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Director's Column: John Grossheim



WOW! 40 people attended the Polar Bear Tour to the Model T Museum hosted by Deb and Larry Arnold! What a great turnout and great fun! If you missed it, you really missed out on one of the highlights of my year! Our March meeting had 60 people in attendance, a great record for a wintertime meeting. We covered a lot of material, such as starting to get names together for the committees (please see Deb or Jarrod if you are interested in helping out with the swap meet or Christmas party!). Bella reorganized the club tool storage and is putting together a new method for signing out tools that can be done through our website. Lots of great things moving along!

This issue of the newsletter has a few motions proposed by Jarrod and Amy regarding our operating budget - something I do not recall seeing in the past. With our club's growth, we have new expenses, but we can also now have a more solid understanding of what services we provide for club members.

Please make sure you take the time to read it!

Our calendar is quickly filling up with many fun events and tours, so please let Jarrod know your location and times as soon as possible if you are hosting something. We are always looking for club Saturday seminar or tech seminar ideas, so if you have a project and want to invite the club along, please let Jarrod or me know, and we will get you on the schedule.

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April 13, 2025

OVRMAFC April Tour Clermont County Easter Egg Tour

Join us as Eddie and Mary Bohmer host a rescheduled tour across Clermont County. We will have the opportunity at several stops to select a filled Easter egg. Don't miss this opportunity to win fabulous prizes. We will end the tour for drinks and lunch at Mt. Carmel Brewery.

Starting location:

UDF on Kellogg
4308 Kellogg Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45226

Departure time:

10:00am

April 23, 2025

OVRMAFC April Business Meeting

Join us as we continue to work through our 2025 tour and event schedule. We are excited to see the tours and events that our members have planned! Follow the signs to the Training Room.

We have a new meeting time, 7:00pm.

Sharonville Fire Dept Station 86
11637 Chester Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246



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](#)

2025 OVRMAFC Operational Budget / Membership Dues

By: Amy Schroeder and Jarrod Williams

At the February business meeting it was requested that the officers put together a club operational budget to help inform our members of fixed costs the club incurs and the corresponding monies associated with printing/mailling physical newsletters. We do not believe a yearly budget has been presented in the last 10+ years, and we thought it was time to put some numbers down and see what comes out.

The below is the outcome of that request and something we believe would be more fiscally responsible for the club.

On the lower left side of the page you will see our fixed costs to keep the club functioning. Things like website, national club membership, PO Box, and storage unit are all required for the club to function. OVRMAFC events, summer meeting reimbursement (this includes a hot entrée for every attendee), and tour reimbursements are minimal and fun and help attract new members. The printing of a club newsletter and the printing of a club roster are accounting for a large percent of our budget that might not be needed, as both of these can be done at zero cost to the club through emailing a PDF copy to members.

We would like to propose two motions for the April Business meeting:

OVRMAFC
Membership Information
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Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Sharonville Firehouse

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director, who also led the Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW MEMBERS:

Two new members were welcomed : Andy and Jennifer Blomer and Mike and Libby Witten.

SPLIT THE POT: \$101 was won by Russ Allgood.

SECRETARY/TRESURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in the March 2025 Newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported that longtime member, Cliff Gilb, passed away recently. Club will make a \$100 donation to MAFFI in his memory and Margie Blomer will send a sympathy card to his family. Brenda Owens continues to recover from knee replacement surgery and Debbie Duebber, wife of previous member, Al Duebber has been admitted to Hospice.

The March birthday of Jack Greschel was acknowledged. The 46th wedding anniversary of Dottie and Conrad Gerdes was celebrated.

CAR CARE GANG:

There were multiple reports of members helping members; Tom Blomer and Terry Owens assisted Greg Gabbard, Stu Long thanked Brad and Chris Hamlin for helping with his car on several occasions, John Grossheim helped both Bella Nelson and Mike Wilcher, Larry Arnold helped Bob Noe over the phone, Bob Green assisted both Al Audette and Gary Daley. Ed Creighton reported that he helped start a car that had not been started for 50 years.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Deb Arnold reported that the topic of the Fashion Seminar in Nashville, IN will be tips for assembling a Model A Era ensemble. A new Fashion judging category, Display Only, will be introduced.

MARC/MAFCA NEWS:

Jarrold Williams encouraged all members to join one or both of the National Model A organizations.

MAFFI NEWS:

Both John Grossheim and Jarrod Williams are now on the Board of the MAFFI organization. The Model A museum in Hickory Corners, MI is currently under construction to double its original size. Members were encouraged to consider attending Model A Days, September 19/20, 2025 at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.

MARC MILEAGE:

Mike Wilcher encouraged members to register their cars in the MARC Mileage program.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrold Williams reported 81 current memberships, down 38 from 2024. 2025 club rosters are now available.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrold Williams encouraged members to submit articles of interest. All submissions are due to Jarrod by the 3rd of each month.

