

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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### Aerial View

By: Director Conrad Gerdes



I want to thank everyone for attending the February meeting. As you know we made a donation to the VFW for our use of their facilities and to promote their programs. Our tours and outings for this year are looking good, so get your cars ready! Dottie got a 1931 Slant Window Four Door with a synchronized transmission and overdrive for use on tours this year. So lookout Ralph Hicks, she will be racing you.

Shipshewana should be an interesting membership meet. We went there last year with the Dayton Club on old fashion farm days and there is a lot to do there. We would love it if there are any suggestions or good ideas to help our club, let us know!

### **Touring season is upon us. Are your systems ready?**

**Setting the rotor gap:** Taken from: <http://modelabasics.com/ignition.htm>

1. Engage parking brake, place gear shift lever in neutral position, and use the hand crank to rotate the rotor.
2. Check the rotor at all four distributor contact points. The gap should be 0.025"
3. If it is not 0.025", bend the rotor or file the points on the distributor housing.



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**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 AM-4 PM EST**

*Coming Together in Shipshewana*



**2017 MARC Membership Meet**  
**March 23, 2017 – March 26, 2017**

**Show your support of the Ohio Valley Region Model A Club!**

We are pleased to announce that we no longer have to wait for multiple people to place an order for club apparel. OVR club shirts, jackets, etc. can be purchased at Black Out Tee's in Eastgate Mall. The company has our logo in digital format and can help you place your order. Please Contact:

**Black Out Tee's**  
**4601 Eastgate Boulevard**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45245**  
**(513) 604-8337**

Club name tags (in the shape of a Model A) can be ordered at a cost of \$10.00 (tag with pin) or \$12.50 (tag with magnet). Please contact:

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



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 - Glass replaced  
 - parts and service  
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 - Custom Upholstery or kits. 5% discount for MARC members  
 - Made-to-order trunks (you choose color)  
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## Get ready for the April Polar Bear Tour! April 1-2, 2017

With this crazy weather we have been experiencing this Winter, we may end up with 3 feet of snow in April so we are still calling it the Polar Bear Tour. Larry and Debbie have been working out the tour and we have some details to share with everyone.

### Hotel

Shawnee Lodge & Conference Center

4404 OH-125

West Portsmouth, OH 45663

<https://shawneeparklodge.com/>

Reservations can be made by calling (740) 858-6621. Let them know you are a part of the Ohio Valley Region Model A Club. Larry and Debbie have secured a room rate of \$116.10 for any room at the lodge. They have a block of 10 rooms reserved. If we need more, there should not be a problem expanding the room count.

They do have cabins if you are bringing your four legged babies.

Let Debbie know if you do not get a discount and she will call the sales manager.

### Tour

Saturday (4/1/2017): We don't have a meeting place yet (check your email), but we will meet around 10am. Stop for lunch at a 60's diner then head to an Amish store and bakery on our way to the lodge. After we check-in, we will head to Portsmouth for antiquing, shopping and finally dinner.

Sunday (4/2/2017): After breakfast at the Lodge, we will head out on a tour of Kentucky on the way home. There will be a couple of stops along the way and we should be back by mid-afternoon.

We hope you can join us!

Any questions, call Larry or Debbie

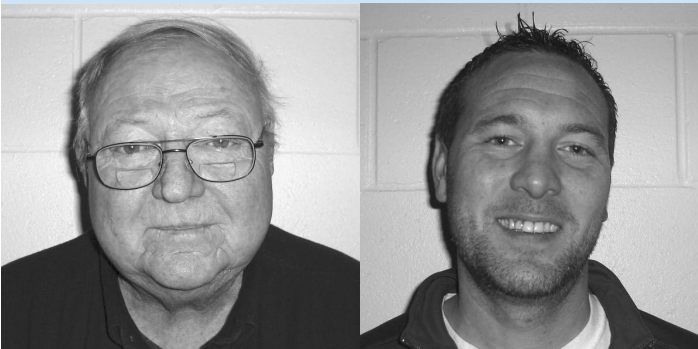
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## New Member Corner



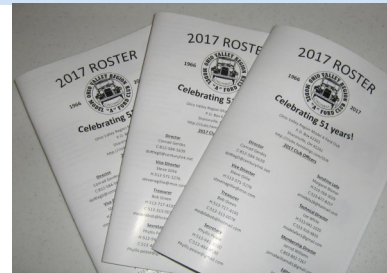
Please welcome David and Patrick Phillips as new members!

