

## ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*

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April, 2019



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 7 – Salamone's**, 2583 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford; monthly club get-together and dinner; We'll order at 5pm, but please plan to be there at 4:30!  
Contact John Hausen today to make your reservation: Cell: 815-544-6004 or by Email: [eaglesroute@comcast.net](mailto:eaglesroute@comcast.net)

**Saturday, May 18 – Little Hershey Swap Meet and Cruise In** – Boone County Fair Grounds, 7am-4pm; 28 vendors; free admission with your Model A

**Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Parades - 2 parades this year – do 1 or both!:**  
1. Traditionally, the club has done the *Pecatonica* parade, which had always been on Sunday. But, this year it's on Monday. Line-up is at 2pm, with the parade at 3pm.  
2. The *Beloit-South Beloit* parade line-up is 8am in South Beloit, with the parade at 9am. Neli's Restaurant in South Beloit donated \$100 donation to the club as our sponsor. We want to have a nice representation of the club with multiple cars at both parades. If you're going to participate in one or both, please contact Ron Kramer, who is our new Vice President and Parade Coordinator: Cell: 815-980-0599 or by Email: [maryandron123@gmail.com](mailto:maryandron123@gmail.com)

**Saturday, June 8 - Model A Spring Tour** – The RockFord A's Spring Tour is being planned – save this date! More information is coming! Please contact Kathy Forbes with questions: Cell: 815-218-0147 Email: [chatiekathy@comcast.net](mailto:chatiekathy@comcast.net)

**Model T Surprise Tour** – Sunday, July 21; Save the date – more information coming!

MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL

*Annual Dues*

Club dues were due March 31.  
Please send your dues today:  
Dwayne Meier  
4128 Will Ann Dr.  
Rockford, IL 61101



## **Glimpse from the Gavel**

Hello and welcome to all members! We had a great turnout for our April meeting. There were no new members to announce, but it was great to see our snow birds back in town! We are looking forward to all the upcoming events (see page 1 for details.) Too bad the Model T Dust Off Tour was cancelled – who'd have thought we'd have snow?! We'll spread the word and hope we can help Paul Brands sell his beautiful 1930 Vicky. We'd like to say a special thank you to Joe Maurer for bringing his king pin bushings and to David Clark, too. And special thanks to all who helped with food, coffee, set up and take down of tables and chairs for tonight's meeting – more reasons our club is great! Hope to see you at our next events and at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Yours Truly,  
Wayne Henson, President.

### **April 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members. 48 in attendance.
3. Thank you to George and Sue Brunson for the delicious sausage, cheese, and crackers and to Don Billings for the yummy cookies! Thank you to Kathy Forbes for setting up and the coffee. Thank you to all the members who help set up and take down for our meetings!
4. Welcome back to some of our members that we haven't seen for a while: Paul Brands, Larry Froemming, Don Billings, and some of the "snow birds" who have returned.
5. Treasurer's Report (included in newsletter on page ).
6. Al Pedersen gave a club mileage report and passed out MARC Mileage Awards to several members. All in all, there were 11 cars that racked up a total of 26, 963 miles! They are: Paul Donley–20,000 miles, Bill Cummings–5,000 miles, Al Pedersen–5,000 miles, Jim Morley–2,000 miles, and Anne Laviolette–2,000 miles.
7. Al Pedersen also reported on the mobile, functioning engine stand for club use that is almost completed.
8. Car repairs: Dave Clark reported on the front-end work that was done on Joe Maurer's car. Kingpins and bushings were replaced with the help of a work crew at Al Pedersen's garage. The crew included Joe Maurer, Al Pedersen, Dave Clark, George Brunson, Lee Laviolette, and Anne Laviolette. Dave also talked about the steps involved for checking if you have enough wear to warrant repair or replacing parts of your steering assembly.

