

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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March, 2025

Director's Column: John Grossheim



Hopefully winter is finally breaking here in Ohio! I am definitely ready for driving season! The Arnold's are kicking it off for me with their Polar Bear Tour on the 8th to the Model T Museum. I hope to see lots of people there!

We had a nice meeting with a good turn out in February and at the Movie Day hosted by Jim and Pam Thomas and myself. Our calendar is starting to book up for the year but we have a few months still open for tours if anyone has a tour they would like to do!

Don't forget that the MARC membership meet is in April and in Indiana so not far from us!
Look forward to seeing everyone out driving!

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

March 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



April 5, 2025

OVRMAFC April Tour Clermont County Easter Egg Tour

Join us as Eddie and Mary Boomer host a tour across Clermont County. We will have the opportunity at several stops to select a filled Easter egg. Don't miss this opportunity to win fabulous prizes. We will end the tour for drinks and lunch at Mt. Carmel Brewery.

Starting location:

UDF on Kellogg
4308 Kellogg Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45226

Departure time:

9:30am

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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:

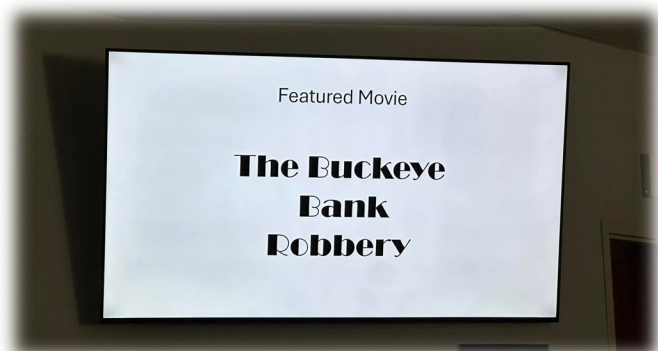
[MARC Youth Scholarship Program](#)

[MAFCA Youth Scholarship Program](#)

2025 OVRMAFC 3rd Annual February Movie Day

By: Jim and Pam Thomas, along with John Grossheim

A huge thank you to Jim and Thomas, along with John Grossheim for hosting our 2nd annual February movie day. This year we had our own popcorn from the popcorn machine donated by Sherri and James Green! Two Model A's enjoyed bringing their owners to the the movies, but look at all the salt still in the parking lot! We all liked both movies picked and once they were over we went to March 1st Brewery to catch up with each other and talk about the movies.



Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 Sharonville Firehouse

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director, who also led the Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Jarrod Williams, Vice Director.

ATTENDANCE:

There were 44 members present. One Model A was driven.

SPLIT THE POT:

\$53 was won by Jimmy Ekstedt.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in the February 2025 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported that Brenda Owens is recuperating from a recent Total Knee Replacement. The February birthday of Warren Barnes was celebrated.

CAR CARE GANG:

Brad Hamlin and Stu Long helped Mike Wilcher with a steering/shackle issue.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Deb Arnold reported that the seminar at the upcoming MARC Membership Meet in Nashville, IN, will focus on putting a Model A era ensemble together. An introduction to the new category, Display Only, will be discussed. The Meet will be held April 10-13, 2025. The MARC National Meet will be held June 16-20, 2025 in Gettysburg, PA.

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Mike Wilcher continues to work with Betty Fisher in assuming the national program duties.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrold Williams reported 117 memberships for a total of 196 members.

One new member, Colton Carver, was noted. 2025 dues of \$35 must be paid by 2-28-25 in order to be included in the 2025 club roster. The roster will be available at the March 26, 2024 meeting.

NEWSLETTER:

Submissions are due to Jarrod Williams by the 3rd of each month

SWAP MEET:

The second annual swap meet will be held at the Boone County, KY fairgrounds on September 27, 2025 8a.m.-2:00 p.m. 3 vendor spots are sold. Registration form is on OVR website.

RECENT EVENTS:

The third annual movie day was held on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at the Sharonville Firehouse. Following the theme of "Boozers, Bootleggers, Bank Robbers and Bad Guys, the movie," The Great Bank Robbery", produced in early 2000 by the Dayton Ohio Model A club was shown. Also shown was the 1931 production of "Little Caesar" starring Edward G. Robison. Food and drinks were enjoyed afterward at March First Brewery in Sharonville, OH.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The annual Marietta OH swap meet will be held on March 1.

