

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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## Director's Column: Tom Blomer



Hello everyone, I hope you all have had a great summer and I look forward to an even better fall. We have been asked to move our paperwork and tools to a new location. Will Kimble who has graciously let us use his upper room for a long time, needs the room for his business. There are a group of club members who are in the process of taking an inventory of the tools in the storage location, and they will report back to the club with their findings. I'd like to thank the Arnold's, who once again hosted the poker run tour. This is one of the club's annual tours that never disappoints, and this year's was no exception. Don't miss it next year it's always a great drive. They are terrific members and a real asset to the club. Thanks again for the energy and commitment Larry and Debbie. Our next meeting is for officer elections. I believe we have a great group of people running for office this year. As always think about a tour for the future. I want to thank you all for your support the last year that I have been the director. Please support the new officers as well as you have me. They really make our club what it is! Happy motoring, and I'll see you on the next tour and at our October club meeting.

## October 14th OVRMAFC Tour - 'A' Trip on the LM&M Railroad

Join us as John Grossheim and Mike Wilcher host a tour to the LM&M Railroad. This event requires a ticket, please call Stacey at (513) 933-8022 and let her know you are with the Ohio Valley Model A Ford Club. The ticket price is \$27.00, but there is a senior discount available.

### This tour will start at:

[Holtman's Donut Shop](#)  
1399 OH-28  
Loveland, OH 45140

Meet at 8:30am  
Leaving at 9:00am

We will drive up to the Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad where we will be able to park our A's and get pictures with the passenger cars that were built in 1930. The train will leave at 10am and take us on a small tour to pick pumpkins (geared towards the kids but everyone can participate). After the train, there are two lunch places that are nearby as well as a few ice cream parlors. These lunches are optional! After lunch, a few of us have talked about going to Iron's Fruit Farm in case you did not get your fill of pumpkin picking!

## October 25th OVRMAFC Club Meeting

Join us as at the Sharonville Fire Department,  
follow the signs for the training room.

Club meeting starts at 7:30pm.

### Location:

[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
11637 Chester Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45246

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## National Club News

### Model A Restorer's Club (MARC)

- "The Model A News" magazine (6 issues per year)
- Technical Support (free via mail or email)
- National Banquets - National Tours - Membership Meets (All of which include insurance if you are a member)
- MARC also produces publications including:  
Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards; Technically Speaking Series of Books, Fashion Standards, and Touring Class Judging Standards

MARC: <https://model-a-ford.org/>

### Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)

- The *Restorer* magazine (6 issues per year)
- Technical Support (free via mail or email)
- National Banquets - National Tours - Membership Meets
- MAFCA also produces publications including:  
Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards; Paint and Finish Guide; Hardware Standards, How to Restore Your Model A

MAFCA: <https://www.mafca.com/>

## Editor's Column: Jarrod Williams

A friendly reminder that any submissions for the monthly newsletter should be received by the 3rd of the month.

We send the newsletter to the printer on the 5th of each month to be printed, mailed, and in your hands by the 10th of each month.

My email address is [jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com)

## OVRMAFC Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ovrmafca>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ovrmafca/>

## Model A Youth Report



MARC and MAFCA both offer a youth scholarship program to help youth get started in the hobby and to support them as they may make repairs on the car. If you know someone that is 12-22 years old they may qualify for the program.

For more information please visit the below website links:

[MARC Youth Scholarship Program](#)

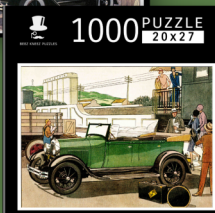
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## 2023 OVRMAFC Poker Run Tour

Hosted by: Debbie and Larry Arnold

The 2023 Poker Run started off as a beautiful day. We met at the Walmart parking lot on Colerain Ave, and started the tour off by being fueled by Burger King.

