

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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October, 2024

Director's Column: John Grossheim



Happy Fall A'ers! Hopefully, cooler weather will be here soon with some amazing fall colors to appreciate from the window of a model A! Thank you to everyone who came out to help support our swap meet, especially Deb and her team (plus Larry) for making our first year go so smoothly despite a hurricane! Our September tour led by Mike Wilcher was super fun and I think we all escaped from jail thanks to his goody bag.

October should be a great month with our camping trip to Oeder's Lake, so make sure you purchase tickets online for Blooms and Berries to pick pumpkins before we head up! Jarrod and I are putting together a few "Technical Saturdays" so if you have anything you want to work on this winter, please reach out to us as it might be something the whole club would want to see. Finally, Ron Ehrenhofer who was inducted into the Model A Hall of Fame at Model A Days this year said it best: "You are giving me an award for having fun and driving my A? Drive your cars!". Look forward to seeing you all soon!

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October 19 and 20, 2024

OVRMAFC Tour

"1st Annual Vagabond Camping Tour"

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Please pre-purchase your tickets for Blooms and Berries - Fall on the Farm from their [website](#). Pick any entry time between 9am-Noon. After Blooms and Berries we will make our way to Oeder's Lake to set up camp and have dinner around the campfire.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Arrive: 9:00AM, Drivers Meeting: 10:15AM, Depart: 10:30AM

[Zakira's Garage](#)

[4480 lake Forest Drive, Suite 314](#)

[Blue Ash, OH 45242](#)

If you did not sign up to camp at the last meeting, please RSVP (text or email only) to Jarrod by 10/14/24 so that we can get an accurate head count for dinner prepared over the campfire.

Wednesday, October 23,

2024 OVRMAFC October

Business Meeting

Join us at the Sharonville Fire Department Station 86. Follow the signs to the Training Room.

Meeting starts at 7:30pm

Sharonville Fire Department 86

[11637 Chester Rd](#)
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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:

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](#)

2024 OVRMAFC September Tour - "Go Directly To Jail"

By: Mike Wilcher

What a great day! Mike Wilcher hosted his first ever tour, to the Warren County Jail. Once there we received a very interesting tour of the facilities...don't worry none of the Model A club members were left behind. After the tour we went to old Warren County jail/sheriffs house which is next to the courthouse. Next up was a delicious lunch at The Little River Bar and Grill in Oregonia Ohio. If that wasn't enough, Mike took us for frozen custard at Whits! No breakdowns and no toilet seat awards, thank you to all who came out!



Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 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. 54 members were present. 7 Model A's were driven.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jim Zimmer, MARC Director of Regions and former member of OVR, presented an overview of the current state of the MARC organization. An ongoing decrease in membership, an aging membership population and budget concerns are the prime areas to be considered. The MARC Board of Directors are exploring ideas such as creating a Driving Class, scheduling more National tours, continuing to hold the National Meet every year, holding a joint meet with MAFCA to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Model A, using a Web Developer to make the Web site more user friendly, and improve communication with members and regions. OVR members were encouraged to present other ideas to the MARC Board of Directors and to join the MARC National organization. The phone number to join MARC is 734-427-9050.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS: Both reports were approved as printed in the September 2024 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Angel Noe reported that Dottie Gerdes had additional knee surgery and Margie Blomer continues to recuperate from recent back surgery.

September birthdays celebrated were: Bob Noe, Deb Arnold, Pam Mohr, Marieke Schut,

Jeanette Losekamp, and Gary Daley. Bob and Cindy Green celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary.

CAR CARE GANG: No report. Jarrod Williams reminded members that club owned tools are available to borrow. A list of tools is available on the OVR web site.

FASHION COMMITTEE: Deb Arnold reported that the Fashion Committee is developing a "display only" judging category.

MARC MILEAGE: Congratulations to Mike Wilcher who has been appointed to coordinate the national MARC Mileage program. Members were encouraged to enroll in the program.

MEMBERSHIP: Jarrod Williams reported 114 current members. New members are Terry and Paula Ekstedt (1931 Deluxe Roadster) and Brian Broadbeck (1930 Tudor).

NEWSLETTER: Jarrod Williams encouraged members to submit articles of interest. Submissions must be received by the 3rd of each month.

RECENT EVENTS: A tour of the Warren County jail facilities was hosted by Mike Wilcher on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Both the new facility and the historic facility in Lebanon, OH were visited. Lunch was enjoyed at the Little River Café in Orgonia, OH with dessert at Whits Custard in Lebanon.

John Grossheim and Jarrod Williams recounted their recent adventures driving Jarrod's Model T and John's Model A to Old Car Days in Dearborn, MI.

