



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
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2024 ROCKFORD A'S BANQUET
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT THUNDER BAY, ROCKFORD



Chris Aupperle, Joe Maurer, Anne Laviolette



50-50 Winners of \$350—Jim and Sharon Morley



Linda Lanquist and Greg McQueary set up and organize the best & biggest door prize room ever!



Everyone had a great meal, lots of friendly conversations!

Chuck Milazzo and Ron Lanquist

October 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 27 in attendance.
3. Thank you to ToniLynn and Alice for the great treats tonight!
4. Thank you also to Stan Stewart for all he does for the club!
5. Upcoming Events:
 - Sunday, November 10 – Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay Grill
6. Treasurer's Report given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter).
7. Health Updates: Donna Johnson is doing well, Anne Laviolette's CLL (leukemia) is now in remission, Wayne Rowehl (no new information), Larry Anderson is continuing treatment, Phil Hodges has been having health issues, and no new update for Dan Campbell. Please keep all these members in your prayers!
8. Thank you to Dave Werckle for arranging his Fall "Poke-a-Long Tour"! Even though he could not attend, all who did had an enjoyable time.
9. Dave Clark gave us a recap of his "Fall Color Tour" on October 26th. Lots of attendees, lots of cars! Everyone had a great time. Thanks, Dave, for organizing it! There were a couple of slight hitches getting started – Greg McQueary's car wouldn't start because the fuse fell out (but he carried spares) and Anne Laviolette's car decided to oil the parking lot at Neli's, so it went back home.
10. Dave Clark also asked for everyone to turn in their mileage for the MARC Mileage Program. Anyone who would like to join the program, please contact Dave for details.
11. Jim Morley shared something to watch out for when checking tire pressure. He couldn't get one tire to take air until he noticed that the gasket from the tire gauge that he had used was stuck on his valve stem.
12. Car repairs: Dave Clark will be pulling the motor on his pickup truck this winter and replacing it with his rebuilt motor.
13. Attendance prizes were won by Judy McQueary and Larry Foht.
14. Next meeting is our Annual Banquet is on Sunday, November 10 at Thunder Bay Grill in Rockford. Please get your reservation sheet to Greg McQueary as soon as possible. George Brunson and Jim Morley are also collecting prizes for the banquet if you have anything you want to donate.
15. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners are continuing. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details.
16. Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17 for an extra); club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted), magnetic signs (\$15) and car aprons from Greg McQueary; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).

Submitted, Anne Laviolette

**NO I CAN'T DO SNAPCHAT
OR TIKTOK BUT I CAN WRITE
IN CURSIVE, DO MATH
WITHOUT A CALCULATOR
AND TELL TIME ON A
CLOCK WITH HANDS.**



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY...

- Drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back wall for prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?
- People order a double cheese & large fries and a DIET Coke?
- Drive-up ATM machines have Braille lettering?



Borrowed from the November 2024 Script A News



Unfortunately the touring season will soon be coming to an end. That means the A will once again be tucked away for it's long winter nap.

One important step to consider is the battery. Removing and keeping in an area where it will not be exposed to freezing temperatures is best. If this is not practical, making sure that it is fully charged will help to keep the battery useable and less likely to freeze. Checking it from time to time will reduce the risk of a low charge. Before storing the battery make sure the terminals are well cleaned and the electrolyte is topped up. Use a hydrometer to insure the proper strength of mixture (acid and water). Most time it is the water that needs to be added. Although distilled water is recommended, modern batteries can tolerate tap water as long as it is not too high in chemical content (i.e. chlorine) which can reduce the effectiveness of the charge.

In the past it was warned not to store the battery on a concrete floor due to the material used in the casing. Today's modern batteries can tolerate the practice but it is still a good idea to keep it off the floor.

A few safety tips when working with lead acid batteries. Keep a container of baking soda handy. It will reduce the action of an acid spill. Extra protection should include safety glasses, long sleeves, and gloves. A plastic apron can save your pants and shirt. An acid burn is nasty!

Keep safe and enjoy the last of the good weather while we still have it.



