



# ROCK-FORD A's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## March, 2009

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#### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at:

Central Christian Church  
6527 Guilford Road  
Rockford, IL 61107

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#### NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Submit to Bill or Chris Aupperle at [aupps31ford@comcast.net](mailto:aupps31ford@comcast.net) or 815-397-4059 by no later than the 5th of the month.

### Calendar of Events

Saturday March 14, 2009 2:00 line up at Amcore Bank on 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. at 7 <sup>th</sup> St. Parade begins— 3:00 (Northbound on 7 <sup>th</sup> St.)	St. Patrick's Day Parade <i>Rockford, IL</i>
Tuesday March 31, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>TechTalk: Repairing Main Bearing Leaks</i> <i>Lady A's: Winter Wear-Coats &amp; Furs Share 'n Tell</i>
April, 2009?	Fix-it Day <i>Wendell &amp; Sharon Anderson's Farm</i>
Tuesday April 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Tuesday May 26, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Sunday June 7, 2009	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day <i>Sharon, WI</i>
Saturday June 20, 2009	Vintage Race Car Race & Show <i>Blackhawk Farms Raceway</i>
Sunday June 21, 2009	Polo Town & Country Days Parade <i>Polo, IL</i>
Sunday - Friday June 21-26, 2009	MARC National Meet <i>Merrillville, IN</i>
Tuesday June 30, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Saturday July 4, 2009	Let Freedom Ring Festival Parade <i>Mt. Morris, IL</i>
Sunday July 12, 2009 ?	ByronFest Parade <i>Byron, IL</i>
Tuesday July 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Sunday August 16, 2009 ? Noon	Annual Picnic <i>Paulson's Farm</i>
September, 2009 ?	Fall Festival Parade <i>Roscoe, IL</i>
September, 2009 ?	Fall Festival Parade <i>Sillman Valley, IL</i>



## February Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Chris Aupperle, Editor in place of Bill Aupperle, Vice Chairman

### 1. Treasurer's Report—Charlie Monk

Balance as of 02/28/09	\$ 3596.76
Expenses:	
stamps, power cords, etc.	110.50
printing club roster sheets	60.04
Sharon Main St. Assoc. donation	200.00
Income:	
membership dues	440.00
newsletter ads	30.00
Ending balance as of 03/02/09	\$ 3696.24

2. **St. Patrick's Day Parade** chairperson will be Chris Aupperle.

3. **Thanks** to the current officers who will continue to lead; we need a coordinator for weddings

4. **Email addresses & club updates** - Give Dave Clark (815) 389-4316 your email address; club updates are available via email Dave sends out. Thanks, Dave!!

5. **Social Concerns** -Don Stien had surgery.

6. **Thanks** mentioned to members who provided soup for 2/28/09 lunch meeting; raffle courtesy of Jim Morley; breakfast meetings scheduled by Matt Tortorici & Peggy Kilmer.

7. **Tech Talks** – Al Montgomery will talk next month about rear main leaks. Please bring your experience, ideas, photos to share. Need more topics for future discussion. You don't need a big presentation – just your own experience and ideas!

8. **Sign ups** – Thanks for those volunteering for making coffee for meetings. Lady A's need sign ups for topic discussions too!

9. **Plaques presented to 2008 Man of the Year** – Matt Tortorici and **2008 Woman of the Year** – Chris Aupperle

10. **Motions** – Donate \$200.00 to Sharon Main St. Association (42 yes, 7 no). Participate in Loves Park Parade May 23 (19 no, 17 yes).

11. **Meetings** – monthly; generally the last Tuesday of each month except in February, August, November and December.

### *A Glimpse from the Gavel*



*Steve Klentz, Director*

*Many thanks to the following members for providing delicious soup during our February lunch meeting: Bill & Chris Aupperle, Don & Colleen Benthall, Jim Gentry, Charlie & Flo Monk, Harold & Peggy Metz, Ron & Darlene Ortberg, Dwain & Jenny Plymale, Stan & Nan Stewart, Mike & Patti Werckle, Merle & Shirley Lantz!*

*Stan and Nan Stewart, Kathy Forbes and Karen Wark helped set up the facility for our lunch at Central Christian Church, as well.*

*You are all appreciated!*

*It's going to be another great year!*

*Drive carefully . . . .*

### **Editor's Extras**

Chris Aupperle, Editor



I hope you enjoy this Club as much as I do!

Multiply your enjoyment by signing up to provide coffee, help out with monthly TechTalks or Lady A's meetings.

Many thanks to Dieter Meyer for providing photos of last Fall's Annual Banquet – enjoyed as a slide show during the Soup Lunch meeting. Thanks again, Dieter for taking the "action shots" during our Soup Lunch, as well!

