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A MARC AND MAFCA REGIONAL CLUB

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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
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NEW MEMBER: ☐ **EXISTING MEMBER:** ☐

FIRST NAME: _____ **SPOUSE FIRST NAME:** _____

LAST NAME: _____

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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



Hard to believe that 2026 is coming to a close! What a year we have had in our Model A's! I was thinking about how many people drove their A's to French Lick, and that it was their first long road trip or National Meet!
Seriously awesome!

Make sure you use this winter to service your A so it is running well in the spring. I will make a list of things I do in winter for the next newsletter for wintertime care.

Huge thank you to Pam Mohr for the October Game Night Fundraiser! This was a great success for our club and a lot of fun! We will have our annual club auction at our November meeting as well. Please make sure to bring something model A related, or baked goods of a value of at least $5! Please note that this meeting will also be at the Harrison Civic Center to allow time for the auction.

Hope everyone remembered to set their timing back with the time change!
Just kidding
El Jefe

The Editor's Cut

BY JARROD WILLIAMS



A huge thank you to Angel Noe for writing a new member interview article in this month's newsletter! It is great to read more about our members and just how they got invovled in this crazy Model A hobby.

We are open to new ideas and formats for your newsletter, so if you have and idea or a change you would like to see, just drop me a line.

I'm ready for the driving season to wind down, there are a couple small projects that my Model A needs to have done. I like keeping track of the issues during the summer and then fixing everything in the winter when I am bored and can't drive. Helen is on track to hit her 5,000 mile a year goal! I'm excited to see how many miles the rest of our members have driven this year.

3rd Annual Vagabonds Camping Trip

With a low of 31° this year we had a blast tent camping just like the original Vagabonds. This year we decided to have club members bring crockpot chili and boy was it a hit! 7 different types of chili, sides, and of course homemade cornbread. Thank you to the 20 club members that came out for an awesome weekend. Happy birthday to Mike Wilcher and a huge thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Oeder for letting us camp at their lake.





3rd Annual Vagabonds Camping Trip







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Frozen Speedo Drive Gear

By: Tom Endy

When in the course of human events it sometimes becomes necessary for a bunch of old Model A guys to resort to drastic measures to get a Model A rear end apart. This was the situation when the BLT Guys organization was in the process of installing a Mitchell overdrive in a 1930 Model A Tudor. The rear end had been removed from the car and the next task was to remove the torque tube. The speedo module had been removed from the front of the torque tube and the snap ring was removed from the front of the drive shaft. The next step was to easily slide the speedo drive gear off the end of the drive shaft....we thought! It would not budge and repeated prying and hammering would not budge it. Until the speedo drive gear was removed there was no way the torque tube could be slid off. It then becomes necessary for one people, the BLT Guys, to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with the Model A kingdom, and to assume the judging standards do not apply, and drastic methods would have to be used. So we declared our independence from MAFCA and sawed the front of the torque tube and drive shaft off. With the torque tube off we found the speedo drive gear was frozen solid to the drive shaft.



