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Director's Column: Jarrod Williams



Our October club meeting was productive with a lot of discussion revolving around COVID-19. Due to the increase of COVID-19 rates in Hamilton County and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the club voted to cancel all remaining in-person events for 2020. The Christmas Party Planning Committee also decided to cancel our 2020 Christmas Party that was scheduled to be held on December 4th, at the RSVP Event Center.

Below is the note from your 2020 Christmas Party Planning Committee:

"After much thought and discussion, the decision was made by the Christmas Party Committee to cancel our 2020 celebration. The decision to do this was not easy. With our November meeting, Thanksgiving and the Christmas Party all occurring in a short period of time and COVID-19 showing no signs of abating, we felt it was in the best interest of our member's health and safety to cancel the Christmas party. The Ralph Hick's Award, The Family of the Year Award and the Participation Awards for 2020 will be presented in 2021, once we are all able to safely get together. We want to wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Until we meet again, stay safe." The Christmas Party Committee

What that means for our club is that effective October 28, 2020 there will be no in-person club sanctioned events for OVRMAFC, effectively ending the 2020 season.

The following events are now cancelled for 2020:

- **November 14, 2020** - History of the Ford Facility in Hamilton
BJ Miller and Ed Creighton had planned to do a presentation at the Butler County Historical Society, but after discussion, they would like to postpone the event until sometime next year.
- **November 18, 2020** - OVRMAFC Meeting and Auction
- **December 6, 2020** - OVRMAFC Christmas Party

While it is not a club sanctioned event, I have volunteered the club to participate in "WREATHS across AMERICA" on Saturday, December 19th, 2020 at noon. I thought it would be a good opportunity for us to possibly drive our cars to the event in a caravan and volunteer while socially distancing. This will be an outside event. Volunteers will be asked to lay wreaths on the head stones or grave sites in Spring Grove Cemetery for the men and women that have sacrificed their lives for our country. There is no cost to anyone and you are allowed to bring friends and family to help. For more information about the organization: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>. If you are interested please RSVP to me (call/text/email) by December 12th, please include how many people you anticipate bringing.

More information about when and where to meet will be determined in the near future.

We will tentatively plan our normal meeting schedule starting on January 27, 2021.

Please stay healthy and have a happy holiday season!

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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/>

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

Our club is always looking for member created content to showcase in the newsletter. If you have any tech-tips, diagrams, or interesting articles please feel free to submit them!

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

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

Cost:

\$10.00 (tag with pin)

\$12.00 (tag with magnet)

(Sales tax and shipping not included)



OVRMAFC Personalized Apparel

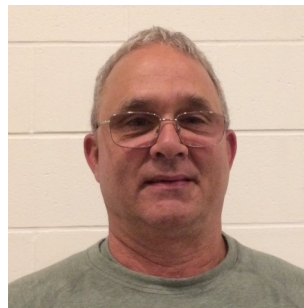
OVRMAFC club shirts, jackets, etc. can be purchased at Black-Out Tee's located in the Eastgate Mall. The company has our logo in digital format and can help you place an order.

[Black Out Tee's](#)
[4601 Eastgate Blvd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45243](#)
[\(513\) 604-8337](#)

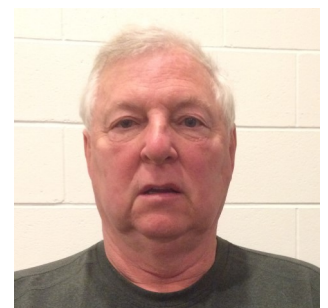
Welcome OVRMAFC's Newest Members!

Our club continues to grow and attract new Model A owners! Mike Theis was able to get his Model A running with the help of our own "Car Care Gang", providing him good reason to join the club. Dan Bird, actually lives 9 houses down from Jarrod Williams (the membership director), but Jarrod had never seen or met Dan before! Ken Lynch knew Dan and was able to help him get his car running and provided him information on how to join the club.

