

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

Spring, where have you gone? The days have been pretty hot, although we do look to have a nice reprieve for the next week or so. Really has been fantastic driving season so far this year. Hopefully you have been able to make it out and enjoy the road and your car(s). I have been out, just not in my A!

Last year towards the end of the season I was not happy at all with my brakes. Finally got to pulling everything apart a few weeks ago. The results? Braking is significantly improved if your front brakes engaged and work, which mine were not. Everything is currently stripped off the car and backing plates are at Snyder's for a full rebuild all the way around. Hopefully they will be done in a week or so and I can get everything back together – just so long as I can remember how it came apart! Ken, be prepared for some phone calls from me 😊.

So, with the A in pieces and on jack stands, I have been driving the Fairmont and Mustang. Of course, that isn't without its "fun". Last week I went to head to get lunch and the Fairmont was dead. Tried the Mustang, it was dead as well. Had to add water to the battery in the Mustang, so I'm not sure if it overcharged or not. Have to keep an eye on it going forward. The Fairmont has an old battery in it that Dad gave me from his tractor. Guess it's time for a new one hahaha!

I'm curious what everyone else is working on? Please send along pictures to be included in the newsletter, or bring them to the meeting. I'm always looking for content to add to the newsletter to make sure it's engaging. If there's anything you think I can do to improve, please let me know!

Don't forget we have a meeting this coming Monday. I hope to see you all there!

-Josh

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



Fred Rambling "A" Round

As the summer is upon us and everyone is busy with so many things to do, don't forget to take time to enjoy our hobby. Take the Model "A" out a drive on a Sunday afternoon. Drive to the local ice cream shop or the park, don't just let it sit.

The Coffee & Cars event at the Crawford Service facility was a great event. Our club had a great turn out. There were four members that brought their cars, and I counted at least 14 of our members in attendance.

Jamie has what sounds to be a fun day planned for July 10th. It is scheduled to start at Mary Yoder's for brunch and on to some activities for the rest of the day.

We have had a great member turn out at the last couple of club meetings. Let's continue to come out and enjoy the fellowship. One thing, is to keep the meeting interesting. Bring ideas for tech sessions or bring your questions, there is a wealth of knowledge among our membership. Also, if you know of a show or event that might be of interest, let everyone know. Skip had a great article in last month's newsletter. Bill Mann also, had a very informative article on engine rebuilding. Don't forget if you have something that might be of interest, jot down a note to Josh to put in the newsletter and don't forget pictures. Let's continue to make a great newsletter, even better.

As the summer tour is approaching fast, please attend June's meeting or contact Jamie or myself so we can get a count for brunch and attendance at the Antique Power and Horse Show

"Don't just belong, get involved."

-Fred

Upcoming Events

- June 21, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Walton Hills Police Station
- July 10, 2021 – NOMAC Event – Amish Tour
 - Mary Yoder's – Jamie to provide directions
- July 19, 2021 – Monthly Meeting – Walton Hills Police Station



On The Road With...

By Skip Schweitzer

Saving Another Model A

It was a snowy day, the second one in a row toward the end of April. The temperature hasn't gotten out of the lower 40s. It started out at 27 degrees this morning. The weeks, no, the whole month before was characterized by weather in the 50s and 60s with an occasional 70s thrown in. The trees were all out, much too early we all knew. My peach trees were in full bloom and even the cool weather crops in the garden were planted more than a week ago. Now, I don't know if my peach crop will make it through this snow and freeze. It had been an early, wonderful spring in Northern Ohio, not something we often experience. Usually, March and April are cold and blustery. Even the maple syrup season was cut several weeks short by the warm weather. Now this.....back to winter! Two days of waking up to this spectacle—three inches of snow covering the yards, the pavement, the cars, everything, is well, downright depressing. Granted, the rising sun backlighting the coated trees is eerily beautiful, and by afternoon most of the snow will be melted off and gone. But right now, my truck is blanketed in snow. I'll have to brush it all out and off to get a cache' of old car parts into the bed. We had scheduled this day, Thursday, the 22nd of April as the day we would pick up another pile of parts which was in reality a complete chassis, engine and running gear of a 1930 Model "A". Surely this late into April would be safe from snow to haul it out of the barn and up a grassy slippery path.

