



**ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS**  
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**OCTOBER 2024**



Hello, Friends!

Goodbye Summer and Hello Fall! The song says “one is the loneliest number”: there’s only one parade left - Oregon, IL this Sun., Oct. 6th - line up at noon and step off at 1pm; one tour left— Dave’s Poke-Along Tour on Sat., Oct. 12th. That’s it for 2024, folks! But, check out Wayne’s “Curve In the Road” on pg. 4! And, we have great things coming up, like our annual Banquet, and right after the holidays, it’ll be time to plan our Soup Lunch, and to get started on Model A Day 2025 which will be on Sunday, June 1st in Clinton, WI! I want to personally thank all the Officers, Board Members, and Coordinators for a job very well done in 2024. We’ve all decided to stay in our posts for 2025 — thanks to all for making our club so great! *George*

**UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Sunday, October 6 - Oregon “Autumn on Parade” - 1:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 12 - Dave’s Poke-Along Tour—see page 5**

**Tuesday, October 29 - Model A meeting at 7pm at Central Christian Church,  
 6595 Guilford, Rockford, IL**

**Sunday, November 10 - Model A Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford;  
 Cocktails at 5pm and Dinner at 6pm—see form on page 11**



**Please send your Banquet reservations & payment TODAY  
 with your \$20 dues (Model A ownership is NOT required) to:  
 Greg McQueary, 7490 Ryebrook Road,  
 Rockford, IL 61114-5636**

**Saturday, February 15 - Annual Soup Lunch at Central Christian Church, Rockford;  
 Please call Alice Whitney to schedule your soup - (H) 815-895-5023 (C) 815-901-2896**



**Note To Self:  
 Do not sit on the floor without  
 a plan on how to get back up!**

**Please email or text any articles, pictures,  
 items of interest related to Model As to  
 editor, Sue Brunson, at: 608-295-2590  
 thebrunsons@hotmail.com**

## September 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members; no guests today; 24 in attendance.
3. Thanks to Mel and Dori Welch for the delicious donuts and cupcakes!
4. There are several sign-up sheets available for upcoming parades and tour
5. Upcoming Events:  
Sunday, October 6 – Oregon “Autumn on Parade” – (lineup at noon, step-off at 1pm)
6. Treasurer’s Report by George Brunson for Greg McQueary (included in newsletter—pg. 3)
7. Health Updates: Donna Johnson is doing better, Anne Laviolette is still recovering from sinus surgery, Wayne Rowehl is doing better, Larry Anderson is continuing treatment (GREAT to see you here today, Larry!), and no update for Dan Campbell.
8. Ron Lanquist shared that a friend of his has a 1929 Roadster Pickup for sale (some assembly required) for \$5,000. Contact Ron for details if you are interested: 815-494-8450
9. Show of hands for reserving Blassingham Park for 2025 summer meetings. Passed.
10. Nominations for officers for 2025. The current officers and board will continue.  
However, if you would like to serve, please contact one of the officers.
11. Suggestion made that students at Clinton High School will have free membership in the Rock-Ford A’s until graduation. Passed.
12. Linda Lanquist: Thank you, Sue Brunson for everything that you do! We all agree!!!
13. Next meeting is October 29 meeting will be at Central Christian Church, Rockford, at 7pm.
14. Our Annual Banquet is on Sunday, November 10 at Thunder Bay Grill in Rockford. Please get your reservation \$ in to Greg McQueary asap! Social hour at 5pm & dinner @6pm. Door prizes for everyone and short business meeting to follow.
15. Attendance prizes were won by Loretta Anderson (what a lucky lady!) and Mel Welch.
16. Treat schedule: October 29 – Alice Whitney and Toni Lynn Carlson.
17. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners are continuing. Contact John Sue Hausen
18. 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*

**George Brunson’s new hood ornament  
on the truck...what d’ya think?!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**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-Charlie Monk, 7-George  
Brunson, 11-Paul Donley

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT - AUGUST 2024**

Checkbook Balance: August 1, 2024 6,196.22  
Cash on hand 97.00  
Total Checkbook Balance and Cash: 7,013.22

**INCOME:**

Midway Village/Tipsy 75.00  
Aupperle/Banquet & Dues Payment 62.00  
Total Income: 137.00

**EXPENSES:**

CD Purchase/High School Auto Class 2,000.00  
Sue Brunson/Club Picnic food 385.34  
Total Expenses: 2,385.34

**TOTAL CHECKBOOK BALANCE & CASH ON HAND, AUGUST 31, 2024 \$4,764.88**

***SUBMITTED BY: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer***

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024  
BELOIT AUTORAMA WINNERS!**

Lee Laviolette & Ron Lanquist Participant's Choice Award Winners  
Anne Laviolette - BEST OF SHOW STOCK

**Pictured: Dave West for his 1966 Plymouth Valiant**



***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 to it be a people club that is united by Model A's.***

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

by Wayne Rowehl October 2024

October brings the changing of leaves on the trees, outside car shows, and festivals. One upcoming event is on Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at Lake Forest, IL from 11-3pm. Lake Forest is hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> annual, "Then & Now" Auto Show, celebrating a century of motorcar excellence. The event will take place at the West Forest Train Station located at 911 Telegraph Road. Over 100 cars will fill 10 automotive classes. Food and entertainment is available at the show and through local businesses.

