



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
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MAY 2023



Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends,

Model A Day is less than 30 days away and coming up fast! Preparations are still coming along and the M.A.D. Committee is busy. We're still looking for more crafters (there's room for 75+!) and swap meet vendors, more raffle prizes and donations. The Model A Day Committee will meet next in Clinton at Traffic Jams on Saturday, May 13th at 10am. Both food pantries in Clinton are so grateful to be this year's recipients of the money we raise over our expenses. How are you doing on passing out the flyers and vendor forms? Do you need more? We have more! Any raffle prize you've gotten or donate personally can be brought to our next meeting on Saturday, May 27th at 11am at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica, IL. We'll be meeting here on the last Saturday of each month thru September. In other club news, our Beller Museum Tour in modern cars, directed by Al Pedersen, on Sat., April 22nd was FABULOUS! Check out our group picture on page 9. We had a crazy weather day (snow, snow squall, sleet, hail, and...sunshine!), but it all went off without any other hitch. Thanks, Al! And thanks to Mark McClenathan for hosting a successful Mechanical Day at his shop on April 29th—see those pictures on page 8. It was a great day of working and learning and camaraderie! We've got 2 parades coming up on Memorial Day—please let Dave Clark know if you'll be participating!

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

2023 MODEL A DAY "STAR"



**Mike & Lana
Peters' 1928
Phaeton
Before &
After!**



April 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 39 in attendance. Welcome Bill Werfal from Rock River Thresheree and David Lantz from the Model T Club.
3. Welcome new members Donald Jones and Steve MacLeod!
4. Thank you to Warren and Linda Dutton, Ron Lanquist, and Wayne Henson for bringing treats tonight! Thank you to Stan Stewart for opening up the church for us to use!
5. Health concerns: No update on Dave Thompson. Nan and Stan Stewart's grandson, Noah, is recovering from a stroke and heart surgery. Nan gave us an update on his recovery and thanked everyone for the continued prayers. Anne Laviolette will be starting a 12-month round of chemo in May for her leukemia.
6. Greg McQueary gave the Treasurer's report (included in the newsletter).
7. David Lantz provided information about the upcoming Little Hershey at Boone County Fairgrounds on May 20.
8. The Rock-Ford A's received a certificate for 25 years as a chapter of MAFCA.
9. Chris Aupperle received an award for her article "Corsets? Of Course!" that appeared in the Jan.-Feb. 2022 Model "A" News. Congratulations, Chris!
10. Bill Werfal of the Rock River Thresheree invited our club to participate in their event on Labor Day weekend (Sept. 1-4). This year the Thresheree will feature Fords.
11. Al Pedersen ("SnowAl") recapped the tour to the Beller Museum last Saturday. Very enjoyable day for everyone who attended! Lots to see, great lunch (and ice cream, of course!), and fantastic company! Great job, Al!
12. John Hausen has been working on the hats for Model A Day. This year the hats will feature Mike Peters' Phaeton. He will have samples soon.
13. George Brunson spoke about the progress on our Annual Model A Day in Clinton, WI. We still need everyone's help to advertise our event and get sponsors to help with expenses. We also 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!

14. Bill Johnson has not received any answers to inquiries about youth participation. If you know any young people who are interested in old cars, let Bill know.

15. 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?

16. 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.

17. Dave Clark has set up "mechanical day" at Mark McClenathan's home garage (with lifts) on Saturday, April 29. Bring your car to have the guys help you get it ready for the parade and touring season. Tools will be available.

18. Toni Lynn Carlson has put together a tour to the Milton House, Train Club/Winery/antique shops, and, of course, ice cream on July 15. 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.

19. The date for the chance to drive on the Rockford Speedway (this is the last year for the Speedway) has been set for Sat., August 19. A sign-up sheet is available if you are interested.

20. Steve MacLeod and Wayne Rowehl are going to the Jefferson Swap Meet and taking our Model A Day fliers to distribute.

21. Saturday breakfasts are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Monthly dinners are the 1st Tuesday of each month. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details about the next breakfast and dinner.

