



ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY



Saturday, February 23 - Soup Luncheon at 12 Noon at Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford Rd., Rockford; all are asked to please bring a dish to pass; business meeting to follow. You may also want to bring your own soup bowl! Soups will be provided by members. This will be the first meeting of our 2019 season. Please plan to be there!



Glimpse from the Gavel

Well, here we are at the end of our tour and Parade season. Our last regular meeting of this year was Tuesday October 23. I hope you didn't miss it! This was scheduled one week early due to Halloween. Now we look forward to our fall banquet. If you haven't sent in your reservation, it's not too late. Call Jim at 815-979-6980. I know he can fit you in. This past season we had several Parades and day tours, two picnics and three overnight tours. We visited Gilmore Auto Museum, and attended countless breakfasts and dinners. These were all fun & well attended. What a GREAT year of Model A events! I know we are known as a Model A restorers club, but we can be more described as a friendship and family club. We help others in doing upgrades and repairs on our Model A's. If a member needs help, there is always plenty of help. Some dive right in with wrenches and tools, others give (free) advice and some just come to visit. All are welcome. This is what our club is all about. Members helping Members. This winter there will be projects...motor and transmission repairs that could not be done during touring season will be tackled. I know there will be plenty of help. This will be my last Glimpse article. Next year our new President, Wayne Henson along with Vice President Ron Kramer will be in charge...but Jim and I will still be available to help them in any way we can. That's what it's all about.... Members helping Members.

Keep on motoring, Jim and Ron

News from the November 2018 MAFFI Liaison Letter ~ Thanks to Chris Aupperle for this info!

Send a Brick for Christmas!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, about 1550 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 110 more bricks. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area by Model A Day 2019! So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas? A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in the upcoming issue of the 'A' Preserver or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 21, 2019.

Merry Christmas and thank you,
Loukie Smith, Brick Coordinator



MODEL "A" MUSEUM BRICK ORDER FORM - \$150/BRICK

3 line message - 20 Characters per line including spaces and punctuation

17 CAPITAL LETTERS per line including spaces (Each line will be centered)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Purchaser's Name: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Mail form & \$150.00 check payable to MAFFI, PO Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-0028

Brick Order Form: Use this form to order an engraved brick paver for the museum canopy. Your 4" X 8" brick will have the message you write in the blocks below laser engraved into the brick, making a message that will last for a lifetime.

The Model A Ford Museum is the largest public museum dedicated to the Model A Ford. This 13,000-square-foot re-creation of a 1928 Ford dealership includes a service bay and gas pumps. There are rare examples of the famed car, which was produced from 1928 through 1931, including Thomas Edison's Model A, a school bus, mail truck, and tow-truck. MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.) was established in 1987 to preserve Model A Fords and related memorabilia, as well to educate present and future generations. Please visit MAFFI.org for more information on the Model A Ford Museum and Foundation.

October 23, 2018 ~ Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 47 in attendance.
3. Welcome guest Bob Edwards from Edwards Apple Orchard, who brought delicious cider and warm apple-cider doughnuts for our treats tonight! Thank you so much!
4. Thank you to Ron Kramer, Jack Mann, Bill and Chris Aupperle, and Kathy Forbes for making the coffee & setting up! Thank you to all who help set up and take down for our meetings!
5. 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 (414-559-1894) for embroidery (\$10).
6. Social Concerns: Mike Strand had hip surgery today.
7. Past events: Miracle Mile Car Show at Don Carter Lanes – several members attended, and some won trophies: Anne Laviolette with her Coupe, Ron Lanquist with his T-bird, and Mike Fennel with his Caprice.
8. The Model T Pumpkin Tour went on without A's due to limited space.
9. Kathy Forbes spoke about the Fall Tour to Baraboo. We had 21 cars (10 A's) and 42 people. Everyone had a great time and the weather wasn't too bad. There were a few problems with the cars however: Kathy Forbes' generator quit working, Tony Whitney's lights shorted and blew fuses, and Mike Peters broke his overdrive and had to be towed home. Kathy's car is now sporting an alternator.
10. Tony Whitney shared that his steering column broke, which in turn, shorted out his lights.
11. The Pumpkin Tour to Bravo's for lunch and Edwards Apple Orchard was well attended with 10 cars and 22 people. The only downside of the day was Wendell Anderson's '50 Chevy was backed into in the parking lot. Fortunately, the owner accepted responsibility.
12. Ron Kramer initiated a discussion on the "rules" for the rubber chicken and offered suggestions. It was voted on to just "wing" it.
13. Dwayne Meier gave the Treasurer's report. The Club donated \$100 to the MAFFI bus project. Jim Morley and Ron Lanquist also donated on their own.
14. John Hausen brought in options for the hats to be sold at Model A Day in Sharon. There was discussion about the quality and style of the hats and prices for each. He also presented the option for selling water bottles. After discussion, the hat style was voted on and the khaki hat was chosen, with the number being ordered at 100. Selling water bottles was voted down. Thanks, John, for doing the leg work on this!

