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June, 2024

## **Director's Column: John Grossheim**



Driving season is officially here! If you were not able to join us at Oeder's lake, you missed out on a great time! Around 15 Model As showed up despite the dismal weather forecast for a great chance to socialize and enjoy our cars. Thank you to the Losekamps for hosting a fantastic meeting in May at the Harrison Civic Center! We had a great turn out of Model As and members. June will be busy with our Berries and Tea tour on June

29th and our summer meeting at the Blue Ash Recreation Center on the 26th hosted by the Thomas' and myself. If you are wanting to get your car out for the year but are worried about it starting or just need some help, please make sure you reach out! I look forward to a nice driving season with you all!

# Wednesday, June 26, 2024 - OVRMAFC June Club Meeting

Pam and Jim Thomas with John Grossheim host our June club meeting at the picnic shelter behind the Blue Ash Municipal Building. The club will provide fried chicken and hotdogs. There will also be DIY marshmallows at the fireplace! Attendees are requested to bring a dish to share and their own drinks.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm OVRMAFC with the club meeting starting at 7:30pm.



#### Picnic shelter is located behind the Blue Ash Municipal Building

4343 Cooper Road Cincinnati, OH 45242.

# Saturday, June 29, 2024 - OVRMAFC Tour - Berries & Tea

Join us as Amy Schroeder and John Grossheim host the June tour. We will meet at Blooms and Berries Farm Market at 10am. Here you can pick your own blueberries, \$2.95 for a field pass, or \$4.99 per pound. They will have a small picnic lunch of breads, cheeses, cakes, and pie for us!

From there we will drive to the historic Promont Home in Milford where we will join them from 2pm-5pm for "A Step Back In Time", celebrating the years 1880-1920 with high tea and historic outfits!

## **Meeting location:**

Blooms & Berries Farm Market
9669 OH-48
Loveland, OH 45140

Meeting time: 10:00am

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# **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**

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 hopefully 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:

- 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.
- 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

# 2024 May 19th Eastside Adventure Tour

Hosted by: Jimmy Ekstedt

Jimmy Ekstedt delivered as promised! We had beautiful weather, scenic driving, delicious food, fishing, and car trivia! We met at Riverside Park across from Newtown Farm Market to start the tour. The Newtown Farm Market offered a vast selection of excellent produce, deli items, baked goods, and garden items for members to check out before we left to start the tour. From there we took a lovely scenic route to the Schoolhouse Restaurant in Camp Denison for lunch, followed up by fishing at Lake Isabella. From there we took a leisurely drive through Indian Hill to end the tour. Thank you to everyone that came out, and thank you to Jimmy!





















# Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 22, 2024 Civic Center, Harrison Ohio

#### **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.

#### ATTENDANCE:

There were 37 members present. 6 Model A's were driven. One new member, Ellie Ekstedt, was present. Ellie is a recent collage graduate who is looking into purchasing a Model A.

#### SUNSHINE REPORT:

May birthdays celebrated were: Amy Schroeder, BJ Foreman, Jarrod Williams and Clinton Knackstedt. The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jim and Pam Mohr was recognized as well as the 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Terry and Brenda Owens which was celebrated in April.

#### **CAR CARE GANG:**

No report. John Grossheim helped Bella Nelson repair brakes.

FASHION COMMITTEE: No report

#### **MILEAGE PROGRAM:**

Mike Wilcher reviewed benefits of program for new members.

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Jarrod Williams reported 100 members have paid for 2024. Jarrod encouraged members to submit stories for the newsletter about their cars, experiences with the club, etc.

#### **SWAP MEET:**

Deb Arnold has created an on-line registration form The budget for the Swap Meet was reviewed and a vote to accept the budget was passed.:

#### **AWARDS:**

Bella Nelson will be receiving a MARC Youth Restoration Award.

#### **RECENT EVENTS:**

Jimmy Ekstedt hosted an event on Sunday, May 19 which included a farmers market, fishing and car games.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tim Schmidt invited members to attend the 116<sup>th</sup> Reading, OH Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024. Participants should meet at the SpringGrove funeral home parking lot in Reading by 8:15 a.m. Parade begins at 9:00 a.m. Rain or Shine

Jarrod Williams will host the annual club picnic at Oeders Lake on Sunday, June 2, 2024. An attendance sign up sheet was provided. Attendees should bring a chair, drinks, and a dish to share. Fishing is available. Bring your own bait, but no minnows. Can arrive as early as 10:00 a.m. Food will be served at Noon.

