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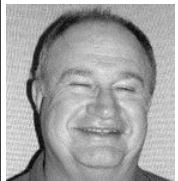


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April, 2023

Director's Column: Tom Blomer



I hope that everyone was able to attend one of the events last month. The Arnold's overnight Polar Bear tour was a huge success and everyone had a lot of fun. Then we had a shop tour of Zakira's Garage in Blue Ash hosted by the Williams. Finally to finish off the month, the Hamlin's hosted the club at their garage for a clutch replacement seminar on Mike Wilcher's 1930 Tudor. It was a month packed full of Model A fun!

As the weather continues to warm, April is looking like another good Model A month. The MARC membership meet in Michigan, a Model A swap meet in Columbus Indiana, and our April club meeting. Speaking of warm weather, I encourage everyone to consider hosting a summer tour or a club meeting. Tour planning may seem daunting, but all we care about is driving our Model A's and being together as a club. That's about all I have, I hope to see you at our April club meeting!

In search of volunteers for the 2023 MARC National Meet!

The 2023 Model A Restorer's Club National Meet will be held in West Chester, Ohio this year from July 30th to August 4th.

Because the location is so close this year, we are ecstatic to have families from our club that have already signed up to volunteer during the meet!

Please consider helping out and meeting some fellow Model Aer's, as well as showing off how great of a club OVRMAFC really is!

Please contact marcmeet2023@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer your time.



April 26, 2023

OVRMAFC Meeting

Please join us for our April Meeting as we recap the March Model A adventures and catch up on the latest club business.

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

Meeting starts at 7:30pm



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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 should 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:

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The 2023 March Polar Bear Tour

Hosted by: Debbie and Larry Arnold

Debbie and Larry Arnold hosted their famous Polar Bear tour and we could not be more thankful. Six Model A's and six modern cars left Cincinnati and drove to Hard Truth Distilling Co. in Nashville Indiana for lunch. This first leg was an 88 mile trip, what a way to start us off!

From there the group went to downtown Nashville Indiana to enjoy the quaint shops and some of us snuck in a wine tasting. After enjoying Nashville for an hour or so the group headed to Columbus Indiana where we would stay for the night. For dinner Debbie and Larry have perfected a system we all love, bring your own drinks and snacks to share, we order pizza and have a pizza party in the hotel lobby. It is always so much fun! The next morning we enjoyed the hotel breakfast before heading to downtown Columbus Indiana for an architecture tour that Debbie and Larry had put together. Our group walked through downtown as Debbie and Larry told us about some of the historic homes and businesses in the town. Once we were done with the historic architecture tour we all headed back to Cincinnati. Over two days we covered a little over 200 miles in our Model A's. Thank you to all the members that came out and Debbie and Larry Arnold for such a great tour!



What you missed at the March OVRMAFC Meeting



We had a packed house as usual. Split the pot is always fun when you have the large arm span of Tim or Bob to use.

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 Sharonville Firehouse

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

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE: The roll call was led by Larry Arnold, Vice Director. There were 38 members present. Two Model A's were driven.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS: Both reports were approved as printed in the March 2023 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT: The March birthdays of Bob Zitney and Ramona Perkins were recognized. Anniversaries of Conrad and Dottie Gerdes (44 years) and the second year anniversary of the Creightons were also celebrated.

CAR CARE GANG: Mike Wilcher invited all members interested in learning how to replace a Model A clutch to attend a seminar at the home of Brad and Chris Hamlin in Saturday, March 25, 2023. Members of the club will be replacing the clutch in Mike's Model A. Coffee, Donuts and Lunch will be served.

FASHION COMMITTEE: Phyllis Pease and Margie Blomer will report next month on the Fashion activities at the MARC Membership Meet to be held in Bay City, MI, April 13-15, 2023.

MARC MILEAGE REPORT: Mike Wilcher has assumed the duties of MARC Mileage reporting and briefly reviewed the protocol for registering a car in the program.

CAR SHOWS: OVRMAFC will not be sponsoring a car show in 2023. Jarrod Williams invited members to attend the Aubrey Rose Foundation British Car Day on September 10, 2023. Show will be held at the Village Green Park, 301 Wessel Drive, Fairfield, OH.

MEMBERSHIP: Jarrod Williams announced that 95 members have paid the club dues for 2023. Reminder emails have been sent to the 40 members not yet paid.

RECENT EVENTS: The annual club Polar Bear tour, hosted by Larry and Debbie Arnold, was held on Saturday/Sunday, March 4/5, 2023. Six Model A's and six modern cars enjoyed an event which left from Harrison, OH. Lunch at the Hard Truth in Nashville, IN was followed by shopping and a drive to Columbus, IN for an overnight stay. A dinnertime pizza party was held in the hotel lobby with time for

socializing. Sunday activities included both a walking and driving tour of the architecture of Columbus.