They have a 1930 4 Door Murray Sedan that David has had since he was in the 8th grade!

It's true what they say, Model A's are truly a family hobby.

Welcome to the club!

## 2017 Club Rosters Available Now!



If you haven't been able to make a 2017 meeting yet, we wanted you to be aware that the 2017 Member Roster is now available! In it you will find pictures and contact information for all of the current club members. This year we have printed it as a booklet that is 5 1/2" wide by 8 1/2" tall.

The perfect size to fit in the door pocket of your Model A.

Extra copies can be purchased for \$1.00.

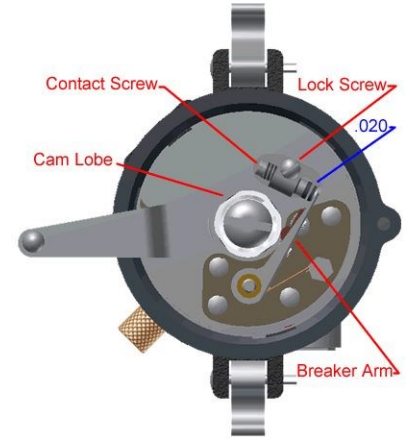
Make sure to attend a meeting so you can get yours!

## Setting the timing - A refresher course, continued from page 1

**Adjusting the Points** - Taken from <http://modelabasics.com/ignition.htm>

To adjust points proceed as follows:

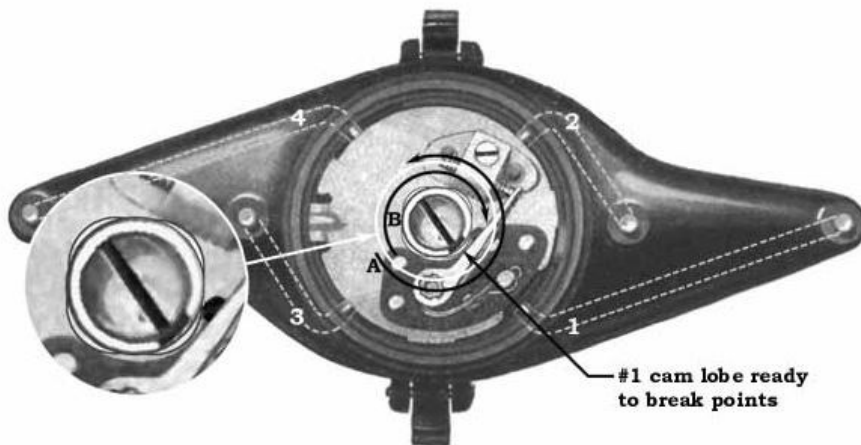
- 1) Lift off distributor cap, rotor, and body. Turn engine over slowly with hand crank until breaker arm rests on one of the lobes of the cam with the breaker points fully opened.
- 2) Loosen lock screw and turn the contact screw until the gap is between .018" & 0.22". When correct adjustment is obtained, tighten the lock screw.
- 3) Replace distributor body, rotor, and cap and proceed to ignition timing on page 4.



**Setting the Timing** - Taken from <http://www.abarnyard.com/workshop/timing.htm>

1. Use the timing pin to locate TDC of number one. This is the only accurate method short of a long drawn out process with a dial indicator. Other methods will only get you within 5-10 degrees without some extra luck.
2. With the distributor body installed, raise or retard the spark lever on the steering column to the top of it's travel. This is done in case the distributor body limits the rotation of the breaker plate.
3. Loosen the cam screw and rotate the cam into position ready to open the points for #1 as shown in the following illustration. If the cam seems excessively sticky on the shaft then use the rotor to turn it.
4. Begin tightening the screw. This removes the backlash in the system and the cam should remain as close to touching the rubbing block on the points as possible without opening the points. This may require multiple efforts to get it ideally positioned.
5. The final check is to simply turn on the ignition switch. Using the screwdriver at the cam screw, turn it clockwise as if tightening the screw. The SLIGHTEST movement of the screwdriver and cam in the opposite (counter clockwise) direction should clearly spark the points. If the points won't spark the setting is too tight and too advanced and the points aren't closing. If there is any noticeable movement of the cam before the spark then the setting is too far retarded. *Don't forget to turn off the ignition. Leaving it on with the points closed may result in a dead battery or burned out coil!*

### Distributor Contacts and Rotation



**A - Direction of rotation. Distributor cam in position to break the points for #1.**

**B - Direction to tighten cam locking screw. Tightens against distributor backlash.**

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Helpful tips:

