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Director's Column: Tom Blomer



Our first meeting with myself as Director has come to a close and I hope you are as relieved as I am. It was nice to see all the friendly faces and friendly masks again. Don't forget our Polar Bear tour is coming up. I hope to see a good number of you on this trip. It should be a fun tour as Larry and Debby Arnold always do a great job with their tours. We are very lucky to have them in our club, so I want to thank them and let them know we all appreciate their efforts. At least the weather is starting to break which means for us old folks we have a chance to clean up our cars, as my car and I both hate the cold weather. I think my car handles the cold weather better than I do, she has antifreeze and I only have alcohol. Everyone please stay safe, I hope to see you on the Polar Bear Tour or the March club meeting!

2022 Overnight Polar Bear Tour

March 12-13, 2022 Meeting at 9:00am

This year we will be headed north to the Dayton area to discover the history of aviation. We will be meeting at Dick's Sporting Goods at the corner of Colerain and 275, at 9:00am. There is a gas station in the parking lot along with a couple of places to use the restroom.

[Dick's Sporting Goods](#)
[10180 Colerain Ave](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45251](#)

We will leave the parking lot about 9:30am, heading north. The hotel we will be staying at is in the Vandalia area, Holiday Inn Express. We have 10 rooms on hold. Six 6 rooms with king bed for \$114.99 and four rooms with 2 queen beds for \$119.99. Reservations can begin 2/4/2022 and must be booked by 2/19/22 to get the special rate.

[Holiday Inn Express](#)
[7121 York Center Dr](#)
[Dayton, OH 45414](#)
[\(937\) 280-4880](#)

2022 March Club Meeting

We need your ideas and suggestions on how we can make 2022 a fantastic year for our club.

Meeting starts at 7:30pm

Location:

[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)

OVRMAFC Email Address

The club's newly Gmail account will be used to send the club newsletters to your inbox. Adding the email address to your contact list is an easy way to make sure it does not end up in your spam or trash folder.

ovrmaf@gmail.com

Don't forget to check out our new website and let Jarrod know if there should be any changes or additions you think would be helpful to the Model A community.

<https://ovrmaf.com/>

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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. This is located 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

A friendly reminder that any submissions for the monthly newsletter need to be received 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.

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OVRMAFC Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ovrmafca>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ovrmafca/>

Model A 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](#)

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Distributor Roadside Seminar

By: Tom Endy

Take from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/20C-Distributor-Roadside-Seminar.pdf>

A spare distributor: On any long club tour sooner or later one of the Model A's will pull over to the side of the road and up will come the hood. The first component to be attacked is the distributor, and it is probably the most likely source of the problem. For this reason it makes sense to carry a spare distributor with you that has been rebuilt with the points already set, and most important, tested on the same running car. It is a lot easier to swap out the distributor than to be standing along side the road fooling around trying to determine what's wrong with it and to attempt to change out numerous parts. You do not have to reset the timing as long as you do not disturb the cam screw and you are installing it in the same car it was tested on.

Distributor failure: The three most likely things that tend to go wrong with a distributor are (1) the condenser failing, (2) the lower plate wire breaking or shorting, or (3) the point gap closing up.

The points: The point gap should be the first thing to check and they can be easily set without changing the distributor. Points tend to close up as the rubbing block wears. This is especially true on a new set of points. The points will close up considerably during the first 100 miles, until a glaze is worn into the rubbing block. So if you just installed new points before starting out on the big tour, be prepared to have to reset them sometime soon. After that you only need to reset that at about 1,000-mile intervals. Points are set at .018 to .022, so be sure to carry a set of feeler gauges with you.

Henry's wayward wire: The wire that connects the upper and lower distributor plates together is also prone to break and/or short out. The arrangement wasn't one of Henry's better ideas. The wire is supposed to be a very flexible 80-strand wire to be able to better withstand the constant movement imposed by the driver's use of the spark advance lever. Most distributors by now do not have the proper wire installed, and even with the proper wire, they will still eventually break due to the constant flexing. Be wary of the "modern" lower plates being offered by most suppliers. They will eventually fail (after about 1,000 miles) because of the constant sparking and erosion of the contacting parts. Bratton sells the correct 80-strand wire and is really the only best solution.

