

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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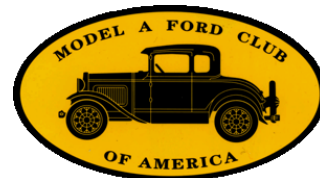
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www.northernohiomodela.com



Technical Sessions Scheduled

January	TBD
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2020 NOMAC Monthly Meetings and Events

January 20	NOMAC Meeting
February 17	NOMAC Meeting
March 13-15	Piston and Powered Show
March 16	NOMAC Meeting
April 20	NOMAC Meeting
TBD	Amish Tour
May 10	Ruple Ford Museum Tour
May 18	NOMAC Meeting
June 15	NOMAC Meeting
TBD	Summer Picnic
July 20	NOMAC Meeting
August 17	NOMAC Meeting
August 26	Apples and Autos Show
September 21	NOMAC Meeting
TBD	National Model A Day
September 19	NOMAC Tour
October 19	NOMAC Meeting
TBD	Fall Clam Bake
November 16	NOMAC Meeting & Elections
December 21	NOMAC/AACA Dinner



Madden's Muffler – Puffing out Model A Thoughts

Happy Valentine's Day NOMAC! Thank goodness February is the shortest month! It's the only thing standing between us and March – which I equate to Spring.

We are also a month out from the Piston Powered Show. Our first official club event of the year is always a blast! A lot of work goes into this event – so even if your car isn't in the show, we hope you will be able to come out and support the club. Over the past several years this has been a great event for our club, both for camaraderie, as well as gaining new members and getting more exposure for our group. It is a long event, so any help talking to folks is appreciated.

Stay warm and don't forget to get your wife or loved ones something for Valentine's Day....perhaps a Ford?

See you Monday

-Josh



Fred Rambling "A" Round

As February comes to a close, I know cruise season is just around the corner. A sure sign to me that spring is around the corner, are three big indoor car shows I look forward to. First is the Detroit Autorama, the best custom car builders come to compete for the Riddler Award. Second of course is the Piston Powered Show at the IX Center. And last but not least, is the Choppers Hot Rod and Custom Show, at the North Olmsted Soccer Complex, where locals come to show off.

The IX show is getting closer and will be here before you know it. So hopefully, those of you that are entered are getting your cars ready. I know Ken is busy putting the finishing touches on his part. If you don't have your car in the show, think about doing it next year. It's always nice to have different cars; also try to come out one of the three days to enjoy the time with fellow club members and support the club.

We will be looking for a new venue for our summer picnic. One idea was a tour and then stop at a restaurant. If you have other ideas bring them to the meeting, so we can find something that the majority can agree on.

Hope to see you at the IX Center or the next meeting.

"Don't just belong, get involved."

-Fred

Upcoming Events

- February 17 – NOMAC Club Meeting – Walton Hills Community Center
- March 7 – Country Roads T&A Car Club Swap Meet – Marietta, Ohio
- March 13-15 – Piston Powered Show – IX Center
- March 16 – NOMAC Club Meeting – Walton Hills Event Center: **14460 Alexander Rd, entrance on Nodding Hill Dr.**

NOMAC Meeting Minutes No Club Notes for January

Model A Youth Restoration Award

Every two years since 1994, the Model A Youth Restoration Awards (MAYRA) program gives financial assistance to youth who are restoring a Model A. They must be between ages 12 and less than 22 when the awards are announced. Every applicant who meets the award requirements will receive the same amount. In 2018, nine youth each received \$2,200 in financial support. If you know of a youth who is working on a Model A, please tell him or her about the program. All the details are on the website – www.modelarestorationaward.org. The deadline for filing for a 2020 award is May 31, 2020.

MAYRA's guiding philosophy is that the future of the hobby rests with instilling an interest and love for the Model A in youth. Once that interest takes hold, the youth is more likely to stick with the hobby or rekindle the interest in the



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hobby at a later point in life. And being successful in the restoration often depends on finances and that is MAYRA helps.

The program requires just two things, youth and donations:

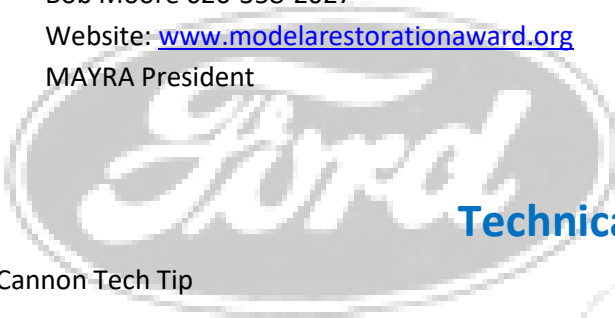
- Youth – If you know of someone, please tell them.
- Donations – The program is funded with donations from Model A clubs, the national organizations of the MAFCA and the MARC, Model A parts and services vendors, individuals and memorials. We are a 501 (c) 3 educational organization.

