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Director's Column: Tom Blomer



I want to thank everyone for another great year. As this newsletter is published we have wrapped up our holiday party and I was glad so many people could attend. For those of you who were unable to attend, we look forward to seeing you next year.

We still have one more event for 2022 and that is the Wreaths ACROSS America event. The club will participate in the laying of wreaths on the headstones of veterans. We hope you are able to attend.

We are looking forward to tours and events in 2023. While we have some in the works we encourage each and every member to consider hosting a tour or monthly meeting/event. It is not very hard, most of us just want to drive our cars and be fed, that's all you have to keep in mind.

From our club to you and your family, we hope you have a happy holiday season and look forward to spending 2023 with you!

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Wreaths ACROSS America Event



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[4645 Spring Grove Ave](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45232](#)

We will be departing at 11:30am to drive our Model A's in together. After a short service, people will be asked to place wreaths on the headstones of fallen soldiers that are buried in the cemetery. For more information about the organization please visit their website:
<https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/>

January 25, 2023

OVRMAFC Meeting

Join us for the first meeting of the new year!

We are hoping to start setting up our 2023 season with tours and events. Please come with ideas and a willingness to host.

Meeting starts at 7:30pm

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



National Club News

Model A Restorer's Club (MARC)

- "The Model A News" magazine (6 issues per year)
- Technical Support (free via mail or email)
- National Banquets - National Tours - Membership Meets (All of which include insurance if you are a member)
- MARC also produces publications including:
Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards; Technically Speaking Series of Books, Fashion Standards, and Touring Class Judging Standards

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 - Membership Meets
- 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.

My email address is jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com

2023 club dues should be submitted by February of 2023. The earlier we have them all turned in the quicker I can send out our club roster!

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](#)

Model A Ad Puzzles

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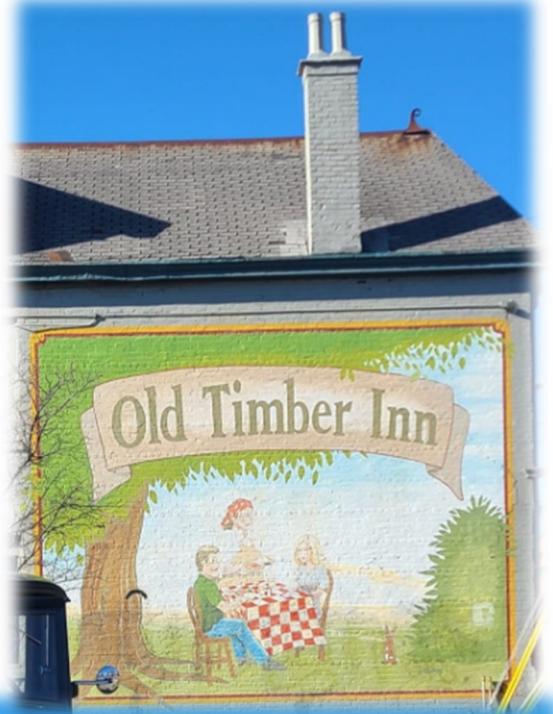


November 20, 2022: OVRMAFC Mystery Tour

By: Art Foreman

November's event was our annual mystery tour. There were 24 participants and seven Model As. This year's theme was signs, posters, murals, and graffiti. The tour started with a 20 degree temperature and ended at a balmy 31 degrees. The finishing line was the Hi-Mark Restaurant on Riverside Drive. Many of our participants remained at the restaurant for many hours hoping to defrost.

Fabulous prizes were presented to the winners and loser. The first prize to Andrew, Eric, Emma, and Jennifer Blomer. Second prize went to the Amy and Ken Lynch. Third prize went to Melissa and Jarrod Williams. The fabulous and coveted last place prize went to Emma Arnold and Jake Schmale. All of participants who started the tour survived. Our hosts, Jan & Al Audette and BJ & Art Foreman, thank everyone for participating.



MEETING MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2022

Sharonville Firehouse

Sharonville, OH

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Director, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silent Remembrance.

