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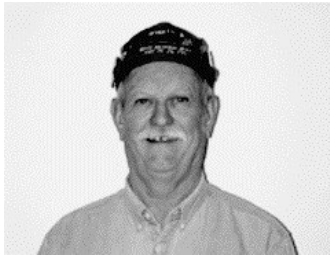


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Director's Column: Tony Topicz



Recently the Model A national club (MARC) produced a release form for tours at their national meet. Our club showed an interest in a form of the same type and has approved the creation of such a form. The form is for the protection of a tour sponsor/leader for any unforeseen problem during a tour. Our March meeting showed good interaction and input by our members in attendance. Members are what our meetings are all about. I am urging all members to try an attend our meetings when possible. It's time now to get your Model A out an purr'd up. WOW it's finely Spring.

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What you missed at the March Club Meeting!



The March club meeting was hopping with excitement. The weather was perfect for members to drive their cars to the meeting and the 2019 roster was ready for pick up.



We had a spirited debate about club tours and the insurance/liability coverage that is afforded to the club and individuals.



We'll see you at the April meeting!

National Club News

**Are you a member of the National Clubs?
Here are some great benefits to joining one or both!**

Model A Restorer's Club (MARC) - East Coast

- Each member receives an award winning magazine "The Model A News" published bi-monthly. It features fantastic articles and information about the Model A Ford.
- If you are looking for a Model A you may find one in the "Cars for Sale" section in the Model A News which is free to all members of MARC. The same is true if you are looking to sell a car or parts. The "Wanted" section will give you an opportunity to find a part you may be looking for.
- You and your family will be able to attend national conventions designed for "Fun for the Whole Family".
- Link below:
<https://model-a-ford.org/>

Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) - West Coast

- The Restorer Magazine (6 issues per year)
- Technical support (free via mail or email)
- National banquets
- National Tours
- Paint and Finish Guide
- Hardware Standards
- A series of publications on "How to Restore Your Model A"
- Era Fashion Guidelines
- A number of other publications related to the Model A Ford and its era

Each club works together to bring us the amazing Judging Standards used to help answer questions and restore your car. The standards can be ordered easily online at the supply houses or from

MAFCA at the link below:

<https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?productID=115>

Editor's Column: Jarrod Williams

I just wanted to say thank you to the club members that have helped to contribute content for our newsletter. It takes a team to help generate content each month, while still making it useful and fun to read.

If you get both the mailed newsletter and the electronic emailed newsletter and would like to remove yourself from either list, please let me know.

OVRMAC Member Garage for Use!

Steve Gillie has offered the use of his garage, tools, and manuals for club members. His garage is located in Springboro Ohio. Steve has generously offered his guidance if members would like to work on their cars, but because of his arthritis he is unable to do any physical work.

Again, club members are welcome to use any and all items. Call Steve Gillie at: (513) 571-5276 to set up a time.

If Steve is not available, call his friend Melvin Larson at: (513) 593-5489

Tools available for use include:

- 2 post lift
- 4 post ramp lift
- Welders and torches
- Sandblaster
- Engine stand
- Engine hoist
- Rivet machine for brakes
- Miscellaneous other tools
- Any kind of hand tool you would need
- Repair manuals

Technical Tips

By: Art Foreman

The Strange history of "Grounding"

It's hard to understand why the Model A Ford electrical system uses a positive ground. Why isn't it negative? I did some research to answer this significant question and here is what I found.

First, the term "ground" is a misnomer. Only the Model A's tires, which are electrical insulators, should touch the ground. For the Model A, the term "ground" means the metal parts, like the engine block and chassis, that act as a common wire to the battery's positive pole.

On Internet sites, there is a lot of speculation about why the Model A has a positive ground system. The MTFCA and AACA discussion sites identified over 20 reasons mixed with a lot of humor. MARC and MAFCA discussions sites seem to lack the humor. One reason mentioned for a positive ground was Henry Ford wanted to distinguish the Model A from the Model T, that had a negative ground. Another reason was "positive ground" was more emotionally satisfying because it was related to being good.

In the real world, positive and negative ground systems work about equally as well. There is no reason to worry about polarity until you change something like a generator, install a new battery, or deal with some newfangled device like an alternator. Then, there can be repercussions. Someone said if you install the battery backwards in the Model A, the lights will cast shadows and the horn will suck in noise.

