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OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB  
A MARC AND MAFCR REGIONAL CLUB

JUNE, 2026



# JOIN OHIO'S LARGEST FORD MODEL A CLUB!

Thank you for your interest in joining the tri-state's premier gathering place for Ford Model A enthusiasts – the Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club (OVRMAFC)! Proudly recognized as the largest Model A club in Ohio, we're a vibrant community dedicated to celebrating the golden age of motoring. Our mission is to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, and enjoy the Ford Model A – those iconic vehicles from 1928 through 1931 – while keeping the fun and fellowship of the Model A era alive.

You don't even need to own a Model A to join. Everyone with an appreciation for these classic cars is welcome at our meetings and events (though we'll admit, it's even more fun if you do!). Members enjoy access to our well-stocked Tool Crib, hands-on tech sessions covering everything from tappet adjustments to full engine removals, monthly driving tours, and a friendly newsletter packed with updates and stories.

Joining has never been easier, you can now join or renew your membership online and pay your dues by credit card right on our website. Come join us and be part of Ohio's largest Model A family!

## OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ROSTER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

NEW MEMBER:  EXISTING MEMBER:

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAKE \$35.00 CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OVR MODEL A FORD CLUB  
MAIL DUES AND APPLICATION TO:  
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## The Leadership Lens

BY JOHN GROSSHEIM

Thank you to the Ekstedt Family as well as Jim and Pam Mohr and Chris Hamlin for making our 60th Anniversary memorable! What a spectacular turnout at Oeder's lake for our 55th year there! I am so impressed with our club and how much it has grown and continues to grow!

June is a packed month for us with 2 tours

(Jarrod's gun tour and the Lady A's tour) so there will be lots of opportunities to drive!

Don't forget in July we have the MARC National Meet in French Lick. I will bring details of the caravan to the June meeting, but they are also on Facebook. Please make sure your car is in good running condition. We will not have a lot of time to stop and tinker, so just be prepared with AAA to trailer to the meet in the event of something that is not quickly fixable. A good AAA membership is the best tool to have in your tool kit.

If you decide that you would like to run a tour, we still have openings in the next few months so just reach out to myself or Jarrod with starting time and location, a brief description, and highlights. That is ALL we need! You just have to come up with a route, a place to eat, and a starting area (restrooms preferred).

Thank you everyone for building our club up so much. During all of my interactions with other hobbyists, I constantly brag about how great our club is and how active we are. There are a lot of Presidents/ Directors who call me throughout the nation because they are hearing about all of the cool stuff OVR is doing. We are really such a unique family!



## The Editor's Cut

BY JARROD WILLIAMS

As our club continues to grow and we host more events and tours, I'd like to kindly remind all event and tour hosts that including a short written summary for the newsletter makes a big difference. These write-ups not only help showcase and promote the club, but also allow you to share your unique experience and perspective. Your stories truly bring the newsletter to life, and they go a long way in making each issue more engaging and enjoyable for everyone.



# Model A

## Technical Tips / Activities / Information

### Modified Zenith

By: Tom Endy

The Zenith carburetor shown in the following series of photos has been extensively modified. It is reported that the purpose of the modification is to provide equalized air venting when some type of air cleaner is attached to the carburetor. The theory is that with the modification the air pressure in the fuel reservoir will then be the same as the air pressure behind the air cleaner. There is a theory that adding an air cleaner to an unmodified carburetor will cause the car to run rich because of the imbalance of air pressure.



Note the slot milled into the casting right above the secondary well (threaded hole) located on the left. A hole has also been drilled into the casting in the forward area of where the venturi installs. The hole goes through to the throat of the carburetor where air is introduced. The two original vent holes on the right have been plugged off with a threaded brass plug.

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### Modified Zenith

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The venturi has been machined to create a groove around its circumference to allow the air coming through the drilled hole to continue to the fuel reservoir.

Note how the venturi with the groove machined in it accommodates the slot of the milled casting and allows air to pass around it. The brass plug on the right is long enough to also plug off the 1/8" vent hole that was added to the later castings.



# Model A

## Technical Tips / Activities / Information

### Modified Zenith

By: Tom Endy



Note the secondary well installed on the left has had the top slightly milled so that the top is below the bottom of the slot milled into the casting.

The Model A Ford was not delivered with an air cleaner. The carburetor on a Model A is an updraft and is fed fuel by gravity from the fuel tank that is located above it. Carburetors on a Model A can and will leak fuel occasionally for a number of reasons including faulty tank valves and float valves. If an air cleaner is attached with a paper or foam filter it could become soaked in fuel and should there be a backfire on starting, there could possibly be a fire.



