

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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## Director's Column: Jarrod Williams



I am honored to be the newly elected director and I will do my best to help increase growth, participation, and excitement around Model A's and our club. I want to give a sincere thank you to Tony Topicz, Art Foreman, Sherri Green, and Tim Schmidt for all of their hard work this past term. I would also like to thank the Christmas party planning committee for their wonderful work on our party at the RSVP Event Center.

### 2020 Schedule / Tour Season

Within the next month I would like to start putting together our monthly tours, summer meeting/picnic locations, and Christmas party suggestions. My hope is that we can have most of the tours and meetings selected by the end of February and publish them on our website and Facebook to help new and current members better plan for the driving season. It might not be a bad idea to go ahead and select the dates for tours before we have a route or location selected. If you are on the fence about hosting a tour, please let us know! While tours do take some planning, there are plenty of people that would help in hosting or offer suggestions on locations, routes, or themes.

### 2020 Open Club Positions

Our club has two officer positions that are currently vacant. I would really like to see some people step into these positions, as it would help our club and hopefully expand our local exposure.

- Technical Director - This position directs regional officers and the general membership in the preservation, restoration, exhibition, and general use of the Ford Model A vehicle, model years 1928 - 1931. Duties shall include technical demonstrations pertaining to the Ford Model A at scheduled monthly meetings.
- Youth Coordinator - This position shall promote the purpose of OVRMAFC among the active and potential member under age 21. The position will also promote youth activities which are sponsored by MARC and/or MAFCA among the youth of OVRMAFC.

### 2019 MARC Mileage Program

Anna Williams will require your odometer reading as of 12/31/2019, if you are participating in the MARC Mileage Program. If you have any questions about the program or want to sign up, her phone number is (859) 525-7049 or email [roy8405@gmail.com](mailto:roy8405@gmail.com).

The MARC Mileage program was established to encourage members of MARC to drive their cars and earn mileage badges as well as national recognition for miles driven in your Model A.

View more information about the MARC Mileage Program here :

<https://model-a-ford.org/programs-awards/marc-driving-awards/>

I hope everyone had a great New Year and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in January!

## OVRMAFC CLUB OFFICERS

### Director

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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/>

### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MARC NATIONAL EVENTS?

**2020 MARC Membership Meet**  
**Plymouth, Indiana**  
**April 2—4, 2020**

Visit the beautiful countryside of Indiana's heartland at Swan Lake Resort and U.S. Golf Academy. Located 70 miles from Chicago and Fort Wayne, it is centrally located for Model A Regions throughout the USA. It is near many attractions: the Amish shops of Rentown, Goshen and Shipshewana, the Studebaker Museum, Notre Dame University, and the South Bend Chocolate Factory and Museum.

Early reservations are recommended. Accommodations include deluxe rooms, suites, log cabins, cottages, fairway villas, fairway houses and RV hookups. Prices start at \$99 per day and include a breakfast buffet. Tee times are available at a reduced rate. To make reservations, phone (800) 935-5616 and mention "Model A Group." The overflow hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Plymouth, IN; phone (844) 818-1749. Again, mention "Model A Group" to get the \$99 rate. For more information about Swan Lake, visit [swanlakeresort.com](http://swanlakeresort.com) and take the virtual tour.

Speakers and activities are already being planned and include an expert on Henry Ford's aviation enterprises. You will be surprised at Henry's innovations and patents in aviation.

**2020 MARC National Meet**  
**June 1-5, 2020**

You do not want to miss the sights and sounds of Model A's taking over the town of Oshkosh Wisconsin! You must be a member of the Model A Restorers Club to participate. More details to come as they become available.

### Editor's Column: By Jarrod Williams

For 2020, I would really like to enhance our newsletter to be a greater benefit to our club. I am asking you for your tips, suggestions, material, or topics. It's always fun when a member asks me to find some technical information they haven't been able to find or asks an era fashion question.

### OVRMAC 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)  
\$12.50 (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](#)**

## A look at the 2019 OVRMAC Holiday Party!

Once again, our Christmas party committee had a relatively warm and dry day for our Christmas party and Annual Banquet. Eighty-eight members and guests signed up for the event. The food was great, with a choice of entrees and vegetables and sheet cake for dessert.

