**ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS***
**P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110**
**Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA**
**www.rockfordas.org**
**OCTOBER 2026**

## *Glimpse from the Gavel*

Hello, Friends -
Well, another summer has passed us by - time has flown! We have one more parade in Oregon on Sunday, October 4th. Brad Kolar's Fall Color Tour will be the next highlight, coming on Sat., Oct. 24th—more details inside. There is a reservation deadline of October 21st, so make sure you're in! One last meeting—back at Central Christian Church on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 7pm. I'll hobble in with a cane, as am having my knee replaced this Wed, joining the Replacement Parts Club! Then, we'll wrap up the year with our annual banquet—reservation sheet on back page. Same place in Rockford for our **Banquet at Thunder Bay, but new day and time**, Saturday, November 14 at NOON, so please mark your calendars and mail your reservation sheet and dues to Greg McQueary asap. Door Prize donations appreciated as we like everyone to get one! Reservation deadline for the banquet is October 30th.
Until then, keep motoring & enjoying the beautiful fall weather and colors.

*George Brunson*, President

**September 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes - Poplar Grove Airport**

Attendance & Pledge of Allegiance

Sign up sheets:

a. Sept. 27 (Sun) - Stillman Valley Fall Festival - line up @12, step off @1; Lineup at High School parking lot on South Pine St.; Sponsored by Royal Blue General Store! ($150)
b. Oct. 4 (Sun) - Autumn on Parade in Oregon, IL - meet at Byron McDonald's at 10:30. Leave at 11am to drive as a group to Warren Dutton's house at 11am, 555 E. Park Road, Oregon; leaving Warren's at 11:30am for the step off @1; Lineup at 9th & Adams Street.
c. Brad Kolar's Fall Color Tour on Saturday, October 24th
d. Banquet—Saturday, November 14th at NOON—NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME!!
e. MARC National Tour in Galena—May 2027

- Thanks to the RockFord A's for footing the bill for today's Community Picnic—the club will cover everyone's $10 lunch. George brought extra treats! Tonilynn is bringing treats for our last meeting on Oct. 27th meeting at 7pm at Central Christian.
- Parade info: Dave Clark
- Treasurer's Report—George—page 6
- **TOUR/EVENT RECAPS:** Jim Morley: Gilmore/Model A Days, George: Alpacas & Ice Cream, Joe Maurer: Overnite, Greg McQueary's CLR Class on Henry Ford at Bell School

- Passing of Wayne Henson: Wayne Alden Henson, 88, of Stillman Valley, Illinois, passed away on September 14, 2026. He was born November 11, 1937, in Rock Falls, Illinois. He passed away 3 days after his son died. The family will be having a Celebration of Life at a later date. See full obit on page 8.
- Review funeral policy
- Health concerns/updates? Ron Lanquist, Linda Lanquist
- Any Model A stories to tell? Any projects?
- George—MAYRA liaison needed; Guy Olson, Beloit Memorial High School - George, Ron Lanquist and Bill Johnson met & discussed plans—still looking for a chassis
- Currently 4 cars for sale: Chris Weber, Wayne Rowehl, Dan Campbell, Warren Dutton
- October Club Dinner - Tuesday, October 6th at Machine Shed, Rockford, IL
- Oct. Club Breakfast - Saturday, October 10th at 8am at Sebastian's in Roscoe, IL
- ***Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 27th, 7pm at Central Christian Church, Rockford***
- Door Prize Drawings - winners: Bob Nowicki and Sheila Morrall

**2026 MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

- Tuesday, October 27th - Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford, Rockford—7pm
- **Saturday, November 14 – NOON Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford - 1pm dinner, meeting and door prizes to follow**

18. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners continue. Contact Karen Pedersen for information.
19. 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,
*George Brunson*




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**Oct. 24 (Sat)** - Brad Kolar's Fall Color Tour—see page 3

**Oct. 27 (Tues)** - final regular club meeting of the year; 7pm at Central Christian Church, Rkfd.

**NOVEMBER**

**14 (Saturday) - Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford: Cocktails @12, Lunch @1, Meeting and door prize drawings @2**

# 2026 Fall Colors Tour

## Saturday, October 24th




Join us for our annual Fall Colors tour!

