



## ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*

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August, 2021



### *Gravel from the Gavel*



July brought more Model A's out of hibernation. We participated in two more parades. We saw a good turnout at the Mt. Morris "Let Freedom Ring" parade and an equal turnout at Byron for their Byron Fest. Both were hot days, but no one (cars or people) overheated or broke down. Of course both parades ended with ICE CREAM. There are no parades in August, but we have parades scheduled in both September and October.

John & Sue Hausen are back arranging Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners. These are always well attended and fun! Our regular (or irregular) lunch meetings continue at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica. These meetings are informal and quite fun to attend. For those who haven't attended one, come on out. We have a great time! The August meeting will be our annual family picnic. We'll try not to burn the burgers and dogs – please bring a dish to pass! The status at Central Christian Church looks unlikely for this season, but we will be welcomed back when their Covid restrictions are lifted.

Dave Werckle is currently working on a route for a daytime tour in the fall. Your Co-Presidents along with Vice-President George Brunson rode along on the tour route and we will drive it again. More information will be coming on this.

For now, keep on motoring! Your Co-Presidents, Jim & Ron

### **Sat., July 24, 2021 - Meeting Minutes – Blassingham Park, Pecatonica, IL**

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Joe Maurer and Charlie and Flo Monk drove their A's.
3. Welcome members; 36 in attendance.
4. Thank you to Linda Dutton for the apricot bars! They were delicious! (recipe, please!)
5. Sick list: Bonnie Mann is in the hospital again; Barb Hodges is in the hospital. Prayers to both of you for a quick recovery!
6. George Brunson talked about our upcoming parades, the next being Roscoe Fall Festival on Sept. 12, with the Beckman Mill Heritage Event following. Also on the schedule are Stillman Valley Fall Festival on Sept. 26 and Oregon Fall Festival on Oct. 3. We are having trouble getting paid by Rockton for Old Settlers Days parade and Mt. Morris for the 4th of July parade.
7. Treasurer's Report (included in newsletter on page 4).

8. Saturday breakfasts have begun again. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details about the next breakfast. Monthly dinners have started again, the next being August 3 at the Butterfly Club.
9. John Hausen has sold his Model A.
10. International Model A Day on Sept. 11; Gilmore Model A Day on Sept. 18; Beloit Autorama on Sept. 19.
11. Our Annual Summer Picnic will be Saturday, August 28 in Blassingham Park. Burgers and hot dogs will be furnished by the Club. It was agreed by all present that it would be safe to bring a dish to pass. If anyone is unsure about the safety of this, please bring your own picnic lunch. Car games will be played, so bring your A.
12. The Annual Fall Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, November 7 at Thunder Bay Grille. Details will follow. Club members Charlie Monk & George Brunson have birthdays that day!
13. Car repairs: Bernie Rosander is trying to get his car started so that he can sell it. Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, and George Brunson have been working on it, but have had no luck; Chuck Milazzo's new engine is about ready to install; Lee and Anne Laviolette have replaced the engine that failed on the way home from Oshkosh with their spare motor, and are working through electrical and overheating problems.
14. Jim Morley has additional information on the new Burtz block if anyone is interested.
15. Lee and Anne Laviolette were awarded a rubber chicken for their breakdown on the way home from Oshkosh. Display it proudly!
16. Alice Whitney talked about the need for cars for 2 weddings on October 30, 1 car for each. One wedding is looking for a 1930 blue coupe with a rumble seat for a photo shoot and the other wedding is looking for a car to drive the wedding party from the church to the reception. Call Alice if you are interested in either wedding.
17. Dave Werckle passed around a thank-you card that he received from a wedding that he drove for. Very nice thank you!
18. We are still looking for ideas for single-day tours. If you have any ideas, please contact either Dave Clark or Kathy Forbes.
19. Central Christian Church is slowly reopening, but we cannot have meetings there yet. We may have to find a new place to meet when the weather gets colder. Any ideas?
20. Winner of the attendance drawing was Jake and Mary Jo Milazzo – gas card.
21. 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).

*Submitted by Anne Laviolette*



The Model T Club has invited us to join their overnite adventure on Sept. 18-19! You will meet in Pecatonica at 8:30 & leave at 9. Day #1 is about 90 miles and will include a museum stop, lunch in Mount Carroll, then overnite in Clinton, IA. Dinner that night will be at the Casino. Day 2 is also about 90 miles with lots of scenic driving. Call the Holiday Inn Express in Clinton, IA to make reservations at the group rate: 563-242-9300. **Group rate expires Sept. 4, so call now!** Questions? Call Joe Maurer: 815-541-9237



Team Milazzo consisting of Chuck Milazzo, Jake Milazzo, Ron Lanquist, Bill Johnson, and Dave Clark installed an Antique Engine Rebuild, Skokie rebuilt stock engine into the Milazzo-mobile. We had so much fun we did it twice.??!! Ask Chuck to tell you the whole story!

**Mt. Morris "Let Freedom Ring" 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade ~ Sun., July 4, 2021. George Brunson, Dave Werckle, Al Pederson, Jim & Sharon Morley, Ron & Linda Lanquist Larry & Denise Ethun, and David & Pauline Clark**



Pre-parade gathering at the Byron McDonald's. It's a tradition!