The front of the torque tube was sawed off

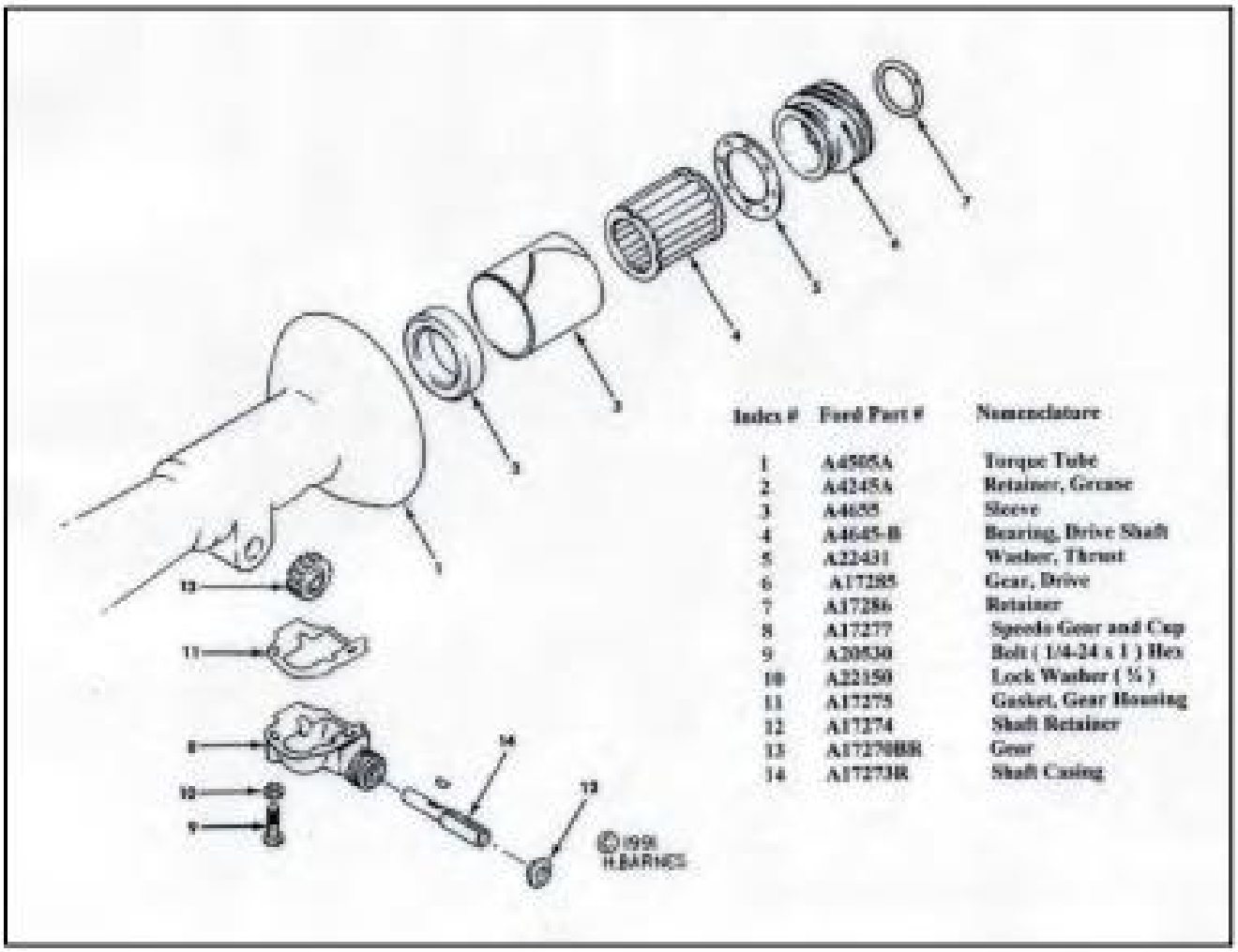


The speedo gear frozen solid to the drive shaft

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The speedo drive gear is the second item from the right (item #6) in the drawing, it should easily slide off the end of the drive shaft once the snap ring is removed and the speedo cup (#8) blow the torque tube is removed.



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The flange end of the torque tube was salvaged and used to make a puller-inner tool for installing Mitchell overdrives.



