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## Director's Column: Tom Blomer



I hope everyone had a great Halloween this year in spite of the cold weather. Thanksgiving isn't far away and remember the November club meeting is held a week early because of the holiday. I want to thank John Grossheim and Michael Wilcher for hosting our October Tour that included a pumpkin train ride. The weather cooperated and it was a great day for the tour. Please remember that tours are a great part of the club, so take the time and make up an event. It's not really hard and the event is all about us getting together, the camaraderie is everything and a big part of the fun. November is election time and you've probably had enough of me for a while so some new faces are in order. Thanks to all those who worked during my appointment for the benefit of the club. You are invaluable to all of our successes. I want to thank everyone for their help and cooperation since I have been the Director, we have a great club and it's the most fun. I hope to see you at the next club meeting, auction!

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## Sunday, November 12th, 2023 OVRMAFC Tour - Ohio's Oldest Brewery

Join us for a tour from Cincinnati to the oldest brewery in Ohio, [The Portsmouth Brewing Company!](#)

**Starting Location:**  
[United Dairy Farmers](#)  
[4308 Kellogg Ave](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45226](#)

**Meeting time: 10:00am**  
**Departing at 10:30am**

We will drive along beautiful US-52 until we reach Portsmouth. Once we arrive at the Portsmouth Brewing Company, club members can enjoy their great food and beer. Afterwards we can wonder through several antique stores in town before driving back home through Front street to take in the amazing Flood Wall Murals.

This will be a long tour, 200+ miles. Don't let that dissuade you! Come one, come all, we will make sure you and your car make it!

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**The business meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Auction will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.**

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

## 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](#)

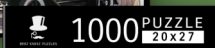
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# 2023 OVRMAFC October Tour

Hosted by: John Grossheim and Mike Wilcher

There really should be a warning about scheduling a tour close to Friday the 13th, especially in October. Both Mike Wilcher and John Grossheim, who hosted the tour, were facing car troubles the day before. On Saturday, October 14th, 3 Model A's met at Holtman's Donuts in Goshen bright and early with Mike's Tudor Sedan greeting us with a boisterous backfire. Along with the 3 A's two more would meet in Lebanon at the train station and two modern cars accompanied.

From there we drove up to Cozadale with the expectation of there only being a short drive. Mike was backfiring the entire way and eventually called me saying "John, buddy, I am losing power" and quickly followed with "Oh, she's dead".

That was our first breakdown. Luckily, we were 100 yards or so from a church and we pushed Mike's car into the church parking lot and began diagnostics. A new coil and re-adjusted points later, Mike's car was up and running, but while we were working on the car, Deb called Jarrod to say her Convertible Sedan was stalling out at lights and I received a call from Nathan Napier to let me know his car was overheating and not running well at the train station in Lebanon totaling for 3 breakdowns, plus my coupe which would not start the morning of the tour.

The tour continued on after the breakdowns and we were greeted by a surprise road closure. Melissa Williams took over the navigation and thanks to her bicycle knowledge, led us on an absolutely beautiful tour to Lebanon where we eventually arrived at the Lebanon Brewery for lunch. Because of all the breakdowns we were on an already tight schedule. Well it didn't help that service was slow at the brewery and every got there lunch with about 15 minutes to eat and be ready. Post lunch we took the train out to pick pumpkins where we rode in train cars that were built in 1930!

After the train ride, we went out to Iron's Fruit Farm for more pumpkin picking and Apple Cider and Fritters. No better way to end a tour that started with donuts, than more pastries!

Overall, I think everyone had a great time on the tour. I should mention that not only did poor Mike's car breakdown, but this was also his first tour, and he co-hosted it! This is really a great reminder about how great our hobby is that we can have so many breakdowns but still have an amazing time and continue on. Thank you to those who came!



# Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, October 25, 2023 Sharonville Firehouse, Ohio

### **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.

**GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS:** None were present

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:**

Both reports were approved as printed in the October 2023 Newsletter.

### **SUNSHINE REPORT:**

October birthdays recognized were Larry Arnold, Wallace Huff, and Mike Wilcher. October anniversaries celebrated were Gary and Gena Oelrich (50 years), Mike and Amy Schroeder (34 years), Larry and Debbie Arnold (26 years), Jarrod and Melissa Williams (9 years) and Bob and Anita Blankenship (5 years).

B.J. Foreman was welcomed back after a total hip replacement. Terry Owens announced that Kyla Owens has been in the hospital for 66 days but hopes to be released to a rehab facility soon. Wallace Huff's wife, Diana, has been hospitalized several times in recent months for anemia and a minor stroke.

### **FASHION COMMITTEE:**

Phyllis Pease will report after the November 9th ZOOM meeting.

