

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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Director's Column: Tony Topicz



I am glad to be back to assume my duties as Director. We have a good group of officers to continue on for the replacement of the previous good officers. I was glad to see such a good turn out for the February meeting and hope that it continues since the weather is getting more pleasant and we can bring our cars out and drive them. Lets all start thinking about some spring and summer tours and hope we have an early spring.

What you missed at the February club meeting!



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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 and 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". These meets are held annually and are all planned out for you to just be there. All of the tours and fun is ready to go.

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>

Heartland Model A Touring Group

Heartland Model A Touring Group is for Model A owners who enjoy touring 2-4 night tours several times a year usually outside their home area. Group tours would generally be in one or more of the following states. KY, IL, MO, IA, IN, AR, TN, OH. Folks who currently belong to MAFCA or plan to join the National and interested in touring this could be the group for you. This group will coordinate with National and other Model A Touring groups so as to reduce conflict with other Model A Tours. E-mail for info and to be on the mailing list: heartlandmodelatg@yahoo.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/heartlandmodelatg/>
<https://heartlandmodelatg.wixsite.com/heartland-model-a-tg>

Their first tour is coming up soon, contact David Gates for more information: heartlandmodelatg@yahoo.com

- **April 26-28 2018**
Spring River Bend Tour
 1. Current MAFCA and Heartland Model A Group member and touring in a Model A Ford
 2. Complete Tour registration form. (This is separate for tour not membership application)
 3. Go to the Store and click on tour payment and complete transaction. Click on Pay with PayPal then scroll down and select Pay with Debit or Credit Card. Complete transaction with CC information. It is important that ALL mandatory fields be completed such as Car registration, Emergency Contacts, Persons on tour ect.
 4. Host Lodge: Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville, Ky. April 25, 28

* Tour limited to 25 Model A's for safety and logistics.

Era Fashion

Taken from: <http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/A%20New%20Angle%20on%20Hats.pdf>

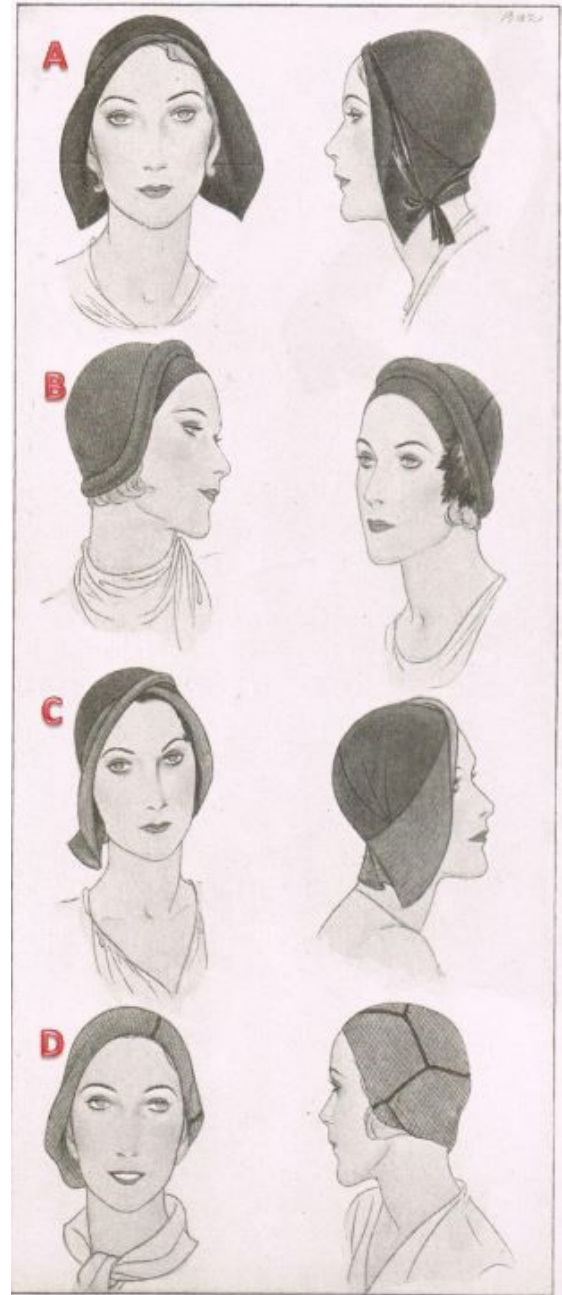
A New Angle on Hats By Peggy Gill

The MAFCA Fashion Guidelines 2010 tells us plenty about the hats of the Model A era, and provides us with a detailed description of what two areas define the hats of our era— specifically the location of the brim on the forehead and the depth of the crown.