9. There is now a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer for Tech Talk. Sign up and share your experiences!
10. Past events: The Model T “Dust-Off” Tour was cancelled due to the snow; several club members went to Spring Jefferson swap meet and scored a few good Model A parts.
11. Ron Lanquist spoke about the proposed changes to the Club By-laws. After some discussion, it was tabled until the next meeting so Bill Aupperle can get more information about requirements from the national clubs.
12. Paul Brands is selling his 1930 Victoria. He passed around pictures and information. \$26,000. Contact info for Paul: 815-847-9921 Email: vicky30phelps@gmail.com
13. John Hausen reported on the hats for Model A Day. Before the event, the hats will be sold to club members for \$10 each or 2 for \$15. At the event, the price will be \$15 each or 2 for \$25 for everyone. He also reported on options and pricing for Club jackets for those who are interested.
14. Upcoming events: Little Hershey on Sat., May 18 will be a 1-day event, with free admission if you park your “A” on the grounds; Memorial Day Parades in Beloit/South Beloit (9am line up) and Pecatonica (2pm line up) on Monday, May 27; Model A Day in Sharon, WI on Sunday, June 2; “Let Freedom Ring” Parade in Mt. Morris on Thursday, July 4; ByronFest Parade on Sun., July 14; MARC Membership Meet in Dearborn, MI on August 4-11; Model A Day in Amana, IA on Saturday, August 17; Annual Club Picnic on Saturday, August 25.
15. **NOTE:** It is **NOT recommended** to throw candy during parades for safety reasons. A suggestion is to have someone walk next to your car and hand over the candy.
16. Model A Day in Sharon, WI: Sign-up sheets are now available for duties. We need additional traffic control help this year. There will also be a wedding at the gazebo during the day and we will be parading the newlyweds through town after the ceremony. Dash plaques have been ordered. There will be a 50/50 drawing and another raffle for the winner’s choice of 4 donated Model A items: rebuilt distributor by Jim Morley, rebuilt carburetor by Ron Lanquist, rebuilt horn by Ron Ortberg, and new leakless water pump by Wayne Henson. Thanks for those donations!
17. Kathy Forbes reported that her plans for the Spring Tour have fallen through. She is working on an alternate plan and asked everyone to keep Saturday, June 8 free for the tour.
18. Winners of the attendance drawing were:  
Dwayne Meier – prepaid gas card; Dean Wanfalt – 2 tubes of corn head grease.
19. Tech Session: Al Pedersen and Dave Clark on steering repair.

20. Lady A's Chat: Chris Aupperle presented "Beachwear in the Model A Era". This is the seminar featured at the recent MARC Membership Meet in Savannah, GA.
21. Saturday Breakfast Club and monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details.
22. Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17.00 for an extra) from Kathy Forbes; club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted) from Dwayne Meier; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).
23. The next monthly meeting will be Tues., May 28 at 7 PM at Central Christian Church.

*Submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary*

**TREASURER'S REPORT – May 1, 2019**

<b><u>Checkbook Balance</u></b>	
<b><u>April 1, 2019</u></b>	<b>\$3,784.29</b>
Cash on hand	\$100.00
<b>Total Checkbook and Cash</b>	<b>\$3,884.29</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
Dues	\$195.00
Coffee Money	\$13.00
New Ad	\$30.00
St. Patrick's Day Parade	\$100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$338.00</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
Door Prize	\$20.00
Sharon Model A Day donation	\$200.00
Office Supplies	\$20.77
Model A Dash Plaques	\$281.95
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$522.72</b>
<b><u>Checkbook Balance</u></b>	
<b><u>April 30, 2019</u></b>	<b>\$3,599.57</b>
Cash on hand	\$100.00
<b>Total Checkbook and Cash</b>	<b>\$3,699.57</b>
<i>Submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer</i>	

**MARC NATIONAL MEET 2019  
Dearborn, Michigan August 4-10**

*"Come To Where the Model A Was Born!"*

***Visit Greenfield Village***

*Visit this vast open-air museum - 7 historic districts filled with the sights, sounds, and sensations of 300 years of American life: Working Farms, Liberty Crafts-work; Henry Ford's Model T, Railroad Junction, Main Street, Edison At Work, Porches & Parlors.*

