

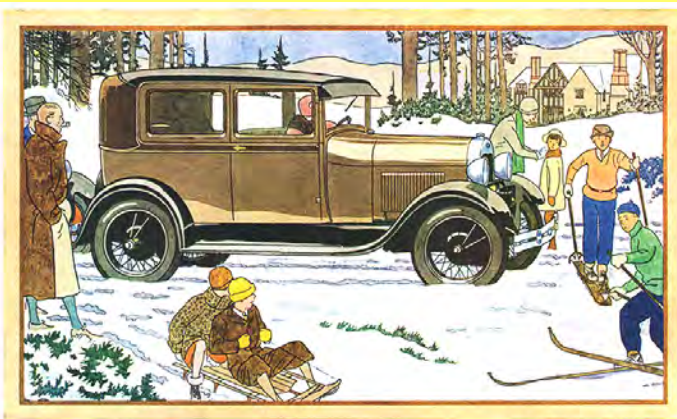
# "Aogah" Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

February 2024

## Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- February 13th. **Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code**
- February 15th. **Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville - Live Swap Meet, Topics : Phil Zins Presentation On Updates On Brake Cross Shaft Rebuilding - See Page 7 For Meeting And Zoom Internet Code**
- February 24th. **Coffee Social At The Home Of Brad Nelson - See Page 8 for details**
- February 29th. **Ironman Tour See Page 5 For Details**
- Thursdays **Model A'ers Breakfast Held On The Second And Fourth Thursday Of Each Month At McDonald's Near I-494 And Valley Creek Road In Woodbury at 9:00 AM**
- Starting Now **Photo Contest For 2024 See Page 10**



THE NEW TUDOR SEDAN

Winter days are happy days  
for the woman who drives the new Ford

**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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**Become A Member**

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

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

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



**President's Letter**

TCMAFC Presidents Letter

Greetings Club Members

February 2024

Our clinics continue to amaze me in more than one way! Our January clinic had several new people attend and introduce themselves. I got a chance during the break to talk to most and ask what they thought of the clinic so far. There was an overwhelming response to my questions. Everyone was enjoying themselves and learning a lot. They each told me that they have been talking to other members and getting a connection made. I said... "Just wait for the second half of the clinic". They each told me that they were glad they came out in the cold to attend.

Mark Leder did a great presentation on block stud removal. He made it look easy and didn't put a lot of force on the removal process. As he said during his presentation, you just need a lot of patience. Our other presenter for January was Jeff Schafer. He put a really good presentation on doing the upholstery panels that he made. Jeff was a natural at presenting as he knew his topic well and just told us how he did it. Anyone can do a presentation and as I've said before, we can help you get your presentation ready.

Last month, I got a call from a person in Texas, who is starting up a Model A Club in the Houston Texas area. He had several questions about how our club operates and does most of our business meetings via zoom. I invited him to our zoom business meeting and he accepted my invitation. He didn't want to participate but only observe. However, he couldn't just observe as he felt very comfortable with everyone in attendance that he started contributing. A couple of days after our meeting, I got a thank you card in the mail along with a note thanking me and our club as he learned a TON. He enjoyed our interactions, the way we conducted our business and how fluid our club is. No wonder he was pointed in our direction in order to help get his Houston club off the ground.

Stay safe, stay warm, keep working on your projects! Remember the Iron Man event is at the end of this month. We also have a Coffee Social event coming up at Brad Nelson's place. Before we know it, it will be driving season again and we will be active daily with our great cars.

That is all for now...

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road!

Jerome Bokelmann

Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P M. via Zoom internet platform.