Actually, in the 1920s, both positive and negative grounding was used in the automobile industry. This continued until the mid-1950, when negative grounding became the standard. Some said it was a General Motors conspiracy.

The unmodified Model A uses a 19th century electrical system. There is no alternator with silicon diode rectifiers, no electronic ignitions using the Hall effect, no LED headlamps, no computers, and no fancy sensors. The electrical system can be explained using a simple model. Unfortunately, there seems to be no simple way to explain why the Model A's electrical system uses a positive ground.

If you have comments, bring them up before or after our monthly meetings.



Club Member Information

By: Steve Zugelter



First Name: Steve

Age: 43

How old were you when you first sat in the car or drove the car?

I was 21 or 22

Favorite thing about the car?

My favorite thing has to be that I was with my dad when he bought it. I remember it not being very pretty, as it had sat in a barn for several years, it didn't run, but man, did dad act like a kid at Christmas when he got it. I also love that it's all, or mostly original. I have many fond memories of driving it with my brother, late at night, going through drive throughs riding on the running boards, just as our dad told us he did when he was younger. It's a moving time capsule and I would love to know about the families who have enjoyed it before mine.

What are you looking forward to with the car or our club?

I love that there's a club like this, filled with people passionate about keeping the cars alive and on the road. Being a new owner, I have a lot of questions about it and it's great to know that I have so many great people that can help answer those questions. I look forward to being an active member and maybe be able to help the next new member out with any questions he or she may have. With the car itself, I'm looking forward to creating many great memories with my wife and daughters who share my love for the car and are just as excited as I am every time we get in it and take off down the road.

OVRMAC Personalized Club Name Tag

Personalized name tags in the shape of a Model A Ford can be ordered from:

Brenda Owens
5937 McPicken Drive
Milford, OH 45150
(513) 254-1035

Cost: - \$10.00 (tag with pin)
- \$12.50 (tag with magnet)



OVRMAC Personalized Apparel

There is no need to wait for multiple orders to be placed for club apparel. You may order at any time. OVRMAC club shirts, jackets, etc. can be purchased at Black-Out Tee's located in the Eastgate Mall. The company has our logo in digital format and can help you place an order.

Please Contact:

[Black Out Tee's](#)
[4601 Eastgate Blvd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45243](#)
[\(513\) 604-8337](#)

OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINTUES

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

VFW Hall, Sharonville, OH

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Tony Topicz, Director, who also led the group in a moment of silence. Kaleb Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Art Foreman, Vice Director. There were 54 members and 1 new member present. Guest Steve Zugelger joined our club.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were accepted as recorded in the February 2019 AAAOOOGAH.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer recognized March Birthdays and Anniversaries. The club received a thank you card from Lee White's family for giving the donation.

TOURS RULES:

Arthur explained how the club handles tours, \$250 maximum to spend, Jack Meyer motioned when tour planners submits receipts, write mileage on receipt to be reimbursed. Tom Blomer 2nd the motion. He mentioned having a training for planning a tour.

WAIVER:

Art explained that we should have a liability waiver signed by members on the tours, Art motioned, John Meyer 2nd the motion.

CARPOOL:

Art Foreman had nothing to report.

CAR GUYS:

Tom Blomer and Terry Owens.

Tom mentioned driving to Dearborn, MI on Friday to see Jim Zimmer.

CAR SHOW:

We will have our annual car show in September 2019. Start getting donations. Sign up sheet will be passed around for if you need a shirt.

MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER:

Jarrold Williams handed out the new 2019 roster books.

See Jarrod about receiving the newsletter if you have any problems.

RABBIT HASH TOUR:

May 18, Jarrod Williams is planning this tour and will have more details at the April club meeting.

CALENDARS:

Bob Noe suggested to have calendars and/or pocket calendars with pictures of club members Model A in 2020. He is getting prices.

CLUB EVENTS:

April

4/28 - Swap Meet in Columbus, IN

No events planned for April, so please volunteer to host an event

May

5/18 - Rabbit Hash tour

5/24 - 5/26 - Swap Meet

5/29 - Club meeting

June

6/1 - Oeder's hosting Antique Fire Equipment event, food for sale

6/2 - Oeder's Lake, Karl & Meritta Eby are planning this picnic. Bring homemade items. Eat at 12 noon! Let's make this picnic the best ever!

