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## Director's Column: John Grossheim



April showers are certainly here! I hope everyone had a great March. I look forward to being at the April meeting. If you were not able to join us for the March Polar Bear Tour hosted by the Arnolds to Yellow Springs, you missed out! Certainly a great tour with absolutely perfect weather! We have two tours planned for the month of April so definitely a chance to get your A out and dusted off for the year.

We are still trying to fill out the calendar and there are plenty of openings for a tour during the summer -time driving months so see if your calendars are free! Clinton Knackstedt has agreed to host the April Tech Session, and Jarrod Williams will host the May Tech session. If you would like to or are willing to do a 15 minute tech seminar at a meeting, please let Jarrod or myself know. Please attend our April Club meeting as we will be voting on the club paying storage fees for our new found Tool Crib!

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## OVRMAFC April Crime Lab Tour April 12, 2024

Tom and Margie Blomer invite you to join them for lunch at Firehouse Grill and Brewery, then drive over to the Hamilton County Crime Lab, where we will have a 45min tour of the facility.

### Meeting Location:

[Firehouse Grill and Brewery](#)  
[4785 Lake Forest Drive](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45242](#)

Meet at Noon



## OVRMAFC April Kentucky Countryside Tour April 20, 2024

Join us as Jarrod and Melissa Williams host a tour into the countryside of Kentucky. We are going to meet at a Cincinnati Cars & Coffee event, where you can show off your Model A and check out the other local cars that show up.

### Meeting Location:

[Crestview Hills Town Center](#)  
[2791 Town Center Blvd](#)  
[Crestview Hills, KY 41017](#)  
[\(Across from Dewey's Pizza\)](#)

Arrive as early as 8:00am for Cars and Coffee.  
Our tour will be departing at 10:00am.

## OVRMAFC April Club Meeting

## April 24, 2024

We are excited to finish out our tour schedule. Follow the signs for the Training Room once you enter the main firehouse entrance.

**Starting Time: 7:30pm**

### Meeting Location:

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

## News and Special Events

Margie Blomer  
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## 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 hopefully in your hands by the 10th of each month.

2024 PDF Rosters have been emailed to all due paying members.

Printed copies were available at the March club 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](#)

# 2024 Polar Bear Tour

Held on March 16 & 17 by: Larry and Deb Arnold



This year we all met in Sharonville to kick off the tour. We started with 11 model A's, 3 modern cars, and one giant puppy. We got our direction mistake immediately out of the way, and were back on the road after a "middle of the road" U-turn and began on the trip heading northeast toward Yellow Springs.

We made our first stop in the Lebanon area and picked up Stu Long in his "A". While waiting for everyone, we met a fellow customer with his pet parrot. He had the parrot for over a decade and only recently discovered it was a girl. Parrots are full of surprises.

We meandered the remainder of the way through some beautiful countryside to Young's Jersey Dairy for lunch. Where we filled up with sandwiches and burgers and, of course, the most delicious ice cream. Everyone had a choice for the afternoon:

- Enjoy browsing around Yellow Springs.
- Peruse the antiques at the Springfield Antique Market.
- Relax back at the hotel in Springfield.

Our entire group reconvened at the hotel for some social time. We shared delicious home-made snacks, Cassano's Pizza, a variety of bourbon/Irish whiskey, and yummy cookies. (Everyone needs to ask Eddie for his cheeseball recipe!) We played a bit of Left-Right-Center and a few hands of cards. Until we were kicked-out of the lobby for being too loud.

On St. Patrick's Day Sunday, we woke to a delicious breakfast at the hotel and headed out for driving tour of the historic district of Springfield including Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House, the Wittenberg University Campus, and Ferncliff Cemetery & Arboretum. During our little tour, our group was separated. So, after some of us were lucky enough to take pretty pics by the river, we regrouped and started heading back to the Lebanon Area. Our last stop was at Gold Star where some of us grabbed a bite for lunch, we ended our tour without any break downs—so, no toilet seat award this year! Thanks to everyone who joined us, we had a grand time.



# Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, March 27, 2024 Sharonville Firehouse

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Jarrod Williams, Vice Director, who also led the Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Deb Arnold. There were 44 members present and 4 Model A's were driven. New members present were Shannon and John Hackney and Russ Allgood who is interested in purchasing a Model A.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports approved as printed in the March 2024 Newsletter.

### MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Mike Wilcher reviewed the program for new members present.

CAR CARE GANG: Assisted Mike Wilcher.

### FASHION COMMITTEE:

Margie Blomer will be attending the Membership Meet in Joliet, IL in April 4-6, 2024. Phyllis Pease reported that attendance is low for this Meet.

### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported that Cliff Gilb has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be having surgery next week. Phyllis Pease reported that both Ralph Hicks and his son are recuperating from recent head injuries.

The March birthday of Bob Zitney was celebrated. March anniversaries recognized were: Bill & Shirley Cook (48 years), Conrad & Dottie Gerdes (25 years) and Brad & Chris Hamlin (10 years).

### MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrod Williams reported 97 paying members. The youngest member is Bella Nelson at 20 years old. A new feature of the newsletter will be a Membership Spotlight. Members are encouraged to submit articles about other members who deserve special recognition for their participation in the club.

### NEWSLETTER:

Jarrod recognized recent articles submitted by Mike Wilcher and Angel Noe. All newsletter submissions are due by the 3rd of each month.

### SWAP MEET:

The swap meet will be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Deb Arnold reviewed the fliers she has created and the registration form. Members are encouraged to distribute fliers to appropriate venues throughout the summer. Deb also reviewed the layout of the fairground areas to be used. Volunteers will be needed for all positions on day of meet. Please contact Deb if you will help.

### TOOL STORAGE:

Tool storage fee is currently \$50/month including insurance. Jarrod will ask for vote at the April 24, 2024 meeting for club to assume this expense.

### RECENT EVENTS:

Deb Arnold reported that 12 Model A's and 3 modern cars joined the party for the annual Polar Bear tour on Saturday/Sunday, March 16/17, 2024. The group departed the Sharonville area and traveled to Yellow Springs, OH and Springfield, OH where lunch was at Young's Dairy. Afternoon shopping in Yellow Springs and a visit to the Springfield antique show were enjoyed. A pizza dinner was served in the hotel lobby along with card games.

### UPCOMING OVR EVENTS:

Tom and Margie Blomer will host an event to the Hamilton County Crime Lab on FRIDAY, April 12, 2024. Participants should meet at Firehouse Grill, 4785 Lake Forest Drive, Cincinnati, OH at Noon. After lunch everyone will drive their Model A to the Crime Lab and have a 45 minute tour of the facility.

On Saturday, April 20, Jarrod and Melissa Williams will host a tour into the countryside of Kentucky. We are going to meet at a Cincinnati Cars & Coffee event, where you can show off your Model A and check out the other local cars that show up. Meeting Location: Crestview Hills Town Center, 2791 Town Center Blvd, Crestview Hills, KY 41017. (Across from Dewey's Pizza). Arrive as early as 8:00am for Cars and Coffee. Our tour will be departing at 10:00am.

Bob and Cindy Green will host the annual Poker Run in Sunday, July 21, 2024. Details TBA.

### UPCOMING NATIONAL MODEL A EVENTS:

- The MARC Membership Meet will be held in Joliet, IL April 4-6, 2024.
- The MARC National Tour will be held in Berlin, OH May 21-23, 2024.
- The MARC National Meet will be held in Ashville, NC July 15-18, 2024.:

TECH SEMINAR: The Tech presented by Tom Blomer immediately followed the business meeting.

SPLIT THE POT: \$73 was won by Stu Long.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m by Jarrod Williams, Vice Director.

SUBMITTED BY: Phyllis Pease, Secretary



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The advertisement features a green background with images of Christmas cards and puzzles. One card shows a Model A in a winter setting, and another shows a Model A in a summer setting. The puzzles are labeled '500 PUZZLE' and '1000 PUZZLE'.

# Don't Forget to Oil!!

By: Chris Wickerdham

Taken From: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Dont-Forget-to-Oil-October-2022.pdf>

Most Model A owners are well aware the need to keep their cars well maintained. In order to drive and enjoy Model A's with confidence that they will not be experiencing problems or breakdowns, it is necessary to pay attention to the details. We all know the importance of keeping the oil and coolant levels topped off, routinely checking the other fluid levels and change fluids when necessary, however in order to properly care for your Model A there are other maintenance items that should also be performed. The following are some components that are often overlooked.

Both the front and rear bearings of the generator require regular lubrication. The late style generator has a oil port on the front of the generator right behind the pulley. This should be covered by a little "L" shaped clip that may have to be pushed aside to open. An oil cup is provided for the rear bearing. It will be necessary to remove the rear cover of a Power House Generators to oil the rear bearing. Alternators have sealed bearings that do not require attention.



The throttle linkage is often overlooked. There is an oil hole drilled in the top of each leg of the throttle linkage support bracket, located at the rear of the engine. A drop or two in each oil hole will keep the throttle operating smoothly. At the same time, a little oil on each end of the link between the throttle linkage and the carburetor will extend the life of these components.



The distributor should be oiled every 500 miles or so. All Model A distributors have an oil cup on the side that requires a few drops of oil every 500 miles or so. Some Model A distributors have a modified shaft that

helps with getting oil to the upper bushing. Check under the rotor for an oil hole in the center of the cam screw. Add only one drop of oil. Too much oil can result in getting oil on the points. A little silicone grease or distributor cam lube on the distributor cam will extend the life of the rubbing block on the points. Also, periodically check the point gap.

The water pump is another component that may need attention. Model A water pumps are now available with sealed front and rear bearings that do not require lubrication, but if your Model A has an original type water pump, every 500 miles or so it will be necessary to grease the front and rear bearings. Add a little special water pump grease to the rear bushing. Remember, just a little, too much will find its way into the cooling system. A little chassis grease to the front bearing is also needed.