**START:** Kwik Star South Beloit @ 9am

**Lunch:** Waterfront Bar/Grill in Delavan, WI

***New route this year***

- First leg of the tour will be shorter, the second leg will be longer.
- We have gas stops, as well as ice cream!



Please email RSVP to Brad Kolar

**BEFORE** Wednesday October 21st

kolarb98@gmail.com




Tonilynn Carlson is our new Sunshine Committee director; if you know of anyone needing a card of support, sympathy, thinking of you, or get well, call/text Tonilynn at 815-762-5924 or email: tonilynnc07@aol.com




**Sending positive thoughts and healing prayers to our friends Lee and Anne Laviolette, Wayne Rowehl, Jim Morley, Joe Maurer, Ron & Linda Lanquist, Dan Campbell, Mike Fennell, George Brunson, Warren Dutton, and Nan Stewart**




**October:** 1 – Bruce Swanson, 8-Bill Aupperle, 11-Jan Winslow, 13-Kathy Forbes, 23-Jewel Maurer, 27-Dave Clark, 30-Lee Laviolette

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

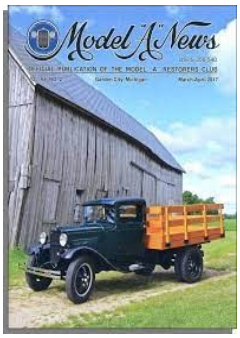
**December:** 10-Linda Lanquist, 25-Larry Froemming



**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




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 our RockFord A's in every issue of the MARC *Model A News* magazine! Thank you, Anne! :) https://model-a-ford.org




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**Dwayne Meier**
**@ 779-771-8412**
**Model A magazines**
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**If you have an interesting or helpful Model A-related photo, article, source, event, story, joke, or other fun tidbit to share, email it: thebrunsons@hotmail.com or text it to me at 608-295-2590. Thanks! Sue Brunson, Editor**

## AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Checkbook balance, August 1, 2026 | 5,436.00 |
| Cash on Hand: | 47.00 |
| Total Checkbook Balance & Cash: | 5,483.00 |
| **Income:** | |
| Banquet payment and dues | 186.00 |
| Banquet payment and dues | 75.00 |
| **Total Income:** | 336.00 |
| **Expenses:** | |
| MAD Balloon repayment | 100.00 |
| Total Expenses: | 100.00 |
| **Total & Cash: Aug. 31, 2026** | **5,644.00** |

- This includes monies received from sale of parts at MAD for a high school project (1,161.00)
- The CD set-aside for a school project is $2,048.90

***SUBMITTED, GREG MCQUEARY, TREASURER***




# HAVE A PROJECT & 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), pub. 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***

"It's hard to pray for someone you wish would slip on a banana peel. "
--Mother Angelica.



**Chocolate is vital for survival. Dinosaurs didn't have chocolate and look what happened to them.**

So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



***Pictures from Tonilynn Carlson from Amana Model A Day, French Lick, Alpacas & Ice Cream Tour, and Joe Maurer's Overnite Tour—Thank you!***





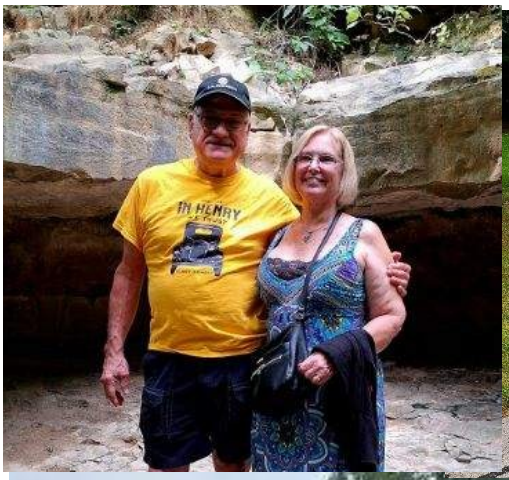















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These are pics from the Wheeler House Days celebration in South Beloit. Thanks to Lana & Mike!