***Visit Ford Rouge Factory Tour***

*You'll visit a real truck plant and two theater experiences.*

***Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation***

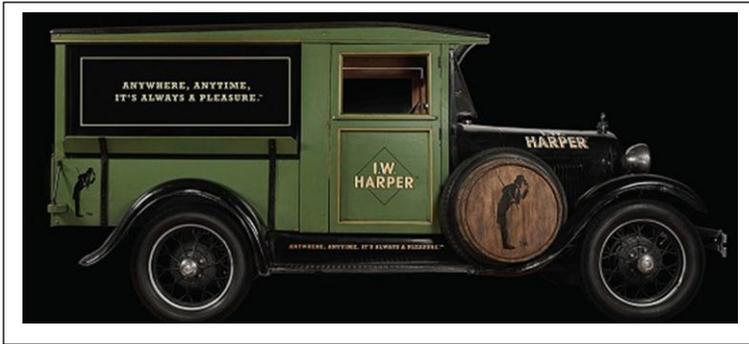
*The collection includes Thomas Edison's Menlo Park Lab, the home & bicycle shop where the Wright brothers first flirted with flight and the Rosa Parks Bus where the civil rights movement was set in motion! Ten huge exhibits on display.*



**May:** 3-Mary Adelman, 12-Katie Boughton, 13-Larry Ethun, 14-Barb Hodges, 19-Mel Welch, 27-Mary Kramer, 28-Marilyn McClenathan, 31-Bill Boughton

**June:** 8-Terri Henderson, 17-Vicki Milazzo, 18-Nan Stewart, 19-Chuck Milazzo, 20-Chris Aupperle, 26-Bob Rothkopf, 30-Chris Prondzinski

A 1930 average new house cost \$7,145.00, the average income per year was \$1,970.00, a gallon of gas was 10¢, and the average cost of new car was \$640.00, a Firestone Tyre was \$3.69, Glasses were \$3.85, Steak was 20 ¢/lb., a 10-piece bedroom set was \$79.85



Oh, The Places  
You Will Go!

My '28  
Woody Huckster

By Dave Clark



As some of you may recall, I sold my handmade 1928 Model A Ford Woody Huckster to Volo Car Museum in Volo, IL a few years back. It took me 10 years of part time hobby construction to build this woody huckster truck from scratch just from my spare parts that I collected from 30 years of attending swap meets. The Oak wood that was used to build the body was all from my own trees that I took down from my property and then planed into planks. It was similar to the Johnny Cash song, *One Piece at a Time* as it had Model A parts from 1928 through 1933 (rear fenders). After I finished the woody truck build, it then took me two years of battles with the Illinois Secretary of State office bureaucracy to get a title and license for it.

Bob the salesman at Volo said that they had to sign a NDA (non-disclosure agreement) with a national marketing company and Volo was then not allowed to tell me who purchased the truck. He could only tell me that it was headed down to Tennessee and it was purchased by a "Major Distiller". I was sad to see it go but financially I couldn't say no to their offer. But since this truck was like part of the family, we spent two summers trekking to Tennessee looking for our baby by touring the Jack Daniels, George Dickel, and Ole Smoky distilleries. I chased a lot of false leads looking for it but loved the trips as I learned a whole lot about whiskey... Glad I finally found it as my liver probably could not take any more Tennessee Whiskey tours with the sampling their all their products!

I finally found on the Internet a Chicago newspaper article of a local promotion party that occurred for I. W. Harper Bourbon in Chicago. It was mentioned that they had transported their 1928 Model A truck to Chicago for a Christmas gala held for their officials and distributors. In addition to this truck being the center piece of the party they gave the attendees toy models of this truck. I see that they have painted over the oak and put their I. W. Harper signage on it and added chrome beauty rings to the rims. It looks unchanged for the most part. I was also told that they removed the engine as a safety requirement for having it on display. This is a shame as it was a great running Model A engine that didn't leak oil.