Jarrood created a slide show of 2019 events to watch during dinner. There were numerous prizes and awards. Prizes for the ugliest holiday sweater went to Kaleb Green, Conrad Gerdes, and Dina Hicks. The award for the most memorable breakdowns went to Larry & Debbie Arnold and Terry & Benda Owens. Ice breaker awards were given to the team with the most correct answers during a fun Model A era trivia game. Participation awards went to 15 active member families with Don & Ramona Perkins in first place. The Ralph Hicks Good Samaritan award was presented to Elmer Stanukinos. Art & B.J. Foreman were presented the Family of the Year Award. Brenda Owens won split-the-pot. Door prizes were awarded to every family in attendance.

For more pictures, please visit our 2019 Holiday album at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OVRMAC/photos/?filter=albums>



# OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINTUES

Wednesday, December 8, 2019

RSVP Event Center

## CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Tony Topicz, Director, who led the group in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. A brief meeting was held to announce the newly elected officers.

## ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE 2020 BOARD:



Director  
Jarrod Williams



Vice Director  
Bob Noe



Secretary  
Phyllis Pease



Treasurer  
Tim Schmidt

## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the VFW Hall, 3318 Sharon Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

## Henry's Anti-theft System

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Henrys-anti-theft.pdf>

Horse thieves and car thieves have one thing in common, they have to be quick about it. If the project is going to take some time they will move on to a better prospect. Henry came up with a unique anti-theft system for the Model A. Though it is not fool proof, it is time consuming, and it is thus not that easy to hot wire a Model A Ford.

The ignition system on a Model A is very simple. Battery power is applied directly to one side of the primary of the coil through a black wire attached to one of the wing nut terminals on the firewall. The red wire from the other primary side of the coil sneaks its way into the terminal block opposite the black wire, but is not connected to anything inside. Instead the wire runs up to the dash panel and connects directly to the ignition key switch.

When the key is switched off (the pop-out pushed in) there is no electrical connection made to the coil. In addition the arm side of the switch is connected direct to ground when switched to the off position. The ground prevents someone from going inside the distributor and successfully connecting a hot wire because the points will have a ground on them and the hot wire will not work.

A wire is connected to the arm side of the ignition switch and runs down through an armored cable to the distributor delivering battery voltage to the ignition points. The cable is very tough and there is no way you can cut through it with a hack saw. On the end of the armored cable is a threaded coupler that screws into the distributor housing. In order to thread (or unthread) the connector, the distributor has to be removed from the engine. And before you can do that you have to unbolt the head bolt nut clamping the cable to the number 8 stud.

The only way you can hot wire a Model A is to unbolt the clamp from the number 8 stud, unbolt the locking nut on the side of the head, remove the distributor from the head and while holding it in your hands, unscrew the distributor from the armored cable. Some type of wiring device would then have to be inserted inside connector boss of the distributor to make electrical contact and

have a length of wire attached with a clip lead on it. The distributor would then have to be reinstalled in the head and the clip lead attached to the low side of the primary of the coil after the existing wire has been removed. All this will take some amount of time, providing you have the right tools with you and know which is the low side of the coil.

There is, however, a down side to Henry's anti-theft system. It has a tendency to fail now and then and leave you stranded unable to start the car. The wire inside the armored cable can become disconnected or short out. The switch itself can become defective and lose the connection, or short out. In many cases the malfunction is intermittent and it is difficult to determine what is causing the problem.

This is where an ignition bypass cable comes in handy. It is the same device a thief would use if he wanted to hot wire and steal the car and had plenty of time to do it. The cable is made up from a discarded pop-out cable. What is needed is the connector portion that screws into the distributor. A wire with a clip lead is attached to the other end.

When a pop-out cable or ignition switch failure is suspected. Remove the existing cable as previously described and screw the bypass cable into the distributor and attach the clip lead to the coil. The car should then start. In order to shut the engine off you have to remove the clip lead.

Most modern day Model A hobbyist who do a lot of touring carry a bypass cable and do not connect the armored cable to the number 8 stud. The clamp is discarded and a spacer is put under the number 8 nut to compensate for the longer stud. Removing a head bolt nut while out on the road is not a good idea. It can allow the head to warp and dump water into the oil pan.

