



# Nickel 'A' News

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The Nickle "A" Region of Wisconsin is dedicated to the restoration, driving, and preservation of the Model "A" Ford Automobile from 1928-1931

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## Message from the Director



As we turn the corner into 2023, I'm reflecting on how many years I've been Director! This will be my 5<sup>th</sup> year coming up serving in that capacity. It's been a ride ---- (Isn't that the expression we Model A'ers are required to use?) I've been at the helm through Covid, a national meet we sponsored---scheduled and then rescheduled, and soon-to-be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Iola Car Show and Swap meet that our club was in charge the vendor area for the Iola organization (Our club has worked there in excess of 25 years though.) I actually haven't had time to buy any more Model A's---of course, my garage can't fit any more than the FIVE I have right now, but I know people who can help me add on. (Julie, best if you don't read that last sentence.)

As I look ahead to this upcoming year, I realize what a powerful group of people we have in this club. We are 110 members strong and had 90 of that group attend our holiday party in December! Yes, we filled that room to near capacity!

We've also gained some new members this last year, and it's always fun to have new blood in the club with fresh ideas and energy. We need leadership in hosting monthly meetings on Wednesday nights starting in May, organizing club rides ----day trips or longer jaunts (weekdays or weekends). If you have an interest, but aren't sure what it all involves, please ask me. If I can't answer the questions, I can connect you with people who have taken the task on before so you can have a mentor and help. George Bresnahan and Bill Lindsley have already taken on planning our one-day Spring Tour. But, Fall Tour, which is a weekend, is still open and pop-up rides are always welcomed for planning.

If you have Wednesdays free, there's a group of guys that drive to Iola each week to work on the Car Show/Swap meet grounds. Iola has nicknamed them, very aptly, as the A-Team, headed up by Fred Pennings, who always appreciates an extra set of hands weekly. Fred's phone number is on the left side of this page.

Happy New Year ----- Roy

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### **Upcoming Nickle A Meetings**

*At St. Elizabeth's  
Marketplace  
(cafeteria).  
Breakfast/brunch  
available to purchase.*

**Address:**  
2700 W. College Ave.  
Appleton

#### **Meeting Dates**

Sat., Jan. 21  
Sat., Feb. 18  
Sat., March 18

#### **Time**

9 a.m.  
gathering/eating  
time  
10 a.m. meeting

## Dec. 11, 2022 Nickle A Model A Christmas party



Never let it be said that the Arenas-Grube family (Alan, Raquel and Raquel's mom, Teresa) don't know how to make merry!!

The Nickle A Model A Christmas party was its usual annual success! Ninety members were in attendance and the chicken family-style dinner was excellent! The 50/50 raffle raised money for Juvenile Diabetes and door prizes of poinsettias, live mini-Christmas trees, and succulent centerpieces were given away.

Left photo: Julie Farley pulling out winning raffle ticket numbers for baskets.



below: Roy Farley reading off centerpiece door prize ticket #



Director Roy Farley and his wife, club secretary, Julie Farley, along with Jim and Lisa Watermolen, and Fred and Joan Pennings all helped orchestrate the Christmas party, so we owe all 6 of them a hearty thank you.

**We'd also like to say THANK YOU to all those who donated baskets for the raffle! Without the support of generous members like our Model A'ers, we couldn't share the wealth with our named charities. Way to show your Christmas spirit, Model A'ers!**

## Event Calendar

February 26, 2023

WI Chapter Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) Swap Meet at Washington County Fairgrounds 3000 CTY Hwy PV (Pleasant Valley Road), West Bend (Intersection of U.S. Hwy 45 & County Hwy PV)  
Admission: \$7 adults, under 12 free

April 14-16, 2023

Model A Restorers Club (MARC) Membership Meet Bay City, Michigan

June 4, 2023

Sharon Model A Days, Sharon, WI

July 6-8, 2023

Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet, Iola, WI

July 16-22, 2023

MAFCA National Tour Through lower Michigan and northern Indiana vintage car museums. Departs and ends in Auburn, Indiana.

