

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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February, 2025

Director's Column: John Grossheim



Driving season is right around the corner! I hope everyone is starting on those winter service projects on their cars! I am working on mine for the Polar Bear Tour in March.

At our January meeting, we presented a few committees and proposals for some business and operation items. If you'd like to be involved, please reach out to me!

Anything we can do for the club will help us in the long run! These may include amending the constitution to get us through until 2030, when we will need to do an actual update or items such as the handbook. We have a lot of tours in the works for this year as well, which I am looking forward to! I hope to see you all at the February movie day! Jim and I have a great presentation planned! Make sure to bring a canned good for us to donate back to the fire station!

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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February 26, 2025

OVRMAFC January Business Meeting

Join us as we continue to work through our 2025 tour and event schedule. We are excited to see the tours and events that our members have planned!



Follow the signs to the Training Room.

We have a new meeting time, 7:00pm.

[Sharonville Fire Dept Station 86](#)

[11637 Chester Rd.](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)

Join us for the 3rd annual OVR

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

**Boozers, Bootleggers, Bank Robbers
and Bad Guys**

A presentation and movie showing by
John Grossheim & Jim Thomas

2:00 – 5:00 PM

(then adjournment to a local speak-easy)

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Sharonville Fire House
11637 Chester Road
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Admission: one (or more) canned goods
or non-perishable food items

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](#)

2025 OVRMAFC January Bowling Tournament

By: Bob and Angel Noe

With the Ohio weather not cooperating again this year, no Model A's drove their owners to our annual bowling tournament. Thank you to everyone that came out for our first event of 2025! Bob and Angel Noe did a wonderful job getting us all together, hosting, and picking an excellent lunch spot. A special thank you to Anna Williams and Phyllis Pease for keeping score. Congratulations to our winner and next years host, Jamey Focke with a three game score of 608!



Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Sharonville Firehouse

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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. There were 52 members present. No Model A's were driven.

SPLIT THE POT:

Jimmy Ekstedt won \$76.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

There was no Secretary Report for December 2024. The Treasurer Report was approved as printed in the January 2025 Newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

The recent passing of long time member, Charlie Rouster was noted. Also noted was the recent passing of Bob Noe's mother.

January birthdays recognized were: John Grossheim, Stu Long, Anna Williams, Phyllis Pease, Don Perkins, Al Audette and Jan Audette.

CAR CARE GANG:

Jarrold Williams and John Grossheim have assumed the duties of the Car Care Gang and are available to assist members with Model A problems or questions.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Deb Arnold reported that the Fashion seminar for the upcoming MARC Membership meet in Nashville, IN will be discussions on how to assemble a Model A Era ensemble. The MARC Fashion Committee is also working on the standards for Display Only judging.

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Mike Wilcher reviewed the program for new members. It was also noted that Gary and Cas Daley's Model A Coupe has earned 70,000 miles driven.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrold Williams reported 116 current memberships which equals 195 actual club members. The \$35.00 membership dues for 2025 must be paid by February 28, 2025 in order to be included in the club roster. Checks should be mailed to Jarrod Williams. New member, Hannah Potter, was welcomed.

NEWSLETTER:

News and other submissions must be sent to Jarrod Williams by the third of each month.

SWAP MEET:

Deb Arnold reported that the Swap Meet will be held on September 27, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Boone County fairgrounds in Burlington, KY.

Four vendor spots have already been sold. Members were encouraged to begin distributing the available fliers. Deb also provided a sign up sheet for volunteers.

RECENT EVENTS:

Jarrold Williams reported that 76 members attended the annual club Holiday party on Sunday, December 1, 2024. The participation in Operation Give Back was generous. The 2025 Holiday party will be held at the same location, Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park, Montgomery, Ohio. Date to be announced.

Members participated in the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at SpringGrove Cemetery on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

The annual club bowling party was hosted by Bob and Angel Noe on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at Stumps Lanes. 19 bowlers participated with 4 observers cheering. Anna Williams and Phyllis Pease recorded scores. Jayme Focke was awarded first place and will plan the 2026 bowling event. Bob Noe placed second and Mike Schroeder placed third. Ellie Ekstedt was recognized for last place. Lunch at Ron's Roost was enjoyed afterward.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The 3rd Annual Day at the Movies will again be hosted by Jim Thomas and John Grossheim on Sunday, February 23, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sharonville Firehouse. There will be movies and games with the featured movie, "The Great Train Robbery" which was produced by the Dayton, Ohio Model A Club and starred long time MARC officer, Roger Kaufman. Admission is a donated non-perishable item to the firehouse charity.

The annual Polar Bear Tour will be hosted by Deb and Larry Arnold on March 8-9, 2025. Participants should meet at the McDonalds, 10570 Harrison Avenue, HARRISON, OHIO,

at 9:00 a.m. A scenic drive to Richmond, IN will take the group to the Model T museum for a tour. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn Express at 765-488-1975. Rate is \$124 per night.

