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A MARC AND MAFCA REGIONAL CLUB

JULY, 2026



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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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

CELL #: (____) _____ SPOUSE CELL #: (____) _____

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SPOUSE EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH MONTH: _____ SPOUSE BIRTH MONTH: _____

MODEL A'S OWNED: _____

MAKE \$35.00 CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OVR MODEL A FORD CLUB
MAIL DUES AND APPLICATION TO:
JARROD WILLIAMS, 7413 WILLOWBROOK LANE, CINCINNATI, OH 45237



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The Leadership Lens

BY JOHN GROSSHEIM

Happy 250 years to the United States! How great is it that we can drive a piece of American history and enjoy it as much as we do? Thank you to Tom and Margie Blomer for hosting our June meeting at the Evendale Pavilion! While it was warm, we had an amazing turnout with lots of Model As present!



July will be busy with the MARC Nationals in French Lick, Indiana. Please remember that to go, you must be a member of the Model A Restorers Club and register for the meet. I am sure we will have a good club presence there. Please remember to email, call/text, or even use a carrier pigeon to let Deb Arnold (if you are on the west side) or me (if you are on the east side) know if you are joining the caravan, so we have headcounts to look out for.

We need tours for the last few months of 2026, except August, so if you would like to host a tour, please reach out to Jarrod or me.

The Editor's Cut

BY JARROD WILLIAMS

Our cover photo this month was something that John and I had been talking about for awhile, can we get enough OVRMAFC cars to make a 60 and use a drone to take the picture?

You all blew us away! Look how many cars came out to our Oeder's Lake Club Picnic. **31 Model A's....31!** I am so proud to be just a small part of this club. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the picnic, Jim and Pam Mohr for the wonderful photo boards, Conrad and Dottie Gerdes for bringing the around the world Model A, and the Ekstedt family for hosting and grilling up the great food.



Please look for the short article in this newsletter with all the pictures from the picnic. You will see, as I do, that the club continues to thrive only because of people. We all have a weird, fun fascination with a 95+ year old car, and the ability to share that passion with each other is what has kept OVRMAFC alive for 60 years. Here is to another 60 years!

OVRMAFC

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Our annual Oeder's Lake Club Picnic was another wonderful reminder of what has made the Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club such a special organization for the past 60 years. Surrounded by beautiful Model A Fords, great food, and even better friendships, members gathered to celebrate not only our shared passion for these remarkable automobiles, but also the people who have built this club into one of the strongest and most active Model A clubs in the country. The highlight of the day was capturing a spectacular drone photograph of our members' cars arranged in the shape of a giant "60," creating a lasting tribute to six decades of preserving, driving, and enjoying the Ford Model A.

The success of OVRMAFC has never been about the cars alone. It has been built by generations of dedicated volunteers who freely give their time, knowledge, and talents to organize tours, meetings, technical seminars, social events, and community activities. It is the willingness of members to mentor newcomers, lend a helping hand in the garage, share parts and expertise, and welcome everyone into the club that has created a family atmosphere unlike any other. As we celebrate our 60th anniversary, we honor every member, past and present, whose enthusiasm, friendship, and commitment have made OVRMAFC a club that continues to thrive and ensures the Model A hobby will be enjoyed for generations to come.





















Model A

Technical Tips / Activities / Information

Bell Housing Felt Pad Installation

By: Tom Endy



The purpose of the felt pad at the bottom of the bell housing is to lubricate the ball on the front radius rod where it attaches to the bottom of the bell housing. A small amount of 600W oil in the Model A transmission migrates past the two shifting rods in the transmission tower and through the two holes in the top of the bell housing where the two rods protrude through.

The oil runs down into the bottom of the Bell housing and saturates the felt pad. The installation of a new felt pad can be difficult because the reproduction pads are apparently thicker than the originals. This makes it difficult to get the retaining pin that secures the two radius rod bolts through the two holes in either side of the housing.



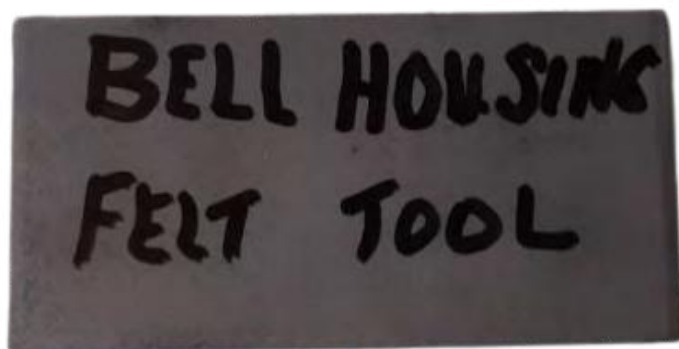
What I have found to make it easier is to clamp the felt pad in a vice with a piece of metal in the center and tighten to put an indented channel across the felt that the pin will slip through.