Amy Schroeder invited members to attend the "Step Back in Time" event at the Blooms and Berries Farm in Loveland, OH. The event will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 and will include a small lunch and an opportunity to visit the Promont House Museum in Milford, OH.

Amy Schroeder is also working to invite our club to again attend the Ford Friends and Family event at the Sharonville Plant on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

Bob and Cindy Green will host the annual Poker Run on Sunday, July 21, 2024. More information to follow.

Conrad and Dottie Gerdes will host the semi-annual Hay Press event in October.

Jimmy Ekstedt is planning a covered bridge tour for November.

Jarrod Williams asked for volunteers to plan the annual club Holiday Party.

#### **MARC EVENTS:**

Brad and Chris Hamlin are currently attending the MARC National Tour in Berlin, OH.

#### **MAFFI EVENTS:**

Jarrod Williams will receive entries for the HCMI sweepstakes.

#### **TECH SEMINAR:**

Jarrod Williams presented a seminar on Toe-In Measurements.

Amy and Mike Schroeder will present a seminar on changing Model A tires at the June 26, 2024 meeting

#### **SPLIT THE POT:**

Tim Schmidt won \$58.50.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The June 26, 2024 meeting will be hosted by Pam and Jim Thomas with John Grossheim at the picnic shelter behind the Blue Ash Municipal Building, located at 4343 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242. The club will provide an entrée. Please bring a side dish to share and your own drinks. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The club meeting will start at 7:30pm

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**

Phyllis Pease, Secretary

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# **Electrical Safety In Your Model A**

By: John McMillan

Taken From: http://www.ocmafc.com/techarticles/electricalsafety.htm

Most of the following are faults and/or safety hazards that I've encountered in Model A's and other less worthy vehicles. The cures are neither expensive nor technically difficult.

#### **BATTERY**

**Hold Down:** Without a hold down, the battery can bounce around, resulting in case cracks and acid leakage or cable shifting and abrasion resulting in a possible short. Easy to correct.

**Ground Strap:** Attachment to frame should be to BARE METAL. We usually apply lots of paint to the frame and unless some is removed where the ground strap attaches, then a solid ground cannot be achieved. A coat of dielectric grease helps to promote good contact and slows rusting when applied to bare metal. With a poor ground, the starter will turn real slow, and draw far more current than it should. Easy to fix.

**Cable Size:** Modern cables that you can buy at your local auto shop are too small. Small cables cannot carry the current draw of a starter motor safely. They will overheat and the starter will turn slowly. The cable size should be No. 1. These can be special ordered at the local parts house, or buy them from a vintage Ford dealer.

**Caps:** Make sure the battery vent caps are not plugged. If they're plugged, and the charge rate is high, the battery can explode from gas buildup inside the battery. Very exciting, very messy and very dangerous. Plugged caps are caused by dirt and, I suspect, by using hard water in the battery. Clean caps and distilled water are the inexpensive answer. I had one blow up in a German Model A (VW) and the clean up alone took about 8 hours.

Cable routing: The negative cable to the starter MUST be routed according to Ford's plan. See illustrations in any of the Ford repair manuals. Other routings most likely will cause cable insulation chafing and a resulting short circuit. Even if you installed a fuse, this is not a fused cable, and a fire is very likely. I've seen this several times, the last time at Big Bear when a member complained of white smoke every time he stepped on the brake. The pedal pushed the battery cable against the bellhousing and shorted out. If a fire starts here, you need to disconnect the battery to stop the fire source. Very hard to get to, you might wind up watching your car burn while you try to remember if your fire insurance is paid up. This kind of fire can also happen after you've parked the car in your garage. Real easy to fix. Note that no safety switch or fuse installation will eliminate this hazard, the only way to cure the problem is to "do it right the first time", and it takes no more effort than to do it wrong.

