



## ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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Hello, Friends,

It's been awhile! The last meeting was Tues., Oct. 23, 2018, so it feels great to be back in Rock-Ford A's mode again! As you know, there are no newsletters during our winter break of November- February. If you happen to know of any club member who is not getting their March through October monthly newsletter via email or US mail, please contact me.

While everyone is breathing fresh spring air, please think ahead. Take pictures of you and your buddies working on your car! Take pictures of going places with your car! Write or call me about events, issues - anything that pertains to life with a Model A. I am always looking for pictures and articles for future editions of the newsletter. It's always great to hear and see what everyone's working on.

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thebrunsons@hotmail.com Thanks & happy motoring! Sue Brunson, Editor

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, April 2 – Lino's**, 5611 E. State St., 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 Email: [eaglesroute@comcast.net](mailto:eaglesroute@comcast.net)

**Sunday, April 28 – Model T Dust Off Tour** – We're invited to join – here are the details: Meet at the Farm & Fleet on W. State St., in Rockford at 9:30am; leave at 10am. There are no details on where they're going, but there will be lunch involved! If you are planning to go, please contact Wayne Henson: Cell: 779-348-8072 Email: [battgcmdr@aol.com](mailto:battgcmdr@aol.com)

**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 is making a \$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 Email: [maryandron123@gmail.com](mailto:maryandron123@gmail.com)

**June Model A Tour** – The RockFord A's Spring Tour is being planned, possibly to the Rochelle-PawPaw area, and it will be a fun & educational tour some time in early June. Please contact Kathy Forbes with questions: Cell: 815-218-0147 Email: [chatiekathy@comcast.net](mailto:chatiekathy@comcast.net)



## **Glimpse from the Gavel - Model A Days**



Welcome to all the members, especially those who were able to attend our first meeting of the year - we had 48 members in attendance! There were no new members to introduce. Six members gave reports about problems with their Model A's – see #8 in the minutes for all the details. Ron Kramer brought in a flywheel for the tech part of the meeting, and showed us how to adjust the clutch fingers.

There are some exciting future events coming up, so please check those out on page 1 and mark your calendar! We're happy to be joining the Model T Club for their Dust Off Tour on Sunday, April 28.

Chris Aupperle was presented with 2 plaques from the Model A Restorer's Club (MARC). Congratulations to her!

Dwayne Meier, Treasurer gave his report and reminded us that club dues are due by March 31. Please send your dues to Dwayne Meier 4128 Will Ann Dr., Rockford, IL 61101

Yours Truly, Wayne Henson, President.

### **March 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members. 48 in attendance.
3. Thank you to Jim and Sharon Morley for the delicious cookies! Thank you to Kathy Forbes for setting up the coffee ahead of time so it just had to be plugged in. Thank you to all the members who help set up and take down for our meetings!
4. The 2019 Officers and Board of Directors were recognized. They are:  
Wayne Henson; Vice-President & Parade Chairman – Ron Kramer; Treasurer – Dwayne Meier; Secretary – Anne Laviolette; Directors – Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, John Hausen  
John Hausen(Breakfast and Dinner Chairman), and Kathy Forbes (Tour Chairperson);  
Newsletter Editor – Sue Brunson.
5. Treasurer's report (included in newsletter).
6. Social Concerns: Bob Bellard and Terry Clark are experiencing health problems.
7. Don Sell of Mighty Mig is selling out his Model A parts and is giving members of the Club first choice. Call him for an appointment to see what he's got for sale. 815-633-6577
8. Car repairs: (1.) Jim Morley is still dealing with oil where it shouldn't be and is working on a new motor. (2.) Ron Lanquist put his motor and new transmission back in with the help of friends and corrected the extra problems that arose. (3.) Tony Whitney might have some wiring problems in his "new" car. (4.) Mark McClenathan got his engine back. The cause of the oil leak was a piece of cork stuck in the oiler hole, which forced the oil out the rear main. (5.) Phil Hodge's front spindle is done on his pick-up now. (6.) Larry and Denise Ethun's son is doing a ground-up restore on their 1<sup>st</sup> car.

