Membership must be paid before January 1st. 2026. Late payments /renewals that are 30 days in default will be terminated as outlined in the bylaws of TCMAFC. We need your membership renewal in the period before January 1st. Roster printing is dependent on full membership information. Our volunteer membership director does not need any additional worked re noticing , mailing , e mailing a membership renewal that is over the deadlines we have.

Lifetime Members: You must return the renewal application with your current information. Regardless of fact that the membership is granted for the members lifetime, your roster information is dependent on you returning the renewal form.



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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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