

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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May, 2024

## Director's Column: John Grossheim



The April's showers seemed to bring out Model A'ers! We had a great couple of tours in April. The Blomers hosted a fantastic tour of the Hamilton County Crime Lab starting with a great lunch at the Firehouse Grill. We had a great turnout for it being a Friday tour! The Williams hosted a tour of the backroads of Northern Kentucky with lunch at the Lenoxburg General Store. We had a great lunch and met some of the kindest folks including one younger guy who brought his 1952 Hudson Hornet to welcome us! Our last meeting ran longer than usual, but we had a lot of great information including a seminar from Clinton Knackstedt on electric vehicle charging and Deb Arnold on how to host a tour.

We will be having a vote at our next meeting for the costs of the swap meet to approve the budget so please make sure you read over it in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting and hopefully on the May tour on the 19th!

## OVRMAFC May Eastside Adventure Tour - May 19, 2024

Join us as Jimmy Ekstedt hosts the Eastside Adventure Tour!

Get ready, get excited for a fun filled day of scenic driving, delicious food, fishing, and car games!

### Starting location:

[Newtown Farm Market](#)  
[3950 Round Bottom Rd](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45244](#)

**Drivers meeting at: 11am**

**Departure at: 11:30am**

The Newtown Farm Market offers a vast selection of excellent produce, deli items, baked goods, and garden items. From there we will be taking a lovely scenic route to the Schoolhouse Restaurant in Camp Denison, followed up by fishing at Lake Isabella. Fishing passes are available at their boathouse for purchase, no fishing license is required. We will follow up with some more views and vistas as we travel to Weller Park in Montgomery for car games and trivia. Hope to see you all there!

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### Meeting Location:

[Harrison Township Civic Center](#)  
[9940 New Haven Rd](#)  
[Harrison, OH 45030](#)

**Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.**

**OVRMAFC Business meeting starts at 7:30pm**

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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 Hamilton County Crime Lab Tour

Hosted by: Tom and Margie Blomer

A huge thank you to Tom and Margie Blomer for hosting a tour of the Hamilton County Crime Lab! The day started with lunch at Firehouse Grill and Brewery and then a tour over to the crime lab for a private tour of the facility. The weather didn't cooperate, but everyone loved lunch and the tour, thank you for everyone that came out!



## 2024 Kentucky Countryside Tour

Hosted by: Jarrod and Melissa Williams

The tour started at a Cars & Coffee event in Crestview Hills Kentucky, which was at least an hour drive for everyone to even get to the starting location. Then we drove through the hills of Kentucky winding our way to Lenoxburg Kentucky where we all ate lunch at the Lenoxburg General Store (built in 1939). The lunch special was excellent and we all had a great time hanging out. After lunch we drove up Route 8 taking in the Ohio River views before ending for a beer at the famous Hofbräuhaus in Newport Kentucky. We ended the day back at home with 120 miles under the belt of the Model A, thank you to everyone that came out!



# Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, April 23, 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 group in a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

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

### ATTENDANCE:

There were 42 members present. 8 Model A's were driven. Guests present were Joe and Janet Streit, owners of a Model A Roadster.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in the March 2024 AAOOOGAH.

### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer sent a card of well wishes to Cliff Gilb who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. The April birthday of Art Foreman was celebrated.

### CAR CARE GANG: No report.

### FASHION COMMITTEE:

Margie Blomer reported on the Fashion Committee activities at the MARC Membership meet held in Joliet, IL, April 4-6, 2024. The Fashion Committee seminar was a mock fashion judging.

### MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET:

Jim Thomas received 3 Honorable Mention awards for articles published in the Model A News. Jarrod Williams once again received an award of Continuing Excellence for our club newsletter, The AAAOOO GAH. Jim Thomas shared photos of the Welcome Party which was held at the Jordan Beller Museum.

### MARC MILEAGE:

Mike Wilcher reviewed the process for registering cars in the MARC Mileage Program. Mileage awards were presented to members ranging from 2,000 miles to 35,000 miles.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrod Williams reported 97 memberships paid.

### NEWSLETTER:

Submissions must be received by Jarrod Williams by the 3rd of each month.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Members in attendance voted yes for the club to assume \$50 monthly rental fee for tool storage and club library. Mike Schroeder has volunteered to manage both.