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In the Model A kingdom there is a tool for everything. Clamp the felt tight in a vice for a few hours or overnight to put a deep channel in the center of the felt.

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Even with a channel imbedded in the felt, it takes a lot of strength pushing on a large screwdriver to press on the end of the pin to press it deep into the felt. Once the pin is sufficiently pressed down, tap the head of the pin with a hammer to drive it into the hole in the housing. A cotter pin locks it into place.

Many bell housings are worn in the recessed area where the two bolts seat that protrude through the bottom of the housing for the front radius rod assembly. The wear can be severe enough that the heads of the bolts sit too low for the pin to capture the slot in each head. The pin must capture each bolt to prevent it from rotating when the radius rod assembly is bolted up. To remedy this a shim, or a number of shims, should be inserted under the head of the bolts to raise them up. The shims have to have an outside diameter to fit down into the bolt recess and an inside diameter that will accept the diameter of the bolt. The thickness is nominal and the number of shims required depends on the amount of wear to the housing. When shimming, there should be a slight amount of thrust clearance left.

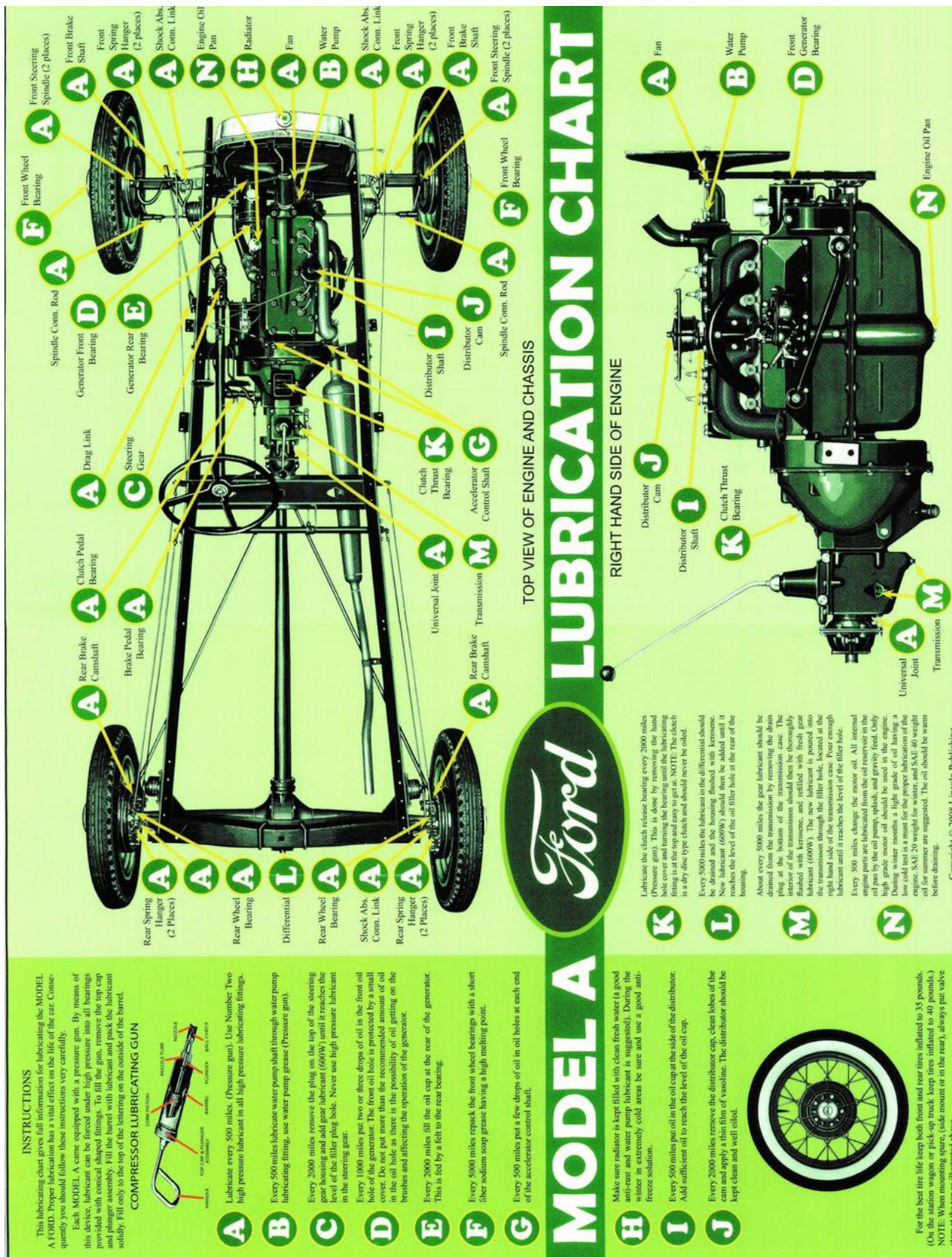
My experience has been that most bell housings take one to three shims under each bolt.