22. Upcoming meetings:

- Saturday, May 27 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am
- Saturday, June 24 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am
- Saturday, July 29 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am
- Saturday, August 26 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am – Annual Club Picnic
- Saturday, September 30 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica

23. Upcoming events:

- April 28-30 – Spring Jefferson Swap Meet
- May 20 – Little Hershey at Boone County Fairgrounds
- May 27 – Miracle Mile Cruise & Car Show
- May 29 – Memorial Day Parades (Beloit 9am) (Pecatonica 1pm)

- June 4 – 26th Annual Model A Day in Clinton, WI
- June 17 – Old Settlers Day Parade in Rockton, IL
- June 18 – Orfordville Parade
- June 25 – Shopiere Days Parade
- July 4 – Parade location to be determined
- July 8 – ByronFest Parade
- July 9 – “Cars That Time Forgot” Car Show at Lake Lawn, WI
- July 15 – Milton House/Train Club/Winery/antique shops tour
- July 22 – Pietenpol aircraft at the Brodhead Airport
- August 5 – “Topsy” at Midway Village
- August 18-19 – Model A Day in Amana Colonies
- August 19 – Rockford Speedway
- September 10 – Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade
- September 15-16 – Model A Days at Gilmore Museum
- September 17 – Beloit Autorama
- September 22-24 – Fall Jefferson Swap Meet
- September 24 – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade
- October 8 – Oregon Autumn on Parade
- October 14 – “Rock-n-Bowl” Car Show

24. Toni Lynn Carlson and David Lantz won the attendance prizes.

25. Ron Lanquist did a Tech Talk on king pins.

26. 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).

Submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary

**All of the Club tools are housed at Anne and Lee Laviolette’s garage!
5427 Shamrock Lane Roscoe, IL 61073 Anne: 815-218-3055 Lee: 815-218-2510
If you would like another list of these tools, call Sue Brunson—608-295-2590**



Thanks, Anne & Lee! We appreciate you!

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

Checkbook balance April 1, 2023	4,531.05
Cash on hand	97.00
Total checkbook and cash	4,628.05

Income:

Dues Deposit	40.00
Parades/Model A Day	1,010.00
Total income	1,050.00

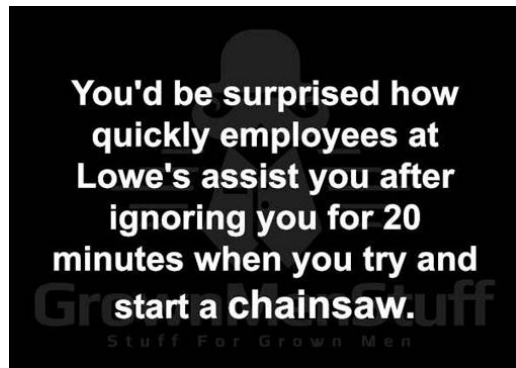
Expenses:

Newsletter postage/printing	41.14
Domaine renewal	42.34
Model A Day expense (printing flyers, posters, postage)	331.75
Total expenses	415.23

Checkbook balance:	5,165.82
Cash on hand	97.00

Total Checkbook balance and Cash on hand April 30, 2023	5,262.82
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Submitted: Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer



Behind every husband who thinks he wears the pants... Is a wife who told him which pants to wear.



Ron Lanquist was asked to bring his Model A to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Rockford Memorial Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary. Despite the cold & windy day, it was a wonderful event! *Thanks, Ron!*

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

By Wayne Rowehl
"Curve in the Road"

Now you heard about potentially what parts are not available for your vehicle after it breaks down and wonder what your next options are. One potential resource could be going to a local car show. Especially if the car show specializes in your specific make, model, and year of the vehicle you own.

Recently, Madison Classics held their 46th Annual Spring Car Show at the Jefferson County fairgrounds. This show is always held the last full weekend in April of each year and the Fall car show is the last full weekend in September. Each year the show specializes in a particular vehicle make, model, and years manufactured. This year's featured vehicle was the Ford Mustang.

Along with viewing the featured vehicles, spectators can walk between rows and rows of vendors selling everything from tools to car parts. I found it best to ask, "do you have anything for a Ford Model A" or for whatever you are looking for.

