

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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Director's Column: Tom Blomer



I hope everyone in the club had a fun and safe holiday. With the new year comes new Model A tours and events, I hope you are excited as I am for the winter weather to get the heck out of here. Our first event of the year is a social event, the bowling tournament! It would be great if the weather cooperated and we were able to drive our Model A's to the January Bowling Tournament, but I am going to hope for the best. We hope that you and your family come out!

Please be thinking of tour and/or events that you would like to host in 2023. The club is only as fun as you make it, and hosting a tour or event is a great way to promote the club and have fun at the same time. It would be nice to have one event or tour each month, but that doesn't mean we can't have more than that! The sooner we can get them all on the calendar the sooner people can plan their year accordingly. I think Debbie and Larry Arnold already have an overnight Polar Bear tour planned in March, so that will be exciting. I hope to see everyone at the bowling tournament, but if you can't make it I will see you at the January club meeting!

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January 8, 2023

Annual Bowling Tournament

Join us as Tom and Margie Blomer host our annual winter bowling tournament. Battle it out with other club members and see who walks away with the traveling trophy!

Location:

[Stone Lanes Bowling Alley](#)
[3746 Montgomery Road](#)
[Norwood, OH 45212](#)

Start time:

1:00pm



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.

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

Meeting starts at 7:30pm



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.

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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](#)

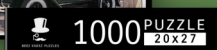
[MAFCA Youth Scholarship Program](#)

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2022 OVRMAFC Christmas Party

The weather was perfect to drive our Model A's to our annual Christmas party. Everyone had a great time socializing and enjoying the great food. Awards and door prizes were awarded and the night drew to a close. A huge thank you to the Christmas party planning committee, without them the party would not have been as much fun!

Congratulations to the Family of the Year winner—Marieke and Dennis Schut!



Men Working

By: Melanie G. Whittington

Taken from: https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Men_Working_2021-09.pdf

How does the Model A man dress when he isn't a suit and tie or overall wearin' kinda guy?



There are plenty of choices to give your Model A excursion an era feel. Tailored Garments by the Women's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences states, "Shirts for men are really of four types – the dress shirt, the negligee shirt, the outing shirt, and the work shirt."

Besides the bosom on a dress shirt, the main difference between the rest is the material used to construct the shirt. A work shirt will be used rougher, laundered often, and is made to be mended to save money. Your focus should be on the outing and work shirt. Long sleeved button up shirts made of cotton, flannel, wool, or blends of these fabrics are common. A flannel shirt in plaid or solid colors would fit in perfectly at the local general store around the checker board. A modern, long-sleeved button up dress shirt is a good start. Referencing the Fashion Guidelines, look for solid colors, striped or figured designs in harmonizing or

contrasting colors. Ties were not a requirement, but don't forget you can also use bowties. One pocket, two pocket or no pocket shirts are seen in era advertisements. [Over Attired](#) Vintage Fashion carries a variety of vintage clothing and are always adding to their inventory. If you are feeling adventurous, broadcloth short sleeved sport shirts were starting to come into existence at the end of the Model A era. Polo shirts made of knit fabric with 3 buttons also fall into this category.



Read the complete article at:

https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Men_Working_2021-09.pdf

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**
Contact: George Elbel 513-753-0060
- 1930 Model A Coupe
New Interior
\$14,750
Call Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 1929 Model A Extended Cab Truck
\$19,900
Call Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- New inserted engines
Call Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- 1931 Model A 2 Door Phaeton
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

Potential Transmission Leak

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Potential-Transmission-Leak.pdf>

Quite often you see transmission oil leaking out around the U-joint housing. It can also leak down the torque tube into the differential banjo if the grease seal behind the roller bearing in the front of the torque tube is shot. The reason for the leak is that oil can pass under the front bearing stop on the main shaft. It then passes under the bearing and continues on until it is stopped by the special washer that fastens to the end of the main shaft in conjunction with the bolt that holds the U-joint to the end of the main shaft.



Note the spaces under the bearing stop on the main shaft. There is a space under each flute for the two sliding gears.



End view of the main shaft showing the spaces under the bearing stop.



The special flat washer with the notch is used in conjunction with the bolt and lock washer that attaches the U-joint to the rear of the main shaft.



The U-joint is attached to the end of the main shaft and acts as the rear bearing stop. The notched washer fits around the fluted end of the main shaft and is what prevents oil from escaping the transmission.

It is common to find this washer either missing or being substituted with a flat washer that is smaller in diameter. This will allow oil to escape into the U-joint housing and possibly down the torque tube to the banjo if the seal behind the torque tube roller bearing is shot. It is prudent to apply some sealer to the front flange of the U-joint and to the front of the notched washer when installing the U-joint.