ROLL CALL: Waived

ATTENDANCE:

There were 37 members present, no Model A's were driven..

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in the November 2022 Newsletter. Amy Schroeder, Treasurer is investigating other banking options since 5/3rd is now charging \$20 per month to process our account.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

November birthdays recognized were Angel Noe, Jack Meyer, and Terry Owens.

CAR CARE GANG:

Terry Owens assisted Cliff Gilb with coil, condenser, points repair.

MARC MILEAGE:

Anna Williams reminded participants in the MARC Mileage program to submit end of year odometer readings to her no later than the January 2023 monthly meeting. Please submit by email or text.

CAR SHOW:

Amy Schroeder reported that the final total income from the Car Show was \$400.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The annual Mystery Tour will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2022. Participants should meet in the Mitchell Avenue Kroger parking lot by 9:30 a.m. for staggered starts beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The annual Holiday Party will be held Sunday, December 4, 2022 at the RSVP Event Center, 453 Wards Corner Road, Loveland. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Currently, there are 37 paid reservations.

Tom and Margie Blomer are planning a club bowling party in January. The date and location to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT:

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Director.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary

ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION:

The annual club auction was held immediately following the November 2022 business meeting. The total proceeds of the auction were \$586. The club treasury received \$286. The remaining \$300 was split between two members: Steve and Sharian Gillie and Conrad and Dottie Gerdes.

OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- For Sale: 1929 Model "A" Tudor.
This is an exceptional "A". Restored to MARC of Excellence standards from a 38,000 mile original car. I have owned this car 53 years, never any rust or damage. Colors: Rose Beige & Seal Brown. Great looking & driving car.
Price: \$15,500 - LOWERED PRICE
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- 1930 Model A Coupe
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Call Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
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Police Car. New engine, top, tires, radiator and interior.
\$17,000
Call Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- Paul Hess has a 1929 Model A Cabriolet for sale. It is in pretty decent shape, starts right up, sounds good, has a new top and interior.
(H) 812-934-5203 (C) 812-209-8335



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

Carburetor Idle RPM and Idle Air Mixture Adjustment

Taken from: https://modela.org/idle_adjustment.html

1. There are two external carburetor adjustments, and they affect only the idle performance. They are the idle RPM and idle air mixture adjustments
2. Turn Gas Valve under dash on passenger side to open (Pointing down)
3. Preparation: Fully warm the engine up, move spark control (on left side of steering wheel) up, turn the under dash choke control knob full clockwise and then counter clockwise about one turn, and move the hand throttle lever (on the right side of the steering wheel) all the way up. If engine tend to die, pull the throttle lever down a little.
4. Preliminary Idle RPM adjustment: Turn the adjusting screw on the carburetor throttle arm until the end of the threads is making contact with the stop. You should now be able to put the hand throttle lever all the way up without the engine tending to die. Go back to the adjusting screw on the carburetor throttle arm and adjust it to a low RPM, just faster than where engine tends to stall. This will ensure that the carburetor idle circuit is functioning.
5. Idle Air mixture adjustment: Slowly turn the idle air mixture screw clockwise until the engine begins to stall, and note the position. Slowly turn the idle air mixture screw counter clockwise until the engine begins to stall and note the position. Now, adjust the screw about half way between the two positions, and you will often hear a very slight increase in engine RPM. (Idle air mixture screw should be about 1–1/2 turns out from full clockwise.)
6. Final Idle RPM adjustment: Pull the spark lever about 3/4 down. Readjust the idle RPM adjustment for the idle speed that you prefer. (If adjusted too high, you will likely tend to grind gears when driving.)



Fuel Line
Mounting Bolts
Choke Sleeve
Accelerator Linkage

Idle RPM
Adjustment

Idle Air Mixture
Adjustment



You can also use the carburetor to check engine timing. Here is one way to check if the engine timing is about where it should be.

