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Director's Column: Jarrod Williams



I want to thank everyone for coming to the February meeting, the cold snowy weather prevented anyone from driving their Model A, but we still met and finished our 2020 tour schedule. Over the winter, my own car "Helen" received several improvements to prepare for the driving season. Let us know what winter projects you did by writing a brief description for the newsletter; you could even include pictures if you like. If you are in need of help reach out to our very own "car club gang", run by Tom Blomer and Terry Owens. They are more than happy to help you get the problems figured out. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Polar Bear Tour and the March meeting.

What you missed at our OVRMAFC February Bowling Party!

I want to give a big thanks to Sherri and James Green for coordinating our club bowling party. We had 30 people come out and bowl. We had so much fun that we have decided to make this an annual tradition. At the February meeting James accepted a small trophy from the club for hosting.



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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 and take the virtual tour.

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

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)
\$12.00 (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](#)

The passing of club member Tom Hull

It is with a sad heart that we announce that on February 23rd active and long time club member Tom Hull passed away. Please keep Jacklyn and the entire Hull family in your prayers.



A New Angle on Hats

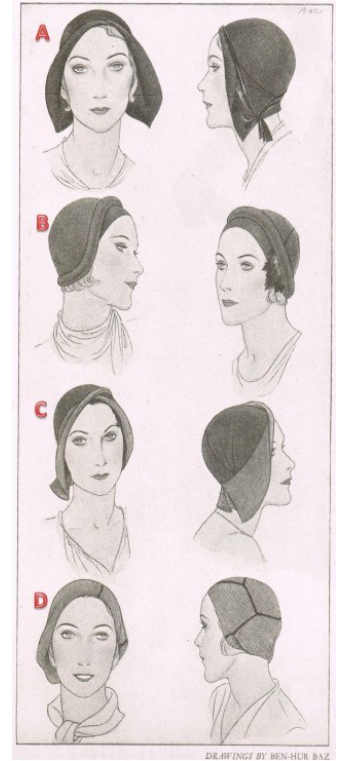
By: Peggy Gill

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

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.



Model A Ford Ignition Diagnostic

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2OC-Ignition-Diagnostics.pdf>

Ammeter "Jiggle":

Once upon a time I was rolling down the road in Miss Vic, my Model A Ford Victoria A-190, when out of the blue the engine quit. As I coasted to the side of the road I tried to contemplate what had gone wrong. The car is well maintained and therefore there was no reason for this outrage. The problem had to be a lack of spark or a lack of fuel. Nine times out of ten it's usually a lack of spark. Before I climbed out from behind the wheel, I decided to perform a diagnostic test. With the ignition still switched on, I cranked the engine over a few times, not expecting it to start, but intently watching the ammeter. The ammeter needle did a small rain dance, that is it "jiggled" from left to right a couple of notches in each direction as the engine turned over.

A wealth of knowledge:

This visual indication provided a wealth of information. I now knew that the battery was alive and well and still attached to the car and that the primary side of the ignition circuit was functional. Functional means that the ignition switch and pop-out cable was not shorted out or open-circuited, the points were opening and closing and were connected to the circuit, the condenser was not shorted out, the primary side of the coil had continuity and was still connected to the battery at one end and to the points at the other end, and Henry's wayward wire that connects the upper distributor plate to the lower distributor plate had not broken or shorted out. Without even getting out of the car, I had ascertained that the primary side of the ignition circuit was working properly.

Under the hood investigation:

But since the car wouldn't start, it was time to get out and look under the hood. The problem had to be in the secondary side of the ignition circuit, or it had to be a lack of fuel. When I looked under the hood I found that the high tension wire that plugs into the bottom of the coil had fallen out. I plugged it back in and the engine fired right up. The high tension wire is in the secondary side of the ignition circuit along with the secondary winding of the coil, the distributor cap, the rotor, the copper spark plug wires and the spark plugs themselves. Volumes have been written about the Model A Ford electrical system, and the Jiggling ammeter has been mentioned numerous times. But for those folks who aren't electrical types, much of the explanation is meaningless. *(Continued on the next page)*

OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINTUES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

VFW Hall, Reading Ohio

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Jarrod Williams, Director, who also led the group in a moment of silent remembrance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Bob Noe, Vice Director.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Bob Noe, Vice Director. There were 33 members present. No Model A's were driven due to inclement weather. The club welcomed one new member, Craig Gabbard and his son, Corey. They recently purchased a 1929 Tudor which is planned to be a father/son project.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting were approved as printed in the February 2020 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The January 2020 Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the February 2020 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

The passing of long time member, Tom Hull, was noted. The family has announced that there will be no services. The members present voted to send a \$100 donation to MAFFI in remembrance of Tom Hull and a \$100 donation to MAFFI in remembrance of Esther Meyers.

