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Director's Column: John Grossheim



Well January was definitely not great weather for our "A"s, but that did not stop our club from having great representation at the Shepardsville Swap Meet on January 13th! There are a few more Swap Meets coming up this year, so we will make sure they are in the newsletter if you are looking to clean out your garage or are looking for a few parts. We had a great turnout for our Bowling Tournament hosted by the Arnolds at Harrison Bowl! Mexican food followed and it was a great chance for the club to catch up. Thank you both for putting on a nice event!

Just a reminder, at our February meeting we will decide a location for our 2024 Swap Meet and iron out dates as well. This should be a great fundraiser for the club to offset Christmas Party costs. Additionally, we are always looking for more tours! Just because we have one tour scheduled in a month, this does not mean you cannot schedule a second one on a different weekend or weekday! We have had some nice weather so far this month, and Punxsutawney Phil says there is an early spring coming, so this may be a good time to go ahead and service your A before driving season starts.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the February Movie Event or our meeting!

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2024 OVRMAFC Swap Meet

Make sure to attend our February club meeting, as we will be voting on which option to choose for the club's 2024 fundraiser!

Option #1

Location: Clermont County Fairgrounds

Date: June 2024

Cost: \$700

Amenities: NO air conditioning, outside parking available, additional building for \$600 for more spaces. No info on if electricity is available.

Option #2

Location: Boone County Fairgrounds

Date: June 2024, or September 28th or 29th

Cost: \$1,075 + refundable \$200 trash cleanup

Amenities: Outside parking, kitchen available, outdoor electricity available for \$10, or \$50 for camper. Air conditioning available.

OVRMAFC February Club Meeting

February 28, 2024 at 7:30pm

We will continue to set up our 2024 calendar with tours, events, and tech sessions. We have a lot to talk about, so don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of it. Just follow the signs for the Training Room once you enter the main firehouse entrance.

Starting time:

7:30pm

Meeting Location:

[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)

[11637 Chester Rd](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)

National Model A 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/>

Newsletter 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.

Join The Model A Restorer's Club (MARC)!

Joining the Model A Restorers Club may be a life changing event.

[Become a Member, Click Here!](#)

[Already a Member, Renew Here!](#)

Here are a few of the many benefits to joining and enjoying a membership in the Model A Restorers Club:

1. This gives you access to one of our many Regions which may be located in your local area so you will meet other Model A enthusiasts. These fellow members will help you learn about the Model A and offer help when needed. Many life long friendships have been developed from membership in our club.
2. By being a member you will realize the wealth of knowledge that many of your fellow Model A members have in all subjects pertaining to the Model A. Perhaps you need to get a generator repaired or need to know how to set the timing, you can usually find a fellow club member to give you a hand. I have found many members are good mechanics, welders, machinists and the list goes on and on. You will find their advice and help invaluable in your restoration efforts.
3. If you are looking for a Model A you may find one in the "Cars For Sale" section in the Model A News which is free to all members of MARC. The same is true if you are looking to sell a car or parts and the "Wanted" section will give you an opportunity to find a part you may be looking for.
4. You and your family will be able to attend National Conventions designed for "Fun for the Whole Family" These meets are held annually and are all planned out for you to just be there. All of the tours and fun is ready to go. typical are visits to museums and tourist attractions in the area. Car games and picnics and welcome parties with live entertainment are just a few of the exciting things you will be doing.
5. You will be able to learn more about the Model A that you could any other way. Club members are always helping each other and you will pick it up really fast with this kind of support.

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](#)

Converting the Ahooguh

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Converting-the-Ahooguh-Horn-to-12v.pdf>

There is an inclination for many members of the Model A kingdom to convert the electrical system from 6 volts to 12 volts. This is becoming more and more common. The purpose of this article is not to encourage the conversion, but to aid those who have made up their mind to do so.

One consideration is the conversion of the ahooguh horn to be able to operate with 12 volts. In the past most people installed a dropping resistor that can be obtained from any of the suppliers. This however is not always the perfect solution. The dropping resistor has to be a very low ohm value and a high wattage value. If the ohm value is not correct the horn will sound sick. If the wattage value is not correct the resistor will burn out. Many of the dropping resistors on the market today cannot handle the power requirement and will burn out with repeated use of the ahooguh.