**CAR CARE GANG:** No report.

### **MILEAGE PROGRAM:**

Mike Wilcher encouraged new members to register their cars in this program.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Jarrod Williams announced three new members: Jim, Tim and Pam Mohr.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

Jarrod Williams needs any submissions to the newsletter by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month.

### **RECENT EVENTS:**

John Grossheim and Mike Wilcher hosted an event on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Six Model A's and one modern car started in Loveland, OH and included a ride on the Lebanon, OH railroad, lunch and a visit to a pumpkin farm. Several breakdowns occurred which included both John and Mike who received the Toilet Seat Award for delaying the event.

Bob Green was also awarded the Toilet Seat for delaying the Poker Run event on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

### **MODEL A NEWS MAGAZINE:**

Jarrod Williams encouraged everyone to view the coverage of the National Meet in the current issue of the Model A Restorer's Club "Model A News" magazine. There are photos of OVRMAFC members who volunteered or attended the 2023 MARC National Meet.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Jarrod Williams and John Grossheim have removed club owned items from long-time storage at Will Kimball's business. All items including tools, books, historic club rosters, etc, have been inventoried and are now in a rented storage unit and are available for use by club members.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The Dayton Buckeye Model A club will host a swap meet on Sunday, November 5, 2023 in Troy, Ohio.

On Sunday, November 12, 2023 Jarrod Williams will host an event to visit Ohio's oldest brewery in Portsmouth, OH. Participants should meet at the UDF, 4308 Kellogg Ave., Cincinnati, OH, at 10:00 a.m. to leave at 10:30 a.m. The drive to Portsmouth will take approximately one hour, fifty minutes. In Portsmouth, there will be time for antique shopping and a visit to the mural wall.

The annual club Holiday Party will be hosted by Larry and Debbie Arnold on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m, at the Meritage Restaurant, 40 Village Drive, Glendale, OH. Cost will be \$30 per person. Checks should be made out to OVR and mailed to club treasurer, Amy Schroeder at 103 Bradford Drive, Milford, OH 45150. Payments can also be made at the next club meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**PLEASE NOTE!!** Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the November club meeting will be held ONE WEEK EARLY, Wednesday, November 15, 2023. There will be an abbreviated business meeting followed by the annual club auction.

### **AUCTION:**

Please bring only Model A related item to donate. Appropriate items can include Model A parts, era attire, or baked goods, etc. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. to sign in for the auction. Participants will receive one ticket for each item donated. Auction proceeds will be divided with one half going to the club treasury and on half divided equally between two tickets drawn.

### **OFFICER ELECTIONS:**

The club officer elections will also be held at this meeting with the newly elected officers to be sworn in at the Holiday party. All candidates are running unopposed as follows: John Grossheim, Director, Jarrod Williams, Vice Director, Amy Schroeder, Treasurer and Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Phyllis Pease, Secretary

# Model A Ford Ignition Diagnostic

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <http://modelabasics.com/ignition/ignition%20Diagnostics.pdf>

## Ammeter "Jiggle"

Once upon a time I was rolling down the road in Miss Vic, my Model A Ford Victoria A -190, when out of the blue the engine quit. As I coasted to the side of the road I tried to contemplate what had gone wrong. The car is well maintained and therefore there was no reason for this outrage. The problem had to be a lack of spark or a lack of fuel. Nine times out of ten it's usually a lack of spark. Before I climbed out from behind the wheel, I decided to perform a diagnostic test. With the ignition still switched on, I cranked the engine over a few times, not expecting it to start, but intently watching the ammeter. The ammeter needle did a small rain dance, that is it "jiggled" from left to right a couple of notches in each direction as the engine turned over.

## A wealth of knowledge

This visual indication provided a wealth of information. I now knew that the battery was alive and well and still attached to the car and that the primary side of the ignition circuit was functional. Functional means that the ignition switch and pop-out cable was not shorted out or open-circuited, the points were opening and closing and were connected to the circuit, the condenser was not shorted out, the primary side of the coil had continuity and was still connected to the battery at one end and to the points at the other end, and Henry's wayward wire that connects the upper distributor plate to the lower distributor plate had not broken or shorted out. Without even getting out of the car, I had ascertained that the primary side of the ignition circuit was working properly.

## Under the hood investigation

But since the car wouldn't start, it was time to get out and look under the hood. The problem had to be in the secondary side of the ignition circuit, or it had to be a lack of fuel. When I looked under the hood I found that the high tension wire that plugs into the bottom of the coil had fallen out. I plugged it back in and the engine fired right up. The high tension wire is in the secondary side of the ignition circuit along with the secondary winding of the coil, the distributor cap, the rotor, the copper spark plug wires and the spark plugs themselves. Volumes have been written about the Model A Ford electrical system, and the Jiggling ammeter has been mentioned numerous times. But for those folks who aren't electrical types, much of the explanation is meaningless.

