

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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Director's Column: Tony Topicz



Well, I think that we are all ready for the fall season by now. Not much fun driving in this weather without air conditioning . After the car show, we should all try to patronize our sponsors throughout the year.

2018 September 15th Club Tour - WACO Air Museum Tour

Presented By: Karl & Meritta Eby

Meeting time:

Breakfast - 8am
Departing for tour - 9am

Meeting location:

[Scramblers Restaurant](#)
[4006 Hauck Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)



We are meeting at Scrambler Restaurant at 8am for anyone wanting to start with breakfast. The restaurant is conveniently located at 4006 Hauck Road, Sharonville. Just north of I-275. You have gone too far if you see Gab's on your left.

Anyone who does not want breakfast is welcome to join us in Scrambler's parking lot. We will be departing from Scramblers at 9am. There will be a stop to stretch about half way through the tour at a Shell convenient store.

Tour details:

Go north on route 42 to Lebanon, then continuing north on route 48 (no turns yet). Tour continues to Dayton taking a couple simple turns to Keowee St, which changes to N. Dixie Dr. (no turns) when it crosses the Great Miami River, then changing to S. County Rd. 25A. (no turns).

Ending at: [WACO Air Museum 1865 S Co Rd 25A, Troy, OH 45373](#)

We will decide at the museum if we would like to eat from food vendors on the property or a half mile down the road at: [Donna's Dinner at 1469 S Co Rd 25A, Troy, OH 45373.](#)

Questions or comments:

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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".

Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) - West Coast

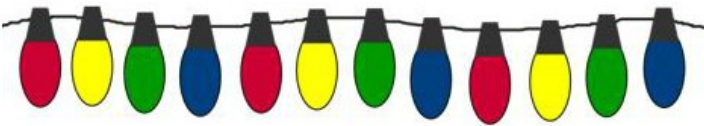
- The Restorer Magazine (6 issues per year)
- Technical support (free via mail or email)
- National banquets
- National Tours
- Paint and Finish Guide
- Hardware Standards
- A series of publications on "How to Restore Your Model A"
- Era Fashion Guidelines
- A number of other publications related to 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>

2018 Christmas Party Annual Banquet Planning help needed



Happy Holidays!

Volunteers are needed for planning and running the 2018 Annual Christmas Banquet.

The event will be held on the afternoon of December 2, 2018. The location will be the Wards Corner RSVP party facility. Although we had to reserve the room seven months ago, our committee has to start serious planning and preparation by late September.

To volunteer or just find out more, call or email:

Art Foreman
adf4man@aol.com
(513) 891-3250.

If you call and just get a hello, leave a message after the beep.

2018 August Club Meeting at Gerdes' Home

Conrad and Dottie Gerdes hosted the August 2018 club meeting and picnic at their home. The weather cooperated and provided plenty of sunshine and nice temperatures. The buffet of food was delightful, and the dessert table had all of our mouths watering.

There was an old time gas station on site which made the perfect backdrop for pictures.

Thank you Conrad and Dottie for having us all over!



OVRMAC Personalized Club Name Tag

Personalized name tags in the shape of a Model A Ford can 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, August 22, 2018

Home of Conrad and Dottie Gerdes, Dillsboro, IN

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Tony Topicz, Director, who also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Art Foreman, Vice Director. There were 38 members and 5 guests present. Guests were Gary Glund from the Columbus, IN club, Rick and Karen Caldwell; and Butch Schultz and his sister, Pam, all of whom are currently shopping for a Model A. Six Model A's and one Shay were driven to the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the Wednesday, July 25, 2018 meeting were approved as printed in the August 2018 AAAOOOGAH.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the August AAAOOOGAH.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Terry Owens, Brenda Owens and Conrad Gerdes have all recently been hospitalized.

CAR CARE GANG:

Tom Blomer reported that he recently assisted a new member in getting a car started.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrold Williams presented a proposal to begin having the monthly newsletter professionally printed. The proposed format would be on 11x17 paper, look more professional and would only incur a minimal cost increase. Motion was made to accept proposal, seconded and passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Karl and Maritta Eby will host an event on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Breakfast will be at Scrambler Restaurant on 4006 Hauck Road with a scheduled visit to the Air Museum in Troy, Ohio. Tony and Donna Topicz are planning an event in October to Fort Ancient. Details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tom and Dianna Mosier, Phyllis Pease and Lee White and Anna Williams will be attending the MARC National Tour in Elkins, West Virginia the week of September 17, 2018.
- The Tree City Car Show will be held the weekend of August 25, 26, 27, 2018 at the Decater County Fairgrounds in Greensburg, IN.
- The Episcopal Retirement Community will be holding a "Great Gatsby Gala" on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the Renaissance Hotel, 36 E. 4th Street, Cincinnati, OH. They have asked for someone to volunteer to bring a Model A to park outside for the event. If you're interested, see Tim Schmidt for contact information.
- Bob Noe is investigating the possibility of 4-6 club cars participating in the 100th Anniversary Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Parade in April.
- Art Foreman is investigating participation in the Grand Re-Opening of the Union Terminal.

CAR SHOW:

The Reading Car Show is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 2018. Elmer Stanukinos still has fliers available and still needs door prizes and items for the goody bags. Trophies are scheduled to be delivered this week. Volunteers are needed to fill the goody bags on September 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Blomer residence, 10565 Wycarver Road, Cincinnati, OH. Volunteers for the car show should arrive at the park by 8:00 a.m. Remember to bring a change of shoes and socks since the early morning grass will be wet.

