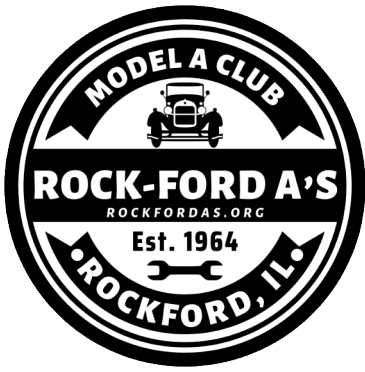




ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*
P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110
Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA
www.rockfordas.org
SEPTEMBER 2026



Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends -

September is here and we are READY for fall! We hope to have a few more months of great touring and driving time before the snow flies! Remember to add all of our events to your calendars. We hope you join us in as many events as you can....see you there! Here's wishing you plenty of cooler weather, sunny skies, smooth roads, and happy miles in your Model A!

George Brunson, President
Keep Motoring!

From: Tami Scarpetta <tscarpetta@beloithealthsystem.org>

Date: August 25, 2026 at 1:36:05 PM CDT

To: rockfordas.modela.club@gmail.com

Subject: Hospice event

Hi I am with Beloit Hospice. We are looking to have a couple Model A cars at our fundraising event on Nov 14th at Glen Erin Celtic House in Janesville. We would like to have two cars parked out front welcoming our guests as they arrive to our event! We don't have much but are happy to donate gift cards to the pub at Glen Erin to the owners of the cars for their time and the cars. We would need the cars displayed from 5pm to 6:30pm on the 14th. Looking forward to hearing from someone. Thanks.

* I responded to her to let her know most folks have their As put to bed for the winter by that time, but we'll see you the weather plays out as the date gets closer.... Sue



August 29, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 44 signed in for attendance. Welcome new members Heath and Sheila Morrall!
3. Thank you to Jamie and Kendra Carter for the treats today! A treat will be provided at September's meeting, which will be the Club Picnic at Poplar Grove Airport's Community BBQ.
4. Toni Lynn Carlson will bring treats for our October meeting at Central Christian Church.
5. Be sure to sign up on the sheets for the following events and parades:
 - a. **Sat., Sept. 12** – Brunson's Alpacas & Ice Cream Tour. Meet at 9am at the Marathon gas station, 13615 IL Rt. 76. Leave at 9:30 to Alpaca Pines Mill in Poplar Grove, then to Sharon, WI to visit Mike Peters' car collection and take a group photo, then to lunch at Pat's Brew & Que, and finally ice cream at Myrt's in Sharon.
 - b. **Sun., Sept. 13** – Roscoe Fall Festival Parade. Line up at 10am, step off at 11am. Line up at Lee and Anne's house (5427 Shamrock Lane). Get there early for donuts and to beat the crazy traffic (come into Roscoe from the south off of McDonald Road).
 - c. **Thur.-Fri., Sept. 17-18** – MAFFI Model A Days in Hickory Corners, MI (Gilmore Museum)
 - d. **Wed.-Thur., Sept. 23-24** – Joe Maurer's Overnight Tour
 - e. **Wed., Sept. 23** – Greg McQueary is doing a CLR (Center for Learning in Retirement) presentation about Henry Ford and would like a car or two on September 23rd at 10am.
 - f. **Sun., Sept. 27** – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade. Line up at 12 noon, step off at 1pm. Line up at High School parking lot on S. Pine Street.
 - g. **Sun., Oct. 4** – Autumn on Parade in Oregon. Step off at 1pm. We will meet at Warren and Linda Dutton's house (555 E. Park Road, Oregon at 11am and let Warren lead us to 9th and Adams Street. (Maybe we'll actually get in the parade this year.)
6. Health updates/news: Mike Fennell is being treated for bladder and prostate cancer. Please keep all of our members in your prayers.
7. New member Heath Morrall talked about how he bought his car at an auction, and that his son had worked on the car for the previous owner. He is having some trouble getting the carburetor to run right and has now got a lot of support from our great members to help him get it right.
8. Toni Lynn Carlson spoke about going to Amana for their Model A Day. She said that attendance was way down (only 30 cars this year) due to the weather.
9. Toni Lynn is also asking for donations for the baskets for our Model A Day next year. If you can donate items, please contact Toni Lynn to find out exactly what is needed.
10. George Brunson, Ron Lanquist, and Bill Johnson met and discussed plans with Guy Olson from Beloit Memorial High School about getting together with members of our club to work with students on a Model A project. They are very excited with a lot of students being interested in the project. Next step is to find a rolling chassis. He is also looking for a youth grant liaison for MAYRA (Model A Youth Restoration Award). If you are interested in being involved, contact George at 608-290-1835.
11. Alice Whitney has a new pair of vintage-looking shoes for sale. Contact her if interested.

