



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
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Glimpse from the Gavel



I can't believe it! This Model A season went by like lightning! Now it's time to put away our cars into winter storage. Please review the storage check list in last month's newsletter. You'll be thankful when you start it up in the spring...it will "purr like a kitten". Thank you, Dave Clark, for this outline and all the e-mails with Model A tips on repair and maintenance throughout the year.

Sadly, we couldn't arrange a soup lunch this year due to Covid restrictions. But, happily, there WILL be one on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Central Christian Church where we usually meet. You can put this on your calendar for our first event of the new year. We had Blessingham Park lunch meetings April through September this year...also due to Covid restrictions. These were all well attended and lots of fun! In August we also had our annual family picnic. This was also well attended on a very HOT-HOT day. Thank you, Sue Brunson, for making all the park arrangements and for all you do during the year...especially our monthly newsletter. What an excellent job you do! The October & November meetings were back at Central Christian Church to close out the year. Thank you, Stan Stewart, for arranging this and opening the Church on meeting nights.

Our club participated in 8 parades with the new addition of the fall parade in Oregon. Thank you, Warren & Linda Dutton, for arranging our participation in this great parade... and for the treats following. Our Parade Coordinator, George Brunson, kept us informed and arranged payment from the individual parade committees. Thanks George.

Model A Day in Sharon was also a success with 150 Model A's on display. This was a little less than previous years (Covid). Sharon's 25th year will be in 2022. We're going to try to make it special with commemorative hats and dash plaques.

Long time member Wendell Anderson has not been able to participate due to poor health... so we brought a breakfast meeting to him this summer. What a great time!

If you missed Dave Werckle's "poke along" fall tour, you missed a great one!!! There were 16 Model A's and two modern cars. It was a fun-filled day that ended with, of course, ICE-CREAM! Thanks Dave and Sara for this and for treats after the Stillman Valley Parade. Cont'd.

**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!**



If this sounds like a letter of Thank You's, it is! We couldn't do without Secretary Anne Laviolette. She updates our roster, sends news bits out to each national club for their publications and sends cards out to the sick. Treasurer Dwayne Meier keeps track of our finances, collects dues, and keeps an inventory of the club patches, parade aprons and magnetic signs. John and Sue Hausen continue to host our weekly breakfasts and monthly dinners. Thanks to ALL who make this club a success.

To finish off the year, our Annual Fall Banquet was held on November 7...We had a good dinner, great service, lots of fellowship and many (expensive) door prizes. Thank You, Jim Morley, for making these arrangements and ALL YOU DO throughout the year.

Your Co-Presidents ,
Jim & Ron

P.S. Editorial Comment: And a BIG THANK YOU to Ron for all YOU DO for the club!



November: 6-Russ Kothe, 7-George Brunson, 7-Charlie Monk, 11-Paul Donley, 11-Wayne Henson, 28-Wilma Lindsey

December: 10-Linda Lanquist, 19-Donna Johnson, 25-Larry Froemming

January: 1-Sharon Morley, 2-Gina LaRosa, 4-Dan Cambell, 6-Toni Lynn Whitney-Carlson. 6-Gerald Carpenter, 7-Les Adelman, 10-Elaine Donley, 13-Lowell Daniels, 13-Phil Hodges, 14-Anne Laviolette, 16-Dorie Welch, 23-Tony Whitney, 25-Ron Ortberg, 27-Candy Thompson

February: 1-Mike Peters, 5-Karen Kothe, 7-Bonnie Mann, 14-Al Pedersen, 24-Dean Wanfalt, 25-John Westendorf



November: Mike and Kay Strand: November 4, 1967
Bob and Mary Ann Logothetti: November 5, 1988
Art and Jan Leverington: November 12, 1963
Russ and Karen Kothe: November 16, 2016
Dave and Sara Werckle: November 26, 1983

December: Toni Lynn and Michael Whitney-Carlson: December 19, 1981
Bill and Wilma Lindsey: December 19, 1970
Mark and Marilyn McClenathan: December 27, 1986

January: Jim and Sharon Morley: January 22, 1973
Mike and Lana Peters: January 31, 1970

February: Warren and Linda Dutton: February 1, 1982
Charlie and Flo Monk: February 2, 1974
Anne and Lee Laviolette: February 14, 1991

October 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome members and guests. 33 in attendance. Welcome new member Rick Harle! We also have a guest from California – Susan, the sister of Jan Leverington.

