

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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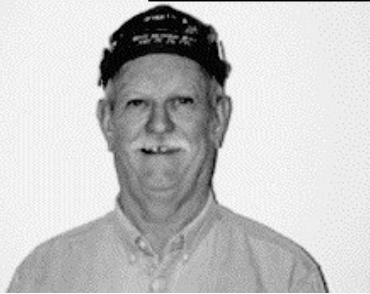


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## Director's Column: Tony Topicz



Now that the January weather has passed and Punxsutawney Phil is predicting an early spring, it's time to start thinking about club tours and get-togethers! Before you know it the weather will turn into driving weather and our Model A's will come out of their storage. We're asking that you please keep Ralph & Priscilla Hicks in your prayers.

## It is with great sadness I must inform you of the passing of Lee White, the Model A world lost a true friend.



Lee White was a member of MARC since 1968 and received his 50 pin last year. During that time Lee served on the board of directors at MARC from 2010 to 2014 as the Treasurer for the club.

Lee was a long time hobbyist belonging to the Ohio Valley Region for many years. During that time Lee served as president for a period of time and also filled other areas of the club. He currently was assisting the club in the technical areas as he shared his unlimited knowledge of Model A's.

Lee was also a member of MAFCA, MAFFI, Livingston A's in Howell, MI and the Horseless Carriage Club. Lee will be missed by his many friends in the Model A society. Lee was always happy with a big smile for everyone and always willing and able to talk Model A's.

Our deepest condolences to Phyllis and the entire White Family.



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## 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>

## 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.

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

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

## Mary Jane Shoes

By: Harriet McNeil

Taken from: [https://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Mary\\_Jane\\_Shoes.pdf](https://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Mary_Jane_Shoes.pdf)

Shoe styles for children during the Model A era did not change much. (A)



There was not much difference between boy's and girl's shoes. They are shown in the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines 2010 Edition as having a sturdy strap across the instep, for play and school. (B)



Shoes with one strap sometimes are described as Mary Jane shoes in descriptions of footwear during fashion judging. Where did the term Mary Jane originate?

The original Mary Jane shoes dates from the early 1900's, but the show and the name have carried over into today's culture. Mary Jane was a character in Buster Brown comic strips that was created by an artist named Richard Outcault in 1902. Mary Jane was depicted in the comic strip as Buster Brown's sister.



The style of shoes worn by Buster Brown and his sister, Mary Jane, came to be known as Mary Janes. (C)



The front of the shoe is always round allowing for growth and roominess. Usually they are made of black leather or patent leather. Today they are considered either semi-formal or formal depending on the setting worn. For many people they remain a symbol of girlhood.

(A) (C) Hamilton Brown Shoe Company, Shoelight Junior, Spring & Summer, 1929  
(B) 1931 Spring & Summer Style Book, Roberts, Johnson & Ran Illustrations from McCall's Magazine, April, 1928

### 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 Boulevard  
Cincinnati, OH 45243  
(513) 604-8337

<https://www.blackouttees.com/>

# OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINTUES

Wednesday, January 23, 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 45 members and 1 new member present. New member is Mr. Dick Stitt.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were accepted as recorded in the November 2018 AAAOOOGAH.

## SUNSHINE REPORT:

Pray for Lee White, Bob Green, Ralph Hicks, Russ Andrews is in a nursing home and Jim Harness who passed away. Margie Blomer suggests we spend a little extra money to send some flowers to those who are sick. Everyone agreed.

## SURVEY:

Arthur explained what "Participation Awards" are and what the "Toilet Seat Award" means and what counts towards it. Attending various meetings, events, tours and even hosting a summer meeting will give you points. If you have a breakdown on a tour/event then there is a toilet seat award (something funny that started a long time ago and still continues). Also, he received a lot of surveys that said "thank you" and encouraged more to be filled out.

## SUGGESTION:

Tony suggested for individuals who can't drive at night or have a hard time seeing; "members help members". Everyone agreed to reach out to those in need.

## AWARD:

2018 1st Place Participation Award goes to Gary & Cas Daley.

## MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Anna Williams (Local MARC Mileage Chair) spoke about the mileage program. It is a driver recognition program for people who drive the cars. Registration is \$1.00. Our club pays for the 1st car per family. You must be a MARC member. Keep track of your mileage now and then at the end of 2019 give it to Anna. There are plaque awards that you can earn depending on how many miles you drive each year. Also, if you buy a car from someone else, the mileage stays with the car and carries over to the new owner. If interested there is a MARC pin for mileage, contact Anna.