Pricilla Sue Hicks recently fell at home and injured her shoulder. The February birthday of Warren Barnes was recognized.

CAR CARE GANG:

Tom Blomer encouraged all members to contact him or Terry Owens if help is needed with a Model A problem.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

As members of the MARC Fashion Committee, Phyllis Pease and Margie Blomer will be attending the MARC Membership Meet in Plymouth, IN April 2-4, 2020. The theme of the Fashion Seminar at this meet will be Lovely Purses of the Model A Era.

MILEAGE REPORT:

No report due to Anna Williams's absence. New members were encouraged to register in the program.

TECH TALK:

Bob Zitney has volunteered to be the club Technical Advisor. Bob will prepare a tech session for the March 25, 2020 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrod Williams encouraged members to actively recruit new members of the club.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrod Williams requested that members submit any information for the newsletter to him and encouraged members to submit new ideas. Deb Arnold suggested a monthly calendar of events be added. Jarrod will add this beginning with the March 2020 newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

The club bowling party was held at the Fairfield Lanes on Sunday, February 23, 2020, hosted by James, Sherri, and Kaleb Green. Approximately 30 members attended, some bowled and some encouraged the bowlers. Jarrod Williams was presented the traveling bowling trophy for high game score of 146. Jarrod presented James Green with a trophy for hosting the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The annual Polar Bear Tour, hosted by Debbie and Larry Arnold, will be held March 7-8, 2020. Participants should meet at the Cleves, OH Kroger's at the intersection of River Road and State Route 128 at 10:00 a.m.

On Saturday, April 25, 2020, Jarrod Williams will host a visit to the Packard Museum in Dayton, OH. Meet at 10am for a 10:30am departure from Krogers:11390 Montgomery Rd Cincinnati, OH 45249. We will drive to Dayton and eat at Jimmie's Ladder 11 We will then visit the Packard museum. The museum is \$6 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors.

The annual club picnic will be held at Oeders Lake on Sunday, June 7, 2020. Details to follow.

Cliff Gilb is exploring a possible overnight event to Chillicothe, OH to attend the outdoor production "Tecumseh" in August 2020.

Jarrod Williams suggested an evening at a local drive-in movie in September 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Director, Bob Noe, asked members present to consider hosting a MARC National Convention in the near future. After some discussion, it was suggested that it might be better to explore hosting a MARC Membership Meet since it would entail fewer participants and less time.

SPLIT-THE-POT:

Wallace Huff was awarded \$35.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Jarrod Williams, Director.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Reading, OH.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary

Model A Ford Ignition Diagnostic (*continued*)

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2OC-Ignition-Diagnostics.pdf>

Jiggling explanation:

What the jiggling ammeter is all about, is that with a properly functioning ignition switched on and the engine turning over (but not running), the points will open and close as the engine rotates. Each time the points close electric current flows through the ammeter causing the needle to move two notches to the left. Each time the points open the needle returns toward the center, but since the needle movement is undamped, it swings past center to about two notches to the right much like pendulum. As engine cranking continues, the ammeter needle appears to jiggle back and forth and it is telling you that all is well in the primary circuit of the ignition.

Page 2 Catch 22:

There is a catch! Not all Model A Fords are wired so that the ammeter will jiggle. The early production cars up until November 1929 were wired such that the ignition primary circuit was not wired with the ammeter in the circuit. There was no jiggling! The later cars were wired with the ammeter in the circuit (Ford Service Bulletin, page 390), and this now provided the desired diagnostic Jiggling. All is not lost though; you can easily convert your non-jiggling Model A Ford to a jiggling version. All you have to do is move one wire.

