

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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Director's Column: Tom Blomer



I'd like to thank Amy Schroder for pulling strings and coordinating to have OVRMAFC display our Model A's at the Ford Family Days held on the grounds of the Ford Sharonville transmission plant. Besides being perfect weather, we had an outstanding showing of Model A's in attendance. Friends, families, and retirees of the Ford plant were invited for food and games, but our cars were there for little kids (and adults) to get in and honk the horns. Thank you again Amy!

Whew! And just like that the 2023 Model A Restorer's Club National Meet in Hamilton is over and gone. While the name was a little misleading, last week 300+ Model A's were in West Chester at the Holiday Inn host hotel. For those of you that were able to attend or just stop in for a day, we hope you had a great time. I am so proud of our club and the volunteers that helped host this meet. While we weren't the only club that helped we sure were there in a major way. John Grossheim manned the repair tent. Bob and Marie Zitney along with Anna Williams manned the registration table. Jim Thomas and John Grossheim hosted a seminar. Debbie Arnold hosted the Lady A's driving tour. Jarrod and Melissa Williams hosted the Grand Tour, while Amy Schroder planned the route and had all of the cars go through the Ford Sharonville plant while employee's waived to us as we passed through. Phyllis Pease and Margie Blomer are in the fashion committee helping with the fashion show. Conrad Gerdes donated a chassis for the youth seminar. I am sure I am missing others from our club that volunteered or were at the swap meet, so please forgive me if I didn't mention you here. Hopefully the national meet participants left Cincinnati with a love for our city. Look for pictures from the MARC National in the next newsletter. I'll hopefully see you at the August meeting!

August 23, 2023 OVRMAFC Meeting



Join us as Marieke and Dennis Schut 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:

[Picnic Shelter in Fernbank Park](#)
[50 Thornton Ave](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45233](#)

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.

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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:

[MARC Youth Scholarship Program](#)

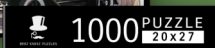
[MAFCA Youth Scholarship Program](#)

Model A Ad Puzzles

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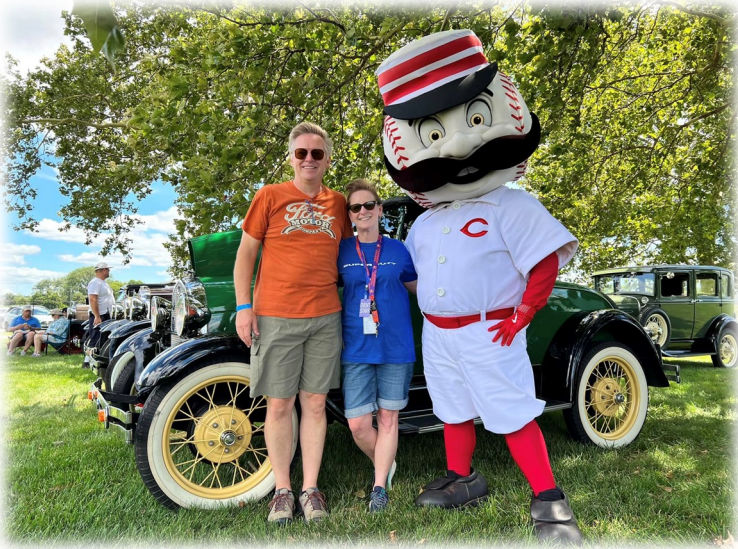
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2023 July Ford Family Days

Hosted by: Amy and Mike Schroeder

A HUGE thank you to Amy and Mike Schroeder for hosting this event. The Ford Sharonville Transmission Plant held a private Family Day for employees, family members, and retirees. Amy was able to coordinate with Ford to have our club's cars on display. Thank you Amy!



Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 Hosted by Debbie and Larry Arnold

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Director who also led the Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Larry Arnold, Vice Director. There were 42 members in attendance and 7 Model A's were driven.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in the June 2023 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

The July birthday of Brad Hamlin was recognized.

CAR CARE GANG:

No report.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

No report

MILEAGE REPORT:

Mike Wilcher encouraged members to join MARC Mileage Program.