11. Car repairs: Anne Laviolette brought the differential housing from her car that had cracked all the way across (no wonder it leaked!). The car has been repaired thanks to the help of friends and is back on the road; Dave Clark is currently trying to determine why his car is spewing antifreeze; Marc McClenathan has gotten his Phaeton back on the road; Mike Peters had his station wagon quit on him and pulled into a random driveway to get it running again (bad condenser). He just happened to be in the driveway of the son of the old owner of one of his other cars...great story, Mike!!
12. MaryJo Milazzo (note pad), Jim Morley (multimeter), and Charlie Monk (car trash can) won the attendance prizes.

Upcoming tours:

Sept. 12 (Saturday) – Brunson's Alpacas and Ice Cream Day tour to Sharon, WI

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

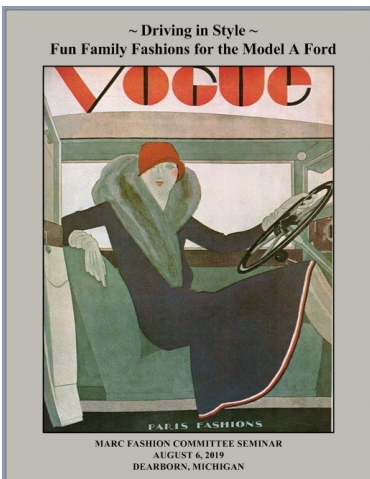
TBD – Lake Geneva Tour (Brad Kolar)

Upcoming meetings:

- A. 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. Car games will be played.
- B. October 27 (Tuesday) – Central Christian Church at 7pm
- C. November 14 (Saturday) – Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford, 12 noon cocktails, 1pm dinner, 2pm meeting - **please fill out and send in your reservation sheet on last page!!**

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).

Anne Laviolette, Secretary



Fashion Feature Corner -

It's not too early to think about what to wear for our Annual Banquet in November! Or be in the 2027 Model A Day Fashion Show? Want to dress the era? What's in your closet? There are things you can do to adapt what you have in order to have a "Fun Fashion" style. You can also go "thrifting" to shop for dresses and hats (menswear too) at reasonable prices.

Contact me at aupps31ford@comcast.net if you'd like a get a .pdf copy of this booklet which provides ideas for dressing in Era style.

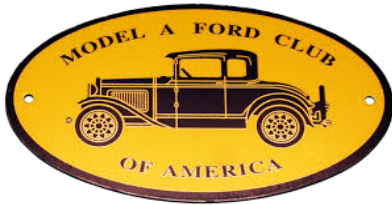
Happy Shopping!

Keep in mind that the 2027 Model A Day will once again be held in Clinton, WI on Sunday, June 6, 2027 We will feature Bill Johnson's "Orange Crush" truck!





Please come to Greg McQueary's presentation class on Henry Ford at Rock Valley College's Bell School Road Center, 3350 N. Bell School Rd, Rkfd. It's on Wednesday, Sept. 23 10-11:30 Room 003 He's hoping to have Model A cars there!