Welcome to the club Mike and Dan!



Mike Theis



Dan Bird

OVRMAFC October Tour - Knigga Hay Press Barn

Conrad and Dottie Gerdes hosted an open house at their Model A business and home. Once all members had fun seeing the Gerdes' car collection, Conrad hosted a tour through some of Indiana's picturesque countryside ending at the Knigga Hay Press Barn. The grounds of the farm are a great backdrop to the highlight of the day, a demonstration of how the hay press works! After the demonstration the farm hosted a fried chicken potluck lunch for all to enjoy. A huge thanks to Conrad and Dottie for hosting the tour!

To see more pictures from this and other events, visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OVRMAC/media>



OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINTUES

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

VFW Hall, Sharonville, Ohio

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 who also led the roll call. There were 29 members present with 3 Model A's driven.

NEW MEMBERS:

Two new members were present: Mike Theis (28' Tudor) and Dan Bird (31' Deluxe Tudor which he has owned for 36 years).

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting were approved as printed in the October 2020 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported that Art Foreman in recovering at home with an infected foot.

October birthdays recognized were Larry Arnold, Bob Noe and Wallace Huff. October anniversaries recognized were Larry and Deb Arnold (23 years) and Jarrod and Melissa Williams (6 years).

CAR CARE GANG:

Terry Owens and Tom Blomer had nothing new to report.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Margie Blomer reported that the MARC Fashion Committee met via Facebook Messenger on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Anna Williams reviewed the benefits of joining the MARC Mileage Program and encouraged new members to register their cars.

CAR SHOW:

No report.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrod Williams asked that all contributions to the newsletter be sent to him by the 3rd of each month so the AAAOOOGAH can be mailed by the 10th of each month.

RECENT EVENTS:

In the absence of Conrad Gerdes, Bob Noe reviewed the event to the Hay Press Barn held on Saturday, October 10, 2020. A beautiful back roads drive was followed by a chicken dinner and a hay press demonstration at the Knigga Farm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jarrod Williams will contact Ed Creighton to determine if the Saturday, November 14, 2020 event is still doable in light of the current COVID restrictions. The event is currently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Butler County Historical Society, 327 N. 2nd Street, Hamilton, OH, and will feature a presentation about the Ford Plant in Hamilton, OH. **(NOW CANCELLED)**

Jarrod Williams encouraged members to participate in the Wreaths Across America event to be held at noon at the Spring Grove Cemetery, 4521 Spring Grove Ave. Cincinnati, OH, on Saturday, December 19, 2020. This organization provides wreaths to be placed on the graves of Veterans. Please let Jarrod know if you intend to participate. More details to be announced in coming newsletters.

NOVEMBER 18, 2020 Club Meeting and Annual Auction:

After some discussion, a majority voted to cancel the November 18, 2020 club meeting and auction due to concerns about the COVID restrictions. Instead, there will be an informal ZOOM meeting to touch base with members. Participation points will not be awarded for the ZOOM social hour.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Bob Noe and the Christmas party planning met before the club meeting and decided in light of the current COVID restrictions that the Christmas Party be cancelled for 2020. After some discussion, it was voted to cancel the Christmas party for 2020. Bob Noe will ask the RSVP Center to escrow our \$100 deposit until 2021. Any club member who has already sent their checks for the Christmas party will be contacted by Bob Noe to see how the member would like their refund handled. All awards normally presented at the Christmas Party will be awarded later in 2021. Participation points for 2020 will stop as of October 28, 2020. Participation points for 2021 will begin in January 2021.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Ongoing monitoring of COVID restrictions will determine if this will be feasible.

SPLIT THE POT:

Larry Arnold won \$26.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by Jarrod Williams, Director.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

Too Long! In these applications, the wrong length bolt can cause trouble.

