

# 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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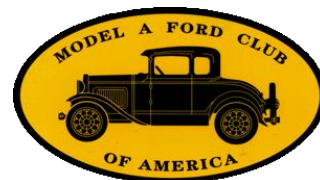
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## 2021 NOMAC Monthly Meetings and Events

January 18	NOMAC Meeting
February 15	NOMAC Meeting
March 15	NOMAC Meeting
April 19	NOMAC Meeting
May TBD	Amish Tour
May 17	NOMAC Meeting
June 21	NOMAC Meeting
TBD	Summer Picnic
July 19	NOMAC Meeting
August 16	NOMAC Meeting
September TBD	CVNP Tour and NOMAC Meeting
September TBD	National Model A Day
October 18	NOMAC Meeting
November 15	NOMAC Meeting & Elections
December 20	NOMAC Meeting & Dinner



## Madden's Muffler – Puffing out Model A Thoughts

Oh boy, the weather has been pretty decent for a little bit! I'm starting to get the itch! My daughter told me she can smell spring in the air, so it must be true. I've been out in the garage a few times in the past week working on my Fairmont. The Vicky is still in her bubble for a little bit longer. Need to get prepared to bring her home. I have a few things I want to do to her this year before I drive extensively:

- Thoroughly go through the brake system. I wasn't thrilled how it was stopping towards the end of the season, so I need to go through everything.
- Install (finally) seat belts. I've had the belts for a couple years, just haven't got around to it.
- Adjust my alignment. I have too much toe in on the passenger side.

Obviously, there will be the standard, get ready for the driving season stuff as well – oil, lube, etc., but these are the big jobs I have planned. Although, we all know how it goes with A's, they will sort of dictate what happens! 😊

I'm curious what jobs you all have planned for driving season prep? Maybe we can get together and work on a car like with Fred's clutch? Please email, call or text me with what you're working on and I can post in the newsletter for those that have experience and would like to help, or just for others to know what we all are working on!

As the weather begins to warm up, I would ask you to consider hosting a tour, picnic, etc., for the club. 2020 was a total bummer, but 2021 is looking much more promising, so we need to take advantage of it! If you don't have an A or recently got one and don't consider yourself an "expert" (whatever that means!) and have wanted to get more involved with the club, hosting a tour can be a great way to do so. All we need is a route that is friendly to As (no highways) and hopefully a place to eat 😊. If you have questions about what makes a good tour route, shoot Ken an email or call – he can fill you in. I do hope you consider this, the more events we can have, the stronger our club will be!

-Josh

P.S. Thanks to Skip Schweitzer for another great article in this month's newsletter!

