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## Director's Column: Jarrod Williams



At the time of this printing, there is a COVID-19 vaccine on the way. I do not however; see us being able to all gather in a large room anytime soon. I have decided to host a virtual gathering on ZOOM in January 2021. I hope that everyone is able to join us so that we can talk about our 2021 schedule of possible meetings and tours.

### OVRMAFC January 2021 Club Meeting

Jan 27, 2021 7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting by following this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72309413466?pwd=WEVERk55RXFvdTduSUxKd2M5ODFoQT09>

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## Appreciating a Daily Driven Model A Ford

By: Jarrod Williams

Over the past year my 1931 Slant Window Town Sedan, named Helen, and I were able to drive 5,500 miles. I consider it a true honor to be the caretaker of her and daily drive the car as much as I possibly can. Driving without power steering, power brakes, power windows, no radio, and no turn signals can be quite the change from a normal car, but once you get into the spirit of it, it becomes a completely fun and different world.

The saying "The Model A likes to be driven" is a very accurate statement. She would fire up easily every morning as I drove her to work. She would get excited when I took her to lunch, sometimes carrying co-workers. Helen would even like to go on late night drives to get ice cream with my wife and I.

It is with pure enjoyment that I stick to the oil and lube chart produced by Henry Ford, even though I know modern oils are of much higher quality than those made in the 20's and 30's.

Changing the oil every 500 miles, lubing the 20+ Zerk fittings, tinkering with the timing. These are all things that bring a giant smile. I don't think I have to tell you, once you drive an A you will fall in love.

I, like many others in the club, have a wonderful spouse who supports my crazy hobby that has literally become an obsession over the last 4 years of Model A ownership.

Here are a couple interesting facts from the year of driving our Model A:

- Helen get's 17 mpg regularly. Which comes out to 323 gallons of gas used in 2020.
- Oil changed every 500 miles, comes out to 11 oil changes for the year. If each oil change is 4.5 quarts of oil that means Helen consumed 49.5 quarts of oil.

## 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/>

### Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)

- The *Restorer* magazine (6 issues per year)
- Technical Support (free via mail or email)
- National Banquets - National Tours
- MAFCA also produces publications including: Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards; Paint and Finish Guide; Hardware Standards, How to Restore Your Model A

MAFCA: <https://www.mafca.com/>

## 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 Social Media

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ovrmafca/>

### OVRMAFC Personalized Club Name Tag

Personalized name tags in the shape of a Model A Ford can be ordered from Brenda Owens.

Cell: (513) 254-1034

Email: [clanowens@zoomtown.com](mailto:clanowens@zoomtown.com)

Cost:

\$10.00 (tag with pin)

\$12.00 (tag with magnet)

(Sales tax and shipping not included)



### 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.

[Black Out Tee's](#)

[4601 Eastgate Blvd](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45243](#)

[\(513\) 604-8337](#)

## Model A 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](#)

# What you missed at the Wreaths ACROSS America Event

December 19, 2020

Spring Grove Cemetery (Section 21 - Civil War)

This was the first time for our club to participate in the Wreaths Across America event. Several members in the club have had the privilege to see or participate in the event at Arlington National Cemetery. Our club met in the parking lot of Krogers on Mitchell Avenue and drove over to Spring Grove Cemetery. There was a welcome ceremony, ceremonial wreaths laid for each of the armed forces, and then the laying of 152 wreaths in the Civil War section of the cemetery. Taps was played by a bugler, all wreaths were laid on the grave sites, and then the volunteers were adjourned. It was a neat and humbling experience, I hope we can continue to participate as a club.



# Number Eight!

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Number-eight-engine-stud.pdf>

The #8 head stud on a Model A Ford head has some unique features designed around it that can cause some grief if not given proper consideration. Henry designed an anti-theft system that involves the #8 stud that is still fool proof in the modern day. His arrangement makes it very difficult to hot-wire a Model A Ford ignition circuit.