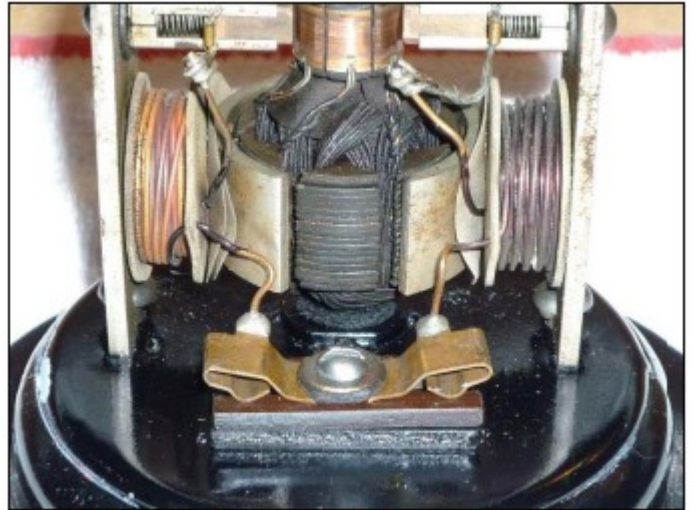


An ahooguh dropping resistor that burned out

A better solution is to rewire the horn from 6 volts to 12 volts. It is an easy task that anyone can do; you don't need to be an electrical engineer. The job does not require a complete disassembly of the motor section of the horn.

What is required is the rewiring of the two field coil windings. Each original field winding is made up of a nominal 10 feet of #20 gauge insulated wire. Each field winding is replaced with 20 feet of #24 gauge insulated wire.

A roll of #24 gauge wire obtained from a local electronics store and the removed #20 gauge wire from one of the two fields.



The field windings are on either side of the rotor

Each field winding is attached at one end to a brush connection; the other end is attached to a terminal connection. The two windings are wound in an opposite direction of each other.

Remove the front and rear section of the horn. Attach the center motor section to a piece of plywood with two screws and C-clamp it to a workbench. This will provide a stable work platform.

Unsolder both ends of a field winding and unwind the wire from its core. A measurement will show it is a nominal 10 feet long. It is not an accurate 10 feet and one side may not be exactly the same as the other side. Replace with 20 feet of #24 gauge wire around each core and solder it to the brush and the terminal. The windings do not need to be uniform or staked in neat layers.

The task is not difficult, only tedious. Best to have two people to do the job, one to guide the wire onto the core and the other to start out 20 feet away and loop the wire around the core for each wrap.

When reassembling the motor end of the horn, line up the striker button blade in the center even with the rotating ratchet wheel, otherwise you will have a sick sounding ahooguh.

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Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 Sharonville Firehouse

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director, who also led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Jarrod Williams, Vice Director. 45 members were present including returning member, Al Audette, member since 1970. No Model A's were driven.

Jarrod recognized all the new members present who joined OVR in 2023.

Long term MARC members were recognized as follows: Phyllis Pease 55 years, Tom Schmidt 40 years and Joe Kichler 35 years. It was noted that the 55 year membership for Phyllis Pease is attached to Lee White's MARC membership number. Phyllis has been a member for 20 years.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

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

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported no member illnesses. January birthdays recognized were Phyllis Pease, John Grossheim, Anna Williams, Stu Long, Bill Cook and Mike Zimmerman.

CAR CARE GANG:

No report. Jarrod Williams reported that he and John Grossheim changed the tires and tubes on Jarrod's Model A.

John Grossheim reported that he is still recovering from a concussion he sustained in a crash in his Model A on his way to the club Holiday Party on December 17, 2023. His Model A Coupe suffered major damage and will be a lengthy restoration work in progress. John has recently purchased a 1930 blind back fordor.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Phyllis Pease reported that the MARC BOD has directed the Fashion Committee to take steps to increase participation in fashion judging and to make the fashion activities at the National MARC events more enjoyable for attendees. The upcoming seminars at the Joliet Membership Meet and the National Meet in Asheville will focus on helping interested parties through the judging process.

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Mike Wilcher needs mileage reports by January 31, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrod Williams reported that the \$35 OVR dues must be paid by February 29, 2024 in order to be included in the 2024 Roster. Members can email Jarrod a good photo for the roster.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrod needs all entries to the Newsletter by the 3rd of each month.

RECENT EVENTS:

Sixteen people attended the annual Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 16, 2023. The group met in the Kroger parking lot on North Bend Road and drove to Spring Grove Cemetery where the wreath placing ceremony was held. Attendees enjoyed a lunch together afterward.