#### **STARTER**

**Grounding:** Must have a good ground for proper operation. A slow grinding starter is a hot starter and hot cables are not healthy cables. If your starter spins real slow, you may need to add a second ground strap from the starter mounting bolt or a transmission bolt to a bare spot on the frame. If you have Float a Motor mounts, I think this secondary cable is almost required.

Starter Switch: This is one of the items that must have been designed by an incompetent engineer. Check yours for bad insulation and shorting against the body of the switch, both very common faults with this switch. Another fault is that the switch can "weld" itself to the starter contact and keep on cranking even after you've removed your foot from the starter rod. If this happens, reach down and try to pull up on the starter rod. Sometimes this doesn't stop the cranking, and the starter will continue running until the battery dies or the starter burns out. The only way to stop this if you've installed a mater cut off switch, more about this later.

#### **BRAKE LIGHT SWITCH**

28-29 Switch: The original switches are usually only a problem in that they can be a pain to adjust so that they work. The reproduction switches are for the most part a real problem. Actually, most that I've seen are a fire waiting to happen. The problem is in the insulation around the studs. A lot of the repops have poor quality red fiber that cracks easily. If this happens on the hot terminal, a short will occur that can set the input wire on fire. Symptom is a discharge reading on the ammeter and poor running engine because all the power is going into melting the wire. If the secondary terminal shorts out you'll see a high discharge reading whenever you step on the brake. To check the switch, remove it, hook an ohmmeter from stud to ground and force the stud in all directions. If it shorts out on either stud, replace the switch. Check new switches as well. I've seen them in failure right out of the box. Sample melted wire available for inspection. This is another fault that can start a fire when your car is parked. A fuse MAY protect you, but 25 amps is still enough to start a fire. I fixed mine by taking it apart and machining new insulators out of delrin plastic.

30-31 Switch: Although not a safety issue, operation can be improved and squeak eliminated by silver brazing and reaming the operating rod hole in the switch body.

#### **CUTOUT**

**Points Stuck Open:** This is the more common failure. Points won't close, battery won't charge, battery dies, and your generator fries because it's trying to charge the whole universe. Not a safety issue, but very unpleasant when it happens away from home. Short term fix is to install a jumper wire across the cutout terminals so that the generator works properly. Just remember to disconnect the wire when you shut off the engine. If you've installed a master cut off switch you can just shut the switch off.

Points Stuck Closed: This is another problem, less common, but a real hazard. When they stick closed, the generator functions normally when the engine is running, When the engine is shut off, the battery feeds the generator, which now thinks it is a starter motor and tries to turn the engine over, resulting in a burned out generator, a melted out charging wire, a dead battery or a burned out car. This is another garage fire potential. If you see a heavy discharge on the ammeter when the engine is off, look for this problem. Disconnect the wire form the "batt" side of the cutout. A fuse helps here because it will usually blow. Best solution is to install a diode kit in the cutout.

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## 2024 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

#### June 26, 2024

#### **OVRMAFC June Meeting**

Hosted by Jim Thomas and John Grossheim, join us at the picnic shelter behind the Blue Ash Municipal Building 4343 Cooper Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Look for signs directing you to the picnic shelter. The club will provide an entrée. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share and their own drinks.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

**OVRMAFC Business meeting starts at 7:30pm** 

#### June 29, 2024

#### **OVRMAFC June Tour - Berries and Tea**

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**Blooms & Berries Farm Market** 

9669 OH-48

Loveland, OH 45140

Meeting time: 10:00am

## • July 15-18, 2024

# Model A Restorer's Club National Meet In Asheville. North Carolina

For more information please visit:

https://model-a-ford.org/event/national-meet-asheville-nc/? instance\_id=378

## • July 21, 2024

#### **OVRMAFC July Tour - Poker Run**

Join us as Bob and Cindy Green host the annual Poker Run Tour! Please meet at the Burger King in front/side of Dicks Sporting Goods. From there we will make several stops, drawing a playing card at each stop. When we make the final lunch stop, whomever has the best poker hand wins! Meeting location:

10170 Colerain Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45251

Meeting time is 9:30am with a departure time of 10:00am. For questions, please call Bob Green: 513-313-0078

