



## ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110

Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA

[www.rockfordas.org](http://www.rockfordas.org)

NOVEMBER, 2019



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, November 10** – Fall Banquet at Thunder Bay Grill, 7652 Potawatomi Trail, Rockford, IL  
5pm cocktails & 6pm dinner

**Saturday, February 22** – 2020 Soup Lunch & General Meeting – Noon at Central Christian Church

**Tuesday, March 31** – 1<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting – 7 PM at Central Christian Church.



### *Glimpse from the Gavel - October 24, 2019*

Hello to all! As we get ready for our Annual Banquet, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays, we are reminded of how fast time flies! There will be no monthly meetings or newsletters in December or January. After the banquet, the only planned get-togethers will be the weekly Saturday breakfasts and the monthly dinners. The 2020 season will begin with our annual February Soup Lunch on Sat., February 22. The first meeting follows on Tues., February 25, again at Central Christian Church.

Until then, keep motoring!

Yours Truly, Wayne Henson, President

### Minutes from the October 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Moment of silence for the passing of members Bill McConaughy and Marlis Schmitz.
3. Welcome members. 46 in attendance.
4. Thank you to Bill and Wilma Lindsey for the delicious treats! Thank you to Mary Kramer for and making the coffee! Thank you to all the members who help set up and take down for our meetings!
5. Social concerns: Kathy Forbes is recovering from shoulder repair surgery (good to see you back, Kathy!); Charlie Monk is recovering from a stroke (good to see you back, Charlie!); Flo Monk is recovering from foot surgery; Wayne Henson is recovering from prostate surgery; MaryJo Milazzo is recovering from surgery; Anne Laviolette is just starting a battle with cancer.
6. Treasurer's report (included in newsletter). Approved as read.
7. Ron Kramer spoke about parades. He finally got paid for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Mt. Morris. We had 8 cars in the Stillman Valley parade even though it rained throughout the day, and dessert after the parade at Dave and Sara Werckle's home. Thank you, Dave and Sara! There was also discussion about joining the Oregon Fall Festival Parade next year per the suggestion Warren Dutton. Thanks to all who participated in the parades this year. We're hoping to see even more cars join in next year!

8. Car repairs: Jim Morley reported that Tony Whitney's car is now know as "Old Smokey". Tony has Jim's old motor in his car, and it is burning a lot of oil. Still needs some work! Anyone needing help on a car repair should contact Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, or Dave Clark for help putting together a crew.
9. Rubber chickens can be turned back in at the Fall Banquet.
10. Ron Lanquist talked about the Rock-n-Bowl Car Show on October 12. Our club was represented by Ron Lanquist, Jack Mann, Mike Strand, Jeff Kennedy, and Anne Laviolette. Ron, Jack, and Anne won "Top 60" awards and Mike won a "Silver Cup" award.
11. Dave Clark spoke about the Fall Color Tour to Galena/Dubuque on October 14-15. The route was perfect for driving vintage cars, the fall color was starting, and there were no breakdowns. 7 opportunities to shop, various places to eat, and a lot of different things to see. Everyone had a great time! Terrific job planning the tour, Dave!
12. Bill Aupperle reported that the total national membership for MARC is down some but holding steady. Insurance questions will be discussed at the November MARC Meeting.
13. Chris Aupperle encouraged everyone to dress up for the Fall Banquet in Model A Era clothing. Let's have some fun with this!
14. Upcoming Events: November 10 – Fall Banquet; February 22, 2020 – Soup Luncheon.
15. Jim Morley spoke about the upcoming Fall Banquet. Please get your dinner reservations in as soon as possible. There will be lots of door prizes again this year.
16. Dave Johnson reported that former member Bill Ryerson has his 1931 Coupe for sale for \$15,000. Anyone interested should contact Dave for more information.
17. Paul Donley talked about the "trip of a lifetime" that he and Elaine took to Utah in their "A". They did, however, trailer the car back because it developed a "knock".
18. Dave Clark won the attendance drawing of 2 paid dinners at the Fall Banquet. Congratulations, Dave!
19. Tech Talk: Mike Peters demonstrated how to install metal valve stems in tires; Jim Morley talked about what **not** to do to distributors.
20. Lady A's Chat: Chris Aupperle presented "Driving in Style" – Fun Family Fashions for the Model A Ford.
21. Saturday Breakfast Club and monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details. John Hausen's phone: 815-544-6004 Email: eaglesroute@comcast.net
22. 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) from Dwayne Meier; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10); magnetic signs – (\$12) which can be displayed at parades, (\$5) Ford logo signs that cannot be displayed from Dwayne Meier.
23. The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 7 PM at Central Christian Church.

*Submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary*

TREASURER'S REPORT –November 1, 2019

Checkbook Balance

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| October 1, 2019                 | \$4,775.24        |
| Cash on hand                    | \$100.00          |
| <b>Total Checkbook and Cash</b> | <b>\$5,875.24</b> |

Income

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dues for 2020                | \$320.00          |
| Coffee Money                 | \$9.00            |
| Fall Banquet                 | \$1,103.00        |
| Stillman Valley Parade       | \$100.00          |
| Mt. Morris Parade            | \$100.00          |
| Magnetic Square Door Plaques | \$20.00           |
| Magnetic Round Door Plaques  | \$36.00           |
| Rockford A's patch           | \$4.00            |
| New Member                   | \$20.00           |
| <b>Total Income</b>          | <b>\$1,712.00</b> |

Expenses

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Copies & envelopes    | \$22.94        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$22.94</b> |

Checkbook Balance

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| October 31, 2019                | \$6,464.30        |
| Cash on hand                    | \$100.00          |
| <b>Total Checkbook and Cash</b> | <b>\$6,564.30</b> |

Submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer

NEW! For Sale - available at club meetings

\$12 - Magnetic Round Door Plaques for parade use - Rock-Ford A's club logo  
 \$5 - Magnetic Square Door Plaques – *not* for parade use - (Ford logo design)  
 New parade aprons will be ready this spring!

If you would like a copy of the newsletter or roster emailed or mailed via US mail, please contact Dave Clark  
 (H) 815-389-4316 (C) 815-847-0711  
[modela@aol.com](mailto:modela@aol.com)

MARCH-OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETINGS

7:00pm ~ **LAST** Tuesday of the month  
 Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford, Rockford  
 If any of your contact information changes, please notify Anne Laviolette 815-623-2056.  
 Thank you!

*Some information in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters. We thank them!*



We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Marlis Schmitz and Bill McConnaughy in their passing.



We'll get through this, Anne & Mary Jo & Wayne & Kathy & Charlie & Flo!





MANY THANKS TO OUR CLUB LEADERS AND OUR SPONSORS!

**2019 OFFICERS**

***President***

Wayne Henson 815-645-8695  
battgcmdr@aol.com

***Vice President/Parade Coord.***

Ron Kramer 815-980-0599  
ronmodela944@gmail.com

***Treasurer***

Dwayne Meier 779-771-8412  
demeier2002@yahoo.com

***Secretary***

Anne Laviolette 815-623-2056  
blueloon90@hotmail.com

**Directors**

Ron Lanquist 815-494-8450

Jim Morley 815-979-6980

John Hausen 815-544-6004

**Coordinators**

***Tools***

Anne & Lee Laviolette  
815-218-3055  
blueloon90@hotmail.com

***Social Concerns***

Nan Stewart 815-282-3861  
nannsews@hotmail.com

***Webmaster***

Doug Mather 815-648-4097  
dougm@espi.com

***Tour Coordinator***

Kathy Forbes 815-218-0147  
chatiekathy@comcast.net

***Parade Coordinator***

Ron Kramer 815-980-0599  
\*ronmodela944@gmail.com

***Breakfast/Dinner  
Coordinator***

John Hausen 815-544-6004  
eaglesroute@comcast.net

***Wedding Coordinator***

Alice Whitney 815-895-5023  
tawhitney@comcast.net

***MARC Mileage Program  
Coordinator***

Al Pedersen 815-865-5194  
acool29a@gmail.com

***Newsletter***

Sue Brunson 608-295-2590  
thebrunsons@hotmail.com

**BRUNTON  
MOTOR PARTS**

Area's Largest  
Independent  
Automotive Supplier  
510 Broad St • Beloit, WI  
**608-365-0104**