The condenser: The condenser is usually the first thing everyone wants to replace. I have seen countless numbers of them replaced over the years, but I have only seen one that actually failed. Many years ago era condensers were susceptible to failure due to heat, and in the present day due to inherent poor quality. The condenser is located in close proximity to the exhaust manifold where it is extremely hot under normal conditions. If your engine becomes over heated due to high ambient temperatures and/or running out of water, or driving around with the spark handle all the way up you could do damage to the condenser. The poor quality of many condensers on the market is the bigger problem though. Look at the end of the condenser where the strap is attached. If it has a 1\4" round circle and is soldered on to the base of the condenser, don't use it. Temperatures can get high enough to melt the solder. Look for a condenser that has the strap stake welded on, they will have three small dots on the strap where it attaches to the base of the condenser. These are the better quality condensers. Bratton's Antique Auto stocks them.

Roadside distributor replacement: It is never a good idea to break the torque on any one of the 14 head bolts as it can cause the head to warp and allow water to leak into the oil pan. Unfortunately Henry came up with a fool proof anti-theft scheme that works very well even in the modern day, but involves one of the head bolts. An armored cable from the ignition switch to the distributor protects the integrity of the wire carrying power to the points. The cable has a clamp around it and is bolted to the #8 head bolt making it difficult to remove the distributor to insert a hot wire. It is not a good idea to break the torque on the #8 head bolt either out on the road or in your garage. A prudent thing to do is to remove and discard the clamp and allow the cable to be free. You also need to put a spacer under the nut of the #8 stud to take up the space vacated by the clamp. The #8 stud is slightly longer than the other studs. With this arrangement it is an easy task to replace the distributor along side the road without risking creating more problems by inducing a warp in the head. You will also have to reset the timing if you install your spare on someone else's car.

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MEETING MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022
SHARONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT 11637 CHESTER ROAD, CINCINNATI, OH

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Director who also led the group in a Moment of Silent Remembrance followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

The roll call was led by Larry Arnold, Vice Director. There were 37 members present, 3 Model A's driven.

SECRETARY and TREASURERS REPORTS:

Both the Secretary and Treasurers reports from November 2021 were approved as printed in the January 2022 AAAOOOGAH.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported that there was no news to report. However, it was noted that both Conrad and Dottie Gerdes have recently recovered from surgery and a bout with Covid 19. It was also reported that Al Audette was recently hospitalized. January birthdays acknowledged were Anna Williams, Phyllis Pease, Tom Blomer and Elmer Stanukinos. The 15th wedding anniversary of Marieke and Dennis Schut was noted.

CAR CARE GANG:

Larry Arnold, Dennis Schut and Jarrod Williams recently assisted Bob Noe with an issue with his car.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Phyllis Pease reported that the MARC Fashion Committee will be conducting a Zoom meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 to continue plans for the Fashion Seminars for both the MARC Membership Meet (April 1-3, 2022) and the MARC National Meet (June 6-10, 2022).

MILEAGE REPORT:

Anna Williams stated that all reports for 2021 have been sent to the MARC Mileage Program Coordinator. Dennis and Marieke Schut recently enrolled their Model A Coupe in the program.

CAR SHOW COMMITTEE:

Tim Schmidt has arranged with Reading High School to use their parking lot for the 2022 car show. The address of the High School is 810 Columbia Ave., Reading, OH. Amy Schroeder reported the payment to the Show & Shine Catalog for the car show ad has been made. The ad needs to be submitted by March 27, 2022. The committee will also address the number of trophies to be awarded. Tom Losekamp suggested the possibility of using re-purposed trophies.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrod Williams has designed a new club website and new club business cards. Business cards have a QR code which directs users to the new club website. Jarrod also reported receiving a letter from MAFCA asking for volunteer clubs to host the 2024 MAFCA National Convention. Jarrod will answer that our club does not currently have the manpower to accept this invitation. Jarrod has some radiator badges and hat pins available left from the 2001 MARC National Meet held in Cincinnati. The 2022 Club Roster will be available at the March 23, 2022 meeting. In addition, all members with internet access will receive a PDF copy.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ralph and Pricilla Sue Hicks are selling off their remaining Model A parts in Ralph's collection. Members are invited to visit the garage at 6860 Yankee Road and contact Sue to purchase items.

