



**ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS**  
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**AUGUST 2023**



***Glimpse from the Gavel***

Hello, Friends,

Summer's quickly passing - I heard today, that last week we've had our last sunset after 8pm! Pretty soon school will be starting and our 4 fall parades: Roscoe Lions' "Fall Festival Parade" on Sunday, September 10th, Capron's 150 Years Sesquicentennial Parade on Saturday, September 16th, Stillman Valley's "Fall Festival Parade" on Saturday, September 24th, and Oregon's "Autumn On Parade" on Sunday, October 8. And we've got a lot of fun events coming up, too - including our Annual Model A Club Picnic & Potluck on Saturday, September 30th at Central Christian Church, in Rockford from 11-2pm. Please see our Calendar of Events for all the rest of what's going on for the RockFord A's! We'll try and do as much as we can until the S\*\*\* flies. (that is snow!)

On a very sad note, we mourn the loss of Mary Lynn Adleman, the wife of long time club friend and member, Les Adleman. Our prayers go out to him and his family during this sad time. Cards can be sent to Les at 1729 Oak Leaf Drive, South Beloit, IL 61080. We also keep Greg & Judy McQueary in our thoughts on the passing of Greg's father.

On a happier note, both Ron Lanquist's pacemaker implant and Jake Milazzo's heart procedure went very well and Nan & Stan Stewart's 23 year old grandson is back to work part time in CO, still rehabbing after his stroke and open heart surgery. We're thankful for their improving health!

Time marches on: there are 31 days til the 1st day of fall, on Sat., Sept. 23, and Standard Time will resume on Sun., November 5, 2023. Make the best of your days & make every minute count!

Happy motoring ~ be safe out there,  
*George Brunson, President*

**\*CHANGE OF PLACE! NOW AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**\*didn't want to take a chance on the extreme heat!**



Annual "Picnic" Potluck  
This Saturday, August 26  
11am to 2PM

Please bring a dish to share!

Portillo's will cater hotdogs and hamburgers!

All tableware will be supplied.

BYO Drinks!

**CAR GAMES & PRIZES FOR WINNERS**

## JULY 29, 2023 MEETING MINUTES - CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Welcome members and new members Jamie & Kendra Carter; 29 in attendance.
- Thank you to Jim & Sharon Morley and George & Sue Brunson for the donuts! No treats needed in August—it's our club picnic on August 26th! September treats are going to be from Wayne Henson, and October treats from Toni Lynn Carlson and Alice Whitney.
- Health concerns: Anne Laviolette's cancer treatments are going as well as expected—fatigue is the biggest hurdle; Russ & Karen Kothe send thanks for the cards and prayers as Karen continues to deal with constant side effects of breast cancer treatments.
- Greg McQueary gave the July Treasurer's report - see that on page 4—thanks, Greg!
- Saturday breakfasts are 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month. Monthly dinners - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Contact John & Sue Hausen for details @the next breakfast and dinner.
- George Brunson gave a recap of our latest activities; Shopiere Days Parade, Sharon 4th of July Parade, ByronFest Parade, Milton House Tour, and Pietenpol event-Brodhead Airport
- Jim Morley has the remaining supply of Model A Day hats. They will be \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members. Model A mugs are \$5 - Mike Peters has those.
- Clinton High School teacher, Adam Fjalstad will work with RFA's in his Youth Program with volunteers: Bill Johnson, Mike Peters, Chuck Milazzo, Wayne Henson & George Brunson. Mike Peters is donating a chassis and all parts & labor will be donated to build a Model A.
- Tech Talk—Float sets in your carburetor: Jim Morley and George Brunson
- Dave Clark: We have sponsors for all of our parades. Please sign up!

### **UPCOMING PARADES:**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 10-ROSCOE LIONS CLUB FALL FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 16-CAPRON SESQUICENTENNIAL PARADE— CELEBRATING 150 YEARS**

**CAPRON TOWN OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO RIDE IN OUR MODEL A'S**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 24-STILLMAN VALLEY FALL FESTIVAL PARADE**

**SUNDAY, OCT. 8-OREGON AUTUMN ON PARADE.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS - Big THANKS to Toni Lynn and Joe!!**