**LaShelle Engine Restoration**

1802 Crossroads Lane  
Freeport, IL 61032

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

Jim LaShelle - Owner  
Cell: 815-821-3546



RT. 72 & ROTHWELL RD. • STILLMAN VALLEY, IL 61084

PH: 815-645-2271  
FX: 815-645-2740  
DALE L. MATHISON TOLL FREE: 800-344-1934

**Rockton Hardware  
203 W. Hawick Street**

**Rockton, IL  
(815) 624-6000**

**Don Stien**

**FOR SALE/WANTED**

**For Sale:** Paul Brands is selling his 1930 Victoria \$26,000; 815-847-9921 Email: [vicky30phelps@gmail.com](mailto:vicky30phelps@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** 1930 Murray Town Sedan; parts car \$2,000 OBO; Contact: Todd Walberg 815-378-8550

**For Sale:** Doug Mather is selling the following parts – contact him at 815-648-4097 or [doug@espi.com](mailto:doug@espi.com):

Intake/Exhaust manifold with cabin heater - cleaned and painted - \$100; Carb - Tillolson X - clean but needs overhaul - \$75; Carb - clean but needs overhaul - \$40; Electronic ignition - 2 types - one complete - one missing reluctor - \$100 ea.; Oil pan - clean and painted - \$30; Oil pump - \$50; Front spring - 10 leaf - \$50 ea. (2 available); Rear spring - 10 leaf - \$75; Ignition coils - \$10ea (2 available); Ahooga horn - \$100  
1928 Briggs Leatherback - touring engine w/overdrive and extras \$19,000; More to come...

**Wanted:** "Gulf Oil" items (oil cans, signs, etc.) Wayne Henson 815-645-8695 Email: [battgcmdr@aol.com](mailto:battgcmdr@aol.com)

***Model A Ownership is not essential....enthusiasm is! There are many areas that need volunteers in order to run, build and enjoy your chapter. Be sure to become involved. It's much more fun than being a wallflower.***



Audrey Hepburn: "The **best thing to hold onto** in life is **each other.**"

**NOVEMBER:** Bob & Mary Ann Logothetti –11/5/88, Art & Jan Leverington – 11/12/63  
Russ & Karen Kothe – 11/16/16

**DECEMBER:** Bill & Wilma Lindsey and Toni Lynn & Michael Whitney-Carlson – 12/19/70  
Mark & Marilyn McClenathan – 12/27/86

**JANUARY:** Jim & Sharon Morley – 1/22/73, Mike & Lana Peters – 1/31/70

**FEBRUARY:** Warren & Linda Dutton – 2/1/42, Charlie & Flo Monk – 2/2/74,  
Lee & Anne Laviolette – 2/14/91



Here is the business card of Tim Dickson. He has an auto restoration business in our area and I don't think our members even know about him. He has done some beautiful Model T auto restorations for customers as far away as California. Yes, he also does Model As.

*Submitted by Dave Clark – Thanks, Dave!*

This business card wouldn't reproduce clearly – here's the info:

11638 Turtle Town Hall Rd., Beloit, WI Phone: 608-365-2842

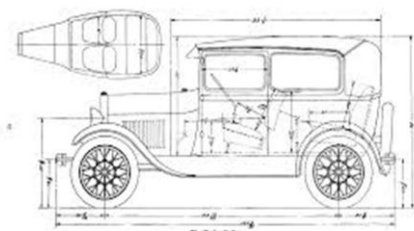
Email: [dicksonauto619@gmail.com](mailto:dicksonauto619@gmail.com)

Facebook: Dickson Auto Restoration

Auto Restoration business specializing in Pre-war, brass era cars and Hentschel Distributors



