

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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## Director's Column: John Grossheim



Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had a great start to 2024. I am very much looking forward to the year with our club and seeing what events are in the works!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas party. It was definitely a great event, and the food was excellent! Thank you to the Arnolds for all your hard work planning out the event and putting together the gifts. I wanted to take time to say

thank you to Tom Bloomer for his dedication and leadership to the club while serving as director. Tom's welcoming personality and knowledge of our cars is truly of great value to our club.

We have lots of new events and exciting changes in the works for the year so please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. If you have an idea of a location or route for a tour but are struggling to come up with the other, feel free to reach out! Both Jarrod and I are happy to help plan. This is a good time of year to go through your car as well and make sure everything is greased, oiled, and serviced for the upcoming year. Look forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting.

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Margie Blomer

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## OVRMAFC January Club Meeting - January 25, 2024 at 7:30pm

### *Come ready to discuss the new Model A year!*

We will be trying to set up our 2024 calendar with tours, events, and tech sessions. We have a lot to talk about, so don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of it. Just follow the signs for the Training Room once you enter the main firehouse entrance.

### Meeting Location:

[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)

[11637 Chester Rd](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)

## 2024 OVRMAFC Fundraising Recommendation

We are investigating how to change our annual club fundraiser from a car show format to a swap meet format this year. We have investigated two options and would like the club's feedback.

We will be voting on which option to choose at the February club meeting.

### Option #1

**Location:** Clermont County Fairgrounds

**Date:** June 2024

**Cost:** \$700

**Amenities:** NO air conditioning, outside parking available, additional building for \$600 for more spaces. No info on if electricity is available.

### Option #2

**Location:** Boone County Fairgrounds

**Date:** June 2024, or September 28th or 29th

**Cost:** \$1,075 + refundable \$200 trash cleanup

**Amenities:** Outside parking, kitchen available, outdoor electricity available for \$10, or \$50 for camper. Air conditioning available.

## National Model A 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/>

## Newsletter 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)

## Join The Model A Restorer's Club (MARC)!

Joining the Model A Restorers Club may be a life changing event.

[Become a Member, Click Here!](#)

[Already a Member, Renew Here!](#)

Here are a few of the many benefits to joining and enjoying a membership in the Model A Restorers Club:

1. This gives you access to one of our many Regions which may be located in your local area so you will meet other Model A enthusiasts. These fellow members will help you learn about the Model A and offer help when needed. Many life long friendships have been developed from membership in our club.
2. By being a member you will realize the wealth of knowledge that many of your fellow Model A members have in all subjects pertaining to the Model A. Perhaps you need to get a generator repaired or need to know how to set the timing, you can usually find a fellow club member to give you a hand. I have found many members are good mechanics, welders, machinists and the list goes on and on. You will find their advice and help invaluable in your restoration efforts.
3. If you are looking for a Model A you may find one in the "Cars For Sale" section in the Model A News which is free to all members of MARC. The same is true if you are looking to sell a car or parts and the "Wanted" section will give you an opportunity to find a part you may be looking for.
4. You and your family will be able to attend National Conventions designed for "Fun for the Whole Family" These meets are held annually and are all planned out for you to just be there. All of the tours and fun is ready to go. typical are visits to museums and tourist attractions in the area. Car games and picnics and welcome parties with live entertainment are just a few of the exciting things you will be doing.
5. You will be able to learn more about the Model A that you could any other way. Club members are always helping each other and you will pick it up really fast with this kind of support.

## 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](#)  
[MAFCA Youth Scholarship Program](#)

## 2023 OVRMAFC at Wreaths Across America

Thank you to all those members that came out today for the Wreaths Across America event. The weather was perfect today and we all had a great time honoring those that have given their lives for our freedom. I've already added some other member's photos to this album, but feel free to add more if you have some! Thanks again to everyone for coming out, we want everyone to join us next year!



## 2023 OVRMAFC Christmas Party and Holiday Banquet

Wow oh wow what a great time! A change of venue and time made for a very fun party. Thank you to everyone that came out to celebrate our 2023 year and reconnect with each other. A huge thank you to Deb and Larry Arnold and the party planning committee for making it such a great time. The food was excellent and I think everyone liked trying a new venue. There were way to many pictures of people having fun to show here, view them all on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.898503118123515&type=3>



# Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

## Sunday, December 17, 2023 Meritage Restaurant, Glendale OH

### CALL TO ORDER:

An abbreviated meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by outgoing Director, Tom Blomer, who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed the December 2023 newsletter.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All committee reports were dispensed with until the Wednesday, January 24, 2024 meeting.