MEMBERSHIP:

Two previous members were present and rejoined: Bill Jackson who first joined OVR in 1971 and Fred Fisher who first joined in 1975.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrold Williams reminded members that submissions to the newsletter must be received by the 3rd of each month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Blomer is in the process of contacting Will Kimball regarding the OVR owned tools stored at his place of business. It was suggested that the inventory of these tools be presented at the next meeting and a decision made on how to disperse.

Tom Blomer also asked if anyone nearby can repair carburetors. It was noted that there is an ad in the newsletter each month for a local carburetor repair business.

Bob Noe raised the question of the position of club Technical Director.

MARC NATIONAL MEET:

Volunteers are still needed for various areas of the Meet. Contact John Grossheim if you are willing to help in the repair tent. Contact Deb Arnold for all other areas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Amy Schroeder has invited club members to attend Family Day at the Sharonville Ford plant this Saturday, July 29, 2023. Participants should drive a Model A and arrive at the plant between 11:00 a.m. and Noon. Parking for Model A's will be on the front lawn. Members will be given a private tour of the plant.

Tom Blomer is exploring an event to a Florence Y'All baseball game in Florence, KY.

More information to follow.

Larry and Debbie Arnold will host the annual Poker Run on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Details will follow.

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, John Grossheim will host an event leaving Goshen, OH and featuring a trip on the Lebanon, OH train. More information will follow.

TECH SESSION:

Jarrold Williams discovered a flat rear tire on his Model A when he arrived at the meeting. An impromptu tech session will immediately follow the meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be hosted by the Schuts and will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at the Riverview Shelter at Fernbank Park, 50 Thornton, Ave., Cincinnati, OH. Bring a dish to share, your own drinks and a chair.

SPLIT THE POT:

\$71 was won by Angel Noe.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

There is still time to plan a
tour or event for August!

GREASE!

By: Tom Endy

Taken From: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Grease-rev.pdf>

The Model A Ford has numerous grease fittings sticking out all over the car just begging to be greased. However, one area Henry failed to consider is the two parking brake levers on the rear wheels, each with a pair of bushings.

Even though the bushings see little wear, they should be greased. Trying to oil them is difficult. There is a way to install grease fittings. The modification has been around for years and is something worth doing. It is best approached when doing a brake job when the rear brakes are apart.



The above photo shows a pair of brake levers with grease fittings installed. Drill from the end of the shaft with a nominal 1/8" drill bit down to a point between where the two bushings ride and cross drill it. Then drill the end of the shaft with a 5/16" drill bit about 3/8" deep.

Press in type grease fittings and the insertion tool.

Press in grease fittings and the tool to insert them can be obtained from Bratton's. The part number for the grease fittings is 36740 and the part number for the drive-in insertion tool is 36810; page 160 in their catalog.

Using the tool, hammer the grease fittings into the end of the shaft where you drilled the 5/16" hole and the shafts are then ready for installation.

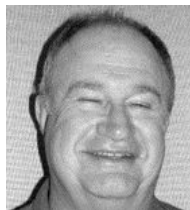


The above photo shows a grease fitting in service on a vehicle driven daily. Give it a shot of grease whenever greasing the car.