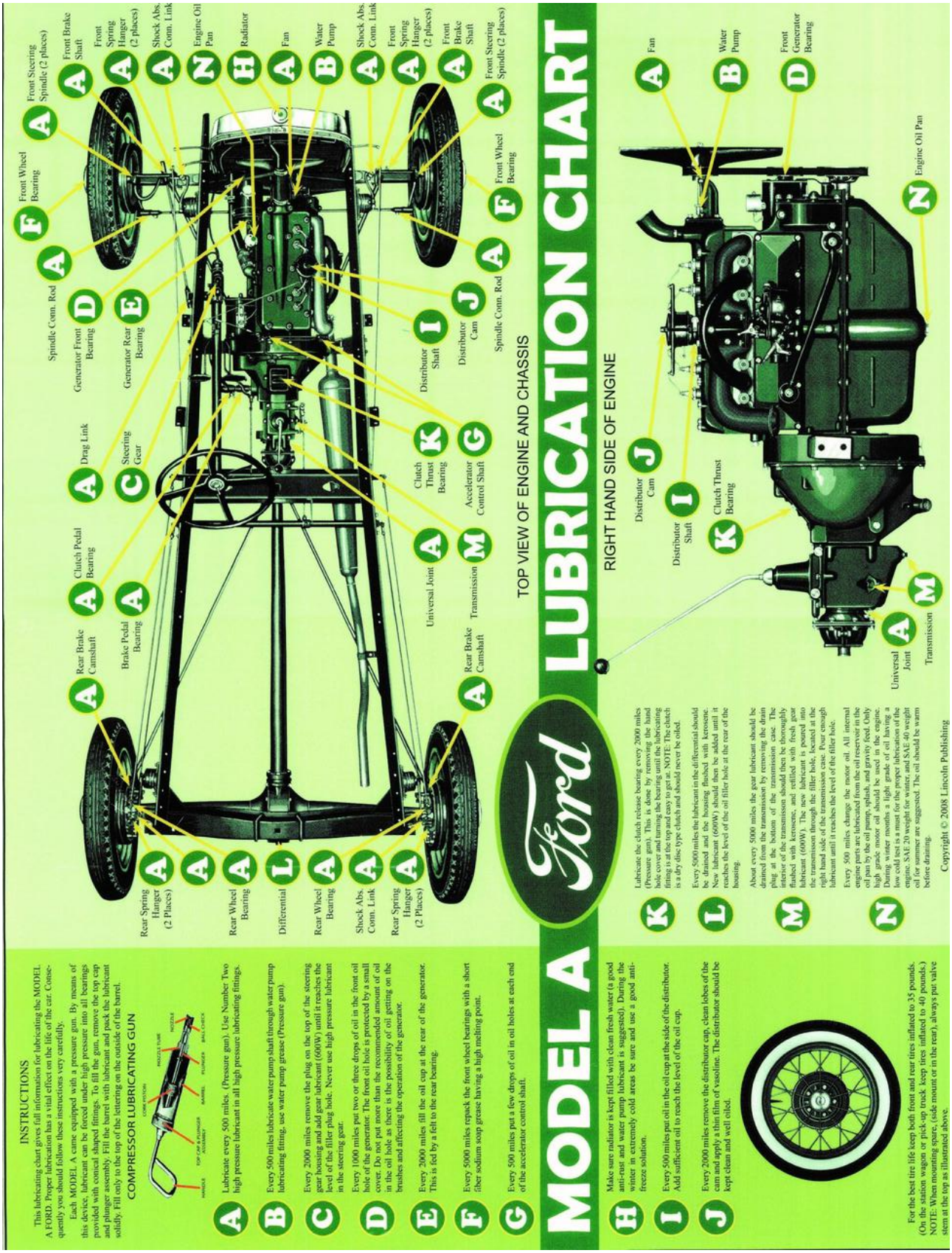
Santa Anita A's Member, Tom Endy; Editor of the Victoria Association Newsletter (The Bustle) for the past 20 years, has created the 20+ years of the work below. Some of these articles and documents have been featured in the MAFCA Restorer Magazine, other club's websites, and some are not published anywhere but here!
Enjoy, utilize, and learn!

https://www.santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/

Model A

Technical Tips / Activities / Information

Spring Maintance Lubrication Chart



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:

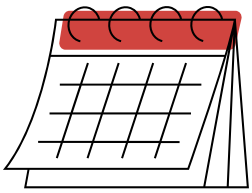
An Award winning magazine "The Model A News" which provides information both technical and social.

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**

November 2026

Make sure you renew your membership before expiration. You can renew online, by mail or by calling the office to continue receiving the Model A News (MAN) and access to the website and all the industry leading technical resources it provides.

- $30/year for online access to MAN and full member benefits
- $50/year for hardcopy & electronic MAN and full member benefits.

As a reminder, some of you have reached out to us to let us know you have new local region members to your club that are joining MARC for the first time. **If individuals are joining MARC for the first time, they can sign up for free online membership for one year.** Please continue to help make our club grow!

Remember to make you reservations now at the hotel for the MARC Membership & Tour in Galena, IL, the hometown of President Grant in May and for the MARC National Meet outside of Tulsa in Broken Arrow, OK in July. Hotel information is available on the website and in Model A News, Sept-Oct issue. Registration information is coming in the MAN.

