



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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OCTOBER, 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, September 27-29 – Jefferson Swap Meet, Jefferson, WI – Fairgrounds

Saturday, September 28 – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Car Show – 9am to 3pm

Sunday, Sept. 29 – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade; line up at 12; step off at 1;

Dave and Sara Werckle will again host a Stillman Valley Fall Festival post-parade get-together at their home: 6648 Woodland Drive, Stillman Valley, IL 61084.

No need to bring anything! See you after the parade!

Sunday, November 10 – Fall Banquet at Thunder Bay Grill – please see back page



Glimpse from the Gavel - September 24, 2019

Hello to all! It hardly seems possible that another month has passed by so quickly! September flew by with lots of rain that ruined several of our planned events! Just one more month until our annual banquet at Thunder Bay on Sunday, November 10th which we all look forward to. Please see the back page for your banquet reservation form & get that back to Jim Morley as soon as possible. We'll have one more club meeting this year on Tuesday, October 29th, and after that, we'll have a few months off to hibernate. There'll be no monthly meetings or newsletters in December or January. We'll resume with our February Soup Lunch, with the 2020 season kicking off with the February 25, 2020 meeting. Until then, keep motoring!

Yours Truly, Wayne Henson, President

September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members. 46 in attendance.
3. Thank you to Art and Jan Leverington for the delicious cookies! Thank you to Stan Stuart for setting up and the coffee! Thank you to all the members who help set up and take down for our meetings!
4. Welcome newer members Patrick Doyle and Greg McQueary, who recently got a Tudor!
5. Sign-up sheet is available for the Stillman Valley Parade. There are also sign-up sheets for members to volunteer for Tech Talk and Lady A's Chats. Sign up and share your knowledge!
6. Social concerns: Karen Kothe had a hip replacement; Kathy Forbes had shoulder repair surgery.
7. Treasurer's report (included in newsletter on page 3). Approved as read.
8. Ron Kramer spoke about the parades. He is still trying to get paid for the 4th of July parade in Mt. Morris. Possibility of not doing it next year if payment is not made. Again, we are urged not to throw candy in any parade because of safety and insurance issues.
9. Upcoming parade: Sunday, September 29 – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade.

10. Car repairs: Tony Whitney had some trouble with his carburetor, but it's running now; Anne Laviolette got new LED inserts for her taillights and is waiting for a voltage regulator for the generator; Chuck Milazzo has been working on his brakes and a Zenith carburetor with the help of Dave Clark.
11. Dave Clark reported that he got hold of the guy in IA to get the loaner parts back – all is good.
12. Rubber chickens can be turned back in at the October meeting.
13. John Hausen spoke about the upcoming breakfast this Saturday with a short tour to Edwards Apple Orchard following; special parking area will be set aside for Model As.
14. We had several members attend the Lensing "Car Show For A Cure". Anne Laviolette won a "Top 40" plaque out of about 250 cars. Congratulations to Anne!
15. Dean Wanfalt spoke about the Model T Club President's Tour on September 2. Very successful tour, with stops at an alpaca farm, lunch in Shopiere, WI, then to Beloit Culver's for custard. Mike Peters had a flat tire on his T but made the trip (see picture on page)
16. Joe Maurer reported on the Model T Overnight Tour on September 14-15. There were 10 antique cars and 3 modern cars. Everyone had a good time. There was some discussion about LED headlights and "Logo Light" was mentioned as a source.
17. Jim Morley talked about the Central Christian Car Show on September 14. Our club was well represented with 14 cars – 11 "A's" and 3 Chevys. Three "Top 50" trophies went to Jack Mann, Jim Morley, and Anne Laviolette. The "Best in Show Original" trophy went to Ron Lanquist. Proceeds from the show went to Walter Lawson Children's Home.
18. Beloit AutoRama was cancelled this year due to too much rain and the park being under water.
19. The Faith Lutheran Car Show on September 21 was rained out, but the Rock-Ford A's still made a good showing with 9 cars. The Brat Stand was great!
20. Dave Clark spoke about the upcoming Fall Color Tour to Galena/Dubuque on October 14-15. The route has been set and 20 cars have signed up to go. We will be leaving from the Farm & Fleet on W. State Street promptly at 8:30am. The River Museum in Dubuque requires payment for admittance in advance, so Dave will be collecting \$12.50 per person. He will also be distributing the tour route to all participants shortly.
21. Chris Aupperle reported on the upcoming MARC Membership Meet in Plymouth, IN on April 2-4, 2020.
22. Upcoming Events: September 27-29 – Jefferson Swap Meet; Sunday, September 29 – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade; Sunday, October 6 – Rockton Lions "Last Roar" Car Show; Saturday, October 12 – Rock-n-Bowl Car Show at Don Carter Lanes; October 14-15 – Fall Color Tour; Sunday, November 10 – Fall Banquet.
23. Tech Talk: Chris Weber demonstrated the wiring system of a Model A.
24. Saturday Breakfast Club & monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John & Sue Hausen for details - 815-544-6004.
25. 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); magnetic signs – (\$12) which can be displayed at parades, (\$5) Ford logo signs that cannot be displayed from Dwayne Meier.
26. The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, October 29 at 7 PM at Central Christian Church.

Submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT –October 1, 2019

Checkbook Balance

September 1, 2019	\$5,131.24
Cash on hand	\$100.00
Total Checkbook and Cash	\$5,231.24

Income

Magnetic Square Door Plaques	\$36.00
Magnetic Round Door Plaques	\$10.00
Roscoe Parade	\$100.00
Coffee Money	\$12.00
Rockford A's patch	\$4.00
Total Income	\$182.00

Expenses

Magnetic Door Plaques	\$450.00
MAFCA Membership renewal	\$50.00
Fall Tour Planning Expense	\$38.00
Total Expenses	\$538.00

Checkbook Balance

September 30, 2019	\$4,775.24
Cash on hand	\$100.00
Total Checkbook and Cash	\$4,875.24

Submitted by
Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer

NEW! For Sale - available at club meetings

\$12 - Magnetic Round Door Plaques for parade use - Rock-Ford A's club logo
\$5 - Magnetic Square Door Plaques – not for parade use - (Ford logo design)
New parade aprons will be ready this spring!

If you would like a copy of the newsletter or roster emailed or mailed via US mail, please contact Dave Clark
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MARCH-OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETINGS

7:00pm ~ **LAST** Tuesday of the month
Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford, Rockford
If any of your contact information changes, please notify Anne Laviolette 815-623-2056.
Thank you!

Some information in our newsletter has been reprinted from other newsletters. We thank them!

Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere! ~ Albert Einstein



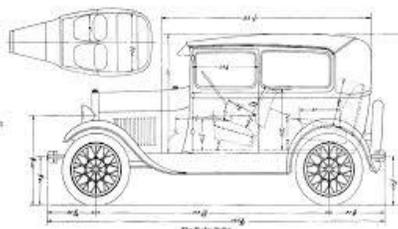
OCTOBER: 6-Pat Bryan, 8-Bill Aupperle, 10-Pauline Lawhorn, 11-Jan Winslow, 13-Kathy Forbes, 20-Luann Carptenter, 23-Jewel Maurer, 27-Art Leverington & Dave Clark, 28-Jan Leverington, 30-Lee Laviolette



OCTOBER: 1 – Tony & Alice Whitney, 22 – Mel & Dorie Welch

“TIME SNEAKS UP ON YOU LIKE A WINDSHIELD ON A BUG.” JOHN LITHGOW

**Did You Know? A full moon is nine time brighter than a half moon.
Almost one in every 2,000 babies are born with teeth.
There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
Frogs can't swallow with their eyes open.**



*Working on Something? Need Help? Just call a couple of club members to help! Not sure who to call? Jim Morley 815-979-6980 or Ron Lanquist 815-494-8450 can point you in the right direction! Tell us what you've got going on! **AND, please send pictures to: thebrunsons@hotmail.com!***

MANY THANKS TO OUR CLUB LEADERS AND OUR SPONSORS!