**Attendance:** Board Members present: President -Jerome Bokelmann, Vice President - Marc Rude, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, Junior Board, Blain Maus, Secretary - Mark Leder, Past President Thom Boche . Members present: Jerry Schilling, Blair Bolig, Dale Pomerleau, Steve Barnacle, Dave Peterson, James Lake and Roberta Butek. We had a special guest from a Texas Model A chapter, Mr. Michael Eisenbise. Jerome Bokelmann 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:** The President asked if there were any corrections or additions to the report for the November printed copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Marc Rude to accept the December minutes as printed in the Ahoogah Newsletter in December. The motion was seconded by Doug Portlance and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasures report:**

Doug Portlance presented the treasures report. A paper copy will be retained with the official club notes. During the presentation a few corrections were made after the initial reading of the spreadsheet. Those in attendance accepted the corrections. The report as corrected will be placed in the official club notes. A motion was made by Thom Boche to accept the report as presented, a second was made by Mark Leder and the vote was unanimous and passed.

**Membership report:** We have two new members for nomination. Brad and Janis Kromminga of Bloomington MN. with a 1930 Deluxe Coupe and Brad and Lori Gregory of Lake Elmo MN. with a 1931 Roadster Pickup. A motion was made to accept these two families for membership by Doug Portlance, Thom Boche seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

It was reported that at this time from our membership director she has 96 renewals, another 10 came in and are yet unprocessed. A second notice by mail has been sent to those that have not yet renewed. Should we need to follow up with phone calls, President or board members will make some phone calls to the un renewed.

**Membership Greeter:** Our official greeter was present and will contact these newly approved members.

**Clinics:** Our Clinics this month will have Jeff Schaffer give us a presentation of upholstery options and installations. Mark Leder will have a "short" on head stud removal. We are always looking for presenters, the presentations can be brief subjects, please contact anyone on the board or our clinic coordinators with your content.

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

**Tools:** Coordinator was present, inventory of tools is ready for members to check out

**Sunshine:** It was mentioned that Mary Gray who had been a member of this club with husband Steve also deceased, passed this month

**Newsletter:** All good

**Fundraising:** Nothing to report now, we will work on something for the up coming year.

**Calendar of Events:** Marc Rude reports winter is slow for events however the Ironman event on Leap Year Day is one to look forward to. This only comes every four years, and we hope to have a good turnout.

**Unfinished Business:** Car logo tags, Doug Portlance who has a business that can make such items looked at the design and material required and reported they do not have the process to form the tags at a reasonable price. We discussed using the vendor another club used and we will poll our members at the next clinic to see if there is interest in offering these for sale and making it worth the club's effort.

Discussion on offering memberships at very reduced cost to young adults who have moved from their parents' homes. Costs, reasons, and amenities of possible membership discussed, there is interest, and we will table this to next month for further discussion.

Donations were discussed with our Clinic location being the primary discussion point, we are not charged "rent" for the clinics however we donate for the use. A motion was made by Thom Boche to donate \$1200.00 to St. Michaels Church as a good will gesture for the use of the facilities. A second to the motion was made by Doug Portlance in support of the motion. A vote was taken it was unanimous to make the donation.

Donation topic of supporting each of the national Model A Clubs. It was discussed that each club is important to support and equally deserving of a donation. We looked at the budget and felt that \$150.00 at this time to MARC and MAFCA would be a good use of the budgeted funds in our donation/scholarship category. Doug Portlance made a motion to grant each of the national clubs \$150.00 at this time. The motion had a second by Mark Leder. A vote was taken by the board, and it was passed unanimously.

Coffee Social- Brad Nelson has scheduled a gathering at his shop to view the work on the fine point restoration nearly finished on Vince Smith's car in February.

