

NOMAC NEWS

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The NORTHERN OHIO MODEL "A" CLUB is a Region of the [Model "A" Restorers Club \(MARC\)](#) and a Chapter of the [Model "A" Ford Club of America \(MAFCA\)](#).

The NOMAC is a family oriented technical club, founded to share restoration and repair knowledge and experience among its members. We show our cars and drive them as well. Several NOMAC members have written extensively on various aspects of restoration. The club maintains a collection of special tools for the Model A, which are available to all members. NOMAC meets once per month in suburban Cleveland, Ohio. The focus of each meeting is a technical seminar, in which an experienced member or a guest speaker presents a how-to demonstration of some phase of Model "A" Ford restoration or repair. Meeting announcements and club news are contained in its monthly newsletter.

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2021 NOMAC Monthly Meetings and Events

January 18	NOMAC Meeting
February 15	NOMAC Meeting
March 15	NOMAC Meeting
April 19	NOMAC Meeting
May 17	NOMAC Meeting
May 22	NOMAC Crawford Coffee & Cars
June 21	NOMAC Meeting
July 10	Amish Tour
TBD	Summer Picnic
July 19	NOMAC Meeting
August 16	NOMAC Meeting
August 21	Packard Tour and Amish Dinner
August 29	Apples and Autos Car Show
September TBD	CVNP Tour and NOMAC Meeting
September 18	National Model A Day
October 10	Apple Butter Festival
October 18	NOMAC Meeting
November 15	NOMAC Meeting & Elections
December 20	NOMAC Meeting & Dinner

Madden's Muffler – Puffing out Model A Thoughts

Well crummy weather is here to stay for a while I do believe. We begin the long march towards spring time! The Vicky and Mustang were the first to go into storage for me – mostly due to the way I store them. I left the Fairmont out in hopes of catching a nice day or two – but when it basically rained and was miserable for a couple weeks straight, I took the first opportunity to put it away that I could. She's now resting comfortably for the winter now as well. This is your reminder to check coolant levels – we don't want cracked blocks come spring time!

Well now that the cars are put away, what in the world am I supposed to do with time? I haven't quite answered that question yet – if you have, let me know! One thing I am doing though is beginning to put a parts list together of things I want to get and work on in the spring. I want to get the car in a position to be able to drive to Gilmore for Model A Day.

Club elections are this month. Thank you for everyone that is running for positions. We have a lot of great members in this club and it is awesome to see new faces (Dan and Jeff) step up in leadership positions. The past 3-4 years have brought significant growth to our club – this is definitely a good thing! We continue to have new ideas put forward and I look forward to where we will go in the next several years. There is definitely a huge opportunity for us to strengthen our club, events and provide more awareness to our cars to the general public.

I will be unable to attend this month's meeting – I'll be dipping my toes in the Gulf of Mexico – so I'll see you in December!

Don't forget we have a meeting on the 15th!

o -Josh



Upcoming Events

- November 15, 2021 – Monthly Meeting and **2022 Elections** – Walton Hills Police Station
- December 20, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Harry's Steakhouse

Health and Wellness

Please keep Bob Deeks, Rod Feldman, and Steve and Erv Lambert in your thoughts. Let Josh know if you know of anyone else in the club that is unwell.

On The Road With...

By Skip Schweitzer

A Good Day in the Model A

October, 2021

z Today I am driving my 1930 Model "A" about the countryside. I stay out of the city traffic. Ninety-year-old cars aren't made for high speed, bumper to bumper turmoil, and quick stops. It's a crisp early October morning, maybe 55 degrees. The trees have not yet begun to turn. Everything is still bright and green with just a hint of red and orange here and there. I don't have the windows open, nor the windshield. It's a little bit too cold for that. Maybe later when it warms up. There's nothing like chugging along at 45 MPH looking out the front window of a Model "A", complete with windshield wiper at half mast, side wind wings and mirrors gleaming, and the chrome quail capping off the radiator. Does it get any better than this?

