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Director's Column: Tom Blomer



Thank you to everyone that came to our January meeting. It was a packed house and I was excited by all of the tours and events people were planning. There are still plenty of months left in the summer that do not have a tour or event, so please consider volunteering to host. I'd like to congratulate Deb Arnold for winning the January OVRMAFC bowling tournament. If you don't know, the winner of the annual tournament must host the next year's tournament. We'll see where she decides to go next year.

As I write this note, the weather is supposed to creep into the 50's in the next week. You know what that means don't you? Model A driving season is fast approaching, or it means that Cincinnati weather is always changing. We could get snow well into March... that's why it is called the Polar Bear Tour!

I am looking forward to our "Afternoon at the Movies" event, hopefully people can come out to watch as a Model A drives around the world! Please remember that each person attending bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for the firehouse.

If you are not able to make it, I hope to see you at the February club meeting.

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February 19, 2023 at 2:00PM "Afternoon at the Movies"

You must bring one canned good item or non-perishable food item per each person attending. This is a donation to the fire department's food bank for the area needy. You are welcome to invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to join you for this event.

Join us for a double feature movie presentation!

- 1) Bob and Dottie Meyer's Fascinating 1982 trip: Around the World in a Model A
- 2) Vintage Model A Era (short) Movie Plus Model A Era Music Presentation

Popcorn, soft drinks, and water will be provided.



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February 22, 2023 OVRMAFC Meeting

In January we got a nice start on planning our 2023 tours and events, but there are still several months where we need your help! Please come with ideas and a willingness to host.

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[11637 Chester Rd](#)
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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.

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](#)

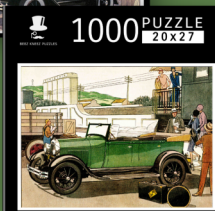
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Laundry in the Model A Era

By: Patricia Menz

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In our car club we talk about the cars and we talk about era clothing, but we do not talk about cleaning our clothing. I have a book written in 1931 about laundering and dry cleaning. The book was published by the Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences. After reading this book, I see that laundry is laundry. We still have to sort, wash, dry, iron and fold our clothes. However, during the Model A era, it was a lot of work. The process took the better part of two days and could be downright dangerous. They did not have the conveniences that we have today.

When Is Wash Day? A famous poem says that Monday is laundry day. The book says that Tuesday was becoming more popular. Monday was the day to prepare for the washday: put the house in order, remove stains, mend and sort the clothes.

Setting Up the Laundry The Equipment In most homes the laundry was done in the kitchen or in an adjoining room. Sometimes the laundry was in the basement. No matter which room was used, it needed to be well ventilated, well lit and have access to hot water.

Washing Machines and Tubs There were several types of washing machines. Basically they were washing tubs with a lid and a device inside to agitate the clothing. They could be cranked by hand or have a motor powered by electricity, gas or water. The 1931 Sears catalog advertised an electric washer for \$50.00 to \$65.00 and a gasoline one for \$89.50. A hand activated machine sold for \$16.00. To put this in perspective, the Model A era was during the Great

Depression, when the average annual income was \$1850.00. That is about \$36.00 a week. I suspect that most homes used the hand cranked model. The wash tub with a wash board was still available, as well as a hand held suction plunger or agitator. The washing machine tubs needed to be cleaned by hand with soap and water. If the tub was copper, a mixture of vinegar, salt and kerosene was used. In our modern era we use a tub cleaning agent and the washer cleans itself.



Soap - Soap Detergent as we know it today was not invented until 1933. A laundress needed to be a simple chemist. Soap used for laundry needed to be flaked, so that it could be dissolved in water. It could be purchased already flaked. If flaked soap was not available, bar soap was flaked by using a soap flaker. The picture at left shows a basic hand-cranked soap flaker. The soap was dissolved in hot water and whipped to a foam. Soap jelly could also be made by mixing flakes, water and borax. This mixture was heated on the stove. Soap beads were new on the market in the Model A era. They were supposed to dissolve in water instantly. A laundress also needed to be familiar with bluing, starch, acids, alkalis and how to soften water.

2022 Ralph Hicks Award Winner

CONGRATULATIONS

We are honored to present the
2022 Ralph Hicks Award to
Bob Green!

This award is presented annually to the person who best exemplifies Ralph's efforts as a Model A mentor and roadside mechanic to your fellow OVRMAFC Members.



Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 Sharonville Firehouse

CALL TO ORDER: In the absence of Director, Tom Blomer, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Larry Arnold, Vice Director. A moment of silent remembrance was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The roll call was led by member, Debbie Arnold.

ATTENDANCE: There were 39 members present. No Model A's were driven.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS: Both reports were approved as printed in the January 2023 Newsletter. Amy Schroeder, Treasurer has moved the OVR accounts to a different level to avoid the current monthly \$25 service fee.

