

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 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

The dog days of summer are here! Enjoy them because it seems like this summer is flying by! I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the great weather we have had. Sure, it has been warm, but I'll take that over watching snow pile up beside the garage door!

The saga of my brakes continues. I am planning on doing a complete article on them once they are fully installed and operating, I have yet to reach that point though unfortunately. For those that must think I'm a moron (it certainly can be argued I am one), I would present the testimony of Don Snyder, aka Gramps, when he said "I've never seen this issue before in all my years of doing Model A brakes". More to come, hopefully the article and my car, will both be ready come next month's issue!

While on the topic of Don Snyder, of Snyder's Model A Parts fame, I would just like to point out that their customer service is second to none. At no point in this ongoing saga have they let me down once. I know I was one that in the past would shop around to find the lowest price on parts. I won't do that again. Snyder's will be the only one getting my business (unless they don't carry the part).

I'm looking forward to the Amish dinner in a few weeks. I know Jerry does a great job setting these events up and the food is always top notch.

Don't forget we have a meeting on the 16th!

o -Josh

P.S. Thanks to Skip Schweitzer for his contribution to this month's newsletter!



Fred Rambling "A" Round

The last month has been busy and some great things coming up. We had nine cars and 22 members and their better halves at Middlefield for the summer tour. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show and the dinner at Mary Yoder's. I want to thank Jamie & Tiffany for their hard work in organizing the event. Then there was the Antique Power Show in Burton. We had five cars participate. The show was enjoyable even though we had to take cover when the rains came. There was also a show attended by some members at the Metro parks Antique Car & Gas Engine Show on August 1. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend due to unforeseen issues. There is a group of members planning to attend the Peach Festival in Garrettsville on August 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Don't forget the Amish dinner on August 21st. Meeting at Jerry & Deanne's home **BEFORE 2:00 p.m.** If you plan on trailing your car, Jerry has room in his yard. We will be leaving at 2:00 p.m. promptly for touring the Packard Museum, admission is \$5.00. We will return for dinner at 5:00 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$20 per person, paid in advance. Dinner is limited to 24 people.