On Saturday, March 12, 2023 members were invited by Jarrod Williams to attend a tour of Zakiras garage in Blue Ash, OH. The event was followed by a scavenger hunt and lunch.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 23, 2023 will be the annual Swap Meet in Columbus, IN from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, Jarrod and Melissa Williams will host a "Spring Fling" Model A Tour. Beginning at the Cars and Coffee car show at the Crestview Hills Town Center, 2791 Town Center Blvd, Crest View Hills, KY (between Dillard's and Dewey's). This event will be followed by a scavenger hunt and lunch. A navigator for the scavenger hunt is recommended.

Brad and Chris Hamlin invited members to attend a historic event, "Journey through Time" on Saturday, June 3, 2023 in Lynchburg, OH.

The annual OVR picnic, hosted by Jarrod Williams, will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023. More details to follow.

The 2023 National MARC Meet will be held in West Chester, OH July 31-August 4, 2023. Jarrod and Melissa Williams will be planning the route for the Grand Tour, Debbie Arnold will be arranging the Lady A's breakfast event as well as the A-400 Special Interest group meeting, John Grossheim and Larry Arnold will coordinate the Repair Tent and Phyllis Pease and Margie Blomer will be coordinating all Fashion activities.

Mark Maron has asked for more volunteers from OVRMAFC to assist with activities.

SPLIT THE POT: \$72 was won by Dottie and Conrad Gerdes.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Director.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held at the Sharonville Firehouse on April 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Tim Schmidt will confirm future dates with the Firehouse.

SUBMITTED BY: Phyllis Pease, Secretary

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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2023 March Clutch Replacement Seminar

By : Mike Wilcher

You might recall the story about my Model A and the adventure that took my buddy Bob Green and I from Detroit, Michigan to Wakefield, Virginia to find it and bring it back. It's been about a year now since that journey took place and I thought you might enjoy an update on its progress.

First, I'm a believer that all cars should have a name. On our travels home from the commonwealth of Virginia, Bob and I discussed several naming options. I was first thinking about the name, Marcel. The name comes from comedian Jerry Clower and his stories about his best friend, Marcel Ledbetter. Those stories always made me laugh. However, after much thought it was decided that the car should have a girl name. It finally dawned on me that her name could be nothing other than Virginia!

I got busy ordering parts from Model A suppliers. Virginia got a new set of tires, updated distributor, radiator, and water pump, amongst other items. Her gas tank was a mess from setting so long. It had some holes that would need to be taken care of as well as a good boiling out. I removed the tank myself after watching some YouTube videos as well as some instructions from the Model A bible (Les Andrews Model A Ford mechanics handbook) and took it to a radiator shop that club member; Conrad Gerdes suggested. They fixed it up and I was able to get it all back together without too much trouble.

The next thing on the list was the head gasket needed replaced. I borrowed a head puller from Larry Arnold and got to work. After a few weeks of PB Blastering the head bolts, I was able to get the old head off and start the repairs. I discovered that the old head had a hairline crack in it and was not going to be worth fixing. Jarrod Williams hooked me up with a parts supplier and in no time, I had a freshly decked replacement head that was ready to install.

I got the head gasket installed right before it started getting too cold in my garage to do much else. Winter gives you time to set and think about what's next on the list. I knew that the clutch was going to be the next "big thing" that I would have address. At a club meeting, Jarrod suggested a series of Model A workshops where club members could meet up and learn by doing different maintenance and technical fixes. I immediately offered my car as the first guinea pig to work on Virginia's frozen clutch issues. I was also blessed by club members; Brad and Chris Hamlin who offered their heated workshop and host of the club event.

I decided to go with a lightened flywheel and obtained one by driving up to Bluffton, Indiana where I met the nicest people at Antique Engine Rebuilding. I got a tour of their shop and was in awe of all the model A engines that they were working on bringing back to life. I also placed an order at Snyder's to get the rest of the supplies needed to do the work.

The day finally came for the club event at the Hamlin's. Brad and Chris had come over to my house days before and trailered Virginia to their shop so that we could be ready for the work to take place. Brad and Chris have an absolute amazing workshop and log cabin on site. Brad had a lift and fully stocked shop that made the work a lot easier than trying lay on the floor to do the repairs at my house.

Club members started showing up and the day's work began when Terry Owens started removing bolts!