Hope you had a chance to glance at brochures provided by Dave Clark at the Soup Lunch. They gave me wanderlust and I'm looking forward to get our "old girl" out on the road. Help organize a Spring Tour! It's a great way to meet new friends.

Sat. – Sun. April 25 & 26, 2009

32nd Annual Spring Jefferson Swap Meet  
& Car Show

Swap meet both days, car show Sunday  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI

Contact: 608-244-8416

[www.jeffersonswapmeet.com](http://www.jeffersonswapmeet.com)

Sat. – Sun. May 16 & 17, 2009

44th Annual Little Hershey Car Show & Swap Meet  
Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL

Contact: Chuck Stull 815-566-9603

Email: [littlehershey5@yahoo.com](mailto:littlehershey5@yahoo.com)

## Tech- Talk Tip

### Car Maintenance for Spring

Whether you do the work yourself or depend on a professional technician, getting your Model A in shape now will help keep you trouble free and safe on the road this season. Of course, you can always ask for help from another Club member.

1. Inspect fan belt for cracking or deterioration and tension. Check radiator clamps and hoses for bulging or rot. A leak could just be tightening a loose clamp. Better to fix sooner than later.
2. Change the engine oil, unless the car was put away with fresh oil. Skipping oil changes can greatly reduce your vehicle's life. If you can't remember when it was changed last it's probably due.
3. Flush and refill the cooling system if its been a while. Use caution — if the engine has been running, let it cool down before removing the radiator cap.
4. Grease anything that moves. Remember, there are over 30 grease fittings.
5. If possible, before you move the car; check for puddles under the chassis. Slow leaks might be revealed after sitting that don't show up after short runs.
6. Charge the battery; take note of the age sticker.

7. Don't neglect your transmission and rear axel banjo. Keep it full. A manual transmission does not usually experience trouble, except for the clutch and throw-out bearing. Don't miss these grease points.
8. Check the steering box for oil.
9. Check your tire pressure, including the spare. Look for wear and excessive cracking that might be telling you something.
10. Inspect all lights and bulbs, and replace any that are burned out. Check brake light function and turn signals if you have them.
11. If your engine is experiencing hard starts, rough idling, or stalling; fix it now. Trouble often is caused by basic ignition parts; worn-out spark plugs, rotor and distributor cap or corroded ignition wires. or loose connections.
12. Install fresh fuel filter.
13. Most of these maintenance checks are DIY. But if you are not confident doing it yourself, ask a club member who can help. It's a great opportunity to improve your knowledge while building club comradery . If necessary, of course, you can go to a professional of your choice.

Preventative maintenance will likely prevent minor problems from becoming expensive repairs or even breakdowns later on. If you have ideas of your own, please share with the Club.

**Words you don't want to hear from your helpful neighborly shade tree mechanic..."Hold my beer and watch this."**



*Contact Mike or Patti Werckle for information about the 7/7 -7/12 Colorado Springs, CO tour or the 8/23-8/28 Golden, CO tour with their club, the VMCCA.*

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Classics and Chrome Car Show  
presented by Keith Country Day School  
Sat. – Sun. April 18-19, 2009  
Indoor Sports Center  
8800 E. Riverside  
Loves Park, IL

<http://www.classicsandchrome.com>

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pre-War Auto Parts Swap Meet**

Sunday, April 19, 2009

7:00 a.m. - ?

sponsored by the

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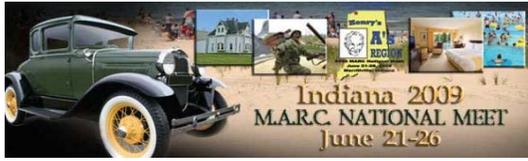
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**2009 Model A Restorer's Club  
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June 21 - 26, 2009 in Merrillville, Indiana  
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**Past Events**

Soups, salads, snacks and spark!

Over 71 members "geared up" for the 2009 touring season at Central Christian Church in Rockford, Illinois for their annual Soup Lunch Meeting on Saturday, February 28. Food does seem to motivate this crowd!



Although some of our cars are still in "cold storage", this lunch event usually "crank starts" another year of future events, activities, tours, and meeting topics.

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Many thanks to Jim Morley for his creative contributions to a spontaneous raffle he provided - you're one of the lucky ones if you won canned armadillo meat, memory mints, habanera salsa, a cowboy boot can opener or a chocolate margarita bar! *Gracias, Jim!*



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Source: MAFCA Web Site  
2009 Membership Form

# Fashion Fun

## Putting Together An Era Looking Outfit

By Anne Neely-Beck

You can put together an era looking outfit with a little knowledge of the styles of the Model A period. This knowledge can be obtained from many sources such as the internet, (example; type in 1928-1931 vintage fashions in a search engine such as MSN, Google, or Yahoo and you will get many "hits") *MAFCA Fashion Guidelines*, *MAFCA A Book of Fashion Facts*, *MARC-Model A Fashion Standards*, vintage fashion catalogs, and magazines of the era.