The shims that I acquired have the following dimensions:
.655 outside diameter .430 inside diameter .018 thick



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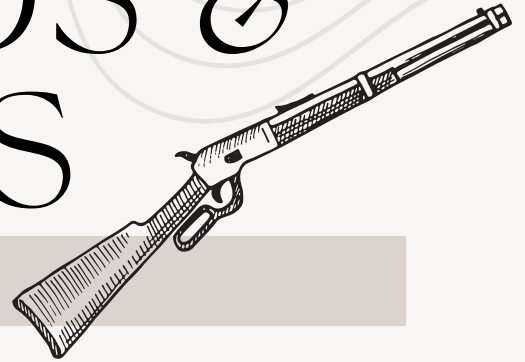
Spring Maintenance Lubrication Chart



OVRMAFC June Tour

BACKROADS & BULLSEYES

by: Jarrod Williams



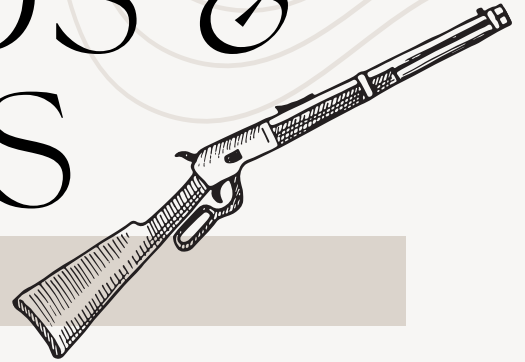
Our first Backroads & Bullseyes Tour was a tremendous success and proved to be one of the most unique and enjoyable outings our club has hosted. Eight Model A's carrying twelve members traveled the scenic backroads before arriving at our host's private farm and outdoor shooting range. The relaxed atmosphere made it easy for both experienced shooters and first timers to participate, ask questions, learn something new, and enjoy an afternoon together. Club members shared firearms, offered helpful instruction, and made everyone feel welcome, all while maintaining a strong focus on safety throughout the day.



OVRMAFC

BACKROADS & BULLSEYES

by: Jarrod Williams



As if the beautiful drive and time on the range were not enough, our generous host treated everyone to an outstanding lunch fresh off the grill, including hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, and chicken wings. Great food, plenty of laughter, and excellent fellowship made for a memorable afternoon that everyone seemed to enjoy. This tour perfectly captured what makes the Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club so special: wonderful people, beautiful Model A's, scenic roads, and the opportunity to experience something new together. Based on all the smiles and positive comments, this is certainly an event we hope to repeat in the future.

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:

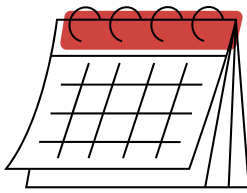
An Award winning magazine "The Model A News" which provides information both technical and social.

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

Tom Hovetter, President

John Prohaska, Director of Regions

July 2026

Month of June has been used by your board to bring new board members up to speed and focus on organizing your club's priorities in the coming year. Since the last update, the club building sale has been finalized and completed. The proceeds from the sale were invested into interest bearing accounts for your club's future use.

