

# THE AAAAAOOGAH!

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## Director's Column: Jarrod Williams



I want to sincerely thank Debbie and Larry Arnold for hosting our March Polar Bear Tour. Everyone that attended had an amazing time, it looked like the weather was perfect! I hope that you and your family are healthy and staying inside as suggested by the governor. We have decided it is in the best interest of everyone to cancel the April club meeting and the April tour.

The positive side to all of this is that you have spare time to tinker with your Model A! Snyder's and Bratton's parts warehouses are closed to walk-ins but their online and phone sales are open and they are shipping without much disruption. As of this newsletter we have no plans to cancel our May meeting, but stayed tuned as that could change. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in May, please stay safe and do your part to social distance while you are out and about.

## Model A trivia questions for the whole family!

1. What is the Ford Model A?
2. When was it first produced?
3. However, it was not introduced until when?
4. What did it replace?
5. How long had Ford produced the replacement?
6. This new Model A (a previous model had used the name in 1903-04) was designated a 1928 model and was available in how many standard colors?
7. By February 4, 1929 how many Model As had been sold?
8. And by July 24, 1929 how many?
9. The range of body styles ran from the Tudor at US \$500 (in grey, green, or black) to the what?
10. In March 1930, Model A sales hit what mark?
11. When did the Model A production end?
12. How many had been made in all body styles?
13. What was it's successor?
14. The engine was a water-cooled L-head inline four with what displacement?
15. This engine provided how much horse power?
16. What was the top speed?
17. How long was the Model A wheelbase?
18. What kind of transmission did it have?
19. What kind of brakes did the Model A have?
20. The 1930 and 1931 models were available with stainless steel what?

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## National Club News

### Model A Restorer's Club (MARC)

- 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".

MARC: <https://model-a-ford.org/>

## MARC National Meet in Oshkosh WI.

June 1, 2020 – June 5, 2020

**Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel  
& Conference Center**

1 N Main St

Oshkosh, WI 54901

Phone: 920-230-1900 Toll free: 855-230-1900

Email: [reservations@bwoshkosh.com](mailto:reservations@bwoshkosh.com)

DON'T cancel your room at the Best Western. Instead call Jerry Braasch at (920) 688-2294. If you want to be on a waiting list call Jerry Braasch, he will make arrangements to get you a room as they come available.



June 1 – 5, 2020

Model "A" Restorers Club National Meet

**NEW HOTEL JUST IN:**

Fairfield Inn at \$119 per night.

Phone: (920)-233-8504

## Editor's Column: Jarrod Williams

A friendly reminder that any submissions for the monthly newsletter need to be submitted by the 3rd of the month. We send the newsletter to the printer on the 5th of each month to be printed, mailed, and in your hands by the 10th of each month.

My email address is [jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com)

### OVRMAFC Personalized Club Name Tag

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

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



Cost: \$10.00 (tag with pin)  
\$12.00 (tag with magnet)

### OVRMAFC Personalized Apparel

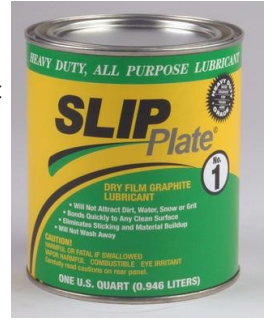
OVRMAFC club shirts, jackets, etc. can be purchased at Black-Out Tee's located in the Eastgate Mall. The company has our logo in digital format and can help you place an order.

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

# Preparing and Installing New Leaf Springs

By: Jarrod Williams

I recently bought new front and rear leaf springs from a website called A-Springs.com. (<http://a-springs.com/products.html>). While not originally done by Ford, a lot of people suggest disassembling the leaf packs and coating each spring with 1-2 coats of Slip-Plate. Slip-Plate is a unique graphite based paint that is used in the commercial and industrial industry to coat all sorts of metal-on-metal products, including leaf springs.