Determination:

First determine which way your car is wired. To do this pull the high tension wire out of the bottom of the coil. Switch the ignition on and crank the engine over. Watch the ammeter needle. If it jiggles, your car is wired to the later configuration. If it does not jiggle, your car is wired to the early configuration. It is an easy matter to convert from the early wiring configuration to the later. How to convert: Remove the two broken-looking wing nuts on the front cover of the terminal box on the fire wall that a number of wires go to. Remove the cover and locate the small black wire that runs from the coil to the terminal box. On the non-jiggling cars it will be connected to the threaded post that is toward the right side of the car (right as in the passenger's side). Remove this wire and put it on the other threaded post. This one will be on the left side of the car (as in the driver's side). Before you do this, disconnect the battery, or better yet remove the fuse if you have one installed (look for it on the top of the starter). This will prevent an undesired rain of sparks. It's as simple as that; you now have a diagnostic Jiggling Model A Ford.

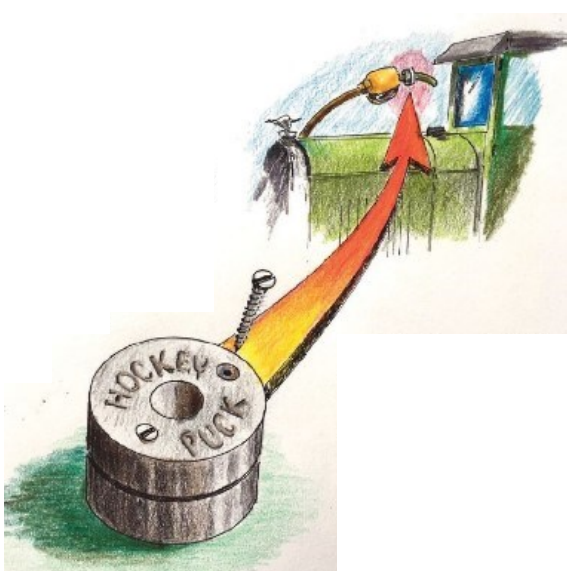
More information:

If you want to learn more about this diagnostic phenomenon, there is an excellent two-part article that appeared in the Restorer in the 1987 November-December and 1988 January-February publications. Both articles were written by the late Paul Moller of Evergreen Park, Illinois. The two articles were also reprinted in "How To Restore Your Model A", Volume 5 (1994).

MAFCA Tiny Tips: Hokey Puck Fuel Shutoff Spacer

From: Bern Davis, Roseland New Jersey

Taken from: The Restorer March/April 2020 Issue (page 57)



I found a great way to make it easier to fill up my Model A with modern gas pumps. I screwed together two regulation hockey pucks, using 2.5" countersunk screws, then drilled a centered 13/16" hole. Together, the pucks are the right height to permit the tank to nearly fill before the automatic shutoff engages. Being made of rubber, the pucks do not scratch the finish. Before drilling, I attached the two pucks. I then used a succession of slightly larger drill bits until I could use a 13/16" bit. (As I drilled, I used only a vise to secure the pucks.) The hole does not have to be precise, so long as it is large enough to permit the nozzle to pass through. In my experience at gas stations, the pucks are a perfect height for today's automatic shutoffs.

Reminder: If you have a tech article or a tiny tip, you are more than welcome to submit it to The AAAA00OGAH! We are always looking for member ideas and tricks.

Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **March 25, 2020**
OVRMAC March Club Meeting
 Meeting will be held at the VFW Hall.
[3318 Sharon Road](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)
 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 and take the virtual tour.
- **April 22, 2020**
OVRMAC April Club Meeting
 Meeting will be held at the VFW Hall.
[3318 Sharon Road](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)
 Meeting will start at 7:30pm
- **April 25, 2020**
OVRMAFC April Tour
American Packard Museum
 Hosted by Jarrod Williams.
 Meet at 10am for a 10:30am departure from Krogers:
[11390 Montgomery Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45249](#)
 We will drive to Dayton and eat at Jimmie's Ladder 11. We will then visit the Packard museum. The museum is \$6 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors.
- **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 (812) 371-6628
- **May 27, 2020**
OVRMAC May Club Meeting
 Meeting will be held at the VFW Hall.
[3318 Sharon Road](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)
 Meeting will start at 7:30pm
- **June 7, 2020**
Oeder's Lake Picnic
 Join us at Oeder's Lake for our annual club picnic. Fishing, playing cards, and a cookout around Noon. Let's hope for some great Model A weather.
- **June 24, 2020**
OVRMAFC Meeting
 Hosted by Sherri and James Green.
 Details to come.
- **July 12, 2020**
Poker Run
 Hosted by Debbie and Larry Arnold.
 Details to come.
- **July 22, 2020**
OVRMAFC Meeting
 To be held at Debbie and Larry Arnold's home.
 Details to come.