### RECENT EVENTS:

24 members and guests attended an event on Friday, April 12, 2024 hosted by Tom and Margie Blomer. After lunch at the Firehouse Grill, participants toured the state of the art Hamilton County Crime Lab.

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, Jarrod and Melissa Williams hosted a tour of the Kentucky countryside. Nine members, 5 Model A's and one modern car left the Cars and Coffee show at the Crestview Hills Town Center for a 120 mile ride through the Kentucky countryside, stopping for lunch at the Lenoxburg Country Store and ending at the Hofbrauhaus in Newport, KY.

### PRESENTATION:

Deb Arnold made a presentation on planning a tour. Highlights included: Idea of what to do, starting location, planning the route, driving the route and finalizing directions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tom Blomer encouraged members to attend a car show to be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at the X Tech facility, 11451 Reading Road, Sharonville, OH. Event begins at 11:00 a.m.

On Saturday, May 19, 2024, Jimmy Ekstedt will host a tour meeting at the Farmers Market in Newtown, OH, 3969 Round Bottom Road at 11:00 a.m. to leave at 11:30 a.m. Events will include fishing at Lake Isabella and car games at Weller Park,

### TECH SEMINAR:

Clinton Knackstedt presented a seminar on modern electric vehicle charging.

### SPLIT THE POT:

Deb Arnold won \$68.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director

SUBMITTED BY: Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

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

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### **B & R Early Model Starter & Generator Repair**

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# Henry's Anti-theft System

By: Tom Endy

Taken From: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Henrys-anti-theft.pdf>

Horse thieves and car thieves have one thing in common, they have to be quick about it. If the project is going to take some time they will move on to a better prospect. Henry came up with a unique anti-theft system for the Model A. Though it is not fool proof, it is time consuming, and it is thus not that easy to hot wire a Model A Ford.

The ignition system on a Model A is very simple. Battery power is applied directly to one side of the primary of the coil through a black wire attached to one of the wing nut terminals on the firewall. The red wire from the other primary side of the coil sneaks its way into the terminal block opposite the black wire, but is not connected to anything inside. Instead the wire runs up to the dash panel and connects directly to the ignition key switch.

When the key is switched off (the pop-out pushed in) there is no electrical connection made to the coil. In addition the arm side of the switch is connected direct to ground when switched to the off position. The ground prevents someone from going inside the distributor and successfully connecting a hot wire because the points will have a ground on them and the hot wire will not work.

A wire is connected to the arm side of the ignition switch and runs down through an armored cable to the distributor delivering battery voltage to the ignition points. The cable is very tough and there is no way you can cut through it with a hack saw. On the end of the armored cable is a threaded coupler that screws into the distributor housing. In order to thread (or unthread) the connector, the distributor has to be removed from the engine. And before you can do that you have to unbolt the head bolt nut clamping the cable to the number 8 stud

The only way you can hot wire a Model A is to unbolt the clamp from the number 8 stud, unbolt the locking nut on the side of the head, remove the distributor from the head and while holding it in your hands, unscrew the distributor from the armored cable. Some type of wiring device would then have to be inserted inside connector boss of the distributor to make electrical contact and have a length of wire attached with a clip lead on it.

The distributor would then have to be reinstalled in the head and the clip lead attached to the low side of the primary of the coil after the existing wire has been removed. All this will take some amount of time, providing you have the right tools with you and know which is the low side of the coil.

There is, however, a down side to Henry's anti-theft system. It has a tendency to fail now and then and leave you stranded unable to start the car. The wire inside the armored cable can become disconnected or short out. The switch itself can become defective and lose the connection, or short out. In many cases the malfunction is intermittent and it is difficult to determine what is causing the problem.

This is where an ignition bypass cable comes in handy. It is the same device a thief would use if he wanted to hot wire and steal the car and had plenty of time to do it. The cable is made up from a discarded pop-out cable. What is needed is the connector portion that screws into the distributor. A wire with a clip lead is attached to the other end.

When a pop-out cable or ignition switch failure is suspected. Remove the existing cable as previously described and screw the bypass cable into the distributor and attach the clip lead to the coil. The car should then start. In order to shut the engine off you have to remove the clip lead.

Most modern day Model A hobbyist who do a lot of touring carry a bypass cable and do not connect the armored cable to the number 8 stud. The clamp is discarded and a spacer is put under the number 8 nut to compensate for the longer stud. Removing a head bolt nut while out on the road is not a good idea. It can allow the head to warp and dump water into the oil pan.