### NEW OFFICERS:

John Grossheim was introduced as the incoming Director. Other officers introduced were Jarrod Williams, Vice Director, Amy Schroeder, Treasurer (not present) and Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

John Grossheim invited members to meet at Dead Low Brewing, 5959 Kellogg Ave., Cincinnati, OH at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 to drive as a group through the Coney Island Festival of Lights.

Club members were also encouraged to watch for new club merchandise to be available soon.

Deb and Larry Arnold will host the annual club bowling party on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Harrison Bowl, 1152 Stone Drive, Harrison, OH. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow.

Deb and Larry Arnold will also host the annual club Polar Bear Tour in March 2024. Details will follow.

Jim Thomas and John Grossheim will host a movie day on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. the Sharonville Firehouse. Admission is donation of a non-perishable food item to the Food Bank.

Conrad and Dottie Gerdes will once again host the Hay Press Tour in Dillsboro, IN. Date to be determined.

John Grossheim is proposing a car show/swap meet in either June or September 2024.

### AWARDS PRESENTED:

Congratulation to Bob and Angel Noe for receiving the Family of the Year Award for 2023.

Bob Green who received the Ralph Hicks award in 2022, presented the award for 2023 to John Grossheim.

Participation awards presented were:

Jarrold & Melissa Williams, Tim Schmidt, Larry & Debbie Arnold, John Grossheim, Tom & Margie Blomer, Eddie & Mary Bohmer, Amy & Mike Schroeder, Bob & Cindy Green, Terry & Brenda Owens, Phyllis Pease, Anna Williams, Brad & Chris Hamlin, Jim & Pam Thomas, Bob & Angel Noe, Dennis & Marieke Schut.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. by Tom Blomer, Outgoing Director.

### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at the Sharonville Firehouse on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

### SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

## 2023 OVRMAFC New Members

Membership Director: Jarrod Williams

With all of the fun from bowling parties, tours, events, and even the 2023 MARC Nationals in the past year, it is easy to loose sight of all those new Model A owners that have joined our great club. Welcome to the club and we hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events or meetings!

- Michelle Dolfinger
- Mike & Sarah Zimmerman
- Tommy & Vivian Holt
- Jim & Molly Seiler
- Thomas Gault, Sr.
- Clinton Knackstedt
- Mike & Dina Larkin
- Bill Jackson
- Bill & Shirley Cook
- Nathan & Tiffany Napier
- Ted & Carol Schiffer
- Tom & Monica Treta
- Stu & Sharry Long
- Carl & Kathy Plummer
- Timothy Mohr
- Jim & Pam Mohr
- Wayne & Patty Amendt

**Have you paid your 2024  
OVRMAFC Annual Dues?**

It's that time of year again.

Please make sure to mail your check for \$35.00 to Jarrod Williams.

If you would rather pay in cash, please bring \$35.00 cash to the club meeting and hand it to Jarrod Williams.

**Cut off for submission to be included in  
the Club Roster is February 29, 2024.**

# Are Your Wheels Pointing in the Right Direction?

By: Chris Wickersham

Taken from: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Are-Your-Wheels-in-the-Right-Direction-CW.pdf>

Why do some Model A's go straight down the road while others seem to wander all over the place? Often the owner does not know how to make the car drive better and just accepts the condition as just the characteristic of an old car. When new, our Model A's steered well and drove straight down the road and today, there is no reason that the same should not be true.

If there is no excessive play in the steering components, the king pins are not worn, the front wheel bearings are adjusted correctly and there is no other loose or an excessively worn condition of any of the front suspension and steering components, theoretically the car should go straight down the road and not wonder from one side to the other. How about front wheel alignment? If the front wheels are not properly aligned, a Model A may not want to drive in a straight line. Caster, Camber and Tow are the three basic components that make up front wheel alignment.

Caster is the inclination angle of the kingpins. The kingpins should not be 90 degrees to the ground but inclined so the kingpin is tipped forward at the bottom and to the rear at the top. The specified caster angle for a Model A Ford is 5 Degrees but caster angle of 6-7 degrees is not too much and will give the car better satiability. Too much caster can cause the car to steer a little hard. Too little caster can cause the car to wander all over the place and constant steering correction is necessary to keep the car in its lane.

