

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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March, 2024

Director's Column: John Grossheim



I hope everyone had a great month of February! Jim, Pam, and I had a great time hosting the movie event. Thank you everyone who came! We had another great tech seminar at our meeting from Conrad as well as two new members joining us! We have also developed a planning committee for the swap meet. If you are interested, please contact myself or Deb Arnold to get on the list to help.

The Arnold's have also planned an exciting Polar Bear tour this month, so I hope to see you there. Now is a good time to get your A out to get the dust off and make sure everything is greased and oiled. Don't forget to check your clevis and cotter pins. We still need a few tours coming up so if you are interested, please let me or Jarrod know. Even if you have an idea of the destination, but are not sure of a route, we can help you figure out how to plan it!

I hope to see you on the overnight Polar Bear tour or at the March club meeting!

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OVRMAFC March Overnight Polar Bear Tour - March 16-17, 2024

Join us on an overnight tour hosted by Deb and Larry Arnold. We will driving to Young's Dairy for lunch and then visit Yellow Springs or the Springfield Antique Show. Then head to the hotel, information on the calendar of events page, lobby for happy hour and dinner. Sunday morning we will have breakfast at the hotel before heading home, but not before a driving tour of historic Springfield.

Meeting Location:

Tri-County Town Center
parking lot near the McDonald's
[11723 Princeton Pike
Springdale, OH 45246](https://www.google.com/maps/place/11723+Princeton+Pike+Springdale,+OH+45246)

Starting Time:

9:00am

OVRMAFC March Club Meeting March 27, 2024 at 7:30pm

We will continue 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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Sharonville+Fire+Department+86+11637+Chester+Rd+Cincinnati,+OH+45246)

Starting Time:

7:30pm

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

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. Thank you to everyone that sent in pictures and paid their 2024 dues. My goal is to have the 2024 Roster complete by the March meeting.

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](#)

A Love Story Across Continents

By: Angel Noe

When Dennis and Marieke first joined our Model A club in 2018 it was like a breath of fresh air. They immediately became active members of the club with great ideas to make the club better. Marieke is charming, talented, and talking to her you feel like you have known her your entire life. I think it would be safe to say she does not know a stranger. Ask her to show you her crocheting masterpieces. She is also an extremely talented baker. You always want to bid on her Dutch apple pies at the yearly auction. Dennis is equally charming and talented. He is extremely knowledgeable about the Model A and actually is part of our Car Care Gang. Along with Larry and Jarrod they have helped my husband fix several major problems with our Model A.

At our 2023 Christmas party we had the pleasure of sitting with Dennis and Marieke. When I found out that they had a Model A in their wedding in the Netherlands along with great pictures I was flabbergasted. I immediately said this is a story for the newsletter.

Marieke and Dennis met on a Saturday in 2002 in a town called Enschede where Marieke was attending college and he was working for Nedcon. It was a very short meet as Dennis had to hop on a plane back to the U.S. on Monday. Marieke was attracted to Dennis' quiet side. She describes him as thoughtful and kind. Dennis was not looking for a relationship when he met Marieke, but he said it was "love at first sight." After five weeks of being apart, they met again. They both said it just felt good and knew this was a relationship meant to last. And I guess I could say that is the end of the story. As you can expect two people from the Netherlands, falling in love, moving to the states and marrying is not exactly easy.



In 2006 they had an apartment in the Netherlands. And then Dennis was transferred to Lima, Ohio of all places. They both agreed if the job did not work out in Lima they could always move back "home." In order for Marieke to stay with Dennis in Lima, they had to be married because they denied her a visa. Luckily for us in the Model A Club, it did work out. Dennis had two more projects in the U.S. in Pennsylvania and California. In 2009 they moved back to the Netherlands but were hoping something else would turn up for Dennis in the U.S. Fortunately, Dennis got an offer as an account solutions engineer with the same company in Harrison, Ohio. They were living on a five year visa and were hoping beyond hope to become permanent citizens here. That happened in 2022.