***Congratulations to our trophy winners!!***

***L-R: Colleen & Dave West, Les Adleman, Dave Clark, Anne Laviolette***




# Let's 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***

October 6…….Machine Shed, Rkfd

November 3….Firehouse Pub, Roscoe

December 1…..Lino's on State, Rkfd

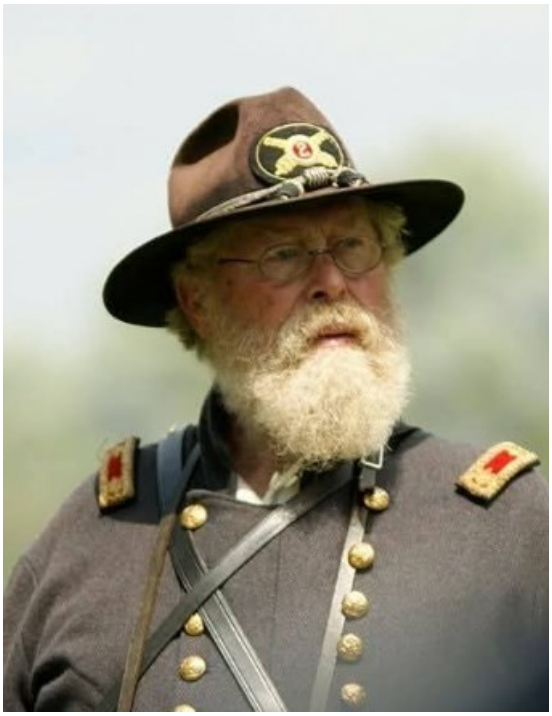
***Breakfasts @8am - 2nd Saturday***

October 10…….Sebastian's, Roscoe

November 14….Eggsquite Café, Beloit

December 12….Steam Plant, Belvidere

*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.*



***Our sympathy & prayers to Wayne's family & friends. He was a wonderful RockFord A's member and past president, and will be missed.***

Wayne Alden Henson, 88, of Stillman Valley, Illinois, passed away on September 14, 2026. He was born November 11, 1937, in Rock Falls, Illinois.

Wayne was an observant man who took an interest in the people and world around him. He was warm and kind, and he loved his family deeply. He could be fiery when something mattered to him, but he also had a mischievous streak that was often visible in his bright blue eyes. Those eyes seemed to twinkle whenever he was telling a particularly good story-whether or not the story was entirely true-or whenever he looked at one of his grandchildren or great-grandchildren. He had a particular love for his dogs and horses and cared for the many animals that shared his life over the years.

Wayne had a lifelong love of history and restoration. He also served in the Army National Guard from September 29, 1955, until September 28, 1961, attaining the rank of SP4 (E-4) while serving with Company C, 1st Brigade, 129th Infantry. He was a Civil War reenactor and helped found Battery G, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery, remaining active with the organization until he retired from reenacting. He also loved Model A Fords and served as president of his Model A club. Over the years, he restored numerous vehicles and built many carriages and buggies. He had a particular appreciation for antiques and old things that could be restored and given new life. The farm was an important part of Wayne's life. He loved the land, the animals, and the history held there. One of his most meaningful traditions was planting a tree at the farm whenever a grandchild or great-grandchild was born. Those trees now stand throughout the farm, one for each new generation of his family.