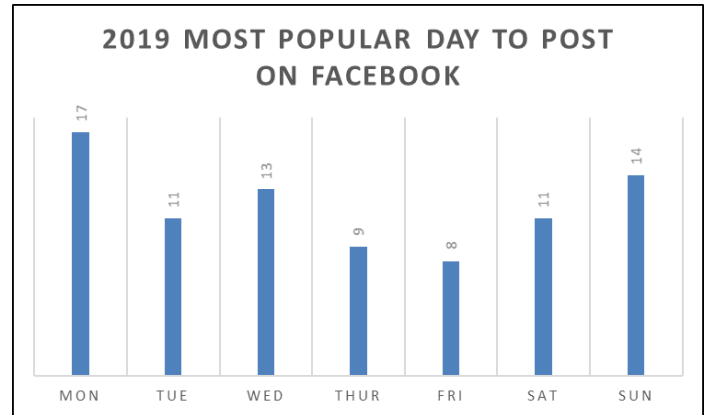
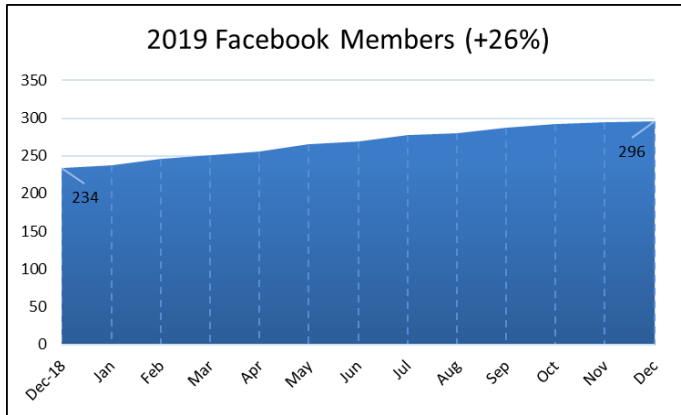


## In 2019, how did OVRMAC perform in the digital world?

### Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OVRMAC/>

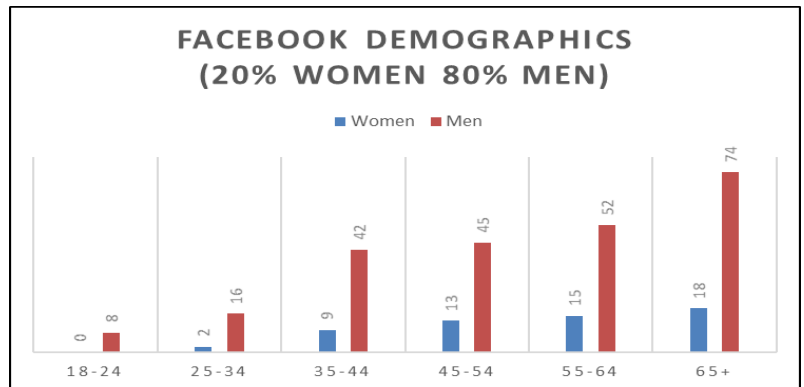
The club's Facebook page has seen a 26% increase in members this year, up to 296 people that follow and interact with our account.

The most popular days to post are Monday and Sunday, while 80% of our members are men. Believe it or not, we do have an international following. The Netherlands, Australia, Brazil, United Kingdom, Norway, and Switzerland all participate and follow us!



#### Facebook Member Countries

United States	Denmark
Canada	Fiji
Netherlands	Bahrain
Australia	Cyprus
Brazil	New Zealand
United Kingdom	Argentina
Norway	South Africa
Switzerland	Taiwan
Malaysia	Mexico

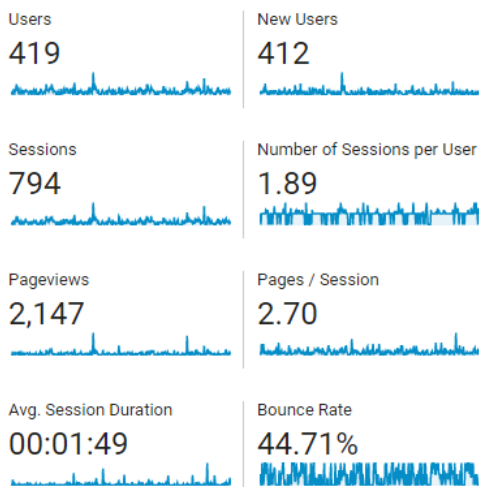


### Website - <http://clubs.hemmings.com/ovr/>

We run Google Analytics on our website, so we can dive into a lot of user metrics that other club websites can not. I like to look at the bounce rate to see if people find our website useful. Bounce rate is actually the percentage of single interaction visits to a website. The