Where'd this all begin? Well, I'll just tell ya. Way back in '64.....that's 19 and 64, I began to work for Elmer Dingledey at a place called Willow Grove Golf Course which, predictably, is now a housing development. Some referred to it as Hacker's Grove. We two workers referred to it as Elmer's Funny Farm. (Elmer was a bit of an oddball!) It was diagonally across from the Grantwood Golf Course in Solon, on the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Pettibone Road and Route 43. Back then it was just Aurora Road. It originated in Maple Heights driving south from Rt 8, Northfield Road. I remember there was a new drive-in restaurant called the El Dorado right there at the intersection. They made good high stack hamburgers with

lots of gooey sauce on them. Across from it was the Race Horse Tavern, one of my father's favorite haunts. Oh, I'd been in there plenty of times with him. "Give him a coke and he'll sit in the back", he said to the bartender. Boy, I'd heard that line many a times as a kid, "give the kid a coke and he'll sit by the pin ball machine, or bowling game". (I never got the quarters to play those machines though.) Heck, I'd heard that many a times at Grantwood Golf Course after caddying for him on Tuesday nights at the Pesco golf league (He worked at Pesco Products, a large machine shop). "Here's fifty cents, get yourself a milk shake and sit over there while I have a beer with the boys". I always got a Mars bar with the left over 15 cents. Those were good times with my Dad. But I'm getting side-tracked.



Willow Grove was a place that I worked for during the summer after graduation from High School and before I went to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Elmer Dingeldey, the owner, was in his 80's by then—too old to run the long-outdated golf course machinery, so he hired a couple boys to do the work for him. Elmer just sat in the “Pro Shop” -- I use the words loosely. It was actually the corner of the upper barn, complete with well-worn wooden planks for floors, hay forks on the wall, and grass seed, fertilizer, and hay stacked in another corner. There was a modern department store counter of sorts, no doubt procured at an auction and greatly out of place in this barn, where you checked in and paid your \$3 for a round of golf. Every morning at 8 AM we two boys would rouse Elmer from his kitchen at the house down from the barn and get our orders for the day. “Take the mower and gang reels and cut the fairways on holes 1,2,3,4. Take the power reel mower and cut all the greens—you have to cut them real short or the golfers b.....(rhymes with itch) complain bitterly. We don't want them going over to Grantwood, do we. Take the Ford tractor with the brush hog on it and knock down the brush around the 6th hole—it's gotten too high; they lose their balls in it, ha, ha, ha. If you find any bring 'em back here to the shop and we'll sell 'em back to 'em. Take the jeep and gang mowers and cut the fairways along holes 8 and 9. Take the thig-a-ma-jig and relocate the holes on the greens where there is too much wear on the creeping bent. Be sure to carefully put the grass plug back over the old hole so as not to disturb their putts, ha, ha, ha. We wouldn't want to do that now, would we? Turn on the pump and water the greens. They're looking a little brown. And don't leave the hoses out like you did last time—chuckling-- the con-sarned- golfers drink out of 'em. (The water came from an algae covered pond near the barn, Aaarrgh)”. Elmer had a bit of a mean streak! So it went for the whole summer. Not a bad job for a 17-year-old kid.... get your orders for the day, go do your thing for the rest of the day. I think we made \$1.25 per hour. Life should be that easy now.

You're probably wondering, how does all this relate to Model “A” Fords. This wasn't actually the very beginning of my interest in Model “A” Fords. That began back as early as I can remember with my Dad talking to my grandfather about Model “A”s. It seems that Model “A”s were their favorite cars back in their day. They both had them and drove them throughout the depression until the war ended. Then Grandpa Charley got a spiffy new 1950 Mercury and Dad got a new 1948 Pontiac that turned out to be not so spiffy. Shortly thereafter he returned to Fords.

Back at Willow Grove the extremely well-used, no, borderline junk 1946 Civilian Jeep with no floorboards left and one rear spring still connected to the frame was always parked in the lower barn next to what was left of a Model “A”—no doubt used to extinction on the golf course maintenance. It did not, could not, run. There wasn't enough left of it to run, with just a little more than a firewall and some body and mechanical components on a frame. I desperately wanted that hulk to build a hot rod, but Elmer wouldn't depart with it—some sentimental feelings about it I guess. But out in the field that, in better times, was a driving range next to the barn was another hulk, a chassis really, just a frame and motor and running gear from a Model “A”. Sure, I could have it, go get it...Good--riddance. All it ever was, for the past 20 years, was a target for golfers at the driving range till that got overgrown.

