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ROCK-FORD A'S PROUDLY PRESENT

★★★ 35TH ANNUAL ★★★

MODEL A DAY
Auto Show

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THE SHOW WILL BE HELD IN
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★ MODEL A'S

★ SWAP MEET

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SUNDAY

JUNE 02 2024

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Hello, Friends,
Summer's moving in quickly — school's almost out and our parade season is about to start! Our Model A Project with Clinton High School teacher Adam Fjalstad has been absolutely amazing! We are inspired by the passion and enthusiasm these kids have shown each week to get Mike Peters' rolling chassis up and going. And they DID IT!! More about that on page 6! Our other big event — our 35th Model A Day is right around the corner on Sunday, June 2 in beautiful downtown Clinton from 9am to 2pm. If you haven't already spread the word to your family and friends, now is the time to make sure it's on their calendar! The Model A Day (MAD) Committee has been working since February to create the new poster, plan, send letters & invitations, and meet with Clinton officials, etc. I've been meeting with Committee members: Chuck Milazzo, Anne and Lee Laviolette, Bill Johnson, Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, Greg McQueary, ToniLynn Carlson, Mike Peters, John Hausen, co-chairs Sue Brunson and Steve MacLeod to make sure all bases are covered to make this another great RockFord A's event. We ask everyone to help in some way — by volunteering to help or to make a donation of goods for the raffle table or silent auction, or a monetary donation to help cover costs, such as the porta potties. Thanks to all who help out!

Happy motoring ~ be safe out there,
George Brunson, President

April 30, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 37 in attendance. Welcome new member Rick Smith. We also are welcoming new members, Jacob Schmig (senior) and Mason Knueppel (sophomore) from the Clinton High School Car Club (not in attendance tonight).
3. Thank you to the Pastor for opening up the church for us to use and to Loretta Anderson and Bill Johnson, who brought the delicious treats!
4. Health concerns: Nan Stewart had knee surgery today and is doing well; Anne Laviolette finished her year-long round of chemo.
5. There are several sign-up sheets available for upcoming parades and events. Please sign up to help at Model A Day. This is a Club event, and we need EVERYONE to do SOMETHING to help to make it successful.
6. Treasurer's report given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter).
7. Upcoming events:
 - May 4 – Cars & Coffee at Katie's Cup, 7th Street, Rockford (9am-Noon is being sponsored by the Model T Club; come support them)
 - May 18 – Little Hershey Swap Meet/Cruise in (Boone County Fairgrounds)
 - May 27 – Memorial Day Parades (Beloit 9am) (Pecatonica 2pm)
 - June 2 – 35th Model A Day in Clinton, WI
 - June 8 – Clinton Cougar Car Show in Clinton, WI
 - June 15 – Old Settler's Days Parade in Rockton, IL
 - June 23 – Shopiere Parade (noon)
 - July 4 – 4th of July Parade in Sharon, WI (11am)
8. Dave Clark spoke about the MARC Mileage Program. There is a one-time cost of \$1 per car to register and the owner must be a member of MARC. See Dave if you are interested. He also talked about upcoming parades and asked for as many participants as we can get.
9. Dave Clark also reported on going to Jefferson Swap Meet. Lots of Model A Day flyers were passed out and there seems to be a lot of interest from the northern Model A Clubs in our event, some planning 3-day tours to come and tour other places in our area.
10. Mechanical Work Day on April 13th: Alice Whitney reported that the "fix" on her leaky gas tank is holding and thanked all who helped. Phil Hodges also thanked everyone for the help on his truck to get it road ready. Anne Laviolette thanked Kurt Duesterhoeft for his help to determine that it was her generator not charging and not just the cutout malfunctioning. Thanks to Mark and Marilyn McClenathan for their hospitality!
11. The "Model T Dust-Off Tour" was very enjoyable. There were 3 T's, 7 A's, a couple of "newer" cars, and several modern cars on the tour. We had 34 for lunch.
12. Dave Werckle is working on a tour around Ogle County. He has driven the route several times and is sure to show us a good time with a lot of interesting stops.
13. Alice Whitney thanked all the volunteers who stepped up to drive for the wedding on May 18th. She also asked for a volunteer to drive her car, just so there is a spare in case of a breakdown.
14. George Brunson, Ron Lanquist, and Jim Morley spoke about the Model A Youth Project at Clinton High School. The students have really been working hard on that chassis and started the car last Friday. That is the 1st time in over 60 years that the motor has run! The whole school seems to be very excited about this project.