Eddie and Mary Bohmer will host a game day event on Saturday, April 5, 2025. More information to follow.

Bob and Cindy Green will host the annual Poker Run in July 2025.

Anna Williams and Phyllis Pease volunteered to host the June 2025 picnic meeting.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS UPDATE:

John Grossheim needs volunteers to inventory and create updated lists of the club lending library and club tools.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the cost of the printed newsletter and the effect on the overall club budget. Some suggestions to offset this cost were to increase the annual club dues overall or to charge members receiving the printed copy an additional fee. John Grossheim and Jarrod Williams will explore more thoroughly the actual figures and present further discussion at the February 26, 2025 meeting.

TECH SESSION:

Art Foreman presented "The History of Cars in Movies".

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the Sharonville Firehouse.

Continuing our theme of getting your car ready for our driving season,
we wanted to highlight the need to make sure the cooling system is ready for Ohio's summer.

Back Flush

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Back-Flush.pdf>

The cooling system on a Model A Ford can get pretty crudded up with rust, calcium, and also with grease from the water pump. If the radiator has been in service for a long time it is best to remove it and take it to a radiator shop (preferably to one that is knowledgeable of Model A radiators) and have it rodded out.

The engine block and the head are also usually crudded up, especially with rust. This is where a technique called back flushing can be affective. Back flushing of the radiator can also be affective if the cooling tubes are not hopelessly plugged up. The trick is to force water through the system backwards to the direction it normally flows.

Various cleaning solutions have been suggested for use in dislodging the cooling system crud. Some have suggested a combination of oxalic acid with a baking soda rinse. Others have suggested liquid Cascade dishwasher solution. There are also commercial cooling system cleaning agents available from most auto parts stores. Whatever cleaning agent is used, it is best to finish up by back flushing the system.

It has also been suggested that a newly overhauled engine should be back flushed before being connected up to the radiator. A considerable amount of rust can become dislodged inside the water jackets when the engine was hot tanked and in all likelihood is still inside the water jackets, as well as machining chips. If the engine is immediately connected up to the radiator all the loose particles will be dumped into the radiator.

In order to back flush the Model A cooling system some special adapters need to be fabricated. Two plugs with a hole drilled in them must be made up, one to fit the large upper radiator hose, the other to fit the smaller lower radiator hose. The holes in the plugs should be tapped with a pipe thread. The plugs are then fitted to provide garden hose connections. The two plugs can be cut from steel or aluminum round stock.

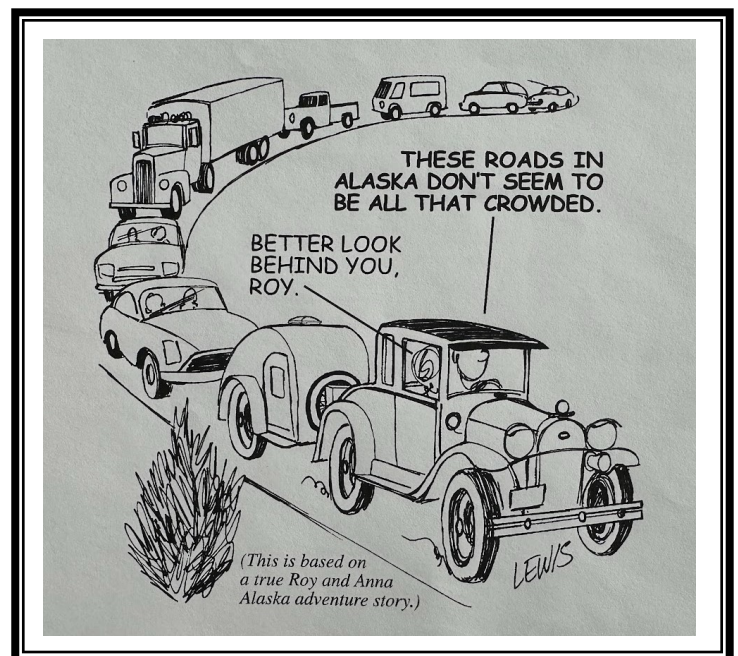
All the other hardware can be obtained from a local hardware store. Standard Model A radiator hoses and clamps are used to connect up the flushing apparatus.

To back flush the radiator, connect the adapters to the two radiator hose bibs. With a garden hose connected to the bottom hose bib adapter run water though the radiator backwards to the normal flow. Be sure to put the radiator cap on. A suggestion, connect the garden hose to your laundry machine hot water spigot and back flush with hot water. A second garden hose may be connected to the top radiator hose bib adapter to carry the exiting water to a suitable drain.