July 28-30, 2023

Wisconsin Model A Reunion, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

July 30-Aug. 4, 2023

MARC National Meet Hamilton, OH

September 15-16, 2023

Model A Days Gilmore Auto Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

September 22-24, 2023

Jefferson Swap Meet, Jefferson, WI

**Mileage awards** were given to those who logged more than 1000 miles driving their Model A's this year, and the awards went to these individuals with their respective mileages

<u>Member</u>	<u>Miles</u>
• Tom Schmidt	1250
• Cindy Ellenbecker	1328
• Jim Hameister	1333
• Dick Ziegert	1379
• George Bresnahan	1568
• Bob Hegner	1588
• George Mattson	1736
• Dennis Voss	2019
• Ron Meverden	2204
• Jerry Braasch	3025
Top Mileage Award!	



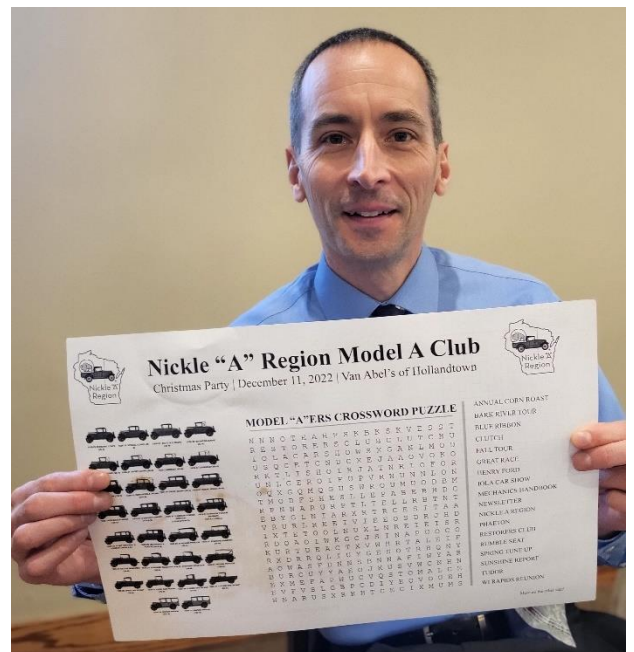
*Even though Jerry's name is on the award as driver with the Top Mileage Award, he wanted to be certain that his wife Mary was in the picture because, "She rode every mile with me!"*

Ribbons were also awarded to the attendees of Spring Tour, Fall Tour and the Corn Roast.



*George Bresnahan (left) also was given an award---for losing his gas cap more than anyone else on tour! Jacob Woefel (dark haired guy with the huge grin to the left of George) painted a Model A gas cap neon orange and attached a magnet to it so we won't have to backtrack in search of the Bresnahan gas cap on the 2023 tours!*

*Kevin Ress (right) designed Model A placemats for the Christmas dinner. They were double-sided with Model A word searches pertinent to the club as well as different Model A styles and engine parts on the reverse. There was also a maze on the reverse leading to a gas pump! And if that wasn't enough, there was a tic tac toe portion too. I noticed*



*members being really tidy so they could save their placemats and take them home to finish all the fun activities!*

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

**Wanted:** 1928-31  
Front frame  
Crossmember only.  
Call Craig at 920-  
788-0289

**Wanted:** 1930 or  
1931 Model A,  
Tudor or  
Fordor. Contact  
Henry at (608) 226-  
9671.

**Wanted:** 1928-  
29 Radiator shell,  
any condition  
and 1 V-8 18"  
wheel in usable  
condition. Call  
Mike 414-491-  
3191

**For Sale:** 1931  
(early) Victoria, 99%  
complete,  
including wood kit,  
all parts are  
there. 30/31  
reproduction deck  
lid, never used.  
1931 (late) Victoria  
gas tank. 40 year  
collection of Model  
A parts, call me  
with your needs &  
wants. Jim  
Malcheski, (608)  
924-1075 or (608)  
575-9057.

