



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
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JUNE 2023 - MODEL A DAY EDITION



Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends,

Well, we came, we saw, and we conquered! Model A Day 2023 is now in the books! Ron Lanquist counted 151 model A's at 11:00 plus 33 other classic cars. He counts at the same time each year. We're chalking this year's show up as a big SUCCESS! We want to thank the Village of Clinton and Administrator Dan Risse, Traffic Jam's Speed Shop - Robert Yonkee, Sandy Amidon, Bobby Falero, and Matt Loudenbeck & their Wrenchlife crew, all of the RockFord A's members who in any way volunteered and helped before, during, and after the show. Thanks to all who donated their time, money, and Silent Auction or bucket raffle items. Special thanks to the members of the Model A Day Committee: Sue Brunson, Chuck Milazzo, Anne Laviolette, Bill Johnson, Dave Clark, Mike Peters, Greg McQueary, Ron Lanquist, Jim Morley, John Hausen, Steve MacLeod, and Chris Weber. We worked on different projects - It was quite an undertaking to pull it all together, but teamwork makes the dream a work, as they say! Now we know what questions to ask & how to make the 2024 Model A Day show even better. Most feedback we've received from vendors, store and restaurant owners, Village of Clinton officials & our members has been positive. And to prove we did our charitable event proud, after expenses have been paid, the preliminary numbers calculated by our esteemed treasurer, Greg McQueary, show that we made a profit of \$3,057.00 to be divided between the Clinton Community Outreach Center @First Presbyterian Church and the Clinton Food Pantry @ Christ Lutheran Church - \$1,528.50 each. And..... the planning for next year starts NOW!

We have a lot of fun events coming up, so please be sure to RSVP on all of invitations that are sent out in emails for parades, tours, breakfasts, and dinners. See details in the minutes!

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



L-R: Sandy Amidon, Ron Lanquist, George Brunson, Greg McQueary, John Hausen, Chuck Milazzo, Mike Peters, Bill Johnson, Lee and Anne Laviolette

MAY 27, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Welcome members and guests. 41 in attendance.
- Thank you to Ron and Linda Lanquist, Karen and Al Pedersen, and Wayne Henson for bringing treats today!
- Health concerns: Chuck Milazzo informed us about Jake Milazzo’s heart issue that began at Little Hershey. He had some tests and is doing better. Mary Kramer is out of the rehab facility and is recovering from her knee infection at home. Please continue prayers and good wishes for Dave Thompson, Nan and Stan Stewart’s grandson, Noah, Jake Milazzo, Mary Kramer, Anne Laviolette, and George Brunson.
- In Greg McQueary’s absence, George Brunson gave the Treasurer’s report—page 4.
- 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 spoke about the progress on our Annual Model A Day in Clinton, WI. Thank you to all who have volunteered so far, but we still need everyone’s help. We have a lot of spots to fill for volunteers for the day, working at the registration table, selling raffle tickets, directing traffic, etc. Please sign up for anything you can do to help! The more participation we have from club members, the better the event will be! Please see Sue Brunson about any raffle donation that you have.
- John Hausen has ordered the hats for Model A Day. They will be \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members. There will be updated club rosters at Model A Day to make sure we know who our paid members are.
- Bill Johnson and George Brunson are working with Clinton High School teacher, Adam Fjalstad to initiate a Model A Youth Program at the high school. We will need volunteers to help. Can the Rock-Ford A’s help sponsor this program by donating money or parts?
- Dave Clark spoke about upcoming parades. We are participating in 2 parades on Memorial Day, one in Beloit/So. Beloit (sponsored by Neli’s) and the other in Pecatonica (sponsored by the American Legion). We are also being sponsored for the Shopiere Days Parade on June 25 by Shopiere Tap. Is there a July 4th Parade somewhere that we should participate in, and who can we get to sponsor us in parades?
- 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.

Tech Talk: Chuck Milazzo talked @changing a tire & Jim Morley talked @ metal valve stems.
Cars: Al Pedersen sold his Fordor, but they will remain in the club; Joe Maurer will be selling his Tudor because he bought a Fordor; Terry Clark’s son, Wade, will be selling Terry’s cars; Dan Campbell bought a Tudor.