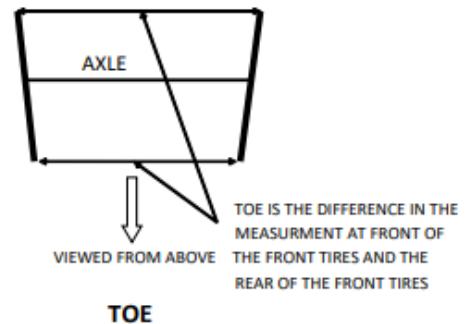
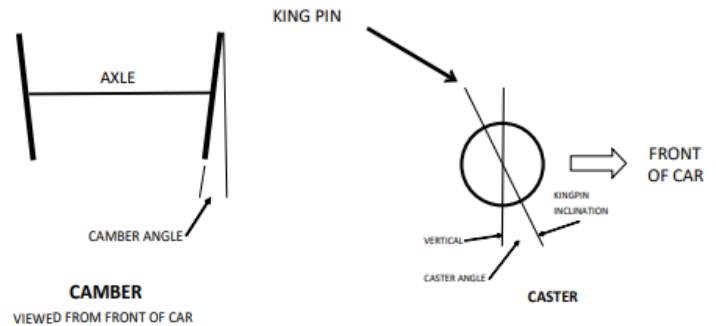
The front wheels of a Model A are not exactly vertical with the road but tipped out at the top and in at the bottom. This is easily seen when standing in front of the car and looking at the front wheels. This deviation from vertical is called the camber angle. Positive camber is when the wheels tip out at the top and in at the bottom. Negative camber is when the wheels tip in at the top and out at the bottom. The Model A Ford should have 1 degree positive camber. Incorrect camber can affect how your Model A will steer and an increase in tire wear may be experienced.

The third element in front wheel alignment is toe. When viewed from above, if a Model A was going straight down the road, the front wheels should not be pointing exactly straight ahead but should be pointing very slightly toward the center line of the car. In other words, the tires should be a little closer together at the front of the wheel and a little further apart at the rear of the wheel. This

condition is referred to as "Toe In". The Model A should have 1/16 to 1/8 inch tow in. It is important to have a little toe in to help keep the Model A going in a straight line but excessive toe can cause accelerated tire wear.

Measuring and correcting toe is relative easy and can be accomplished without specialized equipment. The better repair manuals have easy to follow procedures to measure and adjust the toe of the front wheels.

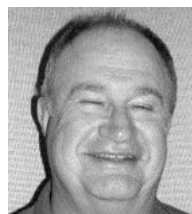
Accurately measuring Caster and Camber is more involved and requires specialized equipment not normally found in the Model A hobbyist's shop. Correcting an out of specification Caster or Camber condition often requires bending the front axle which is usually left up to a professional shop. While some may not feel it is necessary to go to the trouble of having the front wheel alignment of your Model A measured and adjusted at a professional shop, you may be pleasantly surprised at how much better your car will drive after this service is preformed.



## 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.



Tom Blomer  
H: 513-769-3029



Terry Owens  
H: 513-831-8580  
C: 513-254-1035



Dennis Schut  
C: 513-317-7225

## 2024 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **January 13, 2024**  
**39th Annual Winter Swap Meet**  
[Paroquet Springs Conference Center](#)  
[395 Paroquet Springs Drive](#)  
[Shepherdsville, KY 40165](#)  
Doors Open at 8 A.M  
Sponsored by The Falls City Region Model A Ford Club.  
Shepherdsville, Kentucky (10 miles south of Louisville).  
Specializing in MODEL "A" FORD Parts. See Gaslight Auto Parts at the meet! Call them and pick your order up at the meet to on save shipping. (800-242-6491)  
Admission \$5.00 children under 12 free.  
10 X 12 Vendor Spaces \$15.00  
Car Corral Spaces Inside \$30.00 or Outside \$5.00  
Tables for rent \$2.00 each.  
Primary Registration Contact:  
Roy Armstrong, 6834 Cedar Grove Road Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165 calls (502) 543-4189 or email: royra@windstream.net.
- **January 24, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC January Meeting**  
Join us at 7:30pm for the first meeting of the new year!  
Please follow the signs for the training room once in the firehouse.  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **January 28, 2023**  
**OVRMAFC Bowling Party**  
Join us as Deb and Larry Arnold host the club for a bowling party with lunch to follow. The event begins at 11:00am.  
[Harrison Bowl](#)  
[1152 Stone Drive](#)  
[Harrison, OH 45030](#)
- **February 18, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC Movie Day**  
Join us as Jim Thomas and John Grossheim host their second annual Model A movie themed day. Admission to the event requires a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank. The event begins at 2:00pm.  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **February 28, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC February Meeting**  
Please follow the signs for the training room once in the firehouse. Club meeting starts at 7:30pm.  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **March (date to be announced), 2024**  
**OVRMAFC Polar Bear Tour**  
Larry and Debbie Arnold will host a Polar Bear Tour. Details to be announced when they become available.
- **March 27, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC March Meeting**  
Please follow the signs for the training room once in the firehouse. Club meeting starts at 7:30pm.  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **April 24, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC April Meeting**  
Please follow the signs for the training room once in the firehouse. Club meeting starts at 7:30pm.  
[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)  
[11637 Chester Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **May (date to be announced), 2024**  
**OVRMAFC Tour to Lexington KY, meet with KY Model A club**  
The details are still coming together, but we are in the process of planning a joint tour with the Lexington Kentucky Model A club. This would be an overnight tour.
- **October (date to be announced), 2024**  
**OVRMAFC Hay Press Tour**  
The details are still coming together, but Conrad and Dottie Gerdes have agreed to host a tour to the Hay Press Barn.