SUNSHINE REPORT: John Green recently had shoulder surgery and Megan Arnold recently had eye surgery. Sherri Green's father passed away this week. The January birthdays of Anna Williams, Kyla Owens, John Grossheim and Phyllis Pease were recognized.

FASHION COMMITTEE: Phyllis Pease reported that the fashion seminar for the upcoming MARC Membership Meet in Bay City, MI will be Sailing Silhouettes.

MILEAGE PROGRAM: Anna Williams asked that all participants in the MARC Mileage program submit their odometer readings to her by the end of January.

MEMBERSHIP: Jarrod Williams reported that 54 members have paid dues for 2023; 65 have not yet paid. Jarrod will send out email reminders. Dues are \$35 for the year and must be paid by the middle of February to be included in the 2023 roster.

NEWSLETTER: Jarrod Williams must receive submissions by the third of each to be included in the newsletter.

CAR SHOW: After a lengthy discussion about whether or not to continue hosting an annual car show versus a swap meet, it was decided to table the issue until the February 22, 2023 meeting for further consideration.

AWARDS: Bob Green was presented the Ralph Hicks Award by Marieke Schut, wife of the 2022 winner, Dennis Schut.

RECENT EVENTS: The Holiday Party was held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at the RSVP Event Center in Loveland, OH. A planning committee for the 2023 event will be formed to explore other venues and programs.

The annual Bowling Party, hosted by Tom and Margie Blomer was held on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at Stone Lanes in Norwood, OH. This is the oldest bowling facility in the US. Afterward, lunch was enjoyed at the Tickle Pickle which is housed in a historic brewery in Norwood, OH. Winners with high games were Debbie Arnold (host of the 2024 event), Amy Lynch and John Grossheim.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 19, 2023—Jim Thomas and John Grossheim will host "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies" at the Sharonville Firehouse, 11637 Chester Road, Sharonville, OH. The DVD of the fascinating 1982 Model A trip around the world attended by members Bob and Dottie Meyers will be shown. In addition, another Model A era

film will be shown. Event will begin at 2:00 p.m. Popcorn, soft drinks and water will be provided. Admission will be one non-perishable food item per person to be donated to the Fire Department food bank. Members are welcome to invite friends, relatives or neighbors to join in this event. Contact Jim Thomas (513-498-7430) or John Grossheim (513-319-9282) with any questions.

March 4, 2023 - A swap meet in Marietta Ohio starting at 7:00am

March 4-5, 2023—The annual Polar Bear Tour will be hosted by Larry and Debbie Arnold. A link to hotel reservations is on the OVR Facebook page, on the website, and in an email sent to all members. Reservations must be made by February 2 to be included in the event rate. Participants should meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Harrison, OH Kroger parking lot (10477 Harrison Ave, Harrison OH) Saturday, March 4, 2023 to leave at 9:30 a.m. for Nashville, IN. Lunch will be at the Hard Truth in Little Nashville, IN with time for shopping afterward. After a late afternoon/early evening check-in at the Home2 Suites by Hilton in Columbus, IN and time to relax, a casual order-in dinner will be enjoyed. After a breakfast provided in the hotel on Sunday, March 5, 2023, there will be sightseeing and a relaxing drive home.

March 12, 2023 - Jarrod Williams will host a shop tour at Zakira's Garage, 4480 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 314, Blue Ash, Ohio. Coffee and donuts will be served. Participants should meet at the Garage for the tour which will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will be followed by a scavenger hunt and lunch.

March 30, 2023 - Michelle Meyer reminded members about the Opening Day Parade in downtown Cincinnati.

April 2023 - Jarrod Williams is planning a tech session, TBD.

May 2023 - Jarrod Williams is also planning a tour, TBD.

June 4, 2023 - The annual club picnic will be held at Oeders Lake on hosted by Jarrod Williams.

July and August are open for ideas. Members should see Jarrod for ideas if willing to host an event.

John Grossheim is looking for ideas for a seminar to be held in the Repair Tent at the MARC National Meet in Hamilton, OH in August.

September 2023 - The annual Poker Run will again be hosted by Debbie and Larry Arnold, details TBD.

December 2023 - The annual Christmas Party will be held.

SPLIT THE POT: The winner was awarded \$56.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Larry Arnold, Vice Director at 8:35 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Phyllis Pease, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Sharonville Fire Station.

A Thermostat Theory

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Thermostat-Theory.pdf>

A Thermostat Theory by Tom Endy The Model A Ford did not deliver with a thermostat installed in the water cooling system. A few years later thermostats became the norm in new cars. Today it is becoming common practice for Model A owners to install a thermostat in the water outlet hose of their Model A Ford. However, there may have been some engine block design changes made to accommodate the thermostat that does not exist in a Model A engine block.

