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OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB

A MARC AND MAFCA REGIONAL CLUB

MARCH, 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 us – 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 on everything from tappet adjustments to full engine removals, monthly driving tours, and a friendly newsletter packed with updates and stories. Most of all, you'll find camaraderie, laughter, and a group of people who are always happy to share their knowledge – and maybe even a test drive. Come join us and be part of Ohio's largest and most fun 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 #: (_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SPOUSE EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH MONTH: _____ SPOUSE BIRTH MONTH: _____

MODEL A'S OWNED: _____

MAKE \$35.00 CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OVR MODEL A FORD CLUB
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The Leadership Lens

BY JOHN GROSSHEIM

I hope everyone is surviving the rain and enjoying the warm weather! I figured this was a good time to replace my brake shoe linings and get everything ready for our annual Polar Bear Tour hosted by the Arnolds on March 21st. If you plan on attending this tour, please make sure to do all of the regular maintenance for your car and make sure it is in very good condition, as this will be a long tour. A great place to start looking for resources and a checklist is in the red Les Andrews book.



We lost Ralph Hicks this month on March 4th. Ralph worked at the Sharonville Ford Plant, which is where he met the others who started our club 60 years ago. We will be ordering a brick at the Model A Ford Museum, Inc. in his memory.

Jarrold and I discussed our 60th-anniversary plans, and we think, as a club, it would be appropriate to combine this with our Oeder's Lake Picnic this June, since this is not one of our larger anniversaries (like 75 years). We will form a committee to support this process. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me.

We still have openings for our summer meetings as well as many tours throughout the year, so if you are interested in hosting a tour, please reach out! For senior members, even if we ran a tour in the past, we have many new members, so bringing it back is not a bad idea.

Just as a reminder, too, we will be moving to the Evendale Cultural Arts Center for our meetings effective THIS MONTH (March). The firestation has been a fantastic meeting spot for us for years, but due to some changes in their hours, we are no longer able to stay there.

The Editor's Cut

BY JARROD WILLIAMS

With the launch of our newly redesigned club website, we are now able to accept credit cards for your membership dues! There is a small convince fee for this option, but it has already been used by 11 members and counting. It was humbling to see the turnout from our club at Ralph's funeral, he was the last of the original founding members of OVRMAFC. I know his family very much appreciated it and it was a good way to give one last AAAA000GAH to Ralph as we all passed by his gravesite in our Model A's, thank you again to all those that came out.





Shifting Gears: The new OVRMAFC meeting venue

BY JARROD WILLIAMS

A big thank you to everyone who came out to the February meeting to share their input and vote to approve the club's new home at the Evendale Cultural Arts Center! We're excited about this new chapter and look forward to many great meetings and events there in the years ahead.

As a quick heads-up for the March and April meetings, the center will be in the final phase of its renovation, which includes the installation of a new elevator. Because of the construction, parking near the building will be limited. We kindly ask that members who are able park in the overflow lot enjoy the short 2 minute walk over to the center, leaving the closer spaces available for those who may need them most. A map showing the overflow parking area is included with this article.

John and I are very excited for the opportunities with Evendale and the location will provide. We look forward to having a more established and publicly visible location for our indoor meetings.



Evendale Cultural Arts Center -Rendering of Completed Renovation



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BY JARROD WILLIAMS



Evendale Cultural
Arts CENTER

Encouraging Creativity & Community

Construction
Alternate Parking Map

10500 Reading Road, Evendale OH 45241

Model A

Technical Tips / Activities / Information

Model A Ford Ignition Diagnostic

By: Tom Endy

Ammeter "Jiggle":

Once upon a time I was rolling down the road in Miss Vic, my Model A Ford Victoria A-190, when out of the blue the engine quit. As I coasted to the side of the road I tried to contemplate what had gone wrong. The car is well maintained and therefore there was no reason for this outrage. The problem had to be a lack of spark or a lack of fuel. Nine times out of ten it's usually a lack of spark. Before I climbed out from behind the wheel, I decided to perform a diagnostic test. With the ignition still switched on, I cranked the engine over a few times, not expecting it to start, but intently watching the ammeter. The ammeter needle did a small rain dance, that is it "jiggled" from left to right a couple of notches in each direction as the engine turned over.



A wealth of knowledge:

This visual indication provided a wealth of information. I now knew that the battery was alive and well and still attached to the car and that the primary side of the ignition circuit was functional. Functional means that the ignition switch and pop-out cable was not shorted out or open-circuited, the points were opening and closing and were connected to the circuit, the condenser was not shorted out, the primary side of the coil had continuity and was still connected to the battery at one end and to the points at the other end, and Henry's wayward wire that connects the upper distributor plate to the lower distributor plate had not broken or shorted out. Without even getting out of the car, I had ascertained that the primary side of the ignition circuit was working properly.