You bet I brought it home much to my mother's great dismay. It was my first Model “A”. “Junk, you're bringing home junk. What will the relatives think? Get that out of here, now”. “OK, I'm likely going into the Navy soon. I'll disassemble it and put it under the porch. I'm going to build it into a car, a hot rod when I get out”. (I'd been dreaming about this since I was 10 years old). Mother never compromised with any of us in that household. It was her way or the highway! As soon as I went into the Navy, she called the junk man and had it taken away. Such was the ongoing saga of my continuously and progressively deteriorating relationship with my mother. Dad, where are you? Save me here! No, he couldn't. He was at the Race Horse tavern. Me? I took the highway. But I sense that Dad is always with me now in my Model “A”. So is Charley

-Skip

Meeting Minutes

NOMAC Meeting

Walton Hills Police Station

10/19/21

- 14 members in attendance

Club Business

- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report

Tours/Shows

- Apple Butter Festival – 10/9 at Century Village
- Hungarian Church on Westside– 10/10
- Piston Power rumored for 2023
 - Ken needs club banners back

New Business

- Upcoming elections
 - Elections are in November
 - All positions and trustees are open and available
 - Current slate of candidates:
 - Trustees – Skip Schweitzer, Ken Kovach, Jerry Siracki, Jon Peterson, Grant Krueger, Bill Mann, Chris Sawicki
 - President – Dan Gress
 - Vice President – Jamie Holzheimer
 - Secretary – Josh Madden
 - Treasurer – Jeff Gordon
 - Webmaster – Bill Mann
- Club Funds
 - Committee needs to be formed to create budget to work with

Give me a BRAKE! Part 3

By Josh Madden

“Hey Ken, it’s Josh, I’m heading to Snyder’s again”

November, 2021

To pick up on the brake saga – I make a trip to Snyder’s with backing plate and drum in hand. I show the gentleman at the counter what is happening with the adjuster – he’s stumped and calls Don Snyder II to come out and check it. For those that have met Don, you know he’s a super nice guy and looks to make the customer happy in all interactions. I’m kinda upset because I had to drive back there, but I know things happen and they will make it right.

Don takes one look at the brake and says, “Yep, somethings not right. Leave the backing plate with me, I’ll get it fixed and FedEx it back to you”. Wow is all I could say. Customer service on point! The next day, I get a call from Don and he tells me they are sending a rebuilt backing plate out and I’ll have it the next day. I’m thinking, why don’t all companies have this sort of customer service???? Sure enough, the next day the back plate arrives. She looks absolutely sweet. I take it out and install it on the car. I get everything bolted up, cotter pins installed (word of the wise – do not do this until you’re 100% done), begin to test the brake and.....IT’S DOING THE EXACT SAME THING!!! What the heck is going on? To say I was upset is truly putting it mildly. What in the heck is this going on? What is possibly causing it? I am going to have to take this thing back AGAIN and they are going to think I’m an absolute moron who can’t install a brake drum.

The next day, I start the trek back to Snyder’s, while on the way, I call Ken. He answers and I say, “Hey Ken, it’s Josh, I’m heading to Snyder’s again”. Ken doesn’t actually say it, but I know, deep down, he’s thinking – is Josh an idiot? Can he not read the Les Andrews’ book? We chat about what could possibly be causing it – geometry, worn parts, etc., etc. When I get to Snyder’s, Don III greets me. He is without a doubt one of the happiest people I have ever met – until I show him my brakes. He takes me to a gentleman’s office where we show him the backing plate. He’s flummoxed. He tells Don III to call “Gramps”. While I’m waiting for this guy called “Gramps” to show up, I tell Don III I also need a brake line – so he grabs that and then “Gramps” shows up. Well, “Gramps” was none other than Don Snyder I – who was also the man that rebuilt the most recent backing plate. I explain to him what’s going on, he looks at me as if I have three eyes and then messes around with the backing plate and realizes, no vindicates, that I am NOT a moron – at least with this specific issue. He tells me to follow him to his workshop so we can try and get this squared away.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.....



A LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

11-1-21

Dear Members,

We are fast approaching the election of new officers and/or the re-affirmation of current officers of NOMAC. In doing so we need to keep in mind what our original goals are—the purpose of why we are here—and more importantly, to assess how, why, and if we are getting there. The NOMAC organization is a machine with which to get us there. The officers are the cogs in the wheels of our machine.

So, in addition to electing officers we need to assess our organization. Are we following our tenets and rules set forth some 50 years ago? Have we lost sight of certain features? Do we need to make changes or re-affirm our purpose and how we get there?

As a past president of this organization I feel it my duty and obligation to offer these suggestions: THE PURPOSE OF NOMAC Per our By-laws: The following are the purposes for which this organization has been established:

1. To encourage members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, make use of Model “A” Ford vehicles, and memorabilia pertaining to that era.
2. To promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among its members.
3. To purchase, or otherwise acquire, lease as lessee, invest in, hold, use, lease as lesser, encumber, sell, exchange, transfer, and dispose of property of any description of any interest therein, by authority and action of its trustees.

Besides the up-and-coming election of officers there are several things that need attention during this election period.

The obvious:

1. Elect a new president—the position is currently vacant
2. Elect or reaffirm the people currently in the elected roles, including: Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees (5) Model “A” knowledgeable, proven leaders and readily available members.

The MORE important:

1. Reaffirm the Organizational Structure of the NOMAC Club as outlined in the By-laws.
2. Re-establish the roles and rules as laid out in the current bylaws.
3. Re-establishment of a budget from which to work.
4. Update and /or re-evaluate the bylaws which has not been done in about 8 years, i.e., an obvious instance is removing much of the legalese from the by-laws and replacing it with more readable, understandable, currently relevant context. It seems that many of the organizational rules and tenets that were initially established have gotten waylaid, most notably the roles of the Trustees. Since the trustees have always in the past, importantly provided the foundation and ongoing guidance for the organization known as NOMAC, it would be wise to re-activate them and their roles. Here is the description of the trustees as stated in the By-laws:

Trustees

The business of the organization shall be managed by a board of trustees consisting of five members together with the officers of the organization. At least one of the trustees shall be a resident of the state of Ohio and a citizen of the United States. The trustees to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be chosen at the annual membership meeting of this organization in the same manner and style as the officers of this organization and they shall serve for a term of one year. The trustees shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization. Such trustees shall only act in the name of the organization when convened by its chairman after due notice to all the trustees of such meeting. Three of the trustees shall constitute a quorum and the meeting of trustees shall be held as

deemed necessary in order to conduct club business, but no fewer than twice a year. Each trustee shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy. The trustees may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary. Vacancies in the said trustees shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of trustees for the balance of the year. The President of the organization by virtue of his/her office shall be chairperson of the trustees. The trustees shall select from one of their members a Secretary.

As well, the establishment of various subcommittees such as a banquet and picnic committee, technical seminar committee, activities committee, membership committee, seems to have gone by the wayside. All these are organization building mechanisms that incorporate people into the heart of the organization and give them a sense of ownership, inclusiveness so that every person can feel themselves an integral part of the organization. It also provides a tangible organizational framework for people to fit into when deaths or vacancies occur. In re-establishing an organizational context, we could utilize an abbreviated form of Robert's Rules framework. In brief, when decisions are being made, the issue is put into a motion context, i.e., "I make a motion to Then a motion is seconded (or not), and a vote is taken to pass the motion." Almost all other organizations use this. This framework provides a verbal and written structure by which the secretary can take notes, and the treasurer can likewise note incomes, outgoes and potential expenditures. It also provides an automatic basis for follow-up at the next meeting.

We are an organization, a business, if not for profit. Businesses must have a purpose and an organization to carry it out. We need to reaffirm, re-establish, re-evaluate and update that which we call NOMAC.