The process of disassembling the leaf packs is pretty straight forward. You can purchase nuts, washers, and a 2' long threaded rod from a hardware store that is the same diameter as the center bolt. C-clamping the spring together, carefully remove the center bolt and in its place insert the long threaded rod with a nut and washer on each end. Finger tighten the nuts down to the leaf pack. Then you can remove the C-clamps and unthread the nuts which slowly and safely releases the tension on the leaf pack. Once all tension is removed you can easily take the leaves apart. It is recommended to grind down any sharp edges at this point. Once apart and the sharp edges have been removed, clean the leaves very thoroughly with a wax and grease remover.

You can now proceed to coating the leaves with Slip-Plate. I choose to use the brush on type (purchased from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com)), although it is also offered in spray cans. I lightly coated each spring and let them dry the recommended amount of time before a second light coat was applied. After they have dried stack them back on top of each other in the correct order and use the threaded rod with washers and nuts on it to tighten the spring pack together. As before, once you have them tight, C-clamp them together. Remove the center threaded rod and replace it with the center bolt and nut. You can remove the C-clamps and the springs are ready to install on the car. I did this process for both the front and rear springs.



Remember that the compressed springs carry an enormous amount of energy and are dangerous. You should be using a spring spreader to remove and install the spring packs into the car. You will also need to ream the leaf spring bushings to accept the shackles. To finish the project, I installed a Spring Cover set (A-5310-CO) to protect the assembled springs from road grit and debris.

In this last picture you can see that the front spring has been installed, using the spring spreader as pictured above. There are new U-bolts test fitted before paint. You can also see the front spring covers in place.



After two years I am very pleased with the outcome of the project and the ride is excellent.

# 2020 March Polar Bear Tour - "The Tale of Two Ferries"

Hosted by: Larry and Debbie Arnold

Debbie and Larry Arnold hosted the annual Polar Bear Tour, and it did not disappoint! Tour members left the Cleves Krogers at 10:00 a.m. and crossed into Indiana on the Rising Star Casino ferry. After stopping for lunch and shopping they stopped visit to the Hoosier Girl and Boy vessels used in many boat races. The evening was spent at General Butler State Park in Carrollton, KY where they had a buffet dinner and group games. On Sunday morning, guests enjoyed a buffet breakfast before returning to Ohio on the Anderson Ferry in Hebron, KY.



## Zenith Float Valves

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Zenith-Float-Valves.pdf>

The float valve in a Zenith carburetor controls the fuel level in the reservoir. Most Zenith how to publications recommend that the fuel level should be set at a nominal 5\8" down from where the upper and lower castings come together. This is an important setting and it should be confirmed that the setting is actually there. However, since you cannot see it, in most cases the adjustment is done by guess and it is not always accurate.

There is a test widget on the market that you connect to the bottom of the carburetor at the drain plug. My experience has been that they don't work very well. For this reason I constructed a test stand that allows me to see where the fuel level is actually set, and more important, holding at that level over a period of time.



Zenith carburetor fuel level test stand. Fuel is poured into the container at the top. It then runs down into the carburetor reservoir. When the float rises with the fuel level and reaches the set point, the valve closes.



The fuel level can be seen in the glass and measured down from the bottom of the top casting. The fuel level at the mark is at 5\8".

To adjust the fuel level, the recommended method is to add or subtract washers underneath the float valve. It is best to never bend or adjust the float mechanism, as the results will more than likely distort it and cause it to not actuate properly. Molested floats are often the cause of the float valve not holding the fuel at the proper level over a period of time.

My experience has shown that the best float valve on the market is the modern viton tip float valve Bratton's carry. However, it does come with some problems. Though the design is good, the quality control is poor. For that reason it is advised to take it apart and do some work on it. It comes apart very easy. With a small jewelers type screwdriver pry out the clear plastic washer and remove the needle valve. Inspect both the valve and the seat with a magnifying glass. You will no doubt find brass machining debris, clean them off the viton tip and from around the seat. You may also have to use a small drill bit to clear the burrs off the seat. This is no reflection on Bratton's, as they have little control over the quality control process of their supplier.