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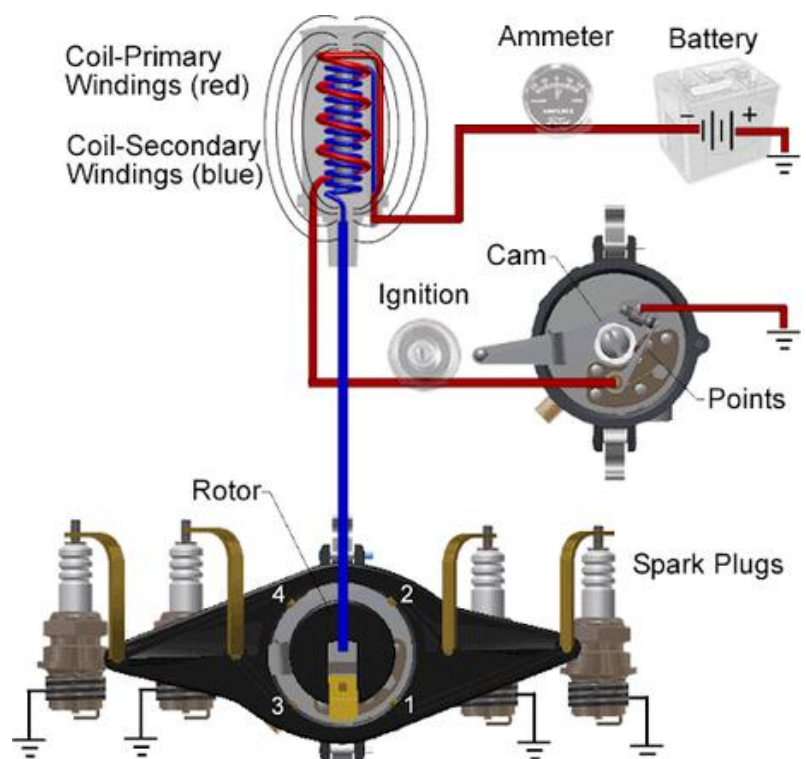
By: Tom Endy

Under the hood investigation:

But since the car wouldn't start, it was time to get out and look under the hood. The problem had to be in the secondary side of the ignition circuit, or it had to be a lack of fuel. When I looked under the hood I found that the high tension wire that plugs into the bottom of the coil had fallen out. I plugged it back in and the engine fired right up. The high tension wire is in the secondary side of the ignition circuit along with the secondary winding of the coil, the distributor cap, the rotor, the copper spark plug wires and the spark plugs themselves. Volumes have been written about the Model A Ford electrical system, and the Jiggling ammeter has been mentioned numerous times. But for those folks who aren't electrical types, much of the explanation is meaningless.

Jiggling explanation:

What the jiggling ammeter is all about, is that with a properly functioning ignition switched on and the engine turning over (but not running), the points will open and close as the engine rotates. Each time the points close electric current flows through the ammeter causing the needle to move two notches to the left. Each time the points open the needle returns toward the center, but since the needle movement is undamped, it swings past center to about two notches to the right much like pendulum. As engine cranking continues, the ammeter needle appears to jiggle back and forth and it is telling you that all is well in the primary circuit of the ignition.



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Catch 22:

There is a catch! Not all Model A Fords are wired so that the ammeter will jiggle. The early production cars up until November 1929 were wired such that the ignition primary circuit was not wired with the ammeter in the circuit. **There was no jiggling!** The later cars were wired with the ammeter in the circuit (Ford Service Bulletin, page 390), and this now provided the desired diagnostic Jiggling. All is not lost though; you can easily convert your non-jiggling Model A Ford to a jiggling version. All you have to do is move one wire.

Determination:

First determine which way your car is wired. To do this pull the high tension wire out of the bottom of the coil. Switch the ignition on and crank the engine over. Watch the ammeter needle. If it jiggles, your car is wired to the later configuration. If it does not jiggle, your car is wired to the early configuration. It is an easy matter to convert from the early wiring configuration to the later.

How to convert:

Remove the two broken-looking wing nuts on the front cover of the terminal box on the fire wall that a number of wires go to. Remove the cover and locate the small black wire that runs from the coil to the terminal box. On the non-jiggling cars it will be connected to the threaded post that is toward the right side of the car (right as in the passenger's side). Remove this wire and put it on the other threaded post. This one will be on the left side of the car (as in the driver's side). Before you do this, disconnect the battery, or better yet remove the fuse if you have one installed (look for it on the top of the starter). This will prevent an undesired rain of sparks. It's as simple as that; you now have a diagnostic Jiggling Model A Ford.