#### • July 24, 2024

#### **OVRMAFC July Meeting**

Please join us as Conrad and Dottie Gerdes host the July club meeting at their home. The club will provide an entree, but attendees are requested to bring a side dish to share, their own drinks, and a lawn chair.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm

Club meeting will start at 7:30pm

Meeting location:

13591 US-50, Dillsboro, IN 47018

#### July 27, 2024

#### **Ford Family Day**

Amy Schroeder was able to secure space for our club again this year! The Ford Sharonville Transmission Plant is holding a private Family Day for employees and family members and retirees. Model A owners are invited to participate if they bring and show their cars. There will be a private plant tour for Model A owners at noon. Food will be provided.

The actual family event is 1pm-5pm, but we will meet as a club at a location to be determined, and all drive in together around 11am. Please RSVP to Amy Schroeder at

amy.t.schroeder@gmail.com.

#### August 28, 2024

#### **OVRMAFC August Club Meeting**

Please join us as Deb and Larry Arnold host the club meeting at their home. The club will provide an entree, but attendees are requested to bring a side dish to share, their own drinks, and a lawn chair. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the club meeting will start at 7:30pm.

Meeting location:

11653 Carolina Trace Road Harrison, OH 45030



# **Electrical Safety In Your Model A (continued...)**

By: John McMillan

Taken From: http://www.ocmafc.com/techarticles/electricalsafety.htm

#### AMMETER

**Cap Nuts:** Using plain nuts on the back of an ammeter is an invitation to a short circuit against the fuel tank. Use the plastic cap nuts that Ford designed for that use.

**Meter Shorts:** Check that there is no possibility of a short on the studs to the ammeter case back, especially on original meters. I had a near mint meter short out due to 70 year old insulation failure. This stuff does not last forever. The short melted the insulation from the wire that runs from the meter to the junction box. This is one part where a repop may well be better than the original.

#### **HEADLAMP**

**Sockets:** Check that the spring- loaded contacts inside the bulb sockets do not contact the wall of the socket. Some reproduction sockets can be pretty sloppy in this area. Contact will result in a short circuit whenever the lights are turned on, either in one or both high and low beam settings.

**Connectors:** These are the little troublesome connectors at the base of the headlamp buckets. Probably the best solution is to hardwire the lamps thereby bypassing those little rubber connectors.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Grommets:** If a wire is going to pass through sheet metal, always use a rubber grommet. If not, vibration will wear through the insulation and a short will result.

**Frayed Wires:** If the insulation is frayed, replace or tape the frayed area.

**Wire Routing:** If you are routing wires, use common sense. The worst example I have seen was a fuel pump wire strapped to a fuel line. The fuel line was leaky (Model A, big surprise), the fuel dissolved the wire insulation so that the wire became bare. Use your imagination as to what could happen if a spark occurred.

**Electric Fuel Pump:** If you add one, don't forget to add a regulator so that the pump pressure isn't so high that fuel comes out of the carburetor. Old carburetor fuel valves cannot handle the pressure of an unregulated pump. Although not an electrical item, I did see what happened when fuel from an unregulated pump met a stray spark from a magneto on a 1913 Mercer.

# 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.



Tom Blomer H: 513-769-3029



Terry Owens H: 513-831-8580 C: 513-254-1035



Dennis Schut C: 513-317-7225

# **OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services**

- Wanted: 2-tooth steering box in good reconditioned service.
   Contact: Terry Yaeger (859) 816-2437
- 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
- 1930 Model A Chassis \$2,500
   Includes engine, transmission, radiator, and 5 wheels/tires. Contact:
   Debbie Humphry (740) 307-1637

- 1931 model A Speedster, Restored. New tires. Fresh paint. \$12,900.00 Contact: Gary Oelrich at (513) 582-6385
- 1930 Coupe \$11,500 Contact Conrad Gerdes at 812-584-5659
- 1930 Coupe with rumble seat \$14,500. Contact Conrad Gerdes at 812-584-5659
- 1931 Slant Window 4 Door \$14,500. Contact Conrad Gerdes at 812-584-5659
- Rebuilt inserted Model A engines.
   Contact Conrad Gerdes at 812-584-5639

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