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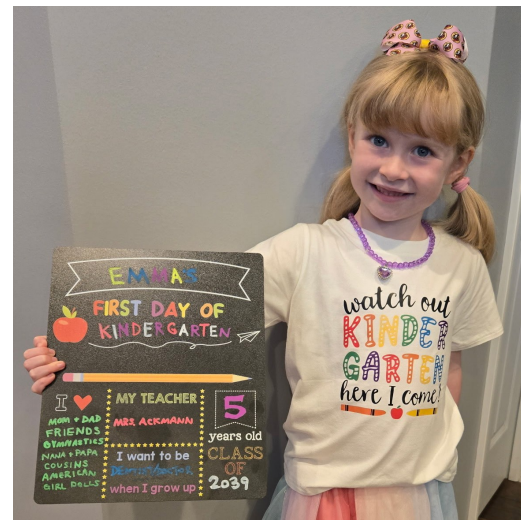
Anne Laviolette does a great job of submitting an article about the RockFord A's in

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

Wishing all the kids, teachers, principals, staffs, and parents a great new school year. In church we've prayed for everyone's safety. Last year there were 2321 school shooting incidents recorded across the US K-12 schools. Illinois had 14 incidents and Wisconsin had 3. We all know that even one is one too many. So for everyone everywhere, know we hope & pray for 2026-2027.

Here's Anne & Lee's granddaughter, Emma, looking ready for a great year in Kindergarten!!



Christmas is only 112 days away!
Sue & George Brunson are ready!



MODEL A PARADE SCHEDULE & INFO

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 13 (Sun) - Roscoe Fall Festival Parade - line up @10, step off @11.
Lineup at Anne & Lee's house—5427 Shamrock Ln. **Remember to come in to Anne & Lee's from the SOUTH**—the north will be blocked!! Get there early for donuts & to beat the crazy traffic!

Sept. 27 (Sun) - Stillman Valley Fall Festival - line up @12, step off @1
Lineup at High School parking lot South Pine St

OCTOBER

Oct. 4 (Sun) - Autumn on Parade in Oregon, IL - line up @11, step off @1
Lineup at 9th & Adams Street. Parade lineup number: TBA

MODEL A LOCAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- *Sept. 12 (Sat) - Brunson's Alpacas & Ice Cream Tour –see page 5
- *Sept. 17-18 (Thurs-Fri) - Model A Days - Hickory Corners, MI 269-375-6000
- *Sept. 20 (Sun) - Autorama at Preservation Park, Beloit 8am-4pm
- *Sept. 23-24 (Wed-Thurs) – TOUR: Model T Overnight Tour – Joe Maurer; pg. 5
- *Sept. 23 (Wed) Greg McQueary is presenting "Henry Ford" at Center for Learning in Retirement) on Bell School Rd. & would like a car or 2 at 10am.

NOVEMBER

14th - Saturday - Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford: Cocktails @12, Lunch @1, followed by our end of the year meeting & door prize drawings @2



UPCOMING TOURS

THE MODEL T CLUB IS INVITED TO OUR TOURS

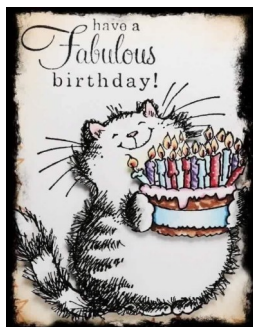
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*Sept. 23-24 (Wed-Thurs) – TOUR: Model T Overnight Tour – Joe Maurer;
DAY 1: leave Joe Maurer's at 10:30am; 1st stop in Savannah, IL. We will visit 2 guided tour museums. One has vintage motorcycles. We will eat at Hawg Dogs. The 2nd stop - Galena for the night. We will have dinner at Paradise Bar & Grill.
Call Joe to sign up! 815-541-9237



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Dwayne Meier
@ 779-771-8412
Model A magazines
MARC magazines



September: 4,2004-Bill & Jennie Cummings
9,1967-Ron & Linda Lanquist
18,1965-Stan & Nan Stewart
20,1969-Al & Karen Pedersen
23,1967-Jake & MaryJo Milazzo

October: 22, 1954—Mel & Dorie Welch

September: 3-Pauline Clark, 3-Mary Jo Milazzo,
3-Mark McClenathan, 6-Ron Kramer,
7-Bill Cummings, 10-Nan Stewart,
19-Kay Strand, 20- Sharon Anderson,
29-Jennie Cummings

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

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES
by Wayne Rowehl
“Curve in the Road”
September 2026

It was sure fun attending last month's meeting and catching up with everyone at the Wings and Wheels museum in Poplar Grove, Illinois.