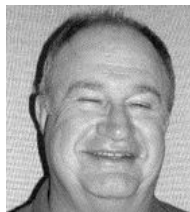
2022 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **January 8, 2023**
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[Stone Lanes Bowling Alley](#)
[3746 Montgomery Road](#)
[Norwood, OH 45212](#)
Arrival Time:1:00pm
We will eat lunch as a group afterward.
Location to be determined.
- **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, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Join us for the first meeting of the new year!
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **February 22, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Join us for the first meeting of the new year!
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **March 22, 2023**
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](#)
- **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
- **April 26, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Join us for the first meeting of the new year!
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **July 30—August 4, 2023**
MARC National Meet
[Holiday Inn](#)
[5800 Muhlhauser Rd](#)
[West Chester Township, OH 45069](#)

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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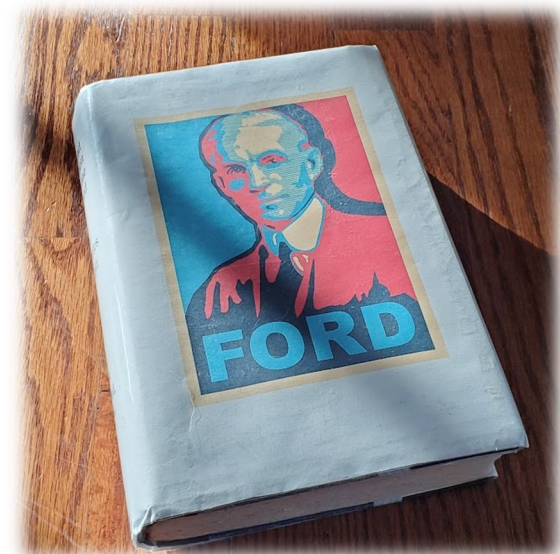
Dennis Schut
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Ford Themed Book Report - "And Then Came Ford"

By: Jarrod Williams

I was able to squeeze one more Ford themed book report in before the new year! This time I read "And Then Came Ford" written by Charles Merz. This book was published in 1929, and I was very lucky to find a used first edition of the book. At 321 pages it was a quick read. As I have said before, I love reading a book that was published before Henry's death and this one was no exception.

Merz sets the scene with descriptions of the Michigan frontier and that of the greater nation in 1863. Dearborn was a farming community that had no intention of changing, except the city gave birth to a man that would not only change it but alter the course of human history. From 1863 through 1887 the world was experimenting with the horseless carriage. Merz does such an elegant job explaining this, "The invention of the automobile was accordingly nothing that happened all at once, in a single place and on a single day. It was, instead, a gradual adaptation of machinery to a purpose of which men had been talking about for many years, the idea of applying power to a carriage for the road." He goes on to state, "What happened in the invention of the motor car was that a good many men in a good many places, working toward a goal which had long been in view, achieved their purpose at approximately the same time through a process of trial and error." Think about that. The only form of communication during this time were magazines, letter writing, and newspapers. There was no internet, no Ford forums, and no Facebook to share your ideas with others interested in the same common goal. Everyone was experimenting and trying to be the first person to build a reliable automobile, but they couldn't easily work together to do it. I am always in awe of this time period.



Jumping to 1913 and there were half a million Model T's on the road, Henry Ford was still largely unknown or much reported in the papers. That changed on January 5th, 1914. Ford announced that he would pay \$5 a day to every single one of his employees. We glance over that fact now; we have no frame of reference to what that meant to people. Merz quickly puts it into context, "The lowest paid employees, the sweepers, who receive \$2.34 a day in Ford's plant for work which in New York City may claim from \$1.00 to \$1.50, are now to receive \$5.00!" "Fifty-two columns of Ford news were printed in seven days by a New York press which had ignored Ford entirely the year before." By the middle of 1915 Ford had produced his 1 millionth Model T and showed no signs of slowing down.

Soon Ford had enough money to realize a dream, Highland Park was built, and the scale of production increased more than anyone thought possible. He was ready to take his assembly line to the max, bring in raw material at one end and spitting out a Model T at the other. Merz continues to describe the scene, "Coal dug in a Ford mine in West Virginia came over a Ford railway to be burned in a Ford plant at River Rouge. Mechanical transmission took coke from the by-product ovens to the blast furnaces and iron from the blast furnaces into shops where it was poured directly into molds without reheating." "Fire burned stick, stick beat dog, dog bit pig, and Model T jumped over the stile and went on its way rejoicing."

By 1923 the Model T car sold at less per pound than a beefsteak. This same year Henry Ford turned 60 and his company promptly set a record of producing 7,000 cars in one day. That is always staggering to me, and that is in the 20's! Pushing the time frame even further to 1926 gives us some insanely awesome statistics, "the process of manufacturing a motor car was 33 hours from the time iron ore left the bottom of a Great Lakes freighter until a new Ford honked for clearance on the open road." He breaks down even further, "At 8am on almost any Monday morning an ore boat docked at River Rouge. By noon on Tuesday, it had turned its cargo over to the blast furnaces, and the ore was reduced to iron and cast in molds. By mid-afternoon on the same day a motor was on its way to the assembly lines. And at a little before 5pm, if the sale was prompt, the finished car was in the hands of its owner in Detroit, with a bucket of gasoline under its belt and its head turned toward open country."

This book's last few chapters cover the introduction of the Model A and the legacy that 15 million Model T's left on the United States and the World. It is amazing how quickly the 15 millionth Model T comes off the assembly line, and the entire Ford machine is destroyed. Only to be recast in the making of a brand-new car. That little Model T motored on for 18 years, largely unchanged, and gave the public something they needed...adventure. This was an excellent book, and I was so happy to read it. Hopefully this little book report will inspire your reading list for 2023.



The first time this used library book was checked out was in September of 1929!

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: _____

Last Name: _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Spouse Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Birthday: ____/____/____ Spouse Birthday: ____/____/____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Spouse E-Mail Address: _____

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