## CAR SHOW:

Elmer spoke to O'Reilly Auto Parts about a donation. The land for the car show in Reading hasn't sold yet. We will have our annual car show there in September 2019.

## MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER:

Jarrod Williams mentioned 33 people haven't paid their 2019 club dues. Membership dues are \$25.00. See Jarrod about receiving the newsletter if you have any problems.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Arnold family are planning a Polar Bear tour in March which will be overnight.

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Oeder's Lake will be Sunday June 2. Carl Eby is going to take the lead with planning this event.

## SPLIT THE POT:

Jim Howell won split the pot.

## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the VFW Hall, 3318 Sharon Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Carl motioned to adjourn the meeting, Art 2nd the motion.

## SUBMITTED BY:

Sherri Green, Secretary.

# Isolating an electrical fault: Quick & Easy!

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2OC-Quick-easy.pdf>

Most Model A owners today have installed a fuse mod on the top of their starter. This is certainly a prudent thing to do; a blown fuse is much better than having a fire in the car.

Once a blown fuse has occurred, the next step is to determine where the short circuit exists that caused it to blow. This can be accomplished rather quickly by a method of isolation. There are three areas on the car where a short circuit is most likely to occur.

1. In the light bail located at the bottom of the steering column, which consists of all the switching circuitry for the car's lights. This is the most common fault area.
2. Inside the terminal box located on the firewall where a number of connections come together and can easily short out against the armored ignition cable.
3. Behind the dash panel where connections to the ammeter and dash light are located that can easily short out against the dash.

The first effort to isolate the fault is to unhook the three wires attached to the terminal post on the cutout switch, which sits on top of the generator. If you have an alternator the three wires are attached to the output terminal post of the alternator. Disconnect the three wires and spread them out so they don't touch anything.

One of the three wires comes from the terminal box on the firewall and provides battery power. A second wire runs down to the light bail, and the third wire goes off to the ahooguh horn.

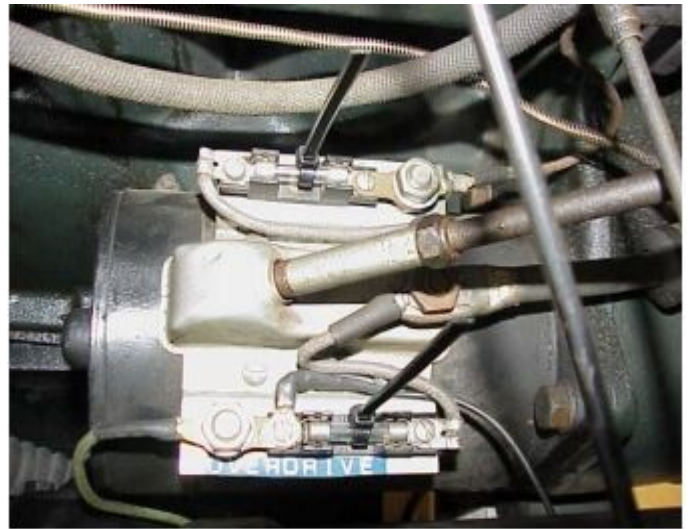
Install a new fuse. If it does not blow you have eliminated the terminal block on the firewall and the dash panel as the culprit. If there is a short in either of these two places it would have blown the new fuse. Next connect the wire from the terminal block to the wire that runs to the ahooguh horn. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the ahooguh horn. Next hook these two wires back onto the terminal post of either the cutout or the alternator. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the cutout, generator, or alternator. This leaves only the light bail as the likely culprit. Inside the light bail is a rat's nest of wires and switch contacts that could be oil soaked from a leaking steering box. If the light bail assembly is a poor quality repo, chances are there are wire whiskers and poor connections involved. If you are out on the road it is best to fool with further trouble shooting of the light bail at home.

You can drive the car with the light bail wire disconnected. Just keep in mind you won't have any lights, including brake lights. If a new fuse blew when you installed it after disconnecting the three wires from the cutout, the fault is likely in the terminal block on the firewall or behind the dash panel, and not in the light bail, ahooguh horn, cutout, generator, or alternator.

Start with the terminal box. Remove the cover and inspect for loose and shorting wires. A poor quality repo terminal box can also have one of the terminal threaded shafts shorted out behind the box. It is possible for the threaded shaft to back off and touch the firewall.