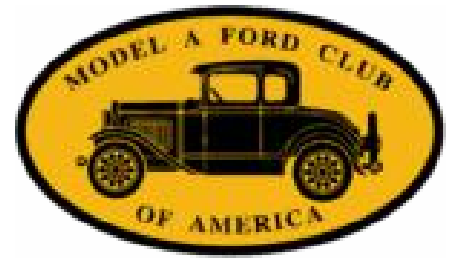
As mentioned above, three new board members, Josh Madden, Curt Hillman, and John Prohaska were initiated onto the Board at the Finger Lakes, NY Tour/Membership Meet this past May. Josh will serve as Secretary, Curt as Treasurer, and John as Director of Regions during the coming year. Bill Bass was elected to serve an additional two-year term and will continue to serve as Director of Publications and Library.

Remember to enjoy your Model A this summer by making arrangements with your local Region members to get out and put miles on your Model A's. If an issue arises, your members are there to help you troubleshoot and get you back on the road. There is a lot of comfort knowing the knowledge and troubleshooting abilities that reside at our fingertips with our members on club tours.

Continue investigating our new website. There is a lot of useful information at your disposal. In the members only area, you can find Model A News, Technical Resources, Membership Directory and more! Visit us at www.modelarestorersclub.org Login to the site is your email address and your five-digit ZIP code is the password.

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MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA



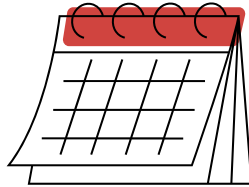
The MAFCA Story

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



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

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MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION, INC.



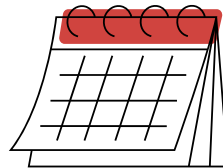
The MAFFI Story

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



MAFFI News

MAFFI Minute

June 2026



Happy Summer, Model A'ers!

I hope everyone is enjoying the driving season and finding plenty of opportunities to get their Model A out on the road. Whether you're heading out on a cross-country tour or simply enjoying an evening drive through the countryside, there's nothing quite like summertime in a Model A.

Here at MAFFI, preparations are well underway for Model A Days, and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the museum. This year's event will feature an exciting display of Model A Speedsters, including vehicles from the Secrets of Speed Society. It promises to be a unique opportunity to see these remarkable cars up close and learn more about this fascinating part of Model A history.

If you're looking for ways to support the museum, please consider purchasing a memorial brick or participating in the My-A Program. Both are meaningful ways to leave a lasting impact while helping preserve the history of the Model A Ford for future generations. Be sure to also check out our sweepstakes 1930 Fordor Sedan - it's another great way to support MAFFI while having the chance to take home a beautiful Model A.

