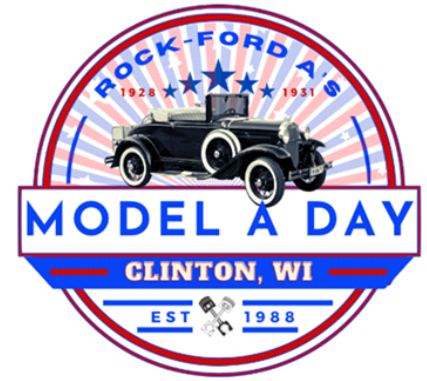


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Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA  
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**OCTOBER 2025**



### *Glimpse from the Gavel*

Hello, Friends,

You have to hear about the Oregon no-parade parade! Lineup was at noon, so 9 cars tried at 11:45 to get to their spot—traffic was horrendous. They tried, and TRIED to get through the barricaded streets to the high school - officials would NOT let them through! Clearly they were part of the parade, but that didn't seem to matter. So, their "parade" consisted of driving through the town, waving at everyone on the terraces, until they gave up and met over at Jay's Drive-In for ice cream. Alas, the day was not lost, and all frustrations were drowned in shakes, and malts, and sundaes! Lucky Warren and Linda Dutton were the lone Model A in the parade! What a way to end the season. Well, the parades are over, but we're on for the Lake Geneva Fall Tour (page 7) our first Tuesday of the month club dinners, and our every other Saturday breakfasts. And of course, our banquet is right around the corner on Sunday, November 9th. Have you sent in your reservation to Jim Morley yet? So far he has less than 40 people signed up and the deadline is October 31st. Hope to see you at the banquet! Reservation form is on the back page!

*George Brunson, President*  
**Keep Motoring!**



**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR  
BANQUET REGISTRATION  
TODAY! SEE BACK PAGE!**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRIENDS!**

**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, 25-Larry Froemming

### **CHEERS! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**October:** 22,1954-Mel & Dorie Welch

**November:** 16,2016-Russ & Karen Kothe; 26,1983-Dave & Sara Werckle

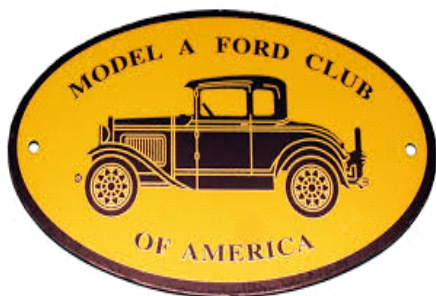
**December:** 19,1981-Mike & ToniLynn Carlson; 27,1986-Mark & Marilyn McClenathan