Thank you:

Stan Stewart for opening up the church for us to use!

Sue and George Brunson for bringing chips and Jim Morley for bringing chocolates!

Chuck Milazzo for donating the microphone replacement!

All volunteers for setting up and taking down the room!

We also want to recognize Sue Brunson for yet another great newsletter! Well done, Sue!

Sick list: Mel and Dori Welch have recovered from Covid and are back with us tonight.

Welcome back!

George Brunson talked about our parades for the season. We still have not received payment for the Mt. Morris 4th of July parade, so we will not do that parade next year. The club made \$700 for doing the parades this year. We did not charge for the St. Patrick's Day parade since only 2 cars participated. The last parade, the Oregon Harvest Time parade, was a very nice parade, made even better by the desserts at the Dutton's home after. Thank you, Warren and Linda, for your hospitality!

Treasurer's report (included in newsletter).

Saturday breakfasts continue. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details about the next breakfast. The next monthly dinner will be November 2 at the Firehouse Pub.

Upcoming events: Annual Fall Banquet on Nov. 7.

Paul Donley has International Model A Day patches for \$3 each if anyone is interested.

Car repairs: Art Leverington got to hear his motor run at Jim La Shelle's; Rick Harle found the chatter that he thought was his clutch was actually that his motor mounts were loose – once they were tight the noise was gone.

Mike Peters bought a Tudor project for \$250.

Phil Hodges was awarded a rubber chicken for his truck's inability to make it to Beloit Autorama. Display "Henrietta" proudly, Phil!

The "Dave Werckle Poke-A-Long Tour 2021" was enjoyed by all who attended. We had 16 Model A's and 2 modern cars. Bill Johnson's truck made it's "maiden voyage" that day and made it home again with no problems. Thank you to Dave and Sara for the great tour and for their paying for the shelter rental!

The Annual Fall Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, November 7 at Thunder Bay Grille. Please get your reservations in to Jim Morley as soon as possible. So far about 70 people have signed up.

We are still looking for members to consider becoming officers in the future.

We need some ideas and volunteers for tech talks for next year. Some of the suggestions made were installing seat belts, repairing and adjusting horns, installing LED lights, and repairing windshield wipers. Any more suggestions and volunteers to demonstrate these subjects would be welcome. Do any of the new members have items that they would like to see addressed?

Dave Clark again suggested doing a preventive maintenance seminar in the spring to make sure everyone is ready for the driving season, checking brakes, wiring, etc. We can all benefit from knowing how to do the basic maintenance to make sure our cars are safe to drive.

Dave Clark reported that Trent Ferguson donated Model A parts to the club. They are currently being stored at a unit owned by Bob Nowicki. Should we auction the parts to club members?

Jake Milazzo won a set of adjustable wrenches and Anne Laviolette won a pumpkin-scented candle in the attendance drawing.

Tech talk: Dwayne Meier demonstrated how to assemble the roof on his Fordor; Ron Lanquist, Jim Morley, and Anne Laviolette brought in water pumps to discuss grinding the impeller to slow water flow.

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



The Ford assembly line for the body....



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TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

Checkbook Balance Oct.1, 2021 5,138.68
 Cash on Hand 100.00
 Total Checkbook & Cash 5,238.68

Income

2022 Dues 260.00
 Banquet Reservation 387.00
 Oregon Parade 100.00
 Painted License Plate Topper 25.00
 Round Door Plaque 12.00
 Total Income 784.00

Expenses

Stamps Ink & Labels 21.73
 Office Supplies 56.73
 MAFCA Renewal 50.00
 October Newsletter 32.03
 Total Expenses 160.49

Checkbook Balance Oct. 31, 2021 5,725.19
 Cash on Hand 137.00
 Total Checkbook & Cash \$5,862.19

Submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer



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 1802 Crossroads Lane
 Freeport, IL 61032

*Antique - Classic - Industrial
 Model A Ford Rebabbing & Align Boring*

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203 W. Hawick Street
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(815) 624-6000

Don Stien

~ 1929 Parts FOR SALE ~
John Hausen 815-544-6004

Generator, Distributor(1), Coil (1), Carburetor, Air Filter, Control Rods (2), Judging Standards Book, 2-Tooth Steering Column, 1 Rear Leaf Spring, 7-Tooth Steering Column, Cores Water Pump (2), Exhaust Manifold, Intake Manifold, Radiator Cap, Meter Cap w/wings, Trunk Bracket

Be Naughty ... Save Santa the Trip!