More information:

If you want to learn more about this diagnostic phenomenon, there is an excellent two-part article that appeared in the Restorer in the 1987 November-December and 1988 January-February publications. Both articles were written by the late Paul Moller of Evergreen Park, Illinois. The two articles were also reprinted in "How To Restore Your Model A", Volume 5 (1994)

Model A

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Spring Maintenance Lubrication Chart

INSTRUCTIONS

This lubricating chart gives full information for lubricating the MODEL A FORD. Proper lubrication has a vital effect on the life of the car. Consequently you should follow these instructions very carefully.

Each MODEL A came equipped with a pressure gun. By means of this device, lubrication can be done in a few minutes. All bearings provided with conical shaped fittings. To fill the gun, remove the top cap and plunger assembly. Fill the barrel with lubricant and pack the barrel solidly. Fill only to the top of the lettering on the outside of the barrel.

COMPRESSOR LUBRICATING GUN

Lubricate every 500 miles. (Pressure gun). Use Number Two high pressure lubricant in all high pressure lubricating fittings.

Every 500 miles lubricate water pump shaft through water pump lubricating fitting, use water pump grease (Pressure gun).

Every 2000 miles remove the plug on the top of the steering gear housing and add gear lubricant (600W) until it reaches the level of the filler plug hole. Never use high pressure lubricant in the steering gear.

Every 1000 miles put two or three drops of oil in the front oil hole of the generator. The front oil hole is protected by a small cover. Do not put more than the recommended amount of oil in the oil hole as there is the possibility of oil getting on the brushes and affecting the operation of the generator.

Every 2000 miles fill the oil cup at the rear of the generator. This is fed by a felt to the rear bearing.

Every 5000 miles repack the front wheel bearings with a short fiber sodium soap grease having a high melting point.

Every 500 miles put a few drops of oil in oil holes at each end of the accelerator control shaft.

MODEL A LUBRICATION CHART

TOP VIEW OF ENGINE AND CHASSIS

RIGHT HAND SIDE OF ENGINE

MODEL A

H Make sure radiator is kept filled with clean fresh water (a good anti-rust and water pump lubricant is suggested). During the winter in extremely cold areas be sure and use a good anti-freeze solution.

I Add sufficient oil to reach the level of the oil cap.

J Every 500 miles put oil in the oil cup at the side of the distributor.

K Every 2000 miles remove the distributor cap, clean lobes of the cam and apply a thin film of vasoline. The distributor should be kept clean and well oiled.

L For the best tire life keep both front and rear tires inflated to 35 pounds. (On a wagon or pick-up truck keep tires inflated to 40 pounds.)

M NOTE: When the front or rear, always put valve stem at the top as illustrated above.

N

A Front Steering Spindle (2 places)

A Front Brake Shaft

A Front Spring Hanger (2 places)

A Shock Abs. Conn. Link

N Engine Oil Pan

H Radiator

A Fan

B Water Pump

A Shock Abs. Conn. Link

A Front Spring Hanger (2 places)

A Front Brake Shaft

A Front Steering Spindle (2 places)

F Front Wheel Bearing

A Spindle Conn. Rod

A Generator Front Bearing

D Drag Link

E Generator Rear Bearing

A Rear Brake Camshaft

A Brake Pedal Bearing

A Clutch Pedal Bearing

A Steering Gear

A Clutch Thimst Bearing

C Universal Joint

A Rear Brake Camshaft

A Rear Wheel Bearing

A Rear Spring Hanger (2 Places)

L Differential

A Rear Wheel Bearing

A Shock Abs. Conn. Link

A Rear Spring Hanger (2 Places)

A Universal Joint

A Clutch Thimst Bearing

K Accelerator Control Shaft

G Distributor Shaft

I Distributor Cam

J Spindle Conn. Rod

A Front Wheel Bearing

F Front Steering Spindle (2 places)

A Fan

B Water Pump

D Front Generator Bearing

A Universal Joint

M Transmission

N Engine Oil Pan

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:

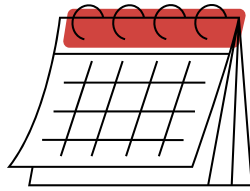
An Award winning magazine "The Model A News" which provides information both technical and social.

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

March 2026

Members, we are now offering a MARC digital membership on a promotional basis for 12 months at \$30. You get all of the privileges of full MARC membership except that the *Model A News* is only available on the MARC website. This promotional offer is in addition to our FREE 12 month digital membership for members of your Region who have never been MARC members previously. Call the office at 734-427-9050 to enroll.