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FOR SALE/WANTED

For Sale: Paul Brands is selling his 1930 Victoria \$26,000; 815-847-9921 Email: vicky30phelps@gmail.com

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

For Sale: Doug Mather is selling the following parts – contact him at 815-648-4097 or doug@espi.com:

Intake/Exhaust manifold with cabin heater - cleaned and painted - \$100; Carb - Tillolson X - clean but needs overhaul - \$75; Carb - clean but needs overhaul - \$40; Electronic ignition - 2 types - one complete - one missing reluctor - \$100 ea.; Oil pan - clean and painted - \$30; Oil pump - \$50; Front spring - 10 leaf - \$50 ea. (2 available); Rear spring - 10 leaf - \$75; Ignition coils - \$10ea (2 available); Ahooga horn - \$100

1928 Briggs Leatherback - touring engine w/overdrive and extras \$19,000; More to come...

Wanted: "Gulf Oil" items (oil cans, signs, etc.) Wayne Henson 815-645-8695 Email: battgcmdr@aol.com



Model T Club President's Fall Tour 9/2/19

- *Meet at Farm & Fleet, Rkfd.
 - *Alpaca Pines visit & tour, Poplar Grove
 - *Lunch at Shopiere Tap, Beloit
 - *Culver's, Beloit
- A good time was had by all! Great day!

We had 30 people, 12 Model A's, 1 Model T, 1 '57 Chevy, and 2 modern cars attended from RockFord A's. The Model T Club had 26 people, 6 Model T's, 1 '58 Ford, 1 '53 Buick, and a couple of modern cars.

How we (BOB, MYSELF, AND 4 KIDS) got started - OUR DREAM... we began with two male Suri alpacas in 2011, a father & son. INSTANT LOVE!!! The name Alpaca Pines is from the beautiful pines that line our property in northern IL. We soon added 15 Suri Alpacas, and 2 Huacaya. The farm now has a total of 40 alpacas & 1 llama! Our mill is open and we are in full swing! We provide personalized service to all our customers. We are family owned. Stop by and check out our yarn/gift shop. We carry roving, yarn, felted sheets and more processed at our mill. Items in the gift shop are made at the mill or are carefully chosen. We have beautiful items that are fair trade products. Open houses are offered throughout the year and participate in Alpaca Days. Check our site for events. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We are happy to provide group tours, call for pricing and times available. ENJOY OUR SITE!! THANK YOU FOR STOPPING BY!! GOD BLESS!! Vicki Donley *FYI – Bob Donley is the son of RockFord A members Paul and Elaine Donley.

Let the day begin! The line up began at the Farm & Fleet in Rockford, then joined with others at the farm for the tour.



Sharon Morley makes some new friends!



Vicki Donley gave a very interesting and entertaining tour of their mill; they're one of very few who use this amazing specialized equipment shipped to them from Prince Edward Island, Canada. And yes, they have a pet rooster, too! We met him, and the cats who were his friends along with one arch enemy cat!



It sure paid off for Mike Peters to have his own car hauler! The Model T got a ride to Shopiere Tap!

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL! WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE TOURS IN 2020 WITH OUR MODEL T FRIENDS!



Roscoe Fall Festival – September 8, 2019



Lining up on Shamrock Court - Great idea, Anne & Lee Laviolette!



Central Christian Church Car Show – September 14, 2019





Congratulations to Anne Laviolette, Jack Mann, Ron Lanquist and Jim Morley!

