

# THE AAAAAOOGAH!

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## Director's Column: John Grossheim



This summer has been one of the hottest of recent memory! I am very grateful for my Trico fan "air conditioning" in my A! Our July meeting at the Gerdes' was outstanding despite the torrential downpour. We had great attendance and the food was excellent, although you can always expect great food from Conrad and Dottie. Conrad announced his retirement from restorations which is a great loss to our hobby but ended the meeting on a high note with a tour of his workshop.

The Schroeders hosted us for Ford Family Day and we had an awesome turnout of 16 cars! We even had a booth for recruiting and one for youth engagement with coloring Model A drawings and sticker making. Amy gave us a great tour of the facility and Terry and Tom both looked like they were back at home! We were introduced to a really cool technique using a 3D printer to manufacturer parts for machines... I wonder if they can do it for model As?

We have lots of car stuff planned for September including our swap meet! Please make sure to reach out to Deb Arnold to ask how you can help give back to our club. This is our first year for this swap meet and it is AMAZING that this has come together the way it has. Thank you Deb and her team for all of their outstanding work on making this possible! Swap meets can quickly become reliable traditions, think of the Pumpkin Run or others, so this means we will have a great foundation to build off of for future years. Because we are not doing the car show, this is our club fundraiser so this is an important event that will help keep our club going strong and continue to support the hobby and all of us crazy Model Aer's for years to come. I look forward to seeing you at our August meeting!

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### Saturday, August 24, 2024

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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.

## 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](#)

# The 2024 MARC National Meet in Asheville North Carolina

By: Amy Schroeder

The MARC National Meet was in Asheville, NC, this year, and Mike and I were fortunate to attend. We began our trip driving a modern car to my dad's (Jim Townsend's) shop in Rock Hill, SC, near Charlotte. Dad's shop is a Model A lover's dream. It's in a former old car dealership building in downtown Rock Hill. It's large enough to store over a dozen classic cars (primarily Model As) and his enclosed trailer. The shop also has a lift, shelves of organized Model A parts, an air-conditioned room (used to be a paint booth) for working on carburetors and small components, a washer and dryer for cleaning shop rags, and break area with rocking chairs and snacks. There is also a small refrigerator stocked with beer and a working stoplight to tell everyone when it's time to take a break! Dad calls break time "Howdy Doody Time."

Monday morning, we went to the shop and joined others from the Charlotte Queen City club in preparation to drive to the national meet. Sandeep



Berry, from the Queen City club, led the caravan of 8 Model As, driving from Rock Hill to Asheville. Dad drove his Model A pickup, and he let us drive his 1930 Phaeton. We stopped for gas and then for lunch overlooking Lake Lure and arrived in Asheville with no issues.



During the meet we enjoyed driving Model As around town, checking out the swap meet, and visiting with others who love the hobby. We drove on the Blue Ridge Parkway for

a short hike, shopped in downtown Asheville, and found plenty of breweries!



With custom shirts for the event, the club was hard to miss!

The grand tour to the Wheels of Time motorcycle museum was also fun. It's absolutely incredible to be part of a procession of 200-300 beautiful Model As!! There were several other members from our Cincinnati club who also attended, and we were able to spend a little time with the Arnolds and Blomers.



After the meet we drove back to Rock Hill with a dozen other cars from the Charlotte club, and then swapped the Phaeton for our modern car.



It was a great time just spending time with my dad.

# Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, July 24, 2024 Gerdes Home, Dillsboro Indiana

### CALL TO ORDER:

Due to inclement weather, an abbreviated business meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director, who led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

Jarrold Williams, Vice Director led the Roll Call.

### ATTENDANCE:

There were 46 members present. 5 Model A's were driven. One potential new member, David Klein was present. One new member, Jamie Focke, owner of a 1929 AA was present.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrold Williams reported 109 paid members.

### NEWSLETTER:

Please contact Jarrod Williams if you are not receiving emailed Newsletter. Items for the Newsletter must be submitted to Jarrod Williams by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month for inclusion in the Newsletter.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in the July 2024 Newsletter.

### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Deb Arnold reported that her daughter, Megan Arnold, recently had sinus surgery and is recuperating at home. Margie Blomer is having back surgery on Friday and Dottie Gerdes is having a knee replacement in the near future. Conrad and Dottie Gerdes announced that upcoming health issues, their restoration services will be closing.

Brad and Chris Hamlin and Tom and Carol Schiffer celebrated July anniversaries.

### CAR CARE GANG:

Tom Blomer helped Art Foreman install new battery.

Tim Schmidt had side of road break down, called AAA for a tow, had new battery installed

### FASHION COMMITTEE:

Deb Arnold has recently joined the MARC Fashion Committee, The Fashion Committee is considering the creation of a Fun Fashion category, Four entrants were judged at the recent MARC Meet. Emma Arnold received a perfect score for a Clara Ford Award.

### MARC MILEAGE:

Mike Wilcher reviewed the program.

**Congratulations** to John Grossheim who has been appointed to the MAFFI Board.

### RECENT EVENTS:

John Grossheim and Amy Schroeder hosted a Blooms and Berries event on Saturday, June 29, 2024 which included berry picking, a tea and a mansion tour.

