

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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## Director's Column: John Grossheim



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and 2025 is off to a great start! I have just started on my yearly maintenance for my A. As always, feel free to reach out if anyone wants guidance with this or just some company! We had a cool tech seminar over the last few weeks with Jarrod pulling his engine to do adjustments and servicing, which had a great turnout from our club!

The Shepherdsville, KY Swap meet is on January 11th. Then our bowling party on January 12th is hosted by Bob and Angel Noe at Stump's Lanes, and lots of Models A things are coming up!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Holiday Party on December 1st such an amazing event! I know I had a lot of fun, and we had a great turnout of 70 people! Wow! Please let Jarrod or myself know if you would like to host a tour this year or help volunteer for any projects! We will be discussing projects at our January meeting. One last thing, a friendly reminder that club dues are \$35.00. Pay Jarrod by the end of February to be included in the 2025 OVRMAFC Roster.

**Don't forget that we have a new meeting time in 2025,  
we will be starting our meetings at 7:00pm!**

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**January 11, 2025  
Shepherdsville, KY  
Swap Meet**

Hosted by The Falls City  
Region Model A Ford Club

[Paroquet Springs  
Conference Center](#)  
[395 Paroquet Springs Drive  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165](#)

Admission \$5.00  
children under 12 free

Doors Open at 8 A.M. to  
approximately 1:00pm



**January 12, 2025  
OVRMAFC January  
Bowling Party**

Join us for our first event of the New  
Year! Bob and Angel Noe will host the  
club at **Stumps Lanes from**

**12:00 to 2:00pm**

[Stumps Lanes](#)  
[5536 Bridgetown Rd, Cincinnati, OH  
45248](#)

**Cost: \$14.50 per person**

Lunch to follow at  
Ron's Roost  
3853 Race Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45211

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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

We are always looking for original content!

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](#)

# Model A Yearly Service and Safety Checks

By: John Grossheim

Here are some of the standard safety checks and service that I do during the winter on my A.

- Grease all zerks using Red 'n' Tacky grease
- Change oil (I use 10w 30 but everyone has their own preferences)
- Change differential oil and transmission oil (One quart of 600W should do both)
- Check timing with timing gear and check point gap (I set my points to 0.02)
- Pack front wheel bearings and check brake drums for scoring and brake shoes. Should not be at level with the rivets. This is a good time to adjust the brake wedges and rods if need be.
- Check steering for play. Service Bulletins say there should 1 an inch of play. The Les Andrews Red Book does a good job explaining how to adjust the steering for the 2-Tooth steering.
- Check all light bulbs and horn for safety.
- Check that all cotter pins and clevis pins are in place!! This is one of the most important safety checks in my opinion and one that should be done throughout the year.
- Inspect tires for any cracks in the walls or worn tread.

All of these checks and inspections are a great way to prevent any unwanted roadside seminars as most of these will address any issues.

To the right is a QR code to one of my preferred lubrication charts. I print this off every time I grease my zerks so I can cross them off as I go.



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

By: Lynda Davis

Taken from: <https://mafca.com/model-a-era-ladies-shoe-heels/>

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 to the left 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 right

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.

Make sure to follow the link in the title block for the complete 5 page article written by Lynda Davis of Dallas and Fort Worth Model A Clubs!



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

# Model A's in the Snow

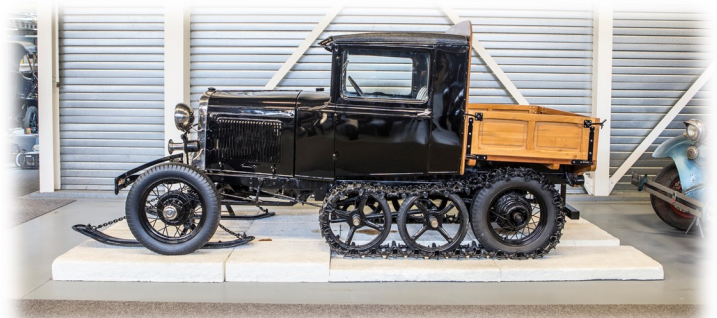
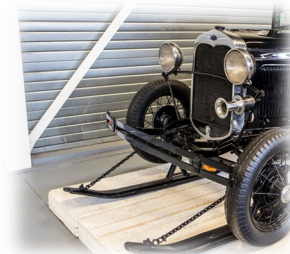
You know you wish you could

This 1930 Ford Model 68B cabriolet convertible couple is an extremely scarce Montana mail carrier car ready to find a home in a private collection or museum. The car is one of two custom-built in Glendive, Montana in 1941 in order to maneuver in deep snow drifts. The oversized wide tires accomplished floatation and enabled the mail car to drive over deep snow. Much special work went into modifying the fenders and chassis to fit the 24" rims with 11.2" X 24" Goodyear diamond tread tractor tires. The car uses a Model TT truck differential which is geared lower to work with the oversized tires.

