

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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March, 2023

Director's Column: Tom Blomer



The weather the last couple weeks has been great to get the Model A's out for at least a drive around the block or to get some ice cream.

March has turned out to be a rather busy Model A month! There was a swap meeting on March 4th in Marietta Ohio. Also that same weekend, March 4th and 5th, Debbie and Larry Arnold hosted our March Polar Bear tour. We have Zakira's Garage Tour on March 12th, and our club meeting on the 22nd. And finally a full clutch replacement workshop on March 25th! There should be something Model A related for everyone to do in March.

I wanted to give a HUGE thank you to Jim Thomas and John Grossheim for their "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies" event. Everyone had a great time and I look forward to doing more events like this. Jim and John were a great team, they even brought out a wind up record player to play "Henry made a lady out of Lizzie". I hope everyone can attend the swap meet or our Polar Bear tour, if not we will see you at the March club meeting.

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March 12, 2023 at 10:00AM Zakira's Garage Tour



Join us for a shop tour of Zakira's Garage, who specialize in pre-1975 collector car maintenance, repair and restoration; American and Exotic.

They will provide coffee and donuts for us as we tour through their shop and drool on some of their cars.

Meet at Zakira's Garage for the 10:00AM Tour
[4480 Lake Forest Dr #314](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45227](#)

After a tour of the shop the club will proceed on a short scavenger hunt hosted by Jarrold and Melissa Williams. We will end with a late lunch.

March 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.

[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.

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](#)

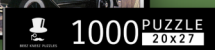
[MAFCA Youth Scholarship Program](#)

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The Alternator

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Alternator-PDF.pdf>

The automotive alternator came into being in the early 1960's, before that automobile electric power was produced by a generator. The early generators used on the Model A Ford did not have a regulator, the output was at a fixed constant rate that could be initially adjusted. In the old days people traveling across country during the day would turn on their headlights to absorb the excessive current so as not to overcharge the battery. The later generators had a regulator that mounted on the firewall and with a series of magnetic relays regulated the output of the generator so it would not overcharge the battery.

The alternator was developed after the automotive industry had changed from 6-volts to 12-volts, therefore all alternators were originally a 12-volt device and were a negative ground. Alternators produce AC power instead of DC power and require a rectifier circuit to convert the output power to DC. Along with the rectifier circuit there is a regulator circuit that is built into the alternator. Most Model A suppliers today provide alternators that are 12-volt negative ground and a 6-volt positive ground alternator to accommodate Model A's with an original 6-volt electrical system.

Many people in the Model A kingdom have an aversion to an alternator. The argument is they do not look authentic. I don't understand this thinking, the alternator on my Model A is under the hood and nobody ever sees it. An alternator was always one of the first things I installed on any Model A I acquired.

The alternator regulator circuit is always monitoring the battery and if it requires charging it sends current to charge it. When the battery is fully charged the regulator stops sending current. The ammeter in a Model A will tell you if the battery is being charged by the alternator. When the car is started up power stored in the battery is depleted by the starter turning the engine over. For the first few miles the ammeter will show an amount of current flowing to the battery to charge it back up. When the battery reaches full charge the alternator stops sending current to the battery and the ammeter needle returns to zero and remains there. If you turn on

some electrical device, such as the headlights, the regulator circuit senses it and sends additional current to the headlights. You may see an initial flicker of the ammeter needle, but it will remain on zero because the battery does not require charging.

If the ammeter needle does not return to zero after a few miles there could be several reasons. 1. The battery may be reaching the end of its serviceable life and not able to achieve a full charge. 2. The battery may be low on water. 3. There may be a corroded battery connection. The connection of the ground strap to the frame is the most notorious. It is out of sight and out of mind. It should be periodically thoroughly cleaned.

There is one negative aspect to using an alternator on a Model A. The design of Henry's electrical system is such that the alternator is always connected to the battery. The alternator contains six diodes that make up the rectifier circuit. The property of a diode allows current to flow in one direction, but not in the other. However the "other" allows a little current to sneak past and if you don't drive the car often the sneak can slowly deplete the battery. After a few weeks you could easily find the battery dead, and batteries that sit around less than fully charged don't last as long as those fully charged. It is prudent with any Model A to remove the fuse on the top of the starter when finished driving the car for the day. This way the electrical circuit, including the alternator, is disconnected from the battery. It will also prevent an electrical fire caused by a short circuit in the wiring that the fuse will not protect if the flow of current is below the rated value of the fuse.



What you missed at the February Meeting



The 2023 Christmas Party Committee met early before the club meeting. The February meeting seemed to conflict with people's schedules and Ash Wednesday, because of this attendance was low. Thank you to Jim Rupp for taking the pictures in Jarrod's absence!

