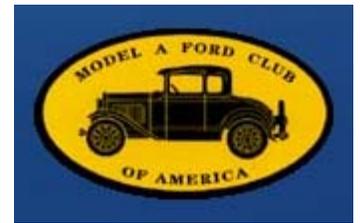




# ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

## Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 9	Spring Tour – Volo Museum <i>Contact Russ Kothe for details (815) 871-6169</i>
Saturday, May 16 7-11:00 a.m.	EAA Chap. 60 Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast Fly-in & Car Show at Beloit Airport <i>Drivers of vintage cars pay half-price (\$3.00) for breakfast; others = \$6.00</i>
Saturday, May 16 1:00 – tour 3:00 - dinner	Tour Highfield Farm with the Great Lake A's <i>Walworth, Wisconsin</i> Fish Boil at Fitzgerald's Genoa Junction Restaurant <i>Genoa City Wisconsin</i>
Sat. & Sun., May 16-17 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Little Hershey Swap Meet & Car Show <i>Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, Illinois</i> <a href="http://www.3dsound.org/flyers/Belvidere.pdf">http://www.3dsound.org/flyers/Belvidere.pdf</a>
Thursday, May 21 10:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Attend show & dinner: "All Shook Up" <i>Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin –</i> <i>Contact Russ Kothe (815) 871-6169</i>
Monday, May 25 2 – 4 p.m.	Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade – our sponsor is the Stonewall Cafe
Tuesday, May 26 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk:</i> <i>Lady A's Chat: More on Needle Tatting</i>
Sunday, June 7 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (7:00 a.m. set up)	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day co-sponsored by the Rock-Ford A's <i>Historic Sharon, Wisconsin</i>
Sat. – Sun. June 20 - 21 11:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Stephenson Co. Antique Engine Club's Father's Day Festival & Swap Meet in Freeport, Illinois <a href="http://www.thefreeportshow.com/schedule.htm">http://www.thefreeportshow.com/schedule.htm</a>
Sunday - Friday, June 21 - 26 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	MARC National Meet in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada <i>(details in this newsletter, page 4)</i>
Thursday, June 25 10-11:00 a.m.	We host a "coffee stop" for VMCCA's National Convertible Tour – <i>Contact Sharon Anderson (815) 234-8412 to help, setup and/or provide baked goods</i>
Saturday, July 4 1:30 line up 2:00 parade begins	"Let Freedom Ring" Parade <i>Mt. Morris, Illinois</i> <i>In back of Village Hall &amp; across the road from Rahn Jr. H.S., near the intersection of Brayton Road &amp; McKendrie Ave.</i>
Sunday, July 12 12:30 line up 2:00 parade begins	"ByronFest" Parade <i>Byron, Illinois</i>

*Ford Fun*

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

**April 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes** – submitted by Chris Aupperle

1. Welcome members, guests and visitors! (52 in attendance) Including Bill & Katie Broughton, Bill Heintz, Bill Johnson and Paul Brands!
2. Thank you to Dorie Welch for delicious brownies and PayDay  
Thank you to Kathy Forbes for making coffee!
3. 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).
5. Treasurer’s report – on this page of newsletter.
6. MARC is strongly encouraging membership; insurance coverage is included in membership.
7. MAFCA newsletter award to Editor Chris Aupperle
8. Club tool list included in this month’s newsletter – see Ron Ortberg, Tool Guy.
9. No Fix-It Day this Spring.
10. Yearly participation in Father’s Day Polo Parade will be dropped.
11. Spring Tour is Sat., May 9 to Volo Museum. Breakfast first at Ned’s Restaurant on Bus. 20 east of Belvidere. Lunch at Volo Museum. Pecatonica Parade on Memorial Day; Little Hershey 5/16-5/17; Joint Tour with Great Lake A’s 5/16 Fireside Theatre show 5/21; EAA breakfast & car show 5/17; Model A Day in Sharon, Wisc. 6/7; Stephenson Co. Father’s Day show 6/20-21; MARC National Meet in Niagara Falls 6/21-26; R’A’s sponsor coffee stop for VMCCA Convertible Tour 6/25 – help needed for set up & goodies.
13. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church.