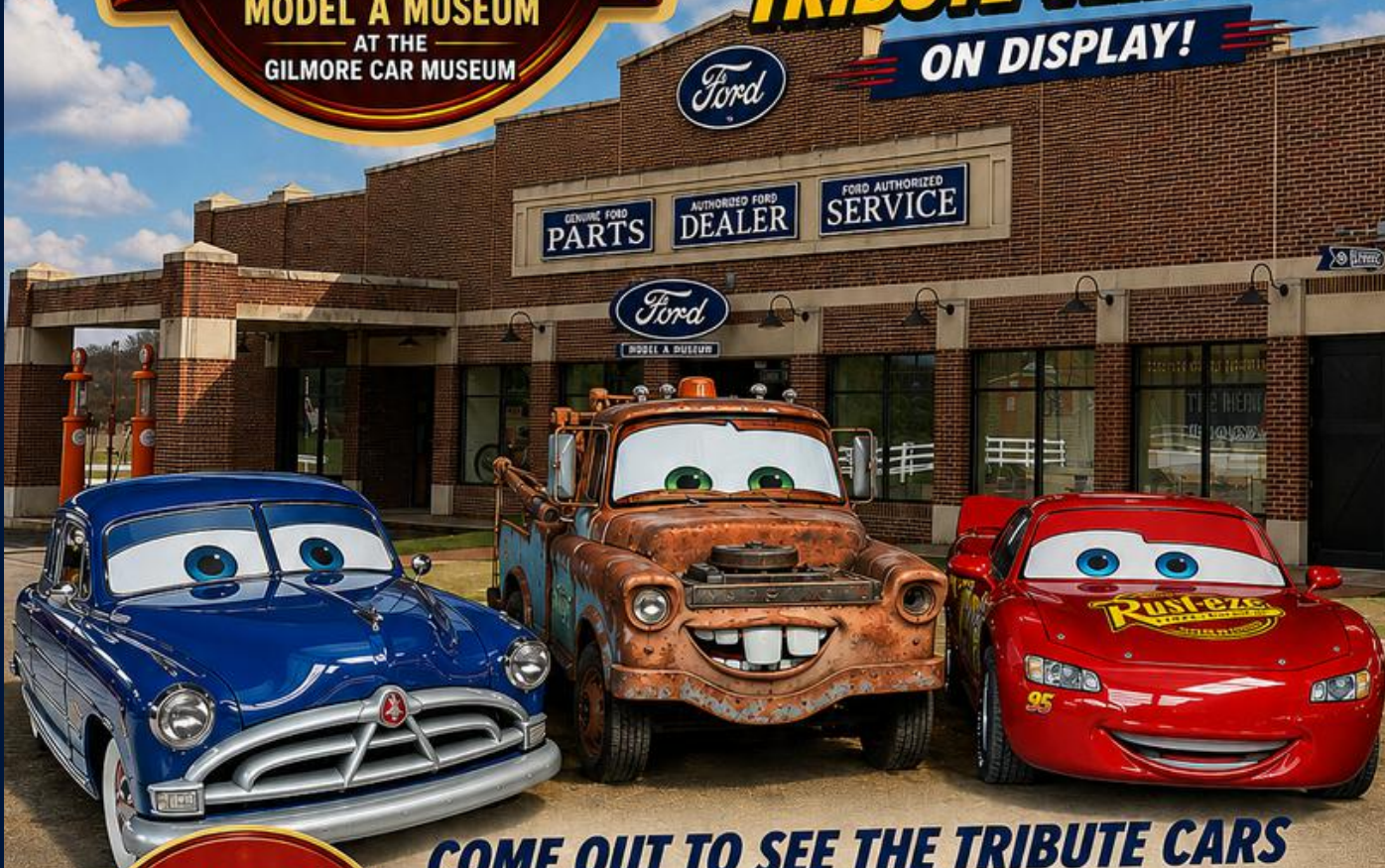
As always, the museum continues to stay busy thanks to the incredible efforts of our volunteers, who work year-round to care for the collection and keep the museum looking its best. Their dedication is what keeps MAFFI moving forward.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Model A Days. Until then, enjoy the season, drive safely, and keep on motoring!

John Grossheim
Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI



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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



IMPROMPTU MODEL A

— FORD CLUB TOUR —

Amish Lunch Tour!

FRIDAY
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— Let's hit the road for an —
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and ready
★ to roll! ★*

Destination:

**KOUNTRY
KRUST**

BAKERY & DELI



BAINBRIDGE, OH

★ *Pack your Model A and your appetite!* ★

Although it was organized as an informal Facebook invitation rather than an official club event, our Impromptu Amish Lunch Tour turned into another memorable day behind the wheel of our Model A Fords. Members gathered Friday morning at the Hamlin's barn before setting off on a scenic drive through the beautiful backroads of southern Ohio, enjoying great conversation over the walkie-talkies and plenty of smiles along the way. After about an hour on the road, everyone arrived at Country Crust Bakery & Deli in Bainbridge, where we enjoyed a delicious Amish-style lunch and, of course, many members couldn't resist filling their coolers with fresh baked goods and other local favorites to take home.

Sometimes the best tours are the ones that come together on short notice, and this drive was a perfect example. With beautiful weather, winding country roads, and great fellowship, it was exactly what owning a Model A is all about, getting our cars out on the road and sharing the experience with friends. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this impromptu outing such a fun and relaxing day. We look forward to doing it again soon!









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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 4th Wednesday of every month.

July 12, 2026 - 9:00am

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 - 6:30pm

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 - 9:00am

OVRMAFC August Poker Run Tour

Join us as Bob and Cindy Green host the annual Poker Run Tour!

Meeting at McDonalds at 9:00am

10570 Harrison Ave

Harrison, OH 45030

UDF is across the street for gas.

We will leave at 9:30am for parts unknown, but should be fun..

August 26, 2026 - 6:30pm

OVRMAFC August Business Meeting

Location still to be determined.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OVRMAFC monthly meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month.

September 23, 2026 - 7:30pm

OVRMAFC September Business Meeting

Join us as we move our monthly business meetings back to the Evendale Cultural Arts Center. The center should have their newly installed elevator for us to use.

Meeting space will open at 7:30pm, early entry not allowed.