Pictured at right puts a new angle on what was new for the Spring of 1931 according to an article found in the Women's Home Companion for March 1931. These hats definitely sport the brim high on the forehead, something we look for in a 1931 style. But what is surprising is that the Paris milliners created hats that appear different from every angle.

Unable to compete with the fashion houses of Paris, the descriptive wording is a direct quote from the article:

- A. Black Paper Panama. Designer Maria Guy made it with a tiny turned-up brim at front and in the side view you see that she has unexpectedly given it a wide drooping brim with a satin bow.
- B. Brown wool jersey sports hat from Agnes. On one side she has tucked a feather under the little roll of jersey.
- C. This Marcelle Lely hat has a crown of green grosgrain and a brim of green bakou straw which is close-fitting at one side and sweeps downward at the other.
- D. A brown wool jersey by Reboux who has cut a beret style and outlined it with brown grosgrain.



OVRMAC Personalized Club Name Tag

Personalized name tags in the shape of a Model A Ford can now 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, February 28, 2018 VFW Hall, Sharonville Ohio

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Tony Topicz, Director led the group with a Moment of Silence. Kaleb Green led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Art Foreman, Vice Director.

There were 53 members and one child present. No new members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting were approved as recorded by Phyllis Pease Post Secretary and Sherri Green, Secretary and printed in the AAAOOOGAH.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tim Schmidt, Treasurer reported a total in the club treasury of \$14, 581.15 the same as of January 24, 2018.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

N/A

MEMBERSHIP MEET:

In April Phyllis Pease reported there will be new theme. The group is getting creative!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrold Williams mentioned membership. Facebook page is bringing new members! Need newsletter articles. Jim Rupp sends the emails.

CAR SHOW:

Elmer Stanukinos mentioned Car Show 9/9, submit new recipes by August for the new Directory & Recipe Book.

NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The club approved for a donation.

TOURS 2018:

Suggestion doing a joint tour with other Model A groups

MAFFI:

Free year for new members

LEBANON CORRECTION TOUR:

Details included in newsletter. Save the date April 18.

UPCOMING DATES:

National Meet Branson, MO June 24-July 1

Oeders Lake June 3

(Jarrod will plan car games with Dottie's help)

Car Show September

SUMMER MEETINGS:

Need volunteers to host the meetings at their house for June, July, August

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the VFW Hall, Sharonville, OH.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Tony Topicz, Vice Director.

Quick and Easy! Isolating an electrical fault:

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.

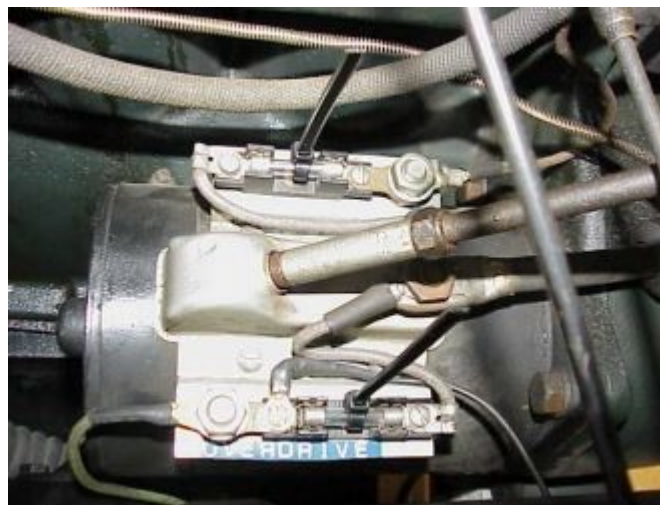
If you are out on the road it is best to fool with further trouble shooting of the light bail at home. You can drive the car with the light bail wire disconnected. Just keep in mind you won't have any lights, including brake lights.

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.