**Dave Clark (L)  
Mike Peters (R)  
Official Amana  
Model A photos;  
Looking pretty  
awesome!**



*Working on Something? Need Help? Just call a couple of club members to help! Not sure who to call? Jim Morley 815-979-6980 or Ron Lanquist 815-494-8450 can point you in the right direction! Tell us what you've got going on! **AND, please send pictures to: [thebrunsons@hotmail.com](mailto:thebrunsons@hotmail.com)!***



**FROM:**  
**ALL OF US**  
**TO:**  
**ALL OF YOU!**  
**Enjoy!**

**January:** 1-Sharon Morley, 2-Gina LaRosa, 4-Dan Campbell, 6-Toni Lynn Whitney-Carlson & Gerald Carpenter, 7-Les Adelman, 10-Elaine Donley, 13-Lowell Daniels & 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

**March:** 2-Chris Weber, 7-Joe Maurer & Michael Whitney-Carlson, 9-Dave Werckle, 10-Tom Henderson & Lori Weber, 11-Doug Mather, 14-Pat Clinnin & Karen Pedersen, 16-Dwayne Meier, 20-Jim Morley, 21-Bill Johnson, 22-Denny Spradling, 24-Bruce Winslow, 27-David Thompson, 29-Mike Fennell,

**April:** 2-Sue Hausen, 6-Sara Werckle, 10-Bob Bellard, 12-Flo Monk, 16-Nancy Clinnin, 18-Paul Brands, 21-Wendell Anderson,

**May:** 3-Mary Adelman, 12-Katie Boughton, 13-Larry Ethun, 14-Barb Hodges, 19-Mel Welch, 27-Mary Kramer, 28-Marilyn McClenathan, 31-Bill Boughton

**June:** 8-Terri Henderson, 17-Vicki Milazzo, 18-Nan Stewart, 19-Chuck Milazzo, 20-Chris Aupperle, 26-Bob Rothkopf, 30-Chris Prondzinski,

**July:** 6-Ron Lanquist, 8-Bob Lawhorn, 10-Linda Dutton, 21-Mike Strand, 26-Larry Anderson, 27-Sue Brunson, 31- Denise Ethun

**August:** 6-Kathy Mather, 22-Jake Milazzo, 27-Alice Whitney, 30-John Hausen, 31-Lana Peters

**September:** 3-Pauline Clark & MaryJo Milazzo & Mark McClenathan, 6-Ron Kramer, 7-Bill Cummings, 8-Rose Daniels, 10-Nan Stewart, 17-Bill Lindsey, 19-Kay Strand, 20-George Anderson & Sharon Anderson, 24-Loretta Anderson, 29-Jennie Cummings,

**October:** 6-Pat Bryan, 8-Bill Aupperle, 10-Pauline Lawhorn, 11-Jan Winslow, 13-Kathy Forbes, 20-Luann Carptenter, 23-Jewel Maurer, 27-Art Leverington & Dave Clark, 28-Jan Leverington, 30-Lee Laviolette

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

**December:** 10-Linda Lanquist, 19-Donna Johnson

***Birthdays are good for your health – studies have shown that people who have birthdays live longer!***



## ***FASHION NEWS! Plus Four Knickers for Fun (Who knew knickers were called Plus Four Trousers?!)***

By Rosie Cassou, Cruisin' A's of Hemet, CA and Era Fashion Committee

[https://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Plus%20Four%20Knickers%20For%20Fun\\_2019-09.pdf](https://mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Plus%20Four%20Knickers%20For%20Fun_2019-09.pdf)

Knickers or Plus Four trousers certainly set a style in the Model A Era. The look was one of fun and carefree activity. While the origin of knickers and Plus Fours came from the early 19th century, the practical use for men and women were on the sporting fields, shooting range, golf courses, and for a casual drive in a sporty Model A roadster.

They were called plus fours because they bagged below the knee and were 4" longer than knickerbockers. Plus fours were made in tweeds, linen, corduroy, flannel, and wool. Today women, men, or youth can wear a pair of Plus Fours either in the Original Category fashion judging or in the Era Image Category. Appropriate Coordinating Apparel would be a long sleeved shirt with a sweater vest, a patterned sweater, or a matching or contrasting suit jacket. A jacket belted in the back, made the outfit more "sporty" looking. The heavy argyle socks worn with tie shoes were often the first features noticed by others. Sometimes the socks and sweater were matching to add a daring flare to the ensemble. For accessories, a man, or woman might use a golf club, a road map, a suitcase, or a walking stick. For youth, accessories might be sporting or camping equipment or schoolbooks.