I encourage you to check out the video that Jarrod posted on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/88ll7dR8bB4>) that captures the progression of the work. We enjoyed donuts and as well as an awesome lunch served in the Hamlin's log cabin. Every club member that showed up was involved in the work. The thing you may notice most about the video is the laughter that we shared. It was a great day that ended with Virginia being able to shift gears once again!



During the work, we discovered that the rear leaf spring was broken! I began searching for a new one. However, I quickly learned that there is a nation-wide shortage, and none could be purchased from a Model A parts supplier. Brad once again came to the rescue. He found a used spring on Facebook marketplace from a seller in Columbus, Ohio. I got in touch with the seller and obtained the needed part. A few days after the club workshop, Brad and I finished up the work by installing the "new" leaf spring and installing replacement modern style shocks and adjusting the breaks.

After almost a year of ownership I got to take my first drive! The first stop on my short drive was to get some gas. I couldn't stop smiling and couldn't help but to notice that other people seemed to enjoy looking at Virginia as they had smiles on their faces too. There is just something about Model A's that make people happy.

The next thing on my list is to update Virginia's wiring. I need to add a second taillight and install the turn signals that I got from Jim Rupp as well as adding seat belts for a little bit of safety. Club member, John Grossheim is working on getting Virginia's voice back by working on her ahooga horn! Can't wait to get that back on the car.

You may notice in this update that I have made mention of lots of club members who have helped along with my car's progression. I want to thank all of you Ohio Valley Region Members who have helped and supported me in any way. You may have worked on my car, offered advice, parts, tools or encouragement. Know that without your help I may have given up on this dream and that this club of ours is truly a family. Looking forward to touring and making model A memories with you all.

2023 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **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
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- **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
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **May 13, 2023**
Zakira's Garage Spring Open House
Bring your car to show off in the parking lot of Zakira's Garage as they host their spring open house from 11am-3pm
[4480 Lake Forest Dr, Ste 314](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45227](#)
- **May 20, 2023**
Spring Fling Tour
Beginning at the Cars and Coffee car show at the Crestview Hills Town Center, 2791 Town Center Blvd, Crest View Hills, KY (between Dillard's and Dewey's). We will leave at 10am, but you can get there as early as 8am for the cars and coffee show going on. This event will be followed by a scavenger hunt and lunch. A navigator for the scavenger hunt is recommended.
- **May 24, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **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>
- **August 23, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
Location TBD
- **September 10, 2023**
The Aubrey Rose Foundation British Car Day
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Men's Jewelry During the Model A Era

By: Sandy Patterson

Taken from: <https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/2005-01.pdf>

In her September 2004 Era Fashion website article, Marie Robinette provided an excellent review of men's attire during the years 1928-1931. Little jewelry was worn to accessorize their fashions and chosen carefully so that a gentleman had the correct piece for every occasion. A man's watch would probably be the most prominent jewelry worn, followed by cuff links and studs, rings, belt buckles and pen knives in addition to other items.



Pocket watches remained very popular and were often worn with business suits. A white metal pocket watch and key chain were considered most correct with evening attire. Wrist watches were the new trend of this generation and worn with bracelets of flexible metal or mesh links or leather straps made of calf, ostrich, snake

or crocodile. Even if the man chose to wear a wrist watch, a chain was still worn to protect and keep his keys, penknife or golf pencil handy. This may have been a Waldemar or Dickens chain attached at the vest or with a belt guard and chain that matched his belt buckle and pen knife.

Younger men, while in town and for business, set a new style trend with starched collars and French cuffs. Cuff links were designed

quite simply and included semi-precious stones such as carnelian, lapis lazuli, garnet, topaz as well as engraved or engine-turned metals in keeping with the modernistic trend of the Art Deco period. As part of a gentleman's country attire, October 1930 Vanity Fair pictured an animal head crystal belt buckle with matching cuff links. Separable or "Kum-a-part" cuff buttons with a snap closure were considered smart and easy-to-use with soft-cuffed shirts. For evening attire full dress sets were designed with matching cuff links and studs of pearl, onyx and diamond and also included matching waistcoat buttons.

Tie clasps and scarf or lapel pins were in style during this period. When soft collars became popular, men wore collar pins fastened like a safety pin or collar holders clipped to the collar.



Rings were worn on a man's ring finger or little finger. Styles included birthstones, initial, signet and emblem rings, and were designed using precious, semi-precious and imitation materials which may have included diamond, ruby, sapphire, amethyst, bloodstone, tiger eye, topaz, carnelian and onyx.

During the Depression men's fashion and jewelry were considered a low priority, but the paradox remained...there were still many people of great wealth who dictated much of fashion and the design of jewelry.

OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

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