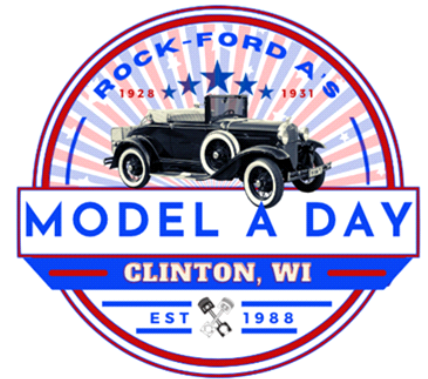


**ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS**  
 P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110  
 Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA  
 www.rockfordas.org



**MAY 2026**



Hello, Friends,

We had a great meeting April 28th and have really enjoyed the Roscoe Community Center location—what a fabulous facility. Did you notice they have a lovely, large, outdoor pavilion as well? Thanks again to Bob Nowicki for making these arrangements. We hope to be back next year, Bob! That being said, we extend a big thank you to Rosie and Craig Sheridan for organizing and inviting our club to such a nice Model T Dust Off Tour on Sun., April 26th. The roads were scenic and easy, and the weather was picture perfect. What a great kick off to the new season!

*George Brunson, President  
 Keep Motoring!*

**Dust Off Tour - lunch in Durand  
 Thanks to Rosie Sheridan & Loretta Anderson for the pics!**



**Fun group lunch at the  
 Fire Barn in Durand!**



## Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 32 signed in for attendance.
3. Thank you to Ron Lanquist for the cookies tonight! May treats: Jim Morley; June: Al Pedersen
4. Wayne Rowehl brought in some free gun locks for those who want them.
5. Kurt Duesterhoeft spoke about the upcoming Little Hershey on May 16th at Boone County Fairgrounds. There will be special parking for pre-war cars this year.
6. Treasurer's Report for March given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter on page 9).
7. Dave Clark reminded everyone 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.
8. Jim Morley has generously volunteered to be the Club Liaison to MAFFI Gilmore Museum. Thank you, Jim!
9. Our Model A Day in Clinton is fast approaching. Volunteers are still needed to fill in for the members who are selling the stash of parts that we have. Thank you, Chuck Milazzo, George Brunson, and Wayne Orrison for volunteering to help! Leftover parts are to be donated to Ehrenhofer's swap meet/MAFFI. Other areas still need some volunteers also. We welcome Model A Club members' donations of cash for the cause. All proceeds this year are going to the Clinton Community Outreach Food Pantry and the Clinton Public Library.
10. The Model T Dustoff Tour on Sunday was a great day! There was 1 Model T, 8 Model A's, a 1956 Chevy, 2 mid-60's Mustangs, and several modern cars. No one broke down and everyone had a good time.
11. Bob Rothkopf has invited our Club to show off our Model A's at NIU (DeKalb) at the Homecoming Football Game on October 10, 2026. We need a minimum of 8 cars. Tickets to the game and lunch will be provided. Bob needs a firm headcount of cars and people by May. Anne Laviolette has the sign-up sheet and will forward the final count to Bob.
12. Be sure to sign up on the sheets for the following events and parades:
  - 61st Annual Little Hershey on Sat., May 16 at Boone County Fairgrounds from 6am-4pm
  - Memorial Day Parade in Beloit on Mon., May 25 at 9am
  - Memorial Day Parade in Pecatonica on Mon., May 25 at 2pm
  - Model A Day in Clinton, WI on Sun., June 7. We NEED volunteers to help in all areas!
  - Shopiere Days Parade in Shopiere, WI on Sun., June 28 at noon
  - July 4th Parade in Sharon, WI on Sat., July 4 at 11am
  - MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN, July 12-16
  - Topsy at Midway Village, Rockford, IL on Sat., July 18 at 1pm
  - MAFFI Model A Days in Hickory Corners, MI (Gilmore Museum), Sept. 17-18
  - Model A's at NIU on Sat., Oct. 10, time TBD
13. Health updates/news: Please keep Wayne Rowehl, Greg McQueary, Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, Joe Maurer, Larry Anderson, and Colleen West (broken leg) in your thoughts and prayers.
14. Barb Phelan and Greg McQueary won the attendance prizes.
15. Upcoming tours:
  - Sept. 23-24 (Wednesday-Thursday) – Model T Overnight Tour – additional info to follow
  - TBD – Lake Geneva Fall Color Tour

