

The Ohio Valley Region's News

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May, 2025

Director's Column: John Grossheim



April showers seem to have brought more May showers!

My poor A has been stuck in the garage with the rain, but it was a good time to replace tires! Our April meeting brought about a change for 2026, club dues will increase to \$45 dollars to offset the increase in cost and expenses with our club. If you missed the April meeting, I had met with the various presidents of the Ohio clubs along with Jim Zimmer, the Director of Regions for MARC. I am very proud of our club. It seems we are the largest in Ohio and certainly up there numbers wise in the nation! Because of this, I will be working with Jim and Joe Valentine to put together a few national events in the near future.

In the very same week, MAFCA contacted me to ask if our region would host the 2026 Awards Banquet. Of course I said "Yes"! Our club will keep 100% of the profits and it will be a great chance for us to show off what we do here and how active we are! It might be a good time to make sure Jarrod and I don't show up and embarrass everyone! I'm looking forward to our tour on May 10th with a chance to thank Veterans out in Georgetown led by the Hamlins, Mohrs, and their amazing crew!

We've got a very full and exciting driving season coming up!

Don't forget Oeder's lake is the first Sunday in June! Look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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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.

Meeting location:

Milford McDonald's

990 Lila Ave

Milford, OH 45150

Be there between

8:15-8:30am

Departing at 8:45am

May 17, 2025

Farm Tour and Lecture

Come and enjoy a beautiful drive in eastern Indiana. Visit the Lewis-Sample Farm built in 1853. After touring the farm and house, listen to a talk about the Ford Motor factory that was in Hamilton, Ohio from 1918-1950. Hours 1-5pm.

Location:

4262 Reily Millville Rd,

Hamilton, OH 45013

For Information call:

513-756-1515

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 6:00 - 6:30pm.

OVRMAFC Business meeting starts at

7:00pm

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](#)

Fuses and Antique Cars

By: Jim Townsend, AACA Hornet's News Region, Members' Parade, June 2019

One of my first experiences when beginning to tour in a Model A was learning what can happen when there is a short in the electrical system. My car had been running on the hot side, and the water from the overflow tube was being discharged in front of the generator, a fault in itself. Driving at about 35 mph, the car lost power, and smoke began billowing out from under the dash (also the fuel tank in the A). I pulled over to the side, and my passenger had the door open and was exiting before we rolled to a stop. Funny memories come back: The driver in the Model A behind me turned to his wife and said, "See there, if you talk too much you'll get thrown out!" Anyway, I was fortunate that the battery cable was loose enough to be pulled off, eliminating the continued burning of ignition wiring and saving further damage. The trip home was completed after determining that the short was in the generator, disconnecting power to it, and straight wiring the ignition bypassing the burned out wiring and ammeter.

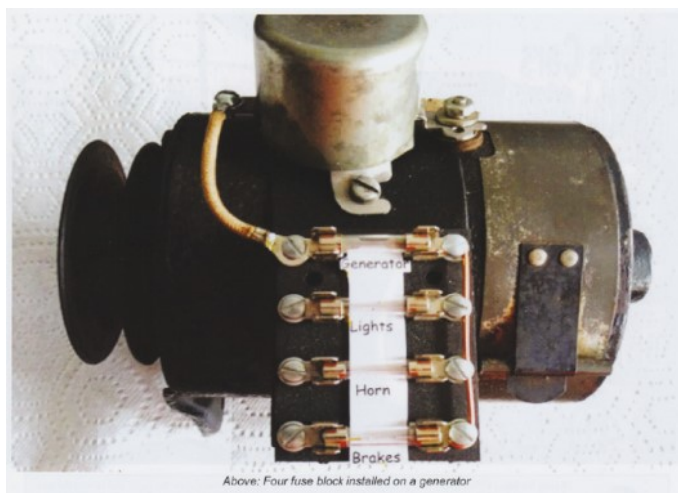
In the repair and aftermath though, I added a cut-out switch to disconnect the battery and a fuse at the starter where power is fed to the ignition, horn, and lights. This would protect me from a catastrophe in the future. ...well, maybe... (as John Costenbader's article in MARC's Model A News pointed out). He noted that if one were traveling with the generator charging, and for example a short existed in the lighting circuit, and that short caused the fuse at the starter to blow, voltage and current flow from the generator could cause failure of ignition components, leaving you beside the road. In this case, the battery would be disconnected from the circuit, eliminating its ability to store excess power being generated. His article gave suggestions on how to separate and fuse the electrical system for protection from shorts. In the next MARC Model A News, Howard Denker of Omaha Nebraska showed a four fuse block he had installed on his Model A generator. His design was straight-forward but would not fit on the alternators many of us have installed on our tour cars.