1. Rock River Thresheree! Located at 51 E Cox Rd, Edgerton, WI 53534. FORD is the featured vehicle and Model A Day is **Sunday, September 3 from 11-3**—Free admission for all in a Model A with special parking; we will also be part of their famous parade “in the bowl”
2. Joe Maurer's Model T Overnight Tour to Oregon, WI is **TUES.-WED, SEPTEMBER 26 & 27**

#### ***Tuesday, September 26***

- Leave Blessingham Park in Pec @ **9AM SHARP**
- Apple Orchard stop near Brodhead, WI
- Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead
- Lunch at Knute's in Orfordville, WI
- Drive to Oregon, WI to Sleep Inn & Suites
- Dinner @Mulligan's Bar & Grill, Oregon

#### ***Wednesday, September 27***

- Hot breakfast at hotel
- Drive to Madison Zoo
- Lunch at the Zoo
- Drive to Wisconsin Cheese Co., Oregon, WI
- Drive to Dairyhaus Ice Cream, 113 E. Main St. in Rockton
- Tour ends in Rockton, IL

Please make your own reservations at the

Sleep Inn & Suites - request “Model T Ford Club

of Rockford” for \$99 special rate. The hotel number is 608-291-2323. **Please call Joe Maurer 815-541-9237 to sign up. Joe will make dinner reservations at Mulligans for the group!**

This is a rain or shine tour. Model T Ford Club and RockFord A's members and guests are invited. We don't care what you drive as long as it can tear down the road at least 35 mph!

3. Toni Lynn has put together another tour to the Hoard Dairy Museum in Fort Atkinson, WI. We'll meet as a group at Neli's in South Beloit, IL on **SAT., OCT. 7TH**. William Hoard was a politician, newspaper publisher & father of the WI dairy industry, was the 16th governor of WI from 1889-1891 (hoardmuseum.org). The tour 1st stop is a photo opp by the Ft. Atkinson water tower, then to a docent-lead Hoard Museum tour. Lunch will be at Paddy Coughlin's Irish Pub, followed by a drive-by of a replica of the old Fort Atkinson, then off to browse Poyer Orchards Farm Market (since 1948) known for delicious homemade pies, cheese, pumpkins, hanging flower baskets, wreaths, apples, cider, summer fruits, cheese, honey, homemade caramel apples, etc. We'll make a stop at Jones Dairy Market with meat selections & samples then finally, off to Culver's for a sweet finish to our tour! Better bring an extra cooler for this one! More details coming!

**REMAINING 2023 MEETINGS:**

**August 26, Sat. – CHANGE—CHANGE—CHANGE of location!!  
Club Picnic will be at CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH. With the extreme heat thru the week, we didn't want to take the chance it would continue, so the decision was made to go to the church! No grilling! It will be catered by Portillo's for hotdogs and hamburgers. We will still have a POTLUCK, so please bring a dish to share!  
All of the tableware will be supplied. BYO drinks!**

September 30, Sat. – our last Saturday @ Blessingham in Pecatonica at 11-2pm

Tuesday, October 24 (instead of Oct. 31??) - Central Christian Church

ANNUAL BANQUET - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 @ THUNDER BAY, ROCKFORD

**More Upcoming Events:**

September 10, Sun. – Roscoe Lions "Fall Festival" Parade

September 15-16, Fri.-Sat. – Model A Days at Gilmore Museum

September 15-16, Fri.-Sat.– International Model A Day

September 16, Sat. – Capron 150 Year Sesquicentennial Parade

September 17, Sun. – Beloit Autorama

September 22-24, Fri.-Sun. – Fall Jefferson Swap Meet

September 24, Sun. – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade

September 26-27 – Model T Overnight Tour—Joe Maurer

October 8, Sun. – Oregon Autumn on Parade

October 14, Sat. – "Rock-n-Bowl" Car Show

Attendance Prize winners: Sharon Morley and Jake Milazzo

Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17.00 for an extra); club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted), magnetic signs and car aprons from Greg McQueary; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10)

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Please keep Barb Hodges,  
Anne Laviolette, and  
Karen Kothe in your  
thoughts and prayers!  
Karen sends her thanks!