Rick Hall, a Victoria Association member in Southern California, has come up with a theory about the use of a thermostat in a Model A Ford that may have some merit. Recently four of us in the same area, including Rick and myself, have had a recently rebuilt engine fail with dramatic consequences. The number four piston virtually melted, with the ones in front of it showing signs of overheating.

After much investigation and speculation we have come to the conclusion that the cause was due to the poor quality pistons that have recently been imported from Taiwan by two of the better perceived suppliers. However, there could be an additional factor involved.

In all four cases the failure modes were the same. The engines had a sufficient number of miles on them since rebuild; the cars were cruising along at 55-60 mph in 26% overdrive for about an hour or more with the ambient temperature at about 60 degrees. Each of the cars was equipped with a very efficient 4-tube radiator and with a 160 degree thermostat installed. Each had a temperature gauge that indicated that the water temperature was below 160 degree, which means the thermostat was closed blocking off the flow of water.

Rick's theory is that under these circumstances with the thermostat closed water is not circulating through the block normally. With the thermostat closed only a small amount of water is getting past the thermostat through the two small holes drilled into the mounting flange of the thermostat. The water pump is not causing water to flow through the block normally as when no thermostat is installed.

This may be causing the back end of the engine block to overheat due to the lack of proper water circulation. The temperature gauge may be showing a value of less than 160 degrees at the water outlet hose, but the water temperature around the number four

piston where the water is stagnant may be sufficiently higher allowing the number four piston to overheat and fail.

It may be that engine block designers of later cars provided by-pass ports in the block to allow a continuous flow of water to all parts of the block when the thermostat was closed. The Model A engine block may not have this advantage. This may not be a problem on a warm day or with a standard radiator that is partially blocked as the temperature will quickly rise above 160 degrees and the thermostat will open allowing the water pump to freely circulate water to all areas of the block as Henry designed.

It may be just a theory, but it may have some merit. After experiencing a costly engine failure I decided to remove the thermostat from my Victoria. I can't see where it can do any harm, after all Henry produced over five million Model A's that roamed the planet for decades without a thermostat.

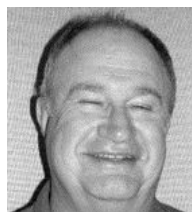


An automotive thermostat modified for use with a Model A. Note the skirt welded to the base to prevent it from tumbling in the water outlet hose. Two small holes are drilled into the base for a small amount of water flow when the thermostat is closed.

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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2023 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **February 19, 2023**
OVRMAFC Event "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies"
Your admission is one canned good item or non-perishable food item per each person attending. This is a donation to the fire department's food bank for the area needy. You are welcome to invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to join you for this event. Popcorn, soft drinks, and water will be provided. Join us for a double feature movie presentation!
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2) Vintage Model A Era (short) Movie
Plus Model A Era Music Presentation
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Please meet at the firehouse at 2:00pm:
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- **February 22, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Join us for the first meeting of the new year!
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- **March 4, 2023**
13th Annual Winter Swap Meet
[Washington County Fair Grounds](#)
[922 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio](#)
Admission is \$5.00 per person and children under 12 are free. The doors will be open from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Parking is free. For more information call 740-538-0023 or email oldcarboy23@gmail.com. Or visit us on the web at www.countryroadscarclub.com
- **March 4 and 5, 2023**
OVRMAFC Polar Bear Tour
Debbie and Larry Arnold are again hosting a club favorite, the polar bear tour! We are meeting at the Harrison Kroger ([10477 Harrison Ave, Harrison OH](#)) on March 4th at 9am. We will leave around 9:30. We will drive to Brown County and have lunch in Little Nashville. From there, we will be able to explore the town. Enjoying wine and fudge tastings, shopping, and glass blowing. After enjoying the town, we will head to the hotel in Columbus, IN to check in, enjoy some pizza in the lobby, and do a little distillery tasting of our own. So bring something to share if interested. Sunday we will leave the hotel and head into Columbus to enjoy an architecture tour. Finally, we will then take a lazy drive back to Harrison to work out all those final Winter cobwebs. The special reservation rate ended on February 2nd, but call and see what you can get. Home2Suites: 812-375-2399
- **March 12, 2023**
OVRMAFC - Zakira's Garage Tour
Jarrod and Melissa Williams will host a tour within a tour. Meet at Zakira's Garage, [4480 Lake Forest Dr. Suite 314](#), at 10:00am as they provide donuts and coffee while providing a tour. After the garage tour we will have a Model A scavenger hunt leading to a late lunch.
- **March 22, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
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- **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](#)

What you missed at the January OVRMAFC Bowling Tournament



Thank you to Tom and Margie Blomer for hosting and all the members that came out for the first event of 2023, the annual bowling tournament. We had a great time catching up after the holidays. Congratulations to Deb Arnold for winning the coveted trophy and winning the honor of hosting the tournament next year! Amy Lynch placed second with John Grosheim placing third.



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