## Fred Rambling "A" Round

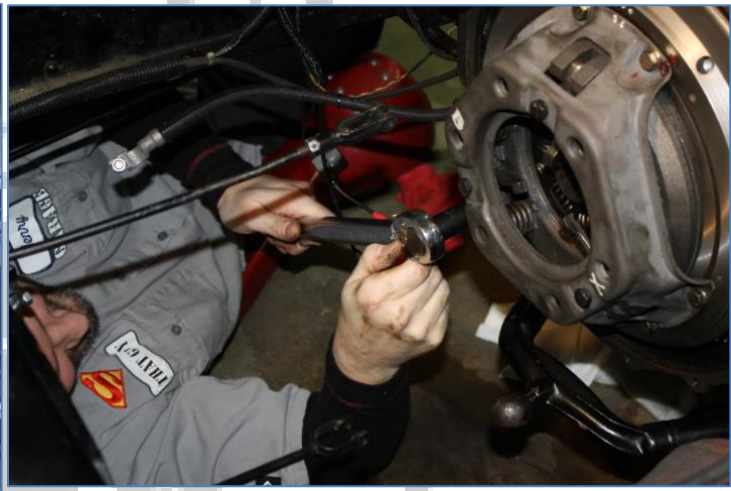
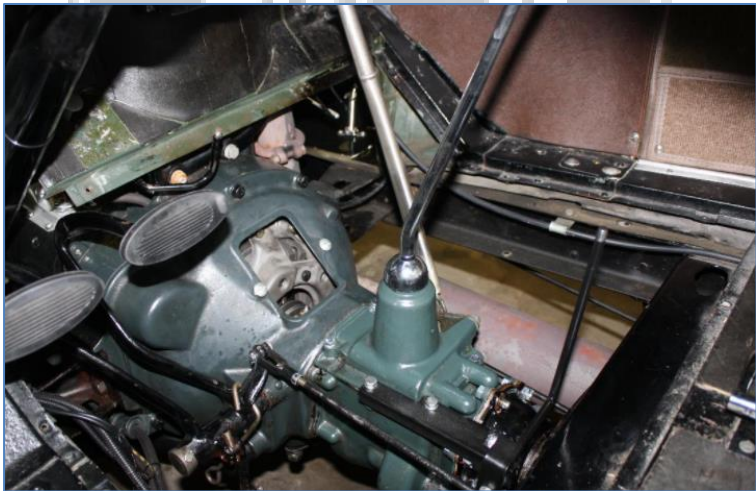
On February 13th a group of members met at my home for a tech session to install a clutch in my '31 Town Sedan. Below are a few pictures of the action. After a broken bolt which was expertly extracted by Ken Kovach, everyone enjoyed lunch. They then returned to finish the transmission and rear end install. I want to thank the members and non-member who came to both learn and enjoy the company. I believe that everyone who attended had a great time. I am hoping that as a club we can do more of this type of activities. I have said "don't just belong, get involved". If you have a project that will be of interest to the group, set a date and let us know. It could be a safety inspection, to the install of an engine and transmission or anything else you may need a hand with. Don't be afraid to say you need help. I know the membership will give you a helping hand.