This year's show, possibly because of the rain, limited vendors with Ford Model A parts. The vendors we found had full headlight assemblies, literature, tools, car body & door parts, jacks, engine, car parts and license plates. It never hurts to see if you can find the part you need to fix your vehicle.

When going to the Jefferson Show be sure to check out the event table located in the main food building. On this table are all the events for the surrounding area. Any of our color brochures left on Friday were gone already and the ones I put down Saturday were going fast. A Ford Model A in rough shape had a price tag of \$5,000 with no title. See photos.

Each time I go I realize how important it is to research and know your parts so you can be sure you are buying the correct part. Bringing a picture of the correct part you need will help a lot.

The Rockford Model T Ford Club is having a swap meet on Saturday, May 20th, 2023, starting at 6:00am at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, Illinois. This show might have the great potential for Ford Model A parts.

I look forward to reading your comments at wrowehl@gmail.com.



WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP!

- Sharing information on social media and/or in person with friends & family
- Sharing vendor forms and posters
- Volunteers needed to help on the day.
Please call Anne Laviolette 815-218-3055
- Donating a raffle item of \$25
- Call Sue Brunson 608-295-2590 if you know of anyone who would like a booth for \$20



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



SPECIAL EVENT

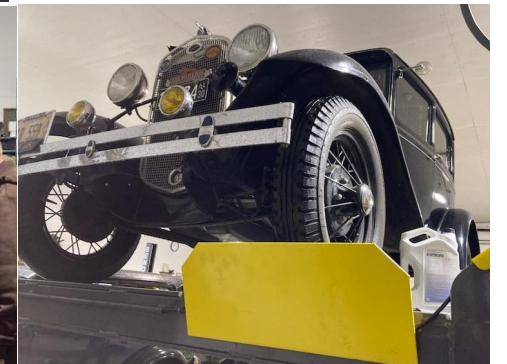
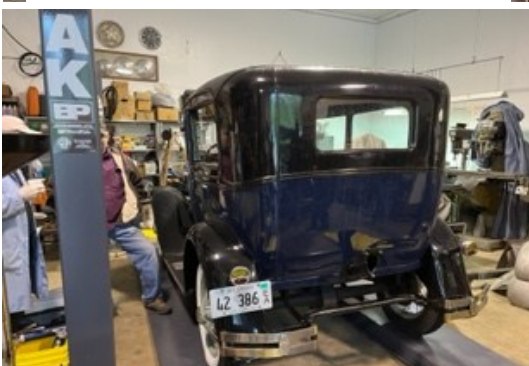
On Sunday, June 4th, at the conclusion of our 2023 Model A Day event, there will be a guided voluntary procession of Model A's to the location of the bridge on the Luety farm. With permission from the owner, we will have a professional photographer there (Haylie Rogers) to take pictures of individual cars on this historic bridge, with its unique ties to Henry Ford. The astronomical odds of this bridge being in the exact town for our 34th Model A Day is astounding! We look forward to sharing this exclusive grand finale with our participants.

Before you drive those Model A's all summer, you have to make sure she (he?) is ready.

**As Abraham Lincoln once said: "If I had only an hour to chop down a tree,
I would spend the first 45 minutes sharpening my axe."**

FROM MARK MCCLLENATHAN: Thank you to all who helped plan and run last Saturday's Maintenance Day, especially Dave Clark who was the mastermind behind the event. Except for the rain and cool temperatures, Saturday was great fun! But none of us melted. We shut the overhead door and turned on the heat. If my math is correct, we had 3 Model A's (due to the weather) but 16-18 club members, most of who stayed all day to help out...or just enjoy the camaraderie and coffee. Master Mechanic Dave Clark was our MC. I was just in the way. All three Model A's were given the full "factory approved" service. Henry Ford would be proud. The poorly running green coupe left running like new. (I was told the coil was re-installed correctly and a short in the distributor – wire- repaired -- which solved the poor-running issues. Never blame the Model A. They only need some TLC.) We wanted to do this maintenance shop day in early spring, so we are ready for the season. Weather is sometimes an issue in late April, but you have to admit, its better than snow, black ice and salt. Let's do this again every spring... if not maybe again later this summer before any big Model A tours. My shop is almost always "open" if you ever need a "lift" or some simple help.

Now get those cars out of the garage and have a Great Spring and Summer!