15. Update on the Lake Lawn Lodge murder documentary project: It is now going to be a 3–4-episode event and has been moved to next year.
16. Dave Lantz spoke about Little Hershey coming up on May 18th and said that all antique cars will get in free. He also donated 2 gift cards to the club for Model A Day on behalf of the Model T Club. Thanks!
17. John Hausen has Model A Day hats and is now selling them (and some from the last couple of years). They are \$10 each now but will be \$15 each on June 2nd for everyone.
18. Linda Dutton AND Warren Dutton won the attendance prizes. (what are those odds?!)
19. Next meeting is May 28 at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am.
20. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners are continuing. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details.
21. Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17.00 for an extra); club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted), magnetic signs (the new ones are in) car aprons from Greg McQueary; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).

Respectfully submitted, *Anne Laviolette*

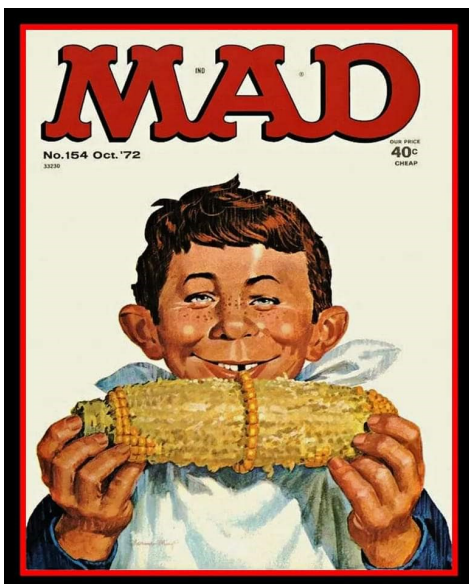
Big thanks to Anne Laviolette for her commitment to keeping our club roster updated and sent out to our group! You're awesome, Anne!



Schedule for Summer Picnic Meetings at Blassingham Park, Pecatonica, IL

***Last Saturday of the Month@ 11AM-2PM
May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28***

All are invited! Treats will be provided each month. Please bring your own beverage and lunch. Nice picnic tables are there, but many like to bring a folding chair! Meeting begins at NOON!



It was only a matter of time, first hybrids then electric and now vegan.



Model A Work Day @ the McClenathan's Saturday, April 13, 2024

From Al Pedersen: Well, Mark's "Model A Dust'em Off and Get'em Roadworthy Maintenance Day" has come and gone and what a day it was! We had a mild sun filled day that allowed for much work and great fellowship with RFA's members and some great friends of Marks who came out to enjoy the fun. For those who missed it, you lost out on a chance to get your car up on a lift for maintenance and inspection, perhaps next time. As great as this was having Mark open his shop for the members the true HERO of the day was Marilyn who slaved to put out a spectacular lunch and even serve us! If anyone went home hungry it was their own fault! Most of us were holding our belly and moaning what a great lunch. Mark, Marilyn thank you for a fantastic day, and Marilyn perhaps you would consider posting the baked bean and potato salad recipe. It was truly a fun day! PalAl

From Ron Lanquist: I too had a wonderful time. Helping a fellow member (Alice Whitney) was a pleasure to do work for. Marilyn's lunch and Mark's hospitality was outstanding. Like Al wrote, if you missed it, you missed a great time. Ron