**Treasurer’s Report** - submitted by Jim Morley

as of 4-27-2015



Checkbook balance on 3-29-2015	\$3156.40
Cash on hand	<u>80.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3236.40
Income	
Newsletter ads	90.00
2015 dues	105.00
Coffee money	<u>1.25</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 196.25</b>
Expenses	
Chris Aupperle -newsletter; mailing;	
Soup lunch supplies	101.04
Bob Bellard – photocopies	8.86
Nan Stewart – funeral flowers for Linda Clark	<u>75.78</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 185.68</b>
Checkbook balance on 4-27-2015	\$3166.97
Cash on hand	<u>80.00</u>
Total balance on 8-31-14	\$3246.97

***Glimpse from the Gavel***



Great attendance at the April meeting! Please take the initiative to greet and get to know our new members Bill, Paul, and Bill & Katie. Sharon Anderson has volunteered to coordinate the coffee break and rest stop for the ‘Tops Down’ tour group, Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a Club fundraising event. She will not be able to do this alone. About 125 people will be arriving that morning. Please offer to help as she coordinates this activity. I know sure she will need help providing snacks, beverages, and setting up. Call Sharon for details.

Thank you Russ Kothe, for planning the Spring Tour. I’m sure no one will return disappointed. And, there are many opportunities for tours in the works! Keep your calendars handy!

I’m encouraged by the ‘Tech-Talk’ and ‘Show and Tell’ participation. Keep bringing in items for discussion. Finally, if you need a specialty tool, be sure to call *Tool Guy* Ron Ortberg – a list of Club tools is in this month’s newsletter.

*Bill*

**Editor’s Extras**  
Chris Aupperle, Editor



This month’s ‘Member’s Corner’ comes to you from life-long members, Larry and Denise Ethun. They have had a long love affair with this hobby. You’ll want to read their interesting story, full of ‘firsts’!

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**

Our 1929 Tudor Model A has a long history with the Ethun family. Larry bought it up in Wisconsin when he was 12 years old and it became a project for him and his father, Elmer Ethun. By the time he was 18, the first restoration was complete and he began driving it on a regular basis to Rock Valley College.

In 1973, Larry and I were married at St. Bridget Church in Loves Park and the car was our wedding vehicle with other cars from the Rock-Ford A’s – our club’s first wedding!

A second restoration of the car began in 1978, and by the early 1980’s was complete. The picture is how it appeared after the second restoration, repainted Chelsea Blue and Bonnie Gray. Our children in this photo were Mark (11), Steve (9) and Rosalie (6).

In 1999, we passed the car to Mark when he graduated from the University of Illinois. He is now in the process of restoring it for the third time at his home in Decatur, Georgia.

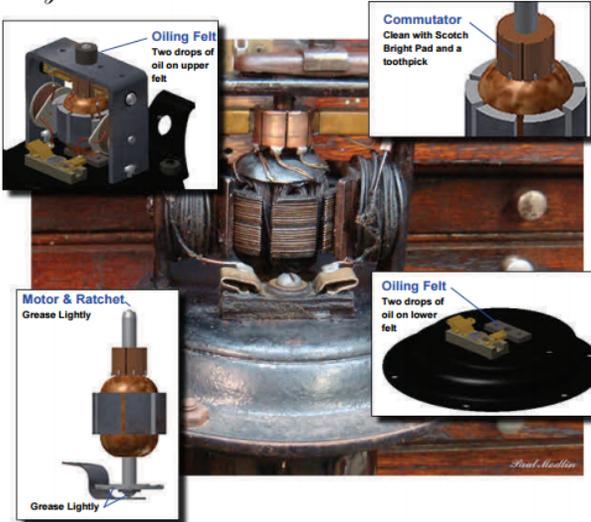


***By Larry and Denise Ethun***

# This Month's Tech-Tip: Horn Basics

by Paul R. Medlin

Retrieved from <http://modelabasics.com/horn.pdf>



## Oiling

### Tools and Supplies:

- Flat blade screw driver
- Scotch Bright Pad (or similar)
- Sewing Machine Oil
- Kerosene
- Toothpicks