13 Model A's participated in the Montgomery. OH July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

11 Model A's. one vintage Ford Falcon and one modern car participated in the annual Poker Run, on Sunday, July 21, 2024, hosted by Bob and Cindy Green. The group left Colerain Ave. and drove scenic roads, ending at the Shift restaurant in Bright, Indiana for lunch. Winners of the Poker hands were Pam Mohr, first place, Eddie Bohmer, second place and Anna Williams, third place.

Club attendees to the MARC National Meet in Ashville, NC were Tom and Margie Blomer, Amy and Mike Schroeder, and Larry and Deb Arnold.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Amy Schroeder will host Ford Friends and Family Day at the Ford Sharonville transmission plant on Saturday, 29, 2024. Participants must be in a Model A to attend. Parking will be reserved at the plant. Amy will lead a tour of the plant. Lunch will be included.

No club event is scheduled for August 2024.

Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI will be held on Friday, September 20-Saturday, September 21, 2024.

### SWAP MEET:

Deb Arnold announced that 13 spots have been sold for the September 28<sup>th</sup> swap meet. Need to sell at least 20 more. Members were encouraged to post on any social media site i.e. Facebook, MARC, MAFCA, FORD BARN, ETC.

Bob Green announced the James and Sherry Green are willing to donate a popcorn machine to be used at the Swap Meet.

### SPLIT THE POT:

Russ Algood won \$68.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

### SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

### **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

# 2024 July Poker Run Tour

Hosted by: Bob and Cindy Green

Bob and Cindy hosted an amazing Poker Run Tour today. We had 11 Model A's, a Ford Falcon, and one modern car. We drove through the city, onto country roads, then into corn fields, under a covered bridge, and finally popped out in Bright Indiana for lunch at Shift. The weather was perfect, but the camaraderie is what makes this club special. Thank you to the Green's for hosting and all of our members who came out.



## 2024 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

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- **September 14, 2024**

**OVRMAFC September Tour - "Go Directly to Jail"**

Join us as Mike Wilcher hosts our September tour to the Warren County Jail. After the jail tour we will head to the Capricorn Inn in Wilmington for lunch, then back to Lebanon for Whit's Frozen Custard! This tour will be limited to adults only, due to safety concerns at the jail.

Meeting Location:

[McDonalds at Tri-County Town Center](#)

[11723 Princeton Pike](#)

[Springdale, OH 45246](#)

Meeting Time: 9:00am

- **September 20-21, 2024**

**Model A Ford Days at MAFFI on the Gilmore Car Museum**

The Gilmore Car Museum is the proud home of the Model A Ford Museum, the world's largest museum dedicated solely to the Model A! Special events and activities will be held throughout the day including a swap meet, live music, technical and fashion seminars, and more! Bring your Model A or come as a spectator, this show and swap meet will be sure to please as hundreds of Model As gather in Hickory Corners, Michigan on the Gilmore's historic campus.

[6865 W Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, MI 49060](#)

- **September 28, 2024**

**OVRMAFC Vintage Car Swap Meet and Car Corral**

The Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club is excited to announce a rain or shine vintage car swap meet and car corral. We will have split the pot and door prizes, as well as food and beverages available for donation. September 28, 2024 from 8:00am to 2:00pm EST at the Boone County Fairgrounds 5819 Idlewild Road Burlington, KY 41005 (open for vendor unloading at 6:00AM) Welcome to all vendors with vehicle-related items! Spaces and prices listed here and on our website. Public Admission: \$5 per person , 12 and under free. Contact Debbie at 513-616-4314 or bello@beezkneezpuzzle.com

- **October 23, 2024**

**OVRMAFC October Club Meeting**

Join us at the Sharonville Fire Department Station 86.

Follow the signs to the Training Room.

Meeting starts at 7:30pm

[11637 Chester Rd](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)

- **November 20, 2024**

**OVRMAFC November Club Meeting**

Held a week early due to Thanksgiving next week. Join us at the Sharonville Fire Department Station 86.

Follow the signs to the Training Room.

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[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)



**Model A Ad Puzzles**  
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The advertisement features a green background with images of Christmas cards and puzzles. One card shows a vintage car in a winter scene, and another shows a car in a shop. Two puzzle boxes are also shown, one for 500 pieces and one for 1000 pieces, both featuring a vintage car.

## 2024 Ford Family Day - Ford Motor Company Transmission Plant



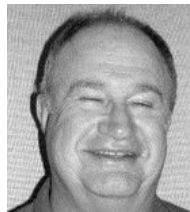
A huge thank you to Amy Schroeder for getting permission to have our cars at the Ford Family Days event again this year! The weather was fantastic and we had an awesome showing of Model A's for employees to check out. Thank you to every one that came out to promote our club!



### 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
- **Allstate Single Wheel Trailer**  
Includes bumper attachments designed for a Model A. Wired with tail lights and turn signals. Has a lock. Asking \$300 Call or text John Grossheim at 513-319-9282

**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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