**"Don't just belong, get involved."**

-Fred

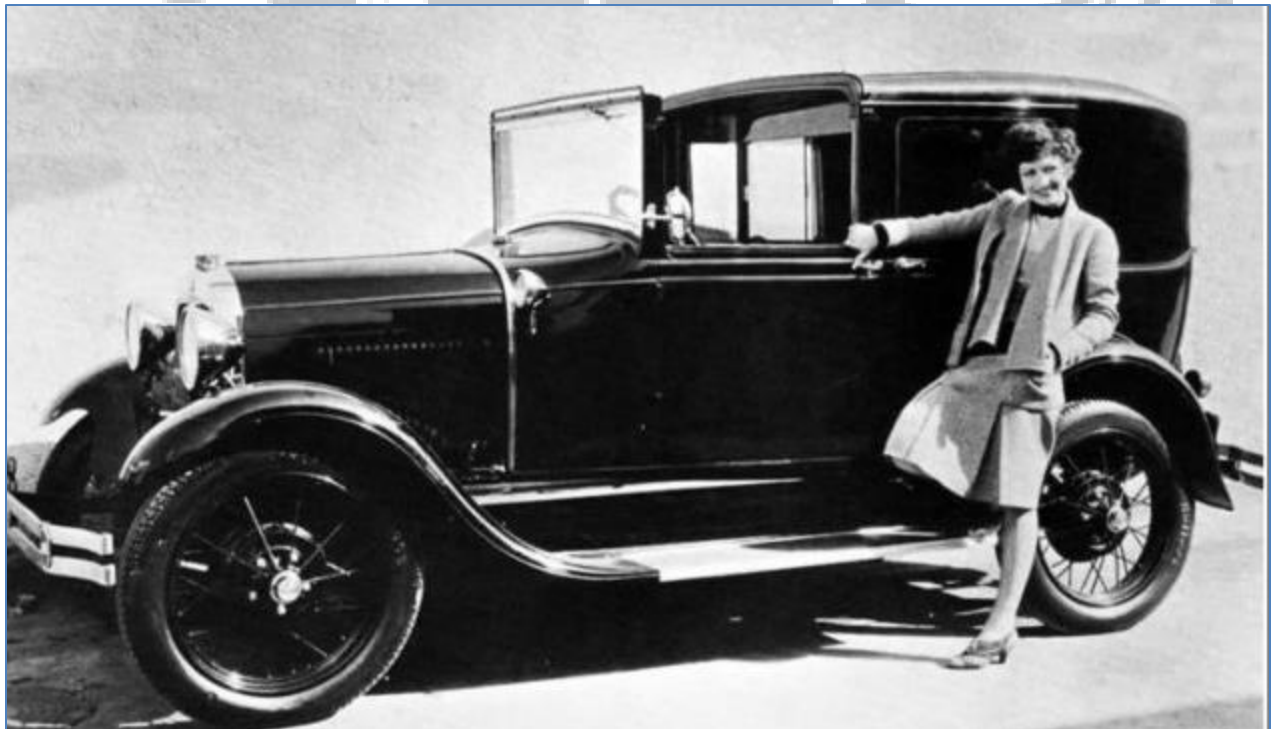






## Upcoming Events

- March 15, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Walton Hills Police Station
- April 19, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Walton Hills Police Station





## On The Road With...

By Skip Schweitzer

### Some Notable Wild Goose Chases

This old car preoccupation that some of us are afflicted with has more than occasionally thrown us curve balls that we never expected. While watching an episode of Chasing Classic Cars on the TV, one owner decided that he just couldn't part with his beloved car after all. The host, poor old Wayne Carini, had to drag his empty car hauler back to Vermont empty. An owner backing out of a deal has never happened to me. But at other times the cars were, shall we say, greatly misrepresented. Condition is in the eye of the beholder I must admit. The buyer and the seller often disagree on this. But being lied to always infuriates me.

There was the time ten years ago when we drove 6 hours each way to some God forsaken little town in central Indiana. We went there to look at a 1955 Ford advertised in Auto Roundup. The quoted price I don't quite remember but the described condition stated, "nice car, needs very little, ready to roll, good condition, drive home, blah, blah, blah!" Because this was a long way to go, I talked extensively with the person on the other end of the phone who assured me that this was all true, that he needed to reduce his collection because they were moving to a smaller place. "Could I drive it home," I asked? "Oh sure," he said.

I remember that we had to drive to Cincinnati, then follow the Ohio River west for a good bit, then go north seemingly endlessly. Ultimately, we ended up in a trailer park of a farming community. There, out front of a double wide sat a downright abused and worn out red and white 1955 Ford. It is, at this point, you suffer thoughts like, God Almighty, I hope this isn't it because I'm already getting the urge to throttle someone! Alas, it was indeed, the car.

The man who answered the door certainly didn't sound like the nice man who I had the phone conversation with, though the voice was the same. "There she is, a beauty ain't she?" I didn't respond but instead said, "I see a puddle under the car. Is that oil?" "Hmn, well, all Fords leak," he said. "That looks like a quart of oil trickling out of the breather," I said. I opened the door, it sagged greatly. The front seat sat askew unanchored. I noticed that the radio was gone. Also, the knobs on the dash were missing or broken. The upholstery was tattered and torn, the rugs on the floor shredded. Did you ever try to drive a car with the seat not bolted to the floor? It's exhilarating! You step on the gas and are thrust back 12 inches. When you hit the brake, you find yourself shooting forward and molded into the dash and steering wheel. Needless to say, we didn't go further than the trailer park. When you revved the engine up the car belched blue smoke from the exhaust and the engine compartment reminiscent of a commercial mosquito fogger. The car was obviously junk, a parts car at best—the furthest thing from his description to me and he knew it. He was the iconic poster boy of unscrupulous used car salesmen.