Don't forget that we have some additional membership options to our regular 12 month membership.

-*Junior Membership*, for young adults between the ages of 18-25, digital *Model A News*. FREE!
-*Surviving Spouse Membership*, for those who wish to continue to participate in club activities, digital *Model A News*. \$15.

-*Complimentary Membership*, to attend a specific MARC event including dignitaries, vendors, companions or others not involved in the hobby. No other benefits except ability to attend events and MARC liability insurance. FREE (short duration).

-*Temporary Membership*, for speakers, vendors, others who profit from the event. No other benefits except ability to attend the event and MARC liability insurance coverage. \$15 (Board approved required)

Are you following Model "A" Restorers Club on Facebook? Our new social media strategy has exploded the number of views, viewers and visits by almost 1000%. People who follow our postings are up by an even higher percentage. Younger viewers, the next generation of MARC members, are talking about the cute video clips and showing more interest in our hobby. Many thanks to our development team and our new Facebook administrators!

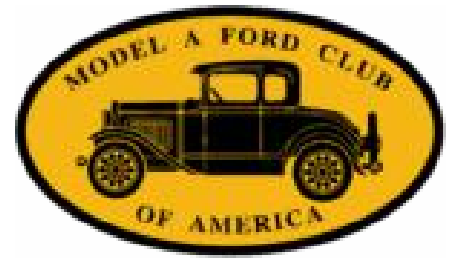
Regarding our new social media strategy, our website development team continues to add new features to our website. Members can now register for the upcoming French Lick National Meet on our website. No more mailing/lost registration forms, hard to read names and addresses and addition errors. Just log in to the MARC website and scroll down to French Lick 2026 online registrations, click read more and it will take you to the registration form. Electronic payment is welcome, or you can still send a check!

Cold weather has delayed or cancelled many Region events. Time now to get your cars ready to attend MARC's spring Finger Lakes Tour/Membership Meet. There are still a few registrations available so plan to make yours today.



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MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA



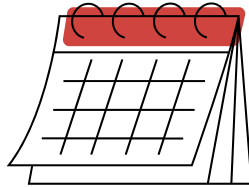
The MAFCA Story

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

As we begin 2026, I extend my sincere appreciation to all volunteers stepping up to serve as chapter officers. Your commitment is essential to maintaining your chapter as a welcoming space for socializing, touring in the Model A and sharing expertise – particularly with new and younger members. To ensure the future of our hobby, it is essential that we attract new members and share our collective knowledge. At this time of year many of us have our Model A's in the garage. However, when the weather allows, it is always rewarding to take the Model A out for a drive. Last year, I made myself a challenge to drive my Model A every month. While a little snow wasn't an issue, I had to be cautious about the salt on the roadways in our area. Fortunately, I was able to meet my challenge. This year, though, we have had too much snow and salt on the roads to continue that challenge. I'm hopeful that better conditions will return soon, so we can all enjoy more time behind the wheel. This is also a great time to get to those Model A projects that you put off until the end of last year's touring season. I have a generator that I would like to install an electronic voltage regulator. Only problem is when I tested the armature on my growler it failed and another armature had to be found. Now it's time to finish that project. Looking ahead we will have a great opportunity to tour while attending the Pendleton National Convention taking place from May 31 - June 7, 2026. This will be a memorable event taking place in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Mountains in north-western Oregon. Jack Remillard and his team have planned something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to join us and register for this event. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to better Model A weather. ~ Doug Linden

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MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION, INC.



The MAFFI Story

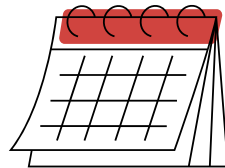
The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) began in December 1986 when Model A Ford Club of America Board Members formed the organization to preserve the history of Model A cars and related artifacts.

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 March, 2026

Punxsutawney Phil may say that spring is still 6 weeks away, but at the museum spring cleaning has already begun! We are excitedly moving forward with continuing to get everything ready for guests and school groups to come experience our hobby.

We have rolled out a new order form for the My-A-Program which is a great way to donate back to the museum. Val Maron can be reached at TheMyAProgram@gmail.com or call her at (847) 951-5858 for details.

We have been busy at the museum with beginning to plan the 2026 Model A Days, and wow! It is going to be a phenomenal experience! The theme, dates, and information will be released on March 15 th so keep an eye out for an email from MAFFI or on social media.

Finally, we are getting ready to release information on our sweepstakes car for this year and it is an absolutely breathtaking car! More information will come out in March as well.