Bratton's viton tip float valve. The valve comes apart by prying the nylon washer out at the left end of the valve. When testing an upper casting for the proper fuel level, allow the test to sit static for about 30 minutes. If the fuel level is going to rise past the set point it will show an indication within 30 minutes. A properly set float level is but one of the important aspects of several for a properly functioning Zenith carburetor.

To see all of Tom Endy's wonderful tech tips,  
visit the website below:

<https://www.santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/>

## Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **May 27, 2020**  
**OVRMAC May Club Meeting**  
 Meeting will be held at the VFW Hall.  
[3318 Sharon Road](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)  
 Meeting will start at 7:30pm
- **June 1-5, 2020**  
**MARC National Meet**  
**Oshkosh, Wisconsin**  
 Host hotel:  
 Best Western Premier Waterfront  
 Hotel & Convention Center  
 1 N Main Street Oshkosh, WI 54901  
 Phone: 920-230-1900  
 Toll free: 855-230-1900  
 Email: [reservations@bwoshkosh.com](mailto:reservations@bwoshkosh.com)  
 New hotel added:  
 Fairfield Inn at \$119 per night.  
 Phone: 920-233-8504.
- **June 7, 2020**  
**Oeder's Lake Picnic**  
 Join OVRMAFC at Oeder's Lake for our  
 annual club picnic. Fishing, playing  
 cards, and a cookout around Noon. Let's  
 hope for some great Model A weather.
- **June 24, 2020**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
 Hosted by Sherri and James Green.  
 Details to come.
- **July 12, 2020**  
**OVRMAFC Poker Run Tour**  
 Hosted by Debbie and Larry Arnold.  
 Details to come.
- **July 22, 2020**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
 To be held at Debbie and Larry Arnold's  
 home.  
 Details to come.
- **August 26, 2020**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
 To be held at Jarrod and Melissa  
 Williams' home.  
 7973 Miami Avenue  
 Cincinnati, OH 45243  
 Dinner served at 6:30pm  
 Meeting starts at 7:30pm
- **September 13, 2020**  
**OVRFMAC Show 'N' Tell Car Show**  
 10am-4pm  
 Show will be held on the grass at:  
 VYO Haffey Fieldhouse  
[1559 West Street](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45215](#)
- **September 12-13, 2020**  
**The Henry Ford - Old Car Festival**  
**Dearborn, Michigan**  
**Open Saturday until 9pm**  
 Feel the passion behind America's  
 longest-running antique car show,  
 featuring hundreds of authentic  
 vehicles bringing the early automotive  
 era to life and culminating in a gaslight  
 parade and dancing in the streets of  
 Greenfield Village.  
 For more information:  
<https://www.thehenryford.org/current-events/calendar/old-car-festival>
- **September 19, 2020**  
**10th Annual Model A Day at Gilmore**  
 The host hotel for Model A Day is the  
 Four Points Sheraton at:  
 3600 E. Cork Street  
 Kalamazoo, Michigan  
 Phone (269) 385-3922  
 The room rate is \$111.00 per night and  
 the reserved room block will expire on  
 August 16, 2020.  
 For more information:  
<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/MAD.html>

## OVRMAC Classifieds / Services

- 3.27 ratio gear set for sale.  
 \$700 Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276
- 5 very nice wheels painted Apple Green  
 \$875 Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276
- Model A horns. Several to choose from.  
 One 1932 B model horn.  
 Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276
- 1931 Tudor Coupe. New engine, new  
 cast iron drums, new brake liners, 5  
 speed transmission, original engine in  
 box. A great driver.  
 \$17,500 Terry Owens (513) 254-1035
- 1931 Coupe. New metal top and new  
 paint. Roll down back window and  
 hydraulic brakes. Second owner car!  
 \$13,000 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 1931 Coupe. Black with red 16" wheels  
 and trim. New carburetor and  
 distributor. Look good and drives good.  
 \$12,000 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- Two good used Model A engines  
 available. Inserted engines available as  
 well. Used wheels and parts.  
 Conrad Gerdes for prices.  
 (812) 584-5639
- Car cover for a 4 door sedan. I used this  
 cover on my 1931 Buick. I believe it is a  
 California Car Cover "dust stop" type  
 cover (for indoor use). The cover is in  
 good condition. The Buick was a bit  
 larger than a Model A, but it is a great  
 deal.  
 \$50.00 Dale Blewett (513) 793-2900.
- Wanted: 1930/31 Rear Sedan Fender,  
 passenger side or pair  
 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