**For Sale:** Custom-  
made Model A  
trailer, located in  
Stoughton. Contact



*Above: Now that's a room full with 90 Model A's all talking and telling stories at the annual Christmas party!*

**Meet Randy and Jenny Burhop**, relatively new members, who hail from



Plymouth, WI. We've already nicknamed Randy, "Mr. Lucky" since he's won 2 of the last 3 door prize raffles at monthly meetings!

Randy joins Jim Watermolen in appreciating and preserving the natural patina of their Model A's. Randy bought this particular Model A about 5 years ago on eBay. The 1930 Coupe was trailered back to Plymouth and named, what else "Henry"!

Randy says it took 4 years to get the car roadworthy, but now "Henry" is out and about. When I asked Randy how they learned of the Nickle A Club, he said, "When I first started looking for a Model A, I looked into all the clubs in Wisconsin & found a listing from Jerry Braasch who was advertising a '30 coupe for sale. I went to look at it, but I wanted something that needed more work. That's when I found one on eBay. After I had it for a few years, I called Jerry again hoping he'd remember me (he did) and I asked if the club had a tool I could borrow. He referred me to Tom Schmidt. Tom asked if I would be interested in joining the club. Later, Tom & George both came over to help install my motor after it was rebuilt & got it running. Great job guys, thanks again."

Jack or John Olson,  
(608-873-5264).

**FOR SALE:** 1931  
Model A, Fordor;  
Good Condition;  
less than 100  
miles on rebuilt  
engine; \$15,000  
Call Lee  
Bottensek at  
715-423-9748 or  
Tim at 715-630-  
6425 Pictures  
available.

**TRADE:** I would  
like to trade a K. R  
Wilson Model A  
main bearing  
boring frame and  
boring bar for a K.  
R Wilson frame and  
boring bar with a  
1"bar for a Model  
T. Brendan  
Doughty [bdkdnek@wctc.net](mailto:bdkdnek@wctc.net) 715-572-4034

**January  
Anniversaries**  
Herb & Vi Grube

Chuck & Karen  
Hockers

John & Georgia  
Schaetz

Craig & Kate Vosters

Tim & Janie Welch



This isn't Randy's first Model A; twenty years ago he bought one, but admits to having that one all "hopped" up. That A is gone now and he's content with the lesser speeds of his Coupe these days. However, lest you think the Burhops have gotten soft, you need to know that BOTH Randy and Jenny ride their Harley's yet.

Jenny has a Soft Tail Deluxe and Randy has the Electra Glide, full dresser. One of the couple's 3 adult boys is also a Harley enthusiast, so biking and Burhops go together.

Randy retired from being an electrician for the Plymouth School District and Jenny is a retired 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from the Sheboygan School district. However, Jenny went back to work part-time (3 mornings a week) tutoring in the parochial schools. In addition to working on his Model A, Randy does handyman work and some tree cutting.

Both Randy and Jenny also spend time spoiling their grandchildren and their 2 Cocker Spaniel dogs. We look forward to having them join us on Spring Tour this year! As for me, I'm going to sit next to them at the upcoming meetings to see if some of that luck of winning the door prize rubs off!!

By Cindy Ellenbecker

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A great BIG thank you to Nickle A member, Randy McCarry for his donation of Model A parts. Dick Ziegert ferried the parts to Tom Schmidt who acted as distribution chairperson to members he knew needed parts. Randy McCarry's "mother lode" was shared with 26 club members (including one of our Wisconsin Rapids Reunion Model A friends) all of whom are now smiling and thanking Randy McCarry for their Christmas present to/for their Model A.