Wayne is survived by his children, Brian (Mary) Henson of Rockford, Illinois; Steve Henson of Waupun, Wisconsin; and Rebecca Henson (Kevin) of Franklin Grove, Illinois; his grandchildren, Jenna (Sean) Tergerson of Mt. Morris, Illinois; Jake Henson of Byron, Illinois; Josiah Henson (Chelsea) of Byron, Illinois; Cory (Kiwana) Reidl of LaFayette, Indiana; and Tyler (Casey) Reidl of LaFayette, Indiana; nine great-grandchildren; his niece, Sara (Mark) Hylton of Heyworth, Illinois; and his siblings, Lyla Bridges of Rock Falls, Illinois; Paula Jane Bridges of Rock Falls, Illinois; Kay Waller; and Wes Henson. He was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Henson; his great-grandson, Cheyenne Henson; his former wife and friend, Arlene Henson; his longtime companion, Arlene Allen; his parents, Stanley Henson and Pearl Bridges; and his siblings, Joe Henson and Dennis Henson.

He leaves behind a farm he loved, things he restored with his own hands, and trees that will continue to grow for generations to come.

**FOR SALE: 1931 Ford. Two door, Green with black fenders. Perfect, including interior. $12,500. Call 715-586-1106. Dan Campbell dancampbell161@gmail.com**












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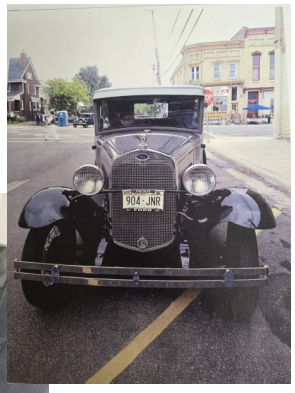
**Anne Laviolette does a great job of submitting an article about the RockFord A's in every issue of *"The Restorer"***

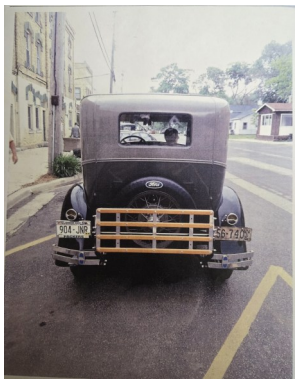
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- "The Restorer" Magazine (bimonthly)
- Participate in National Meets & Tours
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**$13,000 1930 Ford Tudor Contact Wayne Rowehl - please read more about it in Wayne's "Curve in the Road" article on page 5. wrowehl@gmail.com or call/text 262-215-4731**

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## "Bottle Caps to Benches" Program —

***Save & bring to any meeting. Thank you!***



RockFord A member, Bruce Swanson, helps the Rochelle Kiwanis Club and northern IL Girl Scouts collect more than 6,000 pounds of recycled plastic to create benches and picnic tables for the local community. **BUT - only certain types of plastic caps are accepted for donation**

*Type Two HDPE: plastic caps seen on pill bottles, sodas, juices, hairspray, shampoos, deodorant
*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





Things are happening at the Carter homestead!

A beauty of a watermelon and look at them flying!



# *Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet*

*Saturday, November 14, 2026  12:00 cocktails  1:00 dinner*

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

***Same place – different day and time!***
*Enjoy a delightful afternoon of delicious food, great friends, and warm memories of another year of Model A touring and events! Door 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 30, 2026 to:*

***Greg McQueary***
***7490 Ryebrook Road***
***Rockford, IL 61114-5636***

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***Enclosed is my check #_____ in the amount of $_____ for the following reservation(s) and dues:***

| *Name* | *Name* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | *10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato* | ~~*$39.00*~~ | *$35.00* |
| _____ | _____ | *Bourbon-Glazed Salmon w/roasted potatoes & veg* | ~~*$26.00*~~ | *$22.00* |
| _____ | _____ | *Chicken Parmesan with mostaccioli* | ~~*$24.00*~~ | *$20.00* |
| | _____ | *I am including my 2027 dues of $20.00* | | *+$20.00* |

*Total* _____

*Name(s)*_____

*Address*_____

*Phone*_____

***Donated door prizes are welcomed — bring to any club meeting!***