On December 17, 2023, Larry and Debbie Arnold hosted the club Holiday Party at a new venue, the Meritage Restaurant in Glendale, OH.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Larry and Debbie Arnold will host the annual club bowling party on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Harrison Bowl, 1152 Stone Drive, Harrison, OH. Attendees should arrive by 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be enjoyed at a local restaurant after bowling.

On Sunday, January 18, 2024, John Grossheim and Jim Thomas will host a Model A movie day at the Sharonville Firehouse. The event will include soft drinks and popcorn. Admission price is a non-perishable food donation to the Sharonville Firehouse food drive.

Larry and Debbie Arnold will host the annual Polar Bear Tour on March 16-17, 2024.

The event will include activities in Yellow Springs, OH and the overnight hotel will be in Springfield, OH.

The annual club picnic will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at Oeder's Lake.

Tom Blomer is exploring an event to the county sheriff evidence facility.

Conrad and Dottie Gerdes will host the Hay Press tour in September 2024.

SUMMER PICNIC MEETINGS:

Anna Williams and Phyllis Pease will host the June 26 meeting, Conrad and Dottie Gerdes will host the July 24 meeting and Larry and Debbie Arnold will host the meeting on August 28.

FUNDRAISER:

John Grossheim and Jarrod Williams introduced the idea of hosting a swap meet as a fundraiser for the club. After some discussion, it was decided to create a committee of volunteers to further explore such an event.

TECH SESSION:

Conrad Gerdes held a technical session at the conclusion of the business meeting. This will become part of the regular meeting agenda.

SPLIT THE POT:

Anita Blankenship won \$72

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

2024 OVRMAFC Bowling Party

By: Deb Arnold

Our first event in January started off cold and snowy in Harrison, OH. We had 28 members and 2 guests join us for bowling at Harrison Bowl. Plus, two members were brave enough to drive their Model A's. (Way to go Bob and Cindy Green)



Since we had so many bowlers this year, we mixed it up just like old-school OVR bowling parties. Everyone drew a lane number, partner number, and bowling order. Which made for total confusion—thanks to me—but everyone finally made it to their spots and bowled their hearts out. We did this for each of the three games, so everyone was able to get a new partner if their last one was terrible. (Sorry to all my partners!)

During the seventh frame, we shook things up a bit. For the first game, you had to “granny” roll it through your legs. For the second game, you had to bowl backward. Finally, for the third game, we had to get up close and personal with our partners. I think, the exchange between game 3 partners of Mike Wilcher and John Grossheim captured it best:

John: What are we doing?

Mike: You got to get down here and spread ‘em!



After the terrible bowling, we had to drown our sorrows in margaritas and Mexican food at Valle es Candito in Harrison. Our winners (and losers) were given trophies thanks to Tom & Jeanette Losekamp. The big winner and holder of the OVR Bowling Trophy, as well as the hosts for 2025, was Bob Noe! Congratulations Bob!!!

A special shout-out goes to Phyllis Pease and Bob Green for taking the scores and tallying up the 3 game totals for all our bowlers.

Larry and I want to thank everyone who attended. We thought this was a great start to 2024, and we hope to see more Model A's on the road as the year progresses.

Take a look at all the great pictures from the day at:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.1281595279175027&type=3>

| 2024 Bowling Party Winners | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Bob Noe | 382 | First Place |
| Mike Schroeder | 374 | Second Place |
| Tom Blomer | 321 | Third Place |
| Jeanette Losekamp | 289 | Highest Women |
| Amy Schroeder | 235 | Lowest Women |
| Jim Mohr | 212 | Lowest Men and Overall |
| Mike Wilcher | 275 | Funniest Quote |