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Bolts-Too-Long-MAFCA-Tech-Article.pdf>

When Henry designed the Model A Ford, he took into consideration the size, length, and orientation of every bolt on the car. After ninety years most Model A's still on the road have been taken apart and put back together ten times over. By now there are most likely incorrect bolts in a number of places on the car. There are a few locations that if too long of a bolt is installed or if the orientation is not correct, it can cause you a significant amount of grief. The purpose of this article is to identify these areas and describe how they can create a problem.

Zenith Carburetor Mounting Bolts

Note the forward bolt, if too long, will bottom on the casting protrusion and act as a fulcrum to break the mounting flange off. **The correct size bolt is 5/16-18x3/4 inch.**



Transmission Retainer, Counter, and Reverse Idler Shaft

A change was made in the machining of the cluster gear shaft in the manner in which it is retained at the rear of the transmission housing. The early shafts were retained with a 3/16 inch-thick retaining plate described as a retainer for the counter and reverse idler shafts. The length of the bolt used was one inch long. The change to the shaft requires a retaining plate that is only 1/16 inch thick. As a result, the length of the bolt was reduced to 3/4 inch long. The photo shows the later configuration on the left, the early on the right. When overhauling a transmission you may find the early configuration cluster shaft. Suppliers only supply the later configure cluster shaft. This will require the use of the thinner 1/16 inch-thick retaining strap. If you install it with the original one-inch-long bolt, the end may contact the cluster gear and reverse idler gears where they mesh. It is therefore prudent to locate a 3/4-inch bolt or cut a quarter inch off the original one-inch bolt.



The correct size bolt for the later cluster shaft is 3/8-16x3/4.

Starter Mounting Bolts

The three starter mounting bolts are all the same length. However, the one in the top corner between the starter and the engine, if too long, will interfere with the flywheel and prevent the engine from rotating.

The correct bolts are 3/8-16x1.



Flywheel to Crankshaft Mounting Bolts/Retainer

The four flywheel to crankshaft mounting bolts must be the proper length. If they are too long, they protrude through and interfere with the rear main bearing and possibly do damage to it. The retainer disk must also be installed as it affects the overall length of the bolts. Lock washers should not be used as they will position the heads of the bolts such that they will contact the springs in the clutch disk. **The correct bolt size is 7/16-20x13/16.**



Front Wheel Backing Plate Mounting Bolts

The four mounting bolts and nuts used on each front wheel backing plate must be oriented correctly with the nuts on the outside facing the center of the car. This then orients the heads of the bolts on the inside of the brake drum. This is exactly opposite to how the rear backing plates are mounted, which causes confusion. Quite often the front bolts are found oriented incorrectly. This causes the rotating hardware inside the drum to contact the edges of the castle nuts.

The correct mounting bolt size is 3/8-24x13/16.



Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **November 18, 2020**
OVRMAFC Virtual ZOOM Social Hour
(no participation points will be awarded)
Join Zoom Meeting at 7:30pm
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78593314564?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78593314564?pwd=T00xNHRsUmVuWEIZQ3pQYVBCMxErQT09)
[pwd=T00xNHRsUmVuWEIZQ3pQYVBCMxErQT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78593314564?pwd=T00xNHRsUmVuWEIZQ3pQYVBCMxErQT09)
Meeting ID: 785 9331 4564
Passcode: xD58H6
- **December 19, 2020**
OVRMAFC Volunteer Opportunity
WREATHS across AMERICA - Spring Grove Cemetery
Noon until the wreaths are all placed
Volunteer to place wreaths on the headstones and gravesites of the men and women that sacrificed their lives for our country. If the weather is good, we can meet and caravan in our Model A's. This will be held outside and social distancing will be observed. There is no cost for this event and you are welcome to bring guests to attend/help.
Please RSVP to Jarrod Williams by December 12, with the number of people you expect to attend.
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>
- **TENTATIVE**
January 27, 2021
OVRMAFC January Meeting
Sharonville VFW 4369
[3318 E Sharon Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)
VFW dinner (first come ,first serve) 6:00PM
Meeting starts: 7:30PM

End of Year Business

2021 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.

