

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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Director's Column: Tony Topicz



It was good to see a large turnout for our first summer meeting away. I want to thank those who braved the evening traffic to get there. We had another good discussion on our tour driving reimbursement process. As a reminder to all members we need touring ideas. I am sure that we have members that have ideas for tours for this fall. Please come forward and we will help you in planning a tour. Remember we have our next summer meeting at James & Sherri Green's in Liberty Township.

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What you missed at the June meeting!



A special thanks to Tony and Donna Topicz for hosting our June summer meeting. Once the meeting started and the sun started to set, it was a great place to socialize and have a meeting.

National Club News

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".

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

Editor's Column: By Jarrod Williams

A big thanks to everyone that helps contribute articles and content to the newsletter.

I think it would be a great idea to have a day dedicated to a "tech session". It could possibly be on a Saturday and we could all meet at someone's home, I will volunteer mine. What hands on activities would like to know how to do? Are there any topics or areas of service we could cover that would be beneficial to you? Please let me or your board know and let's put something on the calendar!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MARC NATIONAL MEET IN AUGUST?

2019 MARC National Meet August 4-10, 2019

You do not want to miss the sights and sounds of Model A's taking over the town of Dearborn Michigan for 6 days! You must be a member of the Model A Restorers Club to participate.

Events include:

- Swap meet
- Repair tent
- MARC touring class judging
- MARC fine point class judging
- Model A seminars
- Era fashion judging and fashion show
- Ice cream social
- Hubley derby
- Awards banquet
- Model A grand tour
- Tours of The Ford Museum and Greenfield Village
- And so much more!

The deadline to mail in your registration form is July 8, 2019.

Print your registration form here: [Dearborn Registration Forms](#)

Visit <https://mark35879.wixsite.com/marcdearborn2019> for the most up to date information on the 2019 MARC National Meet

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

Era Fashion - Pleats Please

By: Mary Carlson

Taken from: https://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Pleats_Please.pdf

This article is derived from the March 1929 issue of McCall's magazine. It stated that "fullness is everywhere in dresses of grace and softness. If the tailored frock adheres to the straight lines, it too must be feminine." Many of the illustrations featured in the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines show only the front of the garment. Shown here are four dresses with front and back views, with each featuring pleats on both front and back of the skirt portion of the garment. Spring Tailored Frocks Feature Back Fullness



"These two frocks show the way in which back fullness appears most frequently in the new daytime frocks. Pleats in the back give an all around flare to the hemline and they are stitched down far enough to keep the hipline slender as well as to prevent being pressed out."



Paris Centers Style Interest at the Hipline

"It seems no longer news to say that most smart silhouettes are based on slender hiplines, but the ways in which hiplines become slender change almost every month. There are wide girdles to mold hips, fitted skirt yokes, pleats stitched down to below the hipline, and now a favorite new way of accenting slender hiplines this spring is by means of seaming shaped in a curved or slanting line. These curved or diagonal seaming at the hipline give any frock an attractive complicated air, although in

frocks like these, straight in line and bloused by a belt, they are in reality simple."

Club Member Information

By: Butch Schultz



First Name: Butch

Age: 67

How old were you when you first sat in the car or drove the car? 66

Favorite thing about the car?

I love sharing my Model A with my family, friends and neighbors. It seems that most people have never seen a Model A up close, let alone ridden in one. Everybody is interested in the Model A, and nobody turns down a ride! I don't know what it is about the Model A, but there's something about the car that other classic cars don't have.

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

Support. I am new to the Model A hobby so my primary interest in the club is learning about the vehicle itself. I would love to see hands-on teaching events like those in other Model A clubs around the country. This would be an excellent way for the experienced members in our club to interact with new, inexperienced members (like me) and pass on their knowledge. I have never done a brake job, for example, and there is only so much that you can learn from books and the Internet. It would be a great value and a lot of fun to spend time with a group of club members of all levels of experience, put a car on a lift, take the wheels off, ask questions and learn how to do it. There are many, many other Model A topics that could be covered as well.

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](#)

OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINTUES

Wednesday, June 26 2019

Home of Tony and Donna Topicz, Hamilton, OH

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Art Foreman, Vice Director. There were 41 members and no new members.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS:

Bob Noe motioned to accept Treasurers Report; Jarrod Williams 2nd the motion. Conrad Gerdes motioned to accept the minutes. Both reports were accepted as recorded in the May 2019 AAAOOOGAH.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer asked for prayers for Gary Daley, Katie Schaefer. Club members recognized June birthdays and anniversaries.