As summer moves to fall there is still plenty of time to catch a local car show. Here are two upcoming car shows coming up in September.

The first one is the 18th annual Meadowdale, Motorsport, & Memories Car Show on Saturday, September 12th, from 10:00-3:00pm.at the Raceway Forest Preserve in Carpentersville Illinois. Free for spectators.

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. Camaros will be the featured car this year. Admission is \$15.00 per person, which includes parking.

If you are looking for an 1930 Ford Tudor Model A. ours is still available. We purchased this car from one of the Rockford Model A Days car show that was held in Sharon, Wisconsin.

One of the reasons we purchased this car was because of the excellent condition of the older restoration it was, and the seller had all the paperwork documenting what parts, and who did the restoration work. You can see every detail during the restoration was carefully done with keeping in mind the original way the car would have come from the factory. The car is very solid, complete and an excellent looker.

Julia and I feel it is best for us and the car, that someone else enjoys the car as much as we did. We are asking for \$13,000 Or Best Offer. We have included interior and exterior photos. There are plenty of good days ahead that you can enjoy driving it.

Curve in the Road fun fact: There are a lot of vehicles available with appealing prices.

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

Thanks again for a great article, Wayne! We all sure appreciate your contribution to our newsletter each month. We also want you to know we all hope your good health continues!

AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

Checkbook balance, August 1, 2026 5,436.00
Cash on Hand: 47.00
Total Checkbook Balance & Cash: 5,48.00

Income:

Banquet Reservation Payment/Dues 186.00
Banquet Reservation Payment/Dues 75.00
Total Income: 336.00

Expenses:

MAD Balloon Man repayment 100.00 (initial check did not clear)
Total Expenses: 100.00

Total Checkbook Balance & Cash: August 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

The fact that jellyfish have survived for 650 million years without brains, gives hope to many people.

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LESTER FERN EARL

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

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 -

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

Sept 19...Cherry Valley Café, Cherry Valley
October 10.....Sebastian's, Roscoe
November 14....Eggsquite Café, Beloit
December 12....Steam Plant, Belvidere



Celebrating 50 years in 2026!
Beloit Autorama
Autorama Show: 8AM - 4PM
Sunday Sept. 20, 2026
Preservation Park - Beloit, WI



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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



HEALTH CONCERNS: To our friends Lee and Anne Laviolette, Wayne Henson, Wayne Rowehl, Jim Morley, Joe Maurer, Loretta & Larry Anderson, Ron Lanquist, Colleen West, Dan Campbell, Warren Dutton, Nan Stewart, George Brunson ~ Continued thoughts and prayers for 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 to it be a people club that is united by Model A's.

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



When someone says "it was 20 years ago" I think "ah the 80s" Then they say it was in 2006 and I need to sit down for a bit.



**CAR
FOR SALE**



\$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



1931 Ford Model A Tudor

**\$12,000
Upgrades**

Rebuilt motor 2016 by J & M Machine (MA) <2000 miles
LED headlights
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(bumper to bumper)



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more info



Contact
Chris Weber
414-559-1220



Tonilynn Carlson is our new Sunshine Committee coordinator; 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: tonilynn07@aol.com

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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



*Big changes are coming
for Brad & Lauren Kolar!
Congratulations!*

*And Brad starts his new
job at Todd Elementary
School in Beloit!*

*It's going to be a
wonderful school year!*



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! 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 30, 2026 to:*

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

X-----

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>		
_____	_____	10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato	\$39.00 \$35.00
_____	_____	Bourbon-Glazed Salmon w/roasted potatoes & veg	\$27.00 \$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!*