10428 Reading Rd, Evendale, OH 45241

October 28, 2026 - 7:30pm

OVRMAFC October Business Meeting

Join us at the Evendale Cultural Arts Center. The center should have their newly installed elevator for us to use. Meeting space will open at 7:30pm, early entry not allowed. 10428 Reading Rd, Evendale, OH 45241

November 18, 2026 - 7:30pm

OVRMAFC November Business Meeting

Meeting one week earlier than normal, due to Thanksgiving.

Join us as at the Evendale Cultural Arts Center. The center should have their newly installed elevator for us to use. Meeting space will open at 7:30pm, early entry not allowed. 10428 Reading Rd, Evendale, OH 45241

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 24, 2026: Bell Tower Arts Pavilion , Evendale Arts 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.

SPLIT THE POT:

Wallace Huff was awarded \$106.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in June 2026 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Terry Ekstedt's birthday was celebrated. June anniversaries noted were: Warren and Julie Barnes (30years), Mike and Sherry Wilcher (27 years), Bob and Angel Noe (15years) and Steve and Sharian Gillie (11 years).

CAR CARE:

Geoff Pranger recently purchased a 30 town sedan from the Hamlins which he then gifted to a friend. Jarrod Williams recently assisted Craig Gabbard with exhaust manifold gasket.

Tom Losekamp replaced front spring perch.

Steve Henderson's wife, Debbie, recently inherited a 30 coupe.

Terry Cox has a collection of Model A parts for sale. These can be purchased individually or as a complete lot.

Returning member, Jim Oehlschlaeger, reintroduced himself as the owner of a 30 tudor.

MARC MILEAGE:

Mike Wilcher reviewed the program and encouraged all members to register their Model A's.

ATTENDANCE:

55 people and 4 dogs attended. 18 Model A's were driven.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrod Williams reported 94 current memberships.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrod Williams needs any additions by the 3rd of each month. Original content is encouraged.

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 24, 2026: Bell Tower Arts Pavilion , Evendale Arts Center

OVR MERCHANDISE:

Large order is taking additional time to ship.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Melissa Williams announced the the Lady's Driving Tour scheduled for Sunday, June 28, 2026 has been postponed to a later date.

John Grossheim encouraged members to attend the upcoming MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN. All attendees must be a MARC member and be registered for the event. John will lead a caravan of those attending on Sunday, July 12, 2026. East side members can meet at the McDonald's , 990 Lila Ave., Milford, OH.at 9:00 a.m. West side members will meet with Deb Arnold at the Cleves Kroger, 4001 Hamilton/Cleves Road, Cleves, OH at 10:00 a.m. Please note that there will not be a caravan returning.

The Hamlins invited members to attend the annual Harveysburg, OH 4th of July parade, car show and fireworks.

Pam Mohr invited members to attend a sit-in car show on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at the Georgetown Veterans Home.

Bob and Cindy Green will host the annual poker run on Sunday, August 9, 2026.

Tours are needed for August and September.

The Bohmers are planning an overnight event to Louisville, KY in August.

The annual camp out will be held in October at Oeders Lake.

Pam Mohr will host the second annual Game Night in October.

NEXT MEETING:

The Wednesday, July 22, meeting will be hosted by Conrad and Dottie Gerdes, 13591 US 50, Dillsboro, IN.

The Kleins are unable to host the Wednesday, August 26 meeting. The Schroeders have volunteered to host. Location to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.



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Whoopee Trousers: Young Men's Style or Mere Catchphrase?
By Laurie Ellio - Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Fashion

The ad in a M.W. Savage Co., Spring/Summer, 1931 catalog really caught my eye as both the header at the top of the page and the drawing of the center model who was wearing rather wild pants held a banner that used the word “Whoopee.” A song began playing inside my head:

“Another bride, Another groom, Another sunny honeymoon,
Another season, Another reason, For making whoopee.”

The song, usually referred to as “Makin’ Whoopee!” is a jazz/blues song popularized by Eddie Cantor, published and released in November 1928 and appeared in the musical play “Whoopee!” that same year. A movie version of the play was made in 1930. The song has been recorded by numerous artists from Rudy Vallee to Cyndi Lauper, and appears in many movies and TV shows, including Sesame Street where Cookie Monster croons his version, “Eat the Cookie.” Clearly this song was popular, but I doubt the suggestive “whoopee” in the song means the same thing as the “whoopee” in the ad, which is defined by Webster’s as a cry of joy or excitement. Perhaps the ambiguous meaning was part of the appeal by savvy copywriters.