**Glimpse
from the
Gavel**

Well friends, another year of RockFord A's has come to a close. I want to thank each and every one of you for your friendship, loyalty and for being a RockFord A Club member. Special thanks to all of the Officers, Board Members, and Coordinators. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. God bless you all! We'll see you in February for the Soup Lunch on 2/15/2025! George

TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2024

Checkbook Balance: August 1, 2024	5,979.88
Cash on hand	97.00
Total Checkbook Balance and Cash:	6,076.88

INCOME:

Autumn on Parade	100.00
Stillman Valley	100.00
Roscoe Fall Festival Parade/Bob Nowicki	150.00
Banquet and dues payments	1,501.00
Total Income:	1,851.00

EXPENSES:

Sue Brunson/Copies, stamps, supplies	166.36
L. Anderson—banquet refund	55.00
M. Peters—overpayment/banquet	10.00
Total Expenses:	231.36

TOTAL CHECKBOOK BALANCE & CASH ON HAND, OCT. 31, 2024 **\$7,696.52**

SUBMITTED BY: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES *"CURVE IN THE ROAD"*

by Wayne Rowehl November 2024

As October comes to an end and November begins I hope you get the opportunity to view the final moment of this year's changing of the leaves. The colors of the leaves are breathtaking. We like to drive around the back roads and enjoy finding trees in full color. I hope you get a chance to get out before the change is finished.

Recently, I learned that the first Ford Model A, number one was produced on October 21st, 1927. It is great to know that it still exists, and is on display and can be viewed at Ford Model A Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan. It is on loan from the Ford Motor Company.

If the first Ford Model A produced still existed I wondered if the last Ford Model A produced was still in existence and where it is now. The last Ford Model A was built on December 7th, 1931. Yet, some Ford Model A's were made up to March 1932. The last Ford Model A is located at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. It was driven 22,000 miles from Punta Atenas, Chile, to the museum!

I must say, it is very interesting researching this topic. It all depended on where you find the information. So with saying that, the above information is approximate. Ford had some assembly lines producing Ford Model A's up to March 1932 for one reason or another.

May you always be prepared for the next "Curve in the Road".

I look forward to hearing and reading your comments at wrowehl@gmail.com.

Wayne

It's Fall... Time to don that

Flannel Shirt

THE ALMIGHTY HISTORY OF THE FLANNEL SHIRT
SHIRT|nostalgia providence.com



Flannel shirts are part of the iconic image of the American lumberjack and have been an American fashion staple since the mid-century. The plaid flannel shirts place in American culture is only a small part of its long history. The flannel shirt, as we know it, became popular in Scotland and England in the early 1800s.

But the flannel, the fabric, has been around since the 17th century. It was woven by the wives of Welsh farmers, who had been spinning wool yarn for centuries and eventually found that if you brush the wool on both sides, it becomes much sturdier. This created a thicker, more industrious fabric. It was durable and insulating, while still being soft and comfortable. Perfect for wet, cold, and windy climates.

The addition of the horizontal and crisscrossed bands done in multiple colors were originally added to represent the weaver's region, and these patterns are called Tartans. Tartans have ancient origins, the oldest being from the 6th century B.C. found in Austria, belonging to a Celtic culture. Tartan pants were also found on ancient Chinese mummies from a similar period during the Iron Age. These textiles were simple checked patterns using light and dark wool, but very distinctive and usually worn by higher society.

The more intricate spacing and patterns of the bands and the defined color choices first popped up in 16th century Scotland. Tartans became so popular they were once outlawed and only used for military uniforms and royalty. The tradition of associating a tartan pattern to a family or clan became popular in the 17th century.

The High Society of London wanted the heads of each clan to be honorably represented by a specific tartan pattern. These tartans would then be authenticated and recorded. This tradition carried on and became very popular, almost all Scottish clans now have several tartans attributed to their names.

So how did the tar-



tan/plaid flannel shirt become this American symbol of resilience, strength and masculinity? Well, the same way the country kind of did, through the Industrial Revolution. The country was growing at a rapid pace, forests were being cleared for cities, train tracks were being run to connect the coasts and the men working these grim jobs needed clothing that would hold up.



Everything from coats, shirts, pants and underwear were made from flannel. Flannel clothing would hold up against harsh weather and arduous work. The gritty images of railroad workers and lumberjacks in plaid flannel shirts working on these massive projects were popularized through the media and became synonymous with the American prospector.

In the mid twentieth century, the popular folk lore character Paul Bunyan brought the flannel shirt back into fashion. He is the symbol of the great American frontiersman, the American dream of the previous generation. Paul Bunyan was extremely popular with kids, but also adults, so this made the flannel shirt well-liked by everyone.

Now you'll find plaid flannel shirts everywhere, it has sort of shed its culturally distinctive nature. It doesn't belong to one specific group or represent certain ideals, it is almost as common and universal as a white T-shirt, anyone can wear it and feel comfortable.

PRAYING FOR YOU!



Please keep the following members and their families in your prayers in the upcoming months as they are battling health issues: Larry & Loretta Anderson, Donna Johnson, Phil Hodges, Dan Campbell, Anne Laviolette, Wayne Rowehl, Nan & Stan Stewart's grandson, Noah, Les Adleman's son, Lyndsie, and anyone going through a rough patch. Thank you.