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“I’M NOT OLD—I’M A CLASSIC” “LIFE’S TOO SHORT TO DRIVE BORING NEW CARS!”
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UPCOMING 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. A sign-up sheet is available. She is also working on a date for another tour to Hoard Dairy Museum in Fort Atkinson, antique shops, Jones Dairy Market, replica of Fort Atkinson. Details will be coming.
2. Al Pedersen is putting together a tour to the Steam Show in Freeport for either August 5th or 6th. Details will be forthcoming.
3. Joe Maurer has a sign-up sheet for a Model T Overnight Tour to Oregon, WI in September.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 24, Sat. – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica 11am

July 29, Sat. – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica 11am

August 26, Sat. – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica 11am – Club Picnic

September 30, Sat. – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica

Upcoming events:

June 4, Sun. – 26th Annual Model A Day in Clinton, WI

June 17, Sat. – Old Settlers Day Parade in Rockton, IL

June 18, Sun. – Orfordville Parade

June 25, Sun. – Shopiere Days Parade

July 4, Tues. – Parade location to be determined

July 8, Sun. – 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

July 22, Sat. – Pietenpol aircraft at the Brodhead Airport

August 5, Sat. – “Topsy” at Midway Village

Aug 5-6, Sat.-Sun. – Steam Show in Freeport

August 18-19, Fri.-Sat. – Model A Day in Amana Colonies

August 19, Sat. – 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

October 8, Sun. – Oregon Autumn on Parade

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

Jan Leverington and Larry Anderson won the attendance prizes.

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).

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 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, June 24th**

**11am—Blossingham Park
Pecatonica, IL
Bring your lunch &
cool beverages & lawn chairs**

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**



**The Model T Club has invited
us to join them on their fall
overnite tour— the dates are
now set! September 26-27.
Details TBA**



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, and Jake
Milazzo in your thoughts and prayers!*

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl
"Curve in the Road"



It has been an exciting start to the car show and swap meet season. I hope you were able to attend either the Jefferson Madison Classic in April, the Rockford Model T in May or our own Rockford Model A's car show and swap meet in June. For those who were not able to attend this year's Rockford A's car show and swap meet at its new location in Clinton, Wisconsin, it turned out to be a good in a lot of ways. It was wonderful seeing all the Model A's lined up down both sides and in the center of the main street. Another nice feature was the availability of parking, within walking distance, one street over from the show cars for folks who came to see what all the excitement was about.

It was nice to see the assortment and variety of Model A parts that were available by vendors who came. Hopefully, the part vendors had a good day and will come back next year. Along with parts vendors there were a lot of local stores open during this event selling crafts, jewelry, rummage, and miscellaneous items along with booths set up throughout the town.

A lot of local restaurant businesses were open during this event. There was no shortage or variety of food from local restaurants or street merchants. There was something for everyone.

Finally, last month Julia & I had the opportunity to watch The Clauson Family Music Show in Coloma, Wisconsin, do "The Music of the Ladies of Country" in a barn. Yes, in a barn. The

afternoon starts out with a salad, bread, main course of food and dessert. After the meal, the show begins. At intermission you can visit their shops of crafts and delicious goodies from the bakery store. This may be a fun event for the club to do someday. Sometimes you can see some of their vehicles they from time to time put out to display or you can view them in their storage place when they do not. This time they had one Model A, a couple of T's in various conditions, one T older restoration and plenty of other 60's vehicles outside for viewing. Julie said she saw the Clauson family at Clinton Model A Day. See photo.

Three times a year you can enjoy a Swedish Breakfast with a piano playing in the background. This is when the cars were outside. You can see more information on their website.

Curve in the Road tip: If you attach a cable tie to the fuse and leave a tail about one inch it makes it easier to remove the fuse when you want to. See photo.





**SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH
9AM - 2PM**



A great day was had by all!



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NEED SOMETHING??

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ROCK-FORD A's RESOURCE LIBRARY

(housed at George Brunson's—call 608-290-1835)

BOOKS:

Automobiles 1949-1959

Ford Model A 1929-1931 NAPA/Martin

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

Tillotson Carburetors Repairing and Restoring Model "X", "Unmarked X" and "XF"

26 MOVIES/VIDEOS AS DVD

'OLD' IS WHEN....

Your sweetie says, 'Let's go upstairs and make love,' and you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!'

'OLD' IS WHEN...

A sexy babe or hunk catches your fancy, and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take any fiber today.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

'Getting lucky' - finding your car in the parking lot.

'OLD' IS WHEN....

An 'all nightery' means not getting up to use the bathroom. AND

'OLD' IS WHEN....

You are not sure these are jokes!