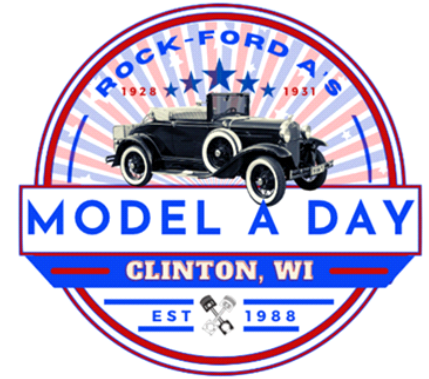


ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*
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Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA
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APRIL 2026



Hello, Friends,

It's great to be thinking about driving again and hopefully we'll have some great opportunities this year with parades, tours, picnics, and assorted other events. Special congratulations to Paul and Elaine Donley for receiving their 50,000 mile award—a RockFord A's Club record! You two have inspired all of us—let's DRIVE!!

George Brunson, President
Keep Motoring!



Mileage Program Guidelines

The purpose of the Model A Restorer's Club MARC Mileage Program is to offer national recognition for all miles driven by MARC members in a Model A registered in the MARC Mileage Program. There is no intent to supersede or cancel any Regional or local driving programs now in existence; rather, the program seeks to further them by offering a driven-car recognition for all registered MARC vehicles.

GENERAL

All Model A's owned by MARC members and registered in the MARC Mileage Program, and which meet the following standards, are eligible.

- A. Of original manufacture from 1927 through 1931.
- B. Titled or registered as a Model A in accordance with respective state requirements.
- C. Authentic in overall appearance, with a minimum of the following basic features:
 1. Model A or Model B type four-cylinder engine visually indistinguishable from the original Ford Model A or B engine produced from 1927 through 1934.
 2. Correct body style for year of manufacture.

A registration fee of \$1.00 is required at time of vehicle registration and is good for as long as the owner is a member in good standing of MARC. If MARC membership is allowed to lapse, vehicle must be re-registered and the registration fee paid. Mileage reported during prior MARC membership may be carried forward.

NATIONAL AWARDS

1. Award recognition begins at 2,000 miles; the second award level is 5,000 miles; and subsequent levels are at each additional 5,000 miles thereafter.
2. A radiator plaque is awarded with the first mileage level, and a replacement mileage tab is awarded thereafter.

Tuesday, March 24, 2026—Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome members and guests. 41 signed in for attendance.
2. Thank you to George and Sue Brunson for the donuts tonight!
3. Treasurer's report given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter). **Dues are due!**
4. 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. Congratulations to Paul Donley on his 50,000-mile badge! This is a Club record!
5. Be sure to sign up on the sheets for the following events and parades:
 - *Mechanical Day at Mark McClenathan's on Sat., April 11 10am-3pm. Lunch will be served.
 - *Kurt Duesterhoeft's Multimeter Seminar on Sat., April 18 10am-noon at Poplar Grove Airport.
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 - *Model A Day in Clinton, WI on Sun., June 7. **We NEED volunteers to help in all areas!**
 - *MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN, July 12-16
1. Health updates/news: Wayne Rowehl is having a rough time, Greg McQueary is healing from his fall, Ron Lanquist is having kidney issues, Jim Morley is being treated for a blood disorder.
2. Bob Rothkopf has invited our Club to show off our Model A's at NIU (DeKalb) at the Homecoming Football Game on October 12, 2026. We need a minimum of 8 cars. Tickets to the game and lunch will be provided. **Bob needs a headcount of cars and people by our April 28th meeting. Please contact George (608-290-1835) to add yourself to the list!**
3. Car repairs: Mark McClenathan gave Dave Clark kudos for all his help putting his car together; Dave Clark has also been helping new members Luke Shoemaker and Andrew Mertzenich with their cars; Jamie Carter spoke of his "10-minute" clutch arm replacement; Joe Maurer said his headlight fell out and he ran over it; Rick Heissler had his brakes lock up; Brad Kolar got the generator for his Buick; George Brunson got his motor back in, but it need to come back out because of an oil leak; Larry Foht bought a '29 pickup and got new tires for it after talking to several members about their choices for tires.
4. Door Prize Lucky winners: Phyllis Orrison – hyacinth plant, Bob Nowicki – fire suppression spray

Upcoming tours:

April 26 (Sunday) – Model T Dust-off Tour – additional info to follow

Sept. 23-24 (Wednesday-Thursday) – Model T Overnight Tour – additional info to follow

TBD – Lake Geneva Tour

Upcoming meetings:

April 28 (Tuesday) – Roscoe Community Center at 7pm

May 30 (Saturday) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)

June 27 (Saturday) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)

July 25 (Saturday) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)

August 29 (Saturday) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)

September 26 (Saturday) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am –We will be guests of the Airport's BBQ Lunch, with beverage and dessert included. The club will pay \$10/ person. **This is our Club Picnic** with meeting to follow inside pavilion.