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Sharonville Firehouse

CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of both the Director and Vice Director, the meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Amy Schroeder, Treasurer. The group was led in a Moment of Silent Remembrance and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Jim Rupp. There were 26 members in attendance and 1 Model A was driven.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

February birthday of Michelle Dolfinger was acknowledged.

CAR CARE GANG: No report.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Phyllis Pease reported that the Fashion Seminar for the upcoming MARC Membership Meet (April 13-15, 2023) in Bay City, MI will be "Sailing Silhouettes".

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Anna Williams stated that all mileage calculations for 2022 have been reported. Mike Wilcher will be assuming responsibility for the OVR MARC Mileage program at the March 22, 2023 meeting.

CAR SHOW:

Amy Schroeder reported that OVR will not host a car show in 2023.

MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER:

No reports in the absence of Jarrod Williams.

RECENT EVENTS:

OVRMAFC Old Movie Day was held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at the Sharonville Firehouse. The event was hosted by Jim Thomas and John Grossheim and featured the video of members Bob and Dottie describing their Model A "Trip Around the World in the 1980's". This video will soon be available on YouTube.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The annual Polar Bear Tour, hosted by Larry and Debbie Arnold, will be held March 4-5 2023 and will feature the architecture of Columbus, IN. Participants should meet at the Harrison, OH Kroger at 9:00 a.m. to leave at 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday, March 12, 2023, Jarrod Williams will host a tour of Zakira's garage located at 4480 Lake Forest Drive, Unit 316, Blue Ash, OH. The tour will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon and will be followed by a scavenger hunt and lunch.

Brad and Chris Hamlin will host a workshop event at their property on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Members interested in learning to replace the clutch in a Model A are encouraged to attend. Participants should arrive at 8:30 a.m. to begin at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. PLEASE NOTE: The event will be held at the Hamlin's BARN, 306 NORTH Broadway, Lynchburg, OH 45142. There is another street in Lynchburg named Broadway. Be sure you are looking for NORTH Broadway. There is a log cabin in front of the barn.

John Grossheim will host an event in April 2023 (date and time to be announced) featuring the Grassy Run reenactment in Goshen, OH.

Sunday, June 4, 2023 is the date of the annual OVR picnic at Oeders Lake.

SPLIT THE POT:

\$43 was won by Anita Blankenship.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Amy Schroeder, Treasurer.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sharonville Firehouse.

SUBMITTED BY: Phyllis Pease, Secretary

OVRMAFC Model A Clutch Replacement Workshop - Saturday, March 25, 2023

Have you always wanted to learn how to perform a full clutch replacement on a Model A?

Come out and join us as Brad and Chris Hamlin host a workshop event at their property. Mike Wilcher has volunteered his car and bought all of the parts we will need. We will be installing a lightened flywheel and V8 clutch.

Brad and Chris are planning on providing lunch that day as well!
They'll have burgers, hot dogs, chips and water. People can BYOB too.

Saturday, March 25, 2023

[306 Broadway, Lynchburg, OH 45142](https://www.google.com/maps/place/306+N+Broadway,+Lynchburg,+OH+45142)

There is another street in Lynchburg named Broadway.
Be sure you are looking for NORTH Broadway.
It's a light tan and green pole barn, with a small log cabin out front and a white enclosed car trailer parked out front of barn



Arrive at 8:30am - Start 9:00am

Taking Your Measurements

By: Lois Przywitowski, Model A Ford Club of Colorado Chief Fashion Judge, Reno 2018

Taken from: https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Measurements_2018-05.pdf

The warm, gentle breezes of summer are almost here. Soon, Model A's and their devoted owners will gather together at the National Convention in Sparks-Reno, various regional meets and local club activities. Events like these offer the perfect opportunity to dress as though we belong in the Model A era. But how does one achieve that look?

Start by getting your measurements. Your measurements are useful in selecting and sizing your pattern, sewing your garment, and measuring garments before trying them on. Some of the meets offer a Fashion Boutique where you can purchase era or era image clothing. Before you try on an era garment, measure the shoulder, bust, waist and hip areas of the garment. Doing so will not only save you the frustration of trying on a garment that is too big or too small, it can save the garment itself.

If you are looking for an era pattern, check out the Pattern Project, found at the MAFCA website under Fashions. There you will find a large assortment of patterns available for purchase. You will also find a great article entitled The Sizing of Model A Patterns written by Peggy Gill, the current Era Fashion Committee Chairperson, that will help you choose your pattern size. It really is a "must read" before you get started.

The following measuring instructions for women, men, and children are from The Art of Dressmaking, published by Butterick in 1927. The lovely thing about taking your measurements is that the method of doing so doesn't change with the year.