9. Bill Aupperle reported on the MARC Membership Meet in Savannah, GA. There are 181 regions represented, membership is holding at 7000, with 3 new regions joining. Chris Aupperle shared information about the 2020 MARC Membership Meet in Plymouth, IN, April 2-4, 2020 at the Swan Lake Resort. You can make reservations now, choosing from hotel, cabins and cottages.
10. Chris Aupperle was presented with 2 awards: The "Jim Thomas Literary Award" from MARC for her article "*Bandeau Brassieres - Banish The Bust*" that appeared in the March-April 2018 issue of **Model "A" News** and the "Best Fashion Article" award from MARC for the same article.
11. Past events: Ron Kramer reported we had 6 cars participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you, Dave & Pauline Clark, Larry & Denise Ethun, Wayne Henson, Chuck & Vicki Milazzo, Jake & Mary Jo Milazzo (and their riders), and Ron & Mary Kramer. We were once again near the back of the parade. Many reported children and adults darting in front of cars for candy; there were some narrow misses, and those involved raised concerns over this practice.
12. John Hausen reported on the hats for Model A Day. We got a great deal on our new hats and they are for sale now. He also reported on options and pricing for Club jackets for those who are interested. Cell: 815-544-6004 Email: [eaglesroute@comcast.net](mailto:eaglesroute@comcast.net)
13. Plans are underway for Model A Day in Sharon, WI on Sunday, June 2. It was moved, seconded, and approved to donate \$200 to the Sharon Main Street Association to assist with the event. We are also looking for someone (other than Jim Morley and Ron Lanquist) to donate raffle prizes this year.
14. Upcoming events: Spring "Dust-Off" Tour with the Model T Club on April 28 (meet at Farm & Fleet on W. State at 9:30am, leave at 10am); Little Hershey Cruise-In, 1-day event with vendors (details will follow); Memorial Day Parades in Pecatonica and Beloit-South Beloit on Monday, May 27, Model A Day in Sharon, WI on June 2.
15. Ron Lanquist spoke about the Spring Tour that Kathy Forbes is organizing. It will be a 1-day tour to the Rochelle/PawPaw area in June. Details are forthcoming.
16. Dave Clark announced that LeBaron Bonney declared bankruptcy and will no longer be available for interiors. Info on other companies for fine-point judging will be coming.
17. Winner of the attendance drawing of 600W oil was Paul Donley.
18. Tech Session: Ron Kramer spoke about pressure plate adjustment.
19. Saturday Breakfast Club and monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details. Cell: 815-544-6004 Email: [eaglesroute@comcast.net](mailto:eaglesroute@comcast.net)
20. 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).

**The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, April 30 at 7 PM at Central Christian Church.**

*Submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary*

## FOR SALE/WANTED

**For Sale:** 1930 Murray Town Sedan; parts car; reduced price - \$2,000 OBO; Contact: Todd Walberg 815-378-8550 for pictures and more information.

**Wanted:** "Gulf Oil" items (oil cans, signs, etc.) for my vintage gas station. Contact: Wayne Henson 815-645-8695 or battgcmdr@aol.com

## MARC NATIONAL MEET 2019

**Dearborn, Michigan August 4-10**

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

Visit Greenfield Village, the Eleanor & Edsel Ford Home, take part in The Woodward Dream Cruise event is a classic car event held annually on the third Saturday of August in Metropolitan Detroit, Michigan, along Woodward Avenue, a major thoroughfare built in the early 20th century.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – March 1, 2019**

<b>Checkbook Balance - February 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$2,801.14</b>
Cash on hand	\$100.00
<b>Total Checkbook and Cash</b>	<b>\$2,901.14</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	\$355.00
Model A Cap Refund	\$592.46
New Member	\$20.00
Newsletter Ads	\$60.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,027.46</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
November Newsletter	\$48.00
Soup Lunch Door Prizes	\$64.93
Soup Lunch Supplies	\$71.78
MARC Annual Registration	\$10.00
Postage Stamps	\$20.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$214.71</b>
<b>Checkbook Balance Feb. 28, 2019</b>	<b>\$3,613.89</b>
Cash on hand	\$100.00
<b>Total Checkbook and Cash</b>	<b>\$3,713.89</b>

*Submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – APRIL 1, 2019**

<b>Checkbook Balance - March 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$3,613.89</b>
Cash on hand	\$100.00
<b>Total Checkbook and Cash</b>	<b>\$3,713.89</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	\$155.00
Coffee Money	\$11.00
Newsletter Ads	\$30.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$196.00</b>

#### **Expenses**

Letter copies for 2018	\$20.60
First Nat'l. Service Charge	\$3.00
Sect'y. of State NFP Registration	\$10.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$25.60</b>

