

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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## Director's Column: Tom Blomer



The summer weather is here and that means there is no excuse to get those Model A's out and driving! Thank you to everyone that came out for the May Spring Fling Tour, we had a great time on the scavenger hunt. For those of you that missed the 2023 Oeder's Lake club picnic, you were missed. We had a near record showing of 70+ people and 18 Model A's in attendance. With good food, good company, pretty Model A's to stare at, and the beautiful Oeder's Lake, the event was absolutely perfect. I would really like to thank Richard and Kathy Oeder for continuing to host one of the best annual events that the club puts on. Their little piece of heaven is always a joy to be around and share with our friends and family.

I'd also like to remind people that we are still in need of tours or events for July, August, October and November of this year. While this may sound hard or daunting, it really isn't that hard. We just need a starting place, an interesting destination, and maybe an ice-cream stop and everyone will be happy. So think about places that you might like to visit or even take the club to your favorite scenic spot in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana or beyond. Think about it and let us know at the next meeting if you are interested.

Our summer meetings are set to start back up. If you are new to the club, in the summer months we host the monthly club meetings outdoors at member's homes or picnic shelters as a way to drive our cars and enjoy the weather. The club provides an entrée and all attending members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share, their own drinks, and a lawn chair. Usually the dinner starts an hour or so before the actual business meeting. I will be hosting the June meeting shown below, I hope to see you there!

## June 28, 2023 OVRMAFC Meeting



Join us as Tom and Margie Blomer host our first outdoor picnic/club meeting of 2023! Please bring your own drink and side dish to share, the club will provide the main entrée.

### Location:

[Ewendale Shelter House](#)  
[10500 Reading Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm  
OVRMAFC Club 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.

My email address is [jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com)

## 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](#)

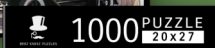
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# 2023 May Spring Fling Tour

By: Jarrod and Melissa Williams

We planned this tour to start at the Crestview Town Center Cars and Coffee event in Crestview Hills Kentucky. Usually this cruise-in is packed with Ferraris, Lamborghinis, and Porsches, so naturally we thought our Model As would fit right in. Well as most planned events go with Melissa and I, it rained at the start and put a damper on the exotic cars expected to be there. On the other hand, our Model A club came out for a big showing! I was so impressed when I pulled in, there were 8 Model A's and one modern car. The cars got some attention and free marketing for our club which is exactly what we wanted to happen.

We departed the Cars and Coffee event in Kentucky to head to Summit Park in Blue Ash Ohio. We took the famous U.S. Route 25 (Dixie Highway) to Covington KY and crossed over the gorgeous John A Roebling Suspension Bridge. After crossing into Ohio we took another famous road, U.S. Route 50 (Columbia Parkway) all the way to Mariemont, then up into Kenwood before arriving at Summit Park in Blue Ash.

Once at Summit Park we handed out a packet of clues and questions that would lead participants around the area, dismissing cars at a staggered start. Model A's drove through Blue Ash, Camp Denison, and ended in Kenwood at a local tap house for beers and pizza. Points were awarded for the number of correct answers, time taken, and a couple of participants were even penalized for taking too long!

In the end we hope everyone had a great time and we really want to thank everyone for coming out when the day started with poor weather. Congratulations to Larry and Debbie Arnold for placing first, Mike and Amy Schroeder for placing second, and Bob and Marie Zitney for placing third.



# Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, May 24, 2023 Sharonville Firehouse

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Director, Larry Arnold, who also led the group in a moment of silent remembrance and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Mike Schroeder. There were 34 members present. Three Model A's were driven.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as published in the May 2023 Newsletter.

### SUNSHINE REPORT:

May birthdays recognized were Jarrod Williams, Amy Schroeder, BJ Foreman and Steve Gillie. Terry and Brenda Owens celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

### CAR CARE GANG:

Tom Blomer helped a member install a fan blade on a water pump.

### FASHION COMMITTEE:

No report.

### MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Mike Wilcher encouraged new members to enroll in the MARC Mileage Program.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrold Williams announced new members Tommy and Vivian Holt and Jim and Molly Seiler. New member, Tom Gault from Middletown, OH and recent owner of a 1929 restored Coupe was present.

### NEWSLETTER:

No report.

### RECENT EVENTS:

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, Jarrod and Melissa Williams hosted a "Spring Fling" event which began with Cars and Coffee at the Crestview Hills Town Center in Crestview Hills, KY. Eight Model A's and one modern car enjoyed a scenic drive to Summit Park in Blue Ash, OH, where instructions for a scavenger hunt were presented. After lunch at Hoppin' Vines in Cincinnati, OH, the scavenger hunt winners. Larry and Debbie Arnold, were announced.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

On Monday, May 29, 2023, the annual Arlington Heights, Lockland, Reading Memorial Day Parade will be held. Participants should meet at the Spring Grove Funeral Home, 8633 Reading Road, at 8:30 a.m. Parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Brad and Chris Hamlin invited members to attend the Lynchburg, OH celebration on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The Historical Society is celebrating the renovation of the covered bridge with a parade which will line up at 10:30 a.m. and begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at Noon.

