

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 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

Summer is in full swing. Vacations, sun screen (aloe for those of us that burn), BBQ and ice cream are the signs of the seasons. Hopefully you are getting your fair share of ice cream while cruising around in your A! For those of you that haven't been driving your car much because you're "too busy", just remember our driving season isn't exactly long. So quit making excuses and get out there and drive!

The brakes are still progressing on my Vicky. Between a 5-year-old, working on daily drivers, vacations, etc., I haven't made any progress on getting my car finished. Yes, I know, in the last paragraph I told you not to make excuses! 😊 When I get back from vacation, I will get the brakes straightened out. In next month's issue, I will have a write up of what I did for my brakes – nothing revolutionary, just another option for those of you that don't want to rebuild from scratch.

As always, I'm interested in what YOU might be working on. Please share any pictures, stories, articles or tips you have, so that the rest of the club can learn right along with you!

Don't forget we have a meeting on the 19th!

-Josh

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



Fred Rambling "A" Round

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July Holiday. My letter is going out early this month, due to Josh going on vacation. We have not gone on our summer tour yet, but I know Jamie will be doing a great job. I hope everyone can attend this event on July 10th at Middlefield Antique Power & Horse Show. Looking forward to eating at Mary Yoder's, along with the company of fellow club members. If you are not able to come, you will miss a great time, so maybe you can attend next year. I hope that Jamie will do this again next year, with some help from other members. So, if you missed out, plan on coming next year. When you see him at the meeting step up and tell him how much you enjoyed the tour.

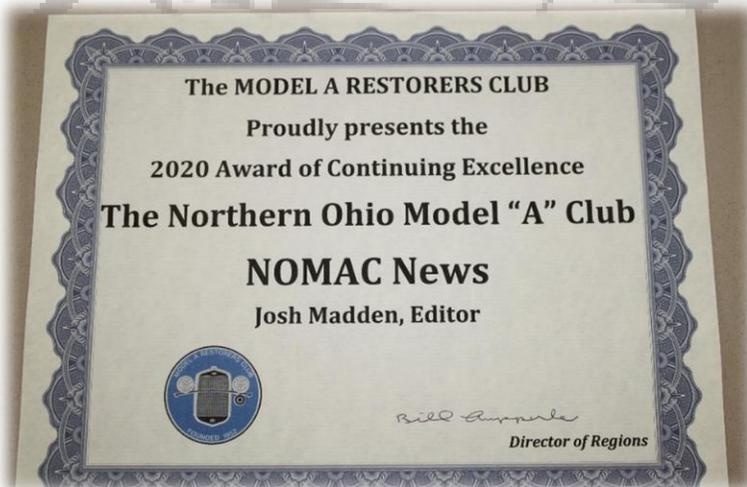
Our next event a number of members are attending is the Antique Power Show in Burton, it should be a very relaxing time. There is no admission fee if you arrive with your Model "A". I understand there is a nice place to park under the trees. A big Thank you to Skip for another great article for the newsletter. Also, a big Thank you to Bill Mann for a very interesting and informative tech session on the construction and working of the Model 'A' generator. If you have an idea or would like to do a tech session, speak up and let us know. I know everyone would enjoy it and learn something new.

Congratulations to Josh on the 2020 MARC Award for Continuing Excellence for our newsletter. He continues to do an outstanding job for us. Josh is always looking for something for the newsletter, let's help him out. What is the latest project you are working on? You can send just a note and a picture of what you are working on. Let the club know what's going on in your "A" world.

Our next meeting will ***NOT*** be at the Walton Hills Community Center, but at my house. Ken wants to do a tech session on one of our new member's cars. So, plan on attending this informative Tech session. My address is 6600 Dunham Rd, Walton Hills. You can call me on my cell, if you have trouble finding me. My number 216-801-0625. Hope everyone can attend

"Don't just belong, get involved."

-Fred





Upcoming Events

- July 10, 2021 – NOMAC Event – Amish Tour
 - Mary Yoder's – Jamie to provide directions
- July 19, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Fred's House - 6600 Dunham Rd, Walton Hills
- August 16, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Walton Hills Police Station

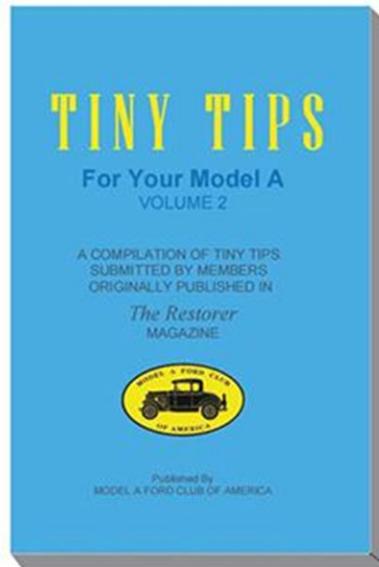
Health and Wellness

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

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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

A CLUB

On The Road With...