16. Upcoming meetings:

- May 30 (Saturday) – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)  
We will have car games.
- June 27 (Saturday) – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
- July 25 (Saturday) – Blessingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
- August 29 (Saturday) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am (BYO lunch & 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 our meeting to follow inside the pavilion.
- October 27 (Tuesday) – Central Christian Church at 7pm
- November 8 (Sunday) – Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford, 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner

17. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners continue. Contact Karen Pedersen for info.

18. 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*

*Thanks to Chris Aupperle for this!*



**Model A Day – Clinton, Wisconsin – Sunday, June 7, 2026**

**Dress Vintage for the Fashion Show at Noon!**

***Near your original, reproduction, blended or “Fun Fashion” reflecting the 1928-1931 Model A Ford Era. Dress the part to show off your ensemble!***



We’ll announce your description while you model your outfit. Bring or text or email a description of your ensemble to Chris Aupperle at 815-979-8595 or [aupps31ford@comcast.net](mailto:aupps31ford@comcast.net)

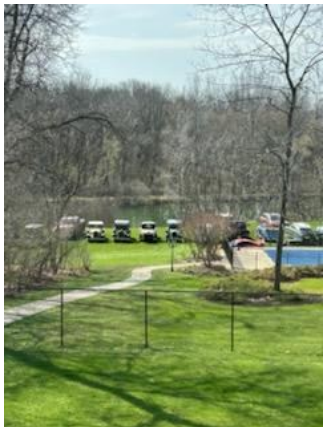
**Rockford Model T Club's 61st Annual Little Hershey**  
Swap Meet & Cruise In  
**Saturday May 16th, 2026**  
Boone County Fairgrounds -- Belvidere, IL  
Enter @ Gate 3 -- South Entrance  
Gates Open Saturday at 6a.m.  
\$10 Entry For Spectators - Children Under 12 Free **Food Available**  
**Rain or Shine Free Parking**  
Cars For Sale  
Over 300 Swap Spaces Available Inside & Out  
Free Model T Rides  
Vendor Gate Open For Setup 10am - 6pm on Friday  
\*Portion Of Proceeds Go To Local Charities\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 12x30 Outside Space 2fort until April 30th \$30  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Indoor Space \$30 Car Corral Space \$10  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Call Dave with Questions (815) 979-4514 Club Email Address: [ltmkhershely1@gmail.com](mailto:ltmkhershely1@gmail.com)

**2026 MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB**  
FRENCH LICK, INDIANA  
JULY 12-16TH 2026

**2026 Model A Days**  
**2-Day Swap Meet**  
Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral  
Double Clutch Class\*, and MORE!!  
September 18 & 19, 2026 9-5PM  
NEW! Friday Fashion Swap  
Gilmore Car Museum  
6865 W. Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, MI  
Model A PARTS SWAP

**2026 MECHANICAL DAY Sat, April 11 at Mark & Marilyn McClenathan's**  
It was a great day! Many thanks to both Mark for hosting and to Marilyn for setting up a feast for this favorite annual event. Everyone raved about the food! There were 30 people who came along with 14 Model A's. A GREAT kick off to the 2026 season—thanks again!