**Byron Fest Parade – Sun., July 11, 2021. Larry & Denise Ethun, Dave & Pauline Clark, Tony & Alice Whitney, Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, Greg McQuery, Warren & Linda Dutton, Dave Werckle & his grandson, George Brunson. Wayne Henson was driving to the parade when his A started on fire! Needless to say, he wasn't in the parade.**



## TREASURER'S REPORT – August 1, 2021

**Checkbook Balance June 1, 2021** 3,785.86  
Cash on Hand 120.00  
Total Checkbook & Cash 3,885.86

### Income

Byron Parade 100.00  
Total Income 100.00

### Expenses

July meeting Door Prize 20.00  
July Newsletter 46.96  
Total Expenses 66.96

**Checkbook Balance July 31, 2021** 3,818.90  
Cash on Hand 100.00  
Total Checkbook & Cash 3,918.90

*Submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer*

## LOCAL CAR SHOWS

**Cars & Coffee** – sponsored by Katie's Cup, Rockford

- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday/month from April-October from 9-Noon
- 502 Seventh Street Rockford, IL 61104
- Free to participate, free to spectate!
- Prizes awarded to the spectators favorite, contests, games, prizes and more

**Rockton McDonald's Cruise Nights**

- ✓ With live DJ Joe Locke and games, each 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.
- ✓ Aug.18 & Sept. 15, 2021 – 5 to 8pm
- ✓ McDonald's Parking Lot, 13454 Quail Trail

**Sophia's – Roscoe** 5467 Bridge St. with DJ Joe Locke

- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 5-8pm

**Roscoe Village Center Cruise Night**

**When:** Thursday, September 9, 5pm – 8pm

**Where:** Roscoe Village Center, Roscoe, IL (Dairy Queen)

**Rockford Machine Shed Cruise Night**

**When:** Thursday, September 23, 5pm – 8pm

**Where:** Machine Shed Restaurant Rockford,  
7475 E State St, Rockford, IL



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



**AUGUST:** 10 – Doug & Kathy Mather  
23 – Joe & Jewel Maurer



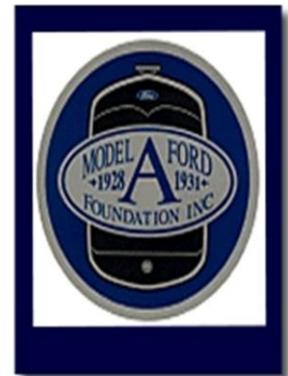
New member Laurie Martenson & her A

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<https://www.maffi.org/WSContent/MAD.html>

Model A Day is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., in September at the Model A Ford Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, MI. There are a good number of Rock-Ford A Club members going. Check in with Jim Morley for more information.

<https://model-a-ford.org/2021/07/01/morgantown-hotel-reservations-open/>The 2022 Model A Restorer's Club meet will be held in Morgantown Pennsylvania from June 5-11, 2022. We hope to see you there!



If you have an interesting Model A-related photo, article, event or other tidbit, email it: [thebrunsons@hotmail.com](mailto:thebrunsons@hotmail.com) or text it to 608-295-2590. We're always looking for information of Model A interest. Thanks! Sue



*\$20 parade aprons & \$12 door magnets will be on sale for our 3 upcoming parades!*



**Meat provided! BRING A DISH TO PASS! BYO beverage!**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 to 3:00-ish  
Blassingham Park,  
702 Jackson St.  
Pecatonica, IL  
BYO chairs, optional**

**GET READY FOR OUR PARADES!**

**AUGUST** – none

**SEPTEMBER**

**12<sup>th</sup> – Roscoe Fall Fest @11am**

**26<sup>th</sup> – Stillman Valley Fall Festival**

**OCTOBER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Oregon Autumn Festival**

**George Brunson, Parade Chair 608-290-1835**



Dave and Sara Werckle have invited everyone to their home after the Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade for some refreshments!

6648 Woodland Dr.  
Stillman Valley, IL 61084  
(H) 815-234-8967

**1929 Parts FOR SALE ~ Make reasonable offer, if interested & call John Hausen 815-544-6004**

- Generator    Alternator    Distributor(2)    Coil (2)    Carburetor    Air Filter
- Control Rods (2)    JUDGING STANDARDS BOOK    Cores Water Pump (2)    Trunk Bracket
- 2 Tooth Steering Col    7 Tooth Steering Col    1 Rear Leaf Spring    Exhaust Manifold
- Intake Manifold    Radiator Cap (Meter Cap with Wings)



Laurie Martenson – Ok! Brakes off! Backing plate off! Now let's get that king pin out! Larry Froemming and George Brunson lent a couple of helping hands!



Bernie Rosander and his A...still not running, BUT WE AIN'T DONE YET! Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, Larry Froemming and George Brunson are helping!

## 2021 OFFICERS

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Freeport, IL 61032

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

Jim LaShelle - Owner  
Cell: 815-821-3546

**Rockton Hardware**  
203 W. Hawick Street  
Rockton, IL  
(815) 624-6000

**Don Stien**

March-October  
**MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
7:00pm ~~LAST~~ Tuesday at  
Central Christian Church  
6595 Guilford Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61107  
*No meetings allowed at the  
church as of yet due to  
Covid-19 restrictions*



*Here's a big shout out to Dave Clark for all his help with Club emails! He sends out the newsletter, great You Tube videos, info from other clubs, and more. Thanks a lot Dave! We sure appreciate all you do for the Club!*

## We extend a warm welcome to our two newest members!



**Brad Kolar**  
**(South Beloit)**



**Caden Prentice**  
**(South Beloit)**

**FALL**  
**BANQUET**

*Sunday, November 7*  
*Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford*

**SAVE**  
**THE**  
**DATE!**