<b>Checkbook Balance March 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$3,784.29</b>
Cash on hand	\$100.00
<b>Total Checkbook and Cash</b>	<b>\$3,884.29</b>

*Submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer*



**March:** 2-Chris Weber, 7-Joe Maurer & Michael Whitney-Carlson, 9-Dave Werckle, 10-Tom Henderson & Lori Weber, 11-Doug Mather, 14-Pat Clinnin & Karen Pedersen, 16-Dwayne Meier, 20-Jim Morley, 21-Bill Johnson, 22-Denny Spradling, 24-Bruce Winslow, 27-David Thompson, 29-Mike Fennell

**April:** 2-Sue Hausen, 6-Sara Werckle, 10-Bob Bellard, 12-Flo Monk, 16-Nancy Clinnin, 18-Paul Brands, 21-Wendell Anderson



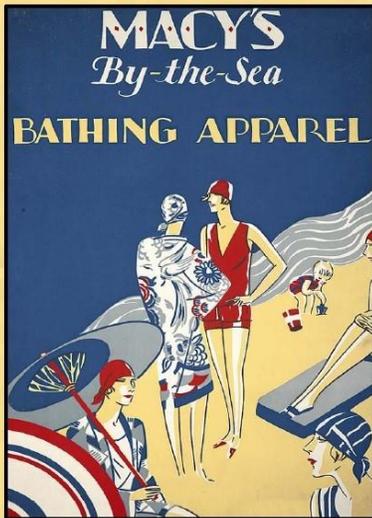
**March:** -

**April:** 3-Pat & Nancy Clinnin, 25- Jack & Bonnie Mann

# Something Special For the Lady A's

by Chris Aupperle

Savannah by the Sea: Model A Ford Era Beachwear



This year's fashion seminar at the MARC National Meet in Savannah, Georgia was all about beachwear during the Model A Ford Era. It seemed only fitting to focus on this aspect of fashion being so close to an Atlantic beach! Women's and men's swimming suit styles emerging into the 1920s were androgynous - very similar to each other with smooth tunic styles and close-fitting shorts, a very relaxed attitude towards the way women clothed their bodies, related to the boyish 20s styles of emerging dress. Some bathing suits trousers were wide shorts, and they usually had a tucked-in top and a waistline belt. Other styles had neat trim trunks barely showing under a top which easily flared into a low-belted skirt.

In the 1920s, beach or lounge pajamas were usually a top and trouser set with matching jacket. By the 1930s, one-piece, jumpsuit-style pajamas were quite popular and many soon featured a very wide leg. Fabric like shantung, linen or cotton was accepted for the beach and lounging pajamas, but as they became widely popular in the 1930s, many were also available in rayon. Pajamas were made in an amazing array of bold colors and patterns."

*Come join the Lady A's Chat next month on Tuesday, April 30 for a seminar on this topic presented by Chris Aupperle.*



## And from our February 2019 Soup Lunch....

### Chris Aupperle's White Chicken Chili

1 lb. dry white northern beans  
5 ¼ C. chicken broth  
2 cloves minced garlic  
1 large onion, chopped  
5 C. diced chicken breast, cooked

¾ Tbsp. white pepper  
¾ Tbsp. oregano  
¾ Tbsp. cumin  
1 – 7 oz. can green chiles

Soak beans overnight and then drain. In a large kettle, combine beans, chicken broth, garlic, onion and spices. Simmer covered for 2 hours or until beans are tender. Stir occasionally. Stir in green chiles and diced chicken. Simmer covered about an hour. Thirty minutes prior to serving, thicken liquid with cornstarch or your choice of flours (I used a gluten-free flour mix for sauces). Garnish with chopped parsley, green onions or cilantro.

If you wish to use a crock pot instead of a stove-top kettle, I cooked the beans for 1 ½ hours in water separately, drained them and then added them to a crock pot along with the broth, garlic, onion, spices, chiles and chicken. The crock-pot cooked on high for approximately 4 hours and I then thickened the liquid 30 minutes or more before serving.



Thanks to Anne Laviolette for this picture and to Chris Aupperle for the article & recipe!