1. Increase engine speed to twice that of idle RPM by pulling down the throttle lever at the steering column.
2. Gradually open the gas adjusting valve 1/2 to 1 full turn. The engine should start to run richly, and some smoking at the exhaust may occur. This verifies that the fuel passage, regulated by the Gas Adjusting Valve, is open. Turn the GAV clockwise until the engine RPM returns to where it was previously
3. Slowly pull the spark lever down. Engine RPM will increase up to a point. When the maximum RPM is achieved, note this as the position where you will want to place the lever for normal driving purposes.
4. Raise the throttle lever up to the top of its travel. The engine should idle smoothly. With the spark lever still in its "ideal" position for everyday driving, go around the car to the carburetor and ram the accelerator control rod (i.e., from the accelerator linkage) forward. The engine should accelerate to maximum speed within about two seconds if the engine timing is correct. Don't hold the accelerator rod in this forward position for more than a few seconds, because you could damage your engine. If the engine accelerates smoothly and without stumbling, your idle and ignition settings are correct.
5. If acceleration of engine speed is slow or sluggish, ignition timing is probably somewhat retarded. Move the spark rod up to the top of its travel, and adjust the timing. Once the timing has been adjusted, restart the engine, pull down the throttle rod until engine RPM is twice idle RPM, and return to step 3.

2022 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **December 17, 2022**
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- **April 23, 2023**
Model A Ford Swap Meet
Columbus Region MARC and MAFCA
[4-H FAIRGROUNDS](#)
[750 W 200 S](#)
[Columbus, IN 47201](#)
8am to 2pm
- **July 30—August 4, 2023**
MARC National Meet
[Holiday Inn](#)
[5800 Muhlhauser Rd](#)
[West Chester Township, OH 45069](#)
- **January 14, 2023**
37th Annual Winter Swap Meet
Fall City Region Model A Ford Club
[Paroquet Springs Conference Centre](#)
[395 Paroquet Springs Drive](#)
[Shepherdsville, Ky 40165](#)
8am to 1pm
- **January 25, 2022**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Join us for the first meeting of the new year!
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **April 14-16, 2023**
MARC Membership Meet
[Hilton Double Tree Riverfront](#)
[Monitor Charter Township, MI 48706](#)



Consider hosting a tour or event in 2023,
we need your help to make it a fun year!

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.



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Terry Owens
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Dennis Schut
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Ford Themed Book Report - "Men and Rubber - The Story of Business"

By: Jarrod Williams

I'm back for another Ford themed book report! This time I read "Men and Rubber – The Story of Business" written by Harvey S. Firestone in collaboration with Samuel Crowther in 1926. You might remember Samuel Crowther from my other book reports, he was the ghost writer for all 3 of Henry Ford's books! This book was mentioned somewhere within those texts. I was lucky enough to find an original 1926 first edition of this book on eBay and enjoyed paging through a unique piece of history.

I wasn't sure what to expect from this book. I have really enjoyed reading books published during the time of our cars and I was not let down in this example. Firestone starts by laying the framework of how he became a successful businessman, and it starts with his father. His father, much like Henry Ford's father, was a successful farmer. He recounts, "My father gained from the farm upward of \$2,000 a year in cash, which was a lot of money for a farmer to earn in the 1870s and 1880s, out of a couple hundred acres of land. The greatest lesson that young Firestone learned from his father was, "A man with a surplus can control circumstances, but a man without a surplus is controlled by them and often he has no opportunity to exercise judgement." This lesson, much the same as Henry Ford learned in the control of his company, stayed with Firestone and after working for a carriage wheel maker, opened his own business called Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in 1900.

