The Ohio Valley Region's News

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Director's Column: John Grossheim

Wow! What an old car month! Hopefully everyone is ready for September! Jarrod and I just got back from a 600 mile road trip in our Model T's to Old Car Festival in Dearborn. We ran into a few of our club members there who all got driving lessons. The leaves are already starting to turn in Michigan! Hopefully we will see a few more OVR cars there next year!

In August, Clinton hosted an awesome tour to La Comedia with lots of laughs and great company! Thank you to Bella and Ellie for hosting our August meeting, we had a great turn out and the weather was perfect. We have Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum coming up next week. Our club swap meet is at the end of the month so please reach out to Deb Arnold if you are able to help with the swap meet. October will be busy with our Second Annual Vagabond Camping experience at Oeder's Lake. Be sure to read in the calendar for details, but I will provide details at our September meeting too.
Just a reminder we are back in the Sharonville Firehouse this month. Keep on motoring!

September 24, 2025 OVRMAFC September Business Meeting

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

Sharonville Fire Dept. Station 86
11637 Chester Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Meeting time, 7:00pm.

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Choose to do one or both of the day's activities!

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Irons Fruit Farm
1640 Stubbs Mills Rd
Lebanon, OH 45036

Meet Melissa and Jarrod at Oeder's Lake for a campfire meal and overnight tent camping! Meet there at 5pm, do not arrive earlier.

Oeder's Lake
1369 E US Highway 22 and 3,
Morrow, OH 45152

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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.

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)
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- 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/

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 August Tour - La Comedia

Hosted by: Clinton Knackstedt

A huge thank you to Clinton Knackstedt for hosting the August tour, and his first OVRMAFC tour! We had 33 people with 16 Model A's that joined in on the tour to La Comedia dinner theatre. Once there we had a delicious lunch and then we were treated to a performance of "The Play That Goes Wrong". Thank you to everyone that came out!

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 Montgomery, Ohio

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 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 62 members present, 16 Model A's were driven. One new member, Bob Lambert, was introduced.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:
Both reports were approved as printed in the August 2025 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:
August birthdays celebrated were: Sharian Gillie, Mary Bohmer and Jim Mohr. The August anniversaries acknowledged were: Elmer and Jeanette Stanukinos (32 years), Eddie and Mary Bohmer (45 years), Art and BJ Foreman (53 years), Jim and Pam Thomas (57 years).

CAR CARE REPORT:
Bella Nelson recently experienced a break down on the road. Seven young men stopped to assist. John Grossheim diagnosed a gas line leak which was temporarily repaired with bubble gum. David Klein took the scenic drive to Lynchburg, Ohio for help from Brad Hamlin. Addressed were new tires, turn signal installation, alignment, steering box and rod. Tom Losekamp assisted in starting the Model A of a friend. Car had been sitting for 10 years. Jarrod Williams reported 30,000 miles on a rebuilt engine in the last 6 years.

FASHION COMMMITTEE: No report.

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:
Mike Wilcher reviewed program for new members.

SWAP MEET:
Deb Arnold reported 16 vendor spots sold with 45 left to sell. Door prized and baked goods are needed on day of Meet. Planning committee will meet via Zoom on Thursday, August 28. 2025.

MEMBERSHIP:
Jarrod Williams reported 100 members (173 people). OVR now the largest Model A club in Ohio and in the top 15 nationally.

NEWSLETTER:
The AAAOOOGAH has received the MARC award of continuing excellence.

GOOD NEWS:
Congratulations to Jim Thomas for receiving the MARC Ken Brady Award for 45 years of service and dedication to the Model A hobby.

Jack Greschel donated a projector to the club which he obtained from OHC.

OTHER INFORMATION:
Conrad Gerdes has been contacted bout helping the estate of a collector sell cars and parts. See Conrad for further information.

RECENT EVENTS:
On Sunday, August 23, 2025, Clinton Knackstedt hosted his first tour to the LaComedia Theatre in Springboro, Ohio. Thirty three members attended and 15 A's were driven to enjoy a delicious lunch and a hilarious play, "The Play that Went Wrong".