The most basic information you need to know to put together a man or woman's outfit is just to know the difference of fashions from 1928 to 1931. The years 1928 and 1929 were very different from 1930 and 1931. The only thing that was constant in the Model A era was that zippers were not used on garments, just snaps, buttons, and hooks. Women's fashions of 1928 and 1929 had a low waistline and hems to the knee or slightly below and a loose fit. From 1930 to 1931 the waistline moved up to the natural waist and the hemline went down below the knee to about mid-calf and the dress had a more fitted look that was usually cut on the bias. Men's fashions in the 1928-1929 time frame consisted of loose-fitting pants and knickers in a variety of fabrics. Suits worn for daytime wear were worn with colored shirts such as peach, putty and blue-gray. In 1930 and 1931 generous cut pants were still in vogue and there was a rising popularity of the double-breasted suit.

Finding your vintage or vintage looking clothes can be done by shopping department stores, thrift shops, antique shops, Ebay and vintage clothing dealers on the web. (See web lists at end of article) Just keep in mind the style of the era and be creative. If the new clothing has a zipper, plan to wear a jacket, coat, or fur to camouflage it. There are also some great retro/vintage patterns available at the fabric store, on the internet and from MAFCA and MARC.

Set a goal and pick a parade or event to have your whole club dress in their vintage looking clothes. You will have a "ball" obtaining the LOOK!

Web sites: [www.ballyhoovintage.com](http://www.ballyhoovintage.com), [www.justsaywhen.com](http://www.justsaywhen.com), [www.vintagevixen.com](http://www.vintagevixen.com), [www.revampvintage.com](http://www.revampvintage.com), [www.rmSPACE.com](http://www.rmSPACE.com), [www.davenportandco.com](http://www.davenportandco.com).



*Needlecraft magazine from 1928*



*Model A era bobbed hairstyle*

## General Guidelines for Major Garments of the Model A Era

Anne Neely-Beck

MAFCA gives some general guidelines for the Major Garment category from 1928 to 1931. As like today, what made a dress appropriate for the occasion was its fabric, style, and the accessories chosen to complement the outfit. Different times of the day and different occasions require different outfits.

Examples:

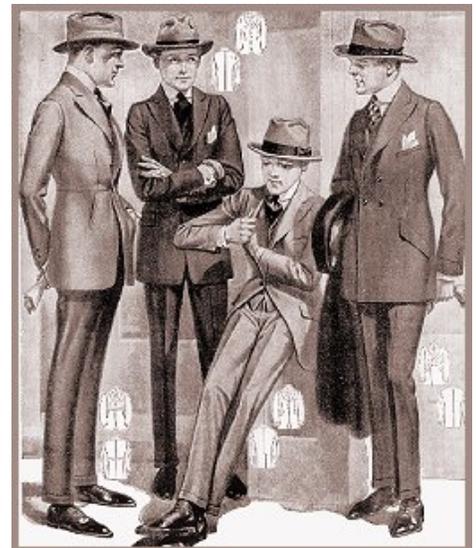
- Morning and at home wear
- Casual and street wear
- Sports and spectator wear
- Formal luncheon and afternoon tea wear (dresses)
- Evening wear

If you are to be judged in a MAFCA event, you are judged by your major garment which receives the most points, then you are judged on the rest of your items that make up the outfit for the balance of the points awarded.

The biggest difference in dresses from 1928-1931 was the moving waistline. In 1928 and 1929 the waist was at the widest part of the hipline. When the 1929 Fall/Winter catalogs came out the waistline had moved to the top of the hips or a little bit above. Paris fashions of 1929 showed a natural waistline but we were more conservative here in America, and we were about to enter the Depression.

A spring 1930 catalog showed the new waistline half way between the hipline and the natural waist. By the end of 1930 the natural waistline was shown. In 1931 the skirt of the dress was attached to the bodice at the natural waistline and belted. In 1928-1929 most hems were uneven but in 1930-1931 the hemline was straight except for some evening wear. A good way to remember is, before the Depression the waistlines were low and hems short and after the Depression the waistlines were higher and hems longer.

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*Men's suits from the 1920's*

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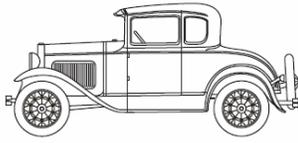
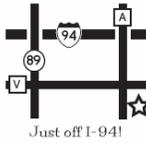
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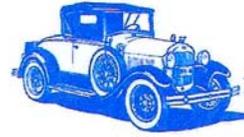


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