## September 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome to the Poplar Grove Airmotive Picnic! Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members. 35 signed in for attendance.
3. Treasurer's report given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter). A motion was made and seconded to change banks because of the high rates for monthly fees and checks. That move will probably wait for now because we just spent money on new checks.
4. Sign-up sheets: Multi-meter Seminar with Kurt Duesterhoeft next April (location and date TBA)
5. Parades:  
Sunday, Sept. 28 – Stillman Valley Fall Fest – 12pm step-off, lineup Stillman Valley HS, 434 S. Pine  
Sunday, Oct. 5 – 12pm step-off, lineup Oregon HS, 206 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
6. Health updates/news: Tonilynn Carlson and Steve Klentz are going through eye surgeries; Lana Peters and Lori Weber had knee surgeries.
7. Newsletter Announcement: The Club newsletter will only be emailed, beginning with October's newsletter, due to the high cost of postage.
8. The Coronado Tour with the Model T Club has been cancelled. Information was that it was due to insufficient staffing.
9. Upcoming events:
  - A. Saturday, Oct. 4 – Club breakfast at Sebastian's Restaurant, Roscoe, 8am
  - B. Tuesday, Oct. 7 – Club dinner at Machine Shed Restaurant, Rockford, 5pm
  - C. Sunday, Nov. 9 – Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay Grill, Rockford, 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting and prizes. Everyone is encouraged to donate a new item or two for the door prize table (everyone wins something!) Banquet form is on back page—send to Jim Morley.
  - D. July 12-16, 2026 – MARC Model A Day in French Lick, IN. Host hotel is the French Lick Casino/Springs Hotel. Make your reservations now!
  - E. Car shows/cruises:
  - F. Oct. 4 (Sat.) – “Cars & Coffee” Katie's Cup in Rockford, 9am-noon
  - G. Oct. 12 (Sat.) – “Rock-n-Bowl” Car Show, Don Carter Lanes in Rockford, 10am-4pm
  - H. Oct. 25 (Sat.) – “Trunk or Treat” Katie's Cup in Rockford, 9am-noon
10. Recaps of Events:
  - A. Ron Lanquist talked about Joe Maurer's Overnight Model T Tour. It was a wonderful trip, very well planned to take advantage of all the curvy, hilly roads in northwestern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. No breakdowns!
  - B. George Brunson spoke about the trip to Gilmore. Everyone should plan to go at least once! The new addition to the Ford Museum was very well done!
  - C. Anne Laviolette talked about the Roscoe Fall Festival Parade. We had 23 cars (most of them Model A's) participate, and 22 finished (George Brunson had electronic ignition problems and dropped out early). We think the 23 cars was a record number.
  - D. Ron Lanquist spoke about Beloit Autorama. Trophy time for our Club! Anne Laviolette won 1 of the 2 trophies awarded to the “Antique” class. Then there was a mix-up with the results of voting, and they gave an additional 10 trophies to the “Antique” class again. Almost all of our members got a trophy!
  - E. Ron Lanquist awarded rubber chickens to George Brunson for breaking down in the Roscoe Parade and Anne Laviolette for breaking down on the way to and from Autorama (dead battery). It was great to see the “Chinese Fire Drills” every time she stalled (once in the middle of an intersection!). Jim Morley is also receiving a rubber chicken because his starter quit on him. Display those chickens proudly!

- A. Repair reports: There will be an engine installation in Alice Whitney's car on Thursday and Friday, October 2-3. Jim Morley's "Old Smokey" engine is going into the car.
- B. Board members reviewed the Club By-Laws and changes will be included in the October newsletter. Voting on these changes will take place at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
11. Karen Pedersen and Warren Dutton won the attendance prizes.
12. Upcoming meetings: October 28 (Tuesday) – Central Christian Church 7pm;  
Treat schedule: October 28 – Alice Whitney and ToniLynn Carlson.
13. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners will continue. See updated schedules on page\_\_\_\_. Contact Karen Pedersen for information.
14. 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 and car aprons from Greg McQueary; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).

*Submitted, Anne Laviolette, Secretary*



<https://mafca.com/>  
1 Year \$50

**Anne Laviolette does a great job of submitting an article about the RockFord A's in every issue of "The Restorer"**

#### **Benefits of Model A Ford Club of America Membership:**

- "The Restorer" Magazine (bimonthly)
- Participate in National Meets & Tours
- Camaraderie With 10,000+ Members Worldwide
- Over 250 Local Chapters Worldwide
- Model A Technical Support
- The Flying Quail Email Newsletter (bimonthly)
- 16 Special Interest Groups (SIGS) which focus on various areas
- Access to Member's Only content
- Voting privileges in elections
- Era Fashions
- 3 Free Classified Ads per year in "The Restorer"
- Unlimited Online Classifieds

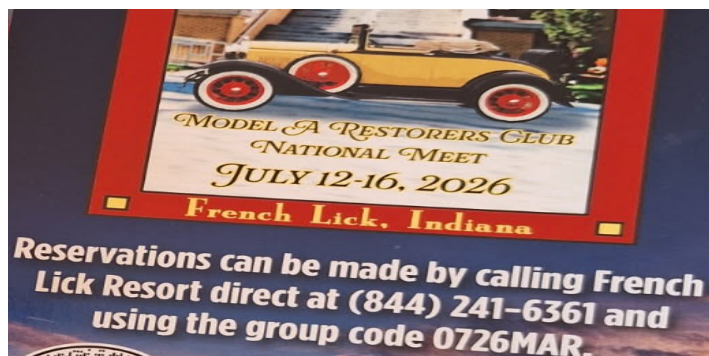


Subscription \$50 /6 issues. **New members - 1st year FREE!**

***\*One big benefit is FREE insurance coverage of your Model A at club events with your membership!***

Our secretary, Anne Laviolette, does a great job of writing an article about the RockFord A's in every issue of the MARC Model A News magazine!