Having agreed with the logic of needing to fuse the circuits as presented, I began a search as to where fuse blocks could be bought at a reasonable price. I wanted to use glass fuses because they are cheap, one can see when they are blown, and they seemed more appropriate for the Model A era. Part houses have stopped carrying them, and Radio Shack went out of business. I found a block at Speedway Motors in Lincoln, Nebraska, that would hold seven fuses, and I could cut this block to make both a three- and four-block holder. I also found Harbor Freight to have the best deal on a glass fuse assortment. I then made metal fuse block brackets to either hold the fuses on the generator or on the frame next to the alternator.

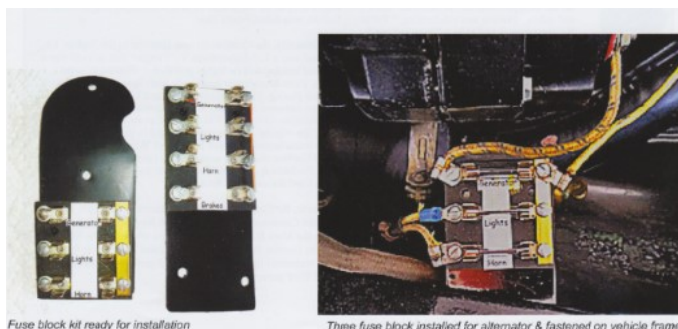
The wire to the generator or alternator is placed on the bus bar side of the fuse block with a pigtail wire feeding the generator or alternator through a 30-amp fuse for the alternator or 20-amp fuse for a generator. The rest of the wiring is simple, as the lights are fed through a 20-amp fuse on the block, the horn is fed through a 20-amp fuse, and the brake lights are fed through the last 20-amp fuse. On a Model A, the brake light wire would be removed from the steering column mounted light switch, and its power would now come from the fuse block.

The 30-amp fuse for the starter location would continue to be used, and I strongly recommend the disconnect switch be installed for emergency use, and for use when working on the electrical system.

With fuses installed as described above, a short on your lights circuit, your horn, your brakes, or your generator/alternator may be a problem, but it will not keep you from returning home where you can repair the problem. A side effect benefit is that the blown fuse will diagnose what section of electrical system to work on. The first photo shows the four-fuse block installed on a generator. The following pictures show the kit ready for installation, and a three-fuse block installed with an alternator. Note that the alternator kit is fastened on the frame and is held in place with the hood latch screws. The bracket for the generator fastens under the cutout and is notched to miss the generator terminal.



Above: Four fuse block installed on a generator



Fuse block kit ready for installation

Three fuse block installed for alternator & fastened on vehicle frame

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Sharonville Firehouse

CALL TO ORDER:

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

NEW MEMBERS:

New members, Gary and Mary Prenger, parents of member Geoff Prenger were welcomed.

COMMEMORATIVE COINS:

Each member present was gifted an commemorative coin from Larry and Terri Ricker.

SPLIT THE POT:

\$84 was won by Brian Broadbeck

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

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

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Margie Blomer reported that Terry Owens is recovering from recent back surgery. Debbie Deubber, wife of former member, Al Deubber, has passed away. A \$100 donation to MAFFI will be sent in memory of Cliff Gilb.

April birthdays celebrated were Conrad Gerdes, Art Foreman, Mike Schroeder and Gary Oelrich. The wedding anniversary of Jim and Pam Mohr was recognized.

CAR CARE GANG:

Wallace Huff helped Al Audette with his 1940 Lincoln, Mike Wilcher had trouble on the way home from the April 13, 2025 event and was assisted by Stu Long, the Schroeders, and the Hamlins. Tom Blomer has helped the family of Cliff Gilb with his Model A. Conrad Gerdes is retiring and estimates that he has gotten at least 60 non-running Model A's back on the road.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Margie Blomer reported a recent successful MARC Membership Meet in Nashville, IN. The committee is working on a Display Only category for future fashion judging. Deb Arnold offered to help any members interested in Fun Fashion. Former MARC Fashion Committee member, Marilyn Krenger, has donated her fashion collection to the MARC Fashion Committee.