Keep on motoring!
John Grossheim
Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

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





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

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Many new parts. Nice seats and door panels. Needs headliner and windshield. Call: Bob Blankenship (513) 678-4410

Heater Manifold & Intake Cover

\$75.00
Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931

1928 Roadster

From \$14,500 to \$17,500
Call Conrad Gerdes:
(812) 584-5639

1928 Sport Coupe

from \$14,500 to \$16,500
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500 PUZZLE
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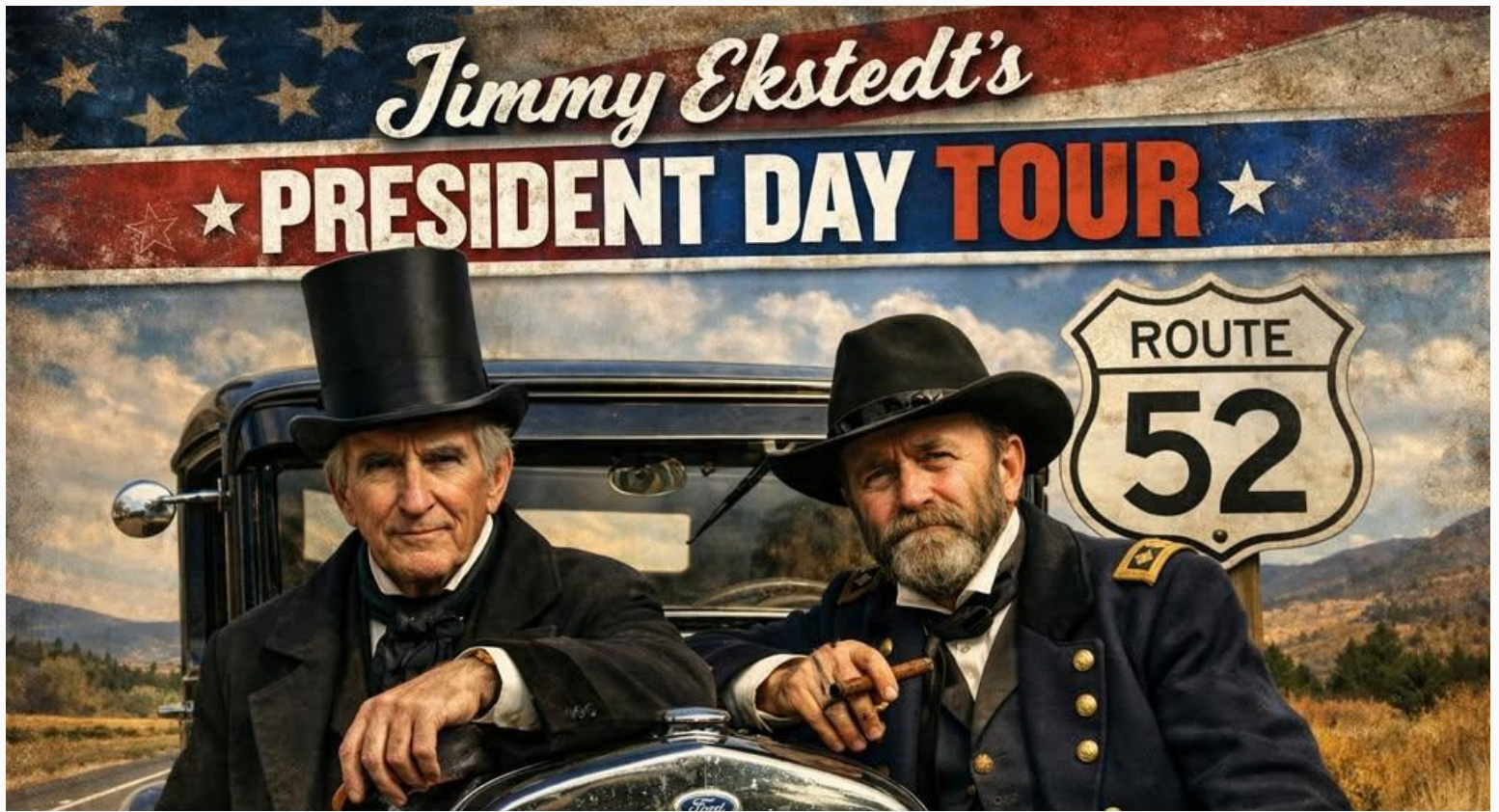
Beautiful 1930 Model A Sport Coupe with original body, interior, and soft roof. My father was a lifelong “car nut” (his words, not mine) and this Model A was one of his pets. It has long been in our family, and never stored outside. My father passed in May of 2024 and we have finally decided that we’re 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: \$17,800**





2026 OVRMAFC February President's Day Tour

HOSTED BY JIMMY EKSTEDT

Jimmy Ekstedt led us on a Presidents Day Tour! The weather did not cooperate and provided rain most of the day, with mounts of snow still in parking lots. But we all traveled on an epic journey across history, getting to view historic sites pertaining to two Ohio presidents: William Henry Harrison and Ulysses S. Grant. We visited the WHH Tomb, Grant's birthplace and his boyhood home, while traveling alongside the Ohio River and scenic Clermont and Brown counties.