An armored cable that runs from the ignition key pop-out assembly to the distributor protects the integrity of the battery voltage to the ignition points, and prevents insertion of a hotwire. The ignition key assembly also when switched off puts a ground on the arm of the points further protecting the system. The armored cable is secured to the head by a clamp attached to the #8 stud. In order to remove the distributor for repair (or to hot wire the ignition) it is necessary to unscrew the nut from the #8 stud, to release the cable.

All 14 head bolt nuts should have been previously torqued down evenly to the proper torque specification. It is not a good idea to break the torque on any one head stud as it can allow the head to warp and start leaking water. Many a Model A owner has discovered this during a roadside seminar when the #8 stud nut was unbolted and removed in order to replace the distributor.

Some Model A owners do not clamp the armored cable down to the #8 stud so they will have the ability to remove the distributor without having to break the torque on the #8 stud. However, this creates another problem. The #8 stud is slightly longer than the other studs to allow room for the clamp. With the clamp not in place the nut can bottom out on the end of the threads of the stud and give a false indication of a proper torque.

The #8 stud sits right next the narrow area between the #3 and #4 cylinders where the head gasket is very narrow and susceptible to blowing. The area between #3 and #4 cylinders is the most common area for a head gasket to blow even when there is proper torque on the stud. Removing the nut at #8, or running without the spacing of the clamp only adds to the possibility of blowing a head gasket and warping the head.

The best solution is to remove the clamp completely from the armored cable and install a spacer under the nut at the #8 stud to properly space it. Torque all the head bolts down to the proper specification in sequence, and don't fool with them when out on the road. The #8 stud can also be replaced with a standard length stud as used in the other stud positions.



**The #8 stud sits right next to the narrow area between #3 and #4 cylinder.**

**The area between #3 and #4 cylinder is a common place for a blown head gasket. The #8 stud sits right next to the area.**



# A Look Back at 2020 OVRMAFC Meetings and Tours!

Even with COVID-19 our club was able to still have a semi-productive year!

The year started off as any other year, but quickly became something much different. While the below pictures are small, hopefully the memories are not. **THANK YOU** for hosting events like bowling and miniature golf, meetings at your home, and even several tours!



## Calendar of Scheduled Events

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## The OVRMAFC "Car Care Gang"

Club members Tom Blomer, Terry Owens, and Dennis Schut 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.



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Dennis Schut  
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## Model A Ford Foundation - December 2020

We have added an interactive chassis exhibit, the America's Sweetheart Roadster and improved our interactive start display. We brought in three First Responder vehicles and will continue to display these vehicles throughout 2021. We added to our era fashion exhibits by acquiring new mannequins complete with era fashion attire. Special collections including Ford Dealer records, Jim Beam Model A decanters, header clocks and additional tools were added to our displays. Next year we will be adding several new donations to our Museum including a 1931 Woody Station Wagon. We also created videos, which will be rolled out on our website, showcasing our museum and several displays.

Due to the cancellation of Model A Day, we had a significant shortfall in income. However, many clubs and individuals have made contributions to help offset some of this loss. For this, we extend our great appreciation!

Best Regards,  
John Begg, President  
[Model A Ford Foundation](#)

## OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- Good used Model A engine \$1,500  
New inserted engines available  
Model A trailer & hitch  
Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- Car cover for a 4 door sedan.  
\$50.00 Dale Blewett (513) 793-2900.
- 1930 Model A Cabriolet. Nice car, good paint and comes with new interior.  
\$19,900 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- New SS radiator cap, air maze and filter, two gas gauge tools, horn relay, wiper blade and two different petcocks.  
This retails for \$121, asking price \$99.  
Dale Blewett (513) 793-2900

### Model A Upholstery Interiors, Tops, & Trunks

Call Dottie Gerdes  
(812) 584-5631

### B & R Early Model Starter & Generator Repair

Rob Schwendeman (419) 305-9125  
Bill Schwendeman (419) 733-8857

## “Wraps” for Formal Events

By: Janet Gundlach

Taken from: [https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Wraps%20for%20Formal%20Events\\_2013-03.pdf](https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Wraps%20for%20Formal%20Events_2013-03.pdf)

During the Model A era most furs were worn during the day time except for evening perhaps an all white or black single fox. In the 1930-1931 Newton Annis Detroit Furs catalog, only one coat, a slightly below knee length white Ermine coat, was displayed with a formal evening dress. So what was worn for formal afternoon or evening events? The lady would wear “wraps” of jackets, coats or capes that varied in length and style as to year. The formality of the event determined the fabric.

*Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Winter 1929. This was a very popular evening coat since it appeared on the cover and three locations in the magazine along with November monthly handout. “The smart velvet wrap follows the lines of the frock. Low flare and collar of velvet flowers” or a fur collar can be added to the wrap. In all three views, note the low dip of the back of the coat and the shirring on the sleeves. Pattern #2838



*Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Winter 1931. This coat is “bulky above, slender and curved in at the waist.” The fabric recommended was metallic cloth and fur banding. Pattern # 4131

*Pictorial Review Catalog*, Autumn 1930. “This little evening coatee with its flared bordering ruffle is rounded and wrapped tightly at the waist.” This same pattern is listed for the “college girl and her evening wardrobe that includes a short velvet wrap for festive wear.” Pattern #5347



## 2021 Membership Dues

We are asking for your \$25.00 dues now because we would like to get the 2021 Roster finished by February. If you have not had your picture taken, please contact Jim Rupp and he will help you. If there are any corrections to your physical address, e-mail address, or phone numbers please contact Jarrod Williams.

Please mail your dues in the form of a check, along with the roster information form to:

Jarrod Williams  
7973 Miami Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45243

Check payable to:  
Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club



### Ohio Valley Region Model “A” Ford Club Membership Application and Roster Information

(Please Print Legibly)

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (optional): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Work (optional): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

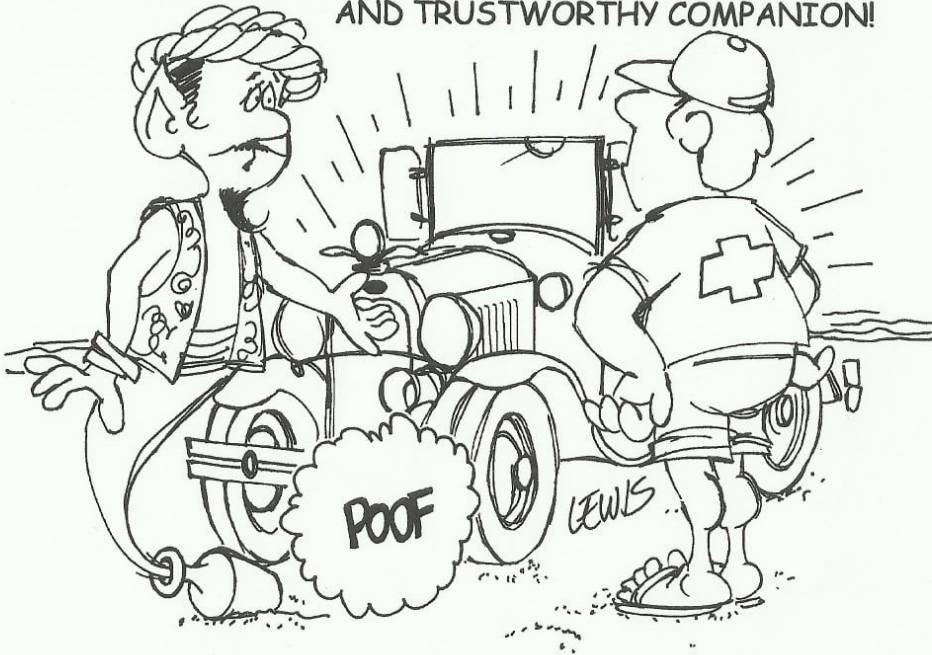
Model A's Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Newsletter:  Mail  Electronic

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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AND TRUSTWORTHY COMPANION!



**2021 OVRMAFC Tentative Schedule**

- Jan 27 Zoom Club Meeting

We plan to discuss our potential 2021 meeting schedule and tours during this Zoom meeting. If you have any COVID-19 safe ideas for later in the year please be prepared to share.



2021 Newsletter

January

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