By Skip Schweitzer

IS THE OOMPH STILL THERE? Part One

June, 2021

When you become known as a Model “A”er, an old car aficionado who drives these vintage cars around town, people naturally assume you are an expert and might have extra parts and/or might know how and where to get them. Extra parts (and extra cars) begin to gravitate to you. Ask Jerry Siracki, a fellow Model “A”er who has at least two running, fine looking Model “A”s and drives them regularly about Parkman, Middlefield and surrounding areas. A compatriot in old cars and an expert as well, he called me and said, “A club member told me about a friend who wants to sell out all his old Model “A” cars and parts. These are parts that his recently deceased father collected over the years. Are we interested?” Well, I suppose we ought to go look—see. Sounds like a big undertaking—two whole cars and literally tons of parts. Up until now we have just dabbled in maybe a pickup truck load of parts and a rolling chassis. Sometimes these parts caches can turn out to be treasure troves; but as often as not, are just highly overpriced piles of parts by someone who thinks “Antique Vehicle” translates into big bucks. Lord knows we have had our share of these experiences. Just recently I was at the Randolph swap meet and though there were only a very few Model “A” parts displayed, those that were there—a crudely welded together hood and a couple well rusted, pitted radiator shells-- were priced out of this world. They were junk parts that we would throw, or maybe have thrown, out. We see this all the time.

I guess you would say that our mission is not to make gobs of money on old parts. We are not venture capitalists. Admittedly, and perhaps a bit entrepreneurial in a small way, it is rather to cover our expenses and to save the Model “A” effort, keep it alive and moving on down the pike! Sounds glorious, altruistic, superficial, not real, doesn't it? No, we're just part of a brotherhood that restore and drive these damned things. Who is gonna drive them when we're gone? I don't know! I guess we just focus on the here and now.

So, Jerry made the call and got some more information. It turns out that this is a lifetime collection, several pickup truck loads of widely assorted parts ranging from a complete, but disassembled car and body to every conceivable mechanical contrivance on Model “A” Fords. The disassembled vehicle is a 1931 wide bed pickup, hopefully as desirable as a standard bed non-commercial pickup—and a complete, non-running, possibly not rolling, 1930 two door sedan in, shall we



say, very, rough shape. And all this is sandwiched into a postage stamp city lot with a 1930-ish Spanish Stucco house and garage built before WWII and subsequent suburban encroachment after the war. The garage and its attic are overflowing with parts, and the basement of the house is likewise full. In situations like this I often wish I could have interviewed this now departed collector to see what made him tick, what his ultimate plans and goals were. I can only surmise by what he left unfinished is that the mechanics of this pickup truck, not the body, were what intrigued him most. (By the way this is not unusual. Many people are fascinated with the mechanical simplicity of Model "A"s and "T"s, a far cry from today's computer driven, mechanically incomprehensible to us, cars.)

We went and looked. Overwhelmed is the word that comes to mind. The two-door sedan would have to be dragged out of the back lot, and by cutting a few trees down, somehow manipulated around the corner of the garage of this narrow lot. Then it would have to be winched onto a trailer under the 1930s vintage architecture carport built into the house with a room on top of it. And this house is now located very near to the street, a well-traveled main artery on the west side of Cleveland. Could we even back a car hauler trailer into this driveway without tying up traffic? Oh Boy!

The seller, his son, has evidently shopped this trove of parts around to at least 5-6 people and is most interested in selling it as one lot—buyer takes everything. The only real interest has been by a hot-rodder who wants to chop up the parts and make hot rods. The seller feels strongly against this stating to the effect that this Model "A" hobby was his father's pride and joy, a legacy that should be carried on by serious Model "A"ers, not a chop shop. It is not clear if the father ever assembled a whole Model "A" but he surely collected the parts. The re-assembled truck chassis he was most recently working on is very clean and complete, and probably could be running with a little effort.