Can't believe another edition of Hershey is behind us. Everyone enjoyed seeing those of you that attended at the MARC Tent and we hope you were able to purchase or pick up your new Judging Standards. If you did not attend, please know that the standards are available at modelarestorersclub.org for purchase or by calling the office.

NATIONAL MODEL A NEWS

MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

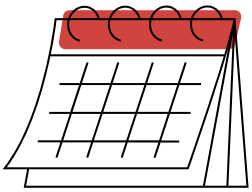
The MAFCA Story

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



MAFCA News

I hope you have been able to get out and do some touring in your Model A. During the summer months Mother Nature had other ideas, some areas were just too hot while others got rain, both putting a damper touring. Well, fall is here and I am looking forward to seeing some beautiful fall foliage. My club has tours planned to get out and enjoy the season. Apple picking is a popular event the gets a good number of Model A out to the orchard where we can pick some apples and show off our Model A's to other non-Model A apple pickers.

The cool fall temperature makes perfect conditions for getting the Model A on the road. You may have no particular destination in mind, but sometimes you just happen to find a spot which begs you to take a picture, like this one of Model A's and pumpkins.

Earlier you received your ballot to cast your votes for the candidates for the 2027-28 MAFCA board of Directors. These candidates have generously offered their services to help guide MAFCA and ask for your consideration. Please read the bio's in the Sept-Oct issue of *The Restorer* and vote for only 5 candidates. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before October 15 to be eligible for counting.

MAFCA will once again at the Hershey Car Show and Flea Market from October 6-8. Our tent will be in Chocolate Field South at spaces CF -81-83. Come by and see us, we will have the new Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards for sale as well as other books and merchandise. Paul Shinn will be making appearances at the tent during this time. We look forward to seeing you there.

In the mean time keep those wheels rolling.
– Doug Linden

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MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION,INC.

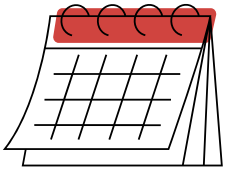
The MAFFI Story

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

November 2026

Congratulations to Our Sweepstakes Winner!

Congratulations to **Tim Hoerauf of Saline, Michigan**, winner of the **1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan** in this year's MAFFI Sweepstakes!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the sweepstakes and supported the Model A Ford Foundation. Your generosity helps us continue preserving and celebrating the history of the Model A Ford for generations to come.

Exciting Updates Coming to the Model A Museum

The Model A Museum is getting a little refresh! Beginning **December 25, 2026, through April 1, 2027**, the museum will be closed while we replace the flooring in the original section of the building to match the flooring in the expansion.

While we won't be welcoming visitors during this time, you can still follow along with the improvements! **The museum's online cameras will remain operational**, so we encourage everyone to tune in and watch the progress as we bring a fresh, consistent look to the museum.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back once the project is complete!

Next stop, full tanks and thankful hearts!!

Heather Marshall Resnick
MAFFI Trustee

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.

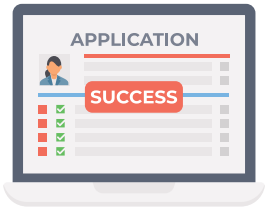
In an effort to expose as many kids as possible to the Model A Ford, both around the country and abroad, in 2022, MAYRA initiated "May is Model A Youth Month." With the support of both national Model A organizations – MARC and MAFCA – we declared May 2022 as the inaugural Model A Youth Month. Each Model 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



2026 OVRMAFC

CHRISTMAS PARTY & HOLIDAY BANQUET

We cordially invite you to join us for a night filled with joy and merriment as we come together to celebrate our club. We will have a cash bar, split the pot, and cash raffle prizes to enter. Model A era attire or ugly sweaters are encouraged!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026
4:30 - 8:30PM
DINNER AT 5:30PM

PEBBLE CREEK EVENT CENTER
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CINCINNATI, OH 45252

$43 PER MEMBER
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KIDS 12 AND YOUNGER EAT FREE