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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2024 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **February 18, 2024**
OVRMAFC Movie Day
Join us as Jim Thomas and John Grossheim host their second annual Model A movie themed day. Admission to the event requires a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank. The event will be from 4-7pm.
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **February 28, 2024**
OVRMAFC February Meeting
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[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **March 2, 2024**
Marietta, OH Winter Swap Meet at Washington County Fairgrounds
[922 Front Street](#)
[Marietta, OH 45750](#)
Doors open at 7am, admission is \$5 per adult
- **March 16-17, 2024**
OVRMAFC Polar Bear Tour
Larry and Debbie Arnold will host a Polar Bear Tour. We will be visiting Yellow Springs, OH, and lodging in Springfield, OH at: Hampton Inn Springfield
101 Leffel Lane
Springfield, OH 45506
Phone: 937-325-8480
More details to follow at the next meeting, but make your reservations now.
Hotel Information:
Group Name: Ohio Valley Region Model A Club (OVR)
Arrival Date: 3/16/2024 Departure Date: 3/17/2024
Double Queen Rooms Rate: \$139.00
ALL ROOM RATES ARE SUBJECT TO LOCAL SALES TAX AND OCCUPANCY TAXES
A credit card is required to guarantee reservations. Individuals to pay room, tax, and incidental hold. Parking is complimentary
CANCELLATION POLICY: 24 hours
Each room will be required to hold a \$20 incidental hold that will be released back to your bank at check-out if no incidentals are charged. Cut off – February 16, 2024
Breakfast Included
- **March 27, 2024**
OVRMAFC March Meeting
Please follow the signs for the training room once in the firehouse. Club meeting starts at 7:30pm.
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
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- **April 24, 2024**
OVRMAFC April Meeting
Please follow the signs for the training room once in the firehouse. Club meeting starts at 7:30pm.
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **October (date to be announced), 2024**
OVRMAFC Hay Press Tour
The details are still coming together, but Conrad and Dottie Gerdes have agreed to host a tour to the Hay Press Barn.

Have you paid your 2024 OVRMAFC Annual Dues?

It's that time of year again.

Please make sure to mail your check for
\$35.00 to Jarrod Williams.

If you would rather pay in cash, please bring \$35.00
cash to the club meeting and hand it to
Jarrod Williams.

**Cut off for submission to be
included in the Club Roster is
February 29, 2024.**

Stepping Out in Style: Distinguishing the Model "A" Era Lady's Shoe Heel

By: Lynda Davis

Taken from: <https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Model A Era Ladys Shoe Heels 2024-01.pdf>

Now more than ever, Model A era reproduction shoes for ladies are readily available at our favorite stores. Nostalgic fashion modes arose after a series of Depression-era films, such as *The Artist* (2011), *The Great Gatsby* (2013), *Boardwalk Empire* (2010-2014), and *Downton Abbey* (2010-2015), encouraged a new generation of vintage fashion enthusiasts. In the wave of these films, access to reproduction wear increased. Retailers specializing in vintage fashions are popping up in the U.S. and Europe. Companies such as American Duchess (the images to the right, taken from their website, illustrates their historical accuracy), Miss L. Fire, and dance shoe companies offer era-correct shoes. However, each era fashion enthusiast must do his or her own research to vet each fashion purchase. This article focuses on recognizing Model A era shoe heels and matching heel height to the complementary dress-hem length.

Many of us recognize the typical Ladies' Model A era shoe; however, distinguishing the "competition worthy" heel may be more difficult. Modern ladies' shoes may have "the look" of our era; however, the heel is not always accurate. For instance, the figure below shows a shoe currently available by a major manufacturer.

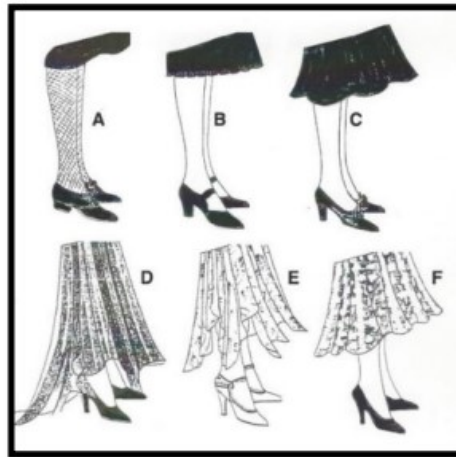


Its tall, rectangular heel is significantly dissimilar to the Model A era heels illustrated in the below figure found in the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines. While the top portion of this pair conforms to the era's T-Strap appearance, wearing them in a competitive venue will result in points lost. If you purchase a pair of modern shoes with an era look but without the era heel, wearing them for fun is always an option.



A sampling of Model A era shoe heels provided by MAFCA's Fashion Guidelines

Coordinating the Dress Hem with the Heel Height: The MAFCA Fashion Guidelines provides a variety of helpful descriptions with



illustrations to help fashion enthusiasts put together a period-accurate ensemble, including matching the appropriate heel height with the major garment. As the diagram at the right shows, the longer the dress hem, the higher the heel. Still, these may not be appropriate for young teens.

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.
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