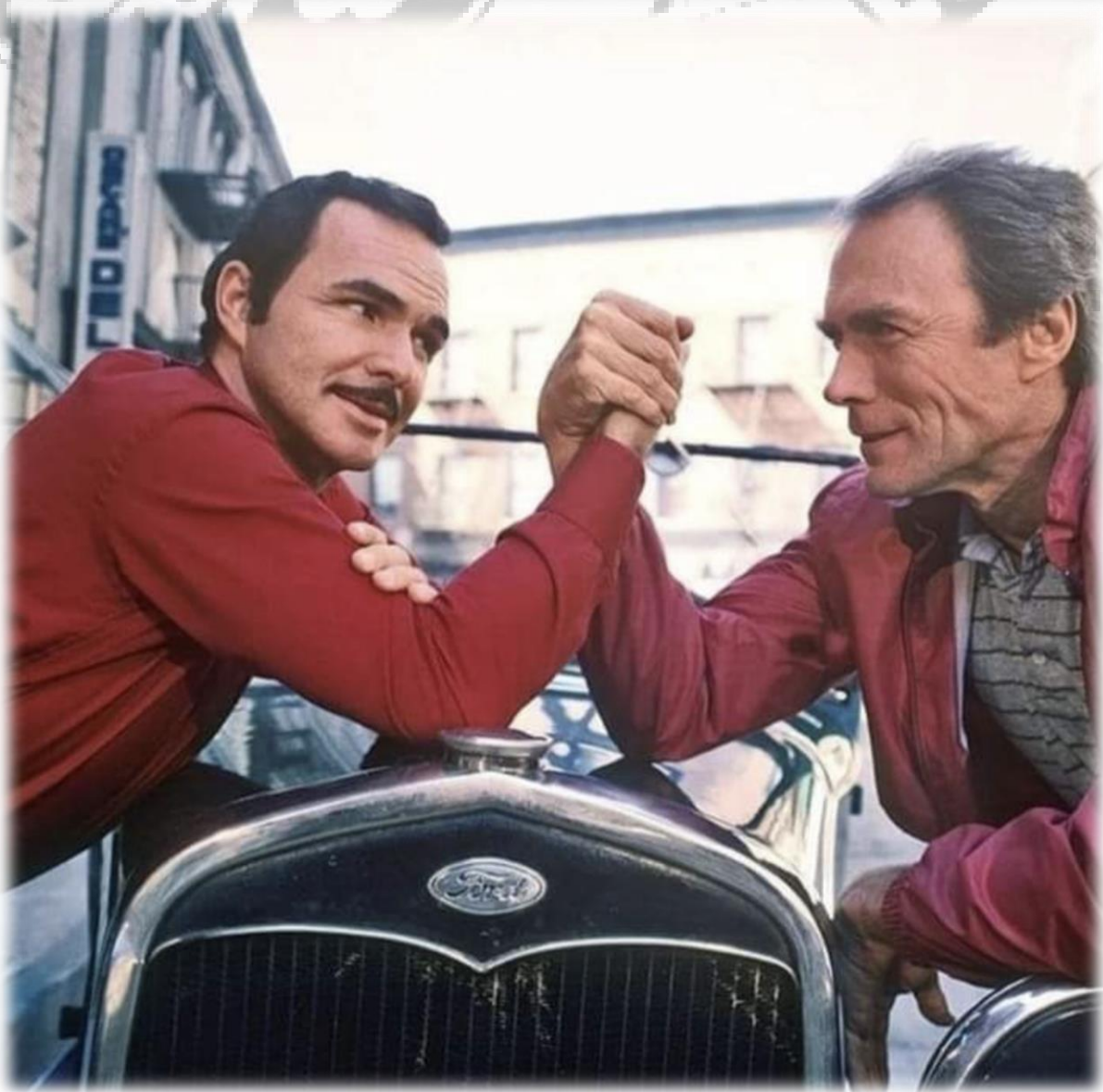
At our last meeting, we held a tech session at my home. We had a great turnout. I would appreciate some feedback at the next meeting. Both pro and con's. Should we do more, if so what would you like to see and do? On a personnel note, don't forget AACA Apples & Autos car show at Patterson Fruit Farm on August 29th. Joanne has some great raffle prizes this year, great food and DJ. This is a relaxing day if you attend the show. Keep in mind that Model A day is Sept 18 at the Model A museum at the Gillmor Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI. I attended two years ago and it was a fantastic show and museum. See Ken Kovach for more info. I believe he has some rooms reserved.

Also, keep in mind that elections will be coming in November. There will be an opening for one Trustee. All officers and Trustees are up for reelection. Don't hesitate to throw your hat in the ring for the open position or any of the other positions. The club can always use new ideas.

"Don't just belong, get involved."

-Fred





Upcoming Events

- August 16, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Walton Hills Police Station
- August 21, 2021 – NOMAC Event – Packard Museum Tour and Amish Dinner
- September 18, 2021 – National Model A Day
- September 20, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Walton Hills Police Station

Health and Wellness

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



Annual Model A Day

Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars,
Food and Fun!

September 17th & 18th 2021 9-5pm



The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 49060



SAVE THE DATE

For more Info 269-615-3719 Jerry Morrissey

For Seminar Information Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906

For Swap Reservations Mark Maron 847-302-7900

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On The Road With...

By Skip Schweitzer

IS THE OOMPH STILL THERE? Part Two

July, 2021

Getting two 1931 Model "A" hulks out of a heavily suburban area just might be a bit touchy I reckoned. Besides tying up traffic on a main thoroughfare there would likely be onlookers and curiosity seekers watching the whole undertaking. This could very easily be taken for a filming of an episode of the Pickers for TV--there was that much junk, large parts of cars, boxes of parts and a couple old actual cars all piled up in and in front of the garage of the old house near the road. There were eight helpers, the four of us that came, three more people from the airport neighborhood and one fellow from our Model "A" club. Equipment wise we had two big car haulers and the two big pickups hauling them. It was quite the entourage.