6/22 - Clifton Mills tour

6/26 - Summer Meeting @ Tony & Donna Topicz's home

July

7/24 - Summer Meeting @ James & Sherri Green home

July Poker Run tour - Date TBD. Details still to come

August

8/28 - Summer Meeting @ Jarrod & Melissa Williams home

September

9/21 - Model A Day at the Model A Ford Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan

9/22 - Car Show

October

Mystery tour - Date TBD. Details to come

November - No events

December

December - Holiday Party

MARC/MAFFI:

No news from Jim Thomas

SPLIT THE POT:

Someone won split the pot.

VFW:

Dinner is served before meeting, it's nice for members to eat there since there is no charge for having the meeting at the VFW.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at the VFW Hall, 3318 Sharon Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bob Green motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Green 2nd the motion.

SUBMITTED BY: Sherri Green, Secretary.

Taking Your Measurements

By: Lois Przywitowski, Model A Ford Club of Colorado Chief Fashion Judge, Reno 2018

Taken from: https://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Measurements_2018-05.pdf

The warm, gentle breezes of summer are almost here.

Soon, Model A's and their devoted owners will gather together at the National Convention in Sparks-Reno, various regional meets and local club activities. Events like these offer the perfect opportunity to dress as though we belong in the Model A era. But how does one achieve that look?

Start by getting your measurements. Your measurements are useful in selecting and sizing your pattern, sewing your garment, and measuring garments before trying them on. Some of the meets offer a Fashion Boutique where you can purchase era or era image clothing. Before you try on an era garment, measure the shoulder, bust, waist and hip areas of the garment. Doing so will not only save you the frustration of trying on a garment that is too big or too small, it can save the garment itself.

If you are looking for an era pattern, check out the [Pattern Project](#), found at the MAFCA website under Fashions. There you will find a large assortment of patterns available for purchase. You will also find a great article entitled The Sizing of Model A Patterns written by Peggy Gill, the current Era Fashion Committee Chairperson, that will help you choose your pattern size. It really is a "must read" before you get started.

The following measuring instructions for women, men, and children are from [The Art of Dressmaking, published by Butterick in 1927](#). The lovely thing about taking your measurements is that the method of doing so doesn't change with the year.

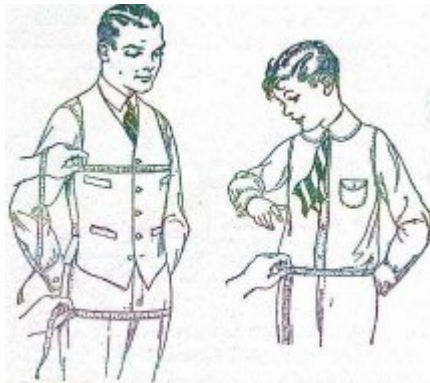
MEN AND BOYS

CHEST - Take the chest measurement around the body close under the arms.

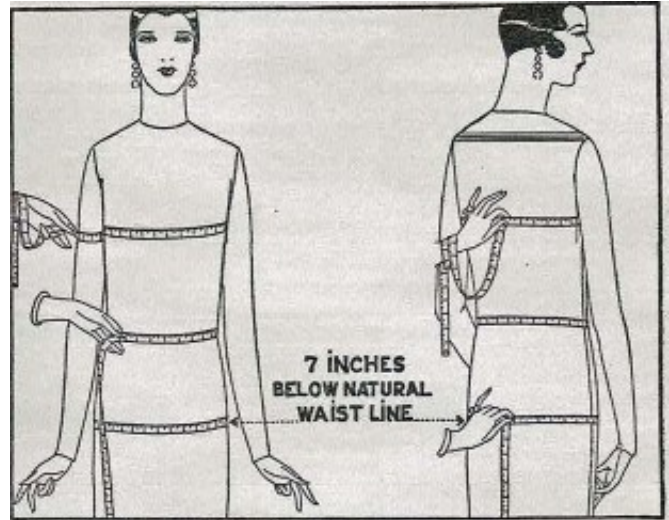
WAIST - Take the waist measurement at the natural waistline.