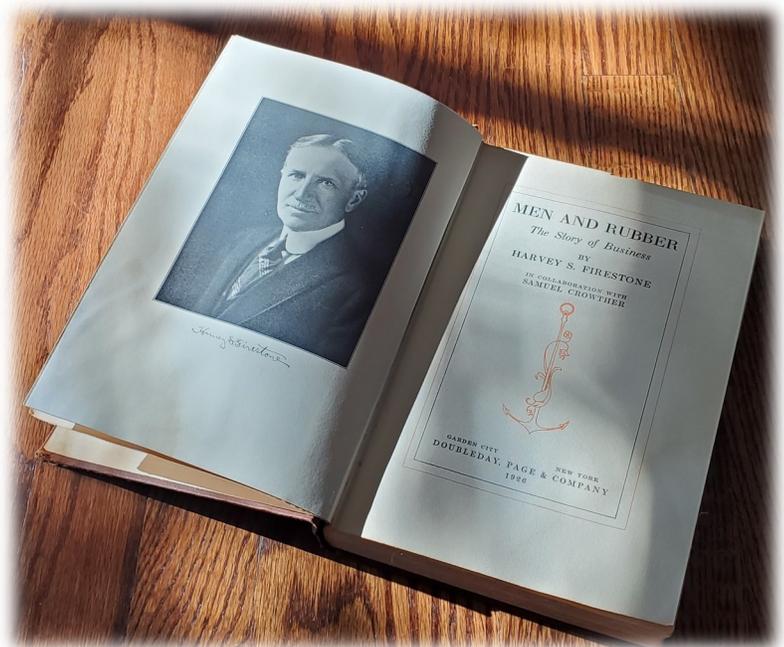
The start of Firestone's company is described simply by him in this book, "We did not need much machinery in it did not amount to anything, we intended to buy our tires in strips that looked a deal like garden hose, except that they were solid, and then simply cut the strips to buggy-wheel size and cement the ends together. The tires of those days slipped on like baby-carriage tires, and one workman and I were at first enough to handle all the business. When I sold a set of tires, I took the buggy wheels back to the ship, and the workman and I cut the rubber tires to size and cemented it on the wheel over the steel rim. We got about \$40 for a set of tires, which cost us about \$14."

What I found so remarkably similar to the life of Henry Ford was that there was an automobile wheel licensing body that controlled the clincher wheel market as a monopoly. Just like the Seldon Patent case, Firestone was not granted the license to manufacture clincher wheels for his tires.

In 1905 Firestone rushed to meet with Henry Ford once he heard that Ford intended to build 2,000 cars for under \$500. Knowing that the established rubber companies of Ohio would not compete for the business, Firestone offered Ford \$55 for a set of tires, where the other companies were offering Ford \$70 a set. Ford liked that Firestone was industrious and fighting the clincher tire/rim monopoly, and I'm sure saw a bit of himself in Firestone. This was the start of a beautiful friendship between the two men, leading to the well-publicized Vagabond camping trips with Edison, Ford, Firestone, and Burroughs. There are even passages about these camping trips from Burroughs' memoirs included in this book, which was a helpful reminder that all of these men had a high level of admiration for each other.

Firestone's business mirrored the exponential growth of the automobile and the Ford company. In 1902 Firestone had 12 employees. In 1904 they averaged 25. In 1905 they had 130 men, by 1910 they employed 1,000. In 1917 they passed the 10,000-man mark, and in 1920 they reached a peak of 19,800 men under their employ. More sales meant more men and their sales hit \$150,000 in 1902. By 1920 their sales were \$115,000,000! There are numerous chapters on Firestone's struggle to secure credit to ride out the various waves of starting a business and then trying to source the rubber and build the tires for the enormous growth of a product that was so new and wonderful.

Overall, this was a wonderful read. There were chapters dedicated to Edison, Ford, Burroughs, the Vagabond camping trips, Firestone's business philosophy, his management and marketing styles, his financial needs (both business and personal), and the history of the rubber trade (both foreign and domestic). The last chapter is aptly named "Why am I in Business" and here Firestone sets down the reason for his work and business. He simply states, "I do not know whether I am the slave or the master of the business. But the big thing is that I do not care which, for the job is worth doing as either master or servant. The job is not only worth doing well, but there is a great joy in doing it." He goes on to say, "Our life is made up of experiences. Business leads one into every profession and every walk of life. It is the school of experience." I could not think of a better way to end this book report than to tell you this book is inspiring, partly because it was written in 1926, but more so because you can see that Firestone was a dreamer who worked hard enough to see his dream to fruition.



2023 OVRMAFC Club Dues should be submitted by February 2023!

Ohio Valley Region Model "A" Ford Club
Membership Application and Roster Information
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Existing Member:
New Member:

First Name: _____ Spouse First Name: _____

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