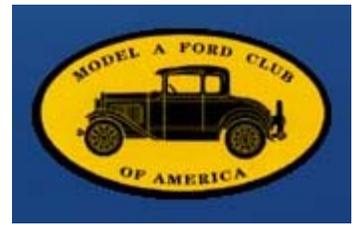




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MONTHLY MEETINGS

7:00 pm **LAST** Tuesday
Central Christian Church
6595 Guilford Road
Rockford, IL 61107

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 4 1:30 line up 2:00 parade begins	“Let Freedom Ring” Parade in Mt. Morris, Illinois <i>In back of Village Hall & across the road from Rahn Jr. H.S., near the intersection of Brayton Road & McKendrie Ave.</i>
Thurs., Fri., Sat. July 9-10-11	Trip to Arthritis Foundation Car Show in Dublin, Ohio <i>Contact Jim Morley for details</i>
Sunday, July 12 12:30 line up 2:00 parade begins	“ByronFest” Parade in Byron, Illinois <i>(parade starts from the staging area behind the schools at Maple and 2nd Streets)</i>
Saturday, July 18 4:00-9:00 p.m.	Trip to Cruise Night in Mt. Carroll, Illinois <i>(details to be determined)</i>
Tuesday, July 28 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk: Lady A's Chat:</i>
Sunday, August 2 10:00 –4:00 p.m.	25th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois <i>\$10/car; ride all the trains, trolleys and buses; tailgate picnic. Call 630-460-5252 for more information.</i>
Wednesday, August 5 6:00 p.m.	2nd Annual Cruise Night and Cookout <i>1st Evangelical Covenant Church, Rockford, Illinois</i>
Sunday, August 9, Noon NO Tuesday night meeting this month!	Annual Club Picnic <i>Martin Park in Loves Park, Illinois Bring a dish to pass - meat, beverage, tableware provided</i>
Saturday, August 15	Model A Day – Amana, Iowa http://www.hawkamodelaclub.org/3-clubactivities/up-comming-events/168-imad2015
Friday, August 28 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Car Show at Ice Cream Social <i>Fairhaven Christian Center, Rockford, Illinois</i>
Saturday, Sept. 12 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Car Show at Central Christian Church www.cccrockfordcarshow.com/
Sunday, Sept. 13 10:00 line up 11:00 parade begins	Roscoe Lions Parade in Roscoe, Illinois <i>Line up starting at Bridge and Main. Please enter the parade route from McDonald Rd.</i>
Sunday, Sept. 19 (adults \$10/seniors \$8)	International Model A Day Tour with the Great Lake A's – Hinchley Dairy Farm <i>Cambridge, Wisconsin; 10:30 arrive Blue Bay Restaurant in Mukwanago; 12:30 leave for farm; 1:30 arrive; 2:00 tour</i>
Sunday, Sept. 27 12:00 line up 1:00 parade begins	Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade <i>Line up behind high school off Meridian Road</i>

Ford Fun

*Have you told your friends about the Rock-Ford A's?
Car ownership is not necessary!*

June 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes – submitted by Chris Aupperle

- Welcome members, guests and visitors! (41 in attendance)
- Thank you to Linda Lanquist for the delicious treats!
- Club vests now cost \$17.00; one free to member, pay for an extra; patches from Jim Morley (\$4) and Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).
- Treasurer's report – on this page of newsletter.
- MARC is strongly encouraging membership; insurance coverage is included in membership.
- Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin update: 107 + cars counted; 113 registrations with 15 from our club, 43 from Illinois, 44 from Wisconsin and 1 from Alaska!
- Upcoming events: Tour to Arthritis Foundation Car Show in Dublin, Ohio; ByronFest parade 7/12; Mt. Carroll Cruise Night 7/18; IRRM Vintage Transport Extravaganza 8/2; 1st Ev. Cov. Church Cruise Night/Cookout 8/5; Annual Club Picnic 8/9; trip to Model A Day in Amana, Iowa 8/14-16; Fairhaven Ice Cream Social 8/28; Roscoe Parade 9/13; Central Christian Car Show 9/12; Beckman Mill Heritage Sunday 9/13 11:00 – 4:00; Gilmore Museum Model A Day 9/19; International Model A Day trip to Hinchkey's Dairy Farm 9/19; Stillman Valley parade 9/27; monthly meeting 9/29; Fall banquet 11/8.
- Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29** at 7:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church.



