

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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June, 2025

Director's Column: John Grossheim



We are entering into the prime touring season and May was a great month for it! Thank you to the Hammins and Mohrs and everyone involved with putting on a great tour for the Veterans! Thank you to the Losekamps for hosting a great meeting at the Harrison Civic Center too. Oeder's Lake picnic was a great success as well for our 54th year there! We had 17 model As present which was a great turn out and the weather was outstanding! We could not do this without the support and hosting of the Ekstedt family, so thank you for hosting! Jimmy did a great job at hosting car games.

We will be working on Bella's car on Saturday June 7th, if anyone is wanting to attend. I am sure there will be a few follow-up dates if you would like to volunteer your time for it. This is to install a lot of the parts she was able to buy with the MARC Youth Restoration Award.

At the end of June, I will be hosting a tour to meet with the Old Fort A's out of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their portion of the tour is run by Mike Lewis, son of Dick Lewis, who was in our club for many years before he passed. Hope to see everyone at the June meeting and getting their cars out of hibernation and back on the road! June looks to be a rainy month, but it rained in 1930!

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June 7, 2025 OVRMAFC June Tech Session

Join us as we replace the entire front axle and rewire Bella Nelson's Model A.
Come to hang out, come to help, come to make fun of us, just be there. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Meeting Location:
[3520 Surrey Lane](#)
[Mason, OH 45040](#)

Meeting Time:
1:00PM

June 25, 2025 OVRMAFC June Business Meeting

Please join us as Phyllis Pease and Anna Williams host our club meeting at the Miami Whitewater Forest Tanager Meadow Shelter. 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 7:00pm

Meeting location:
[Tanager Meadow Shelter at Miami](#)
[Whitewater Forest](#)
[9680 Timberlakes Dr](#)
[Harrison, OH 45030](#)

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Mike Lewis, son of Dick Lewis, has invited OVR to join the Old Fort A's for a tour to King's Ridge Elderberries where there will be a chance to take pictures with your car in the Elderberry field as well as other non-As for a car show.

Depart by 8:30am in the morning, plan to be home after 6:30pm.

We will meet at:
[Cracker Barrel](#)
[11993 Chase Plaza Dr](#)
[Parkdale, OH 45240](#)

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. All newsletters are now being delivered via email. If you are not receiving newsletters contact me.

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 May Tour - Ohio Veteran's Home

Hosted by: The Mohrs and Hamlins

Our May tour was something we haven't done before but always wanted too! Thank you to the Mohrs and Hamlins for setting up a visit to the Ohio Veteran's Home in Georgetown Ohio. We can't thank you enough for setting it all up.

Most of us ended the day with 130+ miles! The weather, food, and route were all perfect!



2025 June Oeders Lake 54th Annual Club Picnic

Hosted by: The Ekstedt Family

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's picnic extra special! Thank you to the Ekstedt family for cooking, hosting, and running car games! I totally forgot to take pictures today so hopefully everyone has some! 17 model As total and a nice long day!



Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Harrison Civic Center, Harrison Ohio

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:

In the absence of Jarrod Williams, Vice Director, the roll call was led by Larry Arnold.

ATTENDANCE:

42 members were present. 4 Model A's were driven.

SPLIT THE POT:

\$54 was won by Mike Witten

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

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

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported that Cindy Green is in the ER for chest pain. Wallace Huff is recuperating from recent neck surgery. June birthdays celebrated were Margie Blomer, Amy Schroeder & Clinton Knackstedt. June anniversaries recognized were Cas and Gary Daley (59 years), Margie and Tom Blomer (55 years), Jack & Wendi Greschel (36 years).

CAR CARE GANG:

Andy and Tom Blomer solved problem with drawn battery, John Grossheim taught Bella Nelson to change the oil in her Model A and Bella drove a test run to Oeders Lake alone.