October 27 (Tuesday) – Central Christian Church at 7pm

November 8 (Sunday) – Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford, 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner

Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners continue. Contact Karen Pedersen for information.

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).

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Laviolette, Secretary

2026 Officers, Directors, and Coordinators

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**38TH ANNUAL
MODEL
A DAY**
Sunday, June 7, 2026



Rain or Shine
**MUSIC • DOOR PRIZES • FOOD
VENDORS • SWAP MEET
FASHION SHOW AT NOON
FREE • 9AM to 2 PM
Downtown Clinton, WI**
RockFord A's Model A Club
608-295-2590

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Dave Clark 815-847-0711
Kurt Duesterhoeft 815-874-5102
Bill Johnson 815-624-7885
Steve Klentz 815-222-0346
Bob Nowicki 815-299-6550

Lets eat

Everybody is invited! Email invitations are sent out for each month's event by Dave Clark. PLEASE RSVP so reservations can be made!

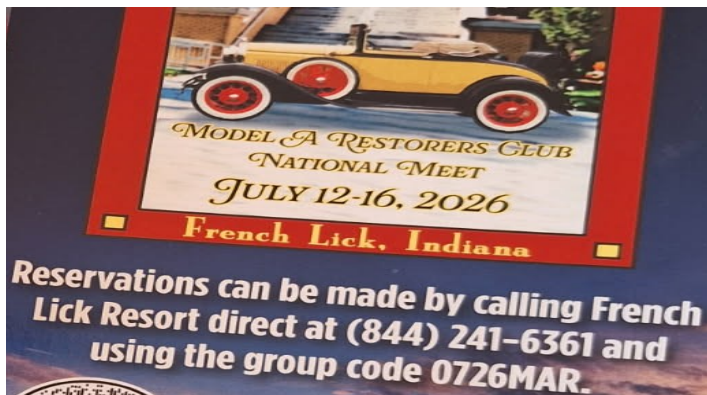
Karen Pedersen is the contact person - 815-291-2527 kped1948@hotmail.com

Dinners @5pm - 1st Tuesday

April 7.....Lino's on Riverside, Loves Pk
May 5.....Butterfly, Beloit
June 2.....Machine Shed, Rkfd
July 7.....Firehouse Pub, Roscoe
August 4.....Lino's on Riverside, Loves Pk
September 1....Butterfly, Beloit
October 6.....Machine Shed, Rkfd
November 3....Firehouse Pub, Roscoe
December 1.....Lino's on State, Rkfd

Breakfasts @8am - 2nd Saturday

April 11.....Eggsquisite Café, Beloit
May 9.....Steamplant, Belvidere
June 6 (1st Sat. for MAD prep)
Sunrise Café Clinton, WI
July 11.....Stockholm Inn, Rkfd
August 8.....Ned's, Belvidere
Sept 12.....Cherry Valley Café, Cherry Valley
October 10.....Sebastian's, Roscoe
November 14....Eggsquite Café, Beloit
December 12....Steamplant, Belvidere

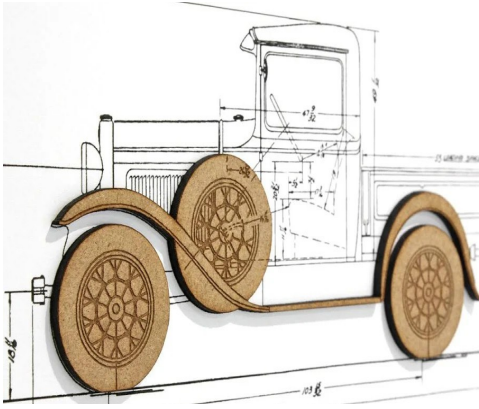


July 12-16! Consider making your reservation NOW for this great national meet! French Lick, IN is only about 400 miles from Rockford.