***There is no regular monthly meeting in August.
See you at the picnic on Sunday, August 9!***

Treasurer's Report - submitted by Jim Morley

as of 6-30-2015



Checkbook balance on 5-26-2015	\$2524.55
Cash on hand	<u>110.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$2634.55

Income	
VMCCA coffee stop	465.00
ByronFest parade	85.00
Coffee money	3.00
Dues	380.00
Pecatonica parade	100.00
Sharon Model A Day 50/50 proceeds	<u>115.00</u>
Total Income	\$1871.00

Expenses	
Chris Aupperle -newsletter; mailing; supplies	103.45
Kathy Forbes – club picnic shelter	<u>60.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 163.45

Checkbook balance on 6-3--2015	\$4232.10
Cash on hand	<u>110.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$4342.10

Glimpse from the Gavel



Great turn-out at the Mt. Morris 'Let Freedom Ring' Parade! Sixteen cars participated. Next, 'Byron Fest', Sunday, July 12. Sharon Anderson reported that the coffee break and rest stop for convertible tour group went smoothly. Thank you Sharon, and all who contributed so much to making this fund-raising event enjoyable for our guests as well as financially successful for our Club.

'Model A Day' at Sharon, Wisconsin, in spite of early morning rain, still drew over 100 Model As. Thanks to all who contributed so much time and effort. There are still many more touring events in the works! Keep your calendars handy and your Model As tuned-up and ready.

Keep bringing in items for our 'Tech-Talk' discussions. If you need help with a particular problem, call a fellow member. That's what our Club is all about; driving, food, fun, friendship and ice cream (not necessarily in that order).

Drive safely, *Bill*

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Do you have story, car or event to share? Members - we want to see **your** car (and you) here next time. Send me your story!

Thank you, *Chris*

Member's Corner: "Yoda"

by Doug & Kathy Mather

"Yoda", our 1928 Briggs Leatherback, followed me home October 2013 on a trailer, with the truck bed loaded with parts and even more parts tucked under the car. It did not go, it did not stop, it took three people to turn the steering wheel but I had gotten a "deal" and in general it had a lot going for it. I was not looking for another car project at that point so it chose me. This was my first Model A. It took me one full day just to inventory all the parts and the car. Fortunately, many of the parts were not for the Model A, some not even for Fords and I was able to recoup almost 2/3rds of the purchase price selling those parts to other car enthusiasts.

Work, to bring it back to life, began the following weekend starting with making it safe. That meant fixing the leaky fuel gauge and installing a new electrical harness. Then the overhauls began: carburetor, starter, generator, distributor, water pump and patched the radiator. Dropped the oil pan, cleaned out the pudding and I was ready to attempt a start. Fired off on first crank but took a while before it started to smooth out. Great, I'm over the first hurdle.

Over the next 3 months I went through the car to the point that a chassis off restoration would have probably been easier. Overhauled the entire front end and steering box (7 tooth!) and while laying on the floor looked up to see daylight between the roof frame and visor. Rotten wood! Off came the roof and a lot of wood repair took up the beginning of 2014, limiting the driving in January and February to less than 1000 miles.

Finally, by March, it was all buttoned up and I started running it around almost daily. Throughout 2014 different parts of the car were gone over, usually after a long drive. It was a fun summer with many weekends spent exploring the back roads of Wisconsin and Illinois for many, many miles.

"Yoda" got a new engine and radiator this spring and now runs a solid 60mph without straining, at less that wide open throttle.

As for the name, there was a day, last year, when my wives blue & white Prius, my gold Dodge Ram and the Model A were all in the driveway. Being a Star Wars fan I immediately saw: R2D2 - Prius, C3PO - Ram, Yoda - Model A.