# NATIONAL MODEL A NEWS

## MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB



### The MARC Story

The Model "A" Restorers Club - MARC, founded in 1952, holds as its aims the encouragement of members to acquire, restore, preserve, exhibit and make use of the Model "A" Ford. And most importantly, to enjoy the fellowship of other Model "A" Ford owners around the world.

In our efforts to accomplish these goals we strive to provide information and benefits to all of our club members. Some of these benefits include the following:

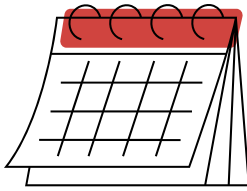
An Award winning magazine "The Model A News" which provides information both technical and social.

National Meets that include seminars and learning opportunities' for all Model A club members.

Technical support of different types including a Question and Answer forum on this website. A Technical Manager who will provide answers to all questions. Classifieds to buy or sell cars and parts

Listing of suppliers and vendors for support in your restoration. Local Region Members who when asked help in any way they can. And many more than can be listed here.

### MARC Events



### MARC Store



### Join MARC



### The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

## THE running BOARD REPORT

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

June 2026

**M**uch of the time spent at Board meetings involves the financials of your club. Expenses continuously rise and we are constantly looking for ways to cut or eliminate costs to you. To that end, your Board of Directors has voted (unanimously) to sell the office building in Garden City, Michigan. We have no plans to occupy another space at this time, but the building has been virtually vacant for several years with no changes predicted for the foreseeable future. The contents are safely stored and monies will be placed in an interest bearing account separate from our general treasury.

**A**re you aware that if your club is a "mixed" region of MARC members, MAFCA members and members with no affiliation that ONLY members of MARC are covered by our liability insurance? Region members with no MARC membership number cannot be considered part of MARC and therefore are not covered. While it's true that liability lawsuits are rare and unlikely, costs can be in the millions of dollars if you're sued and lose. MARC is proud to guarantee coverage to all its dues paying members as part of their payment. Speak with your non-MARC members soon and advise them of one of the benefits of MARC membership—the generous liability insurance program!

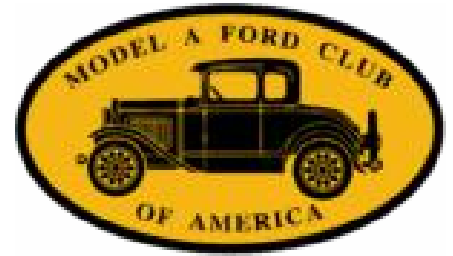
**R**EMEMBER to make mid-season adjustments to your brakes, timing, and fluids. If you haven't greased the chassis in a couple of years, take advantage of the next nice day and spend some time with the undercarriage of your favorite car or truck (your Model A, of course!), and get those fittings cleaned and lubricated for the rest of the season. While you're there, check for rusted or missing cotter pins, corroded electrical connections (battery ground, stoplight switch) and oil drips from engine, transmission or rear axle. Your car will appreciate it!

**C**OMPATIBILITY with today's traffic can be a daunting task while driving a Model A. For the safety of you and your passengers, why not consider installing seat belts and directional signals if you haven't done so already—if you have, offer to help a fellow club member with their installation. The LED lighting systems are easy to install, are reasonably priced from our advertised vendors, and could save your life! Of course, seat belts are also life savers, but will need to be custom installed.



# NATIONAL MODEL A NEWS

## MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA



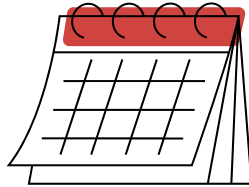
### The MAFCA Story

The club traces its origins to October 1955, when a small group of Model A Ford enthusiasts from the Los Angeles area came together to form a social club for Model A owners in Southern California. Initially named the Model A Restorers Club of Southern California, its activities were focused on the Los Angeles region. On September 23, 1957, the club was officially founded as the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) in Glendale, California, and was incorporated on October 21, 1957.

The launch of its publication, *The Restorer*, in May 1956 helped the club gain nationwide recognition. As the magazine grew in popularity, the club expanded beyond Southern California and took on a national presence. In 1957, it was reorganized and renamed, allowing other Model A clubs to join as affiliated chapters. Since then, MAFCA has chartered over 250 chapters across the United States and internationally.

Today, the MAFCA is the world's largest car club dedicated to a single automobile make. As a nonprofit organization, MAFCA is committed to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford. Membership is open to anyone with a genuine interest in these objectives and who meets the qualifications outlined in the club's By-Laws.

### MAFCA Events



### MAFCA Store



### Join MAFCA



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### MAFCA News

I think Old Man Winter has finally decided to give us a break and is retreating north. The deep freeze temperatures and extraordinary snowstorms we endured this winter put a damper on any winter Model Aing. Fortunately, I think we have turned the corner as the weather has warmed up bit and the other day I saw some Crocus' sprouting in the flower beds. This is a sure sign that we can safely get our Model A's out of hibernation and on the road touring again.