John Grossheim was contacted by the Village of Glendale to service their Model A fire truck. John has offered the services of club members to service the truck once a year,

Anna Williams was contacted by a member of the Kentucky Horseless Carriage looking for a Zenith carburetor. Jack Greschel offered his assistance.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Margie Blomer reported that the fashion seminar for the upcoming MARC National Meet in Gettysburg, PA will be on gloves worn in the Model A Era. Also the MARC BOD has suggested that Fashion Committee members dress in Era Fashion all days of the Meet.

UPCOMING NATIONAL MODEL A EVENTS:

John Grossheim is working with Jim Zimmer of the Columbus, OH region to plan a statewide Ohio Model A Jamboree in 2027. MAFCA has requested OVR help in hosting the Award Banquet in December 2026, Jarrod Williams and John Grossheim are both currently on the MAFFI BOD. All members are encouraged to attend the annual Model A Days in Hickory Corners, MI

MARC MILEAGE:

Mike Wilcher reviewed the program.

MEMBERSHIP:

OVR annual dues will be \$45 beginning in 2026. Three new members have joined this month.

NEWSLETTER:

Members are encouraged to contribute articles by the 3rd of each month. Amy Schroeder and Chris Hamlin reported that they printed 10 May 2025 newsletters and mailed them to members who do not have digital access.

SWAP MEET:

Deb Arnold encouraged members to sell vendor spots. Also, she has been given the list of the vendors from the recent swap meet in Columbus, IN.

RECENT EVENTS:

On Saturday, May 10, 2025, Chris Hamlin and Pam Mohr hosted an event to the Georgetown, OH Veterans Home. Thirteen Model A's were enjoyed by the residents of the home and one veteran was given a ride by Jarrod Williams. Lunch at the Sons of Toil Brewery was enjoyed afterward. Mike Wilcher regained the Toilet Seat award due to a flat tire during the drive. Larry Arnold reported that he lost a tire on his way home from the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The annual OVR picnic, hosted this year by the Ekstedt family, will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Oeders Lake in Morrow, OH. Arrivals can start at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Club will furnish hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a dish to share, a chair and fishing gear.

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, Bella Nelson will host an event, "Restoring Rosie" at 3520 Surry Lane, Mason, OH. Help is needed to replace the front end and rewire her Model A. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

The MARC National Meet will be held June 16-20, 2025 in Gettysburg, PA. The MAFCA National Tour "Civil War Days" will be held June 15-22, 2025.

John Grossheim invited OVR members to join him on a tour with the Old Fort A's in Fort Wayne, IN on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Tim Schmidt invited members to enjoy an open house and tour of the Hunt House in Blue Ash, OH on Saturday, July 19, 2025. This event was rescheduled from an earlier date due to inclement weather.

Bob Noe invited members to attend a car show scheduled on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at the Revive City Church at 5541 Cleves Warsaw Pike, Cincinnati, OH. The hours are 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The annual Model A Days will be held Friday-Saturday, September 19-20, 2025 at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

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May Meeting Minutes, continued

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 and will be hosted by Anna Williams and Phyllis Pease at the Tanager Meadows shelter in Miami Whitewater Park. THIS IS IMPORTANT!! Please disregard the previous address given for this shelter and follow these directions:

If coming from Indiana, take I-74 East to Exit 3 (Dry Fork Road) and turn Left onto Dry Fork Road. If coming from Ohio, take I-74 West to Exit 3 (Dry Fork Road) and turn Right onto Dry Fork. Go 1 mile to a traffic circle. Take the FIRST exit off the traffic circle onto West Road. Go approximately ½ mile to the park entrance on the Right. Tanager Meadows shelter will be on the immediate Left. 9680 Timberlakes Dr, Harrison, OH 45030

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

MAFCA Fashion Display Judging

Fashion Display Judging was developed to add interest to any meet and consists of static displays of Original, Reproduction and Era Image fashions from 1928-1931. The display is designed and set up by an entrant or team, and is judged for correctness against MAFCA's Fashion Guidelines. Many members have wonderful collections of Model A fashions, and Fashion Display Judging allows them to participate in judging and show their creativity for displaying these fashions without physically wearing their garments. A Fashion Display entry can be made by an individual or a team of two or more. A display depicting a couple or family is counted as a single entry. Only one entry per registrant is allowed.