Fashion enthusiasts can make their own pair of Plus Fours from a pair of roomy trousers with or without front pleats, measure 10-12 inches from cuff and mark this line with safety pins. Try on pants, sit down, and make sure you have plenty of comfort room to bend your knees plus an extra 1/2 inch for the seam allowance. The safety pinned line should not curve up your knee but be parallel to the floor. If necessary, adjust the whole line. You can always trim length, but not add it back on. When you are satisfied your knees will have plenty of bending (sitting) room, and then cut the excess lower leg fabric. Save the cuff cut off the trouser leg for making the band that will fit just below the knee. Fasteners on the band can ease putting the Plus Fours on and will help to hold the band in place below the knee. Another option is to make a casing, inserting wide elastic that measures the circumference of your leg just below your knee. The extra length of fabric will fall over the band creating the ballooning of the fabric, which gives Plus Fours the characteristic style.

Wearing a pair of Plus Fours while driving your Model A will add value to your experience and will certainly catch the eye of onlookers! Enjoy driving all year long in your favorite pair of knickers or Plus Fours.



Article and pictures submitted by Chris Aupperle – Thank you, Chris!



**Linda & Ron  
 Lanquist and  
 Pauline and  
 Dave Clark at  
 Edward's Apple  
 Orchard  
 Thanks, Dave!**

Dave Clark found this on Facebook – [Model A Ford Parts Swap and Sell](https://m.facebook.com/groups/422062434612025?view=permalink&id=1433717763446482) page. Here's the link with more pictures: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/422062434612025?view=permalink&id=1433717763446482> Thanks, Dave!

Some of the old timers may remember Terry Oberer from St. Louis, MO. He was in our Missouri Valley MARC Region. He was a member of MARC from 1957 till 2011, when he passed away. Terry was a master Model A mechanic that had a business of rebuilding all things mechanical for the Model A. A couple of years before he died he wanted to sell his Model A inventory of parts that he used in rebuilding all the carbs, generators, starters, water pumps, distributors, etc.... He had quite an inventory of NOS and used parts in his inventory that he collected over decades of swap meets. A couple of us in the club agreed to purchase his massive inventory and split up the items to ease his mind that his Model A stuff was taken care of since his only relative was not interested in any of his Model A stuff. Fast forward to today and I am still holding on to a large collection of his parts of generators, starters, distributors and misc. other parts. I have now decided now is the time to sell some of these items in lots to move them as easily as possible to Model A folks that can use them.

Lot 1 – Model A Generators ..... over 30+ complete generators, also many more generators taken apart as cores. Boxes of field coils, armatures, brushes, pulleys, bearings, brush springs, cut-outs and many more parts. Asking \$1,000 for all the generators and generator parts that I have.

Lot 2 – Model A Starters..... over 30+ complete starters, also many more starters taken apart as cores. Boxes of field coils, armatures, starter switches, brush sets, Bendix drives, springs, bolts, bearings along with many more parts. Asking \$1,000 for all the starters and starter parts that I have. See pictures.

Lot 3 – Model A Water Pumps..... over 25+ water pump cores and boxes of water pump parts. Asking \$250 for all the water pumps and parts that I have.

Lot 4 – Model A Distributor parts..... boxes of New old stock Upper and Lower plates, condensers and other misc. distributor parts. Asking \$250 for all the distributor parts that I have. I also have a 1929 engine block refurbished with harden valve seats and bored to .080 over. Includes all engine parts, pan and crank redone to .20 mains and .30 rods. Selling in lots only. Buy one lot or any combination of lots. I Will NOT ship, you must come to St. Louis, MO to pick the parts up or maybe I can bring your purchases to the 2020 Chickasha Pre-War Swap meet, March 20-21, 2020 if you pre-pay.

**Thanks, Jeff Buckley Email: Puxico002@hotmail.com**