This Month's Tech-Tip: The Ammeter

By Tom Endy



The ammeter in a Model A Ford can be a very useful tool in a variety of situations that will signal to the driver the car's electrical status. Whenever you park a Model A and are about to exit the car, glance at the ammeter, the needle should be pointing to zero. If instead it is pointing slightly to the left it is telling you that somewhere within the car there is some unauthorized current flowing that is going to drain the battery if you leave it that way long enough.

The cause may be the headlight or dome light switch is turned on. It is also possible the contacts in the generator cutout switch have stuck closed. Another possibility is the brake light switch is closed due to a weak spring in the switch. Whatever is the cause you will become aware of it and can immediately address the problem instead of returning to find a dead battery. When you first climb into the car to go for a drive before starting the engine press your foot on the brake pedal while observing the ammeter. The needle should deflect to the left. This is telling you that your brake light switch works and at least one of the bulbs is not burned out. When you start the engine and rev it up past idle the ammeter should deflect some distance to the right. This is telling you the generator has taken over the car's electrical load and is also supplying charging current to the battery. If the needle stays at zero or deflects to the left it is telling you the generator is not working. In 1929 Ford moved the black primary wire that runs to the ignition coil from the passenger side terminal of the junction box on the firewall to the driver's side terminal (reference service bulletin page 390, November 1929). The purpose of this change is to have the ignition current pass through the ammeter to provide a diagnostic tool when starting the engine. If for some reason the car refuses to start while cranking it over, observe the ammeter. The needle should be alternately moving from left to right past the zero mark. This is being caused by the ignition points opening and closing and it is telling you the ignition primary circuit is working correctly and the problem is elsewhere.

If you have replaced the generator with a modern alternator, which has a regulator, the ammeter will tell you a number of things. When you first start the car up and are rolling down the road the ammeter will more than likely be far to the right side of the zero mark. This is telling you the regulator in the alternator has determined that the battery needs significant charging to replace the power that was used by the starter to start the engine.

After some period of time the needle will pull back to zero as the battery regains its full charge. If the needle remains far to the right for an excessive period of time it may be telling you that you may have a defect in the battery, such as a dead cell. On a long trip the ammeter needle should be sitting on zero indicating that the battery is fully charged. However, it may also be an indication that the alternator is not working. An easy check is to momentarily turn the headlights on. If the alternator is working properly it will immediately pick up the additional load. You may see the ammeter needle flicker slightly, but it should remain on zero. This tells you the alternator is working. If the needle deflects to the right significantly and stays there it is telling you the alternator is not working and the battery has picked up the additional load. The ammeter is a great tool. The more you pay attention to it the more you can determine what is going on with the electrical system.

http://www.ocmafc.org/techarticles/Tom%20Endy%27s%20Special%20Topics/Ammeter%20_1-08_.pdf

Fashion Fun - Shoe Buckles of the Model A Era

by Mary Carlson

Buckles and shoes laces may not be exciting, but there were certainly necessary. As you will see, there more than one version of the nursery rhyme and there are many options to choose from when you are looking at buckles and laces for those era shoes. Buckles could be decorative (a subject for another article) as well as used to keep the shoe securely on the foot. The images below show the buckles on the outer edge of the strap or in the center of the strap. Buckles could be decorative (a subject for another article) as well as used to keep the shoes securely on the foot.

http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/One_Two_Buckle_My_Shoe.pdf





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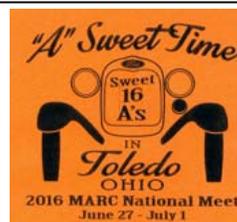
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For more information or to register your car for Model A Ford Day, please contact the Model A Ford Foundation at fordyhorses@aol.com

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<http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/event/ford-model-a-day/>



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**PAST EVENTS:
19TH ANNUAL MODEL A DAY
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**PAST EVENTS:
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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015**



Sharon Anderson organized this refreshment stop



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Member Concerns

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