Sending positive thoughts, prayers, good vibes and wishes for a bright tomorrow!
Dave Werckle, Greg McQueary, Jim Morley, Wayne Rowehl,
Anne Lavolette, Ron Lanquist, Barb Hodges

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.

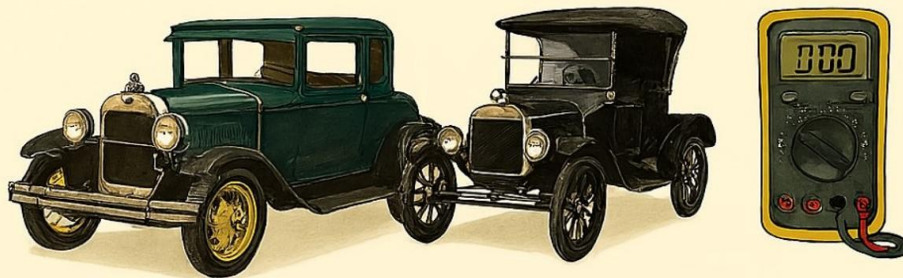


2026 MECHANICAL DAY
Saturday, April 11 @ 9am
 Mark & Marilyn McClenathan's
 789 McCurry Road Caledonia, IL 61011

PLEASE RSVP to Mark 815-978-4773 so enough lunch can be prepared

Bring your own beverage Snacks/Desserts Welcomed

12PM - LUNCH PROVIDED!



DIGITAL MULTIMETER SEMINAR

Troubleshooting Electrical Systems On a Model A and Model T

Join us for a free hands-on seminar led by Kurt Duesterhoeft to master your Digital Multimeter (DMM) skills! Learn how to confidently diagnose and troubleshoot your car's electrical system.

Date: Saturday, April 18

Time: 10:00 am (Come early for coffee & donuts at 9:30am)

Location: EAA Room, Poplar Grove Airport, 5151 Orth Rd, Poplar Grove, IL



Bring your own DMM and readiness to learn practical testing techniques to problem-solve electrical system issues.



Pizza lunch at noon - Please bring your own beverage! Water will be provided



Registration & Cost

- Register with Kurt at 815-874-5102 or kduest64@frontier.com
- FREE seminar & food, but registration required for food planning
- Donations appreciated
- Sponsored by the Model T Club and the RockFord A's

What is a Digital Multimeter?

A versatile electronic diagnostic tool that measures voltage (AC/DC), current (amperes), and resistance (ohms). Essential for diagnosing circuits and electrical components. Don't have one? Come anyway to learn and enjoy the day!

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Cassette tapes had a side A and a side B.

So it's only logical that their successor would be the CD.

My 2026 fitness goal:

stand up without making a noise.

**Remember,
 any pan can be a non-stick pan if you non-cook in it.
 Follow me for more kitchen tips.**

To the perfect pair!
Happy Anniversary



April: -

May: 22,1995-George & Sue Brunson; 25,1968-Phil & Barb Hodges

June: 3,1978-Dave & Pauline Clark; 7,1980-Bruce & Jan Winslow;
12,1976-Paul & Elaine Donley; 19,1977-Bill & Katie Boughton;
20,1970-Larry & Loretta Anderson; 21-Chris & Lori Weber



April: 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



Free!

Model A News magazines - 2017 thru 2022 - All issues.

Restorer Magazines - 2017 thru 2022 - All issues.

Call or text Dwayne Meier @ 779-771-8412

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

SPRING FASHION - Thanks to Chris Aupperle for this!

Ladies - when you ride or drive your Model A Ford car, dress the part and wear an Easter bonnet! Here are some ideas:
Men - here are some styles for you to wear as well!

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Men's Warm Weather Hats

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Dave's Happy and Jack is Still Thinking About It!!

Dave's birthday photo included his ninth, and most recent, great-grandchild, Jack David Garibaldi. Of course, Jack's super-ugly and nobody loves him--lol!

Sara Werckle's Chili Recipe

The chili recipe is ridiculously easy: Fry one pound of ground beef until thoroughly cooked. Add 1 can diced tomatoes with onions (or with no onions, if you want), one tablespoon chili powder. Add one large can pork and beans and simmer for about twenty minutes to a half-hour. Salt to taste.



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