15. Payment for the Fall Banquet is due now. Contact Jim Morley if you have any questions.
16. Dues for 2019 will also be accepted. Dues are \$20 per year.
17. Upcoming events: Annual Fall Banquet on November 11;
February Soup Luncheon on February 23, 2019.
18. There will not be an election of Officers and Board of Directors at the Banquet on November 11. Wayne Henson and either Ron Lanquist or Jim Morley will be Co-Presidents next year. Jack Mann nominated Ron Kramer to be Vice President and he accepted. Anne Laviolette will continue as Secretary. Dwayne Meier will continue as Treasurer. John and Sue Hausen will continue with Breakfast and Dinner Club. Kathy Forbes will continue as Tour Director. Sue Brunson is now writing the Newsletter and is doing a fantastic job! Anyone interested in running for an office or the board in the future should contact any of the Officers or Board members. Please step up and help keep this club running in the right direction!
19. Winner of the attendance drawing of 2 gallons of antifreeze was Mark McClenathan.
20. There were also 2 half-gallon jugs of cider left over and numbers were drawn for them. They went to Linda Dutton and Dave Clark.
21. Tech Talk: Tools and “what went wrong?”; Dave Clark talked about Kathy Forbes’ generator and cut out.
22. Lady A’s: Anne Laviolette demonstrated needle tatting.
23. Saturday Breakfast Club and monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John & Sue Hausen for details.
24. The last meeting of the year will be the Fall Banquet on Sunday, November 11 at Thunder Bay Grille. The first meeting of the 2019 season will be Saturday, February 23, 2019.

Submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary



Tell us your birthday & we'll add you to the list! Please email Sue with your info or you can call or text her at 608-295-2590. Email: thebrunsons@hotmail.com
Thanks!



Anne Laviolette shows Kathy Forbes and Mary Kramer how to do some basic tatting. Tatting is a technique for handmaking lace with loops and knots of thread. The lace can be used for doilies, collars, and embellishments.



FOR SALE/WANTED

For Sale: Good used parts - 1929-31 wheels, '28-'29 rear bumpers, Ford script headlights, front axle-wishbone assembly, manifolds, starter, generator, front spring, plus many misc. parts. Contact: Bob Bellard (608) 362-8356, Beloit, WI

For Sale: 1930 Murray Town Sedan; parts car; \$2,500 OBO; call Todd Walberg 815-378-8550 for pictures and more information.

Wanted: "Gulf Oil" items (oil cans, signs, etc.) for my vintage gas station. Contact: Wayne Henson 815-645-8695 or battgcmdr@aol.com

TREASURER'S REPORT - November 1, 2018

Checkbook Balance October 1, 2018	3990.43
Cash on Hand	100.00
Total Checkbook & Cash	4090.43
Income Dues	160.00
Coffee Money	8.00
New Member	20.00
Banquet Fees	301.00
Total Income	489.00
Expenses	
October Newsletter	35.00
Door Prize	19.94
Fall Tour Expense	218.82
Total Expenses	273.76
Checkbook Balance October 31, 2018	4205.67
Cash on Hand	100.00
Total Checkbook & Cash	4305.67

Submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer

And For the Lady A's....

A couple of soup recipes, now that the snow is flying! Feel free to send me some of your favorites!

EZ Creamy Potato & Ham Soup

WW- 12 servings of 3/4 C.