**New Business:** Technology upgrade to keep and make our clinics and zoom meetings better. We are looking to improve the sound quality of the clinics, visuals, and ways to convey information. The Church has a challenging sound system, and we are aware of the difficulties. We will try to meet with a person from the Church should they have a technology person and see what can be improved. Suggestions after assessing the situation may be that the club purchase some additional equipment that we control and safe keep and use at this site. We do like the site and the accommodations made by St. Michaels is greatly appreciated.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Portlance, it was seconded by Marc Rude, the vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 8:39 P.M. Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

Minneapolis February 29 Weather by Year

Year	High (°F)	Low (°F)	Precip. (inches)	Snow (inches)
<a href="#">2020</a>	39	16	0.00	0.0
<a href="#">2016</a>	39	19	0.00	0.0
<a href="#">2012</a>	34	31	0.65	2.2
<a href="#">2008</a>	32	13	0.01	0.1
<a href="#">2004</a>	48	33	0.09	n/a
<a href="#">2000</a>	61	37	0.00	0.0
<a href="#">1996</a>	19	-6	0.00	0.0
<a href="#">1992</a>	43	21	0.00	0.0

**Historical weather data for past Ironman Tours.**

**What will 2024 be like in our very strange winter this year? Get your car and clothing ready and make history happen again.**



*Please come and join Rog & Lynne for the 9th (every 4 years) IRONMAN.*

*When you arrive at the church please park in the WEST parking lot. Then, enter through the FRONT DOOR*

*February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024*

*9:30 A.M. Meet at Christ Lutheran Church  
1930 Diffley Road, Eagan  
Join us for coffee before the tour  
Tour will end at our lunch stop (pay for your own)*

*Sign Up: Rog Anderson  
651 – 457 – 8820      call or text*

**Event Cancellations :** Sometimes winter weather or unforeseen circumstances may cancel one of our clinics or events. We will use a blast email to alert membership should weather seem threatening or we are noticed from our meeting places of a problem. Check your email before leaving for an event.

**Non email user members:** Please find a member that has email and ask to be an "email buddy" your "buddy" can alert you should a cancelation arise



## TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

[FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :](#)

Mark Leder [mleder22@aol.com](mailto:mleder22@aol.com)

- For Sale:** Rebuilt engines in stock.  
Trade in or bring me yours to re-build. Precision machining and assembly work.  
Call Dave Gerold for options and pricing at (952) 290-3630 or see my website  
[www.durableperformance.net](http://www.durableperformance.net)
- For Sale:** Nice 1930 radiator shell, several good 1931 shells, several exhaust manifolds, box of 1930-31 head light shells and parts (some complete), two complete Model T rear end units with drive shafts ( one with closed spool), and other Model T parts. Darel Leipold. 952 474 5880 [leipold@leipolds.org](mailto:leipold@leipolds.org)
- Wanted:** Title for a '30 - '31 Tudor. Contact Butch Warnke 507 - 485 - 3548
- Wanted:** Herbrand Style (Fox Valley & others) Coil & Condenser Tester. Dale Pomerleau  
[dfpomerleau@comcast.net](mailto:dfpomerleau@comcast.net). 763 - 458 - 9880
- For Sale:** N.O.S. standard compression head-magnafluxed, \$250.00 cash or reasonable offer. Contact Jim Kelly 651-398-4918 or [indymaggie@comcast.net](mailto:indymaggie@comcast.net)
- For Sale:** 2 - 21" whitewalls for sale for \$175, each. Contact Thom Boche- 612-840-4046.
- 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:** Heated winter garage storage in Chanhassen for Model A. \$425 for season.  
Contact Blair 612-812-6791
- 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:** Rebuilt speedometers contact Bob Butek 651 - 301 - 9560