WOMEN AND GIRLS

BUST - The bust measurement should be taken from the back. Measure over the fullest part of the bust, close up under the arms and straight across the back. If the tape is held too high at the back, the measure will be too large; if too low, it will be too small.

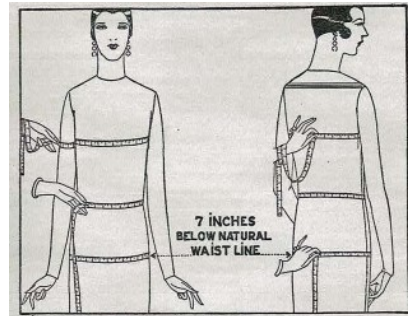
BACK - Measure across the back, about 2" below the neckline.

WAIST - Take the waist measurement at the natural waistline.

HIP - The hip measurement should be taken from the back. Measure about seven inches below the natural waistline.

ARM - Take the arm measurement around the largest part of your arm, about one inch below the armhole. For arm length, measure from top of your arm to your wrist, with your arm slightly bent.

NOTE - In taking the bust, waist, hip and arm circumference measurements, the tape should be close, but not tight.



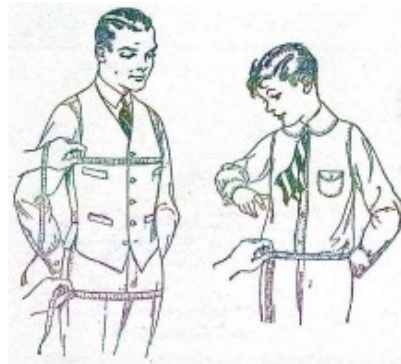
MEN AND BOYS

CHEST - Take the chest measurement around the body close under the arms.

WAIST - Take the waist measurement at the natural waistline.

HIP - Take the hip measurement around the fullest part of the hip. The tape should be easy, not snug.

NOTE - For both the chest and waist measurements, the tape should be snug, but not tight.



At least once this summer, have fun dressing up, just like you did when you were a kid!

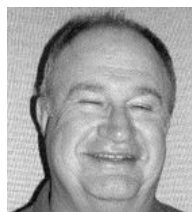
Wouldn't it be grand to see everyone dressed in era style at a Grand Tour?

Wishing you all a safe, wonderful and amazing touring season!

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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C: 513-254-1035



Dennis Schut
C: 513-317-7225

2023 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **March 12, 2023**
OVRMAFC - Zakira's Garage Tour
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Arrive at 8:30am - Start 9:00am
- **April 14-16, 2023**
MARC Membership Meet
[Hilton Double Tree Riverfront](#)
[Monitor Charter Township, MI 48706](#)
Host Hotel (Hilton Double Tree Riverfront, Bay City Michigan) still has rooms available, but they are going fast.
River View Rooms are \$139.00 which includes breakfast for 2 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.
City View Rooms are \$129.00 which includes breakfast for 2 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings
The block of rooms is available until March 20, 2023.
Availability after that date is not guaranteed.
989-891-6000
- **April 23, 2023**
Model A Ford Swap Meet
Columbus Region MARC and MAFC
[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](#)
- **May 24, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Location TBD
- **June 4, 2023**
OVRMAFC Annual Oeder's Lake Club Picnic
[1369 E Hwy 22, Morrow, OH](#)
A signup sheet will be passed around at our May meeting so that we can buy the appropriate amount of food. Grilled food will be provided and served around noon, but you can come early to enjoy the weather and property. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. There are a few picnic tables, however you may wish to bring a lawn chair. Fishing is allowed but you must bring your own bait and you can not use minnows.
- **June 28, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Location TBD
- **July 26, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Location TBD
- **July 30—August 4, 2023**
MARC National Meet
[Holiday Inn](#)
[5800 Muhlhauser Rd](#)
[West Chester Township, OH 45069](#)
Registration Forms can be downloaded here or found in the "Model A News" magazine:
<https://model-a-ford.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Hamilton-National-Meet-Registration.pdf>

What you missed at the February event: "Sunday Afternoon at the Movies"



On February 19th Jim and Pam Thomas along with John Grosheim hosted a watch party of Bob & Dottie Meyer's recorded presentation at the 1990 MAFCA national meet. After the video Jim and John demonstrated how a wind up record player from 1928 would sound as we listened to "How Henry made a lady out of Lizzie". It was so much fun reliving their around the world tour made in 1982. Thank you so much to Jim, Pam, and John!

OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- For Sale: 1929 Model "A" Tudor.
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Ohio Valley Region Model "A" Ford Club
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