### Procedure:

1. Remove the dirt build up from the **Upper and Lower Oiling Felts**. Clean with kerosene and pad dry.
2. Polish the **Commutator** with a Scotch Bright Pad. Clean between the gaps with a toothpick.
3. Apply two drops of sewing machine oil to both the **Upper and Lower Oiling Felts**.
4. Lightly grease the upper and lower tips of the **Motor** shaft, as well as the bottom of the **Ratchet**.

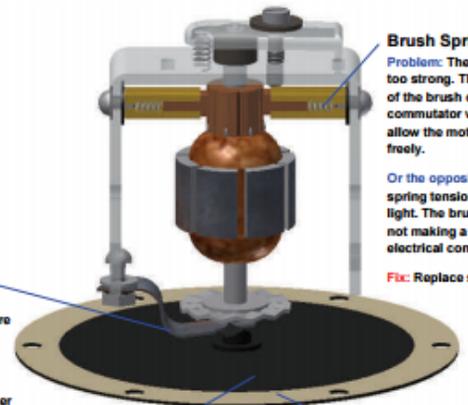
## Problems and Solutions

**Tuning Screw**  
Adjust with cover on.



**Cover Screw**  
**Problem:** Reproduction screw allows cover to be over tightened.  
**Fix:** Loosen screw or replace with original.

**Tension Spring**  
**Problem:** The spring is too strong. The pressure of the spring will not allow the motor to turn freely.  
**Fix:** Add an extra washer to drop the spring or slightly bend the spring to reduce the pressure.



**Brush Spring**  
**Problem:** The spring is too strong. The friction of the brush on the commutator will not allow the motor to turn freely.  
**Or the opposite:** The spring tension is too light. The brushes are not making a good electrical contact.  
**Fix:** Replace spring.

**Diaphragm**  
**Problem:** Over restored. The paint is too thick, preventing proper resonation of horn.  
**Fix:** Remove paint and repaint sparingly.

**Gasket**  
**Problem:** The gaskets are missing. There should be one on each side of the diaphragm.  
**Fix:** Replace gaskets.

## Fashion Fun – Reproduction Fabrics

By Jeanie Adair



Today, many of our fabric and quilt shops carry the 1930's Reproduction cotton fabrics. Many of these 100% cotton reproduction fabrics (pictured on this page) are very similar to the prints of the Model A era, if not the exact copy. Why not make a spring outfit of reproduction cotton fabric! You don't sew, you say? Well, that's no excuse! I'm sure there is someone in your club or circle of friends who does! Just think how smart you'll look and how comfortable you'll be touring in your new, cool, cotton ensemble this summer! You may even be so thrilled with it that you will want to enter in the next fashion show in the Model A Era Image category! This article has concentrated only on cotton fabrics. The other fabrics that were available during the Model A era were linen, rayon, silk and wool. All of these are available today also. My resource for this article is from a Spring/Summer edition of a 1931 National Belle Hess catalog as you can tell from the pattern examples. Other era catalogs will be similar, with that years patterns shown.



<http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/ReproductionFabrics.pdf>

# MARC National Meet

## June 21 to 26



## Niagara Falls 2015

Home Niagara Meet Maps Hotel Booking Agenda Attractions Contact Us

"Welcome to Ontario, Canada!"

We're working on a new website! It's to announce the upcoming Model 'A' Restorers Clubs National Meet in 2015. Stay tuned, as this site builds with new information.