HIP - Take the hip measurement around the fullest part of the hip. The tape should be easy, not snug.

NOTE - For both the chest and waist measurements, the tape should be snug, but not tight.



WOMEN AND GIRLS



BUST - The bust measurement should be taken from the back. Measure over the fullest part of the bust, close up under the arms and straight across the back. If the tape is held too high at the back, the measure will be too large; if too low, it will be too small.

BACK - Measure across the back, about 2" below the neckline.

WAIST - Take the waist measurement at the natural waistline.

HIP - The hip measurement should be taken from the back. Measure about seven inches below the natural waistline.

ARM - Take the arm measurement around the largest part of your arm, about one inch below the armhole. For arm length, measure from top of your arm to your wrist, with your arm slightly bent.

NOTE - In taking the bust, waist, hip and arm circumference measurements, the tape should be close, but not tight.

For more great fashion articles and information, please visit the two national club websites.

MAFCA:

https://mafca.com/ef_articles.html

MARC:

<https://model-a-ford.org/programs-awards/era-fashion/>

Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **April 24, 2019**
OVRMAC March Club Meeting
7:30pm
[VFW Post 4368](#)
[3318 East Sharon Road](#)
[Sharonville, Ohio 45241](#)
- **April 28, 2019**
56th Annual Model A Ford Swap Meet
 Sponsored by the Columbus, IN, Model A Club at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds at State Rd. 11 and County Rd 200 South. 7:00am to 1:00pm. Admission \$3. Inside spaces 10x10 \$10 each. Table rental \$2 each. Breakfast and lunch available. Model A Ford cars on display.
Info: [Larry Morlock](#), 812-371-6628
- **May 18, 2019**
OVRMAC Tour – Rabbit Hash
 Details and sign-up sheet will be available at the April club meeting. Hosted by Jarrod Williams
- **May 29, 2019**
OVRMAC May Club Meeting
7:30pm
[VFW Post 4368](#)
[3318 East Sharon Road](#)
[Sharonville, Ohio 45241](#)
- **May 20-23, 2019**
2019 MARC National Tour
 If you were registered for the September 2018 tour, you are registered for the same events for the May Tour. For more information: <https://model-a-ford.org/event/2019-marc-national-tour-new-schedule/>
- **June 2, 2019**
Annual Oeder's Lake Club Picnic
 Hosted by Karl & Meritta Eby, they will be providing and preparing the following: Hot dogs, hamburgers with buns and condiments, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad and water. Plates, cups, tableware and napkins will be provided. No fried chicken from Kroger's this year!
 If you would like to bring a homemade item to add with this please try to coordinate it with Karl so we don't end up with too much of one item. Please email Karl at keby3@twc.com
 Voice or text message at (513) 608-3230
 Please leave a message if you call as I don't answer my phone due to all the robo calls. I will call you back.
- **August 4 - 10, 2019**
2019 MARC National Meet - Dearborn
 Host hotel:
 Double Tree by Hilton
 5801 Southfield Hwy
 Detroit, MI 48228
 Website: <https://mark35879.wixsite.com/marcdearborn2019>
 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1829362943751005/>

