

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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### Aerial View

By: Director Conrad Gerdes



I don't know where March went to so fast, but it's April and we're off and touring. Our Polar Bear Tour that the Arnolds hosted was a great success. The weather was chilly and beautiful and we had a good time. It won't be long before we'll be at Oeder's Lake. We have a picnic table that we're going to donate to the Oeder's that was donated by Dick Gelhaus and I'll pick it up this week and bring it with me to the picnic in June.

There are lots of things happening this year so read your newsletter or better yet, make the next meeting. See you there!

### **What you missed from the April Polar Bear Tour!**

Larry and Debbie Arnold worked really hard to put together the Polar Bear Tour. The ride was a great one and our members had a great time.



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### Show your support of the Ohio Valley Region Model A Club!

We are pleased to announce that we no longer have to wait for multiple people to place an order for club apparel. OVR club shirts, jackets, etc. can be purchased at Black Out Tee's in Eastgate Mall. The company has our logo in digital format and can help you place your order. Please Contact:

**Black Out Tee's**  
**4601 Eastgate Boulevard**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45245**  
**(513) 604-8337**

Club name tags (in the shape of a Model A) can be ordered at a cost of \$10.00 (tag with pin) or \$12.50 (tag with magnet). Please contact:

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**5937 McPicken Drive**  
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**(513) 513-254-1035**



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## A Look Inside Our Monthly Club Meetings!

If you haven't had the chance to join us at a monthly meeting yet, come on out! The weather is warming up and we are all itching to get our Model A's out on the road. You could gain some valuable tips and friendships by coming to a meeting.

Have a look at some pictures from the March meeting.



OVR 2017 Board Members: Conrad Gerdes, Steve Gillie, Bob Green, and Phyllis Pease.



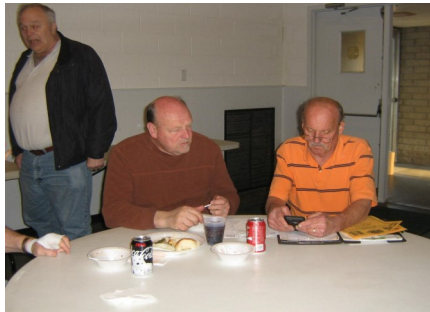
Dottie Gerdes, Sharian Gillie, and Sue Hicks sharing stories



Alien and Vic Baer excited to be at the meeting



Lee White Congratulating Russ Andrews on winning the \$50 split-the-pot



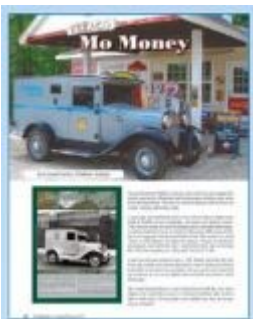
Bruce Saunders walking by Gary Oelrich and Elmer Stanukinos as they are discussing the car show



Jarrold and Melissa Williams excited that they were able to drive their 31' Town Sedan to the meeting

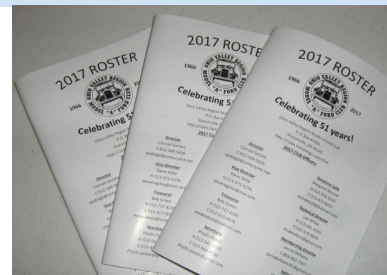
### Did You Notice?

In the March-April 2017 issue of The Restorer - Page 7



Conrad Gerdes, of Dillsboro, Indiana. Wrote this neat article in the last issue about the custom armored car that he had built for his banker. Sadly, his name was omitted from the article. Our apologies, Conrad.  
Jim Spawn

### 2017 Club Rosters Available Now!



If you haven't been able to make a 2017 meeting yet, we wanted you to be aware that the 2017 Member Rosters are now available! In it you will find pictures and contact information for all of the current club members. This year we have printed it as a booklet that is 5 1/2" wide by 8 1/2" tall. It is the perfect size to fit in the door pocket of your Model A.

Extra copies can be purchased for \$1.00.

Make sure to attend a meeting so you can receive yours!

## Model 'A' Ford Front Wheel Alignment

Taken from: <http://www.abarnyard.com/workshop/align.htm>

The following images and information are taken from the *Ford Service Bulletins*. Bulletins were sent to the Ford dealers on a monthly basis. Each contained eight to sixteen pages of service procedures, component changes, etc. The original bulletins were 8-1/2"x 11" pages. The front page each month usually contained an image suggesting window displays or other promotion ideas. The *Ford Service Bulletins* are available in an undersized book form. Unfortunately the monthly cover pages were omitted to conserve space, but all the other pages are reprinted in their entirety. A full sized version of the *Ford Service Bulletins* for the Model A years is once again being reproduced and I highly recommend it over the undersized version.