MICE ATTACKING YOUR STORED MODEL "A"?

Over time, enthusiasts have come up with a variety of ways of keeping rodents out of their street machines while they're in storage. Some use dryer sheets while others use soap. However, I haven't had the best luck with either of those methods. To ensure I don't flat spot my tires, I always put my car on jack stands. Well, mice and other rodents can climb jack stands and will eventually find their way into the car. So, to prevent that, I place a small drip pan under each jack stand and fill it with about an inch of oil. Because rodents either don't want to try or can't walk through the oil, my street machines remain rodent free while in storage. I've also used anti-freeze instead of oil, but it isn't safe for pets, which is why I switched to oil.

Lonnie Backus
Billings, Montana



January: 1-Sharon Morley, 2-Gino LaRosa, 4-Dan Cambell, 6-Tonilynn Whitney-Carlson, 6-Gerald Carpenter, 7-Les Adelman, 10-Elaine Donley, 13-Phil Hodges, 14-Anne Laviolette, 16-Dorie Welch, 27-Candy Thompson

February: 1-Mike Peters, 5-Karen Kothe, 14-Al Pedersen, 24-Dean Wanfalt

March: 2-Chris Weber, 7-Joe Maurer, 7-Michael Whitney-Carlson, 9-Dave Werckle, 10-Lori Weber, 11-Doug Mather, 14-Karen Pedersen, 16-Dwayne Meier, 20-Jim Morley, 21-Bill Johnson, 24-Bruce Winslow, 29-Mike Fennell

April: 2-Sue Hausen, 6-Sara Werckle

May: 12-Katie Boughton, 14-Barb Hodges, 19-Mel Welch, 27-Mary Kramer, 28-Marilyn McClenathan

June: 17-Vicki Milazzo, 18-Nan Stewart, 19-Chuck Milazzo, 20-Chris Aupperle, 26-Bob Rothkopf

July: 6-Ron Lanquist, 8-Bob Lawhorn, 10-Linda Dutton, 21-Mike Strand, 24-Loretta Anderson, 26-Larry Anderson, 27-Sue Brunson

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

September: 3-Pauline Clark, 3-Mary Jo Milazzo, 3-Mark McClenathan, 6-Ron Kramer, 7-Bill Cummings, 10-Nan Stewart, 19-Kay Strand, 20-Sharon Anderson, 29-Jennie Cummings

October: 8-Bill Aupperle, 11-Jan Winslow, 13-Kathy Forbes, 20-Luann Carpenter, 23-Jewel Maurer, 27-Dave Clark, 28-Jan Leverington, 30-Lee Laviolette

November: 6-Russ Kothe, 7-George Brunson, 7-Charlie Monk, 11-Paul Donley, 11-Wayne Henson

December: 10-Linda Lanquist, 19-Donna Johnson, 25-Larry Froemming

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November 4—Mike & Kay Strand ('67)
November 13—Bill & Donna Johnson ('66)
November 16—Russ & Karen Kothe ('16)
November 26—Dave & Sara Werckle ('83)
December 19—Mike & Tonilynn Whitney-Carlson ('81)
December 27—Mark & Marilyn McClenathan ('86)
January 22—Jim & Sharon Morley ('73)
January 31—Mike & Lana Peters ('70)
February 1—Warren & Linda Dutton ('92)
February 14—Lee & Anne Laviolette ('91)

NEED SOMETHING??

All of the Club tools are housed at Anne & Lee Laviolette's garage @5427 Shamrock Lane Roscoe, IL 61073 Call Anne: 815-218-3055 or Lee: 815-218-2510 Need a new list?

ROCK-FORD A's RESOURCE LIBRARY
housed at George Brunson's—call him: 608-290-1835

BOOKS:

Automobiles 1949-1959

Ford Model A 1929-1931 NAPA/Martin

The New Ford (Reproduction of an original Ford Motor Company Sales Promotion Book), published by Jim Born, July 1, 1978

Tillotson Carburetors Repairing and Restoring Model "X", "Unmarked X" and "XF"

26 MOVIES/VIDEOS RECORDED AS DVDS

Thanks to the November Script A News for sharing articles. Please email or text any articles, pictures, ideas, photos, and any items of interest related to Model A's to Sue Brunson 608-295-2590 thebrunsons@hotmail.com

Mission Statement: The Rock-Ford A's Model A Club welcomes members and supporters who value Model A's. Those who own a Model A are encouraged to preserve, exhibit, and make use of their cars in community events. We seek to educate present and future generations. Our aim is to be a people club that is united by Model A's.