If the terminal box appears to be ok, remove the dash panel and inspect for loose and shorted wires on the back of the ammeter.

If you follow this procedure you will quickly locate the fault 95% of the time. However, a subtle electrical fault could possibly be lurking somewhere else that may not be as obvious.



This particular Model A has a second fuse circuit to accommodate a Borg Warner overdrive. The zip ties around the fuses are to provide a means to easily remove the fuses when the car is not in use.

## Upcoming Events

- **February 27, 2019**  
**OVRMAC February Club Meeting**  
7:30pm  
[VFW Post 4368](#)  
[3318 East Sharon Road, Sharonville, Ohio 45241](#)
- **February 28 - March 3, 2019**  
**MARC Membership Meet**  
All functions of the Meet will take place at facilities of:  
Richmond Hill City Center  
J.F. Gregory Park, 521 Cedar St. Richmond Hill, GA 31324.  
For more information:  
<https://model-a-ford.org/event/marc-membership-meet-savannah-georgia/>
- **March 27, 2019**  
**OVRMAC March 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/>
- **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

- 1930 Model A Huckster Wagon  
Tony Topicz (513) 738-2830
- 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
- Model A Engine for sale  
Engine number 958642  
January of 1929. \$200.00 OBO  
For pictures and information please contact:  
Ryan Kyle (419)656-4106
- Parts for Sale: Retail value for the parts listed comes to \$175.  
I'll sell the lot for \$85 with free shipping.
  - Disconnect Switch (cuts power from battery) \$30
  - Battery cable 14" \$15
  - Distributor Points and Rotor \$10 + \$5
  - Bulbs for headlight, taillight (used)
  - Condenser \$7
  - Original Ford Model A monkey wrenches \$20 ea.
  - Model A Starter switch \$35
  - Wooden gas tank dipstick \$3E-mail: [trudyflowers@hotmail.com](mailto:trudyflowers@hotmail.com)  
Phone: (513) 304-0256

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 President's Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  Club meeting	28		

## Youth Outreach



**How can we help to pass on the enjoyment and ease of use of the legendary Model A?**

The answer is much easier than you think, get them out and drive

the cars. If you have the chance to offer a younger girl or guy and their parents a ride, take the opportunity.

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:

MARC:

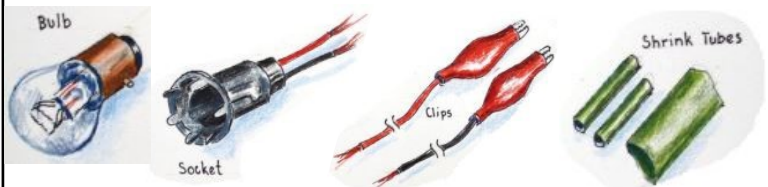
<http://model-a-ford.org/programs-awards/youth-and-scholarship/youth-scholarships/>

MAFCA: [http://www.mafca.com/y\\_MAF\\_scholarship.html](http://www.mafca.com/y_MAF_scholarship.html)

## Technical Tip

Taken from the 2019 Jan/Feb issue of The Restorer. From Ron Naab of Garden City Kansas.

A lot of trouble shooting for electrical shorts is done with trial and error: replacing and blowing fuses as you try to locate the short. Here is a simple method to find a short without wasting fuses and time.

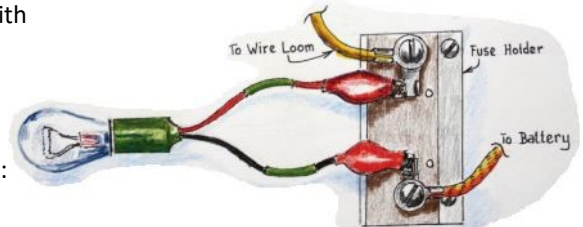


**You'll need:**

- 6 or 12 V bulb
- A short jumper wire with clips
- An auto light socket with two lead wires
- Heat-shrink tubing or electrical tape

Total cost if buying new:  
\$10-\$15

If you are blowing fuses, remove the fuse and connect the test light across the two terminals where the fuse clips in. If it lights you have a short. If it goes out you have fixed the short.





**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

**2019 Membership Dues**

It's that time of the year to pay your dues for 2019.

Dues are **\$25.00 per year**

Make checks payable to:

**Ohio Valley Region Model A Club**

Mail checks to:

**Jarrold Williams**

If you wish to pay using cash, please bring the money to Jarrold Williams at any club meeting.

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