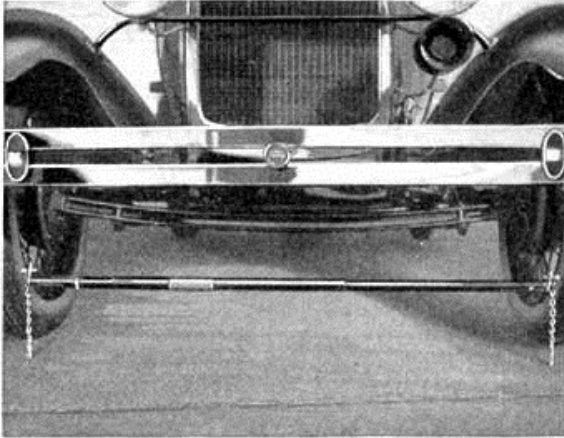


Fig. 490

The bulletin states "Pull car forward at least three feet before placing gage in position. Place gage between front wheels with ends of gage bearing against the tires and both pendant chains (6" long) barely touching the floor."

"Test for play in bushings by pressing outward on the front of both front wheels at the same time."

"Set the scale on the gage so that the pointer registers at zero; then with the gage still in place, move car forward until gage is brought to a position back of the axle with both pendant chains barely touching the floor. The pointer will now register the exact amount of toe-in." *April 1928*

### Additional Notes:

- With the chains touching the floor, the gage is 6" above the floor.
- No Model A wheels run perfectly true and as such have some degree of wobble. With the original gage positioned and remaining in place throughout the process as specified, any wobble in the wheels is compensated for completely.
- If it is desired to service the tie rod (spindle connecting rod) ends without moving the brake housing plates, in most cases it's possible to access the end plugs by turning the steering all the way to one side and access the plug on the opposite side. As a last resort loosen the clamp bolts and unscrew the rod. Both ends should release at approximately the same time. The rod ends may then be turned for access to the end plug. In either case the toe-in will require readjustment.
- When reinstalling, be sure the clamp bolts face the rear of the car, and that both ends engage the rod at nearly the same time.

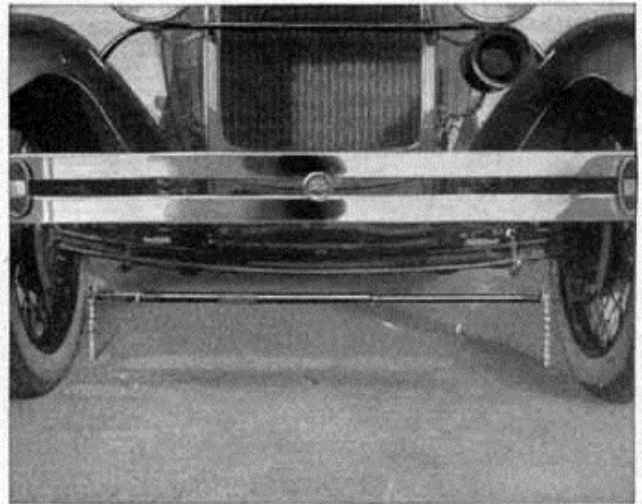
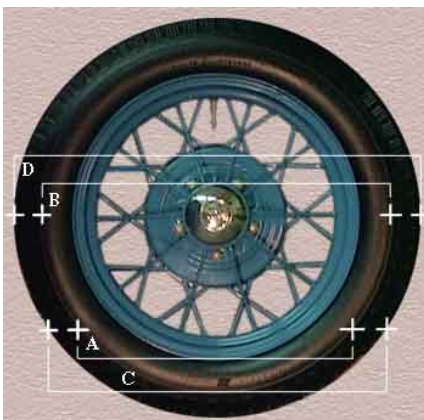


Fig. 491



### How To Apply This Information Today

The wheel image to the left indicates some of the possible measuring points for setting the toe-in. Points "A", are the points used following the original method and measurement (from 6" above the floor). The original specification of 1/16" calculates to .194 degrees toe-in.

Using measuring points further from the center (spindle), slightly increases the required toe-in measurement to maintain the same degree of toe-in. Using measuring points "B" or "C" increases the toe-in measurement by 1/50". Using measuring points "D" increases the measurement by 1/27". While the difference seems minimal, it's important to keep in mind when making the final check. Points "C" and "D" are for measuring at the tread surface. ~Continued on Page 7~

## Ohio Valley Region Model A Club Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 VFW HALL, SHARONVILLE, OHIO

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Conrad Gerdes, Chairman, who also led the group in a moment of silent remembrance and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** The roll call was led by Steve Gillie, Vice Chairman. There were 37 members present. 5 members drove Model A's.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was approved as printed in the February AAAOOOGAH.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** After some discussion it was voted to strike the motion made at the February 22, 2017 meeting regarding a change in point accumulation for the Participation Awards. It was noted that the club Constitution already addresses the point system for this award.