Speaking of touring my club recently finished its tour schedule for 2026 that will keep our members busy from April to December. Our Tour Director assembled a group to brainstorm events, activities and destinations that would be of interest to the members. The result was a schedule that included 33 activities to keep our wheels rolling this season. I am sure your club has established its touring schedule as well.

The main MAFCA event will see many members touring to Pendleton, OR for the National Convention. This is a beautiful area for touring in your Model A, and Jack Remilard and the team have provided plenty of time to explore this scenic area.

At the main office there is a lot happening, our new membership Directory is off to the printer and will be mailed out soon to those who preordered it. If you didn't preorder a copy you can call the MAFCA office now to get your Member Directory.

In the meantime, give your Model A its spring wake-up and get those wheels rolling.

Doug Linden

# NATIONAL MODEL A NEWS

MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION, INC.



## The MAFFI Story

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) began in December 1986 when Model A Ford Club of America Board Members formed the organization to preserve the history of Model A cars and related artifacts.

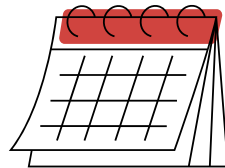
Approved as a California organization in February 1987 and a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) in June 1987, the foundation's activities focus on research, archiving, and operating The Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan, which opened in May 2013.

Every year, the third Saturday and Sunday of September, the museum hosts the renowned "Model A Days" event. This is a two day event held at the only museum dedicated to the Model A in the United States. Join in the swap meet, Hall of Fame induction ceremony, car show, tech seminars, and the famous "first-start" of a barn find are just some of the things you can do.

In 2025, the museum proudly finished a massive \$1.2M expansion that doubled the size of the museum and included a "learning" garage area where tech seminars will be held.

Future generations will be able to enjoy the history and fun of the Model A for years to come.

## 2026 Model A Days



## MAFFI Store



## Join MAFFI



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## MAFFI News

Message from the President: John Begg

The article in The Editor's Column describes our newest vignette depicting real life with a Model A in an earlier time. I hope you will enjoy the article and will take a long look at the display when you visit the museum. I also hope you will get an idea of how the museum operates and fulfills its mission. The museum designs, develops and installs displays and vignettes through the efforts of volunteers dedicated to our hobby and museum. As you look at the displays, you can appreciate the many hours required in their development.

During a recent visit, we had the opportunity to speak with The Gilmore Executive Director about The Model A Museum. He was very open with his comments about how The Model A Museum really shows the vehicles but also "tells the story" about the Model A and the Model A era. His discussion also included his amazement regarding the number of volunteers that are responsible for the creation of such a wonderful museum and visitor experience. Although he didn't use these exact words, I believe we are the crown jewel of the campus! Thank you, all donors, members and volunteers!

This year we are pleased to offer a beautiful 1930 Town Sedan as our Sweepstakes grand prize. This car represents an outstanding restoration and will absolutely make some lucky winner proud to have it in his/her garage. This will make a great touring car thanks to the generosity of Mr. Jennings and The Evergreen Chapter of Washington state. Donations received from the Sweepstakes program help in funding new exhibits and with operational costs associated with running the museum. Although we have no paid staff (Trustees serve as unpaid volunteers), we have facility and insurance costs, etc. as part of our overall expenses.

Thank you for supporting our "World Class Museum". Please plan to attend this year's Model A Days which will be held on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum September 18th and 19th, 2026.~ John

# NATIONAL MODEL A NEWS

MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION, INC.



## Win this 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan!



Scan the QR code or click the title link above to enter!

The project began when Ron Jennings donated a 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan to MAFFI, and the Evergreen Chapter volunteered to restore it. A team of experienced club members undertook a full frame-off restoration. The body was removed from the frame, the original wood structure was replaced with a complete new wood kit, and extensive bodywork was completed before the car received fresh base-coat and clear-coat paint. The engine, transmission, and rear end were fully rebuilt, including new babbitt bearings, re-bored cylinders with new pistons and rings, a performance camshaft, and modern valves with hardened seats. The final assembly included a new top, new glass, and high-quality upholstery, completing the car's polished appearance.

All labor and parts for the restoration were donated by Evergreen Chapter members. After a successful test drive, the finished car was proudly presented to MAFFI at the 2014 MAFCA National Convention in Puyallup, Washington, where the keys were formally handed to MAFFI President Stan Johnson. The car was then transported to the MAFFI Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, where it remains on display today as a testament to the craftsmanship and dedication of the club members who restored it.

When you enter the MAFFI Sweepstakes, you're not just taking a chance on winning this stunning 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan, you're also supporting something much bigger. Proceeds from the sweepstakes help sustain the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc (MAFFI), the only museum in the United States dedicated entirely to the Ford Model A. Your entry helps preserve the history, craftsmanship, and stories behind these remarkable cars so future generations can experience and appreciate the legacy of the Model A.

# YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP

## MODEL A YOUTH RESTORATION AWARD



### The MAYRA Story

When MAYRA began in 1994, one requirement was that the youth, his or her parents, or grandparents had to be members of MAFCA. The award would be made biennially at an MAFCA National Convention. The Dallas Model A Ford Club stepped up to the plate and donated \$500 for the first award. The Dallas club has continued with its support for every future award.

Over the years, as the program became widely known, more and more youth applied. The program was later endorsed by the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) and youth associated were able to participate. Today, recipients are announced jointly at the MAFCA and MARC summer national conventions. The early awards were cash payments, but when the program became exempt under IRS Section 501 (C) 3, the awards became gift certificates purchased from Model A parts and services vendors. Prior to 2024, awards were made biennially. Awards are made annually.

Every eligible applicant receives an award equal to that of the other applicants. However, the award amount could be less based on an applicant's needs. The award amounts are established by the Board of Directors and have varied over the years based on donations. In recent years, the award amounts ranged from \$1,300 to \$3,000. MAYRA's program is set up so that a recipient can apply for additional awards as long as they are less than age 22 by May 31 of the year when the awards are made.

MAYRA's program relies on local Model A clubs to seek out and identify youth interested in the Model A hobby. It is generally through these contacts that youth become aware of the program. Additionally, the websites and publications of both national Model A Clubs have information on the program and links through Google search and Facebook.

In an effort to expose as many kids as possible to the Model A Ford, both around the country and abroad, in 2022, MAYRA initiated "May is Model A Youth Month." With the support of both national Model A organizations – MARC and MAFCA – we declared May 2022 as the inaugural Model A Youth Month. Each Model A Club is asked to do an event that provides Model A's hands-on contact with children and teens but encourages moms and dads to attend, too.

We have a good and fair relationship with Model A parts and services vendors whose donations are in the form of gift certificates. When a vendor donates, MAYRA makes an equal purchase of gift certificates. A large number of additional gift certificates are purchased from those vendors based on their donation's percentage of all the vendor donations.

#### Donations

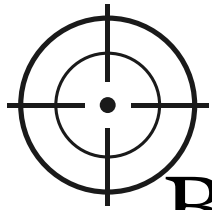


#### Applications



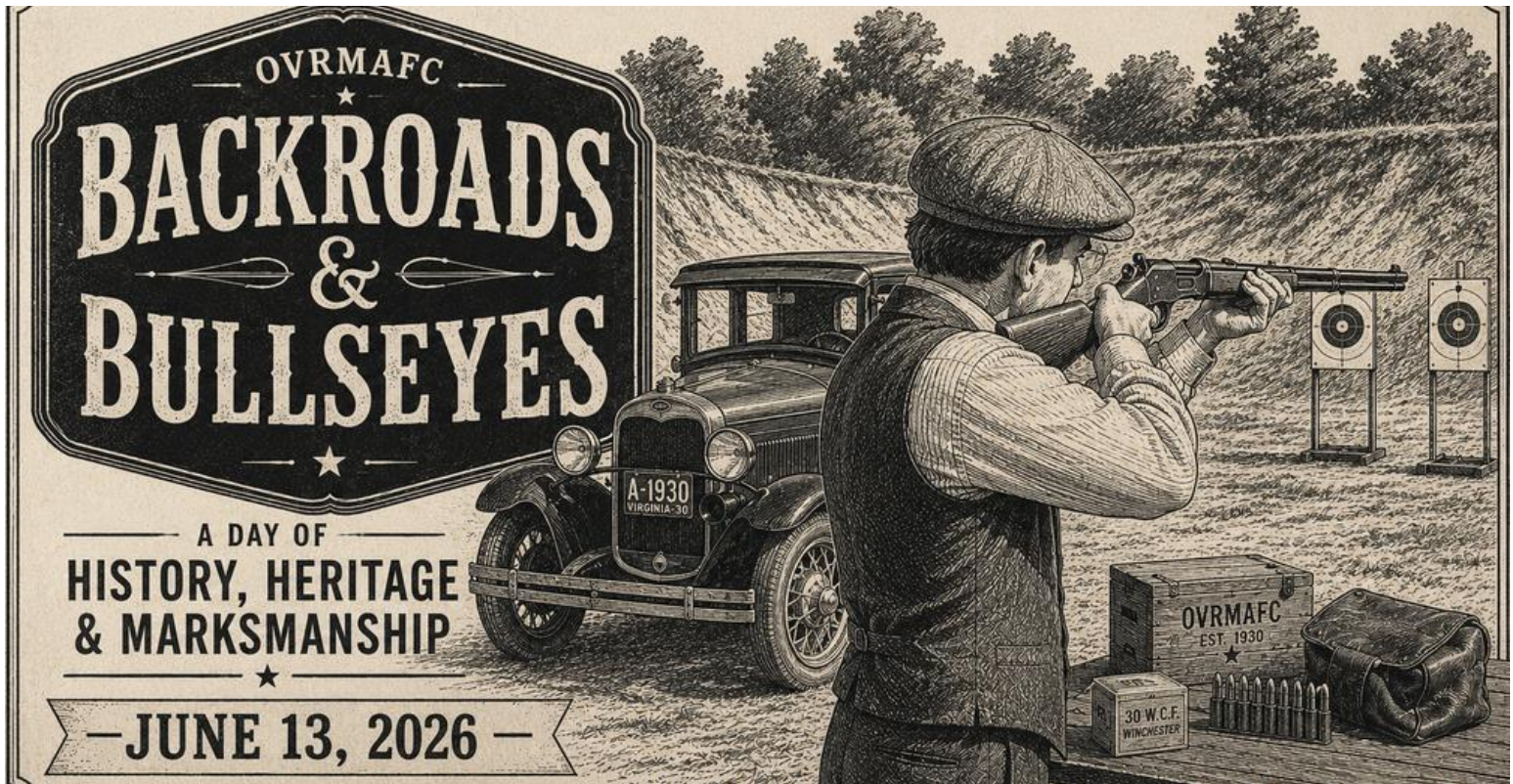
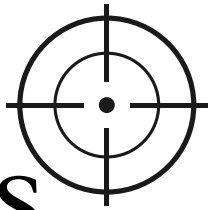
#### Requirements