Mark McClenathan's Mother's Cheesy Potatoes

2 lbs. Ori-da Potatoes O'Brien
(hash browns with onions and peppers)
1 stick of butter or margarine
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 can cream of mushroom soup
8 oz sour cream
2 cups cheddar cheese
Optional topping:
2 cups crushed corn flakes
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
9 x13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Marilyn's Baked Beans

4-8 slices cooked thin bacon, diced
1 medium onion, cut into small dice
4 large cans (28 ounces each) pork & beans
(or 1 big 117 oz. can from Woodman's)
1 cup barbecue sauce
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup distilled or cider vinegar
2 tablespoons ketchup
1 tablespoon yellow mustard
3 chipotle peppers, minced (canned,
found in 'International' food section)
6-12 slices cooked thin bacon, diced

**I used the higher number of bacon pieces.
I always cook the bacon before adding
because I don't like the extra grease.



The RockFord A's will be in 2 parades on Mon., May 27th!

**9am step off in South Beloit to Beloit Parade
2pm step off in Pecatonica**

Please look for email details from Dave Clark.

*Please decorate
your car
with red,
white,
and blue!*



FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

**by Wayne Rowehl
"Curve in the Road"
MAY 2024**

With the arrival of spring, warmer weather, we can now focus on other outside activities. I hope you had the opportunity to attend the Madison Classic Car Show which featured Mopars, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. This year show was held on Friday, April 26th from 8:00am-4:00pm, and on Saturday, April 27th from 6:00am-4:00pm. Saturday weather was in the mid to upper 70's, partly cloudy skies with a medium wind was an excellent day to attend. There was no shortage of show cars, vendor dealers with a lot of replacement parts, tools and miscellaneous items to complete your project. One of the biggest changes there was no Sunday show.

Do not forget the Rock-Ford A's 35th Model A Day will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, 2024 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in downtown Clinton, Wisconsin. This is one of the Midwest's largest Model A events, with over 100 vehicles, car parts and craft vendors, live music, food, door prizes and more. This is a great family activity with something for everybody. Admission is free.

A new 1st annual Car Show and Swap Meet named Gary's Hot Rod Reunion by Madison Classics will be on June 15th, 2024 at the Racine County Fairgrounds located just off Hwy 11 at 19805 Durand Ave. Union Grove, Wisconsin. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes parking. The featured vehicle will be 60's Muscle Cars, with other models welcomed.

Another favorite car show by Madison Classics will be the Fall Jefferson Car Show at the Jefferson Fairgrounds on Friday, Sept. 27th, 2024 from 8:00am-4:00pm and Saturday, Sept. 28th, 2024 from 6:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is \$15.00 per person which includes parking.

If you are in the area near the Turtle Creek Parkway on 6500-6598 S. Spring Road in Janesville, Wisconsin, be sure to check out the Stone Arch Bridge located in the park. It is a great area to relax, perhaps fortunate to see a train go by or just grab some photos.

Another interesting fact is that the original metal bridge on S. Spring Road was removed and a new concrete bridge was installed. The interesting part when this was all being done the old metal bridge was purchased by a local resident east on S. Spring Road and E. County Road J and moved to their property on the south side of the E. County Road J. about a mile east of S. Spring Road. It is in the distance but is able to be picked out.

May you always be prepared for the next, "Curve in the Road". I look forward to hearing your comments at wrowehl@gmail.com.

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL AUTO SHOP — MODEL A PROJECT 2024

