



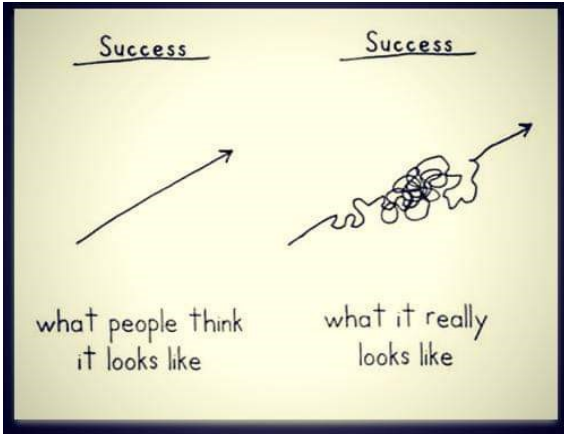
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JULY 2023



Glimpse from the Gavel



Hello, Friends,
 I saw this and thought it was right on the money! We sure learned a lot this year with our 1st Model A Day in Clinton! So, now we can relook at what went right, and what went wrong and start planning for Sunday, June 2, 2024! This past Tuesday, we had a Wrap Up Meeting with our RFA committee, the Village Administrator, Fire & Police Chief, Director of Public Works, some sponsors, vendors, and local business owners to gather as much input and as many ideas for making 2024 even bigger and better. Rachel Brands from the Beloit Daily News was there, so look for an article.

We ended it with a BIG CHECK presentation to both the Clinton Community Outreach and the Christ Lutheran Church Food Pantry for a whopping \$1,528.00 each! Jim Morley said the most we ever made in Sharon was \$500, so this is quite a step up. The best thing is that 99% of the feedback has been very positive and we have been invited back to Clinton - yay! Big thanks again to anyone who helped - big or small. Everything you did helped to make it a big success! Please support Clinton businesses all year long - we have 150+ RockFord A members who can do that! There are a lot of parades and tours coming up - we hope the smoky haze will move on and that we'll have great weather for all of our upcoming events. Please RSVP on all of invitations that are sent out in emails for parades, tours, breakfasts & dinners. See details in the minutes & pg. 11!

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



L-R: Brian Enright, Clinton Community Outreach, George Brunson, Jenny Ludeman, Christ Lutheran Church Food Pantry

JUNE 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Welcome members and new member, Norm Taylor. There were 30 in attendance.
- Thank you to Loretta and Larry Anderson for bringing treats today – YUMMY! Next up for treats in July is Jim & Sharon Morley; none in August—it's our club picnic on August 26th
- Health concerns: Jake Milazzo is having a heart operation in Naperville on July 24th; Mary Kramer is finally on the mend after a 2nd knee operation because of an infection; Dave Thompson is doing better after his heart stoppage issue, Nan & Stan Stewart's young grandson, Noah, is at home after his stroke and heart operation, George Brunson finished his 28 prostate cancer radiation treatments and is doing better, Karen Kothe needs our prayers for her breast cancer, and Anne Laviolette is carrying on and getting through a very rigorous leukemia treatment. Continued prayers & good wishes for all!
- In Greg McQueary's absence, George Brunson gave the May Treasurer's report - see that on page 4. Also included is the June Treasurer's report, on page 10 with Model A day #'s
- Saturday breakfasts are 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month. Monthly dinners - 1st Tuesday of each month. Contact John & Sue Hausen for details @the next breakfast and dinner.
- George Brunson gave a recap of our success on Model A Day; overall was a thumbs up
- Jim Morley has the remaining supply of Model A Day hats. They will be \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members. There are also some mugs—Mike Peters has those.
- Clinton High School teacher, Adam Fjalstad will work with RFA's in Auto Club in their new facility. RFA members: Bill Johnson, Mike Peters, Chuck Milazzo, Wayne Henson & George Brunson will volunteer to advise. Mike Peters donated a rolling chassis to build a Model A!
- Dave Clark spoke about upcoming parades. Shopiere Days Parade on Sunday, June 25 by Shopiere Tap and Tuesday, 4th of July Parade in Sharon, and Byron Fest on Saturday, July 8
- Jim Morley spoke about Model A Days at Gilmore on September 15-16. Anyone wanting to attend should contact Jim for carpooling and hotel information.

UPCOMING TOURS - Big THANKS to Toni Lynn, Al, and Joe for these great tours!!