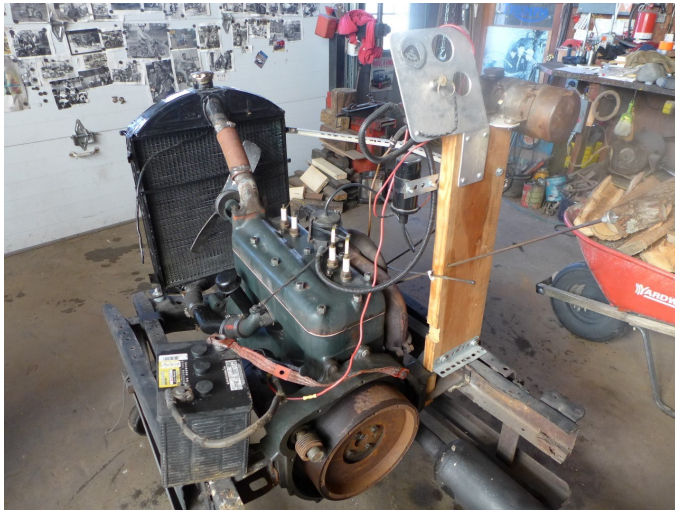
BELLER MUSEUM TOUR—APRIL 22, 2023

This was a great tour down to Romeoville, IL to see a private collection of amazing vehicles collected by 86-yr old Mr. Beller since he was 13! Our large tour group had lunch at Cracker Barrel & then custard at Culver's to top off a really great day!



Thanks for organizing a great tour, Al!

FROM JANUARY 2023



I just finished putting an engine together that had been apart for a couple years, with pieces scattered all over my shop. Long story short, it was a newly rebuilt engine that had developed a nasty knock after only a few hundred miles of running. After tearing the entire engine apart, I found that #2 piston was scuffed severely. It turned out that this particular piston, which was .080" oversize, was defective. I bought a new set of .080" pistons and put it all back together. The engine now runs well without any knocks, bangs, piston slap, rattles, etc. The

photo is the newly repaired engine on the club engine running stand, which was built by club member Al Pederson. It's a very handy enginestand because an engine can be tested without having to go to all the work of installing in a car. Thanks Al, and thanks Rockford A's for letting me use the club stand.

Mike Peters



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

When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...

I always hug them with my prayers.



Please keep Anne Lavolette and Nan & Stan's grandson, Noah, in your thoughts and prayers!

Rockford Model T Club Is Proud To Announce Our 58th Annual Little Hershey Swap Meet & Cruise In

Saturday May 20th, 2023

Boone County Fairgrounds -- Belvidere, IL

Enter @ Gate 3 -- South Entrance

Gates Open Saturday at 6a.m.

\$7 Entry For Spectators - Children Under 12 Free Food Available On The Grounds

Rain or Shine Free Parking

Vintage Car Cruise In For Makes 1998 & Older Car & Driver Get In Free



Free Model T Rides

Swap Meet & Cars For Sale Over 300 Swap Spaces Available Inside & Out

Vendor Gate Open For Setup 10am - 6pm on Friday

Portion Of Proceeds Go To Local Charities

Any Questions Please: Call Dave (815) 979-4544 or Email: littlehershey1@gmail.com

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

HOW TO INTERPRET

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ANTIQUUE CAR ADS

IF IT SAYS:

IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

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**Our Next Meeting is
Saturday, May 27th**

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

Model A Ford Era Fashions for Today's Woman



MARC Fashion Committee Seminar
August 1, 2023
Hamilton, Ohio

The Fashion Seminar at the 2023 MARC NATIONAL MEET in Hamilton, OH will focus on modes appropriate to today's woman. Stylized fashion images and artwork of the 1928-1931 era did not necessarily reflect a wide variety of women's' body shapes and figures. Garments from the era were indeed available in mid-to-larger

sizes as a close examination of vintage patterns and catalog pages does reveal. Our seminar will display era photos and provide examples of fashions complimentary to a wide range of figures. You will be pleased to see styles which encourage your active participation in this aspect of our historic car hobby!

Chris Aupperle

MARC National Meet ~ July 30-Aug. 4

Attending the 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!