A number of conversions existed to alter a Ford car into a commercial vehicle. Kits could make them into tractors or fire equipment or even snowmobiles. Surprisingly popular in snowy regions, these conversions are most associated the Model T. Though much rarer, there were several companies offering Model A conversions. By adding Caterpillar type tracks to the rear drive and skis at the front you could make a surprisingly capable snow machine from a standard Ford.

This example is quite elaborate with its two additional axles to support the tracks. The ability to use the skis with the front wheels is also an uncommon feature. Clearly a well-built machine for serious use. It looks to have had a more recent utility back fitted but seems a largely original and unmodified machine. It is more than likely equipped with an accessory gear box to allow for the low gearing necessary to drive through the snow.

Today a hardy group of enthusiasts regularly use these Ford snowmobiles and they have proven to be great fun and very capable vehicles. This unusual and well-made example is rare survivor. It could be great fun to recommission and enjoy in some fresh snow.



## Model A Ad Puzzles

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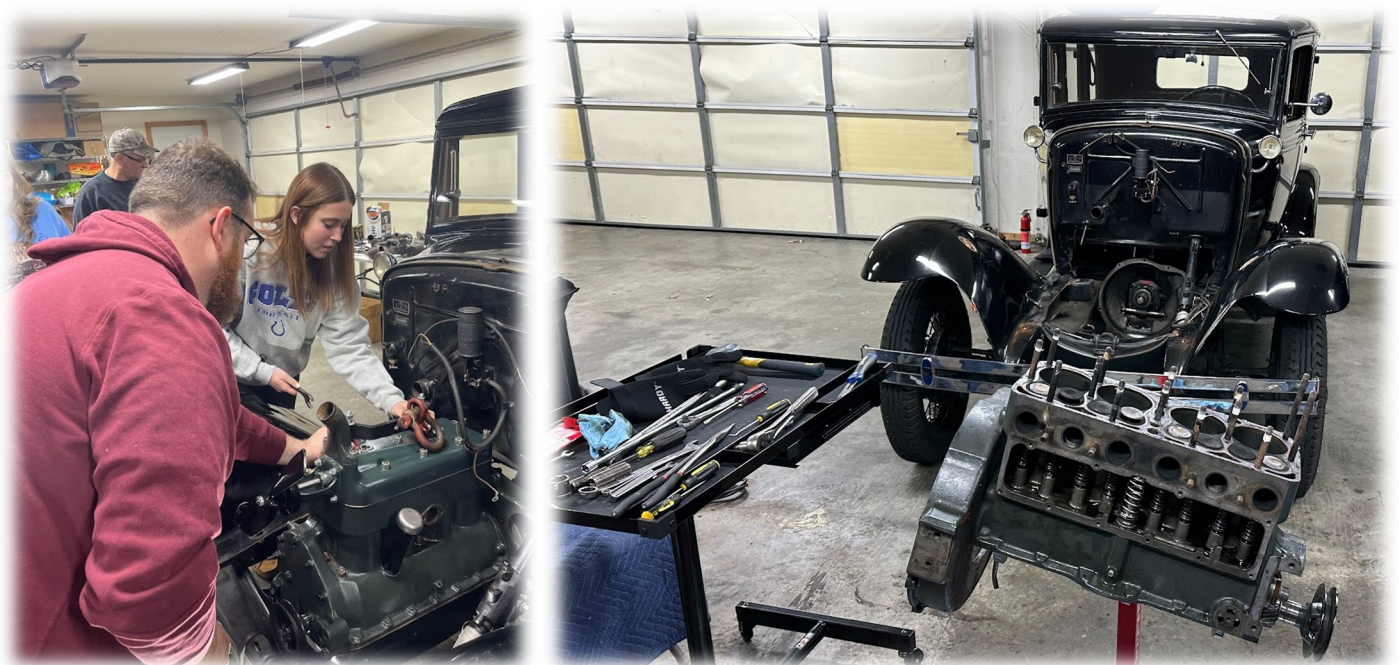
# 2025 January Tech Session - Removal and Installation of a Model A Engine

By: Jarrod Williams

I was blown away by the interest, but most of by all the help that our club showed! I can not thank everyone enough for coming over to help, watch, make fun of me, laugh, and just enjoy working on a Model A. We removed my Model A engine, then I checked the bearing clearances, and adjusted the valves. After that I replaced the 5.5:1 high compression head with a stock Model A head. Then I removed the lightened flywheel, V8 pressure plate, and clutch. All of those were replaced with a stock Model A flywheel, stock pressure plate, and stock clutch. Why in the world did I do this, you may ask. Well, it is winter and I like to tinker. I want to have a direct comparison of those non-stock goodies to the stock ones. With the promise of help from the John and the club it was a no brainer to take on. The tools needed for the removal and installation of the engine are available to every paying member of our club from the tool crib. The engine hoist, engine stand, and the water pump engine stand attachment are all available to use!