1. Toni Lynn Carlson has put together a tour to the Milton House, Train Club/Winery/antique shops, and, of course, ice cream on July 15th. Stay tuned for an email with all the details. A sign-up sheet is available. She is also working on a date for another tour to Hoard Dairy Museum (hoardmuseum.org), named after William Hoard, father of American dairying and Wisconsin Governor in Fort Atkinson, antique shops, Jones Dairy Market, and a replica of Fort Atkinson.
2. Al Pedersen has put together a Stephenson County Museum and Train tour to the Steam Show & train ride in Freeport for Sunday, Aug. 6th. Call Al to sign up! Details on page 11.
3. Joe Maurer's Model T Overnight Tour to Oregon, WI is on Tues., September 26 & 27 - all of the details are on page 11. Make your hotel reservations and call Joe to sign up!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July 29, Sat. – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica 11am
August 26, Sat. – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica 11am
Today's the Club Picnic - please bring a dish to pass!
Meat will be grilled, tableware supplied. BYO drinks
September 30, Sat. – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica

Upcoming events:

July 4, Tues. – Parade location to be determined
July 8, Sat. – ByronFest Parade
July 9, Sun. – “Cars That Time Forgot” Car Show at Lake Lawn, WI
July 15, Sat. – Milton House/Train Club/Winery/antique shops tour—Toni Carlson
July 22, Sat. – Pietenpol aircraft at the Brodhead Airport
August 5, Sat. – “Topsy” at Midway Village
August 6, Sun., – Stephenson County Museum and Train Tour—Al Pedersen
Aug 5-6, Sat.-Sun. – Steam Show in Freeport
August 18-19, Fri.-Sat. – Model A Day in Amana Colonies
August 19, Sat. – Rock-Ford A’s driving at Rockford Speedway, 5-7pm
September 10, Sun. – Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade
September 15-16, Fri.-Sat. – Model A Days at Gilmore Museum
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: Donna Johnson - basket set, Kurt Duesterhoeft - sign donated by Joe Maurer/Bob Trumball, and Dave Clark - magnetic tools

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).

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Brunson



INSIDE EVERY OLDER PERSON IS A YOUNGER PERSON WONDERING WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED.

- Cora Harvey Armstrong



Rock-Ford A's Treasurer's Report—MAY 2023

Checkbook balance May 1, 2023	\$5,215.62
Cash on hand	97.00
Total checkbook and cash	5,312.62

Income:

Dues Deposit	300.00
Model A Day/Sponsors	1,250.00
Model A Day/Vendor payments	320.00
Model A Day Drone payment	250.00
Total income	2,120.00

Expenses:

John Hausen/Model A Day caps	1,113.20
US Postal Service/PO Box	194.00
Withdrawal-change for Model A Day 200.00	
Total expenses	1,507.20

Checkbook balance:	5,828.62
Cash on hand	297.00

Total Checkbook balance and Cash on hand May 31, 2023	6,125.62
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Submitted: Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer



Our Next Meeting is
Saturday, July 29th
11am—Blossingham Park
Pecatonica, IL
Bring your lunch &
cool beverages & lawn chairs
See You There!



A Blast from our Past! We went to a Fly-In and came home with a Model A! George bought our 1st Model A from Jim & Rosie Stark at Idlewild Airport in Wild Rose, WI on June 7, 2015. I thought he was CRAZY! But in retrospect, it was a great decision followed by joining the RockFord A's, thanks to a chance meeting at Wheeler House with Les Adleman! *Sue Brunson*

***I think I may need professional help ~
a chef, a butler and a maid should do it!***



MARC National Meet ~ July 30-Aug. 4

Attending MARC NATIONAL MEET in Hamilton, Ohio: ToniLynn Carlson, Alice Whitney and their 3 grandkids (modern car), Paul & Elaine Donley (driving Model A) at the host hotel; George Brunson and Jim Morley will be at the Marriott in West Chester (trailing Jim's Model A). If you're planning on going, please let them know!

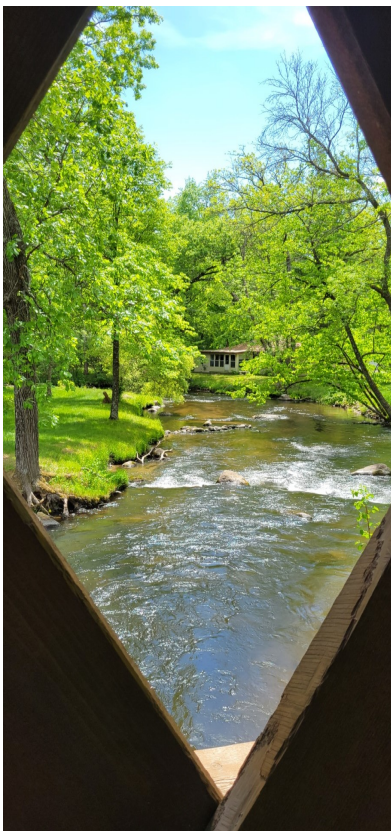


*Please keep Anne Laviolette,
Nan & Stan's grandson, Noah,
Mary Kramer, George Brunson,
Dave Thompson, Jake Milazzo, and Karen
Kothe in your thoughts and prayers!*