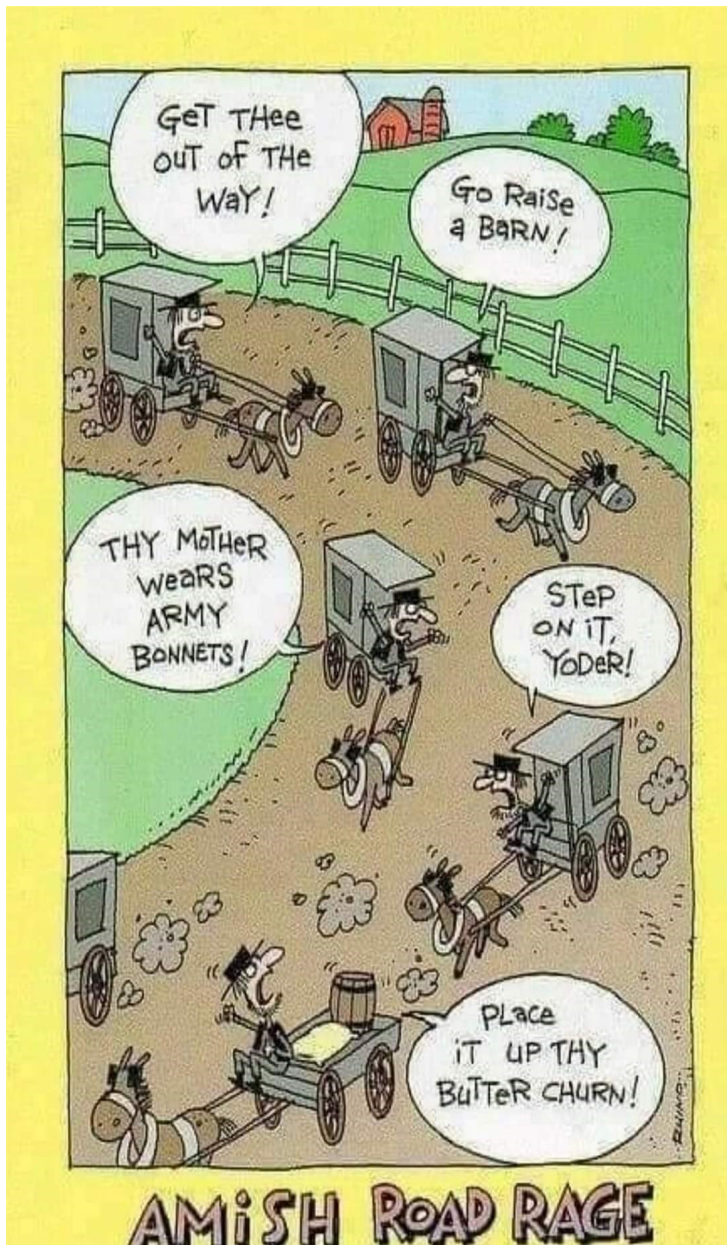


Model A Start Up Day ~ April 26, 2024 Resurrected after 60+ Years!

In the picture from left to right are Clinton High School Auto Shop students: Daniel Perez Limon, Abby Swiatlowski, Mason Knueppel, Tucker Farley, Jacob Schmig, Elliott Keller, Connor Piala, and teacher Adam Fjalstad, kneeling. Not present in picture but helped: Riley Edwards, Kaleb Crawford, Jeff Karsteder, Carlos Valdez, Jacob Haag, Lincoln Napodano, Andrea Anderson. Students who helped and recommended for honorary RockFord A's Model A Club members: Mason Knueppel, Jacob Schmig, Lincoln Napodano and Tucker Farley, Carlos Valdez towards the end. They had the most interest and worked the most on the car. RockFord A's members: Mike Peters, Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, Anne Laviolette, Bill Johnson, Al Pedersen, Dave Clark, John Hausen, Chuck Milazzo, George Brunson

Thanks to everyone!





Model T Road Trip - Sun., April 21, 2024

Hosted by Wayne and Phyllis Orrison; the Model A Club was invited to join this tour. We met at Farm & Fleet on Riverside at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts and left around 10 a.m. Wayne had a nice tour, winding through Rock Cut State Park and then up to Clinton, WI for lunch at the Sundown. And of course, afterwards, there was ice cream! Thanks for the invite, friends—it was great!



May 2024 Club Dinner At the Butterfly Club



Many thanks to John Hausen for organizing our monthly dinners—everyone is invited!

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