The annual Polar Bear tour will be held Saturday/Sunday, March 8-9, 2025. Participants should meet 9:00 a.m. at the McDonalds in Harrison, OH to leave at 9:30 a.m. After a scenic drive to Richmond, IN, lunch will be at the Richmond Depot followed by a tour of the Model T museum. A pizza dinner, followed by fun and games will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Richmond. Please bring \$1.00 bills to participate in the games. After breakfast at the hotel on Sunday morning, Larry Arnold will lead a scenic drive back to Harrison, OH.

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, Eddie and Mary Bohmer will host a Clermont County tour with an Easter theme. The tour will depart from the UDF on Kellogg Ave. More details will follow.

Pam Mohr, Chris Hamlin and Angel Noe will host a Veterans tour on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Pam asked for volunteers to address thank you cards to be distributed to veterans during the trip.

Sunday, June 1, 2025 the annual OVR picnic will be held at Oeders Lake, 1368

St. Rt. 22, Lebanon, OH. Jarrod Williams will host.

Phyllis Pease and Anna Williams will host the June 25, 2025 picnic meeting.

Bob and Cindy Green will host the annual club Poker Run on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Also, David Klein will host a tour in the Mason, OH area in July. Details will follow.

Jimmy Ekstedt will plan an event to the Packard museum in Dayton, OH in September 2025. Conrad Gerdes is planning participation in the Hay Press event in October 2025.

In November 2025, Pam Mohr will host a club Game Night and Al Audette and Art Foreman will host the annual Mystery Tour.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Conrad Gerdes suggested that a list of upcoming car show and swap meets be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Jarrold Williams, Amy Schroeder, and John Grossheim are working on an updated operational budget to be presented at the March 26, 2025 meeting.

Volunteers are needed for the following committees: Amendment to the Constitution, revision of the club handbook and the swap meet.

TECH SEMINAR:

John Grossheim presented "Yearly Servicing of your Model A".

Send ideas for future seminars to John Grossheim.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sharonville Firehouse.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary

Continuing our theme of getting your car ready for our driving season,
we wanted to highlight the need to make sure your battery is ready for touring.

To Kill A Battery!

By: Tom Endy

Taken from: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/To-Kill-A-Battery.pdf>

Model A Ford battery:

The battery in a Model A Ford tends to not last as long as one in a modern car. The reason is the inactivity. Cars that are driven daily usually keep the battery fully charged. Batteries that sit around less than fully charged tend to fail sooner.

A sneaky leaking diode:

One of the things that will drag a battery down is a leaking diode. Model A Fords did not have diodes back in Henry's day. Today many owners have installed a diode in the generator cut-out, or replaced the generator with an alternator. An alternator has six diodes in it. If you drive the car daily you might not even be aware you have a leaky diode. However, if you let the car sit for a long period of time it will pull the battery down.

The diode:

A diode is a device that when installed in an electrical circuit will allow current to pass in one direction but not the other. Another way of stating it is that it has a low resistance in one direction and a high resistance in the other direction. The high resistance direction, however, is not absolute, and a very minute amount of current is able to pass in that direction. The amount is so small as to be almost undetectable, and to a car driven daily it is of no consequence.

The cut-out:

The purpose of the cut-out on a Model A Ford is to disconnect the battery from the generator when it is not rotating. A non-rotating generator would be a dead short on the battery and would discharge it very quickly. There is a single set of contacts inside the cut-out. When the engine is running and the generator is rotating the contacts close automatically so that the generator will charge the battery. When the engine stops the contacts open automatically. After many years of service the cutout contacts can become stuck together, this is especially true with the poor quality reproduction cut-outs being offered on the market today. Thus became the reason for the cut-out diode modification. The diode does not have contacts, but it can still fail. Many times the failure is subtle and is manifested in a leak instead of a dead short.

The alternator:

An alternator is a device that produces AC power. In order to convert it to DC power for use in a car six diodes are installed as a rectifier circuit. When the alternator is not rotating the diodes prevent the battery from discharging through the alternator exactly the same as does a diode in the generator cut-out. If any one of the six diodes develops a leak it will pull the battery down.