Larry Arnold won an award at the recent Car Show in Harrison, Ohio.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Jarrod Williams and John Grossheim plan to attend Old Car Days at Greenfield Village, MI on September 6, 2025.

Jimmy Ekstedt invited members to attend the Montgomery, Ohio Car Show to be held on September 13, 2025. Registration will be from 2-4 p.m. with awards at 6:30 p.m.

Model A Days will be held at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI on September 19-20, 2025. Several members are planning to attend.

The second annual camp out at Oeders Lake is being planned for October 11, 2025. Tentatively, the event will follow an afternoon visit to a fruit farm, hayride, etc. The Hay Press tour is also scheduled for this date but Conrad Gerdes suggested canceling this event.

Pam Mohr is planning a game night in November. Art Foreman and Al Audette will host the annual Mystery Tour in November.

Jarrod Williams is awaiting confirmation of the Wreaths Across America event in December.

SPLIT THE POT:
David Klein won $103.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting will be held on at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at the Sharonville Firehouse. Tim Schmidt will confirm this with the Fire Department.

SUBMITTED BY:
Phyllis Pease, Secretary

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1930s Men's Fashion

Taken from: Online Aricle **By: Rishi Chullani**

Fashion is often a marker of society at a moment in time, with each period imprinting its essence through the apparel worn. The 1930s marked a whirlwind period involving economic turmoil as well as extensive social change – factors contributing to the state of menswear during the era. Despite these hurdles, the decade led to the emergence of groundbreaking styles and enduring designs that continue to dictate menswear today. In contrast to the preceding two decades, in the 1930s, men adopted a more relaxed approach to dressing, favoring casual attire. This shift involved an increase in sportswear, a decrease in rigid hats, and a decline in starched collars.

Towards the tail end of the 20s, the stock market crash of 1929 resulted in The Great Depression, a period that significantly impacted all areas of life, including the fashion industry. As a result of the financial state of the country, a marked shift emerged towards more practical and affordable clothing.

Suits for men became simpler in design and more focused on durability and functionality. As a means of saving money, suits of the 1930s emphasized a silhouette characterized by broad shoulders, high waists, and wide-leg trousers. The overall effect was elegant, stylish, and can still be seen in menswear today as tailored suits remain a quintessential element in a man's wardrobe.

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

September 2025

Meet us next May in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of New York State when we present the MARC 2026 Membership Meet/National Tour as a joint event! The Finger Lakes area is renowned for its scenery, local wineries, and quaint villages. For an extra thrill, drive your Model A on the world-class Watkins Glen International Speedway! Details are still being finalized so keep checking the *Model A News* and *The Running Board Report* for information as it develops!

ALERT! Scammers are back again. Recently an email, purportedly from Tom Hovetter, MARC President, was sent to Regional officers requesting gift cards be sent for veterans. This is a scam. MARC does not solicit funds except for payment of membership/Region dues.

Recently the Driver Class committee met to make changes to the judging standards based on feedback we have received. An example of a few of the changes made are that we will include vehicles with fiberglass fenders and later Ford axles to participate going forward and have enhanced the awards! We want to encourage participation of almost any Model A with non stock parts and modifications. Look for the updated standards on the MARC website shortly.

Certainly you've seen that we have the digital version of the *Model A News* posted on our website for MARC members to view. If you are a new member or just renewed, at the bottom of your receipt is a button to view your account and it will take you to it. This method is in addition to access through the MARC website. If you need a copy of your receipt, just contact the office at 734-427-9050 and we can sent it to you..

OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- **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
- **1930 Cabriolet - $20,000**
  New top & interior, stone guard, trunk rack, cowl lights, rumble seat. Contact Conrad Gerdes: 812-584-5639
- **1928 Roadster - $17,500**
  New top & interior. New tires & brakes. New paint. Has rumble seat. Rebuilt engine.
  Call Conrad Gerdes: 812-584-5639
- **1928 Sport Coupe - $16,500**
  Good driver, nice top & interior.
  Contact Conrad Gerdes: $812-584-5639

2025 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **Sep 19-20, 2025**
  Model A Days
  Two days dedicated to only the Model A! This year we will be unveiling the new museum expansion! Model A Days held at on the campus of the Gilmore Museum.
  Gilmore Car Museum
  6865 Hickory Rd
  Hickory Corners, MI 49060

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- **November 8, 2025**
  OVRMAFC 1st Annual Fundraising Game Night
  Join us for our club's first fundraising game night!
  We will be at the Harrison Township Civic Center.
  Please come join in the games, food, prizes, and lots of fun with friends. Split the pot, raffle baskets, snacks, hors d'oeuvers, and sweets will be provided.
  Everyone, please bring your favorite drinks to the party. Cost is $15.00 per person. We will be selling poker chips at the door, if you would like to play for money. All game money "100%" will be given back as prize money, keeping it all legal.
  9940 New Haven Rd, Harrison, OH 45030

- **November 19, 2025**
  OVRMAFC November Business 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 6:30 p.m. and the auction will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.
  Sharonville Fire Dept. Station 86
  11637 Chester Rd.
  Cincinnati, OH 45246

- **December 7, 2025**
  OVRMAFC Christmas Party and Holiday Banquet
  Join us for tasty food, fabulous raffle prizes (bring cash), deserving awards, stimulating conversations, and more! This is a paid reservation event only. Please have your check to Jarrod Williams by November 19, 2025 if you plan to attend.
  Terwilliger Lodge
  10530 Deerfield Rd
  Cincinnati, OH 45242
  Doors open at 5pm.

Lost History Of Racing. The Fairground Racer / Speedster of the 20's and 30's

By: Jack Greschel

After purchasing my dad's 1929 Model A Speedster in September of 2024, I have been looking to participate in the groups that have the same type of car and looking to display the lost history of racing known as fairground racing. I have learned of four groups that have speedster events. The first is, as I understand it is historically the largest group known as the North West Vintage Speedster Club (NWVS). The second is the Atlantic Coast Old Timers (ACOT). The third is a group known as Fast A Speed Technology (FAST). Finally the fourth group, who I have only gained information about the annual tour event that occurs in June. I have yet to find the contact information for this group. The NWVS holds several events in the upper Northwest area of the United States. Events include long endurance runs, speed tests, and hill climbs. ACOT participates in events scheduled and promoted by the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. Events include drag racing, oval track races, and car shows. FAST better known for the hill climbs they have. Members participate in other various events, which includes running at Bonneville.

In the early 90's the speedster group of Cincinnati, ran model A and T Fords, as a part of the Antique Auto Racing Association (AARA). Many of the events included exhibition racing at many of the fairgrounds around Ohio and Indiana. Stumpy Stone was the announcer for the events. Sharing his knowledge of vintage racing gained by talking to the older drivers of that time. Stumpy mentioned that many of the "pre-world war II" years starting around 1910. Many drivers would participate in fairground racing to gain a few extra dollars to supplement their incomes. The AARA held safety as the top priority, so it could continue to exhibit the early racing until the early 2000s when it finally closed down.

In my search, on June 27 of 2025, my wife and I received an invitation to go to Indianapolis to see the Legends of Indy run at Lucas Oil Raceway Park. Participants of the event were drivers running Indy cars from the Penske museum, other vintage race cars and the Ragtime Racers Participated.

The Ragtime Racers run cars built in 1920 or earlier. The vehicles that they run are Nationals (built in Indianapolis) Hudson's, Packard's, Lexington Minute Man Six, and Model T Ford fairground racers, also known as speedsters. The Ragtime Racers follow a strict set of guidelines to maintain authenticity that include things as little as the flat head screws used to assemble the cars and even the dress.

The speedster is getting attention and I would like to find others that would like to participate in the same type of events a little closer to home (Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky).

Future Speedster Events: The first event on the last weekend of June 26, 27, 28, of 2026 will be at Lucas Oil Raceway Park in Indianapolis Indiana. Mad River Mountain Hill Climb Revival August 22, 2026 (all types of cars invited to participate).

Information Wanted: Speedster tour held in June and any other events in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

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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