## The OVRMAC "Car Care Gang"

Tom Blomer and Terry Owens are club members that help run and maintain the "Car Care Gang". These two gentleman 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  
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Terry Owens  
H: 513-831-8580  
C: 513-254-1035

## Youth Report



MARC and MAFCA both offer a youth scholarship program to help youth get started in the hobby and to support them as they may make repairs on the car. If you know someone that is 12-22 years old they may qualify for the program. For more information please visit the below website links:

[MARC Youth Scholarship Program](#)  
[MAFCA Youth Scholarship Program](#)

## Model A Trivia - Answers from the front page

Taken From: <https://www.triviaplaying.com/1037-ford-model-A-Car-trivia-questions.htm>

1. The Ford Model A was the second successful vehicle model for the Ford Motor Company, after its predecessor, the Model T.
2. On October 20, 1927.
3. December 2, 1928.
4. It replaced the venerable Model T.
5. For 18 years.
6. Four.
7. One million.
8. Two million
9. The Town Car with a dual cowl at US\$1200.
10. Three million, and there were nine body styles available.
11. In March 1932.
12. 4,858,644.
13. The Model B, which featured an updated inline four-cylinder engine, as well as the Model 18, which introduced Ford's new flathead V8 engine .
14. 201 cu in.
15. 40 hp.
16. Around 65 mph.
17. 103.5 in.
18. The transmission was a conventional unsynchronized three-speed sliding gear manual with a single speed reverse.
19. Four-wheel mechanical drum brakes.
20. Radiator cowl and headlamp housings.

## Adding WOW to Your Model A Era Fashions By: Diann Eason

Taken From: <https://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Adding%20WOW%20to%20your%20Model%20A%20Fashions%202018-10.pdf>

Do you have an era dress, suit, or sports outfit, but not sure how to complete it or what accessory would add that WOW facto? First, decide where the major garment would have been worn. For example, a woman wearing a 1930 daytime



dress for shopping would have considered accessories such as a purse with items such as a handkerchief, compact, lipstick, and coins. Jewelry worn for daytime would be a simple pearl necklace and earrings or perhaps a necklace made of celluloid or Bakelite. Eye wear could also be an accessory. The proper use of a few of these everyday accessories can make outfit go from ok to WOW!

Another example is a man's wearing a wool daytime suit. He could accessorize with a wrist or pocket watch, cuff links, tie clasp or tie pin, a briefcase, an umbrella or cane, wallet or coin purse, pen and pencil set, a pocket knife, or cigarette case or pipe. There are many options when it comes to even men's accessories. Accessories for evening wear add sparkle to an "ensemble". For example, women's jewelry was made of gold,



crystal beads, pearls, rhinestones, precious gems. Evening purses of beads, rhinestones, satin fabric, or soft leather add elegance to the overall appearance.





## 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

### 2020 OVRMAFC Tentative Schedule

- May 27 - OVRMAFC Meeting
- Jun 7 - Oeder's Lake Picnic
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(Host - Sherri and James Green)
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- Aug 26 - OVRMAFC Meeting  
(At Jarrod and Melissa Williams')
- Sept 13 - Show N' Tell Car Show
- Sept 23 - OVRMAFC Meeting
- Oct 28 - OVRMAFC Meeting
- Nov 18 - OVRMAFC Meeting  
and Auction
- Dec 6 - OVRMAFC Christmas Party

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