Door hinges are often overlooked. When you grease the chassis, put a few drops of oil on each door hinge pin. This will keep the doors opening and closing smoothly and also help prevent the hinge pins from wearing out. A little oil on the latches and some silicone grease on the alignment dovetails and strikers will help with the operation and longevity of these components. Dry graphite lubricant or very light oil in the lock cylinders will keep them operating smoothly.

The horn is usually only looked at when it doesn't work right. Remove the motor cover and you will find a piece of felt at the

front and rear of the armature shaft. A drop or two of oil on these felts will lubricate the armature bushings and keep the horn sounding as a Model A horn should. Personally, I think the Model A horn is the most important component of the car and it is necessary to ensure it is in good operating condition.



Since driving season is upon us, taking care of the small details will help add enjoyment to your Model A driving experience.

## 2024 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **April 12, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC April Tour - Hamilton County Crime Lab**  
Join us as Tom and Margie Blomer host a tour to the Hamilton County Crime Lab. We will all meet for lunch first at noon, then we all will drive our Model A's to the crime lab for the tour.  
**Starting Location and Lunch:**  
[Firehouse Grill and Brewery](#)  
[4785 Lake Forest Drive](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45242](#)  
Meet here for lunch at noon
- **April 20, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC April Tour - Kentucky Countryside Tour**  
Join us as Jarrod and Melissa Williams host a tour into the countryside of Kentucky. We are going to meet at a Cincinnati Cars & Coffee event, where you can show off your Model A and check out the other local cars that show up. From there we will venture down into Kentucky for about 100 miles and take in the winding country roads. We will be stopping for lunch and then heading back to the starting area.  
**Meeting Location:**  
[Crestview Hills Town Center](#)  
[2791 Town Center Blvd](#)  
[Crestview Hills, KY 41017](#)  
(Across from Dewey's Pizza)  
Arrive as early as 8:00am for Cars and Coffee.  
Our tour will be departing at 10:00am
- **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 2, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC Oeder's Lake**  
[1369 E Hwy 22, Morrow, OH](#)  
A signup sheet will be passed around at our May meeting so that we can buy the appropriate amount of food. Grilled food will be provided and served around noon, but you can come early to enjoy the weather and property. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. There are a few picnic tables, however you may wish to bring a lawn chair. Fishing is allowed but you must bring your own bait and you can not use minnows.
- **June 26, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC June Meeting**  
Details to come
- **July 15-18, 2024**  
**Model A Restorer's Club National Meet In Asheville, North Carolina**  
For more information please visit:  
[https://model-a-ford.org/event/national-meet-asheville-nc/?instance\\_id=378](https://model-a-ford.org/event/national-meet-asheville-nc/?instance_id=378)
- **July 24, 2024**  
**OVRMAFC July Meeting**  
Details to come
- **August 28, 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 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

## Lines Not Styles

**By: Peggy Gill**

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Spring is just around the corner. Snow may be melting and sprigs of new growth are beginning to burst out all around us...everything is looking fresh! Your wardrobe may need refreshing too, so let's break out from the dreary winter and shed that cocoon into a new you! Many women get this...and are off to their favorite shops to brighten up their wardrobe as the weather warms and we begin to spend more time outdoors or gathering with friends. Each new season brings to light new styles, new fabrics, or new colors in the world of women's fashion, but for men, the changes are not so obvious. In the Spring of 1931, it was all about lines—not styles.

If you are not short and stout, or long and lanky, what style works for you? According to Wetzel's, which was one of the oldest men's tailor houses in New York at the time, representative, the "well-proportioned man" has the option of virtually any style and color he chooses. His main concern is to keep away from extremes. "Patterns that

are not too marked, suits unobtrusively cut, plain shirts, conservative socks and ties—these are the only style essentials for a man." As to color, it was suggested that "men keep to the combinations nature has used." The last bit of advice offered by Wetzel's Tailor House is as valid today as it was in 1931. Basically, men should buy smart and consider lines appropriate for their shape, not necessarily the latest style of the day.

	Short & Stout	Long & Lanky	Overweight
<b>Suit Jacket</b>	Single breasted jacket Long and narrow lapels Shoulders well fitted No hint of shoulder padding Straight waist	Double breasted jacket Narrow lapels Natural shoulder Padded chest to make it look fuller Slight fit at the waistline	
<b>Pant Leg Style</b>	Tapered slightly from calf to ankle	Wider trouser leg to break the line of the shoe	
<b>Fabric</b>	Smooth finish	Fabric with texture or a surface nap	
<b>Things to Avoid</b>	Stretchy fabrics	Stripes	Patterns
<b>Things to Consider</b>	Conservative vertical stripe	Lighter shades as well as darker colors	Plain dark colors

## 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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Terry Owens  
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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
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**Ohio Valley Region Model "A" Ford Club**  
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