Who wants to buy these old parts anyway? I've asked myself this question many times over the years. I've learned to never throw away any parts that I take off my Model "A"s because invariably, somebody will want them. Originally Henry Ford designed and built his Model "T"s and "A"s so that the average man could easily work on them, repair them and keep the running. Perhaps this is what is still so appealing to people 80-100 years later. Most of these parts are rebuildable you see—quite an oddity in our modern throw away world. Despite the massive market for reproduction parts—it is said that you can build a completely new Model "A" from reproduction parts—this is not quite true. For example, up until very recently Model "A" wheels were not reproduced. You had to find four good, non-bent, trued up 90-year-old wheels for your car. Model "A" gas tanks are not reproduced though you could certainly substitute another kind of gas tank and hide it somewhere in the car. Of course, you'll then need to add a fuel pump, which are twelve volts.....so you'll need to convert the car to twelve volts, lights, ignition, gauges, horns etc. The hand bone's connected to the arm bone, the arm bones connected to..... on and on. Reproduction parts are absolutely and profoundly notorious for not fitting right, for wearing out prematurely, for just not working. How many times have we re-engineered these parts to get them to fit and actually work? How often do we go back to an original part and rebuild it because it does fit correctly?



But there are many exceptions, and this is where people like me and the purists part company. I will and do substitute modern technology, like modern insert bearings that don't quickly wear out like the original babbitt bearings, better, more reliable carburetors that don't shut off when you turn a sharp corner, fully synchronized transmissions, 12-volt systems, the list is long.

The average hobbyist is not so much aware of these modern tech advancements and is much more inclined to rebuild things as Henry designed them. Hence the demand for original parts that actually fit. So, we made an offer, admittedly low ball compared to the hot-rodder. But we considered several things—neither Jerry nor I walk very well anymore. We will have to get help—pay some people to help us get this trove from west of Hopkins airport to Parkman and Mantua. The seller would have to organize things, get them out of the basement and attics, cut down some trees and drag the sedan out of the back lot—that will take a tractor or jeep. I think, query to myself, maybe this is a younger man's folly. Our 74-year-old bodies seem to run out of gas like clockwork at about 2 PM. And one of our bodies doesn't even allow much in the way of working on cars anymore. Yes, the desire is there, but the oomph is not. What to do? I'm not ready to die yet but I am certainly aware of my physical limitations afflicting me these past 8 years. Jerry on the other hand is not so physically limited. The oomph is still there. Perhaps his oomph has, by necessity, vicariously become my oomph? So, I guess we roll with what still works. The guy accepted our offer. Here we go again.....to be continued next month.



Fashion Article

The Forgotten Accessory

By Sherry Winkhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

"From its place as simply a useful accessory, the decorative pin has become a most important detail of dress. It still performs the old function of enhancing the beauty of the person and adding distinction and dignity, but today it does more than that. The jeweled pin or bracelet, appropriately worn, forms the last in the perfection of the completed costume." -1928 Baird-North Jewelry catalog.

When we think of Model A era jewelry, what comes to mind? Necklaces are usually at the top of the list, closely followed by earrings and bracelets. But how often do you think about wearing a brooch or pin? The jewelry catalogs of the time have pages and pages devoted to pins of all types. The materials range from platinum and diamonds to paste and pot metal. There are cameos, mosaics, gemstones, pearls, and even coral and jade.

So why such a dearth in visibility? One of the reasons we tend to overlook this jewelry is its size. Pins and brooches are relatively small and do not show up well in pictures. I didn't realize this fact until I started researching the subject and quickly noticed how hard it was to find pictures with these details. With a lot of searching, I was able to round up a few pictures of ladies wearing pins for this article. Most of these are from advertisements or movie magazines.



A La Salle Car ad shows a bar pin matching our lovely lady driver's outfit- Good Housekeeping May 1930



These three actresses from a 1928 Metropolitan Studios publicity shot demonstrate three different styles of pins.



Ethel Barrymore wearing a brooch on her dress strap- Cosmopolitan magazine October 1929





Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Adding a Passenger Side View Mirror

There are several passenger side mirror options out there for us to add to our car, to see a bit better what traffic is over there. You can get a mirror that attaches to your door hinge, to your wind wing, etc.



But after you install it, you will discover that you really can't see much in it. It is almost useless, especially when trying to help you change lanes.



Here's my little Tech Tip: Add a small "bubble mirror" to the face of that flat mirror, using a couple of strips of two-sided tape. Hunt around for a bubble mirror that closely matches the diameter of your flat mirror. Look for them in auto parts stores, general merchandise stores, truck stops.

Now you will really be able to see what is on that side of the car or truck!