While living in the town of Uft, Gelderland which is located in the east of the Netherlands, close to the German border, they started thinking about marriage. Because of the visa process they had to marry twice. Once was a legal wedding in December, 2006 and a church wedding in December, 2007. The town they lived in sounds like a little piece of Heaven. It is beautiful. Their primary mode of transportation was biking. Because everything is closer together in their country, it was easy to jump on the bike and get anywhere they needed to go. Sounds like your kind of place Melissa Williams. But they both loved classic cars. So it seemed natural to want to have a classic car for their wedding. They decided on a 1931 Fordor which Dennis' father's friend let them borrow.

Once they finally settled in Harrison, Ohio Dennis' colleague Joanna mentioned that two men from our club came to look at her classic truck which was stored in Dennis' garage. So they attended our 2018 Christmas party and joined the club. However, they still did not own a classic car. That happy event happened in 2021 when they purchased a beautiful 1931 Coupe. And they are loving it.



If you have a Model A love story like Dennis and Marieke Schut, get in touch with me. I would love to interview you and write your love story.



Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 Sharonville Firehouse

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silent Remembrance.

ROLL CALL: The roll call was led by Jarrod Williams, Vice Director.

ATTENDANCE:

There were 38 members present. 3 Model A's were driven.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrold Williams reported that current names in is 114 with 2 new members present. Membership renewal must be received tonight in order to be included in the 2024 club roster.

NEW MEMBERS:

Two new members were introduced: Bella Nelson, a 20 year old college student who recently inherited a 1929 Sport Coupe from her grandfather and Todd Stewart who recently acquired a 1930 Briggs.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrold Williams needs all additions to the newsletter by the 3rd of each month.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports accepted as printed in the February newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

The recent passing of former long-time member, Bill Portier, was noted. February birthdays of Warren Barnes and Tom Gault were celebrated.

CAR CARE GANG: No report.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Phyllis Pease noted that an excellent article on Art Deco's influence on Model A Era fashion, written by Margie Blomer, is in the current edition of the Model A News.

Phyllis also reported that she has stepped down as Chair of the MARC Fashion Committee but will remain on the Committee in an advisory status.

MILEAGE REPORT:

Mike Wilcher reviewed the MARC Mileage Program for new members. The following 2023 awards will be received at an upcoming date:

- Eddie Bohmer 2,000 miles
- Bill Cook 2,000 miles
- Tom Blomer 2,000 miles
- Bob Green 10,000 miles
- Dennis Schut 10,000 miles
- Bob Zitney 15,000 miles
- Tim Schmidt 25,000 miles
- Jarrod Williams 35,000 miles

TOOL CRIB UPDATE:

Jarrold Williams and John Grossheim reported that the process for borrowing tools from the club tool crib has been updated and can be accessed at OVRMAC.com. There is still some fine tuning, but the ability to borrow tools easily will happen within the next couple months.

SWAP MEET REPORT:

After an open discussion about the proposed location and date for a club sponsored swap meet in 2024, it was decided to schedule at the Boone County Fairground. Deb Arnold will chair a planning committee for this event.

OLD BUSINESS:

A 2023 Participation Award was presented to Terry Owens.

RECENT EVENTS:

The annual bowling party, hosted by Deb and Larry Arnold was held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Harrison Bowl. Bob Noe was the overall winner and will host the bowling party for 2025.

Jim Thomas and John Grossheim hosted the annual movie day on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the Sharonville Firehouse.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Deb and Larry Arnold will host the annual Polar Bear tour on March 16/17, 2024. Participants should meet at 9:00 a.m. in the McDonalds parking lot at the TriCounty Town Center on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Activities will include lunch at Youngs's Dairy, a visit to the Springfield, OH antique show, shopping in Yellow Springs, OH and a driving tour of Springfield, OH. A relaxing evening will include pizza in the hotel lobby, games and Bourbon tasting.
- Tom Blomer is planning a tour of the Hamilton County Morgue in April 2024. Details will follow.
- Mike Wilcher plans to host a tour of the Warren County, OH jail in the summer.
- The annual OVR picnic will be held Sunday, June 2, 2024 at Oeders Lake. Please contact Jarrod Williams if willing to help.