- Wanted:** Wanted: Back issues of the AOOGAH NEWS magazines from 1962-1972. Contact Gary Thorin  
612-788-1564 [garythorin@yahoo.com](mailto:garythorin@yahoo.com)
- Wanted:** 30 -31 front fenders. Also 30 - 31 rear fenders for coupe/pickup. Rog Anderson 651-457-8820
- For Sale:** Upgrade your Model A to a 6 volt positive ground alternator for \$160. 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:** 1931 170-B Deluxe Fordor Sedan (Blindback) Original interior, straight, no rust, runs well. 1929 engine. leak less water pump, alternator, electric gas shutoff. powder coated wheels. Built from January through March of 1931. Asking \$13,500. Steve 218-722-4224
- For Sale :** 30/31 TUDOR Body Blocks \$60, 30/31 TUDOR Body Block Pads \$8, 28/31 TUDOR Seat Hardware kits \$9ea. All items New in Box. Contact Tom Owens 651 - 492 - 4398
- For Sale:** Model A Head, milled flat ready to install 125.00 Jim Lake 651-245-1937
- Wanted:** Wanted: TRUNK for my '29 Tudor trunk rack. Ideally black trunk, but open to other options that fits 13' x 34" trunk rack. Please call or text Rob Gusaas 612-750-6410
- Missing:** I lent my head puller to a club member and I cannot remember to whom, I have a request from another to use it  
Please contact Jerry Schilling and let me know when to expect it's return. Call 763 - 213 - 4917

Let Zoom Put You Into The Room  
**Clinic Night February 15th.**  
 Use Zoom Meeting to join the clinic on the Internet  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6172683010?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6172683010?pwd=VEZSeWQxaUV2cGlhMDJKVHpqcVIQZz09)  
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**Submission Deadline for advertisements is the 21st. day of the month**

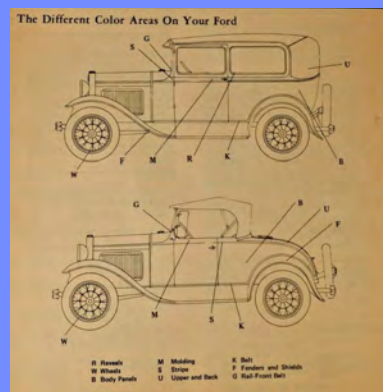
**Do not text information, send via email, USPS or phone conversation**

Coffee Social February 24th 9:00 -12:00.

## Brad Nelson Will Be Hosting With Coffee and Donuts , Vince Smith's Car Is Finishing Final Assembly For Fine Point Judging.

Brad shares his experiences as a career auto body technician and as a participant himself in Fine Point Judging, this morning should be very informative and surprise many of us with the painstaking detail on finishes and dates of manufacture of the parts

Location: The Home Of Brad Nelson  
27448 Furman St. N E  
North Branch, MN 55056



### MEET ONE OF OUR NEWER MEMBERS

**Keven Fuelling lives in Beaver Falls PA. He came to the club after finding out about our restoration manual offered to members and learned about our club with it's enthusiastic members and it's quality of clinics and events.**

**Kevin is a proud first time Model A owner of this beautiful 1930 Briggs Fordor. For Christmas he decked the car out in lights and made his grandchildren very happy with rides. With our Zoom clinics, newsletter and now with our TCMAFC YouTube channel we hope Kevin can feel the energy and help that this club offers. Some day we hope to meet him in person.**



## **Question: Can A Model A owner embrace technology?**

### **Answer: We certainly hope you are willing and able!**

We are moving forward to make information available to you within the club to make your experiences as a member more valuable.

We have taken the old restoration manual and created a searchable version that you can have on your computer by simply loading a CD or having it dropped on to a thumb drive. We are recording the clinics and they can be available

We are using Zoom internet platform to allow you from the comfort of your home or where ever you have internet access to participate in our monthly business meetings, our Restoration Clinics on the third Thursday of the month are open for you to join in. We are working on better production quality with the sound and it is a learning process but please stay with us as we learn

We have a page on Facebook which you can access. This is a public page and you do not need an account. Just type Facebook TCMAFC and you can see some content.

Youtube : Thanks to our President Jerome Bockelmann, he created a Youtube channel for our club this past month. You only need to go to computer select a browser and type Youtube TCMAFC . We have an initial 6 or so videos placed on the site and already they are getting views. These videos are of past presentations and this could be a great opportunity for our club to show case the talent and events that we have. There is a subscribe button which would be nice if you subscribed as it can give you notification of new content.