CAR GUYS:

Tom Blomer and Terry Owens had nothing to report.

CAR SHOW:

We will have our annual car show on September 8, 2019. Elmer is in need goody bag donations and door prizes! Flyers are printed and ready to hand out. Sign up sheet will be passed around for if you need a shirt. All members are welcome to help out! Contact Elmer Stanukinos for information or to help.

MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER:

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

Tim Schmidt has radiator plaques for new members.

MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Anna Williams absent, nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Nieman, a club member, made it to this meeting. He owns a Christmas tree farm close to the Topicz's home.

There was a new member at the Hick's Auction who contacted Jarrod, but was not able to attend the June meeting.

Don and Ramona Perkins' tour to Clifton Mill is tentatively scheduled for August 13.

At the Hicks auction, Steve Gillie helped out. There are still items for sale. It was a good turnout!

Oeder's Lake club picnic was a success! Thanks to Karl and Meritta Eby for organizing this picnic!

History of the Ford Museum in Hamilton Ohio, Friday, August 2 at 7:00-8:30pm. 327 N 2nd Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Tim Schmidt asked club members about how much mileage reimbursement should be. The IRS has different amounts according to categories, but the amount that possibly makes the most since is \$0.58/mile. Bob Noe motioned to specifically pay Don and Ramona Perkins \$0.58 cents per mile for the 92 miles they drove to prepare for their tour that was canceled in June due to the Hicks Auction. Art Foreman seconded the motion.

Discussion was opened and it was made clear that \$250 per tour is allotted for planning a tour and the mileage will be deducted from that amount. It was passed and recorded.

CLUB EVENTS:

7/24-Summer Meeting at James & Sherri Green home.
Hope y'all can come!!

7/28-Poker Run tour, Debbie and Larry Arnold working on details!

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

9/8-Car Show 10th Annual @ 10am, Reading, Ohio

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

10/TBD-Mystery tour

12/Holiday Party

MARCC/MAFFI: no news

SPLIT THE POT:

John Nieman won split the pot.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 24 at James and Sherri Green's home.

[4754 Hamilton Middletown Road](#)
[Liberty Township, OH 45011](#)

Phone: (513) 476-7537

Bring a covered dish to share, drinks, swimming gear and chairs.

Dinner will be served at 6pm with the meeting starting at 7:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Green motion to adjourn the meeting, Karl Eby 2nd the motion.

SUBMITTED BY:

Sherri Green, Secretary.

Technical Tips - "Change the Condenser"

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Change-the-Condenser.pdf>

On most any Model A tour one of the participating cars will likely drift to the side of the road inoperative. Soon after everyone gathers around someone in the crowd will surely yell out "change the condenser". This knee-jerk reaction has become ingrained in Model A folklore. The truth is that good quality condensers available today seldom ever fail.

Over the years I have seen countless numbers of condensers changed out, but I have only observed one that actually failed, and that was because the ground strap soldered onto the back of the condenser came loose due to an over-heated engine.

The common practice for checking a condenser is to use an ohm meter. It will tell you if it is shorted or open, but not what the actual capacitance value is.



The Honeytek tester is a unique thing to have along on a tour. You can easily test a condenser while it is still attached to a distributor installed in a Model A. Simply remove the car's fuse, and slip a business card between the points. The plus lead of the tester is clipped to the arm of the points; the negative lead is clipped to ground on the distributor. There are still poor quality condensers being sold by some suppliers. They are easily identified by the ground strap being soldered to the end of the condenser. The good quality ones sold by Bratton's and a few other suppliers will show three little dots on the strap indicating they are stake welded on. On the left is a good quality Bratton's condenser. On the right is a poor quality condenser still being sold by some suppliers.



A Honeytek A6013L Capacitor Tester (called a condenser in automotive jargon) is available through Amazon for about \$17. The tester will tell you not only if the condenser is good or bad, but the actual value in micro-farads.

What I have discovered with my new Honeytek tester is that the good quality condensers from Bratton's test out at a nominal .243 micro farads.

I have never seen any documentation that Henry ever recorded about how many farads (or portions thereof) are required of a condenser to properly operate a Model A Ford ignition system.

It is difficult to describe what a farad is, especially when only a very small portion of one is used in a Model A condenser. A micro farad is but .000001 of one farad..