The ammeter:

The ammeter on the dash will indicate if there is a severely leaking diode. When you shut the engine off the ammeter should be zeroed out. If it is deflected slightly negative, something is drawing current. However, a leaking diode may not be leaking enough to register on the ammeter.

An easy check:

Most inexpensive volt-ohm meters (\$10. or less) have a milliamp scale. The one I have has a 250- milliamp scale. This equals one quarter of an amp. One quarter of an amp will not register on the dash ammeter, but it is enough to kill your battery. Pull the fuse out of the holder on top of the starter (it is prudent to have one installed) and place the meter probes across the fuse holder with the meter set to the milliamp scale. The meter will measure the current drain. The six-volt positive ground alternator on my Model A has one or more diodes leaking 200 milliamps and it did kill a battery.

Pull the fuse:

Anytime you park your car for an extended period of time, or even overnight, it is a good idea to pull the fuse and stand it on it's head at one end of the holder. If you do have a leaking diode somewhere the absence of the fuse will prevent it from draining your battery. The six-volt positive ground alternator on my Model A still has a leaking diode, even after I installed a new battery. It may have been that way for a number of years, however it puts out power just fine. One of these days I may get around to fixing the problem, but for now I just make sure I lift the fuse when I am done driving for the day



2025 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **March 26, 2025**
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- **April 11-13, 2025**
Model A Restorer's Club 2025 Membership Meet
Nashville, Indiana
You must register for this event. Join in the fun of seminars, meetings, touring the countryside, dinners, fashion and car swap meets. For registration and agenda please visit:
<https://model-a-ford.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/MARC-MAN-Nov-Dec-2024-Registration-and-Schedual.pdf>
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- **April 27, 2025**
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.
- **May 28, 2025**
OVRMAFC - May Business Meeting
The first of our summer meetings where we host business meetings at differing locations.
Join us as Tom and Jeanette Losekamp host us at:
[Harrison Township Civic Center](#)
[9940 New Haven Road](#)
[Harrison, Ohio 45030](#)
A dinner entre (Jeanette's famous homemade BBQ) will be provided, we ask that all members bring a side item or dessert. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. OVRMAFC Business meeting starts at 7:00pm
- **June 16 - 20, 2025**
Model A Restorer's Club 2025 Gettysburg National Meet
You must register for this event. Join 100+ Model A's as they drive around the scenic town of Gettysburg. Take in the history of the grounds, enjoy seminars, tours, dinners, ice cream socials and much more. For more information on agenda and registration please visit: <https://model-a-ford.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Registration-form.pdf>

The Tunic Dress and Skirt - A 1930-1931 Design Feature

By: Diann Eason

Taken from: <https://mafca.com/the-tunic-dress-and-skirt-a-1930-1931/>

Trying to describe your era fashion can be a real struggle. You want to be unique in your wording while describing accurately the design characteristic. Perhaps "tunic" best describes your dress.

While peplums, tiers, flounces, and panels are seen in the dresses, evening wear, and occasional suits in 1928 through 1931, the tunic dress and skirt were also seen in 1930-1931.

The tunic with its elongated lines gave a slenderizing effect to the feminine silhouette. In the dress the tunic starts at the shoulder seams and falls past waistline to below the knee. A belt often gathered the fabric slightly below the natural waistline resulting in a relaxed bodice. The tunic provides flowing shape emphasizing a relaxed and feminine look .



The tunic skirt was also seen as a simple second layer of fabric falling from the waist to a length approximately two thirds to three fourths of the hem of the under skirt. A more elegant or interesting tunic skirt might include gathers, box pleats, flares, angles, tucks, and bias-cut draping layer.

The underskirt may be made of a different fabric like velvet, or a different color like black with a gray tunic.

Elaborate decorations such as beads, embroidery, and lace are often seen on the tunic layer.

Fabric weight and occasion are important considerations when designing a tunic. The tunic design for women would be seen most often in afternoon, evening, and formal settings made of summer or lighter weight chiffons and silks.

A printed canton afternoon dress with a pleated and flounced mid-length tunic-right Whether your era looking tunic has box pleats, gathers, or other draping, fashion enthusiasts will be excited to read your description and see your beautiful find.



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
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(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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