Another upcoming event will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in East Troy at the Rossmiller Sports Center, 3090 Graydon Avenue by the local Lions Club. Throughout the day there will be 50/50 and basket raffles, music and food. This event is from 9:00-2:00pm. After the East Troy car show be sure to stop at Gus's Drive-In, 3131 Main Street in East Troy for a bite to eat. Gus's is a "drive-in with a retro vibe offering burgers, shakes, & frozen custard plus weekly classic car show". Every Saturday, there is a car show where individual car owners can display their cars. A Wisconsin must see and unique experience. Indoor and outdoor seating is available. Gus's hours are 11:00-9:00pm.

On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the Williams Bay, Wisconsin Lions Club will be hosting the annual Nick Caselli Rocking Auto Show from 10:00-3:00pm.

Other car shows on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, are in New Glarus, Shawano, and Lancaster. Be sure to check local media for additional information.

While reading on a local website, someone found a 100 year old running board toolbox, originally mounted on a Ford Model A truck at a yard sale. This toolbox was in rough shape, but still very functional. The buyer wondered if the toolbox should be restored or kept in that original condition. When asked, most people suggested they would keep it original and not restore it. A very common thought was, it's only original once. A few said they would restore it because it would look better on their restored vehicle. What would you do?

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](mailto:wrowehl@gmail.com).

*Wayne*



### **Pumpkin Pound Cake - serves 12-16**

**2 1/2 C. sugar, 1 C. oil, 3 eggs, 3 C. flour, 2 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. nutmeg, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. cloves, 1-15 oz. can pumpkin (NOT pie filling), powdered sugar**  
**Blend sugar & oil, add 1 egg at a time, beating well. In separate bowl, combine all dry ingredients. Mix dry into egg mix, adding canned pumpkin. Mix well. Pour into greased 12 c. tube or bundt pan. Bake @ 350° for 60-65 minutes. Cool 10 minutes and invert. Sprinkle on powdered sugar. Serve and enjoy!**

# DAVE'S POKE-ALONG TOUR— 2024 FALL EDITION

When: Saturday, October 12

Meeting at: Love's Gas Station, corner of Hwy. 2 and Rt. 20, Rockford

Departure Time: To be announced—please check your email for updates on exact details

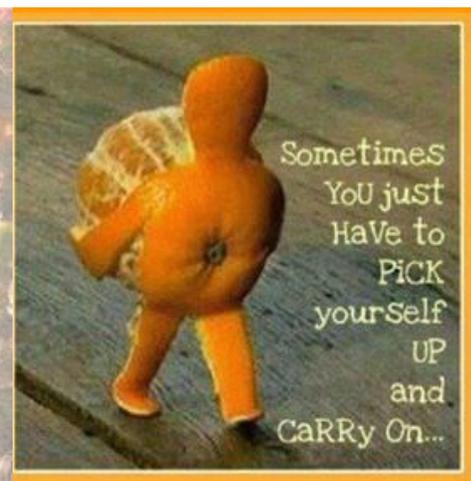
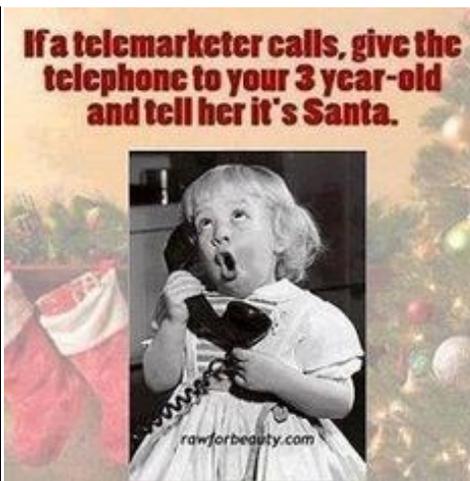
Going to:

- 1) Esta Barrett Manor & Gardens, 6901 Kishwaukee Rd., Rockford - - A 1900's historic landmark home, gardens and farm. It sits on 500 acres of land located along the Kishwaukee & Rock rivers southwest of Rockford. Hear the stories of a turn of the 20th century Chicago businessman, his remarkable wife -the namesake of the property, a renowned landscape architect, and passionate historic preservationists. Learn about this gentleman's farm and its evolution from Indian Hill Manor. Holdings include the 26-acre manor grounds that were laid out by O. C. Simonds, one of the leaders of the natural landscaping movement of the early 20th century, and a 160-acre historic farm. Visit their website and Facebook page <https://www.estabarrett.com/visit/>
- 2) Kishwaukee Community Church for BYO picnic lunch inside
- 3) Patrick's Garage: explore an extensive antique car, truck and tractor collection



**PLEASE share the Manifold News newsletters with your spouse/significant other! Not to point fingers, but GUYS!! Let the Lady A in your life know about the dates, times, events, recipes, etc! Even better — please email/text me her email address so we can send a copy directly to her! Thank you! Sue [thebrunsons@hotmail.com](mailto:thebrunsons@hotmail.com) 608-295-2590**

funny thing about getting older: your eyesight starts getting weaker, but your ability to see through people's bullshit gets much better.