Perhaps you've noticed on the roads since the reopening of things that people are much less courteous, much more in a hurry-- recklessly weaving in and out of traffic, and prone to horn blowing and shouting obscenities than before the pandemic. Is this pent-up frustration and hostility the result of the isolation from the pandemic or is it more the result of four years of political chaos, wild name calling, finger pointing and childish conduct? Are people now mirroring the modeling of a certain politician who relished this sandbox behavior. I'm inclined to think so! Will we ever get back to where we were before the dual pandemics of Covid and political mudslinging upset our applectart?

There we were, on Clague Road, a heavily traveled thoroughfare on the west side of Cleveland. We had traffic backed up for several hundred yards north and south while I attempted to maneuver the 18 ft. car hauler trailer and my big Toyota Truck into an extremely narrow, old time cobblestone drive-way complete with high curbs. The 1930s Spanish style house being much closer to the road than the newer houses around it, it took me several attempts to get the trailer lined up and backed up as far as I could go. Of course, I was greeted during the five-minute ordeal with blaring car horns, people expressing hostility with their finger, swearing, screaming, etc., until I finally successfully maneuvered the rig off the road. I ultimately ended up less than 2 feet from the roadway. How close was I to the driveway edges? I had about one inch on either side of the tires. That is about as tightly as I have ever had to back in a trailer anywhere! As the long line of traffic resumed their forward motion I stood out in front of the truck and thanked them for their patience. They weren't appreciative, greeting me with more hand gestures and curses. I wonder what kind of world are we now living in?

The seller had obviously worked diligently over the past week getting the old sedan out of the rear of the lot. To do this, several small trees had to be cut out and a rock fence altered. He dragged the car up to the house with his pickup. How he got it around the corner of the double garage on this narrow lot is.....conjecture. But there it was in all its glory in front of the garage probably 75 feet away from the car hauler because that is as close as I could get the trailer to it. We were prepared to winch



it up the rest of the way with the electric winch and 175 ft. of cable, but the six helpers elected to push it the whole way up and onto the trailer. I guess that is the luxury of having 8 people helping you out, a luxury the Jerry and I and our friend Paul never seem to have.

So began the endless trips from the garage to the trailer, starting with the next biggest item first—a car frame that needed to be wedged somehow under the sedan. Then two complete engines fortunately secured on four-wheel dollies were wheeled onto the car hauler along with several complete differentials, springs and parts of several more. These are all very heavy items usually taking three men to carry. Then we proceeded to fill the inside of the sedan with hundreds of pounds of boxed parts. Old car parts are usually made of steel, cast iron, or some metal composite unlike today's



automobile parts that are frequently made of aluminum and plastic. These are heavy, heavy parts. I know we put at least 2000 pounds of boxes into the sedan. By the time we got my trailer loaded we were pushing the 6000-pound limit. Then came the endless loading of smaller parts into the truck bed eventually reaching the ceiling of the cap. I don't want to guess how much we actually loaded onto that rig, but the suspension was sagging enough to have to reconfigure the safety chains which were now dragging the ground.

By now there were neighbors observing from their porches, people walking by looking and commenting. The guys walked out into the road and stopped traffic and I eased out and over to park on the side street amid horns blaring, name calling and more gesturing. I hoped to God that I could just loop around more side streets and eventually end up back onto the main thoroughfare without having to further back up this Beverly Hillbilly rig again. Then came the positioning of the second truck—a big GMC and 12-foot-long car trailer. More hooting and hollering and finger waving ensued as we again tied up traffic for several hundred yards!