Model T Ford Club of Rockford - Overnight Tour to Prairie Du Chien, WI, Sept. 14 & 15

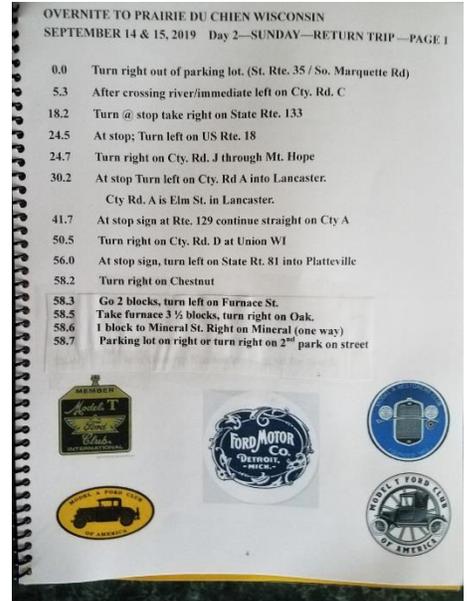
Tour report by Joe Maurer - many thanks, Joe!

All we do is drive around and eat, and this trip was no exception. The tour officially started in downtown Lena IL. However, Dean Wanfalt lead a group of hardy souls from Rockford early on Sat. morning. They came across on Trask Bridge Rd./Cedarville Rd. to Lena. We had ten old cars, three new cars and 21 brave folks, it made about a perfect size tour. Our nephew Steve Rognas put together a slick guide book for every car on the tour. And he was on call for the weekend with our truck and trailer in case of the dreaded breakdown. That's why we didn't have any major problems! We were joined by the folks from the Rockford As combining the two clubs on the tour.

Coffee and donuts were enjoyed in the Lena parking lot and we headed through Warren IL. to our first stop at the Grotto in Dickeyville, WI. If you haven't been there, the Grotto makes an interesting stop. We toured the grounds, hit the gift shop and other facilities. The back roads got gradually better as we headed North West. While it was only nine miles to our next stop at the National Brewery Museum in Potosi for lunch, that would have been way too easy. We took roads that truly tested the Model Ts and didn't make it easy for the Model As. Steep hills, sharp turns and great scenery were in between us and Potosi. We came into Potosi with a Mississippi River view and warm brakes. It was lucky we had reservations because the brewery was packed but the food was good. We next followed old highway 133 along the Mississippi with a fuel stop in Casseville. From there it was back roads all the way to Prairie Du Chien. After everyone got checked into the Microtel Inns & Suites, it was time to go eat "AGAIN"! We had reservations at The Barn golf course and restaurant. I would highly recommend this stop if you are in the neighborhood. The food was great and the atmosphere was excellent. It was dark when we finished eating so our nephew Sam got to try out the new LED headlight bulbs in the Model A he drove on the trip. They worked great and only took about two minutes to install. The Logo Lite bulbs are supposed to last 1,000's of hours, work with 6 or 12 volts and either polarity. Just pop the old bulb out and plug in the new ones. No, I do not have any stock in the company but I may get some! So, after 130 miles or more, no one seemed anxious to party, good night.

Sunday morning we ate at the hotel. Biscuits and gravy, fake eggs (which actually tasted good), bacon, sausage, waffles, etc. etc. etc. was the fare. We hogged up again! Now you should know that the whole area had seen heavy flooding a couple of days before our trip so I spent Friday afternoon driving the route to make sure the roads were open. All well & good except it stormed Saturday night. Oh fudge, will the 20 miles right on the Wisconsin River be open? We couldn't contact any official office to find out if Grant County C was open so Sam drove me down to C in the Model A. There was a barricade that had been there on Friday that said "High Water" so we drove a few miles and it was pretty messy but still passable. We zipped back to the hotel in time for the 9 AM departure. So, the highlight of the trip was a small road that ran between bluffs and cliffs right next to the swollen Wisconsin River. It was more than a drive, it was an adventure! We saw much damage to roads and fields on both days of driving. Our next stop was in Lancaster to take on fuel. Lunch was in Platteville at the VFW in the old down town. The food was decent but the service was poor. We had intended to eat at the Country Kitchen but at the last minute they decided they couldn't guarantee seating for 21 people. Oh the joys of setting up tours. A couple of the long distance cars took the direct route home from Platteville. We thank them for the long distance they came just to get to Lena. So we come into Darlington and made a right on Hy. 23 up to F. I got ahead blasting the poor old Model T up the steep hill out of town and lost the whole shebang behind me. After a couple of miles I realized we were not being followed, so much for directions. Well, a higher power was watching out for us because the rest went on to Hy. 11 and over to Gratiot where the road I was on came in the back way. At Gratiot, the Pecatonica River was running over the road. I drove through the first part of the submerged road because I could see the road. There was a dry spot and then the water was rushing over the road and we couldn't see it at all. We had a tight spot to turn around and it would have been a nightmare with the rest of the cars. Even more frustrating is the other cars were rolling into Gratiot on Hy 11, arrgg! We could see each other! So, with the T wide open and a 4 mile detour, we got back together. The rest of the trip was just a nice uneventful drive. To summarize the trip, we had good