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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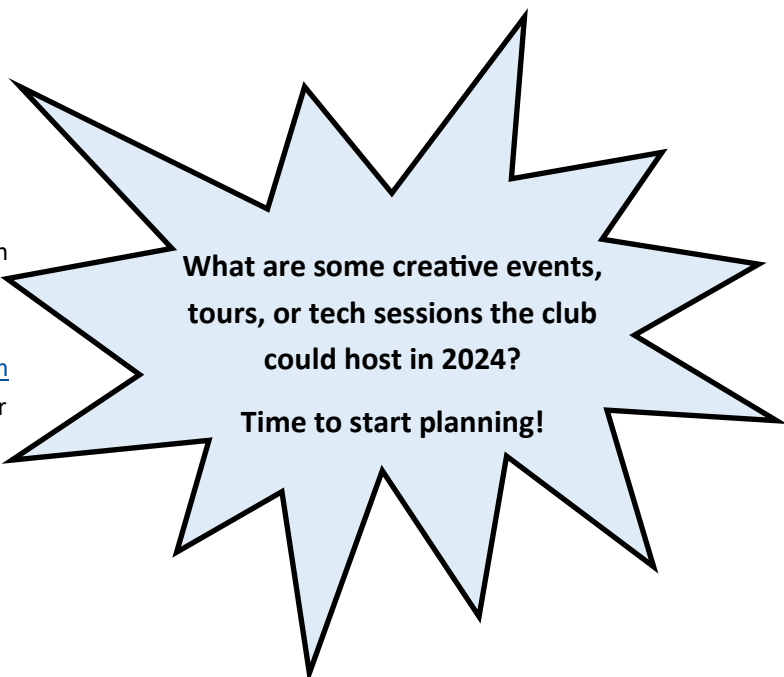
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2023 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **August 23, 2023**
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- **September 10, 2023**
OVRMAFC Poker Run
Larry and Debbie Arnold will host this event, more details to follow.
- **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 15-16, 2023**
MAFFI Model A Days
Join the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc in Hickory Corners Michigan as they celebrate Model A days for 2 days! You can [pre-register](#) on their website or pay when you arrive.
Consider joining MAFFI and supporting our Model A hobby.
MAFFI is located on the grounds of the [Gilmore Car Museum](#) located at 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060 for more information call (269) 671-5089.
- **September 27, 2023**
OVRMAFC Club Meeting
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **October 14, 2023**
OVRMAFC Tour
John Grossheim will host an event leaving Goshen, OH and featuring a trip on the Lebanon, OH train.
More details to follow.
- **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](#)
- **December, 2023**
OVRMAFC Christmas Party
Details to follow as they become available.



What are some creative events,
tours, or tech sessions the club
could host in 2024?

Time to start planning!

Cloche Hats with Flair and Style

By: Diann Eason

Taken from: <https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Cloche%20Hats%20with%20Flair%20and%20Style%202017-03.pdf>



Haven 1929

One of the iconic images of the Model A era fashion is the cloche hat. Carolyn Reboux, a French milliner, is considered by many as the designer of the felt "helmet shaped" hat in 1923.

Reboux would create the hat by winding a length of felt around a customer's head, shaping, tucking, and cutting until she and the customer were pleased with the final image. Reboux was the first person in fashion design to add a veil to a hat, "swathing the feminine face in a mist". She also started the use of colored veils on hats.

As you peruse era magazines, pictures, and visit antique stores, you will see a variety of adornments on era hats. While the hat coordinated with the main garment, shoes, or purse, the adornment was almost anything that creativity, the time of day, and the season of the year would allow.

The movie industry was influential in hat design. Hats worn by the "silver screen" stars, Greta Garbo, Louise Brooks, Marlene Dietrich, and Carole Lombard created excitement and creative opportunities. Lilly Dache, a French milliner, and an apprentice of Reboux, was a flamboyant immigrant beloved of Americans. She designed for many movie producers. Dache has been described as a homely child with a thin face, strong facial features, and green eyes, with straight

red hair framing her face. As a child she started her creative millinery design by twining grapes in her hair and made hats out of the leaves.

Fall and winter hats might have a felt flower, a metal buckle from a worn out shoe, grosgrain ribbons, matching fabric attached in an interesting design, beads, velvet ribbons, feathers, and buttons.

Spring and summer hats allowed for the use of softer fabric flowers, cellophane flowers, beads, netting, embroidered flowers and designs, and straw braid.



Garbo 1930

An adornment for a hat mirrored the owner's personality, adding a bit of society flare, or sparkle in the light of the moon with the use of rhinestones. Adorning your hat made you stand out in a crowd and gave you a style all your own. As you shop for your new era hat, keep in mind you may change the adornment to suit your fancy, your ensemble, or the celebration. Have fun, be creative, and wear your hat with the grace of a Model A Era woman adorned with a fabulous adornment accent to suit your



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

**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

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: (____) _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Spouse E-Mail Address: _____

Model A's Owned: _____

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