Have you been following the Facebook page and the Club website? Jim Watermolen is doing an outstanding job of sharing the club's history. He has paired up with Don Paalman, who has always kept club memorabilia, newsletters, and notes. **Do you know how the club arrived at the name, Nickle A?** That's one of the questions answered by Historian Jim Watermolen after accessing Don's stash of information. That's your homework for this month. Read Jim's social media sites for the Nickle A Region for the answer. [nicklearegion.com](http://nicklearegion.com)

## New Tools for the Toolbox

Thanks to the following members for their donations to the club's toolbox:



Donor: **Randy McCarry**

Items:

1. Toe-in Measuring Tool - to set toe-in on front wheels
2. GZNTA Tool, Timing Tool - to set timing on Model A engine
3. 5" Ignition File - file contact points on spark gaps

Donor: **Craig Vosters**

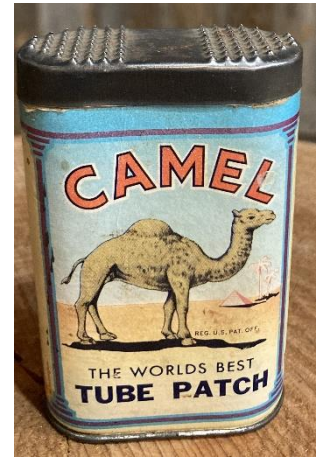
Hub Press Ring - To press out hubs without bending drums

Submitted by Tom Schmidt, Toolkeeper

## And this Camel ad wasn't for cigarettes:

Tire repair in the Model A era was uppermost on most vehicle owners' minds. According to TireBusiness.com, "Between the hazards of sharp stones on dirt roads and discarded horseshoe nails, you

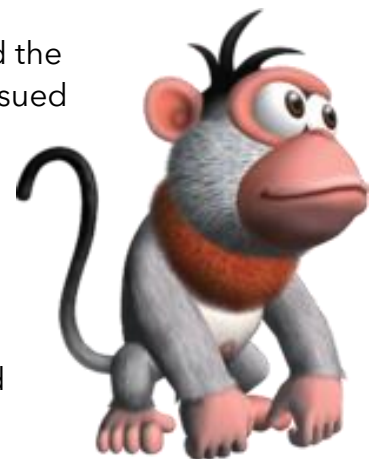
were lucky to drive 100 miles without a flat tire." Specialist manufacturers of tire repair emerged and one was written up in the *Saturday Evening Post*. The story in the post said that a man with a pet monkey went to visit a friend's bicycle repair shop. The monkey overturned a can of rubber cement and an acid container. While cleaning up the mess, the men found out that the material came off the monkey's paw in little rolls, which were able to be kneaded into balls, since the rubber cement had set. The new concoction was subsequently spread on a tire tube as a patch and allowed to sit for a couple of minutes. It stuck! "The tube was inflated and dunked under water. No bubbles." The men realized they had developed a patch that would withstand the pressure of inflation and cured without heat.



Sometime later a 'hot patch' was developed by another company using the prior knowledge from the monkey accident. This process used vulcanizing by igniting a built-in fuel pan, and a tube repair could be completed in about 10 minutes." Shortly thereafter someone figured out that the fuel pan could be lighted with a cigarette. That entrepreneur/company of this new development "named its patches Camels, Lucky Strike, and Chesterfield, after the well-known cigarette brands of the time." The Camel patches weren't made by the tobacco company, but the graphics on the patch mirrored the cigarettes except that the camel faced the opposite direction on the tire patch can and had a different typestyle.

Both companies trademarked their graphics, and the tobacco company, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco never sued for trademark infringement. Popular speculation is that R. J. Reynolds didn't mind the copycat logo because it promoted the use of Camel cigarettes to "light up" the vulcanizing process.

So, you see what a little money business can lead to?



By Cindy Ellenbecker

## January Birthdays

Jerry Braasch  
David Froelich  
Jim Garrigan  
Jim Gilson  
Ron Green  
Eric Haban  
Mary Lou Hegner  
Peggy Lee Hoks  
Fred Pennings  
Georgia Schaetz  
Ray Schmoeker  
Dennis Voss  
Tina Watermolen  
Tim Welch  
Jean Woefel  
Karen Ziegert