John and Jarrod also reported on the events at Model A Days, September 20/21, 2024. This annual event is hosted by MAFFI and held at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. Congratulations to John Grossheim for his recent appointment to the MAFFI Board of Directors.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The OVR sponsored Swap Meet is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2024 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Burlington, KY. Planning committee members should arrive at 6:30 a.m., vendors arrive at 7:00 a.m., doors will open at 8:00 a.m.

On Saturday, October 5, 2024, Jarrod and Melissa Williams have arranged for the Model A's and Model T's to join a bike tour in Peebles County Amish country. See Newsletter for details.

On Saturday/Sunday, October 19/20, 2024, John Grossheim and Jarrod Williams will host the first annual OVR Vagabonds overnight camping event at Oeders Lake. Participants should meet at the McDonalds at 11723 Princeton Pike at 10:00 a.m. to travel to Blooms and Berries for various activities. A campfire dinner, old movies, pumpkin carving will be held. Departure is scheduled for approximately 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Members not camping overnight are welcome to join in the other activities.

Jimmy Ekstedt will host a covered bridges tour on Sunday, November 10, 2024. Details will follow in Newsletter.

The annual OVR Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2024. Jarrod Williams is asking for volunteers to help with planning.

The annual Wreaths Across America event is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2024. More details will follow.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bob Noe introduced a motion to begin monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. John Grossheim will post this in the Newsletter for member consideration and further discussion at the October 23, 2024 meeting.

TECH SEMINAR: Art Foreman presented a seminar on "How to Steal a Model A".

SPLIT THE POT: Fred Fischer won \$97. In the future, Split the Pot drawings will be held at the beginning of the meetings to accommodate those who need to leave early.

SUBMITTED BY: Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

Even The Pedals

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2OC-Even-The-Pedals.pdf>

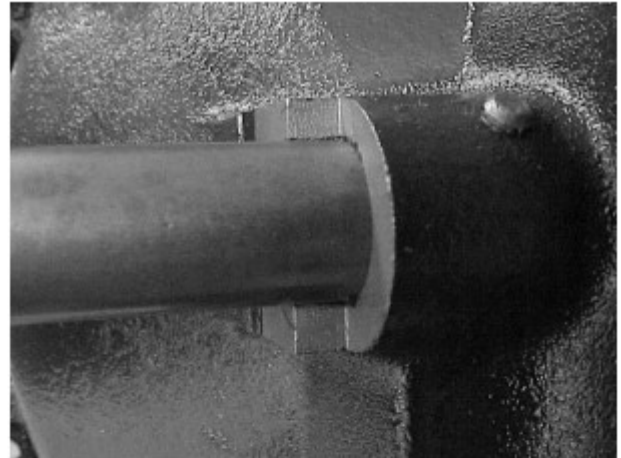
It is quite common to find that the brake pedal and the clutch pedal on a Model A Ford do not return to the upright position so that they are even with one another. One pedal may sit lower than the other. This is caused by wear on the bell housing brake pedal stops, the clutch and brake pedal stops, and the clutch pedal collar stops.

There is a very easy way to correct the problem and it is best accomplished when a complete restoration of the bell housing is being done. The restoration should include a new pedal shaft, a new clutch release shaft, new bushings in the bell housing, and new bushings in both pedals.

To even the pedals up you should begin with a new clutch pedal collar, p/n 7507-C, that has no wear on it. Slide the brake pedal onto the pedal shaft and pull it up against the stop on the bell housing so that it is in the full upright position. This will be the reference point for adjusting the clutch pedal to be even with it.

Slide the clutch pedal onto the pedal shaft and install the clutch pedal collar and insert the locking pin. Pull the clutch pedal up to the full upright position with the pedal stops against the collar stops. The clutch pedal will probably be sitting lower than the brake pedal if you installed a new clutch pedal collar.

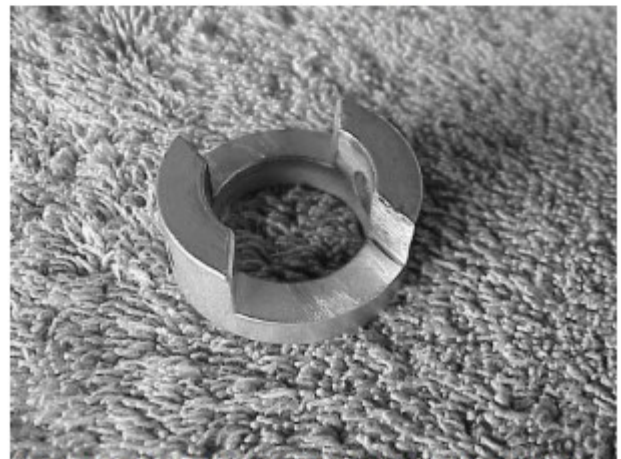
Carefully note where the clutch pedal stops are sitting against the collar stops. With a marking pen mark the location of the two collar stops that are in contact with the pedal stops. There are four stops on the collar, but you are only interested in the two you marked. Place the collar in a vice and carefully file material off both marked stops. Try to do it evenly. It is a trial and error fit process. As you remove material from the two collar stop positions the clutch pedal will start to move up even with the brake pedal. When the process is complete both pedals will be even regardless of the orientation of the clutch pedal collar. It can install on the pedal shaft two ways, but it won't make any difference in the pedal height.