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl
“Curve in the Road”

You never know where the “Curve in the Road” will take you. When Julia and I travel, whenever possible, like to take back roads when we travel to points of interest. We enjoy seeing the people, farms, houses, animals, farm machinery working the fields, and interesting countryside points of interest. Of course, Julia looks for crafts shows and fairs as I look for Ford Model A’s cars and antique stores which might have some parts inside. While traveling to the Clauson Family Music Show in Coloma, WI last month Julia spotted a covered bridge as we drove along. We turned the car around to check out this covered bridge. As you approach the bridge you can hear the rushing water from the stream below as it passes under the bridge and flows downstream. You can see and feel the strength of the bridge by its large timbers which intertwine with each other. We have always been drawn to the beauty of a covered bridge. This one is called the “Springwater Volunteer Covered Bridge” located in the Town of Springwater, in Waushara County on 24th Lane off of Hwy. A, east of Wild Rose, Wisconsin. When the original bridge needed to be replaced, local residents got together to volunteer their skills, time and money in 1997 to design and build this covered bridge. Somehow the bridge received the phrase, “Covering the Future... With the Past”. After viewing this covered bridge, one wonders how many other covered bridges are located within driving distance to perhaps get some more photo opportunities. Something worth looking into. Julia and I are looking forward to seeing where the “Curve in the Road” will lead us as we travel through Minnesota to Mount Rushmore in South Dakota the first week in July. I look forward to hearing your comments at wrowehl@gmail.com.



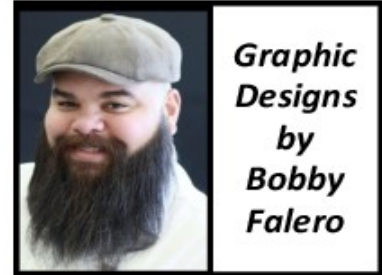
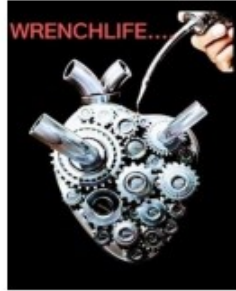
A landowner adjacent to the bridge has created a garden park making the scene even prettier & more picturesque. For more covered bridges, check out this article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: <https://www.jsonline.com/story/travel/wisconsin/day-out/2018/11/08/covered-bridgeswisconsin/1893951002/>

Here are two of the 256 drone photos we got from S & E Drones, LLC photographer, Ryan Montag. He's a Rock Country Sheriff and does their drone photos as well. Aren't they cool? He sent a couple dozen videos too - the people look like ants! We'll be using the photos to promote our club, so look for them on the club's web page (rockfordas.org) and on our club Facebook page (Rock-Ford A's). One of the changes to be made for 2024 is zero parking down the center of the street in case emergency vehicles need to get through.



Please support these businesses and Country Pride Meats throughout the year! These sponsors made it happen! Clinton Kitchen (NOT SUNDOWN - THEY TOLD US NOT TO COME BACK!), BoxCars, La Guacamaya & Rock'n Roger Bar & Grill support us. (Also, FYI - The Castle Café wasn't cooperative either...they wouldn't let our concertina player on their property.) Our favorite new cool gift shop is Sawdust & Iron - if you haven't been there it's worth a trip for really neat items!

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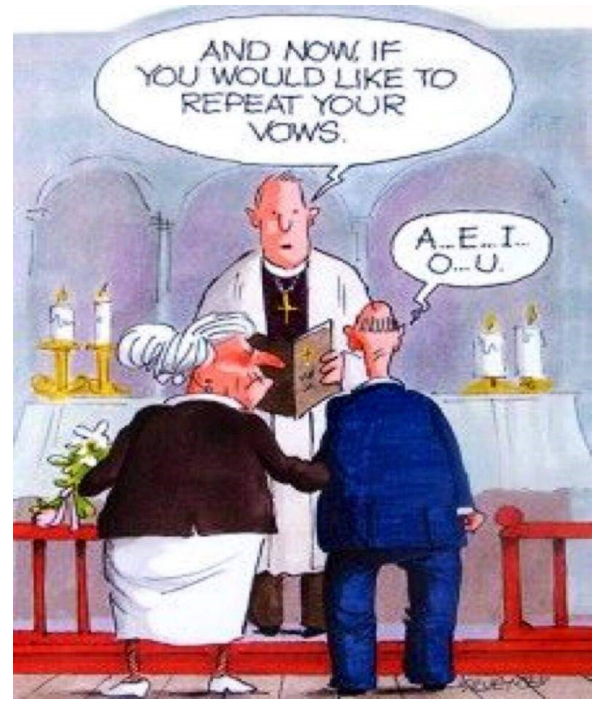
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ROCK FORD A'S TREASURER'S REPORT