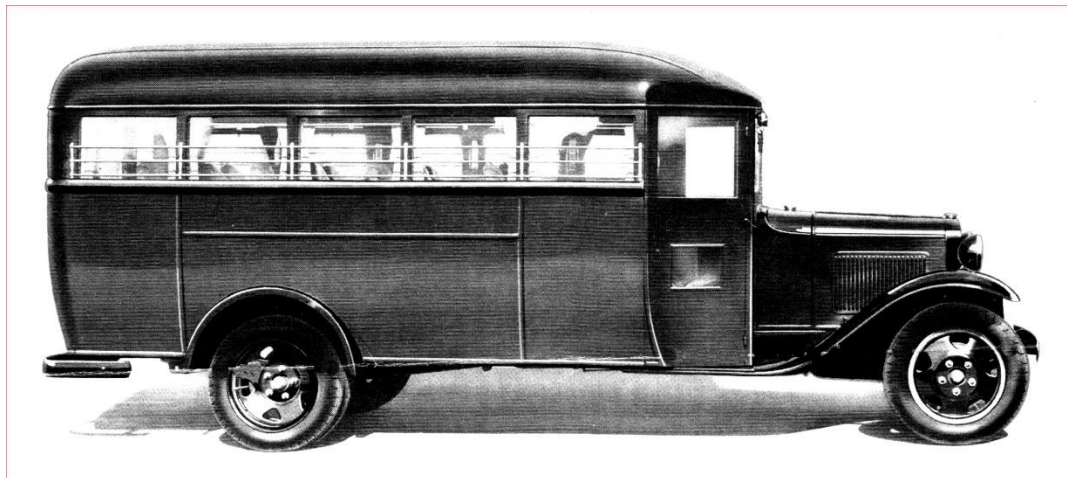
### DO YOU REMEMBER?

I thought while we were sitting indoors more now, it would be fun to have a little "THROW BACK" reading from the archives of the early days of the Wisconsin Model A Reunion. Thanks to Jim Watermolen for sharing this and to Don Paalman for saving it!

Check out the meat prices if nothing else!

**COST OF 1964 Model A REUNION (held in Waupaca then, now held in Wisconsin Rapids)**

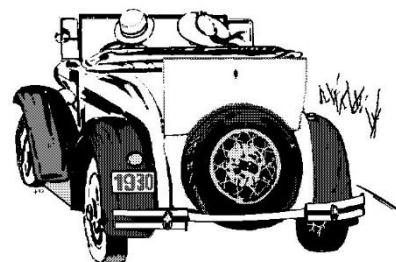
## "Save the Bus" WORK CONTINUES



Some of you, along with our club, donated to the "Save the Bus" fund at the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) a couple of years ago; the bus is a rare commercial vehicle with only three known to exist today. MAFFI has now put up the newsletter progress reports on its website for interested folks to follow the progress (See Programs, then Bus on MAFFI website [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org))

The MAFFI staff working on the 1931 Ford Passenger Bus (330-B with a 157 inch chassis) have paired up with Greenfield Village at the Henry Ford Museum to solve some of the problems. The Henry Ford Museum has one of these old buses, not an exact duplicate, but close enough to help out with recreating some features in the MAFFI bus. So, for example, when the project of getting seats recreated for the MAFFI bus came up on the "to do" list, the MAFFI staff asked the Greenfield Village auto shop staff to loan out their right and left seats (double seats with an arm on the aisle side) for a pattern. In return the MAFFI staff made new seats for the Greenfield Village museum too while they were at it. It's sort of a fun project to follow.

By Cindy Ellenbecker



**Donna's Sunshine Report:** Fred Pennings had his knee replaced at the end of November. He's reporting that the pain is gone (Wife Joan doesn't agree!). Fred was looking pretty mobile at the Christmas party!

On a much sadder note, Nickle A member Ed Scheffel lost his battle with cancer; please lend your support to his wife, Dee. She's at their winter address in Florida now.