Here is some info I found on I W Harper which is owned by British Holding Company, Diageo that owns most of the large liquor brands: The I.W. HARPER brand has taken a long and remarkable journey, with one important chapter of course being Prohibition. Vital to this era, and throughout whiskey's heyday, were the vehicles commonly used for transporting goods, including spirits. The I.W.Harper 1928 Ford Model A, located at the Stitzel-Weller Distillery in Louisville, Kentucky, gives a nod to the brand's premium quality withstanding the test of time. The Bernheim Bros. distillery opened its doors in 1870 and thrived through Prohibition. The I.W.Harper namesake was born by 1872 and began producing a whiskey that would win Gold Medals throughout the late 1800s and early 1900s. . I.W. HARPER Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey 41-43% Alc/Vol. © 2017 I.W. HARPER Distilling Company, Tullahoma, TN.

I think I will now be planning a trip down to Louisville, KY to the I W Harper room at the Stitzel-Weller Distillery, 3860 Fitzgerald Road when it gets much warmer to visit my old friend. I am now looking for one of those toy trucks that were used at that promotion party – it would be a nice keepsake for me.

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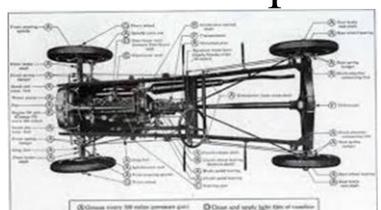
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**March-October  
MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
7:00pm **LAST** Tuesday at  
Central Christian Church  
6595 Guilford Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61107

*Please review your contact information for the roster and notify Anne Laviolette of any changes. Thank you!*

**Working on  
Something?  
Need Help?**



**Tell us what  
you've got  
going on!**

## FOR SALE/WANTED

### For Sale:

1930 Murray Town Sedan; parts car; reduced price - \$2,000 OBO; Contact: Todd Walberg 815-378-8550.

### Wanted:

"Gulf Oil" items (oil cans, signs, etc.) for my vintage gas station. Contact: Wayne Henson 815-645-8695



Please keep Arlene Allen in your thoughts as she is now receiving hospice care at River Bluff after her stroke. She is the girlfriend of President Wayne Henson.



George Brunson working at Al Pedersen's garage; the day included a zombie raccoon!



Ron Lanquist  
Anne Laviolette  
Lee Laviolette

Here we are putting the engine and a new Mitchell Transmission back in Ron Lanquist's car. Chris Weber bailed us out after we could not get the new clutch to release; it's OK now. Thank you, Chris! This is a great example of our club members jumping in to help others out. That's why our club is so great!!



Lee & Anne Laviolette,  
Ron Kramer and neighbor,  
Hayes McDonald

### *Al Montgomery is a former Rock-Ford A's member who moved to Tucson, AZ*

From an email to Dave Clark & Company:  
I read your article in the Model A News last night. What a pleasant surprise to see a familiar name & photograph in the magazine.

It's so nice that you were able to help Terry out in the manner you guys did. What a kind gesture by Terry to donate the proceeds to MAFFI as well. Great job fella's, great job! Please say "hi" to Terry for me, the next time you see him. Nancy & I are doing fine down here. Getting ready for the "hot" season....oh boy!

Dad's & my "A"s are running great. We have them all well maintained & polished. We entered an all Ford show in Tucson last month. Dad had a great time chatting with all the passers by.

I hope all of you are doing well. I miss you guys & hope to see you in June or July when I'll be back in Illinois for short stints before going fishing in Minnesota & Canada.

Al

## Rock-Ford A's Technical Discussions by Dave Clark April 30, 2019

### **King Pins & Spindles**

Check wheels by jacking up front end and grasping at top and bottom. Push and Pull and feel for slop or have someone put finger on spindle bushing to feel for excess movement.

Remove front brake backing plates and remove the locking drive pin in the axle to remove the old king pins from the spindles. Note the large locking pin nut should always be at the back of the axle. Some have not been like this.

Check the threads on the spindles for excess wear and replace spindle if necessary.

Push out one bearing with a bushing driver or socket. Then press or drive in the new brass bushing. Make sure the grease holes are aligned. Then use bushing reamer through the old bushing to start the alignment reaming. Then drive out other old bushing and replace with new and ream it from the last fresh bushing.....