MODEL A DAY:

Model A Day will be held at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI on Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17, 2022. This year's theme will be AA trucks.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Debbie and Larry Arnold will host the 2022 Polar Bear Tour on Saturday /Sunday, March 12-13, 2022. Participants should meet in the Dick's Sporting Goods parking lot near Colerain Ave and I-275 at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure. The aviation themed event will include stops on Saturday at the Wright B Flyers Museum, Warped Wing Brewery, Dayton Aviation Heritage Museum and the Orville Wright house at Hawthorn Hill in Oakwood, OH. Overnight accommodations can be reserved at the Holiday Inn Express, Vandalia, OH (937-280-4880). Food and fun will be enjoyed at the hotel on Saturday night (BYOB). After an included breakfast at the hotel, stops on Sunday will include the Winged Giant at the Aullwood Audubon Center in Dayton, OH followed by a leisurely drive through Indiana with lunch in Oxford, OH.

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, Bob and Angel Noe are tentatively planning an event to visit the Tri-State Warbird Museum at the Clermont County Airport in Batavia, Ohio.

Art Foreman and Al Audette are planning the annual Mystery Tour on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

The annual club picnic will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at Oeders Lake. Jack Meyer suggested extending an invitation to past members to attend and will contact them.

SWAP MEET:

A swap meet is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2022 in Marietta, OH. Contact Jarrod Williams if interested.

SHARONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Members are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items and personal care items to the Food Pantry in appreciation for using the Fire House for our meetings.

SPLIT THE POT:

Wallace Huff was awarded \$47.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Director.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sharonville Fire Department.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

Distributor Roadside Seminar - continued

By: Tom Endy

Take from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/20C-Distributor-Roadside-Seminar.pdf>

Distributor tools and support: A couple of other items that are a must besides the spare distributor is a cam wrench, part number A12210-W. They sell for about \$1 at most any Model A Ford supply house. The other item is a small inspection mirror, like a dentist uses. After you think you have located the timing mark, check with your mirror to see if the hole in the timing gear is really on the mark. There are two types, a long shaft and two short shafts. My recommendation is to install only the short shaft when rebuilding a distributor. The short shaft requires that another short shaft of similar length be installed down in the engine block. The second shaft is easy to install; just drop it down the hole in the engine block and rotate it with a screw driver until it locks in the slot. The two-shaft arrangement provides some amount of U-joint action which is easier on the distributor shaft bushings. It's also a good idea to carry an extra short engine shaft with you (part number A12249). This is in case a fellow club member breaks down, he needs to borrow your spare distributor, and the one in his car has the long distributor shaft installed. You will also have to reset the timing if you install your spare on someone else's car.

For more great information on the inner workings of the Model A distributor please visit:

<http://modelabasics.com/ignition.htm>

What you missed from the 2022 OVRMAFC February bowling event!

By: Jarrod Williams

Thank you to everyone that came out for our first get together of the new year! The weather gods shined and 5 Model A's were driven to the bowling tournament. Congratulations to Tom Blomer for winning the highest score trophy, with 151 points!



2021 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **March 12-13, 2022**
OVRMAFC March Polar Bear Tour
Larry and Debbie Arnold have volunteered to host the Polar Bear tour again! This will be an overnight tour. Meet at 9:00am at:
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[10180 Colerain Ave](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45251](#)

The hotel we will be staying at is in the Vandalia area, Holiday Inn Express. We have 10 rooms on hold until February 19th— so BOOK NOW!