RSVP BY NOVEMBER 23, 2026
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OVR MODEL A FORD CLUB
MAIL TO: JARROD WILLIAMS, 7413 WILLOWBROOK LANE, CINCINNATI, OH 45237

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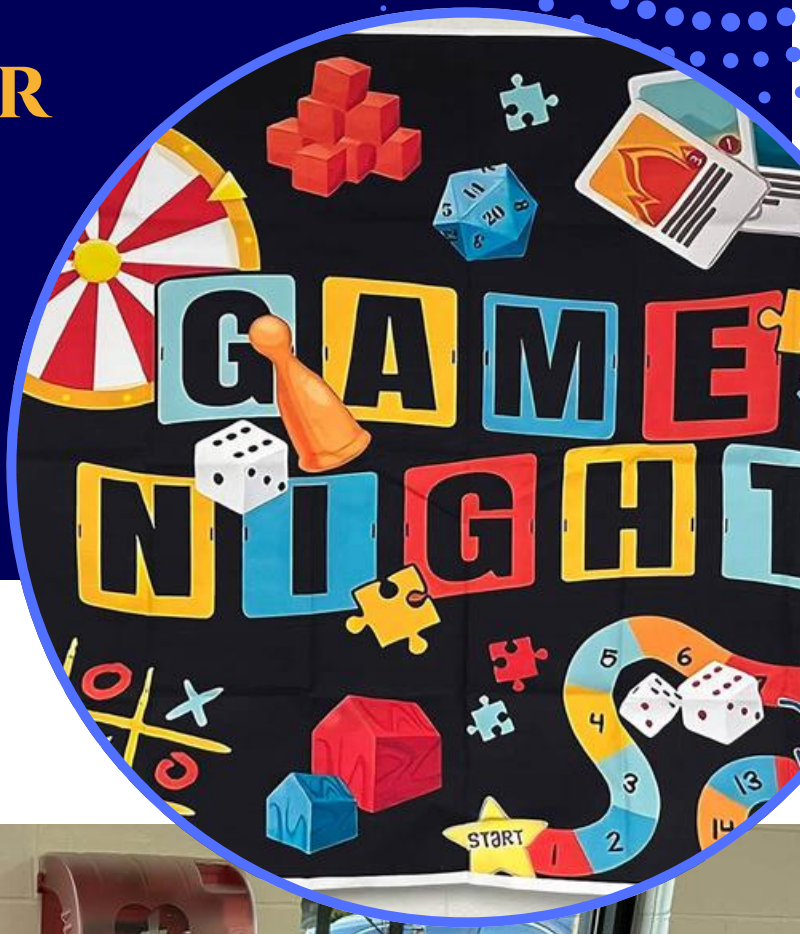
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OVRMAFC 2nd Annual Game Night Fundraiser



A huge thank your to Pam and Jim Mohr for hosting our 2nd annual game night.



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Just THE PHAETON

BY ANGEL NOE

Karl and Meritta Eby began their classic car adventure with a Shay – a 1980 Super Deluxe Roadster. I had to look up Shay. It was 1978, the 50-year anniversary of the 1928 Model, and with permission of Ford Motor Company a man by the name of Harry J. Shay founded the Model A & Model T Motor Car Reproduction Corporation. Later the company was renamed Shay Motors Corporation. Shay built about 5,000 to 5,500 replicas of the 1928–1931 Ford Model A Roadster. He also had his hand in reproducing a small number of 1955 Ford Thunderbirds. In case you are wondering, Shay Motors liquidated their business in 1982.

Many of our members have met Karl's 94-year-old mother Deloris. She so enjoys our tours and attends most of them. She is a delight. But as his parents aged, it was getting difficult for everyone, including Karl's father Keith, involved to get in and out of a Roadster. Karl and Meritta then began the search for the perfect Model A Phaeton. It took them all the way to Ocoee, Florida. And she is a 1929 beauty. But how do we get her home? They asked each other. Having contacted many car carriers, they came to the less expensive, "I will use my trailer." Because Meritta is devoted to her beloved 17-year-old dog Kricket, Karl and a good friend Ralph Winslow drove down to beautiful and sunny Florida. But everything is not sunny in the sunshine state. The first attempt to drive the Phaeton into the trailer was scary. Up the car goes into the trailer and all you can hear is Karl yelling, "WAIT!, STOP! Houston we have a problem." The Phaeton was not going to fit. It was too tall. Being very determined, they realized, hey I can put the top down. It is sunny in Florida again. Now for loading "21" wheels, starters, generators, carburetors, floorboards, bell housing and steering column just to mention the highlights." Everything is good to go so Karl and Ralph started heading North.