Model A Restorer's Club - The Running Board Report

Below is the monthly report sent out by the MARC Director of regions, Jim Zimmer. This is sent out to help MARC members understand all of the great things they are contributing to with their yearly MARC dues!

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

June 2025

MARC is planning something different for next year! As a test, we will be combining our annual Membership Meet with our National Tour. Beforehand, committee and other business meetings will be held with the Board via Zoom conference calls. Our General Membership meeting and award ceremonies will be held at the Tour host hotel. More information will be communicated as planning is finalized.

As your Board, we are working hard make improvements. Our website, future meets, working together with MAFCA to begin planning joint events, our merchandise, changes in Fashion judging, Driver Class judging geared to draw fellow enthusiasts who love restoring and driving their cars but with modifications that are not exactly correct per judging standards. If you haven't already, make plans to attend the Gettysburg National Meet and learn more.

Regions, we have been contacted by several of you. Reportedly, Region officers have been receiving SPAM emails purportedly from either the President or Treasurer of the Region asking for money to be sent to them at another email address. Please use caution when receiving an email like this. As a reminder, MARC does not request any funds to be sent via email. Region dues can be paid directly to our website by credit card, PayPal or by mailing dues to MARC, P.O. Box 498, Howell Michigan, 48844.

Can you count the benefits of joining MARC? It's more than just insurance and a great magazine, it is also a network of experts who can help you either restore or keep your Model A running well. If you are into era fashion, we have experts there too. MARC meets offer a chance to network, drive your Model A, experience fashions and activities for young Model A enthusiasts. Just watching our experienced repair tent crews perform their magic will teach you more than you could imagine. Please encourage all of the non MARC members of your Region to sign up today to take advantage of our FREE trial 12 month membership. Just call 734-427-9050 to join!



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
- **1929 AA Pickup - \$17,000**
Contact Carl Hollingsworth of Sligo
(513) 725-2921
- **Heater Manifold with Intake Cover**
\$75.00. Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931
- **1934 Ford BB Truck Chassis - \$2,200**
Turns by hand. Includes original Budd Wheels. Wheel Base:158in, Overall length:18 ft. Power take off unit on the transmission. The steering column drop is still intact with the original key. B4 cylinder engine / transmission laying on the frame.
Contact James Potter: 513-504-4459
- **Late 1931 AA Dump Truck - \$4,750**
4 cylinder, 4 speed. Original hydraulic dump body.
Contact James Potter: 513-504-4459