# OVRMAFC JUNE TOUR

## BACKROADS & BULLSEYES



### Hosted by: Jarrod Williams

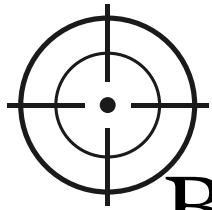
Join us as OVRMAFC tries something a little different with our first visit to a private outdoor gun range on a local farm! Our goal is to create a fun, welcoming, and relaxed environment where everyone feels comfortable participating, regardless of experience level. If you have never shot a firearm before, you are absolutely encouraged to come out and give it a try. Several club members will be happy to answer questions, offer guidance, and in many cases even let you try shooting their firearms so you can safely experience the hobby firsthand.

While the atmosphere will be laid back and enjoyable, safety will always remain the top priority. All standard firearm safety rules and range procedures will be strictly followed throughout the event to ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone involved. We will be shooting **pistols and rifles only**, using a variety of metal targets, and participants are also welcome to bring their own paper targets. Combined with scenic backroads, great conversation, and a unique setting, this promises to be one of the most memorable and talked about OVRMAFC tours yet!

Meeting Time: 9:00am

Departure Time: 9:30am

Meeting Location: [United Dairy Farmers, 4308 Kellogg Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45226](#)

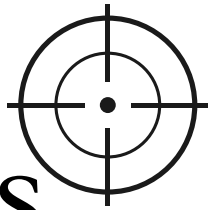


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# OVRMAFC JUNE TOUR

## BACKROADS & BULLSEYES

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

### The Rules:

- You must sign a liability waiver for the property owner
  - Jarrod will have at the meeting location, must be signed and dated before we depart
  - Everyone on the tour must sign one, even if you do not plan to shoot a gun
- Must listen and abide by short range safety talk before we shoot
- Jarrod and Chris Lawson are in charge
- Pistols and rifles only, shooting at metal targets or bring your own paper targets
- We will shoot our fill of pistols and then move up hill to the rifle range
- Rifle range will be 125 yards (375ft) with a 17ft drop
- Guns must be unloaded when brought onto the property
- Only 1-2 people will be shooting at any one time.
- When shooting, only load as much ammo as you are going to fire.

### The Details:

- This is private property. What Chris Lawson, the property owner, says goes.
- Bathroom access will be property owners home
  - there is a little bit of a walk from the field to the main house
- There is only dirt access to the gun range. If weather permits we might be able to drive the Model A's closer to the gun range. If not there will be a short walk.
- We will start with pistol shooting. Once everyone has had their fill of shooting pistols, we will pack up and move everything to the rifle range.