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Calendar of Scheduled Events

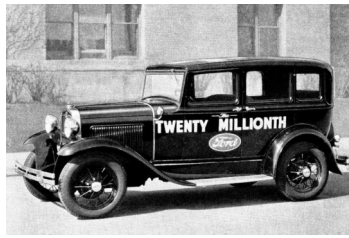
- **July 24, 2019**
OVRMAC July Club Meeting
 Hosted by James & Sherri Green.
[4754 Hamilton Middletown Road
 Liberty Township, OH 45011](http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/ohio/4754-Hamilton-Middletown-Road-Liberty-Township-OH-45011)
 We will be eating dinner at 6pm. Please bring a side dish to share, plates, utensils, and chairs. The meeting will start at 7:30pm.
- **July 28, 2019 - Poker Run Tour**
 Debbie and Larry Arnold will be hosting the annual Poker Run Tour. They are working hard on the details, so stay tuned.
- **August 2, 2019**
History of the Ford Facility in Hamilton 7pm-8:30pm
 Did you know that Henry Ford opened a plant in Hamilton in April 1920 that produced over 12 million wheels for the Model T and more than 22 million wheels for the Model A? Please plan on joining us at for a talk by B.J. Miller on the history of the Ford facility in Hamilton. This program will be open to the public, so invite your friends!
 Butler County Historical Society
 327N 2nd St, Hamilton, OH 45011
- **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/>
- **August 28, 2019**
OVRMAC August Club Meeting
 Hosted by Jarrod & Melissa Williams.
[7973 Miami Ave
 Cincinnati, OH 45243](http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/ohio/7973-Miami-Ave-Cincinnati-OH-45243)
 Park in church lot directly across the street.
 We will be eating dinner at 6pm.
 Please bring a side dish to share, plates, utensils, and chairs. The meeting will start at 7:30pm.
- **September 8, 2019**
10th Annual Reading Show 'N' Tell Car Show
 Registration 10am-12pm. Awards at 2:30pm. Show will be held at:
[VYO Haffey Fieldhouse
 1559 West Street
 Cincinnati, OH 45243](http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/ohio/vyo-haffey-fieldhouse-1559-west-street-cincinnati-oh-45243)
- **September 21, 2019**
9th Annual Model A Day
[Model A Ford Foundation, Inc](http://www.modelafoundation.com)
 - Swap Meet
 - Special Display Vehicles
 - Model A Seminars
 - Food and Fun
 The host hotel for Model A Day is the Four Points Sheraton at:
 3600 E. Cork St., Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Phone (269) 385-3922
 The room rate is \$108 and includes a buffet breakfast. (The reserved room block will expire on August 18, 2019.)
 The direct link to make reservations is: [Direct Booking Link](#)

OVRMAC Classifieds / Services

- 1928 Roadster Pickup. Side curtains, wind wings. Good condition. \$13,750 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 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, Zenith-Holley, Marvel, or Zenith "B"
 Joe Schiml (937) 456-2587

MAFFI July News

Model A Day is fast approaching and if you haven't made your plans to attend, you need to do it soon. It is going to be a great day with a Swap Meet, seminars in both technical and fashions, food and lots of fun! Entrance to the entire Gilmore Complex will be free to any MAFFI member. (Remember to bring your MAFFI membership card or apply for membership at the entrance) Our Annual MAFFI General Meeting will include the Hall of Fame Induction as well as the introduction of our board members and special recognitions.



Our theme this year is, "Original & Unique" and will include the Twenty Millionth Model A as well as many other original and unique vehicles on display. If you are driving or bringing an un-restored Model A, there will be special parking for you!

Of course, the Model A Museum will be open and ready for you to explore and enjoy all of the beautiful cars, fashions and the new exhibits including the Penny Press Machine so you can bring home a special souvenir. We will have the unveiling of the latest Model A Day Pin (3rd in the series) and the 2019 Model A Day T-Shirts for purchase as well as many other pieces of merchandise. Make sure you take a ride on the AA Stake Bed Truck People Mover to get you around the campus in style!

If you need more information on Model A Day, please feel free to contact the following people: Model A Day Chairman: Jerry Morrissey – jertrudy@sbcglobal.net

Hotel Information: [Four Points Sheraton](#) Kalamazoo – (269) 385-3922

Swap Meet Reservations & Information:

Lou Ironside (810)798-8803

Ken Ehrenhofer (630) 697-3906

Mark Maron (847) 302-7900

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.



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



Get your cars out and drive em'. If you have the chance to offer a younger girl or boy 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>

MAFCA: https://mafca.com/y_MAF_scholarship.html

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 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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