weather, we didn't drive on any gravel, and we didn't hit a stop light for 100 miles, we had some great scenery and no one broke down. We drove over 240 miles and some drove further. A good time was had by all with old car fellowship and plenty to eat. A special thanks to all who participated and helped. The Model A folks were: Mel & Dorie Welch, Art & Jan Leverington, Toni & Alice Whitney, Toni Lynn Carlson, Dean Wanfalt, Ron & Pee Wee Busjahn (guests), and nephew Sam Parks (model A driver extraordinaire). The Model T folks were: President Wayne & Phyllis Orrison, Bill Duffee, Steve & Cindy Kindell, Mary Sheley, Scott & Sheryl Stier (drove the most miles) and Joe & Bean Maurer.





Sharon & Jim Morley's grandson, Jackson, getting a Model A lesson!

Jack Mann's sporting a beautifully refurbished top - looks great! Friend Ron Lanquist put many hours into this project; George Brunson helped!



Dave Werckle and grandsons at a lunch with Anne Laviolette and Kathy Forbes back at the spring tour to Monroe. Cute!



Here's the gang who helped Ron Lanquist take out his old engine and put the bell housing & transmission on the new engine. Clockwise starting with Ron, Anne Laviolette, Bill Johnson, John Hausen, Tony Whitney, and Jack Kennedy. Sometimes, it takes a village!

Facebook post interface showing a search bar, a notification for Kathy Forbes, and a photo gallery of cars.

Kathy Forbes added 23 new photos.
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In Pigeon Forge at the Shades car show this weekend. Words cannot express the fun I'm having!

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Lee & Anne Laviolette with their car, next to Ron Lanquist's car. Location???



*Complete the registration form.
Enclose your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's*

*Please bring your reservation form and check to the
Tuesday, October 29, 2019 meeting or
mail by no later than Friday, October 25 to:*

*Jim Morley
4538 Dellview Drive
Rockford, IL 61109
(815) 979-6980*

Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 10, 2019 5:00 cocktails 6:00 dinner

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

Enjoy a delightful evening of delicious food, great friends, and warm memories of another year of Model A touring! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

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Menu choice of Prime Rib, Salmon Fresca, or Chicken Marsala
(Cost includes meal, salad, sweet biscuits, non-alcoholic beverage)

*Prices did not increase from last year and the Club will pick up \$2.00 of the cost of each meal.

The Club will pay tax, gratuity, and coffee/pop. Cash bar available.

Complete the registration form below. Enclose your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's

Bring both to the Tuesday, October 29, 2019 meeting or mail by no later than Friday, October 25 to:

Jim Morley
4538 Dellview Drive
Rockford, IL 61109
(815) 979-6980

Enclosed is our/my check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for the following Banquet meal(s):

Name	Name			
_____	_____	8 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato	\$19.00	\$17.00
_____	_____	Salmon Fresca with roasted vegetables and asparagus	\$17.00	\$15.00
_____	_____	Chicken Marsala with roasted vegetables and orzo	\$15.00	\$13.00

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____