### What to bring:

- Bring your own eye and ear protection (muffs or ear plugs)
- Bring a folding chair
- Sun protection (there is no shade)
- We will have a late lunch on site
  - Hotdogs and or burgers will be grilled out by the property owner.
- John and I will bring chips, but you are welcome to bring other sides to share.
- Bring your own drinks (**NO ALCOHOL at this event. ZERO TOLLERANCE**)
- **Jarrod asks that a small donation of \$10 per person be made for food and use of range**

If you have any questions please contact Jarrod Williams



**30/31' 19" Wheels (4) - \$50.00**  
Rusty but appear to be restorable.  
Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931

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\$25 each  
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Beautiful 1930 Model A Sport Coupe with original body, interior, and soft roof. My father was a lifelong “car nut” (his words, not mine) and this Model A was one of his pets. It has long been in our family, and never stored outside. My father passed in May of 2024 and we have finally decided that we’re ready for it to have a new home with another car enthusiast. This coupe is a classic black/brown exterior with orange wheels and a fully functional rumble seat.

Black/Brown/Tan, Original Body & Interior, Rumble Seat. Recently inspected (Nov 2025) with electrical work done: Ignition points & cable replaced, Condenser replaced, Distributor rotor & cap replaced, 6-volt coil replaced, Timing and spark gaps adjusted.

Starts easily, runs smoothly, and is ready for touring, shows, or club events. It currently resides in northern Michigan. We are sad to let it go, but this car deserves to be out and about. It needs to be used and enjoyed. Call or text Lisa at 412-260-5920.

Price: ~~\$19,200~~ **Price Reduced: \$14,750**





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OVRMAFC monthly meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month.

**June 7, 2026 - 10am**

**OVRMAFC Oeder's Lake Club Picnic and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

OVRMAFC will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year! We would like to celebrate in grand fashion at this year's picnic. There will be decorations, events, hopefully a drone photo of all the Model A's lined up in the form of a 60 on the front lawn, and of course food! If you know any older members that no longer come to meetings, please invite them! You can be there as early as 10am to fish (do not use minnows as bait). Food will be provided on the grill, but if you would like to bring your own please do so. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. Please bring a lawn chair as there are few picnic tables

Oeder's Lake  
1369 E US-22  
Morrow, OH 45152

**June 13, 2026**

**OVRMAFC June Tour - Backroads & Bullseyes**

Jarrod Williams will be hosting a unique Model A tour combining scenic driving with some good old-fashioned target shooting. We'll enjoy a relaxed back-roads drive followed by the opportunity for participants to bring their own handgun or rifle only, to safely shoot steel targets (or paper targets if you bring them) at a private farm.

Meeting time: 9:00am

Departure time: 9:30am

Meeting location: United Dairy Farmers, 4308 Kellogg Ave, Cincinnati OH, 45226

Please see tour description and what to bring in this newsletter.

**June 24, 2026**

**OVRMAFC June Business Meeting**

Join us as Tom and Margie Blomer host us at the "upper" picnic shelter on the Evendale Cultural Arts Center campus. The shelter is the one located close to the Bell Tower. The club will provide an entree, but attendees are requested to bring a side dish to share, their own drinks, and a lawn chair.

Bell Tower Address for reference: 3270 Glendale Milford Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241

Dinner will start at 6:30 with the business meeting starting at 7:30pm.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OVRMAFC monthly meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month.

**June 28, 2026**

**OVRMAFC June Tour - Lady A's Tour**

Men are welcome to accompany women to the brewery, but the women will take the cars from there for a tour before coming back to the brewery to finish!

Meeting time: 1:00pm

Meeting location: [Little Miami Brewing Co, 208 Mill St, Milford OH, 45150](#)

**July 12, 2026 - 9am**

**OVRMAFC July Caravan to French Lick MARC Nationals**

Join the OVR caravan to MARC's 2026 National Meet in French Lick!

We will leave from McDonalds (990 Lila Ave, Milford, OH 45150) at 9 am.

We will be stopping at the Kroger Fuel Station near Cleves for any westsiders to join (4001 Hamilton Cleves Rd, Cleves, OH 4500232) around 10 am.

The whole trip will likely take around 4.5 hours with stops so please plan accordingly and make sure your A is in good working order! There is a repair tent at the national meet if need be for small repairs.

Please note that this is for a MARC National. You must be a member of the Model A Restorer's Club AND registered to attend. This can be done on the MARC website

**July 22, 2026**

**OVRMAFC July Business Meeting**

Join us as Conrad and Dottie host us at their home. The club will provide an entree, but attendees are requested to bring a side dish to share, their own drinks, and a lawn chair.

Meeting location: [13591 US-50, Dillsboro, IN 47018](#)

Dinner will start at 6:30 with the business meeting starting at 7:30pm.

**August 9, 2026**

**OVRMAFC August Poker Run Tour**

Join us as Bob and Cindy Green host the annual Poker Run Tour! More details to follow.

**August 26, 2026**

**OVRMAFC August Business Meeting**

Join us as David and Sarah Klein host us at their home. The club will provide an entree, but attendees are requested to bring a side dish to share, their own drinks, and a lawn chair.