If at first you don't succeed, do it the way your wife told you!

People who are only into themselves fit into a small package.

I'm great at multitasking - I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at the same time.

I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think to yourself, "That can't be accurate."

Kitchen Sign: If you don't like my standards of cooking, lower your standards.

If you have an interesting or helpful Model A-related photo, article, source, event, story, joke, or other fun tidbit to share, email it: thebrunsons@hotmail.com or text it to me at 608-295-2590. Thanks! Sue Brunson, Editor

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Dave and Pauline Clark proudly announce the marriage of their daughter Rachael to Steven! Introducing Mr. & Mrs. Steven Erickson, and Diesel, the dog.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ford changes and models for each year

- 1930 -----** The Model A is given a new grille hood and cowl and the first use of Stainless steel bright work on Radiator shell
 - 1931 -----** Despite Recession Ford opens new plants in Dagenham in England and Cologne in Germany
 - 1932 -----** The new model B series is introduced and the new V8 powered Model 18 is shown for the first time
 - 1933 -----** All Fords are completely redesigned on a longer chassis and Ford V8 Engine now is 75 HP
 - 1934 -----** Enamel paint replaces hand-buffed lacquer on all fords
 - 1935 -----** Ford restyles the Model 48 with longer, wider bodies and a narrower grille and 16-inch wheels
 - 1936 -----** New steel disc wheels replace wire wheels for smoother ride
 - 1937 -----** A Ford V8 wins the Monte Carlo Rally
 - 1937 -----** Addition of 60 HP mini-V-8 engines for some '37 models...limited production + standard 85HP V-8. Short-lived.
 - 1939 -----** All Fords adopt Hydraulic Brakes
- (The People History.com)

The Famous Ritz Carlton Hotel
1920's Tea Room Lemon Pound Cake

This is the kind of recipe that keeps getting handed down. It's THAT GOOD and perfectly classic. Oh, yum!

- 3 C. all-purpose flour
- 1 T. baking powder
- ¾ tsp. salt
- 3 C. sugar
- 1 C. unsalted butter, room temp
- ½ cup shortening, room temp
- 5 large eggs
- 1 C. whole milk
- 6 T. lemon juice and 1 lemon, zested

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray or butter and flour 2 loaf pans or one large Bundt pan. Sift flour, baking powder and salt into medium bowl. Set aside. Using an electric mixer, cream together butter, shortening and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating until well blended after each one. Add dry ingredients in three additions to butter mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed just until blended after each addition. Mix in lemon juice & zest. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake cakes until tested inserted into center comes out clean, about 55 minutes. Cook cakes in pans for 15 minutes. Turn cakes out onto racks & cool completely. ~ Dallas A's newsletter *Quail Tale*



When you're done baking, you can get all gussied up and go out & have a night on the town with your dashing hubby. You'll both look mahhh-velous, baby!



Our Fall Poke Along Tour - October 19, 2021 - Thanks, Dave Werckle!

The Eternal Indian, sometimes called the Black Hawk Statue, is a 48-foot sculpture by Lorado Taft located in Lowden State Park, near the city of Oregon, Illinois. Dedicated in 1911, the statue is perched over the Rock River on a 77-foot bluff overlooking the city.



Bill Johnson's orange truck - looks great, Bill! Can't miss it!



Lunch at Lowell Park in Dixon, IL - just a beautiful day along the Rock River...except for the BEES!!!



Nachusa Grasslands, The Nature Conservancy - Franklin Grove, IL



Dave Werckle - the Leader of the Pack!

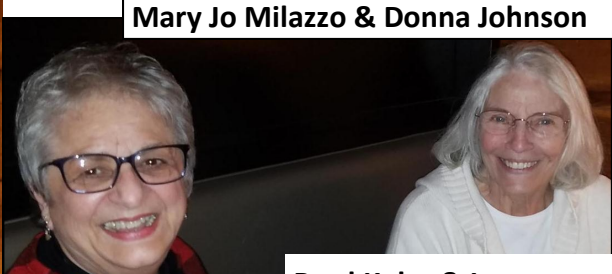


Our 2021 Fall Banquet - It Was GREAT!