Edwards Bakery:  
 200 hot dog buns,  
 150 hamburger buns,  
 51 loaves of bread,  
 Cookies, Butter and  
 Relishes total  
 \$23.18

Behnke's Super Market  
 - 150  
 Hamburgers  
 \$16.34

Glen's Super Market -  
 250 Wieners  
 \$12.23

Anderson Distributing -  
 (2) -1/4 kegs Blatz  
 \$16.50

19 cases soda pop  
 \$25.50

Brillion Advertising -  
 Window Signs  
 \$9.00

Rental - Campsite area  
 \$20.00

Gas - Use of power  
 generators  
 \$15.00

Phone  
 calls:  
 \$2.56

Appleton Trophy  
 Shoppe for Trophy  
 engraving - Ribbons  
 \$54.98

All trophies - Erickson  
 Rexall - Clintonville  
 \$71.68

*From Don Paalman  
 archives*

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 FOR THE  
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 Hilton Double Tree Riverfront - Bay City, Michigan  
 Hosted By




Information on both of  
 these national Model A  
 Restorer's Club events is  
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 website:

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 \(model-a-ford.org\)](http://Model A Restorers Club (model-a-ford.org))

If you've never attended a  
 national event, you might  
 find out you really like  
 interacting with like-  
 minded Model A  
 enthusiasts. Nickle A  
 members Jerry and Mary  
 Braasch will be at both  
 events. You will know  
 somebody for certain!

**HAMILTON 2023 MARC NATIONAL MEET**  
**JULY 30TH-AUG. 4TH**  
**BOOKING IS NOW OPEN**  
**AT THESE ADDITIONAL HOTELS!**  
 HOSTED BY THE HAMILTON A'S REGION



<b>COMFORT INN &amp; SUITES</b> 5944 WEST CHESTER RD. WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (513) 645-1700 CODE: MARC \$99/\$115 PER NIGHT INCL. BREAKFAST 1 MILE FROM THE HOST HOTEL	<b>FAIRFIELD INN &amp; SUITES CINCINNATI</b> 9241 FLOOR DR. WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (513)-973-0800 CODE: MARC \$119/\$129 PER NIGHT, INCL. BREAKFAST .5 MILES FROM HOST HOTEL
<b>COURTYARD CINCINNATI NORTH</b> 6250 MÜHLHAUSER RD. WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (800)-606-4318 CODE: MARC \$154/\$159 PER NIGHT INCL. BREAKFAST .8 MILES FROM HOST HOTEL	<b>HOMESWOOD SUITES BY HILTON</b> 9226 SCHULZE DR. WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (513)-805-4400 CODE: MARC \$129/\$139 PER NIGHT INCL. BREAKFAST .5 MILES FROM HOST HOTEL
<b>STAYBRIDGE SUITES</b> 8955 LAKOTA DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (513)-874-1900 CODE: MARC \$129.99 PER NIGHT INCL. BREAKFAST .9 MILES FROM THE HOST HOTEL	<b>HILTON GARDEN INN CINCINNATI</b> 9306 SCHULZE DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (800)-774-1500 CODE: MARC \$149.00 PER NIGHT INCL. BREAKFAST .5 MILES FROM HOST HOTEL
<b>AVID HOTEL CINN. N - WEST CHESTER</b> 8927 LAKOTA DR. W. WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (513)-514-8444 CODE: MARC \$119/\$124 PER NIGHT INCL. BREAKFAST 1 MILE FROM HOST HOTEL	<b>HAMPTON INN</b> 9266 SCHULZE DR. WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (513)-341-2040 CODE: MARC \$154/\$159 PER NIGHT INCL. BREAKFAST .4 MILES FROM HOST HOTEL
<b>HAMPTON INN &amp; SUITES CINCINNATI LIBERTY TOWNSHIP</b> 7320 TYLERS PLACE BLVD WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 (866)-235-8814 CODE: MARC \$154/\$159 PER NIGHT INCL. BREAKFAST 5.9 MILES FROM THE HOST HOTEL	
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 OR EMAIL [MARCMEET2023@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MARCMEET2023@GMAIL.COM)

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL A (s) year/type \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Her birthday \_\_\_\_\_ His birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_

Military: Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Years Served \_\_\_\_\_

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