6 C. water

7 tsp. sodium-free chicken bouillon granules

16 oz. fat free cream cheese, cubed

1 1/2 C. extra lean, low-sodium fully cooked ham

32 oz. pkg. frozen hash browns

1/2 C. chopped onions

1 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. dill

Combine water, bouillon & cream cheese until melted. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 20 minutes or until all of the vegetables are tender.

Copycat Panera Broccoli Cheddar Soup

1/2 medium onion, chopped & sautéed in 1 T. melted butter

1/4 C. melted butter and 1/4 C. flour for a roux

2 C. Half & Half 2 C. chicken stock

1/2 lb. fresh broccoli (about 3 cups) chopped into small bite-size pieces

1 C. julienned carrots (you can buy matchstick carrots in produce section)

1/4 tsp. nutmeg 8 oz. (2 C.) grated sharp Cheddar cheese salt & pepper to taste

Cook butter/flour roux over med. heat & whisk for 2-3 minutes. Stir constantly & add Half and Half. Add stock, cook for 10 minutes. Add broccoli & carrots & sautéed onions - cook on low for 25 minutes. Add salt & pepper, cheese & nutmeg. Serve with warm crusty bread and a tossed salad.



Rock-Ford Model A Club of Rockford, IL comes to the aid of a long time club member.

Chapter One

Operation: Get Terry Clark back on the Road again!!!

The annual St. Patrick's parade 2018 held in Rockford, IL had a good vehicle turnout of the Rock-Ford A's Model A Club for the kick off of their 2018 touring season. After running the parade route with our Model A's after the long winter nap through the downtown areas of Rockford, a group of members ended up at the Hope and Anchor Restaurant for a Corned Beef sandwich and an Irish beverage. One of our long time members, Terry Clark drove his beautiful 1931 Sports Coupe in the parade but he was having some issues in the parking lot with it shifting correctly. Please note, that this car has an "old school" Borg Warner Overdrive addition to a 4:11 rear-end with a Model B engine. Terry was eventually able to get it into gear and made it a good portion of the way home before the car decided to go into permanent neutral. Terry's car eventually ends up back in his home garage and he now has to make a decision on its future.

Terry has an ongoing health challenge with Parkinson's disease and driving with a Model A with a cable and lever set up is now more than he wants to contend with compared to driving with the standard Model A drive train. Terry has a spare Model A drive line and rear end in his spare parts collection and he decided that the old Henry standard setup driveline should be transplanted into his Sports Coupe.

The word went out to the club members that Terry needed some assistance in jacking up the car and backing out this driveline with the B/W Overdrive. Then replacing it with the donor driveline assembly. Members of the Rock-Ford A's club volunteered their labor and "expertise" to assist him. The transplant also including replacing bearings and seals and rebuilding the replacement rear end to the Tom Endy instructions. The project went for on for several work days and had different members coming over to Terry's garage to assist in this project during the progress. Lots of fun and joking happened along with the work. We also were able to have some great lunches at the local eating establishments also.

Rock-Ford A's members that assisted in addition to Terry Clark over the length of this project were: Dave Clark, Mike Peters, Bill Johnson, Phil Hodges, George Brunson, Dwain Meyer, Charlie Monk, Jim Morley, Lee and Anne Laviolette were the members who did the work. Thanks go out to all of these members that pitched in when and where ever needed to get Terry's car back on the road.

Chapter Two

Terry Clark now has a running car again along with a complete Borg Warner overdrive sitting in a corner on his garage floor. It has now been determined that a couple of the gears internal to the OD box have broken and caused the catastrophic failure.