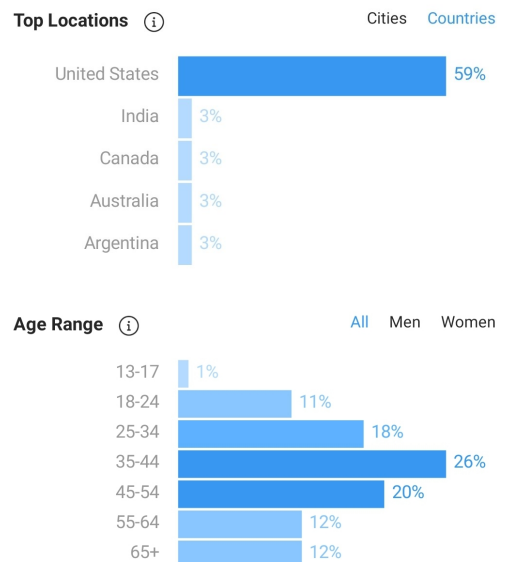
lower the percentage the better. That means people are landing on the homepage and navigating to useful information.

As a rule of thumb, a bounce rate in the range of 26% to 40% is excellent. 41% to 55% is roughly average, which is where our 2019 bounce rate comes in at, 44.7%.



### Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/ovrmafcl/>

Our Instagram account has grown to 184 followers. 82% are men and 18% are women, aligning closely with Facebook. 26% of followers are age 35-44, trailed closely by ages 45-54.



## Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **January 12, 2020**  
**35th Winter Swap Meet**  
[Paroquet Springs Conference Center](#)  
[395 Paroquet Springs Dr.](#)  
[Shepherdsville, KY 40165](#)  
 Admission \$5; children under 12 free.  
 10 x 12 vendor spaces \$15, car corral spaces: inside \$30,  
 Outside \$5. Tables for rent, \$2.  
 Doors open at 8:00 a.m.  
 For information contact:  
 Roy Armstrong  
 6834 Cedar Grove Rd.  
 Shepherdsville, KY 40165  
 (502)-543-4189.
- **January 22, 2020**  
**OVRMAC January Club Meeting**  
 Meeting will be held at the VFW Hall.  
[3318 Sharon Road](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)  
 Meeting will start at 7:30pm
- **February 26, 2020**  
**OVRMAC February Club Meeting**  
 Meeting will be held at the VFW Hall.  
[3318 Sharon Road](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)  
 Meeting will start at 7:30pm
- **March 7, 2020**  
**Country Roads T & A Ford Club Winter Swap Meet**  
 Washington County Fairgrounds—Jr. Fair Building  
[922 Front Street, Marietta, OH 45750](#)  
 Admission is \$5 per adult. Doors open at 7am.  
 Meet will be specializing in antique car parts featuring  
 Model A, Model T, and early Ford, Dodge, and Chevrolet.
- **March 7-8, 2020**  
**OVRMAC Polar Bear Tour**  
 This will be an overnight tour hosted by Deb and Larry Arnold.  
 Stay tuned for more details.
- **March 25, 2020**  
**OVRMAC March Club Meeting**  
 Meeting location TBD  
 Meeting will start at 7:30pm
- **April 2-4, 2020**  
**MARC Membership Meet Plymouth Indiana**  
[SWAN LAKE RESORT](#)  
[5203 Plymouth Laporte Trail](#)  
[Plymouth, IN 46563](#)  
 Early reservations are recommended.  
 For more information about Swan Lake,  
 visit [swanlakeresort.com](http://swanlakeresort.com) and take the virtual tour.
- **April 22, 2020**  
**OVRMAC April Club Meeting**  
 Meeting location TBD  
 Meeting will start at 7:30pm
- **April 28, 2020**  
**56th Annual Model A Ford Swap Meet**  
 Sponsored by the Columbus, IN, Model A Club at:  
[Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds](#)  
[750 W 200 S](#)  
[Columbus, IN 47201](#)  
 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.  
 For information contact:  
 Larry Morlock  
[l.morlock@att.net](mailto:l.morlock@att.net)  
 (812) 371-6628