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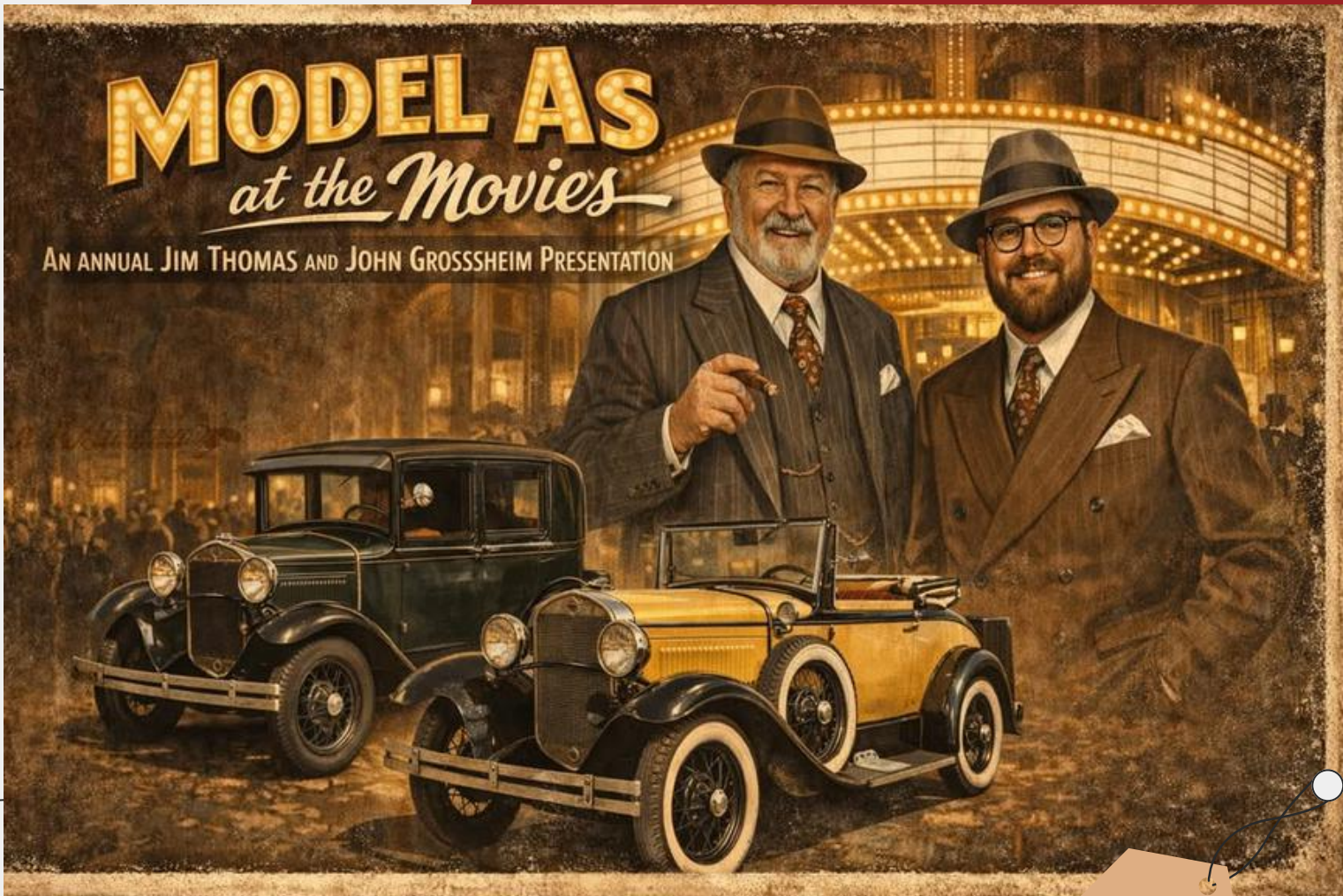
2026 OVRMAFC February President's Day Tour

HOSTED BY JIMMY EKSTEDT



The tour ended at Butterbees with some great food to go along with all the fun we had. It was a long tour, almost 100 miles, but totally worth it!