Just THE PHAETON

BY ANGEL NOE

All in all it was a four-day trip to pick up a precious piece of history. When they arrived back to Butler County about midnight, the trailer was parked in Karl's driveway with his Phaeton securely inside. One thing about Model A mechanics, they think too much. They even think when they are supposed to be sleeping. On Karl's mind is hey I got this car from Florida. Does it have water or antifreeze in the radiator? There is now 12" of snow on the ground and he is going to have to get up at midnight and find his answer. Anti-freeze. Wonderful. Back to bed.



First trip in our Model A after unloading from trailer.
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After the snow stopped Karl was able to show Meritta the beautiful car and take her for a ride. She was happy with their choice. Karl tells me, "The color of the Phaeton is rose beige. The possible car names at this time are Rosey B or Maple Rose. So, for now, it's just referred to as "The Phaeton."

First trip in the Model A after unloading from trailer. February 27th celebrated mom's 94 birthday with Karl's dad.

Karl and Meritta are most happy that his mother and father enjoy taking rides in the new addition to the family. Making memories in our cars is what life is about.

Just THE PHAETON

BY ANGEL NOE



At Oder’s Lake enjoying the club picnic

Just THE PHAETON

BY ANGEL NOE





At Jarrod Williams garage after installing the heater and side curtains getting ready for the overnight club tour to Bluffton Indiana.

Just THE PHAETON

BY ANGEL NOE



With mom, on their way to Bluffton Indiana.



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Joe and Connie Kleier passed away several years ago, and their son Jerry is looking to sell one of their cars, a black 1930 rumble-seat coupe. The family currently has three Model A's, one of which (a pickup) has been owned over fifty years. The coupe is in good running condition, with decent paint and interior. The car is located in Northern Kentucky; he's asking $15,000 or best offer, and can be reached at 859-630-3015

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

Black Metal Trunk on 1931 Model A.
It is too large to fit on the standard trunk, brackets to mount it to the back of the car behind the spare tire are included. I'm asking $250.00 or best offer for the trunk and mounting brackets.
Call Bob Blankenship (513) 678-4410.

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MAFCA Banquet Merch













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Ohio Valley Region Gear















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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

November 18, 2026 -6:30pm
OVRMAFC November Business Meeting and Club Auction
Held a week early due to Thanksgiving.
The November meeting will be the annual club auction. Items to be auctioned should have a value of at least $5 and can include Model A parts, accessories, Era Fashion items, baked goods, etc. Please arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. to sign in your donations and obtain your bid numbers.
The business meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and the auction will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.
Harrison Civic Center
9940 New Haven Road
Harrison, OH 45030

December 6, 2026 - 5:00pm
OVRMAFC Christmas Party
We will be having the party at the Pebble Creek Event Center this year, located at 9799 Prechtel Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45252 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm, with dinner to be served at 5:30pm. Plan on having a great time recapping our year, and enjoying food and friendship. $43 per member, $48 per non-member. Kids 12 and younger eat free.
RSVP by November 23, 2026. Make checks payable to OVR Model A Ford Club. Please mail checks to Jarrod Williams, 7413 Willowbrook Lane, Cincinnati OH, 45237.

December 11-12, 2026
MAFCA National Awards Banquet - Hosted by OVRMAFC
Make plans to come to Cincinnati, Ohio for this year's National Awards Banquet! Date: Dec 11&12. Hosted by the Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club. The hotel is the Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, room rate is $139+. See Mike Whitton or John Grossheim for more information.

December 19, 2026 - 9:15am
OVRMAFC at Wreaths ACROSS America
Please join us again this year with the Wreaths Across America organization in honoring those that have given their life for us. In this national event, you will be placing provided wreaths at the head stones of fallen soldiers at Spring Grove Cemetery.