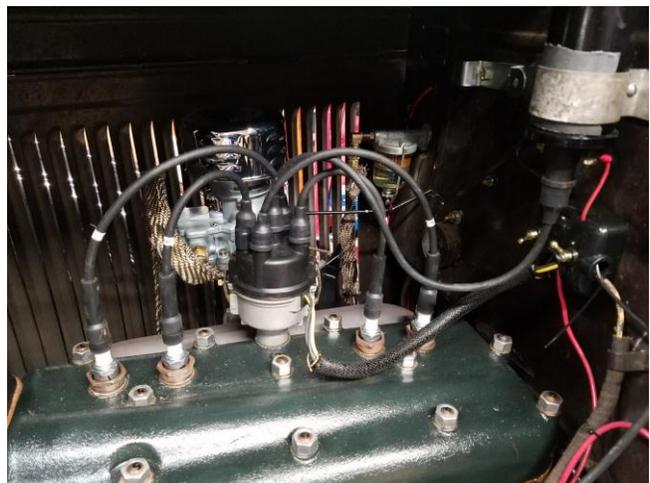
## **What I Did This Winter... "If It's Not One Thing, It's Two"** by George Brunson

You can always tell when winter has been around too long just by all the items you have repaired, replaced, or added. And this seems to have been a long winter! Here's the saga of my '30 coupe.

The first thing has been the replacing of the valves and guides and then adjusting the valves – a natural chain of events after a valve job. Next, you might want to install a new intake manifold, especially if the old one was cracked. That of course would lead to a new downdraft carburetor. While you're changing all that, it would be a good time to replace the existing distributor to one with a centrifugal advance and electronic ignition. With all that done, why not go for the LED headlights? It's a simple exchange and they are, or at least seem to be, better. And of course that might lead to LED driving lights for safety's sake. It's like Dave Clark always says, "If you're in for the penny, you might as well go for the pound." Hard to argue with that logic!

Finally, it's time to fix that front fender crack you've been looking at for years. You know you've been wanting to anyway. Have you ever noticed how that fender shakes like a dog trying to pass a peach seed when the car is running? Well, try this: clamp a pair of vice grips right on the crack. Don't worry about the finish, the fender is already cracked, you have nothing to lose. You will, or at least you should – notice the fender holding fairly still. That should demonstrate that the crack is something you can and should fix. Sorry, we can't help the dog though... Anyway, a good body shop can fix the problem. Our local body shop said that will run about \$600! That prompted the idea of fixing it on my own. One way is to use a modern glue product from 3M to glue a patch over the affected area from the inside. The body shop said it would be better than welding, because we all know welding is a stop gap method...it almost never lasts. They have been using this glue method for several years with great results. With a little research and a good body hammer, I've been able to fabricate an interior patch and install it. It actually took two patches. One patch inserted into the lip of the fender, the other over the lip patch and a larger area of the fender to secure the whole area around the initial crack. I allowed the lip patch to set up for two days before attaching the second patch. The second patch was allowed to set up for four days before I ran the engine test. There was NO fender shake with the engine running! The fender feels more solid now, too. After a test run to Clinton for the Model A breakfast, we were certain the patch was working. This past Wednesday, Dave Clark and I applied the same process to a 4" long crack on his front fender. It will be interesting to see how well it holds up. If anyone else would like to try this method, I have the epoxy and a glue gun to loan out. All you will need to purchase is a piece of sheet metal and nozzles for the glue. I'll be glad to help in any way necessary.

Hope you've done all the winter work your car needs. And if you did, let us know and we'll put it into the Manifold News – and please, don't forget to send some pictures.



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**March-October  
MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
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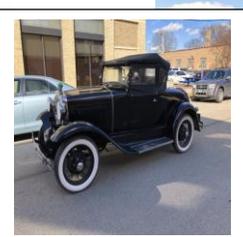
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going on!**

**2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade –  
Rockford; Hope & Anchor for dinner**



Ron & Mary Kramer



Wayne  
Henson



Larry & Denise  
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Milazzo's car was Irish for a



Chuck & Vicki Milazzo, Jake & Mary  
Jo Milazzo, and friend

Thanks for the pics, Dave Clark!



Dave & Pauline  
Clark

**2019 Soup Lunch – A Wonderful Event!**

*Alice Whitney's Tortellini Soup* Thanks, Alice!

**1 lb. Italian sausage, browned (I like Bob Evans),  
drain all the grease and pat it with paper towel**

**48 oz. chicken broth**

**1 pkg. cheese tortellini - cook in chicken broth**

**5 - cans minestrone soup**

**1 qt. stewed tomatoes (I use my own stewed  
tomatoes that has carrots, celery, onion, peppers)**

**Mix everything together, heat and eat. Delicious!**