**PARTICIPATION AWARDS:** A committee was assigned to review the point system for this award and report back to the membership at a later meeting. Volunteers for this committee are Tim Schmidt, Lee White, Anna Williams, Art Foreman and Terry Owens.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Bob Zitney celebrates his birthday in March, the Howells celebrate 33 years of marriage, the Gerdes celebrate their 38th anniversary. Russ Andrews and his wife celebrate 58 years of marriage.

**MILEAGE PROGRAM:** Anna Williams stated that there were 12 members reporting a total of 18,180 miles for 2016. Jarrod Williams joined the program for 2017. Bob Green was presented an award for 5000 miles in his 1931 Town Sedan and Steve Gillie was presented a 15,000 mile award for his 1931 Pick-up.

**WEB SITE:** Jarrod Williams will update the club web site and assume responsibility for posting club events.

**PICNIC TABLE:** Dick Gelhaus volunteered to donate an 8' picnic table to Oeder's Lake.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** The Polar Bear tour, led by Larry and Debbie Arnold, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, 2017. The tour will meet at the Cleves Kroger location at 8:30 a.m. to leave at 9:00 a.m. Additional pick-ups will be made at the Anderson Ferry UDF and Lunken Airport. Overnight accommodations are available at the Shawnee State Park Lodge.

The annual Mystery tour hosted by Art Foreman and the Audettes will be held in May. Date to be announced. Bob and Cindy Green will host a tour in August.

**CPR INSTRUCTION:** It was suggested that CPR instructions should be scheduled for an upcoming Tech Session. Larry Arnold, who is an EMT, will investigate this with the Cincinnati Fire Department.

**READING CAR SHOW:** Elmer Stanukinos asked that members solicit items for 100 goodie bags. Recipes to be included in the hand-out booklet should be submitted to Jim Rupp by May 1, 2017. Sponsorships can be sold for \$50 and require a business card.

**CAR SHOWS:** Contact Ralph Hicks for information on a car show to be held in Mason, OH on May 6, 2017. Elmer Stanukinos has information on a car show to be held on May 20, 2017 at the Serenity Baptist church in West Chester.

**SPLIT-THE-POT:** \$50 was won by Russ Andrews.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by Conrad Gerdes, Director.

Submitted by Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

## MARC Mileage Awards!

Anna Williams presented MARC Mileage awards and also stated that there were 12 members enrolled in the MARC Mileage program with a combined 18,180 miles for 2016. Lets see how many miles we can add this year!