RECENT EVENTS:

Deb Arnold reported that 40 members attended the annual Polar Bear Tour on March 8/9, 2025. 15 Model A's and 5 modern cars took a scenic drive to Richmond, IN. After lunch at a vintage firehouse and a tour of the Model T museum, the group spent an enjoyable evening at the Holiday Inn Express. Games and food were enjoyed in the lobby of the hotel.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, Eddie and Mary Bohmer will host an Easter themed tour of Clermont County. Tour will depart the UDF (4308 Kellogg Ave.) at 9:30 a.m. Participants will choose Easter eggs for chances to win fabulous prizes. Lunch at the Mt. Carmel Brewery will follow.

Also on Saturday, April 5, the Blue Ash Historical Society will offer tours of the historic Hunt House.

On Saturday, April 26, 2025, the Columbus, IN A's will be driving to Okeana, OH to enjoy an historic presentation and a tour the Ed Creighton farm. OVR members are invites to attend.

The annual Columbus, IN swap meet will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 8a.m. to Noon.

On Friday, May 2, 2025, Xtek on Reading Road will be hosting a "Cool Cars Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. New member, Andy Blomer, has invited OVR to attend.

Chris and Brad Hamlin and Pam and Jim Mohr will host a Veterans recognition tour on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

The annual Lockland, Arlington Heights, Reading Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26, 2025.

Tom and Jeanette Losekamp will host the first picnic meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at the Harrison, OH Civic Center, 9940 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH.

Dinner at 6:00, Meeting starts at 7:00. Bring your own beverages and a dish to share.

June 15/22, the MAFCA National Tour of historic Civil War sites will begin and end in Waynesboro, PA

June 16/20, the MARC National Meet will be held in Gettysburg, PA.

Saturday, June 28, 2025, the club has been invited by Mike Lewis to join the Old Ford A's on a berry tour.

Second Annual Swap Meet will be held at the Boone County fairgrounds in Burlington, KY on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Deb Arnold has asked planning committee member to meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to the April 23, 2025 meeting.

March Meeting Minutes, continued

UPCOMING EVENTS continued:

Conrad Gerdes announced that OVR has been invited to attend the semi-annual Hay Press Barn Celebration on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Conrad will lead a scenic tour to the Barn located at 11437 South Fork Road, Dillsboro, IN. Amish group will provide fried chicken lunch. Attendees should bring a dish to share, drinks and a chair.

OTHER BUSINESS:

OVR member, Tom Treta, will organize a future tour of U.S. Playing Cards. Tom Blomer is selling a 1931 slant windshield which needs a new interior. The new club budget proposal will be available for member vote at April 23, 2025 meeting. The new club storage unit received an anonymous donation of \$500. Recognition to Bella Nelson who has done a great job in organizing the contents.

TOILET SEAT AWARD:

Deb Arnold announced that the club Toilet Seat award held by Mike Wilcher for 1 ½ years, has finally been awarded to Stu Long for holding up the Polar Bear tour.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at the Sharonville Firehouse.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease,
Secretary.

Correction from previous newsletter:
In the March newsletter, there was an incorrect address for our annual picnic held at Oeder's Lake.
The correct address is:
Oeder's Lake
1369 E US Highway 22 and 3,
Morrow, OH 45152

Model A Restorer's Club - The Running Board Report

Below is the monthly report sent out by the MARC Director of regions, Jim Zimmer. This is sent out to help MARC members understand all of the great things they are contributing to with their yearly dues!

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

March 2025

Membership continues to hold relatively stable with January renewals. We are in the process of invoicing 2023 and 2024 members who have not renewed hoping to reach people who have missed renewal notices. We would again ask all of our Regions to encourage new and existing members to join MARC. Don't forget about our expanded youth membership eligibility and our special membership rate for surviving spouses!

As a reminder, your MARC Board has extended our free one year membership offer to Region members who have never become MARC members. This membership includes the digital version of the *Model A News*, but you can experience all the other benefits of MARC membership. Give it a try!

Regarding MARC's Technical Chairman, you are probably aware that after serving more than 10 years, Ron Ehrenhofer has retired and Larry Shepard has volunteered to step up to fill his shoes. Larry is more than qualified for this role. A big thank you to both for your dedication to our organization.

Committee announcement! The Driver Class Judging Standards Committee is pleased to announce that the judging standards are available on the MARC website. Just select Menu, Programs and Awards, then click on MARC Driver Class to view and download the standards! Participants having vehicles judged will be required to provide the scoring sheets at Gettysburg this summer.