## Jiggling explanation

What the jiggling ammeter is all about, is that with a properly functioning ignition switched on and the engine turning over (but not running), the points will open and close as the engine rotates. Each time the points close electric current flows through the ammeter causing the needle to move two notches to the left. Each time the points open the needle returns toward the center, but since the needle movement is undamped, it swings past center to about two notches to the right much like pendulum. As engine cranking continues, the ammeter needle appears to jiggle back and forth and it is telling you that all is well in the primary circuit of the ignition.

## Catch 22

There is a catch! Not all Model A Fords are wired so that the ammeter will jiggle. The early production cars up until November

1929 were wired such that the ignition primary circuit was not wired with the ammeter in the circuit. There was no jiggling! The later cars were wired with the ammeter in the circuit (Ford Service Bulletin, page 390), and this now provided the desired diagnostic Jiggling. All is not lost though; you can easily convert your non-jiggling Model A Ford to a jiggling version. All you have to do is move one wire.

## Determination

First determine which way your car is wired. To do this pull the high tension wire out of the bottom of the coil. Switch the ignition on and crank the engine over. Watch the ammeter needle. If it jiggles, your car is wired to the later configuration. If it does not jiggle, your car is wired to the early configuration. It is an easy matter to convert from the early wiring configuration to the later.

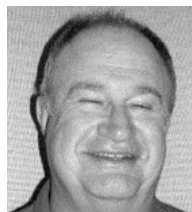
## How to convert

Remove the two broken-looking wing nuts on the front cover of the terminal box on the fire wall that a number of wires go to. Remove the cover and locate the small black wire that runs from the coil to the terminal box. On the non-jiggling cars it will be connected to the threaded post that is toward the right side of the car (right as in the passenger's side). Remove this wire and put it on the other threaded post. This one will be on the left side of the car (as in the driver's side). Before you do this, disconnect the battery, or better yet remove the fuse if you have one installed (look for it on the top of the starter). This will prevent an undesired rain of sparks. It's as simple as that; you now have a diagnostic Jiggling Model A Ford.

## 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

- **November 12, 2023**  
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[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **November 20, 2023**  
**Otto Siderits Online Car Collection Auction**  
This is an online auction that has already started and will be ending on November 20th, so please get your bids in now. Otto was a friend of OVRMAFC and his son James has let us know about the online auction.  
In person open house to be held on Friday, November 17th from 11am-3pm. And again on Saturday, November 18th from 9am-1pm, being held at 280 Dwire Road, Maineville, OH 45039. To bid, please visit the website: <https://www.worleyauctioneers.com/auctions/detail/bw110021>
- **December 16, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Wreaths Across America Tour**  
Please join us again this year with the Wreaths Across America organization in honoring those that have given their life for us. In this national event, provided wreaths will be placed at the head stones of fallen soldiers at Spring Grove Cemetery.  
Starting Location:  
[Kroger's](#)  
[3491 North Bend Road](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45239](#)  
Arrive at 10:30am  
Depart at 11:00am  
After the wreath services, members will drive to Camp Washington Chili for a late lunch together.
- **December 17, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Holiday Party**  
Hosted by Larry and Debbie Arnold, the annual club Holiday party will be held at:  
[Meritage Restaurant](#)  
[40 Village Square](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)  
The event will begin at 5:00 p.m.
- **January 24, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC January Meeting**  
Join us at 7:30pm for the first meeting of the new year!  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)

## 2024-2026 Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Officer Nominations

It is that time of year to again nominate and vote on the OVRMAFC board of officers. Ideally we would like to have two nominees for each position. We would then vote on one person for each of the four (4) formal board positions at the November club meeting.

### Current nominees are:

#### Director



John Grossheim

#### Vice Director



Jarrod Williams

#### Secretary



Phyllis Pease

#### Treasurer



Amy Schroeder

Full descriptions of the officer's duties can be found in the club's constitution, found online at: <https://ovrmafc.com/clubdocuments/>.

Please contact Tom Blomer if you have any other questions that may not be answered in the constitution.

It seems all nominees have run uncontested, that will make the November business meeting before our auction short and sweet!

## 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  
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- **1924 Model T 4 Door - \$5,000**  
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- **1929 Model A Cabriolet**  
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- 1931 model A Speedster, Restored.  
New tires. Fresh paint. \$12,900.00  
Contact: Gary Oelrich at (513) 582-6385



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

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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