5,000 Miles! - Bob Green in his 1931 Town Sedan



15,000 Miles! - Steve Gillie in his 1931 Pick-up

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **April 26th, 2017 Sharonville, Ohio. OVR Model A Club Meeting**  
VFW Post 4368. 3318 East Sharon Road, Sharonville, Ohio 45241.  
This is the clubs usual monthly meeting place. The VFW Hall has a dinner at 6:00 p.m., you can purchase a home cooked meal for around seven dollars if you are interested. The VFW lets us use their hall for no-charge. They ask is we buy any drinks that we may want from the bar. Our meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. The brand new 2017 OVR Rosters will be available for distribution or \$1 for extras.
- ◆ **April 30, 2017 - Columbus, IN. 54th Annual Model A Ford Swap Meet**  
7AM-2PM. Admission \$3. Sponsored by Columbus Indiana Model A Club at: Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds State Road 11 and County Road 200 South [www.modelacolumbus.com](http://www.modelacolumbus.com)  
For more information contact: Larry Morlock (812)-371-6628
- ◆ **May 6, 2017 Car show in Mason, Ohio.**  
Contact Ralph Hicks for information
- ◆ **May 24, 2017 - 2017 Sharonville, Ohio. OVR Model A Club Meeting.**
- ◆ **May 2017 - The Annual Mystery Tour**  
hosted by Art Foreman and the Audettes.  
Date to be announced at a later time.
- ◆ **June 4, 2017—Oeder's Lake Picnic**  
Details to be announced at a later time.
- ◆ **June 28, 2017 - OVR Club Meeting**  
held at Lee White and Phyllis Pease's home.
- ◆ **Jul 8, 2017 - 6th Annual Model A's & Model T's at the Depot**  
The Standish Historical Depot & Welcome Center invites all Model A's and Model T's to its 6th Annual Car Show open to ALL original/restored cars and trucks 1931 and older. Vehicles pre-registered before July 1, 2017 will be registered for \$5.00. Registrations received after July 1, 2017 and the day of show will be \$10.00. The show will begin at 10:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with awards to the best of show and the top 50 vehicles. Lunch and Ice Cream Social will be provided FREE to all pre-registered vehicles (limit 2 per vehicle). Era Dress Encouraged.  
Contact: the Standish Depot at (989) 718-3021 or Curt Hillman, (989) 860-1102 107 N. Main St., Standish, MI 48658
- ◆ **July 2017 - Larry and Debbie Arnold** will host the Poker Run in July, date to be announced.
- ◆ **July 30 - August 4, 2017 MARC National Meet**  
Hub City Model A Ford Club will host the National MARC Meet in 2017. The Meet will be held in Historic Gettysburg, PA, starting Sunday July 30th and ending with a closing banquet on the evening of Friday August 4th.  
<http://hubcitymodelaclub.com/marc-meet-2017>
- ◆ **August 2017 - Bob and Cindy Green** will host a tour in August. Details to be announced at a later time.
- ◆ **October 4-7, 2017 Annual Hershey Swap Meet (AACA)**  
Pre-Registration for 2017 Flea Market and Car Corral spaces ended on Feb. 15, 2017. Pre-Registration is made available for meet participants from the prior year. We do not guarantee same spaces. Open Registration or the Car Corral, Car Show, Flea Market and Special Events for the 2017 Hershey Fall Meet can be attained by submitting the activity card included with your May/June issue of Antique Automobile Magazine that AACA members receive bi-monthly. To date the deadline for summer registration has not been determined but is generally mid-August. More information will be posted when available. <http://www.hersheyaaca.org/>

## Classifieds

- ◆ 1930 Model A Fordor. New L&B mohair interior. New engine, new paint, loaded with extras. \$17,500 Call Dottie Gerdes (815) 584-5639
- ◆ 1930 Tudor. Totally restored with overdrive & many extras. \$14,500 Call Conrad (812) 584-5639
- ◆ Two Model A trailer. Single wheel. \$300 Call Conrad (812) 584-5639
- ◆ New rebuilt inserted rebuilt. \$2,500 Call Conrad (812) 584-5639
- ◆ 1930 Sports Coupe. Restored with Balanced B engine with overdrive. \$25,000 Call Ermil Cain (513) 793-6951
- ◆ 1931 Slant Window. Restored . B-Engine. Everything is 1st class. 6 wheel with overdrive. \$27,500 Call Ermil Cain (513) 793-6951
- ◆ 1930 Roadster. Totally Restored. \$23,500 Call Conrad (812)584-5639
- ◆ Car trailer for Model A or T. Pulls great, pressure treated wood and the metal is painted with POR-15. \$1,000 Call Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276



# Ohio Valley Region Model A Club Calendar

## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26  Club Meeting	27	28	29
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### Wheel Alignment - from page 4

### Prayer Requests

#### Suggestions

The original method is the simplest and most accurate (short of more modern alignment equipment) but not everyone has an appropriate gage. Alternatives include multiple checks to average the different readings obtained from different positions of the tires, or raising the tires off the floor and applying a thin chalk line on the tread surface while slowly turning the wheel and using these lines for measuring points. The latter also compensates for wobble as it applies to measuring and setting the toe-in.

Measuring points "B" and "D" (above) are potentially the best points to use but require a device with angled or offset ends that must NOT flex or distort during the process. Measuring points "A" and "C" are the simplest due to the easy access.

Be sure to drive the car forward a few feet before the first and final checks. The toe-in may be slightly increased (maybe an additional 1/16") to add stability to a loose front end until proper repairs can be made. However, this will increase the wear on the front tires.

#### FRONT WHEEL ALIGNMENT

Front wheel toe-in has been changed from 3/16" to 1/16", plus or minus 1/32". (See A and B Fig. 576.) This new adjustment insures maximum front tire life.

#### Change in Spindle Arm:

Spindle Arms A-3130-B and A-3131-B have also been changed, i. e., the distance between

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- ◆ Paul Blomer passed on April 2, 2017 at the age of 73 years old. Paul was a member of OVR for many years. Please keep his family in your prayers.

### Member's Memos

- ◆ The club is still in need of recipes and sponsors for our annual car show book.
- ◆ You can host a club ride in November of this year.
- ◆ If you have prayer request you can call or email Jarrod Williams to have them included in next month's newsletter.



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