With Youtube and these other technology embracements this may be a way to grow and add new members to TCMAFC, a younger base of potential members that we would like to attract have grown up on these "different" ways of communication and information storage.

We gained a new member from a state far away which is mentioned in this newsletter, technology brought him to us and we feel that we can provide content and support for members interests should they not even be in our area.

Do you have something you want to place on our Facebook page or Youtube? maybe an event , photo, a video of a project? Ask one of the board members just how they can help. Don't forget the newsletter is distributed to all the members and your editor hopes that it is read. Consider submitting a story, article photos, artwork or ? . If you would like to present something at a clinic and want help on creating a power point presentation we can find someone to work on it with you.

**Youtube TCMAFC**

**Facebook TCMAFC**

**Do not forget the Membership Roster - your collection of contacts**

## Photo Contest For 2024

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 2024, 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 “Flags”. 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 your submission is. Just to mention a few flags as examples. Federal, state, athletic, warning, symbolic, danger, caution, prize, etc, etc. There are a lot of flags out there so go and find them.

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.

*I'm presently working with another club(s) and the editor of the Restorer magazine to challenge them to a photo contest on the Flag theme. Should they get their members on board with the contest, we will submit our 3 best photos and they will submit theirs for an article with the submissions to be published in the MAFCA Restorer. Please consider this extra audience from the members of the national club as an incentive to get you involved and see your photo in a national professionally published magazine. Mark Leder Editor*



## January Clinic

A good turn out on this night with two interesting and well prepared presentations. First off was Mark Leder with a step by step process for removing head studs either broken off or intact from your engine. Jeff Schaffer give us a presentation of upholstery options and installations. These two presentations were well recieved and for those not able to be present, we are recording these clinics and when you attempt a similar project you can get a copy of these to help and make your project go that much easier. These clinics are offered live on Zoom for those not able to attend.

We have Phil Zins scheduled for the February Clinic, February 15th., his topic will be updates on brake cross shaft rebuilding. His presentations are always detailed and have good photos and drawings supplementing the process he undertakes. Swap meet items are welcome before the start of clinic, videos and the opportunity to buy club hats, and jackets are available. Our librarian may possibly be out of town this meeting and should that be the case returned books will be collected by a fill in librarian. The normal selection of books should our librarian be unavailable will not be present at the clinic. If you defiantly are looking for a book you may contact our librarian Ken Huber and possibly he may be able to send it to the meeting with the fill in librarian.

## Annual Spring Tune Up Clinic

TCMAFC traditionally holds this clinic in the middle to end of the month of May. This event is an opportunity to get help and learn about your car and how to maintain it. We are looking for a place to hold this. In the past generous members have hosted this event at their home or business. If you have the space and are willing to host please contact Dale Pomerleau or any of the board members. The club has a budget available to offset expenses incurred with this undertaking.

**Newsletter acceptance and deadlines.** In order to put this newsletter out I need to have articles, ads for sale and general news in my possession by the beginning of the the third week of the month. Consider the 21st. day of the month the cut off. I need to allocate space for known items, certain meetings and club business. Wild card items do come up and I save some space to accommodate them. I would like items sent to me either by mail or e mail. Do not text ads to my phone. Please write your ads out and I can help edit them if needed. Contact me to remove ads that sell. I prefer that any newsletter items come to my personal e mail ( mleder22@aol.com). Please refrain from texting. The club e mail address is used mainly as a one way service to deliver your newsletter and any late breaking club information items we feel you need to have. Since more than one person sends items out via TCMAFC @gmail.com , should you need to contact a person for clarification or assistance your board members, newsletter editor and committee members contacts are listed on the Presidents column page as well as in your membership roster. I appreciate all submissions to the newsletter however in order to give you a quality newsletter I need to have some preparation time to get it all together.

Mark Leder, Editor



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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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