Thanks for your help, Send your donation to: MAYRA, 13478 Egbert Street, Sylmar, CA 91342

Bob Moore 626-358-2027

Website: www.modelarestorationaward.org

MAYRA President



Technical Question

Jim Cannon Tech Tip

Front Wheel Bearing Installation and Adjustment

1. See that front hub, inner and outer bearings are packed with grease.
2. Front hub washer should slide over threads on spindle body with fingers (loose fit).
3. Install nut and tighten it while slowly turning the brake drum so that all component parts are pulled together snugly; that is, inner and outer bearings will be snug in cones, washer is tight against outer roller bearing, and nut tight against washer. (There will be a slight drag when drum is turned.) Not over 8-10 ft-lbs of torque is required to get these results.
4. Turn nut BACK two castle slots (this is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ turn of nut); insert cotter pin and try bearings for a slight side play and a free spinning drum or wheel.

Don't forget the cotter pin! The nut will back out and the wheel will come off. That will totally spoil your Model A Day!

Country Roads T&A Swap Meet

2020 Winter Swap Meet - Saturday, March 7th

Finding parts for antique cars can be challenging, especially the early cars. Some parts you can purchase through commercial vendors, but others are rare and you have to travel far distances to find. Finally, the opportunity to find rare car parts locally is coming to the Mid-Ohio Valley on Saturday, March 7th in Marietta, Ohio. The 11th Annual Winter Swap Meet will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the Washington County Fair Grounds located at 922 Front Street, north of downtown Marietta. The meet will be specializing in antique car parts. Vendors will be selling parts, car bodies, complete cars and accessories for early Ford, Dodge, Chevrolet and other makes. The event is sponsored by the Country Roads T & A Ford Club. The event will be held inside the Jr. Fair Building. Admission is \$5.00 per person and children under 12 are free. The doors will be open from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Parking is

free. For more information call 740-538-0023 or email oldcarboy23@gmail.com. Or visit us on the web at www.oldcarclub.webs.com

NOMAC Classifieds

Wanted

Victoria Front Seats – contact Josh Madden at 330-283-1623

For Sale

1929 Model A Roadster – The odometer shows 946 miles since restoration. \$17,000 Contact Ron Moskowitz 440 247-5662

Model A Engine – #A1673762, has three pistons, cam, valves and crank. Also included is bell housing, fly wheel, clutch, valve cover, oil return pipe and oil pan. \$150. Contact Josh Madden at 330-283-1623

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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
Wendell, NC 27591-7207 jlaverne@bellsouth.net C 919-271-1197

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Electric Trailer Brakes

My apologies in advance: this month's Tech Tip is not about your Model A, but instead is about the electric brakes that you might have on the trailer you use to transport your Model A. I had a problem with my trailer brakes last year, which prompted me to learn more about them.

A big manufacturer of trailer axles and brakes in the USA is Dexter, www.DexterAxle.com. They have a lot of good information about trailer brake maintenance and adjustment. I wanted to share with you a bit of what I learned and what I discovered on my trailer.



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1. Unless you paid extra for auto-adjusting drum brakes (I was not given the option when I bought my trailer), these trailer brakes need to be manually adjusted, similar to our Model A brakes, every 3,000 miles. I did not know this and I only had them serviced by my trailer dealer once in 8 years. I hardly had any trailer brake function at the end, but I did not know it. I have now upgraded my trailer brakes to automatic adjustment. My brakes were so messed up that I ended up bolting on 4 new brake assemblies (backing plate, shoes/linings, springs, etc. -- all new). The extra cost to go auto-adjust was not that much. If you don't have a local source of trailer brake parts, a really good online source is www.eTrailer.com

2. Remove the drums (Dexter says once a year) and inspect the trailer brakes. You are looking for loose, broken, or excessively worn parts, a leaking grease seal, and other evidence of things not working correctly. Clean everything, make sure the mechanism operates freely, and lightly lube the spots where the shoes slide along the backing plate.

When I opened my drums, I found one wheel with a broken spring, one wheel with a bad grease seal (shoes coated in grease), and all wheels with enough rust on the actuating mechanism that none of the brakes were operating correctly. One brake was sticking on at times, causing the drum to overheat. They were all a mess. Regular preventative maintenance would have avoided much of this.

3. While the brake drum is off, clean and inspect the wheel bearings, then pack with fresh grease and reinstall. This process is pretty much the same as what we do with our front Model A wheel bearings (except trailer drums have a grease seal added at each wheel). I put new grease seals on all 4 wheels, to protect my new brake linings. Easy and cheap.

So I encourage you to open up your trailer brakes and confirm that all is good in there, then adjust them regularly. Or bring your trailer to a shop that is experienced in trailer brakes and have the shop service the brakes for you.

Stay safe, and Have a Model A Day! Jim