MAFFI:

Model A Days will be held at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI on September 19-21, 2025. A monthly Sweepstakes will be available for entry to fund the Model A Museum.

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Mike Wilcher presented the mileage awards to OVR members enrolled in the program. 2,000 mile awards were presented to Blomers, Arnolds, Cooks, Jimmy Edtsedt, John Grossheim and Mike Wilcher. 5,000 mile awards were presented to Cooks and Bohmers, 40,000 mile award was presented to Jarrod Williams and a 70,000 mile award was presented to Gary and Cas Daley.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrod Williams reported 93 current members.

NEWSLETTER:

Submissions due by the 3rd of each month.

SWAP MEET:

The second annual OVR swap meet will be held on September 27, 2025 at the Boone Co. KY Fairgrounds. The planning committee held its first meeting earlier tonight. This year the space will be shared with a horse show which will use a separate entrance to the fairgrounds. Advertisements have been entered in the social media sites of both MARC and MAFFA Show and Shine Calendar.

RECENT EVENTS:

Mary and Eddie Bohmer hosted an event on Sunday, April 13, 2025 which included a tour of Clermont County, OH. An Easter egg hunt with prizes was also included. 13 Model A's attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The annual Columbus, IN Swap Meet will be held from 8-12 on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

OVR members have been invited by Andy Blomer to attend Cool Car Day at the Xtek facility, 11451 Reading Road, on Friday, May 2, 2025. A car show, lunch, and tour of the facility will be included. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On Saturday, May 10, 2025, Pam and Jim Mohr will host a Veterans recognition tour. Participants should meet at the McDonalds, 990 Lila Ave., Milford, OH at 8:15 a.m. to leave at 8:45 a.m. A 10:30 a.m. visit to the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown, OH will include rides in the Model A's, gift bags, etc. Lunch at the Mt. Orab Brewery with an ice cream stop afterward.

Tom and Jeanette Losekamp will host the club picnic meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at the Harrison, OH Civic Center, 9940 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. with meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks.

OVR has been invited to attend Frontier Days in Milford, OH on Thursday, May 29, 2025 The club has also been invited to again attend the annual Arlington Heights, Lockland, Reading Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2025. Line up will leave the Spring Grove Funeral Home-Reading, 8633 Reading Road, at 8:15 a.m.

The annual club picnic will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Oeders Lake, Morrow, OH. The Ekstedt family will host. Guests can arrive as early as 10:30 a.m. with lunch served at Noon. Bring a dish to share, your own drinks, a chair and your own bait (no minnows) if you are fishing.

The Wednesday, June 25, 2025 meeting will be hosted by Anna Williams and Phyllis Pease at the Miami Whitewater Forest Tanager Meadows Shelter, 9001 Mt. Hope Road, Harrison, OH. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share, your own drinks and a chair. Picnic table seating only available.

Join John Grossheim and the Old Fort A's from Lynn, IN on a berry farm tour on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

April Meeting Minutes, continued

Bob and Cindy Green will host the annual Poker Run on Sunday, July 13, 2025. More info will follow.

David and Sarah Klein will host the Wednesday, July 23, 2025 meeting.

Volunteers are needed for August meeting and August events.

BUDGET:

A motion was passed to increase the club dues to \$45 to offset club expenses. These expenses include the PO Box, National club dues, website, storage unit, etc.

A second motion was tabled.

STORAGE UNIT:

An anonymous donation of \$500 was received for organizing the storage unit. Bella Nelson is working on a borrow/loan system for using items in storage.

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS:

John Grossheim met with the Directors of all Ohio

MARC Regions to discuss the 2026 MARC National Tour and the possibility of a all Ohio Model A Jamboree. John has also discussed with MAFCA the hosting of the annual MAFCA National Banquet.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A thank you was received from the Sharonville Firehouse for donations to their food pantry.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.

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 Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

May 2025

Members, we are excited to introduce your Board of Directors for 2025; President, Tom Hovetter; Vice President, Joe Valentine; Secretary, Chris DuVal; Treasurer, Paul Ganning; Director of Publications, Bill Bass; Director of Membership and Public Relations, Joe Fox and Director of Regions, Jim Zimmer. We all look forward to serving for the next 12 months and have a full schedule ahead of us.