To back flush the engine, disconnect the radiator from the engine and install the two adapters to the engine. The large adapter is connected to the water outlet on top of the head. The small adapter is attached to the water inlet on the left side of the block. It is also suggested that the water pump be removed and a blanking plate be installed over the opening in the head. Connect a garden hose from the hot water spigot to the large adapter on top of the head. Connect a second hose to the smaller adapter on the side of the block and lead it off to a drain. Begin the back flushing. You can also start the engine up to add some vibration if desired. The hot water will not only aid in flushing the engine, it will also prevent the possibility of cracking the block with the use of cold water if you run the engine.



Shown above are the two adapters and the water pump blanking plate. The long hose is the upper (larger diameter) hose. The short hose is the lower (smaller diameter) hose.



2025 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **February 23, 2025**
3rd Annual OVRMAFC Sunday Afternoon at the Movies: Boozers, Bootleggers, Bank Robbers, and Bad Guys
A presentation and movie showing by John Grossheim and Jim Thomas. Admission: 1 (or more) canned good(s) or non-perishable food items.
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We have a new meeting time, 7:00pm.
- **March 8-9, 2025**
OVRMAFC March Overnight Polar Bear Tour
Deb and Larry Arnold have put together an amazing overnight polar bear tour this year!
Meet at the McDonald's in Harrison at 9:00am.
McDonald's
10570 Harrison Ave
Harrison, OH 45030

Saturday activities:
We will be driving from Harrison to Richmond Indiana. We will have lunch in the Richmond Depot District. We will visit the Model T Car Museum. We will be having dinner and fun in the Holiday Inn Lobby.

Sunday activities: Breakfast at the hotel. Then a driving tour heading back home to Cincinnati.

Hotel Information:
Holiday Inn Express Richmond
6000 National Rd E
Richmond, IN 4737

\$124 a night with free cancellation until 48 hours in advance.
A block of 20 rooms are being held until 2/28/2025 at 5pm EST, with a discount rate for our club. Reference "OVR Model A Ford Club" when making a reservation. Call: (765) 488-1975
- **March 26, 2025**
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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.
- **May 10, 2025**
OVRMAFC May Tour - Ohio Veteran's Home
Join us as Chris Hamlin, Pam Mohr, and Angel Noe take us on a tour from Milford, to Georgetown, ending at a brewery-cidery in Mt. Orab.
[Milford McDonald's](#)
[990 Lila Ave](#)
[Milford, OH 45150](#)
Be there between 8:15-8:30am. Departing at 8:45am.

Scarves: Flirty and Debonaire

By: Lois Przywitowski

Taken from: <https://mafca.com/scarves-flirty-debonaire/>

Ah, the devil is in the details! For a flattering finishing touch, a scarf or muffler can add a level of sophistication and flair to your ensemble. Scarves, classified as Coordinated Apparel in the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, 2015 Edition, are appropriate for both day and evening wear.

For women, scarves "were usually of multicolored georgette, chiffon or silk crepe. Triangular scarves were worn knotted in the front or to one side, with the point draped over a shoulder, and were considered very sporty. Larger triangular shawls were usually fringed, and were a bit less casual for wear in the cool of the evening. Long rectangular scarves were worn draped over the shoulders and down the front..." MAFCA Fashion Guidelines

In the July 1931 issue of McCall's magazine May Piper Spear offers the following: "While there is no question about the indulgent disposition of fashions, there are, however, certain trends that run through the mode like a theme through a story... It is the collar that swings to one side . . . in spiral flounces . . . in the surplice bodice . . . in the scarf that knots on one shoulder and falls free on the other. Everywhere is the effort to keep from one side what the other is doing." May Piper Spear, McCall's, July 1931.

As you can see from the following magazine excerpts, scarves were extremely versatile and varied in design. Look for era image scarves at antique malls, consignment stores, or thrift shops; or check out your own closet for possibilities.

As shown is this design, draping a plaid scarf under the dress collar and over the "coatee" adds a touch of whimsy to this stunning ensemble. McCall's, May 1931.



Scarves were sometimes made of the same fabric as the blouse, as shown in this Parisian design from Creations de Paris, Summer 1930.



For men, "scarves or mufflers were made of washable silk crepe, rayon, or wool. Sizes varied. Some found were 17"x 53," 13"x 48," and 33" squares, some with fringe. Evening scarves came in square or long and narrow styles. Some came in white brocade, some plain or patterned white silk. Monograms were popular on scarves." MAFCA Fashion Guidelines



OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- **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
- **1929 AA Pickup**
Asking price \$17,000
Contact Carl Hollingsworth of Sligo
(513) 725-2921

B & R Early Model

Starter & Generator Repair

Rob Schwendeman (419) 305-9125
Bill Schwendeman (419) 733-8857

Model A Upholstery Interiors, Tops, & Trunks

Call Dottie Gerdes
(812) 584-5631

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: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Spouse E-Mail Address: _____

Model A's Owned: _____

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Make **\$35.00** checks payable to: **Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club**

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