## 2023 Model A Restorer's Club Mileage Program Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of MARC Mileage awards for 2023!  
If you are interested in logging your yearly mileage for the program, please see  
Mike Wilcher at a meeting or contact him and he will enroll you.



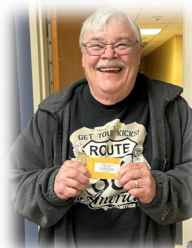
Eddie Bohmer  
2,000 Miles



Bill Cook  
2,000 Miles



Tom & Margie Blomer  
2,000 Miles



Bob Green  
10,000 Miles



Bob Zitney  
15,000 Miles



Tim Schmidt  
25,000 Miles

## 2024 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **May 19, 2024**

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- **May 27, 2024**

### **Memorial Day Parade**

The Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club has again been invited to participate in 114th Annual Memorial Day Parade, which again will be held in Arlington Heights, Lockland and Reading on Monday May 27, 2023. Some of us will meet at The Spring Grove Funeral Home (formerly The Schmidt-Dhonau Funeral Home) located at 8633 Reading Rd. in Reading between 8 and 8:15 AM. We need to be at our staging point at 8:30 AM. Some of you may prefer to just meet at the staging point which is on Blanche Ave. in Arlington Heights. This is behind the Arlington Heights Village Hall. The length of the parade is 2 miles and will take about 1 ½ hours. Some of us go to get something to eat after the parade. More info please call Tim Schmidt at 513-266-2662.

- **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. You can arrive as early as 10am to fish. Lunch will be served around noon.

- **June 26, 2024**

### **OVRMAFC June Meeting**

Hosted by Jim Thomas and John Grossheim, join us at the picnic shelter behind the Blue Ash Municipal Building 4343 Cooper Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Look for signs directing you to the picnic shelter.

**Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.**

**OVRMAFC Business meeting starts at 7:30pm**

- **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



**Model A Ad Puzzles**

NEW  
CHRISTMAS  
CARDS &  
PUZZLES

4 DIFFERENT CARD  
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[WWW.BEEZKNEEZPUZZLES.COM](http://WWW.BEEZKNEEZPUZZLES.COM)

The advertisement features several images of puzzle boxes and Christmas cards. One puzzle box is labeled '500 PUZZLE 192413' and another is labeled '1000 PUZZLE 20227'. The cards and puzzles depict various Model A Ford cars in different settings, such as a winter scene with a red cardinal and a green car in a field.

## 2024 OVRMAFC Swap Meet Budget

By: Deb Arnold

Below is the budget that the swap meet committee has presented to membership as of this printing.  
As cited in the club constitution, it is being printed in the newsletter to be voted on at the May meeting.

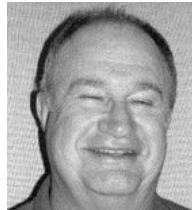
2024 OVR Swap Meet Budget				
Line item	Estimate Amount	2021 Car Show Cost		
Advertising/Printing	\$200.00	\$592.87		
Door Prizes	\$0.00	\$271.69		
Location	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	Custodian fee waived the last year of car show	
Event Costs	\$100.00	\$641.07	Due 14 days before event*	Need deposit of \$450
Food	\$400.00	\$300.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,050.00</b>	<b>\$1,805.63</b>		
Swap Meet Vendor Registration Revenue Projection				
Area/Building				
First building	45	\$900.00		
Second building	15	\$300.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>		
Entry Projections				
Admission	200	\$1,000.00		
Car Corral	30	\$300.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>		
Concession Projection				
2024 Estimate	\$600.00			
2022 Car Show Concession Revenue	\$541.00			
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME</b>				<b>\$1,050.00</b>

If you have any questions please contact Deb Arnold or the swap meet committee.

## 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 Coupe \$11,500**  
Contact Conrad Gerdes at  
812-584-5659
- **1930 Coupe with rumble seat**  
\$14,500. Contact Conrad Gerdes at  
812-584-5659
- **1931 Slant Window 4 Door**  
\$14,500. Contact Conrad Gerdes at  
812-584-5659
- **Rebuilt inserted Model A engines.**  
Contact Conrad Gerdes at  
812-584-5639

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

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