TECH SEMINAR:

Conrad Gerdes led part 2 of the seminar on Model A Safety upgrades.

SPLIT THE POT: \$80 was won .

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director

SUBMITTED BY: Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

The Hunt For Virginia's Trunk

By: Mike Wilcher

It was October when my car was finally ready to go on tour with the club. You may recall from my previous newsletter updates that my car, I call her Virginia, had been stored since 1987 and needed a lot of work to get to the point where it was "road ready". Now, not only was this my first club tour, but I also got to co-host it with my friend, John Grossheim. What a fun day it was, driving along with other Model A's and enjoying each other's company at each stop we made. Even the unplanned stops were kind of fun.

Anyway, one thing I learned was that storage was a problem in my car. My car didn't come with a trunk, so I just stored extra parts and my tools in a plastic box that I kept behind the passenger seat. Those parts and tools came in handy on that unplanned stop I mentioned before. But that's a whole other story.

So, I decided I needed to get a trunk and a rack to put it on. Now one of my favorite things is the hunt. Every night after work I began searching the web for a used trunk and rack. It didn't take long for me to discover a rack for sale on Craigslist. I got in contact with the seller and was off to Liberty, Indiana to pick it up. It was "brand new" still in the box. The original owner purchased it in 1972 and never installed it on their car. It was nice and about 1/3 of the price of a new one!

Then I turned my attention to finding a trunk. I searched and searched and couldn't find one that I really liked or could afford. Even the old beat-up ones that I was finding for sale, were way out of what I was willing to pay. I kept searching and landed on some plans to "build your own trunk".

My first thought was this doesn't look too hard to make. And I just happened to have a brother-in-law who has the tools to do such a job. So, I printed off the plans and took them with me on my already planned visit to Monterey, Tennessee the weekend before Thanksgiving.



Joe, the best brother-in-law a guy could have, looked at the plans and said that he would be glad to take on the job. He figured that it would give him something to do out in his workshop and that the project was easy enough for him to complete before it got too cold. Now Joe is a bit of a perfectionist. He designed the trunk on his home computer to get a pattern figured out as the old plans that I had found called for sheets of plywood that no longer can be purchased in the depth needed. The project went quickly until it came to the trunk lid. Joe knew how to get the bend into the wood, but his first attempt didn't turn out like he wanted. He changed wood types and was satisfied with how the bend took shape.

Joe then began to shop for the hinges and other hardware along with the vinyl covering. He sent me a text and told me that he was going to start ordering the supplies and I told him to get whatever he thought was best. He replied saying that he found "a nice pinkish colored faux leather at Hobby Lobby" to cover the trunk. I quickly replied indicating that I thought that would clash with my car's green exterior color and that maybe we better stick with black.

Near where my sister and Joe live is a Mennonite community named, Muddy Pond. It can be found following a narrow winding road passing fields of sorghum cane a few churches and small farms. There you will find Aaron Bauman's Leather Shop. This is a unique shop that offers everything from bulk leather, belts, horse and pet supplies and gun holsters. Joe purchased the needed leather to make the dust trim and the owner of the shop cut some leather and sewn together two new straps with buckles for my trunk.

It was Christmas Eve when Joe sent me a photo of my trunk with the text saying, "all done, Merry Christmas"! I couldn't believe how nice it turned out. The photo looked just like the trunks on the model A parts supplier's websites, and I couldn't wait to go get it. However, I would have to wait until February to be able to travel back to Tennessee.

My father and I made the trip to my sister's and Joe's house and brought home the trunk which is now a family heirloom. It means so much more that it was hand made and built with pride by my brother-in-law. Although Joe can point out every flaw on the trunk, I think it's perfection and it's so nice having a place to put all the tools and spare parts.