Thank you, Anne! :) <https://model-a-ford.org>



**Consider making your reservation NOW for this great national meet! French Lick is about 400 miles from Rockford.**



## Rock Ford A's

### Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance, August 1, 2025	5,985.54
Cash on Hand:	62.00
Total checkbook balance & Cash:	6,047.54
<b>Income:</b>	
Deposit, Dues/R. Kothe:	20.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Check Reorder/First National Bank:	138.33
Sue Brunson/Portable Sound System for Club:	343.44
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>481.77</b>
<b>Total Checkbook Balance &amp; Cash:</b>	<b>5,585.77</b>
 <b>CD Set aside for School Model A Project:</b>	 <b>2,048.90</b>

Submitted By: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer



**FINAL 2025 MEETING**  
Tuesday, October 28 –  
Central Christian Church,  
6595 Guilford Road  
Rockford, IL 7pm

Please bring your door  
prize donation for the  
banquet - thank you!

***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.***

**Please read over this draft of revised Bylaws—some changes were made by the Board.**

**A vote to approve will be at our Oct. 28th meeting at 7:30pm  
Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford Rd., Rockford**



**DRAFT**

**Bylaws of the Rockford A's Inc.**

Rev. 09/11/2025

**Article I: Rockford A's**

Section 1: The name of this organization is the Rockford A's Inc., hereafter referred to as the Club.

Section 2: The Club is a region of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) and chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA).

**Article II: Purpose**

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**Article III: Membership**

Section 1: An individual who pays the annual dues is considered a Member, which includes their spouse or significant other. Members of the Club may be anyone who is interested in the Model A Ford car whether they own such a car or not. Members are strongly encouraged to belong to one of the national Model A organizations such as MAFCA, MARC, or MAFFI, the national Model A organizations which represent our Region. An interest in the purpose of the Club and a desire to take an active part in club activities shall be the primary requirement for membership.

Section 2: The dues payable by each member shall be \$20 per calendar year. Dues are payable to the treasurer by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Each paid membership shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting calling for a vote of the membership. Members who are more than 90 days in arrears (March 31st) shall have their names removed from the Club roster and newsletter distribution. Reinstatement shall occur when yearly dues are paid. Those members who are 85 years old or older are considered lifetime members and are no longer required to pay dues.

**Article IV – Meetings:**

Section 1: The regular monthly meeting shall be held on the last Tuesday of each month, or any other date as requested by the President, except for the months of January, February, November, and December when other events may take the place of monthly meetings.

Section 2: The annual meeting and election of officers (if appropriate) will be held at the Annual Banquet during the month of November. The purpose of the annual meeting will be to elect officers for the next calendar year and to transact other business which may come before the meeting.

Section 3: Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, another officer, or not less than 20% of the paid-up members in good standing. Notice of any special meeting must be delivered by regular or email not less than five days before the date and time of the special meeting. The purpose of the special meeting is to be included in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4: A quorum at any meeting of the members shall be not less than 20% of the members in good standing who are qualified to vote at a meeting. If a quorum is not present, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting.

## **Article V – Officers:**

Section 1: The elected officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors. The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the Club in November. The term of office shall run for a period of 2 years unless otherwise stated below. For future elections, the President, Treasurer, and two directors' terms will be for two years. The Vice-President, Secretary, and the other two directors' terms will initially be for one year and then two years thereafter. This procedure will ensure that not all officers and directors will be elected in the same year. In case of a vacancy in one of the offices before the end of the term, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy by a majority vote.

### **Section 2: President**

The chief executive officer of the Club shall be the President. The President shall supervise and oversee the business and affairs of the Club and shall preside at all meetings of the Club and perform all duties incident to the office of President.

### **Section 3: Vice-President**

The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the president and shall perform the duties normally done by the President.