OVRMAFC Present



CANNED
GOODS FOR
ENTRY

2026 OVRMAFC

FEBRUARY MOVIE DAY

Jim Thomas and John Grossheim put together a great movie day!
Disney shorts, the 20 Millionth Model A video, and then a Laurel & Hardy movie to end the day.
Thank you to all the members that came out on a cold day!

OVRMAFC Present **2026 OVRMAFC FEBRUARY MOVIE DAY**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

March 21-22, 2026

OVRMAFC Overnight Polar Bear Tour

Deb and Larry Arnold have put together an amazing overnight polar bear tour this year to visit Antique Engine Rebuilders! **We will be leaving at parking lot at 8:30am sharp!**

Starting location:

McDonalds
10570 Harrison Av
Harrison, OH 45030

Meeting time: 8:00am

Departure time: 8:30am

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Portland, Indiana. To make reservations, you need to contact them via phone, 260-726-6688. Give them the reservation block name: OVR Car Club. This will allow you to book a room for \$119/night.

March 25, 2026

OVRMAFC March Business Meeting

Join us for our first meeting at the club's new home, the Evendale Cultural Arts Center! Due to construction, parking may be limited. If you are able, leave the arts center parking lot for those that have a harder time walking, and park in the overflow lot. There is a map to the overflow lot in this newsletter.

Evendale Cultural Arts Center
10428 Reading Road
Evendale, OH 45241

Meeting start time is 7:15pm

April 19, 2026

OVRMAFC April Tour - Mike & Stu's Model A Tour

Mike Wilcher and Stu Long are still ironing out the details. But save the date and time!

Meeting location:
Marx Bagels Cincinnati
9701 Kenwood Road
Blue Ash, OH 45242

Meeting time: 9:00am



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April 22, 2026

OVRMAFC April Business Meeting

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Evendale Cultural Arts Center

10428 Reading Road

Evendale, OH 45241

Meeting start time is 7:15pm

May 27, 2026

OVRMAFC May Business Meeting

Evendale Cultural Arts Center

10428 Reading Road

Evendale, OH 45241

Meeting start time is 7:15pm

June 7, 2026 - 10am

OVRMAFC Oeder's Lake Club Picnic

The Ekstedt family will again host the annual club picnic held at Oeder's Lake. Try your hand at car games this year, so come prepared to best the competition. You can be there as early as 10am to fish (do not use minnows as bait). Most people will eat together around 11-12am, so come early to enjoy the weather and property. 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.

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 shotgun to safely shoot steel targets and try their hand at skeet shooting. This event is all about camaraderie, skill, and fun—whether you're there for the drive, the shooting, or both. More details to follow.

June 24, 2026

OVRMAFC June Business Meeting

Location and time TBD

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at the Sharonville Firehouse

CALL ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 51 members present. Four Model A's were driven.

SPLIT THE POT:

\$89 was won by Dottie Gerdes.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported that Elmer Stanukinos is recovering from recent surgery. The February birthdays of both Warren and Julie Barnes were recognized. Karl and Meritta Eby recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

In the absence of Mike Wilcher, John Grossheim reviewed the MARC Mileage Program.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrod Williams reported 43 memberships paid at this time. The 2026 club roster should be ready for distribution by the end of February. Jarrod has redesigned the OVR website so that club dues can now be paid online. The new design also includes links to many Model A technical sources.

NEWSLETTER:

Information for the newsletter must be received by the 3rd of each month. Original articles are encouraged.

RECENT EVENTS:

Jamey and Sherri Focke hosted the annual club bowling party at Stumps Lanes on Sunday, January 11, 2026. 6 lanes of bowlers participated with many onlookers. Afterwards, lunch was enjoyed at Ron's Roost. The winner was Andy Blomer who will host next year's event.

On Sunday, February. January 15, 2026, Jimmy Ekstedt hosted a President's Day tour which included Harrison's tomb in Harrison, Ohio and Grant's birthplace and home in Point Pleasant, Ohio. Lunch was enjoyed at Butterbees in Mount Orab, Ohio. Jimmy was awarded the Toilet Seat for holding up the tour.

On Sunday, February 22, 2026, John Grossheim and Jim Thomas hosted the annual movie day at the Sharonville Firehouse. Attendees enjoyed two vintage Disney cartoons, a short Laurel and Hardy film and the documentary of the 20,000,000 Ford. Lunch was enjoyed at March First Brewery in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at the Sharonville Firehouse

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Deb and Larry Arnold will host the annual Polar Bear Tour on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22, 2026. Participants should meet at the Harrison, Ohio McDonald's , 10570 Harrison, Ohio NO LATER THAN 8: 00 a.m. Please be sure to fill your gas tank before this departure. There will be a lengthy drive to lunch at Mrs. Wicks Pie Shop in Winchester, IN. An afternoon tour of the antique engine rebuilding facility in Bluffton, IN will follow. Overnight accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Portland, IN.