People will be gathering for breakfast as early as 9:15.am.
Marx Bagels 9701 Kenwood Road Blue Ash, OH 45242.
We will be leaving at 10:15am

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director who also led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPLIT THE POT:
Tom Gault was awarded $53.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:
Both reports were approved as printed in the October 2026 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:
October birthdays noted were: Mike Wilcher, Tom Losekamp, Dottie Gerdes, Wallace Huff, and Pam Thomas. The 48th wedding anniversary of Tom and Jeanette Losekamp was celebrated.

CAR CARE:
Bill Cook thanked those who assisted him when the timing gear on his Model A caused a breakdown near the start of the Bourbon tour.

FASHION COMMITTEE: No report.

MARC MILEAGE:
Mike Wilcher reviewed the program and encouraged all members to sign up.

MEMBERSHIP:
Jarrod Williams reported 108 current memberships for a total of 171 people, making OVR the largest Model A club on Ohio and the second largest in the US.

NEWSLETTER:
Jarrod William thanked Angel Noe and Chris Hamlin for their recent articles which made the current issue of the AAAOOOGAH 50 pages.

OTHER BUSIINESS OF NOTE:
Steve and Sharion Gillie modeled sweatshirts featuring the drone photo of the OVR 60th anniversary, These can be purchased for $26 at carclubtshirts.com. John Grossheim discussed the possibility of changing our monthly meeting room to the Bell Tower facility. He and Jarrod Williams will discuss this with the facility manager to plan for 2027.

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 28, 2026

RECENT EVENTS:

The 3rd annual Vagabond campout was held at Oeders Lake on Saturday/Sunday, October 17/18. 30 people attended and enjoyed a chili cook-off followed by overnight camping and breakfast at Bob Evans on Sunday. Clinton Knackstedt brought his Detroit electric car.
The second annual OVR Game Night was hosted by Pam Mohr on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at the Bell Tower room in Evendale. 30 people enjoyed food, 3 tables of Euchre, A horseracing game and group fun playing Jenga.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Dayton Buckeye Model A Ford club will hold its 52nd annual swap meet at the Miami County fairgounds in Troy, OH in Sunday, November 1, 2026 from 8a.m.-1p.m.

The annual OVR auction will be held at the Harrison Civic Center, 9940 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH on Wednesday, November 18, 2026. Donations can be received starting at 6:00 p.m. Suggested donations are Model A related parts, tools, literature and baked goods. The abbreviated business meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.with the auction to follow starting at 7:00 p.m.

Jimmy Ekstsedt is planning an event sometime in November. See the upcoming newsletter for details.

The annual OVR Holiday party will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2026 at the Pebble Creek Event Center, 9779 Prechtel Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252. Payment of $43 per person must be received by Jarrod Williams by Wednesday, November 18, 2026. Buffet dinner will include chicken and beef with soft drinks included. Raffles will be available. Checks can be made out to OVRMAFord club. Please do not include annual dues payment in this check.

The MAFCA National Awards Banquet will be held December 11-13 at the Netherland Plaza hotel. Mike Witten presented a schedule of the tours, seminars, and dinner. OVR members are encouraged to register for this event. Volunteers are needed to assist with activities. Please contact Deb Arnold if you are available to assist.

Jarrod Williams will provide information about the annual Wreaths Across America event scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2026.

John Grossheim is planning an Amish tour soon.

Andy Blomer will plan the annual bowling party in January 2027.

Movie night will be planned by John Grossheim and Jim Thomas for February 2027.

Deb and Larry Arnold will host the annual Polar Bear tour in March 2027.

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

NEXT MEETING:
Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next meeting will be held ONE WEEK EARLY on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at the Harrison Civic Center, 9940 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH.

SUBMITTED BY:
Phyllis Pease, Secretary

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Era Fashion

ARE YOU A WOOD NYMPH?

by Peggy Gill



Rayon, the New Fabric of the Model A Era

During the model A years of 1928-1931, rayon was a relatively new fabric that was gaining popularity in the fashion industry primarily due to its look, feel, and versatility in garments. In its infancy, rayon was often referred to as “artificial silk,” but it was, in fact, the very first man-made fiber. Unlike modern nylon and polyester which are petroleum based products, rayon is made from natural plant material, primarily wood pulp, so it is considered a semi-synthetic fiber.