This is what the club is all about! I am so proud of us.

If you have a project you want to tackle but are hesitant, please reach out to us! We would love to turn it into a learning experience for everyone. Don't have enough space? There are several members, myself included, that would be more than happy to host.



## 2025 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **January 11, 2025**  
**40th Annual Winter Model A Swap Meet**  
Shepherdsville, Kentucky Hosted by The Falls City Region Model A Ford Club. (10 miles south of Louisville). Specializing in MODEL "A" FORD Parts. Held at Paroquet Springs Conference Center located at 395 Paroquet Springs Drive Shepherdsville, KY 40165. Admission \$5.00 children under 12 free. 10 X 12 Vendor Spaces \$15.00 Set up starts at 6am; Doors Open at 8 A.M. to approximately 1:00pm Registration Contact: Roy Armstrong, 6834 Cedar Grove Road Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165 (502) 543-4189 or email: royra@windstream.net or questions can be text to Emeric Howell at (502) 550-2797 PLEASE check our website [www.kymodela.org](http://www.kymodela.org)
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We have a new meeting time, 7:00pm.
- **February 26, 2025**  
**OVRMAFC—February Business Meeting**  
We will be planning our touring and events for the year, so if you would like to volunteer to host please come with ideas! Follow the signs to the Training Room.  
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We have a new meeting time, 7:00pm.
- **March 26, 2025**  
**OVRMAFC—March Business Meeting**  
We will be planning our touring and events for the year, so if you would like to volunteer to host please come with ideas! Follow the signs to the Training Room.  
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[11637 Chester Rd.](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)  
We have a new meeting time, 7:00pm.
- **April 23, 2025**  
**OVRMAFC—April Business Meeting**  
We will be planning our touring and events for the year, so if you would like to volunteer to host please come with ideas! Follow the signs to the Training Room.  
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We have a new meeting time, 7:00pm.
- **April 27, 2024**  
**61st Annual Model A Swap Meet**  
The Columbus Indiana MARC Region will hold its 61st annual swap meet on April 27, 2025. Setup will be from 6AM-8AM. This is one of the best local swap meets for Model A parts that you will find. It is held at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds in Columbus, Indiana.

**B & R Early Model  
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Rob Schwendeman (419) 305-9125  
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**Model A Upholstery  
Interiors, Tops, & Trunks**  
Call Dottie Gerdes  
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## The Ahoogah Origin

By: Tom Endy Taken from:

<https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Ahooguh-Horn-Origins-Hutchison-TE.pdf>

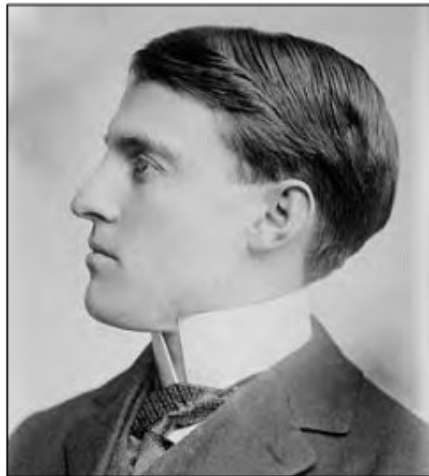
The ahooguh horn, also known as a Klaxon horn was developed and patented by Miller Reese Hutchison, an inventor of the early 20th century. Hutch, as he was known, patented the mechanism in 1908. The LovellMcConnell Manufacturing Company of Newark, New Jersey bought the rights to manufacture the device and it later became standard equipment on motor cars.

Franklyn Hallett Lovell Jr., the company founder, coined the name klaxon from the Ancient Greek verb klazō, meaning shriek. Klaxon horns produce an easily identifiable sound, often described in English as "ahooguh". Like most mechanical horns, the klaxon has largely been replaced by solidstate electronic devises, though the memorable tone has persisted on in classic cars of the era. Klaxon later became a brand name.

The Klaxon horn was used on U.S. submarines during WWII. The Klaxon horn's characteristic sound is produced by a springsteel diaphragm with a rivet in the center that is repeatedly struck by the teeth of a rotating cogwheel. The diaphragm is attached to a horn that acts as an acoustic transformer and controls the direction of the sound. In the first Klaxons, the wheel was driven either by hand or by an electric motor.

Hutchison went to work for Thomas Edison in 1909, and was the chief engineer for Edison from 1912 to 1918.

The ahooguh sound is usually heard today when a Model A Ford goes rolling down the road.



Miller Reese Hutchison 1876 - 1944

## 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  
C: 513-477-8257



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
- **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: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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