So, how did we find this one? Oftentimes we hear of an old car needing to be hauled away—gossip or chit chat at the parts store or the local gathering place. Jerry's Amish friends often tip him off to old cars in barns. Or we might follow up an ad in the local papers, check it out to see if it is indeed a Model "A" or something else. Most people don't know the difference between a Model "T", Model "A", 1930s Fords, or basically any prewar car. An old car is just an old car with those funny squared off roof lines usually sitting in a field or barn. But they all need to be checked out. Maybe it turns out to be a Chevrolet, or a Hudson, or a 1939 Ford. No, we don't want those, but you never-the-less make a mental note of where that car is located and at some point, pass on that information to a corresponding Chevy, Hudson or Ford V-8 guy. Old car guys are a sort of a fraternity. You see them, recognize their cars at local car shows, swap meets and gatherings. And you pass on information and they pass back information.

We originally found this Model "A" in an ad in the local papers late last summer. It read Model "A" complete chassis and assorted parts--\$2500. And it was located nearby in Geauga County. We went and looked, noted that, in fact the parts were clean and not junk. Jerry bought a couple manifolds. Old Ford manifolds are famous for warping due to the extreme engine heat thus causing exhaust leaks in the engine compartment and messing with your timing not to mention imparting carbon monoxide into the primitive, exhaust manifold heating systems. We noted the complete chassis and pile of parts loaded on and around it in the middle of the shop. It had great potential. But as the pandemic was in full rage and everything was shut down, we decided to pass on the car for now. Who knew when this covid thing would end or begin to let up? I did file it away though in the back of my mind for future perusal.

I also did a story, published in October 2020 in The Villager entitled "Discovering a Real Gem". The gem, of course, was Jack! In it I lauded the merits of the owner Jack and recounted his long history in restoring multitudes of cars including some very famous automobiles in the very barn/workshop we were going to pull this Model "A" out of. Jack is 85 years old now and still restoring cars. He says that that is what keeps him going. He is amicable and a downright nice guy. He is finishing up a 1928 Model "A" roadster pickup—"I was working on it last fall when you came by, but I need a hot, sunny day to stretch the convertible top into place, so it's still just about where you saw it last fall. I thought that this early spring might provide that, but no, not yet"



My friend Jerry Siracki is the other half of the “we” in many of my old car stories. We are both Vietnam Veterans, about the same age-74- and suffering from various age-related maladies. But he is still walking and turning wrenches. Me, not so much! I brought him into the Model “A” club some ten years ago when I was still able to do restoring and working on my vehicles. Jerry has increasingly been my rescuer ever since my physical disabilities got the best of me. As I have been increasingly unable to work on my cars, he has taken up the slack. We check out old cars for sale for guys in the club. We check out parts for sale. You can never have enough parts! Or we drag one of my cars to an engine/body shop for repairs. Of course, he will never accept any remuneration from me. So, my defined roll any more is to do what I can to find him Model “A” parts. He is the go-to guy in the club for parts and expertise. Likewise, I will never accept any remunerations from him on parts that I locate for him. As it is I could never pay him back for all that he has done for me.

As this pandemic is slowly beginning to finally wane, in the roller decks of my brain I remembered the ‘30 Model “A” chassis in Geauga County. Jerry’s parts endeavor has been picking up steam by the day as people are beginning to venture out back to gatherings and clubs. I think to myself; Jerry could really use these parts about now. So, I paid Jack a visit and we struck up a deal for the chassis and parts.

Getting the car out of the old barn and up the snow covered grassy slippery slope was a bit of a challenge to say the least. While you could roll the chassis out of the barn by hand, a 150 ft electric winch had to be employed to drag it up the hill and onto the trailer. Likewise, a couple rear ends and a front axle and spring came out of a long sleep in the weeds. As well, boxes of left-over parts from previous Model “A” restorations came off the shelf and into the truck bed including a pile of body sheet metal—fenders, hoods and such. Jack commented, “Now I can fill-up that empty shelf space with more parts”, likely Model “T” parts he was accumulating to finish the 1918 Depot Hack sitting on blocks in the back of the shop.