### 2023 MARC Mileage Program

Make sure to turn your 2023 Model A odometer reading into Mike Wilcher by January 31, 2024!

## Model A Era Fashion: Adding WOW to Your Model A Era Fashions

By: Diann Eason

Taken from: <https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Adding%20WOW%20to%20your%20Model%20A%20Fashions%202018-10.pdf>

Do you have an era dress, suit, or sports outfit, but not sure how to complete it or what accessory would add that WOW factor? There is help for you. The MAFCFA Fashion Guidelines, 2D-1 and 3D-1 describe the use of accessories, either worn or carried, that will complement and complete your overall appearance. How do you decide which accessories to use?

Begin by reviewing literature documenting era fashion. The MAFCFA Fashion Guidelines, the Fashion Files, A Book of Fashion Facts, Stepping Out in Style DVD, the Quick Reference Guide for Daytime Wear, and Jewelry DVD are available on the MAFCFA website, [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) to guide you in the right direction. The Restorer magazine is also a great source of ideas and pictures for fashion.

First, decide where the major garment would have been worn. For example, a woman wearing a 1930 daytime dress for shopping would have considered accessories such as a purse with items such as a handkerchief, compact, lipstick, and coins.

Jewelry worn for daytime would be a simple pearl necklace and earrings or perhaps a necklace made of celluloid or Bakelite.

Eye wear could also be an accessory. The proper use of a few of these everyday accessories can make outfit go from ok to WOW!



Another example is a man's wearing a wool daytime suit. He could accessorize with a wrist or pocket watch, cuff links, tie clasp or tie pin, a briefcase, an umbrella or cane, wallet or coin purse, pen and pencil set, a pocket knife, or cigarette case or pipe. There are many options when it comes to even men's accessories.



Accessories for evening wear add sparkle to an "ensemble". For example, women's jewelry was made of gold, crystal beads, pearls, rhinestones, precious gems. Evening purses of beads, rhinestones, satin fabric, or soft leather add elegance to the overall appearance.

A man's tuxedo may be accessorized with a black cane with sterling silver and engraved handle, a silver cigarette case, and cuff links with stones. When the right accessories are chosen to complement the main garment your overall appearance looks natural.

For sporting outfits, either men's or women's can be accessorized with sporting equipment or items used in the game. For example, a tennis ensemble would have a tennis racket and perhaps a rack bag, a score card, a sports towel, or a tennis ball. A horse woman would have a riding crop, a saddle, a feed bag, or perhaps a horse blanket to add depth to the riding pants and tall boots. These accessories help to "sell" the image you are working to portray.

Accessories may be small or large, but used appropriately they can add that WOW factor to your overall appearance.

## 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
- Wanted:** 2-tooth steering box in good reconditioned service.  
 Contact: Terry Yaeger (859) 816-2437
- 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
- 1930 Model A Chassis - \$2,500**  
 Includes engine, transmission, radiator, and 5 wheels/tires. Contact:  
 Debbie Humphry (740) 307-1637
- 1931 model A Speedster, Restored.**  
 New tires. Fresh paint. \$12,900.00  
 Contact: Gary Oelrich at (513) 582-6385
- In Front of Radiator Tool Box**  
 Bolts in frame in front of radiator. Came off a 1930 sedan, but should fit most models. Bolts on, no drilling. \$150  
 Contact: Bill Cook at 513-509-5092
- Expanding luggage/trunk rack.**  
 Not the fold down type, this pulls out from under the rear spare tire. Came off a 1930 sedan. Bolts on, no drilling. \$175  
 Contact: Bill Cook at 513-509-5092

### Model A Upholstery Interiors, Tops, & Trunks

Call Dottie Gerdes  
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Bill Schwendeman (419) 733-8857

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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