In December of 1931, an article found in Popular Mechanics Magazine stated that the question had recently arisen as to “‘just how much wood a woman carries when fully dressed.” This led to calculations by textile experts of the time to show that the average-sized woman requires a log approximately the size of the one shown in the illustration to the right.

But what exaxtly is rayon, and how is it made?



A device for spinning Viscose Rayon dating from 1901

Rayon is a versatile fiber that has the same comfort properties as other natural fibers. It is made from purified cellulose, which is the primary component of the cell walls in green plants. In the case of rayon, wood is usually the main ingredient. The cellulose is chemically converted into a soluble compound and then this solution is dissolved and forced through a “spinneret to produce filaments which are chemically solidified, resulting in synthetic fibers of nearly pure cellulose.”ii The fibers themselves are soft, smooth, and highly absorbent which allows them to easily absorb colors when dyed, and also makes them particularly useful for hot and humid climates.

Their texture, when woven into a fabric, imitate the feel and texture of silk, wool, cotton, and linen and today are used in garments that range from delicate lingerie to heavy winter coats.

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The history of rayon dates back to 1855 when Georges Audemars, a Swiss chemist, dipped a needle into liquid mulberry bark pulp and gummy rubber to make threads that could be then woven into cloth. This method, however, was too slow and time consuming to be practical.

Thirty years later, French chemist, Hilaire de Charbonnet, patented an artificial silk that was a celloulose-based fabric. Fortunately, this fabric was removed from the market due to its high flammability properties. Nevertheless, Charbonnet is credited with being the father of the rayon industry.

Shortly after Charbonnet's development, in 1894, three British inventors, Charles Cross, Edward Bevan, and Clayton Beadle developed and patented a safe and practical method of producing this artificial silk cloth that came to be known as viscose rayon. Their system did not require purified wood pulp cellulose, which made it cheaper and easier to produce. Their process, which takes multiple steps, allows for modifications to be made to the fiber as it is being produced and the finished textile can be soft and silky or sturdy and strong. It can have a dull or bright finish, and can be silken, linen-like or even wool-like. Specific types of rayon available today include viscose, modal and lyocell; the difference between them is in the manufacturing process and the properties of the finished product. Nevertheless, even to this day, the viscose method has been the principal method used to make rayon.

Rayon continues to be a popular fiber in the clothing and textile industry today. So the next time you are out enjoying the shaded coolness beneath the trees, take a moment to imagine just how much wood you may be wearing.

On a side note...

For the Seamstress: Using Rayon Fabric in Reproduction Garments

For those of you interested in era fashions, be sure to take into account your pattern when choosing to work with rayon fabric. In researching the attributes of this fabric, many experts stated that in addition to the soft, smooth, and absorbent properties that make this fabric so desirable for garment construction, it also has a wonderful draping quality. This is a plus for those styles that flow and fall from the shoulders and hips. However, rayon does not hold pleats well, something I read about in my research about two weeks too late.

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I discovered this firsthand as I was making a 1929 style dress from a beautiful orchid colored rayon crepe using an original pattern. The front of the dress has a chevron shaped ½" pleated inset in the skirt front. This was difficult to initially block the pleats, and I had to hand baste each pleat the entire length of the inset. I must have spent a good three hours pleating, basting, and ironing in the pleats. Completing the dress, I wore it to an event, and had multiple compliments on catching the look and style of the Model A era. However, it was hot that day, so after the event, I washed the dress in cold, on gentle cycle. To my dismay, the pleating washed completely out!



So what I thought would be an easy care, wash and wear dress for era image, instead has turned into an ironing challenge each and every time I wear it.

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OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB

MEMEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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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 AAAAOOGAH 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!

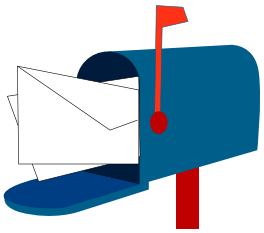
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