Enjoy the drive, and Have a Model A Day! Jim

Meeting Minutes

6/21/21

- 16 Members + 3 Visitors

Club Business

- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Coffee and Cars Event
 - Many members in attendance
- Amish Tour
 - July 10 – 10am at Mary Yoder's
 - 14743 N. State Ave. Middlefield, OH 44062
- Century Village
 - 7/24 Power Show
 - 8-5
 - 8/7 Truck Show
 - 10/9 Apple Butter Festival
- Garrettsville Peach Festival
 - August 14
- Apples and Autos
 - August 29
 - Contact Fred for more information
- July Meeting at Fred's House
- Tech session ideas needed/Show and Tell
 - TBD – Chris Wolfe – Video of Al Capone's Packard

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

Annual Apples & Autos

• Honeycrisp •

Best of Show

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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

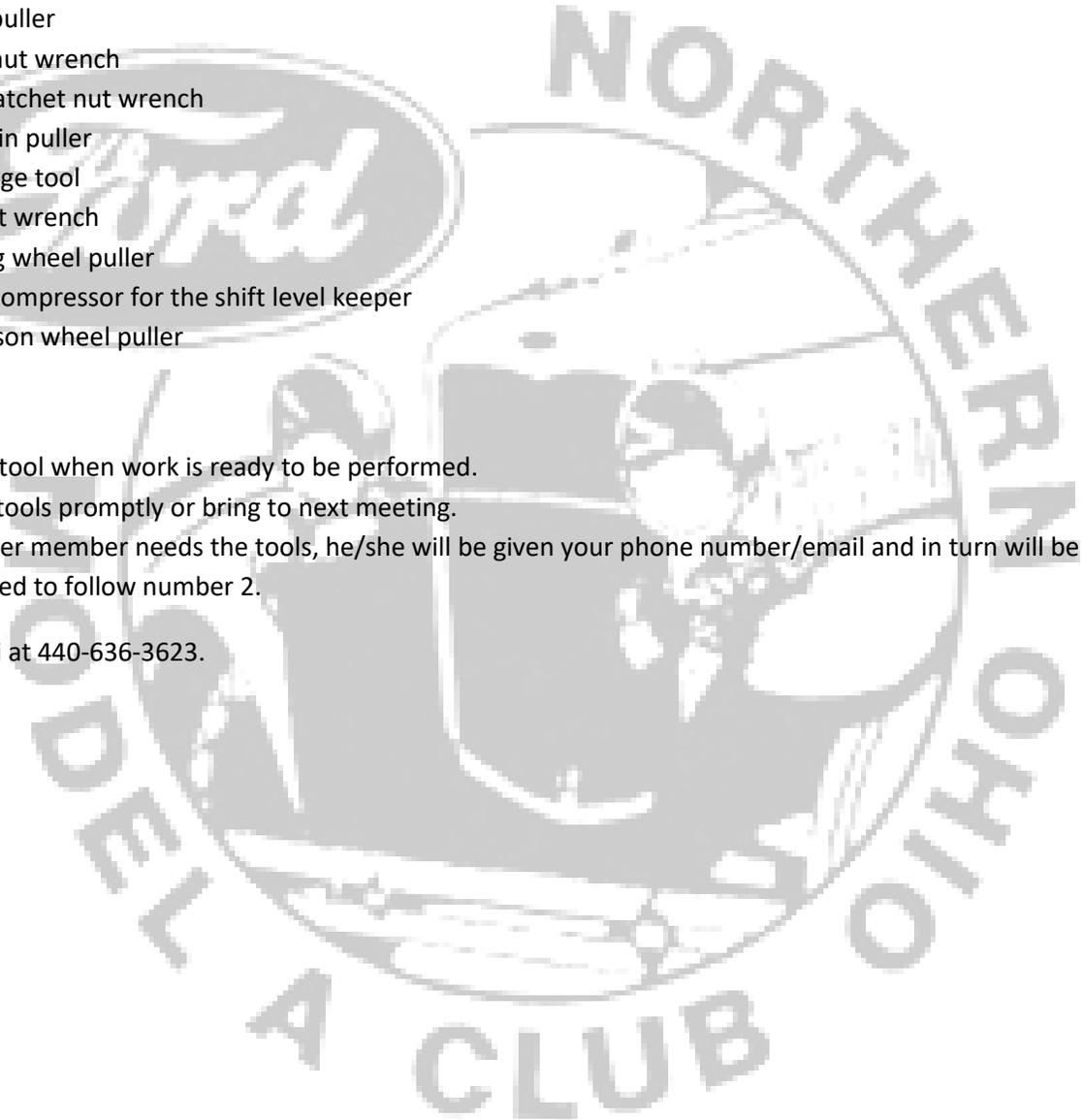
NOMAC Tools Available to Members

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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