2024 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **March 16-17, 2024**
OVRMAFC Polar Bear Tour
Larry and Debbie Arnold will host an overnight Polar Bear Tour. We will be visiting Yellow Springs, OH, and lodging in Springfield, OH at:
[Hampton Inn Springfield](#)
[101 Leffel Lane](#)
[Springfield, OH 45506](#)
Phone: 937-325-8480
Participants should meet at 9:00 a.m. in the McDonalds parking lot at the Tri-County Town Center on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 9:00am. Activities will include lunch at Youngs's Dairy, a visit to the Springfield, OH antique show, shopping in Yellow Springs, OH and a driving tour of Springfield, OH. A relaxing evening will include pizza in the hotel lobby, games and Bourbon tasting.
- **March 27, 2024**
OVRMAFC March Meeting
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[Sharonville Fire Department 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **April 4-6, 2024**
2024 Model A Restorer's Club Membership Meet in Joliet, Illinois
Hosted by the Joliet Region of the Model A Restorers Club .
[Registration Form](#)
[Schedule of Events](#)
Holiday Inn & Suites – Joliet Southwest
SPECIAL GROUP RATE of \$139/night
(779) 206-2915 and mention MARC
Note: A \$12 per person breakfast buffet is available with the Membership Meet Registration Form
- **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 22, 2024**
OVRMAFC May 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
- **June 26, 2024**
OVRMAFC June Meeting
Details to come
- **July 15-18, 2024**
Model A Restorer's Club National Meet in Asheville, North Carolina
[Registration Form](#)
Host Hotel:
Crown Plaza, Building D
1 Resort Drive
Asheville, NC 28806
For more information please visit:
https://model-a-ford.org/event/national-meet-asheville-nc/?instance_id=378
- **July 24, 2024**
OVRMAFC July Meeting
Details to come
- **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.



Model A Ad Puzzles

NEW
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4 DIFFERENT CARD
DESIGNS
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WWW.BEEZKNEEZPUZZLES.COM

500 PUZZLE
1000 PUZZLE

The advertisement features a green background with several images of Christmas cards and puzzles. The cards show various Model A cars in winter settings. The puzzles are labeled '500 PUZZLE' and '1000 PUZZLE'. The text is in a mix of bold, serif, and sans-serif fonts.

Pen and Pencil Sets

By: Judy Lewis

Taken from: https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Pen_and_Pencil_Sets_2013-07.pdf

Pen and pencil sets are great items to use as an accessory and are easy to find in most antique shops, flea markets, estate sales and the like. Most of the sets I have seen are in very good condition and can fit easily in a handbag or the inside pocket of a suit or sport coat. The following are quite typical of all 4 years of the model A era.



No. 1402: Ladies' non-breakable pen and pencil set. 14K gold fittings. Red or green with gold marbled effect. Leatherette case. Per set, postpaid \$1.25

No. 1405: Combination pen and pencil. When not in use it is carried like a pencil. Pen has gold nib with iridium tip and gold trimmings. Triple action pencil. Guaranteed unbreakable. Mother-of Pearl and black. Price, postpaid \$2.75



No. 1408: Ladies' pen and pencil set. Pearl and black; gold trimming. 14K gold nib and iridium tip on pen. Triple action pencil. Per pair, postpaid \$2.75

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

OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- **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
- 1930 Model A Deluxe Coupe.
Turn signals, 5 new Firestone tires, Good interior and exterior, Good motor. Asking \$17,500
Contact Conrad Gerdes at
812-584-5659
- Rebuilt inserted Model A engines.
Contact Conrad Gerdes at
812-584-5639

Model A Upholstery Interiors, Tops, & Trunks

Call Dottie Gerdes
(812) 584-5631

B & R Early Model Starter & Generator Repair

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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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Spouse E-Mail Address: _____

Model A's Owned: _____

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