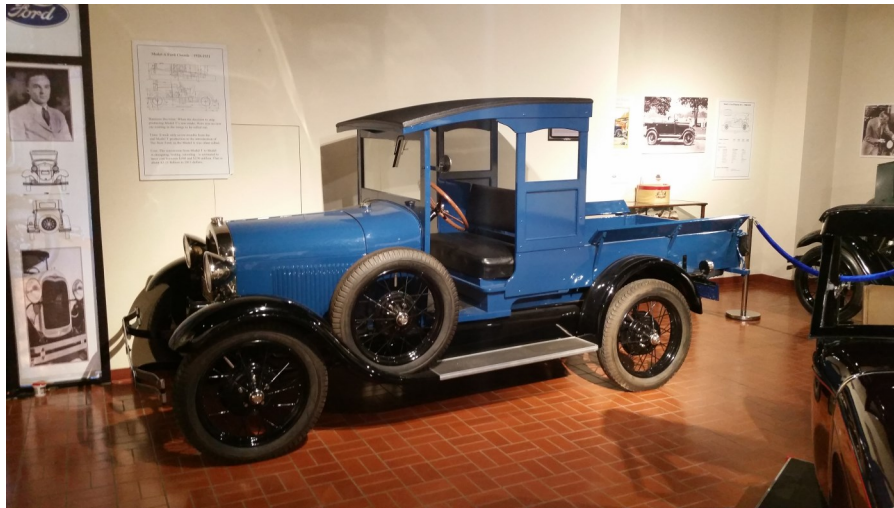
OVRMAC Classifieds / Services

- 1931 Slant Window. All original. No rust. Needs upholstery
 \$9,000 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- Single wheel trailer for a Model A
 \$300 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 2 wheel trailer for a Model A
 \$1,500 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- New inserted engines (short block)
 \$2,500 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 1931 Tudor Coupe
 New engine, new cast iron drums, new brake liners, 5 spd transmission, original engine in box. A great driver. \$17,500
 Terry Owens (513) 254-1035
- Model A Carburetor Sales & Service (Repair and Road Testing)
 Tillotson or Zenith-Holley
 Joe Schiml (937) 456-2587
- 1929 Model A Tudor. New engine, hydro brakes, new interior, more extras. \$10,500 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 3.27 ratio gear set for sale
 \$700 Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276

MAFFI April 2019 - What's new at the Museum?

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) museum has recently been gifted with a very early - A-1276 - Light Delivery Model A by the family of Ron Rude from Quincy, CA. This is a very unique vehicle.

The May-June 2012 issue of the Model A News featured the Rude Early Delivery as part of the coverage of the MARC National Meet in San Diego. The vehicle has very low mileage, has a number of very early features and will be a great addition for the Museum. Mr. Rude's son has also forwarded all the files and information that his father accumulated so we will have a complete history of the restoration and other details.



Make every effort to attend this year's [Model A Day on September 21st](#) to see this and many other "Unique & Original" cars that will be featured.

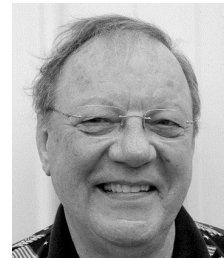
For more information on Model A Day, contact Jerry Morrissey: jertrudy@sbcglobal.net.

The OVRMAC "Car Care Gang"

Tom Blomer and Terry Owens are club members that help run and maintain the "Car Care Gang". These two gentlemen will graciously volunteer their time and knowledge about Model A's to help you get through an issue with your car. Just remember they will help you, they will not repair the car for you. After all, knowing how the Model A works is just as much fun as driving one! Give them a call if you need any help or advice.



Tom Blomer
H: 513-769-3029
C: 513-477-8257



Terry Owens
H: 513-831-8580
C: 513-254-1034

Youth Report - A chance to share your car and love for Model A's with the children!

I am scheduling our annual vehicle day at Fairfield West and want to reach out to each one of you to see if you could join us again this year. We need your help to make it the best year yet! The students love seeing all of the different vehicles from helicopters to fire trucks to mobile vet services and everything in between!

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019

Time: 9:30-12:00

Location: [Fairfield West Elementary School](#)
[4700 River Road](#)
[Fairfield, OH 45014](#)

Rain Date: Tuesday, May 14th, 2019

Please email to confirm your participation! We would love to see you again!

Thank you,

Erin Young

young_e@fairfieldcityschools.com

2019 OVRMAFC Rosters are now available!

The 2019 rosters are now available for you to pick up at any meeting.

This year Art Foreman spearheaded a project to get more members at our meetings. Because of his findings, there are now tables at the back of the roster that list members by last name by zip code. You can easily search for zip codes close to you and contact someone if you are in need of a ride.

As in previous years, additional rosters are available for \$1.00.





**Ohio Valley Region Model "A" Ford Club
Membership Application and Roster Information**

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Spouse name: _____ Home Phone: _____/_____/_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell (optional): _____/_____/_____ Work (optional): _____/_____/_____

Email : _____

Model A's Owned: _____

Make checks payable to : Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club (\$25.00 per year)

Mail dues to : Jarrod Williams 7973 Miami Ave Cincinnati, OH 45243

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