Bell housing brake pedal stops



Brake pedal stops



Clutch pedal collar, with stops, p/n A7507-C

Check out all of Tom's articles at:

<https://www.santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/>

2024 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **October 19-20, 2024**

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[11637 Chester Rd](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)

- **November 10, 2024**

OVRMAFC November Tour

"The Ultimate Covered Bridge Tour"

Join us as Jimmy Ekstedt hosts "The Ultimate Covered Bridge Tour"! A vivid and exciting autumn drive starting through historic downtown Lebanon, two covered bridges with photo ops, a scenic Caesar's Creek crossing, finalized with a delicious lunch at the Stone House Tavern in Waynesville!

Meet at 9:30 AM in parking lot at end of the path for

[Colonial Park West](#)

[720 N Broadway St](#)

[Lebanon, OH 45036.](#)

Departure approximately 10AM.

DO NOT CONFUSE WITH COLONIAL PARK EAST!

- **November 20, 2024**

OVRMAFC November Club Meeting and Auction

(Held one week early because of Thanksgiving)

The November meeting will be the annual club auction. Items to be auctioned should have a value of at least \$5 and can include Model A parts, accessories, Era Fashion items, baked goods, etc. Please arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. to sign in your donations and obtain your bid numbers.

The business meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and the auction will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Sharonville Fire Department 86

[11637 Chester Rd](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)

- **December 1, 2024**

OVRMAFC Holiday Party

Save the date and time for our annual holiday party. More information will be shared as it becomes available! Doors open at 5pm.

[Terwilliger Lodge](#)

[10530 Deerfield Rd](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45242](#)

- **December 14, 2024**

OVRMAFC - Wreaths ACROSS America

Please save the time (9:00am - 1:30pm) and date for this year's wreath laying service. Meeting location and time will be forthcoming. 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. Please dress warm, we will be standing outside with no option for heat.

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It's Razor Thin

By: Will Langford

Taken from: <https://mafca.com/its-razor-thin/>

When I think about shaving during the Model A Era, I always think about straight razors (also known as cut throats), and a lathering cup and brush. This type of razor has been used for centuries for shaving and grooming, and it is still popular among many barbers and shaving enthusiasts today. But where did the straight razor come from, and who invented it? The exact origins of the straight razor are unclear, but historians believe that the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans all used similar types of razors for shaving. However, the modern straight razor as we know it today was first developed in Sheffield, England, during the 18th century. The first known maker of straight razors in Sheffield was Benjamin Huntsman, a cutler who developed a new method of producing high-quality steel known as crucible steel. Huntsman's crucible steel was strong, durable, and easy to sharpen with a leather strop (pronounced ströp), making it ideal for use in straight razors. Huntsman's straight razors quickly became popular among barbers and gentlemen alike, and the demand for his razors grew rapidly. Other cutlers in Sheffield soon began producing their own straight

razors, and by the early 19th century, Sheffield had become the center of the world's straight razor industry. The images below and to the left are from Montgomery Ward Fall/Winter 1929-30 catalogue.



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.
Call: 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. Call: Paul Hess
(H) 812-934-5203 (C) 812-209-8335
- **1930 Model A Chassis - \$2,500**
Includes engine, transmission, radiator, and 5 wheels/tires. Call:
Debbie Humphry (740) 307-1637
- **1931 model A Speedster, Restored.**
New tires. Fresh paint. \$12,900.00
Call: Gary Oelrich at (513) 582-6385
- **30/31' 19" Wheels (4) - \$50.00**
Rusty but appear to be restorable.
Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931
- **30' Stainless Radiator Shells - \$25 each**
Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931
- **Heater Manifold with Intake Cover**
\$75.00. Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931
- **Allstate Single Wheel Trailer**
Includes bumper attachments designed for a Model A. Wired with tail lights and turn signals. Has a lock. Asking \$300
Call or text: John Grossheim
513-319-9282

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: (____) _____

Birthday: ____ / ____ / ____ Spouse Birthday: ____ / ____ / ____

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