Please contact Jarrod Williams if you have any events you would like to add to our calendar

## OVRMAC Classifieds / Services

- 1930 Model A 4-door, Murray Body with Overdrive. Hydraulic brakes, steel trunk and rack. Runs and drives Great!  
 \$14,500 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 1930 Tudor. Overdrive. Belonged to Willy Smith. Good condition. \$11,500 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 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

## 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  
H: 513-769-3029  
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Terry Owens  
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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](#)

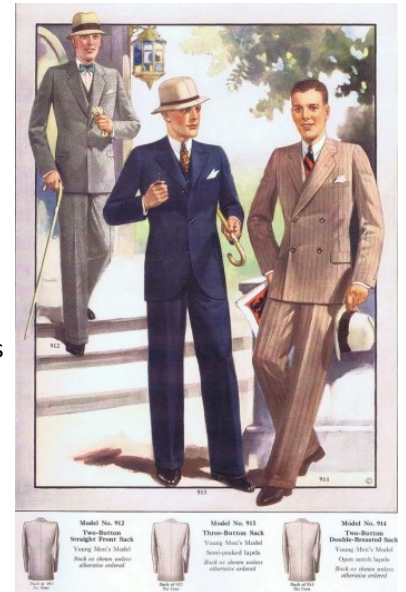
## Era Fashion - Fit and Fashionable - A Gentleman's Ensemble

By: Lynette Marcione, Placerville, California

Taken from: <https://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Fit%20and%20Fashionable.pdf>

When MAFCA fashion judging is offered at a regional or national meet, a limited number of the male gender tends to participate. Some men say they are busy with conflicting events, others indicate they don't want to dress up and be looked over by a panel of judges. However, if you are thinking about participating in judging, or just want to look the part, here are some highlighted examples of the well dressed man to use as a guide.

The fit of a man's daytime suit was different than you see today. The cut of the jacket was generally snug and nipped in at the waist creating a defined silhouette. Slight shoulder padding was starting to appear in 1929. Jacket lapels were either notched or peaked with very specific dimensions. Pants were generally straight and came with or without cuffs. Trousers with pleats were popular. Vests came in a variety of styles to complete the suit but were not always required. A wide selection of shirts were available in silks, cotton broadcloth, and chambray just to name a few. Short and long sleeves were featured in plain cloth, stripes, and tasteful patterns. Collars were detached or attached. Cuffs came with buttons or suitable for cuff links. Ties could be a bowtie or a regular standard neck tie usually made of silk, wool or rayon in a variety of colors and patterns. Handkerchiefs were placed in the breast pocket but not required. Hats were an essential part of the gentleman's outfit. The hat styles were widely varied, the homburg, fedora, straw, and derby were all appropriate for a daytime suit. Overcoats were worn but are very difficult to find today as an original garment. The classic double breasted or single breasted coat were typical of the era. Men wore high top shoes, low top shoes, capped and plain toed shoes that were generally made of leather. Toes could be rounded or squared. Wing tip shoes gave a classic look.



There are many details and styling elements to a gentleman's ensemble not mentioned in this article. However, MAFCA's fashion publications, [Fashion Guidelines](#), [The Book of Fashion Facts](#), and [The Fashion Files](#) provide a comprehensive guide to all fashion related items to outfit a gentleman. In the Fashion Guidelines a detailed description and illustrations are provided for major garments, headgear, coordinated apparel, accessories, and footgear for almost all walks of life. There is also a dress chart suggesting different modes of attire for all kinds of occasions. Publications are available at MAFCA Headquarters or on the [MAFCA website](#) and can be purchased for a reasonable cost. All books have been thoroughly researched by dedicated members of the MAFCA community.





**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 CLUB DUES**

OVRMAC 2020 club dues of \$25.00 per membership must to be turned into Jarrod Williams by January 31, 2020.

Cash is accepted at club meetings or you can mail a check to Jarrod Williams.

If you are already in the roster, please check your listing and make sure everything is correct. If you don't have a picture, or want your picture re-taken for the new roster, please contact Jim Rupp or Jarrod Williams.

**Checks made out to:**

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