Meeting location: [2533 Western Row Rd, Maineville, OH 45039](#)

Dinner will start at 6:30 with the business meeting starting at 7:30pm.

# **Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 27, 2026: Harrison, OH Civic Center**

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

There were 45 members in attendance. One Model A was driven. No new members or visitors were present.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Jarrold Williams reported 89 current memberships.

## **NEWSLETTER:**

Jarrold Williams needs additions to the newsletter by the 3rd of each month. Original content is encouraged.

## **SPLIT THE POT:**

Phyllis Pease won \$67.

## **SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:**

Both reports were approved as printed in April 2026 newsletter.

## **SUNSHINE REPORT:**

The recent passing of Bob and Marie Zitney's son-in-law was noted. May birthdays of Amy Schroeder, Steve Gillie, Jarrod Williams and Jimmy Ekstedt were recognized. No May anniversaries were noted.

## **CAR CARE GANG:**

Bob Noe was rescued by John Grossheim and Ellie Ekstedt when he was in need of a cotter pin for brakes. Brad Hamlin helped Mike Wilcher with a kingpin issue with brakes. Karl Eby has a contact who is selling 2 rear brake assemblies for \$800 each. Call Karl if interested.

## **MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:**

Mike Wilcher reported cars owned by Brad Hamlin and Thomas Gault were added to the program.

## **FASHION REPORT:**

Deb Arnold reviewed the Fashion Committee activities planned for the upcoming MARC national meet in French Lick, IN. Members were encouraged to participate in the Fashion Show or Fashion Judging. If interested, Deb Arnold and Phyllis Pease will help.

# **Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 27, 2026: Harrison, OH Civic Center**

## **RECENT EVENTS:**

On Sunday, May 3, 2026, Mary and Eddie Bohmer hosted a tour of historic Clermont County. 11 Model A's and 2 modern cars met at the Wawa in Milford, OH and traveled to St. Philomena Church, drove across a covered bridge, shopped at the House of Honey and enjoyed lunch at the Mt. Carmel Brewery. On Saturday, May 9, 2026, John Grossheim and Jarrod Williams conducted the first club Roadside Troubleshooting event. 9 Model A's attended the seminar held in the back parking lot of the UC Blue Ash campus. Tim Schmidt thanked the members who participated in the recent Reading Memorial Day parade.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The annual OVR picnic, hosted by the Ekstedt family will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at Oeders Lake, 369 E. US 22, Monroe, OH. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. Attendees should bring a side dish to share, drinks, and a chair. Those wanting to fish should bring their own fishing equipment and bait. No minnows are allowed. A celebration of the 60th anniversary of OVR will be celebrated.

On Saturday June 13, 2026, Jarrod Williams will host a Backroads and Bullseyes event to be held at a private shooting range. Participants should meet at the UDF, 4308 Kellogg Ave. at 9:00 to depart at 9:30. Please see the upcoming newsletter for details and important safety precautions.

On Sunday, June 28, the OVR Lady A's have scheduled a lady's driving event. Please note that gentlemen are welcome to navigate, but the ladies must be the driver. The 20 mile tour will depart the Little Miami Brewery, 208 Mill Street, Milford, OH at 12:45 p.m. and will end at the Mercer Social House, Newtown, OH.

Mary and Eddie Bohmer are planning an overnight tour to Lexington, KY for September, 2026. The annual overnight camping trip at Oeders Lake will be held in October 2026.

Members have volunteered for committees to plan the upcoming MAFFI Awards Banquet, December 11/12, 2026.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The June 24, 2026 monthly meeting, hosted by Tom and Margie Blomer will be held at the Bell Tower Arts Pavilion, 3270 Glendale-Milford Road, Cincinnati, OH.

Upcoming monthly meeting will be July 22, 2028 hosted by Conrad and Dottie Gerdes, and August 26, 2026 hosted by David and Sarah Klein. The September 23, 2026 will return to the Evendale Performing Arts Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by John Grossheim, Director at 8:25 p.m.

## **SUBMITTED BY:**

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

# LAUNDRY IN THE MODEL A ERA

BY: PATRICIA MENZ,

In our car club we talk about the cars and we talk about era clothing, but we do not talk about cleaning our clothing. I have a book written in 1931 about laundering and dry cleaning. The book was published by the Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences. After reading this book, I see that laundry is laundry. We still have to sort, wash, dry, iron and fold our clothes. However, during the Model A era, it was a lot of work. The process took the better part of two days and could be downright dangerous. They did not have the conveniences that we have today.



## **When Is Wash Day?**

A famous poem says that Monday is laundry day. The book says that Tuesday was becoming more popular. Monday was the day to prepare for the washday: put the house in order, remove stains, mend and sort the clothes.

## **Setting Up the Laundry – The Equipment**

In most homes the laundry was done in the kitchen or in an adjoining room. Sometimes the laundry was in the basement. No matter which room was used, it needed to be well ventilated, well lit and have access to hot water.