As you may know, one of several areas of focus by your Board during the past year was growing our membership. It now looks like we will meet or exceed our budgeted membership level. However, we would certainly like to see continued membership growth. With that goal in mind, we are announcing a new membership initiative. ANY member of a Region who has never previously been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month trial membership, digital copy of the *Model A News*, and all of the other benefits of full membership. Call the MARC office Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm at 734-427-9050 to enroll.

Recently we learned that international postage expense has increased to the point that an issue of the *Model A News* mailed to some countries postage expense is more than \$12 per issue. Due to the extremely high cost, your Board has decided to hold international membership dues to \$50 per year, but offer the digital version of the *Model A News* only to our international members. Paper issues will still be available, but shipping will be at cost.

Certainly you've seen that Larry Shepard is our new Technical Chairman. Please direct any technical questions or tips to Larry. He would also like to communicate directly with all Region technical advisors. Email Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org to be added to his contact list.



OVRMAFC Classifieds / Services

- **1929 Model A Cabriolet**
It is in pretty decent shape, starts right up, sounds good, has a new top and interior. Call: Paul Hess
(H) 812-934-5203 (C) 812-209-8335
- **1930 Model A Chassis - \$2,500**
Includes engine, transmission, radiator, and 5 wheels/tires. Call:
Debbie Humphry (740) 307-1637
- **30/31' 19" Wheels (4) - \$50.00**
Rusty but appear to be restorable.
Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931
- **30' Stainless Radiator Shells - \$25 each**
Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931
- **1929 AA Pickup**
Asking price \$17,000
Contact Carl Hollingsworth of Sligo
(513) 725-2921
- **Heater Manifold with Intake Cover**
\$75.00. Call: Jack Meyer (513) 207-1931

B & R Early Model

Starter & Generator Repair

Rob Schwendeman (419) 305-9125
Bill Schwendeman (419) 733-8857

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

Call Dottie Gerdes
(812) 584-5631

2025 OVRMAFC Calendar of Scheduled Events

- **May 10, 2025**

OVRMAFC May Tour - Ohio Veteran's Home

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Departing at 8:45am

[Milford McDonald's](#)

[990 Lila Ave](#)

[Milford, OH 45150](#)

- **May 17, 2025**

2025 Eastern Indiana Drive and Farmstead Tour

Come and enjoy a beautiful drive in eastern Indiana, a stop for lunch at the Oak Barrel in Okeana, Ohio and a visit to the historic Lewis-Sample Farm in Butler County, Ohio, just over the line. They will also talk about the Ford Motor factory that was in Hamilton, Ohio from 1918-1950 and where the break rods, wheels and many other parts that are on your Model A were made. For Information call: 513-756-1515

Location: [4262 Reily Millville Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013](#)

- **May 26, 2025**

116th Annual Memorial Day Parade - Arlington Heights

The Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club has again been invited to participate in 116th Annual Memorial Day Parade, in Arlington Heights, Lockland and Reading. 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. If you need or want more information, please call Tim Schmidt at 513-266-2662.

- **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

- **May 29, 2025**

2025 Milford Frontier Days Parade

Meet up at 4:45 pm in parking lot for shopping center at corner of Lila Ave and 131, by the garden center and BMV. We will then drive as a group to the official lineup location (in grass lot behind MAC health club). Roads will close at 5:30.

Parade starts at 6:30 pm, and follows Lila Ave and Main Street through downtown Milford. Amy's contact information is (513) 602-0469 or amy.t.schroeder@gmail.com

- **June 1, 2025**

OVRMAFC Oeder's Lake Club Picnic

The Ekstedt family will host the annual club picnic held at Oeder's Lake. John Grossheim will be hosting car games this year, so come prepared to best the competition. You can be there as early as 10am to fish (do not use minnows as bait). Most people will eat together around 11-12am, so come early to enjoy the weather and property. Food will be provided on the grill, but if you would like to bring your own please do so. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. Please bring a lawn chair as there are few picnic tables.

[Oeder's Lake](#)

[1369 E US Highway 22 and 3,](#)

[Morrow, OH 45152](#)

- **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](#)

2025 OVRMAFC April Tour - "Clermont County Easter Egg Hunt"

By: Eddie and Mary Bohmer

What a day! 13 Model A's attended Eddie and Mary Bohmer's first time hosting a tour and it was magical! Perfect weather, a perfect route, and stops throughout to pick from the Easter egg cooler full of prizes. After we had our fun of driving we finished at Jimmy B's for an awesome lunch. Thank you to everyone that came out today, and thank you to the Bohmer's for hosting your first tour!



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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