The “Whoopee Style” Ad

By today’s standards, these trousers look pretty tame, but in the Model A years of 1928-1931, they were downright imaginative. The ads were mostly aimed at young collegiate men or high schoolers with waist sizes 28” through 36”.

The variety of trouser features are shown in the page at left. Some slacks had extended waistbands which may or may not have been shaped, and many had the “new” taller waistbands of 2-3”. The text reads, “No belt, no suspenders needed.” An adjustable strap and buckle in the back allowed for easy fitting. The 22” wide pant legs were almost always cuffed. Exclusive silk embroidered emblems might be offered near the right pocket.

The pants were made of all wool, wool and cotton blends, or unspecified fabric content, in plain weaves, stripes, tweed or herringbone designs. Colors were grey, tan, medium brown, navy blue, and blue grey.



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Sometimes very unusual or colorful pants weren't even identified with the words Whoopee Style. Take a look at the two pair in the ad pictured at right in M.W. Savage Co. Spring & Summer 1931. Very similar trousers (but with 19" wide cuffs) also appeared in 1928's National Bella Hess Co.'s Summer Sale catalog. "Collegiate cut," "Fancy," "Snappy," and "Swagger" are words used to enhance the product descriptions.

Similar pants offered in sizes 6-16 years, and 27"-32" waists, may have had elastic waistbands or elastic waistbands in the back with a plain front. Many listings for young men's or boy's styles such as these models state, "Just like big brother's!" but not, "Just like Dad's!" Hmmm, I wonder why?



"Whoopee" pants for boys or girls in blue denim with red stitching, or in combinations of red and blue fabric were numerous. There were also examples that were a bit more subdued, but colorful compared to solid fabric with matching color stitching. Overalls and playsuits, stressed durability and were offered in children's sizes. The overalls and denim pants in the ad at far left, came in sizes for boys and girls up to age sixteen years.

All three of the examples above are from M.W. Savage Co. Spring & Summer 1931. Why are so many of my examples from this particular catalog? This catalog just happened to have illustrations in color or with arrangements that copied easily.

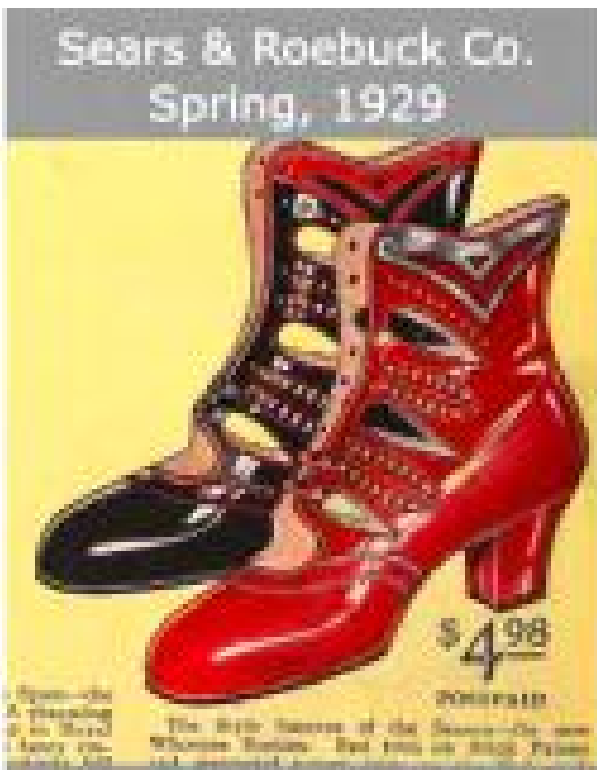
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Other Whoopee Clothing

We've looked at "Whoopee" pants for young men and playsuits for children but were there any other types of clothing or age groups targeted for Whoopee advertising? Yes, actually, there are a couple more examples.



This unexpected listing from the Montgomery Ward & Co. Fall & Winter 1929-30 catalog reads, "First seen at the smart resorts – and now gaining popularity everywhere. Wear them over [emphasis mine] your regular stockings for an extra touch of smartness." These colorful anklets are offered in women's sizes 7 – 10, and are more colorful than the other women's hose and socks in this catalog.



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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!

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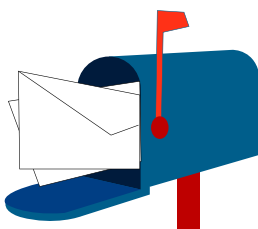
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