Dennis and Marieke Schut invited members to attend a cruise-in at Faxon Farm in West Harrison, Indiana on Saturday, June 17, 2023. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Debbie and Larry Arnold will host the annual Poker Run in September 2023. Details to be announced.

Events are still needed for July, August, October and November.

### ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC:

The annual OVR picnic, hosted by Jarrod Williams, will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Oeders Lake, 1369 Hwy 22, Morrow, OH. Attendees can arrive anytime after 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at Noon. Attendees should bring a dish to share, chairs, drinks, tablecloth, fishing gear and bait (minnows are not allowed). There will be a car teeter-totter for use at the front of the property to test your skills.

### SUMMER MEETINGS:

The Wednesday, June 28, 2023 meeting will be hosted, by Tom and Margie Blomer and will be held at the Evendale Shelter House, 10500 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH. The group voted that the food should be the usual picnic fare.

The Wednesday, July 26, 2023 meeting will be hosted by Debbie and Larry Arnold and the August 23, 2023 meeting will be hosted by Marieke and Dennis Schut.

### MARC NATIONAL MEET:

The MARC National Meet will be held in West Chester, OH July 31-August 4, 2023. Debbie Arnold will lead the Lady A's tour on Friday, August 4 and Jarrod and Melissa Williams will lead the Grand Tour on Thursday, August 3. The Grand Tour will include the Ford Transmission Plant in Cincinnati and will end at Coney Island.

### SPLIT THE POT:

Eddie Blomer won \$66.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Larry Arnold, Vice Director.

### NEXT MEETING:

The Wednesday, June 28, 2023 meeting will be hosted by Tom and Margie Blomer and will be held at the Evendale Shelter House, 10500 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH. Bring a chair, a dish to share and your own drinks.

### SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

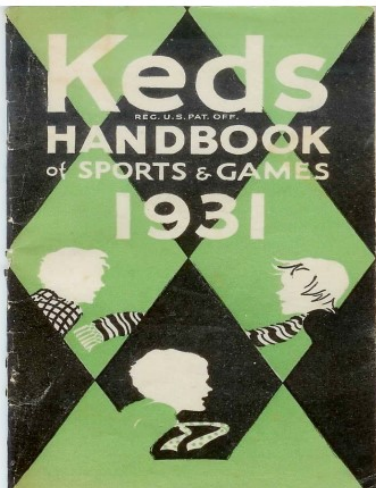


# Tennis Shoes

By: Judy Lewis

Taken from: [https://www.maoca.com/downloads/Fashions/Tennis\\_Shoes.pdf](https://www.maoca.com/downloads/Fashions/Tennis_Shoes.pdf)

The following shows the styles of tennis shoes available, taken from Keds Handbook of Sports and Games 1931. Below the pictures from 1931 are two styles of tennis shoes still made by Keds today. With comfortable feet the issue for most of us, a good traveling outfit could be a cotton tennis dress with box pleats and tennis shoes with sport socks or beach pajamas with the cross strap canvas shoe.

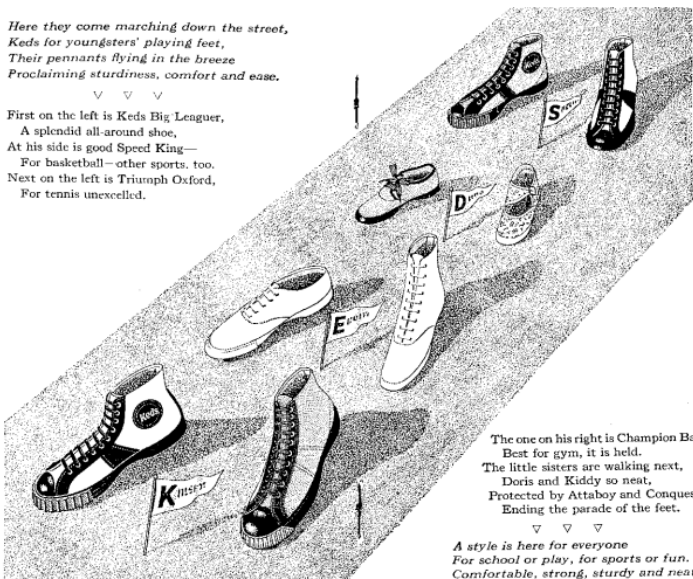


The two shoes below resemble row E in the picture, and could be used for the new Model A Era Image category.

## Tennis Shoes

Here they come marching down the street,  
Keds for youngsters' playing feet,  
Their pennants flying in the breeze  
Proclaiming sturdiness, comfort and ease.

First on the left is Keds Big Leaguer,  
A splendid all-around shoe,  
At his side is good Speed King—  
For basketball—other sports, too.  
Next on the left is Triumph Oxford,  
For tennis unexcelled.



The one on his right is Champion Bal  
Best for BYN, it is held.  
The little sisters are walking next,  
Doris and Kiddy too neat,  
Protected by Attaboy and Conquest  
Ending the parade of the feet.