All dues must be paid by January 1, 2021 if you want to be guaranteed to be in the new 2021 roster.

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

Jarrod Williams

7973 Miami Ave.

Cincinnati, OH 45243

Check payable to: Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club

2020 MARC Mileage Program

"The purpose of the MARC Mileage Program is to offer national recognition for all miles driven in a Model A Ford. There is no intent to supersede or cancel any Regional or local driving programs now in existence; rather, the program seeks to further them by offering a mileage-based recognition for all registered MARC vehicles."

Members that are enrolled in the program have until the end of December to submit miles driven in your Model A for 2020.

If you are not enrolled, there is a one time cost of \$1.00!

Please contact Anna Williams for submission or questions.

Anna Williams

Phone: 859-912-2300

E-Mail: roy8405@gmail.com

OVRMAC 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

The OVRMAC "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.



Tom Blomer
H: 513-769-3029
C: 513-477-8257



Terry Owens
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C: 513-254-1035



Dennis Schut
C: 513-317-7225

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](#)

Take a Little Trip

By: Melanie G. Whittington

Taken from: [https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Take A Little Trip_2020-09.pdf](https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Take_A_Little_Trip_2020-09.pdf)

Traveling in a Model A is one of the highlights of our hobby. Combining an interest in Model As, travel, and era fashion is about the best thing I can think of to experience all aspects of this hobby. Where are you going? Is it for the weekend? What's the weather forecast? A few things to ask yourself before beginning to plan your wardrobe and luggage requirements.



"Each year motoring becomes more and more a favorite pastime as weekends grow in popularity..." according to the June 1931 issue of Good Housekeeping. This sentiment is very similar to the short tours so many of our chapters take each year. Do you and a few Model A friends like to take day trips and pack a lunch? Have a little fun with it! One of my favorite trips involved the Southeastern Touring group and a trip onto the Blue Ridge Parkway. My husband and I packed a lunch and brought our picnic set along. Add some fried chicken, potato salad, and lemonade for a trip you won't soon forget. These luncheon kits were suggested for anyone "motoring much". This cobra-grained Fabrikoid kit was setup for six-place settings and to fit the running board. Kits like these were available during all years of the Model A era. They range from simple sets to more elaborate. I have seen kits with eight-place settings, multiple thermoses, tin, or enamel boxes to carry a variety of items, cups, and various other accessories. They are not the easiest to find at antique stores, but I have seen several in my travels. It may look like a suitcase if it is setting on the floor closed. Look a little closer and you may find a treasure.



Next time you travel in your Model A, think about your luggage and packing for the era.

Many of these suitcases, duffles, and trunks can be found on eBay or in antique stores, for a decent price. Even if you only use it as a prop in your "A," or for your next trip down the runway at a fashion judging event, you'll be adding a little more authenticity to the occasion.

This February 1930 ad from the Kansas City Star for Aerolite Bags specially mentions they are "designed for air travel." It also featured a ZipLock fastener.

LUGGAGE
...that will go vacationing with smart travelers

For Short Trips
Light baggage for vacation travelers is not a luxury but a necessity. Custom built of the finest materials, our "A" bags, trunks and cases are noted for durability.

For Long Trips
Whether your trip is by sea or land, a combination of both, our new luggage cases and equipment will provide you with the most complete and convenient outfit for your trip.

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The Regal Company
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AEROLITE BAGS
Smart
Light Weight
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Not Expensive

Kansas City Trunk Co.
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"Aerolite of Fashion"

Read the rest of Melanie's article using the link provided in the header!



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

2020 OVRMAFC Tentative Schedule

- **Nov 18**
OVRMAFC ZOOM Social Hour
- **Dec 19**
Spring Grove Cemetery
WREATHS across AMERICA

2021 OVRMAFC Tentative Schedule

- **Jan 27**
January club meeting



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