Skip Schweitzer

Past President

2014--17

Classifieds

For Sale

Many used parts, some rebuilt, for sale. Too many to list! – Jerry Siracki 440-636-3623 – No texts please

NOMAC Tools Available to Members

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| 1. Engine Number stamps | 9. Crank ratchet nut wrench |
| 2. Cowl Light locator punch | 10. Hinge pin puller |
| 3. Rear seal installer | 11. Gas gauge tool |
| 4. Rear spring spreader | 12. Cam nut wrench |
| 5. Wheel spinner for painting wheels | 13. Steering wheel puller |
| 6. Brake shoe arcing machine | 14. Spring compressor for the shift level keeper |
| 7. Pinion puller | 15. K-R Wilson wheel puller |
| 8. Pinion nut wrench | |

Rules for Tools

1. Pick up tool when work is ready to be performed.
2. Return tools promptly or bring to next meeting.
3. If another member needs the tools, he/she will be given your phone number/email and in turn will be requested to follow number 2.

Call Jerry Siracki at 440-636-3623.

Services Offered

Need some work done on your Model "A"? Here is a list of businesses and/or people who are known entities and have been recommended by club members. These services are tried and true. Have you had good service? Please add to the list so that we all know where to go!

PARTS

- John Holland 7208 West law Rd. Valley City Oh. 330-483-3896
 - Carburetors, Model "A" Parts
- Gene Brolund, 131 Singer Ave, P.O. Box 224, Grand River, Oh 440-352-8005
 - Steering boxes, carburetors, windshield wipers, others
- Paul Eippert, Model "A" Parts Mineral Ridge, OH 330-652-0038
- Snyder's Antique Auto Parts, 12925 Woodworth Rd 888-262-5712
New Springfield, Oh 44443
- Bratton's Antique Auto Parts, 1606 Back Acre Circle, 301-829-9880
Mount Airy, MD 21771
- Mac's Auto Parts, 6150 Donner Rd., PO Box 238 877-220-8230
Lockport, NY 14095

SALVAGE

- S & W Auto Salvage 10635 Shanks Rd, Garrettsville 330-307-3139
 - Specializes in 1920s, 30s, 40s, 50s automobiles and trucks
- Budds Auto and Truck 2350 SR 14 Deerfield, OH 44411 330-947-2002
 - Parts '59 and older whole cars and trucks

RESTORATION AND MECHANICAL WORK

- Don Davison, 11408 Wheeler Rd. Garrettsville, Oh 330-357-6290
 - All aspects of restoration body, engine rebuilding
- Zembur Enterprises Mechanical Work, N. Lima OH 330-549-3605
- Matlins Transmission, Aurora Ohio contact Matt 330-562-6734
- Buckeye Auto Electric, Painesville, OH, Joe Mazzone 440-354-2060
 - Specializing in antique autos, Model "A"
- Integrity Auto Care, Akron, fixing horns Philip Evans 330-689-2100

UPHOLSTERY

- J's Upholstery, 6865 Tallmadge Rd., Rootstown, Ohio 44272 330-325-1610
- Sutton Upholstery Jim and Ike Sutton 3505 North Ridge Rd. Perry, Ohio 440-361-0049
 - Good quality, reasonable auto upholstery
- Portage Trim, 3097 Ohio 59, Ravenna, OH 44266 330-296-5511
- Sullivan Upholstery LLC, 12 TWP. Rd. 1281, New London, Oh, 44851 419-929-1400

PAINTING/PINSTRIPING

- Chip Judd, pin striping on cars. 4296 East River Rd. 440-258-1075
Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054
- Custom Paint and Detail, painting and Pin striping, Matt Smith 330-571-4595

SANDBLASTING/POWDER COATING

- Summit Powder Coaters, 619 S. Van Buren av. Barberton, OH 330-753-7040
- Diversified Maintenance—Sandblasting Michael Molnar 330-549-3605
N. Bloomfield, OH
- Custom Sandblasting and Priming (Summer only) Daniel Gingrich 330-565-2618
16640 Madison Rd. (SR 528) Middlefield, Ohio 44062 440 548-5866
- Backwoods Blasting and Powder Coating, Kent, OH 330-678-0048
Ask for Doug

INSURANCE

- Hagerty Insurance, Contact Jim Englert, Kim Todd 419-271-3835
419-271-0049

OTHER

- Ameriprint, Printing, copying and graphics, Olmstead Falls 440-235-6094
Contact Tony Caterino
- License plate restoration Joe Ledford, 3 Ledford Ln, P. O. Box 83 H 919 365-7176
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