One of the best tips is to put plastic zip ties around the fuse so that in the event something does go wrong it is easy to reach in and pull the fuse out. This is also very helpful to pull the fuse easily when the car is not in use.

Upcoming Events

- **March 28, 2018**

OVRMAC March Club Meeting

VFW Post 4368
 3318 East Sharon Road
 Sharonville, OH 45241
 Meals can be purchased from the VFW Hall beforehand
 Meals start at \$7.00
 Club meeting starts at 7:30 PM

- **April 12-15, 2018**

2018 MARC Membership Meet

Join us in your Model A "The New England Way"

Host hotel:

Cherry Valley Lodge
 2299 Cherry Valley Rd
 Newark, OH 43055
 (800) 788-8008

Seminars planned:

- Restoring the Model A shock absorber
- Henry Ford's first internal combustion engine
- The Borg Warner overdrive
- Make your own era hat

- **April 22, 2018**

OVRMAC April Tour

What is it?

A tour of the tag shop at the Lebanon Correctional Institution, where Ohio license plates are manufactured. The tour begins at 8:30AM on Wednesday, April 18th, 2018. We will meet at the intersection of I-275 and US route 42 in Sharonville, where the Gabriel Brothers (now called Gabe's) store and Kroger gas station are located - just north of I-275. We will drive to the Lebanon Correctional Facility on state route 63.

This is about 12-13 miles. Our tour will take about 1.5 hours. We will depart from the correctional facility between 10:30 and 11:00AM. We will have lunch at the Village Ice Cream Parlor at 22 South Broadway. After lunch and the required ice cream, we will go our separate ways to explore historic Lebanon and return home.

What do I need to do if I want to go?

You must be an adult and submit your name exactly as it appears on your driver's license. An attendee sign-up list will be circulated at the OVRMAC club meetings.

NO CELL PHONES, OTHER ELECTRONICS, WEAPONS, and DRUGS of any kind are permitted. It is recommended that ladies leave their purses in the car. You will be checked off on an approved visitors list at LCI as you enter, and go through a security area to the tag shop is about one city block long, without stairs. We will have a tour guide to explain the manufacturing process. If you have questions, call Dale Blewett at (513) 793-2900

OVRMAC Classifieds

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| • 1931 radiator shell
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 | • Glass shift knobs
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 |
| • Restored Tin Lizzie Bat & Engine kids car
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 | • Rebuilt 1932 Ford B engine. Balanced. \$3,000
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 |
| • Set of 16" wheels, extra nice
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 | • 1936 Convertible
1931 Slant Window Sedan
1930 Sport Coupe w/
overdrive
E.G. Cain (513)793-6951 |
| • (1) Kelsey Hayes 16" wheel with whitewall tire. Very Nice.
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 | |

OVRMAC Editor's Column

- Submit your favorite Model A memory.
- Tell us about the first time you saw a Model A?
- Tell us about the first time you drove a Model A?
- When was the first time you had trouble with your Model A?
- Showcase your Model A to the club, let me know if I can interview you for the newsletter.

Submit your story and pictures to be featured in the newsletter:

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Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Calendar

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	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	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28 Club meeting	29	30 Good Friday	31 Pass Over Begins



Youth Outreach



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

The answer is much easier than you think, get them out and drive the cars! Drive them to get coffee or groceries. Drive them in parades or even to work. If you have the chance to offer a younger girl or guy and their parents a ride, take the opportunity. Once you ride in a Model A and hear that AAAA00OGAH horn you will have hooked them for life! If you have any ideas how our club could participate please submit them to the newsletter or offer up your suggestions during a club meeting.

Technical Tips

Castle nuts and cotter pins, this example is a rear motor mount bolt, but this will work on any bolts where it is difficult to see the cotter pin hole with the castle nut installed. Scribe a line across the end of the bolt before assembly to help "line up" the castle nut for that darn #%\$@^&%&* cotter pin.

Dave Westenberger – Colonial Virginia Model A Club



[http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Technical/Castle Nuts and Cotter Pins.pdf](http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Technical/Castle+Nuts+and+Cotter+Pins.pdf)



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

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Initial: _____
Spouse name: _____ Home Phone: ____/____/____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell (optional): ____/____/____ Work (optional): ____/____/____



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