The man had bald-faced lied to me knowing full well what I was looking for and that I had to drive 6 hours each way. I was furious to say the least. I had fire in my eyes. He wasn't remorseful, but actually rather cocky. With all the sarcasm I could muster I asked him that, besides killing all the bugs in his trailer, what did he really think was going on with the engine and blue smoke. He answered with a question ..... "Blow by?" (Meaning that there are no piston rings left in the engine.) I asked him if driving a Wreck-em Derby car with an unconnected seat was a problem for him. He responded, "No problem at all!" I then asked him to estimate how many barrels of oil I should take with me on the drive home, should I buy this bomb? He didn't answer. I inched close to his face and said, "Mister, you are a liar and I hope that you burn in .... Someplace hot!" He quickly slammed the door and retreated into the trailer. We drove home. I resolved to never again drive more than an hour to look at a prospective car. People lie over the phone and you can't read their body language!

“Misrepresented” and “being lied to” are concepts that often are separated by a fine line. It is more than just you say tomayyyto and I say tomaaaato! No, it is more that you say tomato and I say rutabaga. Who is trying to fool who?

Some situations are not that clear-cut. Last fall I responded to an ad in the Toledo area for 1955 Studebaker Commander coupe. Several pictures were posted. The car looked extremely good, no rust, newer paint, newer interior. It read, “Lowey Coupe, runs great. 33K mileage. I bought it for my elderly parents who enjoyed riding in it but can no longer drive it. It is a west coast car, rebuilt transmission, car taken off frame and repainted. I had it appraised at \$18,500. Make an offer.”

I talked at length with the seller on the phone and established that the actual blue book value was much lower than his appraisal. I told him that I would be interested only if he would entertain the realistic bluebook values of \$12-14,000. He would not confirm this but said, “OK, you come to see it and we’ll talk.” I later ascertained that he had advertised it for \$18,500 for a month on Craigslist with no responses what-so-ever. I asked about several of the oddly worded items in the ad. “Tell me about the elderly parents and why are they now selling it”, I asked. He responded, “They don’t own it, I just give them rides in it. They once had one just like it.” “Was the engine rebuilt when the car had the frame off restoration, I queried? He said, “Don’t know! It runs great, transmission shifts well, was rebuilt. The interior is newer from a Mazda with bucket seats. “What else does the car need”, I asked? “Steering box needs to be rebuilt. Hard steering”, he stated. I noted aloud, “It is very unusual to take car off the frame just to repaint and leave the rest of the chassis issues untouched.”

I went against my one hour away resolution, and a cohort and I drove the 2 1/2-hour trip to see it. Here is what we found. The pictures made the car look far better than it actually was. Though the body was in very good, rust free condition, the rest of the car was not. The grill was rusted, and pox marked. The gas tank leaked. The Mazda interior and remaining Studebaker dashboard was quite dirty and in great need of revitalization. The engine started right up but with very noisy valves. Then we took it for a drive. The transmission was slow to shift. The car rode like it had no suspension whatever left. To say that the steering was hard was a massive understatement. When we turned around in a parking lot it took three hands to turn the wheel. We got the car back to the house and into the garage. I handed him the keys and said thank you. He asked if I would make an offer. I said, “No, sir, this car is worn out.” Three days later he contacted me and offered me the car for \$14000. I declined, adding that the car was no where’s near what was advertised if not purposefully misrepresented.

Now I ask you the reader, is this a case of Tomayyytos versus tomaaaaatos, or genuine misrepresentation? Or is it a case of ignorance, naivete? After meeting him and seeing his garage and rudimentary tools, it was clear that this man was not an old car guy. He did not even realize that the car had no working heater because Studebaker put them under the front seats and the interior had been replaced with bucket seats from a Mazda. The only thing he seemed to know and repeated several times is that this was a Lowey Coupe and therefore a very desirable car according to articles he read.