### **Section 4: Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings, provide notice to the members in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws, keep a database of members names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, and in general perform all duties incidental to the office of Secretary.

### **Section 5: Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of the checkbook, books of account and be responsible for all the bank accounts and funds of the Club. The Treasurer shall provide a report at each regular meeting as to the income, expenses, and cash balance of the Club accounts. All expenditures over \$150 must be approved by the board.

### **Section 6: Directors**

The four elected Directors shall serve as members-at-large, and their function will be to broaden the leadership of the Club by offering additional input and direction.

### **Section 7: Special Meetings**

The President of the Club may periodically call together the Officers and Directors to meet as a board of directors for the purpose of addressing matters of concern to the Club.

### **Section 8: Volunteer Positions**

The Club may have a number of Volunteer position. These could include, but are not limited to:

- Tour Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator (i.e. scheduling informal breakfast and/or dinner meetings)
- Social Concerns Coordinator
- Wedding Coordinator
- Technical Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Parade Coordinator
- Mileage Coordinator
- Picnic Organizer
- Soup Luncheon Organizer

## **Article VI: Ratification and Amendments to these Bylaws**

Section 1: To become effective or to be amended, these Bylaws or amendments must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at a regular meeting.

Section 2: Adequate notice of any meeting regarding changes to the Bylaws must be given at least five days before any meeting with the intent to alter, amend, repeal, or adopt new Bylaws.

## 2025 OFFICERS

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#### **Tools**

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#### **Tour Coordinator**

YOUR NAME HERE

#### **Newsletter**

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## **2025 Fall Colors Tour**

9am START:  
Kwik Star South Beloit →  
16040 Oakfield Pkwy,  
South Beloit, IL

Hello Fellow Model A Tourers!

Thank you for attending the fall colors tour this year. We are looking forward to a new route and a couple stops that may be familiar.

- Keep your eye on the Model A behind you.
- If a Model A pulls over or slows down, please IMMEDIATELY do the same.
- Last car in line, please keep your headlights on so we can see the end of the line.
- Please keep up with the Model A in front of you! We do not want to lose anyone in towns or lights.

\*Stops (gas, rest stops or an emergencies) please call Lauren! Lauren's Cell #309-642-4652 Note: Our restroom stops are limited! We will try to keep a decent pace so that we are on-time for our stops and lunch. We appreciate your participation in this tour, as it being our first tour we have ever planned, we expect some hiccups but look forward to the reward of cruising through colors with our antique rides! Brad Kolar [kolarb98@gmail.com](mailto:kolarb98@gmail.com) 847-643-6777

### ***ALL ARE INVITED!***

***CALL KAREN PEDERSEN 815-291-2527***

### ***All Club BREAKFASTS***

***Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - Steamplant, Belvidere***

***Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Alpine View, Rkfd***

***Saturday, December 6 - Stockholm Inn, Rkfd***

***Saturday, December 20th - Ned's, Belvidere***

### ***All Club DINNERS***

***Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> - Lino's on Riverside—  
please note it's the new one, not on State St.!!***

***Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Firehouse Pub, Roscoe***



## Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 9, 2025    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 and events! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

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Menu choice of Prime Rib, Bourbon-Glazed Salmon, or Chicken Parmesan  
Cost includes salad, focaccia bread, non-alcoholic beverage

The Club will pay \$4.00 for each meal, along with tax, gratuity, coffee/pop. Cash bar available.

**Complete the registration form below. Enclose with your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's**

Bring your reservation form and payment to the next meeting or  
mail in no later than Friday, October 31, 2025 to:

Jim Morley  
4538 Dellview Drive, Rockford, IL 61109

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Enclosed is check #\_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the following reservation(s) and dues:

Name	Name		
_____	_____ 10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato	<del>\$39.00</del>	\$35.00
_____	_____ Bourbon-Glazed Salmon with roasted potatoes & vegetables	<del>\$27.00</del>	\$22.00
_____	_____ Chicken Parmesan with mostaccioli	<del>\$24.00</del>	\$20.00
	_____ I am including my 2026 dues of \$20.00		<u>\$20.00</u>

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_