### Rock-Ford A's Treasurer's Report—July 2023

Checkbook balance July 1, 2023	\$5,775.61
Cash on hand	97.00
Total checkbook and cash	5,872.61

#### Income:

Dues Deposit	20.00
Parade Sponsors	200.00
Cap Sales	40.00
Magnetic plaques & Patch sales	41.00
Total income	301.00

#### Expenses:

Model A Day/George Brunson	246.86
Total expenses	246.86

Total Checkbook balance and Cash on hand July 31, 2023	5,926.75
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*Submitted: Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer*



**Q: Where are all the pictures  
from our events?**

**A: They'll all be in the October  
edition of the Manifold News!**

**It's never too late to  
start exercising.**

**That's why I'm  
waiting until later.**

**PEOPLE MY AGE ARE  
SO MUCH OLDER THAN ME.**

## **FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES**

**by Wayne Rowehl  
"Curve in the Road"**

When writing and submitting an article for the Manifold News you never know what reaction from "Curve in the Road" will lead you. In last month's issue, it turns out the "Springwater Volunteer Covered Bridge" located in the Town of Springwater, Wisconsin was very familiar to Sue and George Brunson. Springwater, Wisconsin is near Wild Rose Idlewild Airport in Wild Rose, WI. where the Brunson's purchased their Model A in 2015. Thanks to Sue & George Brunson for supplying the great and interesting back story. It is always fun when a story continues this way.

Last month Julia and I traveled to South Dakota with my brother and sister in law, two nieces and a dog in a Coach RV stopping at KOA's along the way back and forth. While on the road we visited Wall Drug, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, Needles Eye Tunnel Park, Badlands National Park and Devil's Tower, WY along with other points of interest that came our way. We also were able to fit in a Buffalo Safari tour, the Big Thunder Gold Mine tour and a visit to a cemetery in the Town of Deadwood where Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried. It is well worth the trip someday if you have time.

Julia and I would like to thank Rockford A's Club members who came to my retirement party which was held at the Darien Senior Center in Darien, WI. Celebrating 36 years of working in a school district. It was fun seeing everyone and sharing stories. The three different flavors of ice cream and assorted toppings were a big hit along with the cookies, cake and other goodies.

It has been a busy month traveling for a week and a half, preparing for the retirement party leaving little time to work on our car. Fortunately, things have settled down and I was able to spend some time with my new hobby. To me, our car was hard for me to start. Being a newbie, I researched, watched videos, asked a lot of questions and received a lot of helpful assistance from club members. Recently, after finding a fluorescent green sludge in the gas tank valve filter blocking the flow of gas, I figured the carburetor would be filled with the same green sludge. The carburetor bowl had none in it. So after I put in fresh gas, installed the loaner carburetor from Ron Lanquist and installed the more powerful coil Dave Clark suggested I purchase, the car started right up. What a relief that was.

I look forward to hearing and reading your comments at [wrowehl@gmail.com](mailto:wrowehl@gmail.com)

## **NEED SOMETHING??**

**All of the Club tools are housed at Anne & Lee Laviolette's garage  
@5427 Shamrock Lane, Roscoe, IL 61073**

**Call Anne: 815-218-3055 or Lee: 815-218-2510 Need a new list?  
Email Anne: [blueloon90@hotmail.com](mailto:blueloon90@hotmail.com) or email/text/call Sue Brunson  
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# Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 12, 2023 5:00 cocktails 6:00 dinner

Thunder Bay Grill and Restaurant  
7652 Potawatomi Trail  
Rockford, Illinois 61108

Enjoy a delightful evening of delicious food, great friends, and warm memories of another year of Model A touring! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

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Menu choice of Prime Rib, Cedar Planked Salmon, or Chicken Bruschetta  
(Cost includes meal, salad, sweet biscuits, non-alcoholic beverage)

\*Prices increased from last year; the Club will pick up \$5 of the cost of each meal (last year was \$4)

The Club will pay tax, gratuity, and coffee/pop. Cash bar available.

Complete the registration form below. Enclose your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's

Bring both to the Saturday, August 26, 2023 meeting or mail by no later than Friday, October 20 to:

Greg McQueary

7490 Ryebrook Road

Rockford, IL 61114-5636

Enclosed is my/our check # \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the following Banquet meal(s) and dues:

Name	Name			
_____	_____	10 oz. Prime Rib	<del>\$33.00</del>	\$28.00
_____	_____	Cedar Planked Salmon	<del>\$25.00</del>	\$20.00
_____	_____	Chicken Bruschetta	<del>\$22.00</del>	\$17.00
_____		I am including my 2024 dues of \$20.00		<u>\$20.00</u>
			Total	_____

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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