Packing the car and parts into Jerry’s garage/shop took some doing. Originally the parts were going to go to a storage shed down the road. But this complete chassis almost ready to be started and run proved too tempting for Jerry. It’s in the back of the garage now and will likely be running soon. You really hate to see a complete running chassis get parted out. It can very well end up stored in the back of my barn until we can find a new home for it. I really feel that it should be resurrected to join the ranks of one of the estimated 4 million Model “A”s still in existence



Health and Wellness

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



Meeting Minutes

5/17/21

- 19 Members + 1 Visitor
- Tony Sippola was our visitor and he is looking for a Model A. Preferably a 31 Roadster or Coupe.

Club Business

- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Coffee and Cars Event
 - 8am -12 pm
 - Accepting donations
- Century Village – nothing new to report
- Amish Tour
 - July 10 – 10am at Mary Yoders (Jamie to get directions/address)
 - Fee to be relayed to the club
 - Potential for the club to pay
- Garrettsville Peach Festival
 - August 14
- Apples and Autos
 - August 29
 - Contact Fred for more information
- Tech session ideas needed/Show and Tell
 - June – Bill Mann – Generator
 - TBD – Chris Wolfe – Video of Al Capone's Packard



Technical Reference

Mechanic's Gloves are Great!

I resisted wearing mechanic's gloves for many years when working on my old cars. I didn't think I needed them. Let me tell you, I was wrong! They are great!

I found a pack of 15 pair of work gloves on Amazon for \$10 last year, and I am now a believer. They are branded "Grease Monkey". They are red woven gloves that have dipped the fingers and palm into a rubbery polymer that gives grip and protection. You can use them and when they get too greasy, dirty, or torn up, you throw them away and don't feel too bad, because they're only 75 cents a pair.



They help me grip things better, they keep my hands cleaner, the open weave does not make my hand sweat too much, and I am now avoiding a lot of the scrapes, cuts and bruises that I used to get when working on my cars. I do have to remove them for very fine work, but for most of my wrenching, they really help.

And after using them for a year now, I have another low-tech Tech Tip for you: Take a black marker and draw a 3" to 4" line up the back of the left glove every time you pull a new pair out of the package. When you grab a pair off the bench or out of a toolbox to put on, You will quickly spot that black line up the back of the left glove and get the gloves on the right hand the first time. (Lefts and rights look identical at first glance.)

For 75 cents, you'll throw a pair in each car, in your toolbox, and out in the tool shed. What a deal! Until next time,

"Have a Model A Day!"
Jim



SERVICE STATION ATTIRE IN THE MODEL A ERA

By Lois Przywitowski

In the early years of the automobile, getting gas for the horseless carriage was no small feat. Dispensing gasoline evolved from bulk depots on the outskirts of towns, often requiring three people to fill the tank, to curb side pumps. As the popularity of the motor car increased and technology allowed larger quantities of fuel to be refined from the same amount of petroleum, merchants of all stripes, from bicycle shops, general stores, garages, and automotive dealers, installed gas pumps in front of their establishments. By 1920 approximately 15,000 gas stations were located in the United States. They were rudimentary at best, some little more than shacks, with advertisements littering their walls and the roads leading to them. They were considered by many to be an eyesore, and even worse, there was little confidence in the product they offered.

Major oil companies took note and began to standardize their stations, making them visually appealing to the motorist. Not only did the station need to look good, the service employees needed to project honesty, integrity, reliability and quality. What better way to do that than through the clothing they wore?



Ford Service Bulletins emphasized service, shop cleanliness, and the appearance of the employees. This illustration, from the July 1928 Bulletin, shows the serviceman in a shop coat, with the Ford Logo, shoes polished, and cap in hand.

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 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

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

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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