# LAUNDRY IN THE MODEL A ERA

BY: PATRICIA MENZ,

## Washing Machines and Tubs

There were several types of washing machines. Basically they were washing tubs with a lid and a device inside to agitate the clothing. They could be cranked by hand or have a motor powered by electricity, gas or water. The 1931 Sears catalog advertised an electric washer for \$50.00 to \$65.00 and a gasoline one for \$89.50. A hand activated machine sold for \$16.00. To put this in perspective, the Model A era was during the Great Depression, when the average annual income was \$1,850.00. That is about \$36.00 a week. I suspect that most homes used the hand cranked model. The wash tub with a wash board was still available, as well as a hand held suction plunger or agitator. The washing machine tubs needed to be cleaned by hand with soap and water. If the tub was copper, a mixture of vinegar, salt and kerosene was used. In our modern era we use a tub cleaning agent and the washer cleans itself.



# LAUNDRY IN THE MODEL A ERA

BY: PATRICIA MENZ,

## Soap

Detergent as we know it today was not invented until 1933. A laundress needed to be a simple chemist. Soap used for laundry needed to be flaked, so that it could be dissolved in water. It could be purchased already flaked.



If flaked soap was not available, bar soap was flaked by using a soap flaker. The picture at left shows a basic hand-cranked soap flaker. The soap was dissolved in hot water and whipped to a foam. Soap jelly could also be made by mixing flakes, water and borax. This mixture was heated on the stove. Soap beads were new on the market in the Model A era. They were supposed to dissolve in water instantly. A laundress also needed to be familiar with bluing, starch, acids, alkalis and how to soften water.

## Clothes Washing

After soaking, washing the clothes with soap was the next step. Then, they had to be rinsed two or three times. The washing machines of the era didn't have a rinse cycle. The water would have to be emptied and refilled each time. After washing and between rinses, the clothes were put through a ringer; either electric or hand cranked.



## Clothes Drying

For the most part clothes were hung to dry outdoors or inside on racks during inclement weather. There was a clothes dryer patented in 1892, but it basically was a ventilated device that sat on top of a stove with a hand crank. The type of dryer we use today was not sold until 1938.

# LAUNDRY IN THE MODEL A ERA

BY: PATRICIA MENZ,

## Irons and Ironing Boards

Ironing boards were similar to the ones we have today. The picture at right shows a typical three-legged board. A sheet of asbestos could be used to hold the hot iron when it was not in use during the ironing process. There were a wide range of irons available. They came in different sizes and were used for different purposes. It was suggested that if only one iron was purchased, it should weigh between six to eight pounds. Regulating the temperature of the iron was also more difficult than it is today.

Irons were heated through different means: gas, electric, gasoline/kerosene and charcoal, or the old fashioned cast-iron model that was heated on the stove. The gas iron is pictured below at left; the electric iron at the right. With all of these types, except for the electric iron, drafts could be a problem because they could fan the flames and cause a fire. The gasoline irons were sold from 1930's through the 1950's. If a house did not have gas or electricity, the self-contained gasoline iron was an alternative.



Steam irons for the home were not available until 1950. In the Model A era, the wrinkles in clothes needed to be removed by other means. After the clothes were dry, they had to be dampened by sprinkling them with water. Then they were rolled up to wait to be ironed.

As we wear our period clothing, especially reproduction and era image, we should be grateful that at the end of the day, that we have more cleaning options and modern technology to more quickly and easily clean our clothes. They will be ready for another day without having to deal with the hazardous and time-consuming process used almost a century ago.



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# OVRMAFC TREASURERS REPORT



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# About The Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club



Formed in 1966 by seven employees of the Sharonville Ford Plant in Cincinnati Ohio, the Ohio Valley Region Model “A” Ford Club has grown to over 100 members, making us the largest Model A club in Ohio.

The Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club is where vintage charm meets good old-fashioned fun! Our members share a love for the classic Ford Model A – those timeless beauties from 1928 through 1931 that still make heads turn (and horns go “AAAAOOGAH!”). Whether we’re restoring, cruising, or just talking shop, we keep the spirit of the Model A era alive and rolling. Each month, our award-winning newsletter The AAAA OOGAH hits inboxes on the 10th, packed with fascinating fashion features, helpful tech tips, and all the details about our upcoming tours and events. And don’t miss our monthly business meetings on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM – where the engines may be vintage, but the laughs and friendships are brand new every time!

## Where to find us:



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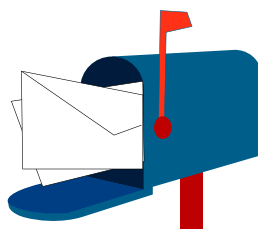
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