# NATIONAL MEET IN HICKORY CORNERS, MI - SEPTEMBER 2024



Before and after pictures of the Model A bus that was the highlight of this MAFFI event. The unveiling of the AA bus restored under the direction of Ron and Ken Ehrenhofer was much appreciated by all in attendance. George was thrilled to be on the first ride! The Gilmore Car Museum is the proud home of the Model A Ford Museum, the world's largest museum dedicated solely to the Model A! Definitely worth a trip to see the entire campus.



*It was an honor and a thrill to meet Model A Ford/ You Tube expert, Paul Shinn and his wife! L-R: Ron Lanquist, Tina Shinn, George Brunson, Paul Shinn, and super fan, Rick Harle; a definite highlight of the trip!*





More pictures from Gilmore! RFA Members Ron Lanquist, Anne Laviolette, Jim Morley, Rick Harle & Gloria Ruppert, Kurt Duesterhoeft, and Chris & Bill Aupperle all reported to have had a good time!





## HOMEcomings 2024

Alice Whitney's grandkids and their dates were driven in style by Chuck Milazzo and Jim Morley in their Model A's! This is the 3rd year for this awesome family tradition. Alice makes dinner for them, they go to homecoming then return to Alice's to spend the night. FUN!!! Hats off to Jim & Chuck!

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL PROJECT FOR CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL AUTO CLUB!



A couple weeks ago, George went with students Lincoln, Mason, and José to Germantown, WI to pick up this Model A project. Their fundraising paid for the car. This body, after much modification, will be going on the chassis they made last year! Good Luck!



No wonder Wayne Orrison had trouble with his A!  
This is the coil that wasn't working (little wonder!)



**STILLMAN VALLEY "FALL FESTIVAL" PARADE:** Chuck and Vicki Milazzo, Jim Morley, George and Sue Brunson, Anne Laviolette, Charlie Monk, Ron and Linda Lanquist, Dave Werckle, Wayne Henson, and Dwayne Meier were in attendance. LOTS of crazy candy throwing — NOT by us, as it is against our policy, but way too many kids AND ADULTS running too close!



Lots of antique stops along the way on Joe Maurer's Model T Tour! What a glorious couple of weather days! Thanks, Joe — looking forward to more adventures with the Model T Club!



*Please keep Anne Laviolette, Donna Johnson, Dave & Sara Werckle, Larry & Loretta Anderson, Karen Pedersen, Wayne Rowehl, Dan Campbell, and Phil Hodges in your thoughts and prayers! We are sending good vibes and warm thoughts to you all as you journey through your health issues! Please reach out to us if you need anything!*

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## 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?

Email or call Sue Brunson  
thebrunsons@hotmail.com 608-295-2590

**ROCK-FORD A's RESOURCE LIBRARY**  
(housed at George Brunson's—call 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, printed by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., Gonvick, Minnesota 56644, July 1, 1978

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

**26 MOVIES/VIDEOS RECORDED AS DVDS**

Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce Presents

# Fall-O-Ween

Sunday, October 27th, 2024

3:00 - 5:00pm

Downtown Clinton, WI

*Candy & Games - Fundraisers & Vendors*

*Fall Fun hosted by local businesses & groups*

Fall-O-Ween Map of participating booths & business locations will be shared on Chamber Facebook page and on clintonchamberwi.com.

Businesses & Groups, please sign up by October 23 to be included on the map; please fill out the form at: <https://bit.ly/chamberfalloween24>.  
Questions, contact [clintonchamberwi@gmail.com](mailto:clintonchamberwi@gmail.com).

 **CLINTON AREA**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 10, 2024 5:00 cocktails 6:00 dinner

Thunder Bay Grill and Restaurant  
7652 Potawatomi Trail  
Rockford, Illinois 61108

Enjoy a delightful evening of delicious food, great friends, and warm memories of another year of Model A touring! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

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Menu choice of Prime Rib, Cedar Planked Salmon, or Chicken Parmesan  
(Cost includes meal, salad, homemade focaccia bread, non-alcoholic beverage)

\*Prices have increased from last year and the Club will pick up \$4.00 of the cost of each meal.

The Club will pay tax, gratuity, and coffee/pop. Cash bar available.

Complete the registration form below. Enclose your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's  
Bring both to the Tuesday, October 29, 2024 meeting or mail by no later than Friday, October 25 to:

Greg McQueary  
7490 Ryebrook Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61114-5636  
608-290-4429

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Enclosed is my/our check # \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Banquet meal(s) and \$20 dues:

Name	Name			
_____	_____	10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato and vegetable medley	<del>\$39.00</del>	\$35.00
_____	_____	Cedar Planked Salmon with roasted red potatoes and vegetable medley	<del>\$27.00</del>	\$22.00
_____	_____	Chicken Parmesan with roasted red potatoes & vegetable medley	<del>\$24.00</del>	\$20.00
	_____	I am including my 2025 dues of \$20.00		<u>\$20.00</u>

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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