Please note: The bushing alignment reamer should never be rotated backwards as it will dull the cutting edges.

Check the wheel bearings for wear and replace if necessary. Pack with axle grease and tighten the axle nut to hard snug and back off one or two castle slots. Insert large cotter pin and hammer it flat with one short leg locking to the flat of the axle nut. Wheel should spin freely.

Check for toe in or toe out alignment. Should be  $\sim 1/16''$  toe in max.  $\pm 1/32''$  A couple of straight strings set up from back to front works to get a rough idea of how the alignment is. Use one of the several types of alignment rods or tools or even a tape measure to be sure.

### **Steering Wheel Sector Adjustment (Easier with an extra helper)**

Note Early Model A's had a seven-tooth irreversible worm and sector design. In early 1929, the **Gemmer** two tooth version was put into production. **I will only discuss the two tooth here.**

Check fluid level in steering. It contains  $7 \frac{3}{4}$  oz. of 600W Oil or STP mix. Replace plug. Do not use a grease zerk for a plug here to avoid future confusion and getting grease pumped in... If you have an oil leak at the switch assembly the vendors sell a longer tube as a fix that allows the horn rod to go through and be above the fluid level in the sector.

Jack up front wheels off the ground and place axle on jack stands. Disconnect the drag link at the pitman arm. Make sure pitman arm has the special flat head bolt to allow for clearance. Also it may be easier as well with driver's front wheel taken off for doing all of these adjustments.

### **Adjustment #1 - End Play in Worm Sector.**

First make sure the three nuts that attach the sector to the frame are secure and tight. Turn steering wheel all the way to the left or right and then back  $1/8$ th of a turn. Grab pitman arm and check for looseness. The sector thrust screw adjustment is on the engine side of the sector. Loosen locking nut and use an offset 90 degree screw driver to take up any looseness. Retighten the locking nut. Then recheck pitman arm for end play and freedom. Good time to check that the ball on the pitman is round and not egg shaped. Do this as Vendors sell replacements and also a shortened version that makes steering a tad easier but you lose some of the turning radius. Check the balls on the drag link ends as well for roundness. Replace if necessary for best steering.

## Adjustment #2 - End Play in Steering Shaft.

Rotate steering wheel back and forth and go either left or right 1/8th from end lock. This relieves the steering shaft bushings of side thrust. Loosen the screw head bolts holding the steering column to the gas tank. Loosen the bolt that is the color at the top of the sector. Rotate the steering column to align the spark and throttle control rods to the top. If you have the correct rods they will be straight going to the disti. Loosen locking nut 3 on top of sector and tighten the bolt down tight. Then back off one sixth of a turn. Retighten all the bolts on the sector and under the gas tank. Turn steering wheel lock to lock to test for stiffness.

## Adjustment #3 - Proper Meshing Of Sector Teeth In Worm.

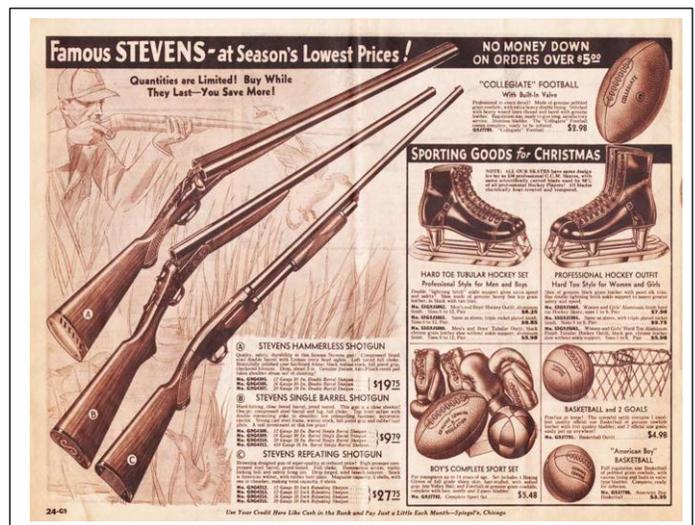
Grab a couple of S-shaped Henry Ford types of wrenches 7/8 and 5/8 inch for doing some of the adjusting, if you have them.