OVRMAC Classifieds / Services

- 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
- 1931 Coupe. New metal top and new paint. Roll down back window and hydraulic brakes. Second owner car!
 \$13,000 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 1931 Coupe. Black with red 16" wheels and trim. New carburetor and distributor. Look good and drives good.
 \$12,000 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- Two good used Model A engines available. Inserted engines available as well. Used wheels and parts.
 Conrad Gerdes for prices.
 (812) 584-5639
- Car cover for a 4 door sedan. I used this cover on my 1931 Buick. I believe it is a California Car Cover "dust stop" type cover (for indoor use). The cover is in good condition. The Buick was a bit larger than a Model A, but it is a great deal.
 \$50.00 Dale Blewett (513) 793-2900.
- Wanted: 1930/31 Rear Sedan Fender, passenger side or pair
 Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

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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Terry Owens
H: 513-831-8580
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](#)

The Ammeter

By: Tom Endy

Taken From: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Ammeter-structure.pdf>

The Model A ammeter is a fairly simple device, but it can tell you a lot if you pay attention to it. It is a center off type meter. The needle sits on zero in the center when no current is being drawn. When current is being drawn from the battery the needle points to the negative side. The reading depends on how much current is being drawn. When the generator (or alternator) is sending current to the battery to charge it, the needle points to the positive side. The reading depends on how much current is being passed to the battery.



Original ammeters have "bounce" to them. This is because they are un-damped. In this manner they quickly read any variations in current flow. Many reproduction ammeters are not made very well and are damped and move very sluggishly.

If the ignition circuit is wired to receive its power through the ammeter it provides a diagnostic tool. When starting the car the ammeter will bounce back and forth on either side of the zero mark before it starts. This is caused by the points opening and closing. If the car fails to start the bouncing ammeter needle is telling you that there is nothing wrong with the ignition primary circuit and the problem is somewhere else. If the needle is not bouncing, the problem is likely in the ignition primary circuit.

The original Model A generator is usually adjusted for a fixed 8-amp output. It will produce 8-amps regardless of the electrical load requirement or the status of the battery. When driving at night the generator cannot provide all the current demand from the headlights. The battery is then required to supply the balance and the ammeter will show a discharge. Over a long period of nighttime driving the battery will become discharged. When diving on a long trip during the day the continuous 8-amps may over charge the battery and boil the water out of it. Either case is not healthy for the battery.

Years ago it was quite common to see cars such as the Model A on a long stretch of open highway with their headlights on during the day to protect the battery by absorbing the excessive output current from the generator.

When a Model A is equipped with an alternator (either 6-volt or 12-volt) the ammeter becomes even more of a diagnostic tool and the battery remains fully charged most of the time.

The alternator has an internal regulator circuit that constantly looks at the status of the battery. If the battery needs charging the alternator sends the appropriate amount of current to it to bring it back up to full charge. This will occur right after start up when the starter has drawn a significant amount of current out of the battery. The ammeter will then show a high charging rate going to the battery. A few miles down the road and the ammeter will move toward zero indicating the battery is almost fully charged. On a long trip the ammeter should be sitting at zero indicating the battery is fully charged and no current is going to it.

When the headlights are turned on the alternator immediately picks up the load and the ammeter remains at zero indicating that no current is being drawn from the battery to power the headlights.

On a relatively long drive if the ammeter does not return to zero it is telling you that there is a defective cell in the battery that is preventing it from becoming fully charged. The ammeter is telling you it is time to have the battery checked.



**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 OVRMAFC Tentative Schedule

- Mar 25 - OVRMAFC Meeting
- Apr 2-4 - MARC Membership Meet (Plymouth Indiana)
- Apr 22 - OVRMAFC Meeting
- Apr 25 - OVRMAFC Tour (American Packard Museum)
- May 27 - OVRMAFC Meeting
- Jun 7 - Oeder's Lake Picnic
- Jun 24 - OVRMAFC Meeting (Host - Sherri and James Green)
- Jul 12 - Poker Run (Host- Debbie and Larry Arnold)
- Jul 22 - OVRMAFC Meeting (At Debbie and Larry Arnold's)
- Aug 26 - OVRMAFC Meeting (At Jarrod and Melissa Williams')
- Sept 13 - Show N' Tell Car Show
- Sept 23 - OVRMAFC Meeting
- Oct 28 - OVRMAFC Meeting
- Nov 18 - OVRMAFC Meeting and Auction
- Dec 6 - OVRMAFC Christmas Party

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