1. Eliminate the problem of cylinder compression turning the engine past the timing mark. As you feel the compression build while approaching #1, pause and let the pressure bleed out of the cylinder.
2. The installed total length of the spark control rod (linkage) is 17-7/16". With a two tooth Gemmer steering box you may need to adjust the linkage by loosening the lower column tube clamp and upper support clamp and twisting the column tube in the appropriate direction.
3. Get a large "stubby" screwdriver that fits snug in the cam screw. This will improve sensitivity for checking the motion and spark.
4. Once the timing is accurately set it doesn't need to be done again until the distributor is serviced and the cam removed such as required when changing original points.
5. Always oil the distributor when checking the points or performing any other service.

## Ohio Valley Region Model A Club Meeting Minutes February 22, 2017 VFW Hall Sharonville, OH

### CALL TO ORDER:

This meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Conrad Gerdes, Director, who also led the group in a moment of silent remembrance and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Conrad presented a check for \$250.00 to the Commander of the Legion Hall to use for additional repairs and as a thank you for allowing us to host our meetings at the hall for no charge. He thanked us all for using the hall and for the speaker donation and installation as well the additional check.

### ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Dottie Gerdes for Steve Gillie, Vice Director. There were 32 members and 2 guests that became members present.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting were approved as printed in the January 2017 AAAOOOGAH.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was approved as printed in the January 2017 AAAOOOGAH.

### MEMEBERSHIP REPORT:

We welcomed two new members at the meeting: David and Patrick Philips, a father/son team from Lawrenceburg, IN. New members will receive a roster and member pack and Model A info sheet about the club and Model A cars.

### ROSTERS:

Rosters are available for pick up; there are extras for \$1.

### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Celebrated January Birthdays and one Anniversary.

CAR CARE GANG: No report.

### NEWSLETTER:

Applause for Jarrod Williams for taking over the newsletter and making updates. Please let him know your preference for receiving the newsletter (email, mail or both). You can email or call him with an ideas or additions. Conrad suggested adding a section for the Tech Sessions from the prior meeting.

FASHON COMITTEE: No report.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was passed at a prior meeting to spend \$250 to purchase a new picnic table for Oders Lake. It seems new picnic tables are more than the approved amount. We are asking for a carpenter in the group to help out and build the table instead.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Cas Daley voiced that she has been a member for 30 years and was disappointed to find that participation awards were not given at the Christmas party and did not feel the ticket system for the

door prize should replace the participation awards.

A motion was made to reinstate the point system to track participation of 3 points for driving to a meeting.

It was pointed out that not everyone lives close enough to drive to the meetings and that puts them at a disadvantage for getting enough points for the participation awards. Those who live close to the meetings have an advantage of getting more points by driving their car. The purpose of the point system was to incentivize members to drive their Model As to events so the club would get more attention and perhaps bring in new members. It was suggested that we do both the tickets and the participation points. Original motion was revised to reinstate the point system of 1 point for attendance at a meeting or outing, 2 points for driving your Model A to a meeting or outing, and 5 points for hosting a meeting or outing. Motion was approved. Additional motion was made to also get a ticket for each point towards the donated door prizes at the Christmas Party. Motion was approved.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Below are the known upcoming outings. If you would like to host please let us know! You can get up to \$250 from the club to help offset costs of hosting a meeting or tour.

- Apr: Polar Bear Tour
- May: Mystery Tour
- Jun: Oders Lake
- Jul: Poker Run
- Aug:
- Sep: Car Shown
- Oct: Hay Press Tour
- Nov:
- Dec: Christmas Party

### READING CAR SHOW:

Elmer Stanukino reported he is working on trophies and asks everyone to begin:

- Collecting items for the goodie bags
- Sell sponsorships for the programs
- Collect recipes for the programs

### TECH SESSION:

In Lee's absence, Ralph provided a mini session at the end of the meeting.

MILEAGE REPORT: No report.

SPLIT THE POT: \$37.50 was won by Keith Vidourek.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm by Conrad Gerdes, Director.

### NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be held on March 22, 2017 at the Paul Vail VFW, 3318 E Sharon Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.