A style is here for everyone  
For school or play, for sports or fun.  
Comfortable, strong, sturdy and neat

Protected by Attaboy and Conquest.  
Ending the parade of feet

**We Pay Postage**

**Clear White—Sales and All—Priced for a Clear Saving**

Postpaid \$1.00

**Restful Steps for Busy Feet**

Postpaid \$1.19

**Champion Sport Shoe**

Postpaid \$1.75

**8c**

**A Big Money's Worth**

Postpaid \$1.85

**We Guarantee Long Wear - Enormous Savings**

**MOULDED SOLES** More Popular Than Ever

Postpaid 83c

**Winning Friends by Thousands**

Postpaid \$1.80

**Shockproof Rubber Heels**

Postpaid \$1.10

**Our Foremost Bargains**

**70c**

**Huge Sales Prove Them Favorites**

**32c**

**56c**

**62c**

**72c**

**59c**

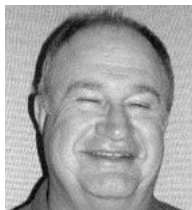
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## The OVRMAFC "Car Care Gang"

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: 513-477-8257



Terry Owens  
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C: 513-254-1035



Dennis Schut  
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## 2023 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **June 28, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
Join us as Tom and Margie Blomer host our first outdoor picnic/club meeting of 2023! Please bring your own drink and side dish to share, and lawn chair. The club will provide the main entrée.  
  
**Location:**  
[Evendale Shelter House](#)  
[10500 Reading Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45241](#)  
  
Dinner will be served at 6:30pm  
OVRMAFC Club Meeting starts at 7:30pm
- **July 26, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
Join us as Larry and Deb Arnold host the outdoor picnic/club meeting. Please bring your own drink and side dish to share, and lawn chair. The club will provide the main entrée.  
  
**Location:**  
[11653 Carolina Trace Rd](#)  
[Harrison, OH 45030](#)  
  
Dinner will be served at 6:30pm  
OVRMAFC Club Meeting starts at 7:30pm
- **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**  
**Hosted by Dennis and Marieke Schut**  
Location TBD
- **September 10, 2023**  
**The Aubrey Rose Foundation British Car Day**  
1923-2023 100 Years of MG and Triumph  
70+ Awards by Popular Choice. Live Music-Food and Beer Trucks. Split the Pot Proceeds Benefit Aubrey Rose Foundation  
Early Registration \$20.00 ends 8/31  
Registration \$25.00 Day of Show.  
Visit: <https://www.bccgc.org/british-car-day>  
[Village Green Park](#)  
[301 Wessel Dr.](#)  
[Fairfield, OH 45014](#)
- **September 27, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **October 25, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **November 15, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
**(Held a week early due to Thanksgiving)**  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)



## Two Helpful Tools

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Two-Helpful-Tools.pdf>

A Model A runs better when the battery polarity to the coil is correct. Back in the old days the polarity was detected with a lead pencil. It was

great sport for high school auto shop teachers to demonstrate to the class how it was done, then hand the pencil to the class clown and have him try it. Today there is a device available that will tell the polarity a lot easier and with



little chance of an electric shock. It plugs into the top of the distributor, start the engine and one of two LEDs will be lit indicating correct or incorrect polarity. If the polarity is incorrect it is a simple matter of swapping the two coil primary wires around. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17140, \$27.95. I purchased one a number of years ago and at a club function we checked about 20 Model A's and found about half had the polarity reversed and the owners were not even aware of it.

The other handy device indicates the health of the ignition system. What is desired is a strong healthy spark. This device plugs into the top of the distributor the same

as the other device. Start the engine and move the slider inside the device down and observe the spark leaping across the gap. You should be able to move the slider all the way down to the bottom with the engine continuing to



run and with a long spark. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17150, \$19.95. If you think you are not getting spark to the top of the distributor an easy test is to move the slider down about 1/16 of an inch and hit the starter with the ignition turned on and if you are getting spark you will be able to see it jumping the gap.

A wooden stick is supplied with the device to move the slider. Don't try to do it with anything metal.

These are both good tools to have in your traveling tool bag under the seat. A trouble light and a by-pass cable are also good things to have along.

## OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- **1929 Model "A" Tudor - \$15,500**  
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 - \$14,500**  
New interior. Good paint, engine, and tires. Contact Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

- **1930 Model A Coupe - \$9,750**  
New engine and rumble seat  
Contact Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

- **1924 Model T 4 Door - \$5,000**  
Runs good. Good top and interior  
Contact Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

- 1929 Model A Cabriolet  
It is in pretty decent shape, starts right up, sounds good, has a new top and interior. Contact Paul Hess (H) 812-934-5203 (C) 812-209-8335



- **Wanted:** 2-tooth steering box in good reconditioned service.  
Contact: Terry Yaeger (859) 816-2437

- **Model T Huckster project**  
Not complete, make offer  
Contact Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639
- **1930 Model A Chassis - \$2,500**  
Includes engine, transmission, radiator, and 5 wheels/tires. Contact: Debbie Humphry (740) 307-1637

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Call Dottie Gerdes  
(812) 584-5631

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Birthday: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Spouse Birthday: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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