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2025 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **April 13, 2025**
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New Departure time: 10:00am
Starting location:
[UDF on Kellogg](#)
[4308 Kellogg Ave](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45226](#)
- **April 11-13, 2025**
Model A Restorer's Club 2025 Membership Meet
Nashville, Indiana
You must register for this event. Join in the fun of seminars, meetings, touring the countryside, dinners, fashion and car swap meets. For registration and agenda please visit:
<https://model-a-ford.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/MARC-MAN-Nov-Dec-2024-Registration-and-Schedule.pdf>
- **April 23, 2025**
OVRMAFC—April Business Meeting
We will be planning our touring and events for the year, so if you would like to volunteer to host please come with ideas! Follow the signs to the Training Room. Meeting time, 7:00pm.
[Sharonville Fire Dept. Station 86](#)
[11637 Chester Rd.](#)
[Cincinnati, OH 45246](#)
- **April 27, 2025**
61st Annual Model A Swap Meet
The Columbus Indiana MARC Region will hold its 61st annual swap meet on April 27, 2025. Setup will be from 6AM-8AM. This is one of the best local swap meets for Model A parts that you will find. It is held at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds in Columbus, Indiana.
- **May 10, 2025**
OVRMAFC May Tour - Ohio Veteran's Home
Join us as Chris Hamlin, Pam Mohr, and Angel Noe take us on a tour from Milford, to Georgetown, ending at a brewery-cidery in Mt. Orab.
[Milford McDonald's](#)
[990 Lila Ave](#)
[Milford, OH 45150](#)
Be there between 8:15-8:30am. Departing at 8:45am.
- **May 28, 2025**
OVRMAFC - May Business Meeting
The first of our summer meetings where we host business meetings at differing locations.
Join us as Tom and Jeanette Losekamp host us at:
[Harrison Township Civic Center](#)
[9940 New Haven Road](#)
[Harrison, Ohio 45030](#)
A dinner entree (Jeanette's famous homemade BBQ) will be provided, we ask that all members bring a side item or dessert. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. OVRMAFC Business meeting starts at 7:00pm
- **June 16 - 20, 2025**
Model A Restorer's Club 2025 Gettysburg National Meet
You must register for this event. Join 100+ Model A's as they drive around the scenic town of Gettysburg. Take in the history of the grounds, enjoy seminars, tours, dinners, ice cream socials and much more. For more information on agenda and registration please visit: <https://model-a-ford.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Registration-form.pdf>
- **June 25, 2025**
OVRMAFC June Business Meeting
Please join us as Phyllis Pease and Anna Williams host our club meeting at the Miami Whitewater Forest Tanager Meadow Shelter. The club will provide an entree, but attendees are requested to bring a side dish to share, their own drinks, and a lawn chair. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Club meeting will start at 7:00pm
Meeting location:
[Tanager Meadow Shelter at Miami Whitewater Forest](#)
[9001 Mt Hope Rd.](#)
[Harrison, OH 45030](#)



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2025 OVRMAFC March Polar Bear Tour - "The Tin Lizzy Tour"

By: Deb Arnold

Our day started cloudy and chilly—almost perfect Polar Bear weather. A total of 15 Model A's and 4 modern cars headed out of Harrison towards Indiana. Larry had some beautiful backroads planned for our drive to Richmond. Unfortunately, a semi caused our group to get separated before our third turn in Cedar Grove, Indiana.

We waited for the group to turn around and catch up for about 20 minutes, but they decided to stay on US-52 and take the direct route to Richmond instead. The front half of the group, led by Larry, was led on a country backroad tour through Indiana where we saw meandering streams, picturesque rolling hills, and even a covered bridge.



Once we all reconnected in Richmond, we headed to the Firehouse BBQ & Blues restaurant. The staff treated us like royalty. We had our own private room, which we needed because we had 35 club members and 2 guests. It was so exciting to have the Mosers all the way from Michigan join us in Richmond (on their anniversary no less). The food was delicious, and no one left hungry.



After lunch, we had a guided tour of the Model T Museum, which dispelled some Tin Lizzy myths for me. Mostly, that not all T's were black—some people say the same about A's. The museum is much larger than it looks from the street. It takes up two buildings and has a variety of items to experience, such as commercial trucks, speedsters, a plane, and a "T" from every year (1908-1927). I highly recommend a visit.



We then headed over to the hotel, where we were able to take over the entire lobby. Conrad and Dottie joined us for games, communing, and lots (and lots) of laughter. We ordered pizza and ate a yummy variety of snacks that our members took the time to make and bring along to share. A big shout out to the staff of the Richmond Holiday Inn. She let us take over the lobby and enjoy spending time getting to know everyone better without a single complaint.

In the morning, we headed out on a tour of the sights in and around Richmond. We stopped at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park, where Jarrod tried to park inside of John's A's, and many of us tried to capture a photo of us hanging off of the "hovering" helicopter—I didn't get the angle just right. We passed the Starr Gennet building, which once held the Starr Piano Factory/Gennet Records. Gennet Records is well-known for recording early jazz musicians, including Jelly Roll Morton and Louis Armstrong.



Our last stop in Richmond was at the Thistlethwaite Falls. A waterfall created by Timothy Thistlethwaite in the early 1800's to provide more waterpower for his nearby sawmill. From the waterfall, we took a long and winding drive back through Indiana with stop at the College Corner School. This school



literally spans the Indiana and Ohio border. Our members split off in Oxford to have lunch or head home.

We hope everyone had a great time on the Polar Bear. It was the largest group we had attend in a few decades! So thanks to all of you for making it such a great time. See you in 2026!

[Click here for the Facebook Album!](#)

Ohio Valley Region Model "A" Ford Club
Membership Application and Roster Information
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Existing Member:

New Member:

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Last Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Spouse E-Mail Address: _____

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