This year we had a total of 6 Model A's and one modern car. One of the Model A's was driven by two brothers (Jim and Tim) who were taking their new coupe out for a test drive and decided to tag along. The car was so freshly restored that the hood was not installed because the paint needed to cure. I'm so glad they were able to join us.



The first cards were dealt and we left the Colerain area, driving through Ross and making it to our first stop in Riley at the Indian Creek Metro Park. While the club members picked their second cards, Larry and Jeremy decided to test out the playground equipment. Larry showed off his "Spidey" skills and climbed to the top of the web. He did make it down safely.

We left the park and headed deeper into Butler County driving toward the Oxford area. Our caravan of Coupes, Fordors, and the famous "Model A Subaru" skirted along the outside of the Miami University Campus. It's been a while since we had driven through Oxford, and I was quickly reminded of why it's called the Ivy of Ohio—such gorgeous architecture and history.

Just outside of Oxford, we stopped at the Butterfield's Farmers Market to pass out our third card. Some of us, mostly my family, did some shopping. Jeremy and Emma really love their Pumpkin Butter and cannot pass up a bag of Buffalo Chicken Chips. Other club member chose healthy selections of fresh fruit and vegetables.

We pulled out of Butterfield's, drove down High Street in Oxford to show off our cars to the cool college kids, and wound further through Butler County until we arrived in Indiana. The drive was picturesque. Rolling hills of farmland dotted with horses and cows. As we were driving past a field of corn, Emma called me to say there is problem with the Green's muffler. So we pulled over, and Larry crawled underneath their Fordor and had to remove the tail pipe that had broken off. It was really a strangle thing to happen.

We made a quick stop at the Mounds State Park Visitor's Center at Brookeville Lake to pick our fourth card. As we were all becoming a little hungry, we quickly loaded back up and headed to our final destination.

Our final stop was at Ainsley Café, the home of the dinner-plate sized pork sandwich. Only one person was able to finish the sandwich. My son, Jeremy Arnold. He also polished off the fries that came with it. Oh, to have the metabolism of a 20-year-old (sigh). Ainsley Café sits directly above Brookeville Lake, so the view was absolutely spectacular.



Larry passed out the final card so we could find out who was our big winner was this year. Anna Williams came in first with an impressive hand—a pair of 9's. Emma Arnold (and Jake) took second place with a pair of deuces, and John Grossheim landed in third place with a big 'ol King. They each won a gift card to Ainsley Café, so their lunch was partially paid for.

After lunch, Bob and Larry headed out to the parking lot to see what could be done with the Bob's tailpipe. They were able to use bailing wire to support the end of the muffler so the Green's could make it home without any other hiccups.

Congratulations to all our winners, including Bob and Cindy Green on the Toilet Seat Award! And thanks to everyone who joined us this year, and to those of you who decided to go/watch the Bengal's game instead, we hope your heartbreak has healed quickly.

# Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, September 27, 2023 Sharonville Firehouse, Ohio

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Director, who led the group in a moment of silent remembrance and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Larry Arnold, Vice Director. Two returning members, Tom Treta and Kathy Plummer were welcomed along with new member Stu Long.

### ATTENDANCE:

There were 47 members present. 4 Model A's were driven. Two guests, Tim and Jim Mohr were also welcomed.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in the September 2023 newsletter.

### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Terry Owens reported that their daughter, Kyla, remains hospitalized recovering from a serious illness. Their daughter, Kathy, is also recovering from a serious dog bite. Art Foreman reported the B.J. Foreman is recovering from a Total Hip Replacedment.

Tim Schmidt reported that former long time member, Ron Miller, passed away recently. Also, the mother of current member, Phil Knueven, passed away recently.

September birthdays recognized were Deb Arnold, Bob Noe and Jeanette Losekamp.

### CAR CARE GANG:

Tom Blomer assisted Dick Gelhaus with a distributor problem.