OTHER AWARDS OF NOTE:

Conrad Gerdes recently received the FAA Master Pilot Award and Bob Zitney received the FAA Master Mechanic Award.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS:

Art Foreman will be working with the last known winners of this award to honor the 2018 Family of the Year. Winner in 2017 was Elmer Stanukinos, winners in 2016 were Ralph and Pricilla Sue Hicks. Other recent winners are no longer club members.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The 2018 Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the RSVP Event Center, 453 Wards Corner Road, Loveland, OH. A motion was made, seconded and passed for the club to absorb \$5 per attendee for cost of this event.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTEREST:

Tim Schmidt announced that the Sharon Lawn property has been sold. This is where early OVR club meetings were held.

FOR SALE:

Karl Eby has a 2000 Selectra Force total electric car for sale. No batteries.

FREE ITEMS:

Karl Eby has a player piano. Ralph Hicks has used Model A tires. Conrad Gerdes has Gaslight catalogs.

MARC 2019 NATIONAL MEET:

Will be held in Dearborn, MI August 5-10, 2019. See Phyllis Pease for flier.

SPLIT THE POT: Donna Topicz won \$58.

THANKS TO HOSTS:

Thanks to Dottie and Conrad Gerdes for hosting this meeting at their home.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2019 at the VFW Hall, 3318 Sharon Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Tony Topicz, Director.

SUBMITTED BY: Phyllis Pease in the absence of Sherry Green, Secretary.

The Ammeter

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Ammeter.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.



The Model A ammeter is a fairly simple device.

Upcoming Events


- **Sept 14-15, 2018**
Model A Day at the Model A Ford Museum
Spectator Admission: \$14.00/person, children 11 and under free. Exhibitor Admission: \$10.00/person arriving in Model A (show cars must be on the field by 11am). Vendor Admission: \$30.00/swap meet space (no pre-registration, set up Friday 12-5pm or Saturday beginning at 8am). All spectator and show admission proceeds benefit the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. For more information, please visit <http://www.maffi.org/>
- **September 15, 2018**
OVRMAC Club Tour - WACO Aircraft Fly-In Tour
 Karl and Meritta Eby are planning a tour to Troy, Ohio on Saturday September 15, 2018 for the Waco Aircraft Fly-In. Questions and comments contact: keby3@twc.com OR 513-608-3230 (voice or text) Karl asks that you please leave a message. (If no message is left your number will be blocked)
- **Sept 17-20, 2018**
2018 MARC National Tour
 Bring your Model A and family to this historic town in north central West Virginia filled with history, charm and beautiful countryside. Come make it a "Wild and Wonderful", in Elkins, West Virginia. Contact: Don (304) 516-1834 or Jim (304) 290-2930 <http://model-a-ford.org/event/2018-marc-national-tour/>
- **September 20, 2018**
Great Gatsby Gala
 The Episcopal Retirement Community will be holding a "Great Gatsby Gala" on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the Renaissance Hotel, 36 E. 4th Street, Cincinnati, OH. They have asked for someone to volunteer to bring a Model A to park outside for the event. If you're interested, see Tim Schmidt for contact information.
- **September 26, 2018**
OVRMAC September Club Meeting
[VFW Post 4368](#)
[3318 East Sharon Road, Sharonville, Ohio 45241](#)
 Club meeting starts at 7:30 PM
- **October 24, 2018**
OVRMAC September Club Meeting
[VFW Post 4368](#)
[3318 East Sharon Road, Sharonville, Ohio 45241](#)
 Club meeting starts at 7:30 PM

OVRMAC Classifieds / Services

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1931 radiator shell
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 • Restored Tin Lizzie Bat & Engine kids car
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 • Set of 16" wheels, extra nice
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 • (1) Kelsey Hayes 16" wheel with whitewall tire. Very Nice.
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 • Glass shift knobs
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 • Rebuilt 1932 Ford B engine. Balanced. \$3,000
Steve Gillie (513) 571-5276 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe
Deluxe coupe w/rumble seat. 99% original. Very Good condition. 2 tone black and thorn brown. Past MARC award winner. 50 year old restoration. Upgrades included for touring. Turn signals, seatbelts and Borg Warner overdrive
Asking \$14,200.00
Contact: Don Rohdenburg 513-315-0490 • 1936 Convertible
1931 Slant Window Sedan
1930 Sport Coupe w/ overdrive
E.G. Cain (513) 793-6951 • 1930 Model A Huckster Wagon
Tony Topicz (513) 738-2830 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Joe Schiml, 937-456-2587 • 1929 Model A Tudor
New engine, hydro brakes, new interior, more extras \$10,500
Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639 • Wanted:
Model A Ford Service Bulletins
Printed in 1974 by Ben Staub
Call Lee White (513) 919-9820 |
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Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Calendar

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 WACO Club Tour
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26  Club meeting	27	28	29
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Youth Outreach



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

The answer is much easier than you think, get them out and drive the cars. If you have the chance to offer a younger girl or

guy and their parents a ride, take the opportunity. At car shows, honk the horn if you see a teen looking at the car. Once you ride in a Model A and hear that AAAA OOOGAH horn, you will have hooked them for life!

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-scholarships/>
 MAFCA: http://www.mafca.com/y_MAF_scholarship.html

Technical Tip

By: Tom Endy

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 3/8-24 x 13/16.



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



**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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