This is where the story becomes interesting with the opening of the door to the global Model A community. An inquiry was initially put out on a post on the Internet Blog, **The Ford Barn**, asking for any information on repairing the Borg Warner Overdrives. A dialog was started on line with Dave Clark and Dan Manola and it was found out that Dan knew Jack Thomas the original owner of this particular 1931

Sports Coupe and who was the installer of the B/W Overdrive. Dan and Jack both offered their service to rebuild the B/W Overdrive and arrangements were made for Terry Clark to bring the B/W Overdrive parts to the spring "Little Hershey" swap meet at Belvidere, IL. All of the parties met up for the first time and Dan took the Overdrive home to have a look at what it would need. It was communicated that it had a couple of broken gears and they did not have access to getting the replacements. Lloyd Young the Borg Warner Overdrive Man had just passed away that Spring and we were wondering what to do next. Dave Clark put out the word again on what was needed through the Model A jungle drums network and a gentlemen in Richfield, WI had a B/W OD that he would agree to sell us the necessary gears. Also at a fair price to allow this overdrive to function again. Arrangements were made for meeting up with Dave Clark at the Annual Model A Day in Sharon, WI. A purchase was made and the Dan and Jack team could now refurbish the B/W OD back to like new condition. Dan contacted Dave Clark that the Overdrive was disassembled, cleaned, and reassembled with its new gears and it was now ready to run again.

Dan Manola was going to be going through the Rockford, IL area on his annual pilgrimage trip to the Iola Car Show in Wisconsin. It was a dark and stormy night when Dan and Dave Clark met up at a truck stop off the Interstate around 11 PM to do the handing over of the complete Overdrive. Thanks to Jack Thomas and Dan Manola for their labors and their very reasonable fee of free..... Two gentlemen of the Model A hobby! Thank you so much!

Now Terry Clark has his Overdrive repaired and returned to him. Terry has several Model A's but he decided not to use this overdrive again in any of his cars. He then decided that he wished to sell it and any proceeds should then be donated to the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc., MAFFI. The funds would benefit the Model A Museum at the Gilmore Museum at Hickory Corners, MI.

Dave Clark then contacted Ron Ehrenhoffer about donating the OD to the MAFFI and he could possibly sell it at his upcoming Model A Swap Meet in Woodstock, IL. to get funds that would benefit MAFFI. The MAFFI directors thought about the possibility for doing a raffle of this OD for getting funds that the MAFFI could use.

But as the word got out in the Rock-Ford A's club about Terry's overdrive, another Rock-Ford A's Club member thought it would be a good addition to his latest Model A restoration project and he offered \$500 cash to buy it. It was determined that this offer would be the best solution for all parties. A check for \$500 was then hand delivered to Ron Ehrenhoffer and John Marshall at his swap meet.

At the annual Model A Day 2018 at the Gilmore Museum at Hickory Corners, MI. Ron Ehrenhoffer presented the donation from Terry Clark to MAFFI.

It is so interesting to see the miles, the routes, the Model A meets, the people, that this one Borg Warner overdrive met with to get to the conclusion of this odyssey. One bad day for a Model A breakdown on a St. Patrick's Day turned into a meetings of wonderful Model A people and the making of new friendships. As we all know it is the people that make this Model A hobby one of the best pastimes in the world.

Article and pictures submitted by Dave Clark



Road Trip to Baraboo

From Mike Peters: Just some highlights from our trip to Baraboo. Very pleasant time for us. AAA fetched us by the side of the road near Brooklyn, and we were back home by 8:30 Sunday evening. Well worth the \$100 year premium. Overdrive went out, same problem that Terry encountered. I no longer trust Borg Warner overdrives. Going back to stock and just be happy with 42 MPH. Mike



Club Pictures from Fall Events ~ Thanks to Al Pederson, Toni Lynn Carlson, Kathy Forbes, Mike Peters, Chris Aupperle, and Joseph Towne



Thanks to everyone who planned and attended these great events ~ A great time was had by everyone! Can't wait for more tours in 2019!

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Hello From Your New Editor

The newsletter may look a little different! Chris Aupperle left some mighty big shoes to fill, but I'll do my best! Your patience is appreciated!

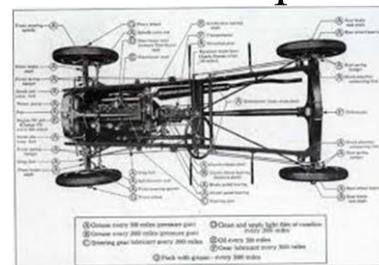
Drive safely everyone ~

Sue Brunson, Editor

March-October
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7:00pm **LAST** Tuesday at
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Something?
Need Help?



Tell us what
you've got
going on!