### NEWSLETTER:

Please have submissions to the newsletter to Jarrod Williams no later than the third of each month.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The annual Poker Run was hosted by Larry and Debbie Arnold on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Seven Model A's and one modern car attended the event which ended at Ainsley's Cafe in Brookville, Indiana for lunch. Anna Williams won with a pair of 9's, Emma Arnold won second place with a pair of 7's and John Grossheim won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Bob Green was awarded the Toilet Seat for dragging his exhaust pipe which was temporarily repaired by Larry Arnold.

On October 8, John Grossheim and Jarrod Williams will meet to inventory the club tools. A report will be given at the October club meeting.

Jarrod Williams presented a check for \$1,000 awarded to the club in recognition of the volunteer efforts by OVR club members at the recent 2023 Model A Restorer's Club National Meet in West Chester, Ohio.

Jarrod and Melissa Williams recently returned from a month long trip to Alaska. Jarrod reported that while visiting a remote village, McCarthy, he discovered a Model AA truck and 2 other Model A's which are still currently in use on a daily basis in the town.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, John Grossheim and Mike Wilcher will host an autumn event. Meet at Holtman's Donut Shop, 1399 State Route 28, Loveland, OH at 9:00 a.m. and travel to Lebanon, Ohio for a ride on the LM & M Railroad train. A visit to a farm market and pumpkin picking will follow.

On Saturday, December 16, 2023, the club will participate in the annual "Wreaths Across America" event at Springgrove Cemetery.

Hosted by Larry and Debbie Arnold, the annual club Holiday party will be held at the Meritage Restaurant, 40 Village Square, Glendale, Ohio on Sunday, December 17, 2023. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. Debbie Arnold will meet with planning volunteers soon to explore ideas for activities, etc.

### UPCOMING ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nomination of officers for 2024-2026 are as follows:

- John Grossheim, Director
- Jarrod Williams, Vice Director
- Phyllis Pease, Secretary
- Amy Schroeder, Treasurer

These nominations will appear in the October 2023 newsletter as required by the club Constitution. If you are interested in submitting your name into the nominations please do not hesitate in letting one of the current officers know so that we can get you added to the ballots. Elections by ballot will be held at the monthly club meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

### SPLIT THE POT:

Larry Arnold won \$55.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Director.

### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at the Sharonville Firehouse on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

### SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary

# 2023 Model A Restorer Club National Meet - Hamilton, OH

By: Jarrod Williams



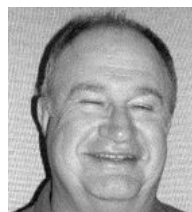
OVRMAFC was honored to accept a check for \$1,000 from the Hamilton A Region in recognition for our club's volunteer efforts at the 2023 MARC Nationals. Thank you so much to those pictured, and those that were not at the meeting to be a part of the celebration. Congratulations!



## The OVRMAFC "Car Care Gang"

Club members Tom Blomer, Terry Owens, and Dennis Schut will graciously volunteer their time and knowledge about Model A's to help you get through an issue with your car. Just remember they will help you, they will not repair the car for you. After all, knowing how the Model A works is just as much fun as driving one!

Give them a call if you need any help or advice.