Turn steering wheel to the center mid position between the end locks. Loosen the three nuts on the studs that hold the sector to the frame exactly 1/4 of a turn. Loosen the fourth stud nut on top side of sector exactly 1/2 turn. Turn the eccentric adjusting sleeve clockwise very gradually, checking at each movement the amount of lost motion still existing at the steering pitman arm. Adjust only sufficiently tight to eliminate all lash of steering arm (no more), being sure to finish movement of eccentric adjustment sleeve in clockwise direction. Turn steering wheel throughout full travel to test for free operation. If it is too tight carefully then turn eccentric adjusting sleeve counter-clockwise to free and readjust. Once steering is OK to your liking than tighten the adjusting bolt on the eccentric. Retighten the remaining three studs.

If the steering is not to your liking then there must be worn out components such as the worm and 2 tooth sector. Further adjustments that use shims, the bottom centralization rivet, etc. will have to be made with the steering unit removed from the car and done on your bench. If you decide to do this then it may be a good time to replace the internal bearings and possibly drill for a grease zerk on top of the sector shaft housing. Some put in needle bearings in the sector housing for smoother steering.

Install the light switch assembly at the end of the steering column if you removed it during the adjustments.

Most of this info is from an original *Ford Model A Service Manual and Handbook of Repair and Maintenance* written by Victor Page in 1929. Other similar reference books for these procedures are in Les Andrews *Red Book Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook*. Also Jim Schild's *Restorer's Model A Shop Manual*.





**May:** 22 - Sue & George Brunson, 25 - Barb & Phil Hodges,  
25 - Chris & Bill Aupperle  
**June:** 3 - Pauline & Dave Clark, 7- Jan & Bruce Winslow,  
12 - Elaine & Paul Donley, 15 - Candy & David Thompson,  
15 - Pauline & Bob Lawhorn, 18 - Katie & Bill Boughton,  
20 - Loretta & Larry Anderson, 21 - Lori & Chris Weber,  
24 - Luann & Gerald Carpenter, 28 - Rose & Lowell Daniels

## *Something Special For the Lady A's (from the 2019 Soup Lunch)*

### **Karen Pedersen's CROCK POT STUFFED GREEN PEPPER SOUP**

2 lbs. ground round  
2 (15 oz.) cans Red Gold diced tomatoes w/basil, garlic and oregano  
1 (15 oz.) can tomato sauce  
1 (32 oz.) beef broth  
3-4 cloves of garlic, minced  
2 tsp. sea salt  
1 tsp. pepper  
1 C. water  
2 T. brown sugar  
1 small onion, diced  
2 green peppers, diced  
4 C. cooked rice (Uncle Ben's Ready Rice - Garlic & Butter)  
Brown beef, drain. Add tomato sauce, tomatoes, broth, pepper, onion, brown sugar, water, salt & pepper to crock pot. Cover and cook 6 to 8 hours on LOW. About 30 minutes before serving - add the cooked rice.

### **Barb Hodges' Hamburger Soup**

1 ½ lbs. ground chuck  
2 large onions, chopped  
2 tsp. crushed garlic - to taste  
1 package dry Lipton Onion Soup Mix  
Mix, brown & drain. Put in crockpot on low. Add 1-15 oz. tomato sauce, 1-15 oz. can stewed tomato (cut up), 1-15 oz. can cut green beans, 1-15 oz. can sliced carrots & small can of peas. Do not drain vegetables. Cook on low for 6 hr.

### **Dorie Welch's Broccoli Cheese Soup**

2 T. onion, chopped  
2 T. butter, melted  
3 T. flour  
½ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. pepper  
2 C. milk  
1 C. Cheddar cheese, shredded  
2 chicken bouillon cubes  
1 ½ C. boiling water  
1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen broccoli

Sauté onion in butter until clear and tender, but not brown. Blend in flour, salt, and pepper. Add milk and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Add cheese and stir until melted. At the same time, dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water. Add broccoli and cook until tender. Slowly combine with cheese mixture. Heat to serving temperature.