What a fabulous way to end a year that was marred by the Covid-19 pandemic! We had 72 members present, a wonderful prize raffle where everyone chose a great gift, a sizeable 50-50 that Bill Johnson won, an excellent meal, but most of all, time spent together to enjoy a great group of friends. Friends 1st — club second!



Chris Aupperle and Joe Maurer looking very apropos for the night!



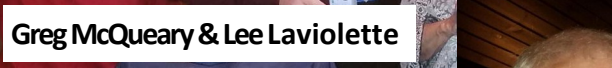
Mary Jo Milazzo & Donna Johnson



Brad Kolar & Lauren



Marilyn McClenathan



Linda & Warren Dutton



Greg McQueary & Lee Laviolette



Lots of door prizes!



Sharon Morley



Brandon Kujat



Jan Leverington



Pat Lewis, Bill Cummings, Mike Strand, Karen Pedersen



Kay Strand



George Brunson & Charlie Monk
The Twin Birthday Boys



Our last meeting of the year for 2021 - but it sure did feel good to be back at Central Christian Church. Thanks to Nan and Stan Stewart for securing this great place!



**Soup Lunch
Feb. 19, 2022
Central Christian
Church, Rockford**



ANOTHER GREAT 8AM SATURDAY MORNING CLUB BREAKFAST—THIS WAS AT STOCKHOLM INN!



**Chris Aupperle, Flo Monk,
and Sue Hausen**

**Pauline Clark, Anne Laviolette,
Brandon Kujat, Karen Pedersen**



**True Blue Friends, Through & Through!
Anne Laviolette, Charlie Monk, and
Flo Monk**

L-R: Dave Clark, Ron Lanquist, Jim Morley, Al Pedersen, George Brunson, Charlie Monk, John Hausen



We sit at separate tables and always ask the wait staff to take the guys orders first so they get their food 1st so they quit talking! They're SO LOUD! LOL! That's ok, guys! We appreciate you paying for our breakfast!

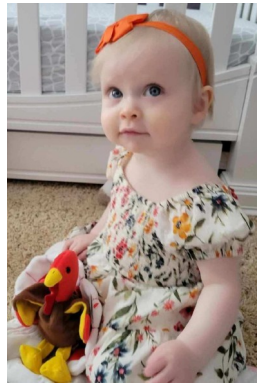
A Fun Dinner Out at Firehouse Pub in Rosemead, IL - NOVEMBER



Firehouse Pub is always a favorite dinner spot for our club - you never go away hungry! George tried their double chicken breast sandwich and WOW! It was enormous! If you haven't joined in on our 1st Tuesday of the month dinners, call John Hausen and c'mon! We have a really nice time visiting and eating!



Al and Karen Pedersen's new garage, christened "the annex" is finally done! Now, Al says, all that's left to do is fill 'er up! OK, who's jealous?!



And how can one little 13-month old sweetie be SO cute? Anne & Lee Laviolette's grand-baby, Emma Lindsay, steals the spotlight, every visit! Such a doll!



Larry & Denise Ethun are cruising on the Ruby Princess from San Francisco to the Mexican Riviera: Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. Don't they look festive? Bring back some warm weather!



For International Model A Day, Paul, Dad, Elaine, Mom, and I did a little touring and shopping in Wisconsin. Paul, Elaine and I started the day driving the back roads of Fort Atkinson and Jefferson, WI, arriving at the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson. After touring the museum we did some shopping at 5 Stars Antique store in town, then took another back country ride to Edgerton, WI where we met up with Mom and Dad at the A&W drive-in for lunch, then more shopping and a quick ride over to the Indianford Dam that creates Lake Koshkonong. We ended the day back at my cabin for wine/beer & munchies. It was a great driving day!

Toni Lynn Whitney-Carlson



Lee Laviolette and George Brunson helped Charlie Monk swap out the modern brakes for the originals. This beautiful coup has now gone to a new home with Charlie and Flo's grandson in TX! Lucky him!



This year Baron has submitted his Christmas list directly to Santa! He doesn't trust the post office so he went straight to the source! He's already checking his stocking (and ours) for goodies!

Lori & Chris Weber and, of course, Baron