# 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

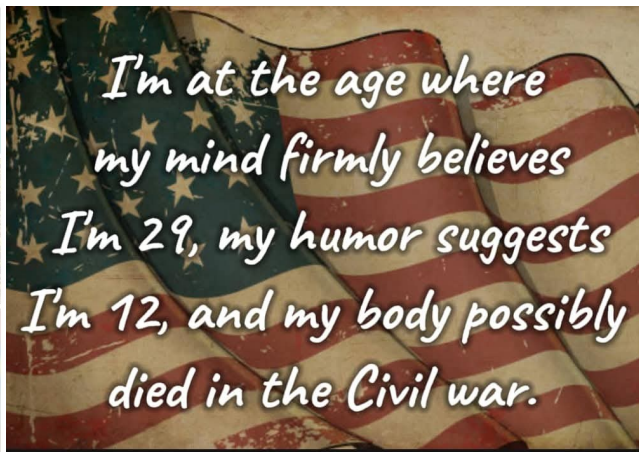
- May 5.....Butterfly, Beloit
- June 2.....Machine Shed, Rkfd
- July 7.....Firehouse Pub, Roscoe
- August 4.....Lino's, Riverside, Loves Pk
- September 1...Butterfly, Beloit
- October 6.....Machine Shed, Rkfd
- November 3...Firehouse Pub, Roscoe
- December 1....Lino's on State, Rkfd

Breakfasts @8am - 2nd Saturday

- May 9.....Steam Plant, 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....Steam Plant, Belvidere



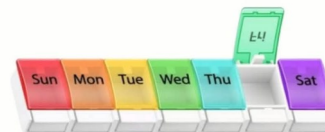
**IT'S TIME!**



**WHO KNEW BACK IN THE DAY WHILE YOU WERE PLAYING WITH THIS...**



**YOU WERE TRAINING FOR THIS!**



*Sending positive thoughts, prayers, good vibes and wishes for a bright tomorrow!  
Greg McQueary, Wayne Rowehl, Jim Morley,  
Anne Laviolette, Ron Lanquist, Colleen West,  
Larry Anderson, and Joe Maurer*

**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.**



## DIGITAL MULTIMETER SEMINAR

Troubleshooting Electrical Systems  
On a Model A and Model T



On Sat., April 18th, 30+ people attended Kurt's digital multi meter seminar! Everyone learned a lot and folks from the Model A Club and the Model T Club walked away smarter than when they walked in. Thanks, Kurt - what & when will your next seminar be? We look forward to it!

Thanks to the Brunsons for coffee & donuts and thanks to the Lanquists for the pizzas!



**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



**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

## 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**



## MAY

- \*Sat., May 16 - 61st Annual Little Hershey, Boone Cty Fairgrounds 6am-4pm (see p. 3)
- \*Mon., May 25 - Memorial Day Parade, Beloit - line up @8, step off @9am
- \*Mon., May 25 - Memorial Day Parade, Pecatonica - line up @1, step off @2pm

## JUNE

- \*Sun., June 7 - Model A Day in Clinton, WI 9am-2pm.  
**Volunteers needed in all areas! Call Sue Brunson 608-295-2590**
- \*Sat., June 20 - Old Settler's Day Parade, Rockton - line up @11, step off @12
- \*Sun., June 28 - Shopiere Days Parade, Shopiere, WI line up @11, step off @12

## JULY

- \*Sat., July 4 - 4th of July Parade in Sharon, WI line up @10, step off @11
- \*July 12-16 (Sun-Thurs) - MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN 812-360-3336
- \*Sat., July 18 - Topsy at Midway Village, Rockford from 1pm-7pm
- \*July 17-20 (Fri-Mon) - Pietenpol Reunion @ Brodhead Airport
- \*Sat., July 26 - ByronFest Parade - line up @2pm, step off @3pm

## AUGUST

- \*August 14-15 (Fri-Sat) - Model A Days in Amana, IA

## SEPTEMBER

- \*Sun., Sept. 6 - Roscoe Fall Festival Parade - line up @10, step off @11
- \*Sept. 17-18 (Thurs-Fri) - Model A Days - Hickory Corners, MI 269-375-6000
- \*Sun., Sept. 20 - Autorama at Preservation Park, Beloit 8am-4pm
- \*Sept. 23-24 (Wed-Thurs) – Model T Overnight Tour – additional info to follow
- \*Sun., Sept. 27 - Stillman Valley Fall Festival - line up @12, step off @1