Checkbook Balance: June 1, 2023	5,828.62
Cash on Hand:	97.00
Total Checkbook & Cash:	5,925.62
Income:	
Dues Deposits:	120.00
Model A Day/Sponsors:	600.00
Model A Day/Vendor, Raffles, Auction:	1,435.00
Sale of 50/50+ Distributor:	688.00
Cap & Cup Sales:	1,173.00
Sale of Model A Truck (Ann's):	200.00
Return of funds taken for change:	200.00
Parade Fees/Pec & Shopiere:	300.00
Total Income:	4,716.00
Expenses:	
Concertina Player/Matt Wundrow:	150.00
Model A Day Balloons/Don Vort:	150.00
Model A Day D. J./Joe Locke	500.00
Sign Board Model A Day/Jim Morley:	136.20
Model A Day Expenses/George Brunson:	482.36
Dash Plaques/Ron Lanquist:	294.45
Recipients of Model A Day Profit:	
Clinton Food Pantry:	1,528.00
Clinton Church Pantry:	1,528.00
Total Expenses:	4,769.01
Total Check & Cash Balance, June 30, 2023	5,872.61
Submitted by: Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer	

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

When you've already started eating and somebody says, "Let's Pray."



YOU'RE INVITED!

Wayne Rowehl Family Cordially invites you to join them at a Retirement Open House with desserts in honor of Wayne Rowehl! Wayne is celebrating 36 years at Woods School, as Building & Grounds Supervisor. This is Sunday, July 16th from 1pm-5pm at Darien Senior Center (below the Library), 47 Park St., Darien, WI . **CONGRATS, Wayne! More time to travel, rest, relax and drive your Model A!** Please RSVP to Julia at juliarowehl@gmail.com or Kim at Rowk47@hotmail.com

Stephenson County Museum & Train Tour

The Stephenson County Engine Club will be having their annual antique tractor & gas engine show on Aug. 5-6. There's much to see and do besides the antique tractors, gas engines and automobiles (some made in Freeport), a fire engine collection, the Cooper Corliss (25' flywheel) will be operating, a big flea market, museum tours and train rides! What a great place to visit and do a back road tour to get there! There'll be special parking for our cars and a grassy, shaded area to sit and tell stories and visit. An indoor country lunch will provide eats (usually sloppy joes, ham salad sandwiches, chips, pie and drink for about \$5) or you can bring your own. There's a lot to do and see and it's all in one location. This can be a very active day or a day to relax in the shade while you 'people watch' & tell stories and jokes - your choice! I PROMISE - it will NOT snow! **Our agenda: Meet @ 9am** on street in front of Culver's, 807 Cannell Puri Dr., Winnebago **Depart@9:30** This will be a slow, zigzag back road tour with a rest stop half way there. We will depart the show around 3:30 and head to The Union Dairy in Freeport for ice cream. Then on to Blassingham Park in Pec for a rest stop, to say our goodbyes and head home. Drive your Model A or Model T or modern car - just come! **Call Al Pederson with questions & to sign up 815-291-2526 acool29@gmail.com**



Model T Ford Club of Rockford Overnight Tour

Tuesday, September 26

- Leave Blassingham 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
- 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; he'll make reservations at Mulligans.

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!



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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?

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BOOKS:

Automobiles 1949-1959

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The New Ford (Reproduction of an original Ford Motor Company Sales Promotion Book), published by Jim Born, printed by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., Gonvick, Minnesota 56644, July 1, 1978

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Chicken Salad with Grapes and Cashews

This easy-to-make chicken salad is packed with grapes, cashews, and celery for lots of crunch

- 2 cups cooked and chopped chicken breast
- 3 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 2 cups green grapes, halved
- ¾ cup cashews, chopped
- 1¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ teaspoon curry powder, optional
- 1 teaspoon salt

To serve: croissants, green leaf lettuce

Place the chicken, celery, grapes, cashews, optional curry powder, and salt in a large bowl. Toss to combine. Stir in the mayonnaise.

Cut croissants in half lengthwise. Place a leaf of green leaf lettuce on the bottom of each croissant half and top with chicken salad. Place the remaining croissant half on top. Serve immediately.