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

2025 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **June 7, 2025**
OVRMAFC June Tech Session - Rehabing Rosie!
 Replacing the entire front axle and rewiring! Come help or just come to hangout. There will be drinks and snacks. See you there, starting at 1:00pm!
 Meeting location:
[3520 Surrey Lane](#)
[Mason, OH 45040](#)
- **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>
- **June 25, 2025**
OVRMAFC June Business Meeting
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 Meeting location:
[Tanager Meadow Reservable Shelter](#)
[9680 Timberlakes Dr](#)
[Harrison, OH 45030](#)
- **June 28, 2025**
OVRMAFC June Tour - Old Fort A's to King's Ridge Elderberries
This will be a longggg day of touring.
 Mike Lewis, son of Dick Lewis, has invited OVR to join the Old Fort A's for a tour to King's Ridge Elderberries (4971 E 800 S, Lynn, IN 47355) where there will be a chance to take pictures with your car in the Elderberry field as well as other non-As for a car show. Schedule: 10:30 or 11:00 - Arrive Mrs. Wicks Restaurant (100 N Cherry St, Winchester, IN 47394) home of the original Wicks Sugar Cream pie for lunch with the Old Fort A's 12:30 Arrive the King's Ridge Elderberries (4971 E 800 S, Lynn, IN 47355) 2:00 pm Depart for return trip home and end in Sharonville. **Depart by 8:30am in the morning.**
 Meeting location:
[Cracker Barrel](#)
[11993 Chase Plaza Dr](#)
[Parkdale, OH 45240](#)
- **July 13, 2025**
OVRMAFC July Poker Run Tour
 Join us as Bob and Cindy Green host the annual Poker Run Tour! Please meet at the Harrison McDonalds. 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! For questions, please call Bob Green at 513-313-0078. Departure time: 9:00am
 Meeting location:
[McDonalds](#)
[10570 Harrison Ave](#)
[Harrison, OH 45030](#)
- **July 19, 2025**
Hunt Road House Open House
 The City of Blue Ash contacted Tim Schmidt regarding an open house at the Hunt Road House. The open house is from 1 to 4 PM. They asked if some Model A Members would be interested in displaying their cars. The Hunt House goes back to the early 1800s. The interior has been restored to the 1860s. It was a spot that the Morgan Raiders used. They would like our cars there by 12:30 so that they can close that part of the yard. More details to come.
- **July 23, 2025**
OVRMAFC July Business Meeting
 Please join us as David and Sarah Klein host us at their house for the summer meeting. A dinner entre will be provided by the club, but please bring a side dish to share. Also bring a folding chair and drinks for yourself.
 Dinner starts at 6pm and the meeting will begin at 7pm.
 Meeting location:
[2533 Western Row Road](#)
[Mainville, OH 45039](#)
- **August 27, 2025**
OVRMAFC August Business Meeting
 A summer meeting where we host business meetings at differing locations. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.
 OVRMAFC Business meeting starts at 7:00pm

2025 Milford Frontier Days Parade

Hosted by: Amy Schroder

The weather was perfect, thank you for bring your Model A for the annual Milford parade!



Tech Article - Gas Gauge Repair

By: Tom Endy

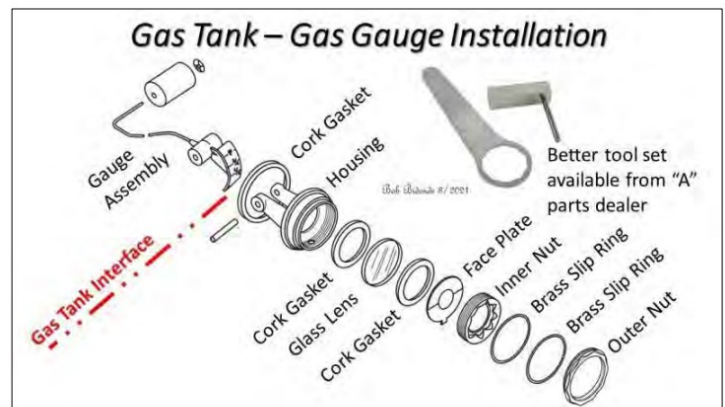
Taken from: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Gas-Gauge-Repair.pdf>

There will come a time in the life of a surviving Model A when the gas gauge will need repair. The first order of business is to have the proper tools to get it apart. Model A suppliers carry them. Most repairs consist of replacing the float and the gaskets. The best choice for a float is one made of brass that modern fuels will not destroy. An excellent brass float is available from Reenlee H. Kotas of San Diego, 858-945-2018. Price in 2020 was \$6. Gaskets and brass slip rings can be obtained from Bratton's.

Gas gauge gaskets 13570 \$2.50 set

Brass slip rings 13571 \$1.15 each

The original Ford installation required only one brass slip ring. However, in the modern Model A kingdom it has been determined that at least two (or more) slip rings are required to prevent a fuel leak. With only one slip ring the outer nut will likely bottom on the threads before there is a crush on the gaskets. The drawing below shows two brass slip rings. It is also suggested that cork gaskets be used. Avoid the neoprene gaskets as modern fuels are likely to destroy them.



Drawing by Bob Bidonde



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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