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[7121 York Center Dr](#)
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[\(937\) 280-4880](#)
- **March 23, 2022**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Meeting starts at 7:30pm
New Location:
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **April 1-3, 2022 2022**
MARC Membership Meet
[Swan Lake Resort](#)
[5203 Plymouth Laporte Trail](#)
[Plymouth, IN 46563](#)
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.
- **April 24, 2022**
58th Annual Model A Swap Meet
Columbus IN region of MARC/MAFCA
[4-H Fairgrounds](#)
[750 W 200 S](#)
[Columbus, IN 47201](#)
7:00am to 1:00pm
<https://www.modelacolumbus.org/>
- **April 27, 2022**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Meeting starts at 7:30pm
New Location:
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **May 25, 2022**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Meeting starts at 7:30pm
Location TBD
- **June 5-11, 2022**
2022 MARC National Meet - Morgantown PA
The 2022 National Meet Host Committee is preparing a Meet that will be like no other in recent times! Virtually every activity, including all car and fashion judging and showing, trailer parking, ice cream social, all seminars, etc. are held in one location, adjacent to the Host Hotel. Like in many years before, the host hotel will not accommodate everyone who wishes to attend, so several other hotel choices within a reasonable drive in the beautiful Amish countryside have been arranged. The MARC Board is exceedingly grateful to the North Penn Model 'A' Club for stepping up to host this Meet, and with relatively little time to prepare!
 - **Host Hotel**
Holiday Inn
\$119.00 per night
6170 Morgantown Road
Morgantown, PA 19543
 - **Other Hotels**
Tru by Hilton Denver
\$119 per night
400 N. Reamstown Road
Denver, PA 17517
Hampton Inn and Suites Ephrata
\$129 per night
380 E. Main Street Ephrata, PA 17522

The OVRMAFC "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.

Dennis Schut has volunteered to help club members who have difficulty getting under their Model A to change the engine, transmission, rear axle oil, or other areas, please feel free to contact Dennis.



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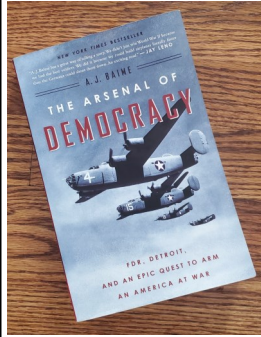
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The Arsenal of Democracy - By A.J. Baime

Ford themed book report by: Jarrod Williams



This month I would like to report on "The Arsenal of Democracy" written by A.J. Baime. I want to first say that I **devoured** this book. Baime did such a great job of weaving the stories of Henry, Edsel, Cast Iron Charlie, Bennett, the Ford factories, and the build up to World War II, that I simply could not put the book down. This book starts out giving a quick recap of both Henry and Edsel's life up to about 1938. All the while describing the general feel of factory life, worker dissatisfaction, and Henry Ford's iron grip of his company. From then on Baime

does an outstanding job drawing you into the mind of Edsel, William Knudsen, and Charles Sorensen as they manage the largest company in the world. Before the government agreed to the contract of B-24 Liberator bombers, Sorensen and Edsel had already started construction of what would become the greatest single manufacturing plant the world has ever seen, Willow Run. I became emotional on several occasions while reading and discovering how critical the Willow Run bomber plant was to the United States and her allies. Even more emotional as your heart breaks for Edsel as Henry never lets up on his son. The promise of one bomber every hour is just mind boggling, even today. I could go on and on about this book, but I thought I would include the below passage because it is utterly impossible for me to comprehend.

"Of the total 18,482 Liberators built during the war, 8,685 of them rolled out of Willow Run. A total of 80,774 workers (61% men, 39% women) staffed the bomber plant, with a peak employment of 42,331. The cost to make each Liberator dropped from \$238,000 per ship at the beginning of production to \$137,000 at the end. Under the guidance of Edsel Ford and Carlie Sorensen, Ford Motor Company also built 57,851 aviation engines at the Rouge, plus 277,896 Jeeps, 93,217 trucks, 26954 tank engines, 2,718 tanks, 87,390 aircraft generators, 52,281 aircraft superchargers, 10,877 squad tents, 12,314 armored cars, and 2,401 jet bomb engines. From its Kingsford lumber mill, the company built 4,291 invasion gliders. The total figure of war material that came off the company's assembly lines was \$4,966,314,000 (in 1945 dollars)"

In a time that brought us the Greatest Generation and the factory that gave us Rosie the Riveter, this book really struck a chord with me. Please give this book a read, it is absolutely worth it, and you will not be let down.

OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

Two Model A cars for sale by Bill Phillips of Wilmington, OH.

For more information on either call please contact:

Email: wphillips2768@gmail.com

Phone: (937) 689-2768

- 28 Special Coupe (doesn't run) \$8,000
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Last Name: _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____

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