## OCTOBER

- \*Sun., Oct. 4 - Autumn on Parade in Oregon, IL - line up @12, step off @1
- \*TBD – Lake Geneva Tour - Dave Clark
- \*Sat., Oct. 10 - Northern IL Homecoming Parade - Call Bob Rothkopf 815-721-7313



**Free for the Taking!**  
**Model A News magazines - 2017 thru 2022 - All issues.**  
**Restorer Magazines - 2017 thru 2022 - All issues.**  
**Call or text Dwayne Meier @ 779-771-8412**

**“CURVE IN THE ROAD” FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES**  
**BY WAYNE ROWEHL**  
**MAY 2026**

It sure is great to see the recent nice weather and we all can begin the process of removing the winter’s storage dust from our vehicles. I am sure many of you are preparing the final touches on their vehicles. With our vehicles ready for the next car show we can now focus on the upcoming show activities.

This year the Rock-Ford A’s 38th Model A’s Days will be held on Sunday, June 7th, 2026 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, craft vendors, live music, food, door prizes, raffles and more. This is a great family activity with something for everybody. Admission is free. \$20 vendor spaces still available. Please call or text 608-295-2590.

On May 23rd, 2026 starting at 10:00am, Powers Auction Service, will host their third annual classic auction, located at 110 E. Murray Street, Browntown, Wisconsin. This auction will be specializing in classic automobiles, motorcycles, signs, collector mobile & more. For more information you can call, 608-439-5761.

The third annual Starved Rock Pre War Car Show will be held at 3277 E.18th Road, Ottawa, Illinois, on Saturday, June 13th, 2026, 9:00-3:00pm rain or shine. Swap meet is 7:00am to 3:00pm. Free rides in an antique car. No Sunday show this year.

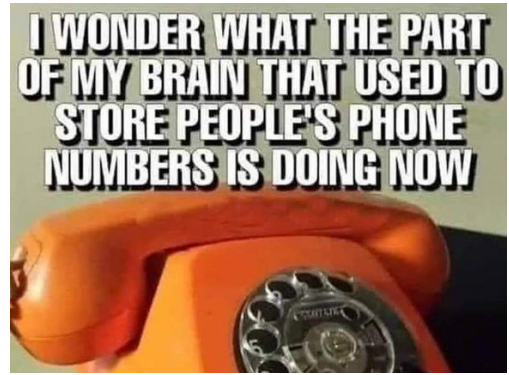
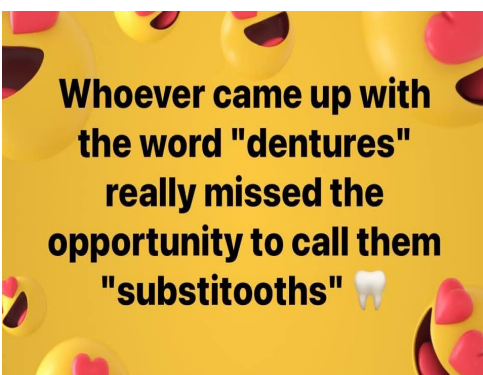
Another favorite car show by Madison Classics will be the Fall Jefferson Car Show at the Jefferson Fairgrounds on Friday, September 25th, 2026 from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday, September 26th, 2026 from 6:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is \$15:00 per person which includes parking. There is no Sunday show or hours.