I don’t think that he lied to me. Naïve and in over his head, yes. Was it a goose chase? Yes, but I guess naivete is more palatable than being deceived and lied to.

## Health and Wellness

Please keep Rod Feldman, and Steve and Erv Lambert in your thoughts.

## Technical Reference

### Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

**When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:**

#### DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY



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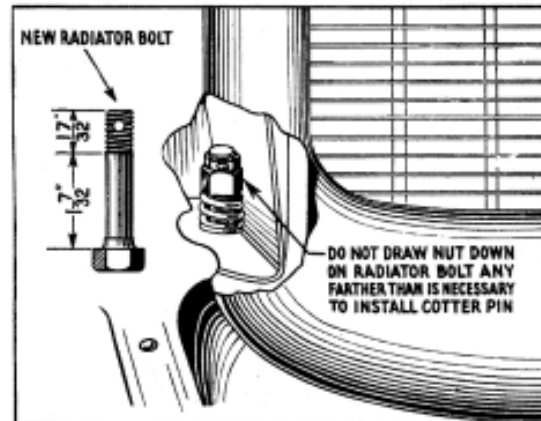


Fig. 764

When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results.

Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from 5/8" to 17/32" which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See Fig. 764. However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts, constant care must be exercised when screwing down the radiator bolt nuts.

#### **Good advice. My Tech Tip is this:**

Before installing the radiator bolt, paint a thin white line across the end of the bolt to show the orientation of the drilled hole for the cotter pin. Later, when you are tightening the nut, it gives you a way to orient the drilled hole in the bolt "front to back" so that it is easy to slip the cotter key in and bend it over. Once the nut is on the bolt, it is hard to see the little hole and it can be very frustrating to put the cotter pin in.

I hope that helps get your radiator installed a bit faster and easier.

Have a Model A Day! Jim



## Tiny Tips

### POP-OUT SWITCH LUBRICATION

Original pop-out switches grow sticky with age due to gum and electrolysis. Before junking the switch or waiting until the key breaks off, try this solution: Turn the key until switch pops out. Under the first “F” in the word “Off” drill a 1/16” hole carefully through the brass shell. Now the cylinder can be loosened with WD-40 using the plastic tube.

## Fashion Article

### ***Looking One's Loveliest in 1929***

#### *A Pictorial Summary of Model 'A' Fashions*

By Jill Barrett, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, California



*Looking One's Loveliest in 1929* is my third of four pictorial summaries. You might think of it as the “Cliff Notes” for era fashion in 1929.

This brief and sporty summary runs through some of the categories in the fashion guidelines for 1929 with original fashion pattern and magazine images to pique your interest. This summary includes a brief description of the waistline, hemline, light jackets, sleeve styles, with pictorial examples of popular garment colors and hat styles.

This summary also includes pictorial examples for small fashions and popular clothing styles for men.

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Coupe	MAFFI	Phaeton	Tudor
MARC			

## NOMAC Tools Available to Members

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

### 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.

## NOMAC Classifieds

### For Sale

1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster, rumble seat, new tires, recent brake work, excellent condition, turn key Dual side mounts Asking \$17k Contact Ken Ph 216-267-9733 lv msg [rallykov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rallykov@sbcglobal.net)

1929 Ford Model A Roadster, rumble seat, original, with recent tune up, carb rebuild, brake work. Solid driver, top and side curtains Asking \$15k, negotiable Contact Ken Ph 216-267-9733 lv msg [rallykov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rallykov@sbcglobal.net)

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

1928 Firetruck – three way- chemical, hose, ladder. All options (i.e., lights, etc.) in good working condition. Fully restored. Hasn't been driven for 2 years, has one flat tire. Easy location to load from. You are welcome to come and start it. \$24-25,000. Contact George Quay – 440-543-3388





## 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
- CAE-- Certified Auto Electric, 225 Northfield Rd., Bedford Ohio 440-439-1100
- 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

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- 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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