The car that ended up on the second trailer was in a couple large pieces and subsequently looked like the end product of a bad day on the car assembly line at Ford. What was loaded first was a rolling bare chassis with a pickup bed sitting backwards on it. Then came the cab placed behind it on the floor. Another frame was wedged in, more differentials and axles. Next came about 20 wheels and tires. Piled up in front of the chassis were hundreds of assorted car parts, window glass, upholstery, and wood kits. That's right, wood-- oak wood kits. Cars well up into the 1930s all had a great deal of wood framework in them that the metal attached to and was supported by. Then the whole bed of the GMC was loaded with fenders many more than were actually from the cars, and hoods and side panels andon and on and on. Let me tell you this was a massive collection of parts that the seller's father amassed.

So, we made the inevitable trip home back to Mantua and Parkman caravanning at 55 miles per hour much to the dismay of the freeway denizens. We had to stop a couple times to re-secure the soft top of the sedan long ago nailed to now well-rotted wood strips. Most cars up into the 1930s had fabric tops. Complete steel roofs did not appear until the mid-30s. We tied and strapped it down, but eventually it flew off in pieces somewhere between the

airport and Mantua. One of our helpers following us said he thought he saw mice flying everywhere when the top came off. (Mice love to live in the cotton batting and upholstery, and even restored cars necessitate protection against mice). I didn't see it and Jerry who was following me didn't either, but the top was gone when we got home.

We off-loaded the sedan into Jerry's garage and the rest was stored in a barn down the road. What takes place from here on is Jerry's passion and reason for living, which is getting these machines running. They'll eventually be sold to a club member or end up on his front lawn with a for sale sign.

Is the oomph still there? For Jerry it is. For me I believe I'm too pooped to oomph.
-Skip



“So How Fast Does a Model A Go?”



Annual Apples & Autos

• Honeycrisp •

Best of Show

11th
Annual



Annual Car Show and Car Corral

Over 200 vehicles will be on display including cars, trucks and motorcycles. Awards will be given for the best vehicles in 13 categories as well as Best of Show and Patterson Fruit Farm Choice. Also includes a Car Corral.

AACA Cuyahoga Region

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Cars on Field by 10:00 am

Free admission for Spectators

For information call:

Joanne Obreza at 216-587-4419

John Golias at 440-526-3445



Patterson Fruit Farm - 11414 Caves Road - Chesterland, OH 44026

NOMAC Tours/Shows





Meeting Minutes

NOMAC Meeting

Fred's Garage

7/19/21

- 17 members in attendance

Club Business

- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Tractor Show
 - 9 cars attended tractor show and Mary Yoder's
- New aftermarket blocks are for sale
 - Stock in appearance, but with 5 main bearings and better oiling passages

Tech Session on Model A timing





Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Working Around Your Car's Battery

Whenever working on the electrical parts of your car, it is a good idea to de-energize everything to prevent an accidental short circuit. For example, one of the horn wires in "hot" all the time, so any time you do anything with the horn cover, it's a good idea to disconnect the battery. The same is true of the brake light switch and the wires inside the instrument panel in the car.

If you have a fuse on the yellow wire that comes off of the starter switch, just removing the fuse will do the trick. Or if you have a battery cut-off switch on the car, that will kill the power to everything.

But in many cases you need to disconnect the ground strap from the battery in order to make sure everything is without power. Perhaps you need to remove the starter cable, or the battery itself. Whenever you remove cables from the battery posts, it is a really good idea to cover the battery post with something to prevent accidental contact between it and the other battery post.

For example, if you dropped a wrench or other tool while working around or above the battery, it could land on top of the battery touching both posts. This will short out the battery, which can be a really big problem, resulting in a fire or perhaps the battery exploding acid all over.

When you buy a new battery for most cars today, they are sold with one or two small plastic caps over the battery posts. I see them in red and black plastic. If you go to your local auto parts store, the people there may even give you a few of these caps, if you ask.



I keep several of them in my box of battery-related tools and things, to put over the posts of any battery I am working around. It is easy to do and only takes a minute.

Take a minute to be safe. Enjoy! And Have a Model A Day! Jim

Classifieds

For Sale

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

1930 Model A Briggs Town Sedan – 1970s restoration, dual spares, rear trunk rack and trunk. In good condition, but has sat for a while. \$20,000 or best offer. Bob Gessner 330-809-6803

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.

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

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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