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C: 513-254-1035



Dennis Schut  
C: 513-317-7225

## 2023 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **October 14, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC 'A' Trip on the LM&M Railroad**  
John Grossheim will host an event leaving Goshen, OH and featuring a trip on the Lebanon, OH train.  
*This event requires a ticket. To purchase a ticket please call Stacey at (513) 933-8022 and let her know you are with the Ohio Valley Model A Ford Club.*  
This tour will meet at Holtman's Donut Shop in the Goshen area at 8:30am on Saturday, October 14th leaving promptly at 9:00 am. We will drive up to the Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad where we will be able to park our As and get pictures with the passenger cars that were built in 1930. The train will leave at 10 and take us on a small tour to pick pumpkins (geared towards the kids but everyone can participate). Once we return, we will either go to the Golden Lamb for lunch or the Lebanon Brewery (depending on group accommodations). After lunch, there will be an optional tour to Iron's Fruit Farm incase you did not get your fill of pumpkin picking! They have apples, baked goods, and hayrides as well.
- **October 25, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting**  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **November 5, 2023**  
**Dayton Buckeye Model A Ford Club Swap Meet**  
The Dayton Buckeye Model A Ford Club has their swap meet on November 5th starting at 8am at:  
[Miami County Fairgrounds](#)  
[650 N. County Road 25A](#)  
[Troy, OH 45373](#)  
Entry is a \$4 donation
- **November 15, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Club Meeting and Auction**  
(Held one week early because of Thanksgiving)  
The November meeting will be the annual club auction and voting for the new officers. Members interested in assuming the roles of Director, Vice Director, Secretary and Treasurer should contact Tom Blomer, Director by October 18 in order to meet the 30 day deadline required by the club Constitution. Items to be auctioned should have a value of at least \$5 and can include Model A parts, accessories, Era Fashion items, baked goods, etc. Please arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. to sign in your donations and obtain your bid numbers. The business meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and the auction will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **December 16, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Wreaths Across America Tour**  
More details to follow, but the club will meet off-site and caravan to the cemetery together in our Model A's. Please join us again this year with the Wreaths Across America organization in honoring those that have given their life for us. In this national event, provided wreaths will be placed at the head stones of fallen soldiers.
- **December 17, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Holiday Party**  
Hosted by Larry and Debbie Arnold, the annual club Holiday party will be held at:  
[Meritage Restaurant](#)  
[40 Village Square](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)  
The event will begin at 5:00 p.m.

## 2024-2026 Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Officer Nominations

It is that time of year to again nominate and vote on the OVRMAFC board of officers. Ideally we would like to have two nominees for each position. We would then vote on one person for each of the four (4) formal board positions at the November club meeting.


**Current nominees are:**

**Director**



John Grossheim

**Vice Director**



Jarrod Williams

**Secretary**



Phyllis Pease

**Treasurer**



Amy Schroeder

If you are interested in running for the board and were not able to attend the September meeting or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the current board members. Full descriptions of the officer's duties can be found in the club's constitution, found online at: <https://ovrmaf.com/clubdocuments/>.

Please contact Tom Blomer if you have any other questions that may not be answered in the constitution.

## OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- 1929 Model "A" Tudor - \$15,500**  
 This is an exceptional "A". Restored to MARC of Excellence standards from a 38,000 mile original car. I have owned this car 53 years, never any rust or damage. Colors: Rose Beige & Seal Brown. Great looking & driving car.  
**Price: \$15,500 - LOWERED PRICE**  
 Contact: George Elbel 513-753-0060

- 1930 Model A Coupe - \$14,500**  
 New interior. Good paint, engine, and tires. Contact Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

- 1930 Model A Coupe - \$9,750**  
 New engine and rumble seat  
 Contact Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

- 1924 Model T 4 Door - \$5,000**  
 Runs good. Good top and interior  
 Contact Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

- 1929 Model A Cabriolet**  
 It is in pretty decent shape, starts right up, sounds good, has a new top and interior. Contact Paul Hess (H) 812-934-5203 (C) 812-209-8335



- Wanted:** 2-tooth steering box in good reconditioned service.  
 Contact: Terry Yaeger (859) 816-2437

- Model T Huckster project**  
 Not complete, make offer  
 Contact Conrad Gerdes (812) 584-5639

- 1930 Model A Chassis - \$2,500**  
 Includes engine, transmission, radiator, and 5 wheels/tires. Contact: Debbie Humphry (740) 307-1637

**Model A Upholstery  
Interiors, Tops, & Trunks**  
Call Dottie Gerdes  
(812) 584-5631

**B & R Early Model  
Starter & Generator Repair**  
Rob Schwendeman (419) 305-9125  
Bill Schwendeman (419) 733-8857

**Ohio Valley Region Model "A" Ford Club**  
**Membership Application and Roster Information**  
**(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)**

Existing Member:

New Member:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Spouse Birthday: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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