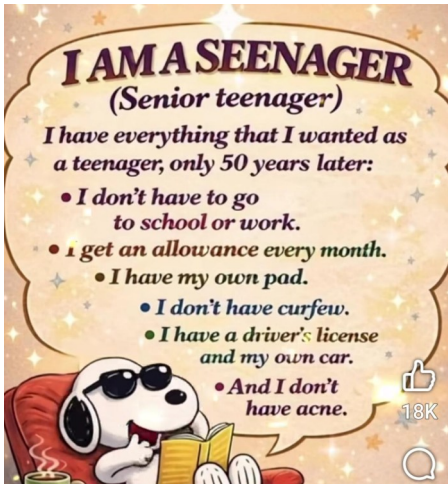
After much thought and consideration, because of my health, I met my curve in the road. We have decided to sell our 1930 Tudor sedan that we purchased at one of the Rockford Model A Day car show in Sharon. It is a later restored vehicle in good condition. If you or someone you know that is looking for a solid vehicle please let me know.

Remember if you have a question about anything you can always ask on any of the Ford Model A support sites on the nationwide internet sites, or ask a club member.

May you always be prepared for the next, “Curve in the Road”.

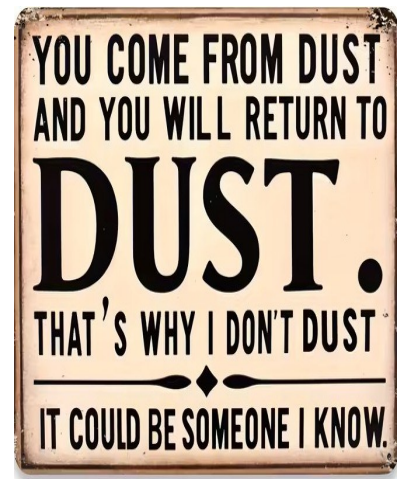
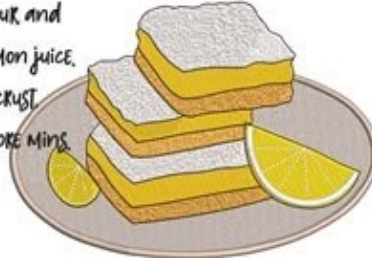
I look forward to hearing and reading your comments at [wrowehl@gmail.com](mailto:wrowehl@gmail.com).





## Lemon Bars

FOR THE CRUST: mix 2 cups flour, 1/2 cup sugar, and 1 cup softened butter. Press into a pan. Bake at 350F for 20 mins. FOR FILLING: beat 4 eggs, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1/4 cup flour, and 1/2 cup lemon juice. POUR OVER CRUST. bake 20 MORE MINS.



We welcome new member but old friend, Bruce Swanson! Bruce is known to many through his and Ron Lanquist's Rkfd Masonic/Shriner connection. No Model A, but a definite fan and supporter. He hails from Stillman Valley and shares his interests of hunting & fishing. He also collects plastic bottle caps for recycling into benches. \*See article below!

### RockFord A's Treasurer's Report March 2026

Checkbook Balance 3/1/26	3,132.02
Cash on hand	47.00
Total checkbook & cash	3,179.02
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues	145.00
MAD SwapMeet	40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>185.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Alexi Giannulis, IL Sec. of State Tax Free Fee	10.00
Ron Lanquist - Dash Plaques	229.45
Bank Service Charge	10.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>249.45</b>
<b>Total Checkbook balance/cash</b>	<b>3,124.57</b>

\* CD set-aside for school Model A Project: \$2,079.00

Submitted,  
Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer

### "Bottle Caps to Benches" Program\*

New RockFord A member, Bruce Swanson, has helped the Rochelle Kiwanis Club collect more than 6,000 pounds of recycled plastic to create benches and picnic tables for the local community. The project 'Bottle Caps to Benches', which began in 2020, has grown into an annual initiative that provides seating for schools and parks throughout the Stateline. The northern IL Girl Scouts also collect plastic caps and lids. **BUT - only certain types of plastic caps are accepted for donation:**

- Type Two HDPE: Typical plastic caps seen on sodas and juices, hairspray, shampoos, and deodorants
- Type Four LPDE: Spray paint Caps, must be free of any shiny or glitter material
- Type 5 PP: Flat lids seen on items like yogurt, cottage cheese, mayo and ice cream



Red Green:  
"Remember, I'm pulling for ya.  
We're all in this together!"

## 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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