Mike Wilcher and Stu Long are planning an event for Sunday, April 19, 2026. Details will follow. The Ekstedt family will host the annual club picnic at Oeders Lake on Sunday, June 7, 2026.

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, Jarrod Williams will host Backroads and Bullseyes event to a shooting range in Williamsburg, OH.

On Sunday, July 12, 2026, John Grossheim will lead attendees to the MARC National Convention in French Lick, IN. The group will leave the McDonalds in Milford, OH. Attendees must be a member of the MARC national club and must be registered for the event.

NEW MEETING LOCATION:

It was approved by vote of those present to move the club's meeting location to the Evendale Cultural Arts Center, 10420 Reading Road, Evendale, OH 45241 starting Wednesday, March 25, 2026. The meetings will begin at 7:15 p.m. Since there is another group using the facility before us, please do not arrive earlier than 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

By: Lynda Davis

Era Fashion

Taken from

A BACKWARD INTEREST IN DESIGN

In their 1928 winter magazine, the Fifth Avenue luxury department store B. Altman and Company describes evolving fashion trends as the “playful imagination of fashion [that] is constantly conceiving delightfully fanciful things, some of which live while others wither and die. How frivolous one can feel in billows of tulle and chiffon—in a youthful bouffant frock, . . . or, when dining and dancing in crowded spaces, how smart the sophisticate appears in an evening gown of more restraint—one that falls in straighter, softer lines and follows the body rather [definitively].” Altman’s observation aptly reflects the evolution of style during the 1920-30 decade.



By: Lynda Davis

Era Fashion

Taken from

The decade dawned with women's voting rights and freedoms (leading to shorter dress hems) and ended with the cataclysmic crash of a booming economy (in which hem length dropped along with stocks). B. Altman's statement marks the fashion-pendulum swing from the frilly garden party and elaborate and beaded flapper dresses (with hem lines reaching their height in 1927 to just below the knee), to the advancing trend towards more conservatively-styled, longer and sleeker gowns "of more restraint," what Altman called the "straightening out' feeling." These dresses were typically made from velvet, heavy silk, silk crepe de Chine, silk pongee, lace, and the new Rayon, and they hug the body in ways that Jean Harlow would later make famous.



The most interesting notation in Altman's magazine describes a "decided back-ward interest in formal gowns." These gowns frequently have a front that appears "quite plain"; however, when "backs are turned ethically, bodices and waistlines are found to be attractively elaborated" with "stress— and often strass [rhinestone adornments]—on many a low decollete" (sic). Just a few years earlier, shorter hemlines exposed women's legs, increasing hosiery sales and making ladies' legs an area of interest. As fashion approached the 1930s, hemlines dropped to the mid-calf and longer, shifting emphasis from the legs to the back, and often those backs were bared to the waist

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Of course, bobbed hair and bared backs do provide nice landscapes for ladies to show off their jewelry. How often have we heard tales of our grandmothers or great grandmothers wearing their long necklaces backwards down their lovely backs. To illustrate a bit of strass, as Altman puts it, look to the 1931 illustration above left and to MAFCA member Tammie Jones below. Here the fashionable models wear rhinestone clips at their back décolleté. Then, too, capitalizing on the desire to accentuate the feminine back, manufacturers produced and sold “backdrop” necklaces especially for that purpose. Backdrop (sometimes spelled “back-drop”) necklaces, like traditional necklaces, decorate the neck-front and fasten in the back; however, the “backdrop feature,” as seen in the figures above and the photo of Myrna Loy at the right, typically sport two or three strands that “drop” down below the coiffed hair-bun at the neck’s nape and dangle between the shoulder blades. Model A Era fashions prove to be beautiful when women are both coming and going. The women of our era really knew how to make an exit!



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MEMEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

**We would like to wish everyone with a birthday
in March a Happy Birthday!**



GINNY BOHMER
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SHERRI GREEN
CINDY GREEN

MARY HASSETT
JOE KICHLER
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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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Find all our current events, pictures, and discussions!



Instagram

Pictures and videos galore.

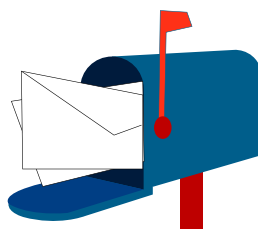


YouTube

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