### SUBMITTED BY:

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **March 22, 2017 - Sharonville, Ohio**  
**OVR Model A Club Meeting**  
 VFW Post 4368. 3318 East Sharon Road, Sharonville, Ohio 45241  
 This is our usual spot for our monthly meetings. The VFW Hall has a dinner at 6:00 p.m., and we can get a home-cooked meal for around seven dollars if you are interested. The VFW lets us use their hall for no-charge. The only thing they ask is that we buy any drinks that we may want from them. Our meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. There is a rumor that the brand new 2017 OVR Rosters will be available for distribution.
- ◆ **March 23-27, 2017 - Shipshewana, IN**  
**2017 MARC Membership Meet**  
 This year the MARC membership meeting will be held in Shipshewana Indiana. The area is celebrated as the third largest Amish community in the United States. There are many things to do in the area including:
  - The Hudson Automobile Museum
  - The Auburn, Cord, Duesenburg Museum
  - Ford V-8 museum
  - Studebaker Museum
  - Quilts Crafts and more
 For more information contact:  
 Andy Honiotes  
 (812)-954-1928  
 modeltandy@att.net
- ◆ **April 1-2, 2017**  
 Larry and Debbie Arnold will host the annual Polar Bear tour at:  
*Shawnee Lodge & Conference Center*  
 4404 OH-125  
 West Portsmouth, OH 45663  
 (740) 858-6621  
<https://shawneeparklodge.com/>
  - ◆ Saturday: We don't have a meeting place yet (check your email), but we will meet around 10. Stop for lunch at a 60's diner then head to an Amish store and bakery on our way to the lodge. After we check-in, we will head to Portsmouth for antiquing, shopping and finally dinner.
  - ◆ Sunday: After breakfast at the Lodge, we will tour Kentucky on the way home. There will be a couple of stops along the way and should be back by mid-afternoon.
- ◆ **April 30, 2017 - Columbus, IN**  
**54th Annual Model A Ford Swap Meet**  
 7AM-2PM. Admission \$3. Sponsored by Columbus Indiana Model A Club at: Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds State Road 11 and County Road 200 South  
[www.modelacolumbus.com](http://www.modelacolumbus.com)  
 For more information contact: Larry Morlock  
 3407 Woodland Place Columbus, IN 47203  
 (812)-371-6628
- ◆ **May 2017** - Denny Perry will possibly reschedule the tour which was cancelled in November 2016 due to inclement weather.
- ◆ **June 28, 2017 - OVR Club Meeting** at Lee White and Phyllis Pease's home.
- ◆ **July 2017** - Larry and Debbie Arnold will also host the Poker Run in July, date to be announced.
- ◆ **July 30- August 4, 2017 MARC National Meet**  
 Hub City Model A Ford Club is hosting the National MARC Meet in 2017. The Meet will be held in Historic Gettysburg, PA, starting Sunday July 30th and ending with a closing banquet on the evening of Friday August 4th.  
<http://hubcitymodelaclub.com/marc-meet-2017>

## Classifieds


- ◆ 1930 Model A Fordor. New L&B Moe hair interior. New engine, new paint, loaded with extras. \$17,500 Call Dottie Gerdes (815) 584-5639
- ◆ 1930 Tudor. Complete Restoration. \$14,500 Call Conrad (812) 584-5639
- ◆ Two Model A trailers  
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- ◆ New inserted rebuilt engine  
 Call Conrad (812) 584-5639
- ◆ 1930 Sports Coupe. Restored with Balanced B engine with overdrive. \$25,000 Call Ermil Cain (513) 793-6951
- ◆ 1931 Slant Window. Restored . B-Engine. Everything is 1st class. 6 wheel with overdrive.  
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- ◆ Car trailer for Model A or T. Pulls great, pressure treated wood and the metal painted with POR-15.  
 \$1,000 Call Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276

# Ohio Valley Region Model A Club Calendar

## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22  Club Meeting	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### Avoid a Short– MAFCA Tech Tip

### Member's Memos

When using modern points, the plate adapter has a potential of shorting against the upper plate if its nut is not sufficiently tightened. To prevent this, slip a half-inch piece of heat-shrink tube onto the adapter and heat. Lock the nut with a touch of finger nail polish. You'll be insulated and tight.



If you have a helpful tip about Model A Restoration or maintenance that you'd like to share with MAFCA members, please forward it to MAFCA office, 250 South Cypress St, La Habra, CA 90631-5515 or email to: [restorer@mafca.com](mailto:restorer@mafca.com)



- ◆ The club is still in need of recipes and sponsors for our annual car show book.
- ◆ You can host a club ride in August or November of this year.
- ◆ If you would like to add content in any form to the newsletter please let Jarrod Williams know by email, phone, or mail.
- ◆ If you have prayer request you can call or email Jarrod Williams to have them included in next month's news letter.



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

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Suite: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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