**NOTE:** Due to the MARC's recent directive, to move the Niagara Falls Meet back from 2016 to 2015, we will be closing down the 'www.marconiagarafalls2016' website in the next few weeks. Please inform your Regional members to use the new URL name 'www.marconiagarafalls2015.com' to reach this website. Thank you.



<http://www.marconiagarafalls2015.com/attractions>

# 2015 MAFCA Regional Meet

## St. Joseph, Missouri

### June 8-12

The Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club would like to invite you to the 2015 Regional Meet being held in St. Joseph, Missouri from June 8 through June 12, 2015. Join us for a fun filled week of activities and tours.

We will be taking road trips to scenic locations such as Conception Abbey, the Lost Creek Wind Farm, and Shatto Dairy. We'll drive to Lathrop Missouri Antique Car, Tractor and Engine Club for a tour and photo shoot. Of course there will be lots of good food, fellowship, ladies events, technical seminars and the ever popular Hubley Derby and Car Games. In addition self-guided tour information will be available.



The host hotel for the meet will be the Holiday Inn, located in downtown St. Joseph. The hotel has easy access to the highway and plenty of parking. If you're more comfortable bringing your Model A on a trailer, trailer parking is available in hotel parking area. <http://www.2015regional.com/>



# 2015 MAFCA National Tour

## Maine Lobsters and Lighthouses

### Kennebunkport, Maine

### June 7-12



We will refund MAFCA Tour costs 7 days prior to tour.  
Trolley & Boat Tour refund is 30 days prior.

## Maine

# LOBSTERS & LIGHTHOUSES

### 2015 MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR

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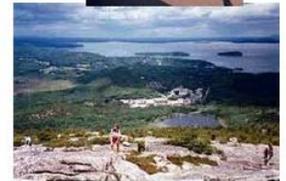


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Gilmore Car Museum is the proud home of the Model A Ford Museum, the world's largest museum dedicated solely to the Model A Ford!

On Sunday, September 19th, hop in your Model A and head out to the Gilmore Car Museum for the 3rd annual Ford Model A Day and celebrate the heritage of a trusty American car with friends and family. Bring your Model A or come as a spectator. This show and swap meet will be sure to please as hundreds of Model A's gather in Hickory Corners, Michigan on the Gilmore's Historic Campus.

General Admission: \$12.00 per person  
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Includes all museum exhibits at no extra charge.

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

or

visit their website, [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org).

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

## ROCK-FORD A's TOOL LIST

The Club encourages members to work on their cars and learn how to make repairs. These tools have been purchased with Club money are available to all club members. If you have questions about how to use any of these tools, please ask for help. Members will be glad to help. Also, if a tool is worn out, broken or otherwise does not work properly, bring it to our attention. Contact any Committee Member.

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Ratchet Nut Wrench

Shifter Spring Tool

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Engine No. Stamping Set (Larry has)

Ignition Spark Tester

Ignition Voltage Tester

Front-end Toe-in Tool

1-112" Spud Wrench

Engine Stand Adapter

Bushing Remover

Piston Ring Groove Cleaner

Cowl Light Locating Punch

Mechanics Stethoscope

4 Jack stands

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**Welcome Back to Our New & Returning Members!**

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**Member Concerns**

Let us know of anyone needing encouragement, attention, support and/or prayers

**PAST EVENTS: APRIL MEETING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**



*Jim Morley explains problems with shift lever*



*Bill teaches troubleshooting car horn problems*



*Ann Laviolette teaches the Lady A's about needle tatting*



*Ron Lanquist presents Chris Aupperle with a MAFCA award for the Club newsletter*



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

**For Sale:** 1931 Roadster, black with a white canvas top - asking \$15,000 and a 1931 Model A Ford Coupe, dark blue body with black fenders - asking \$11,000. **Contact:** Charles Peterson 815-968-8309 home or 815-298-5492

**Wanted:** 1929 Model A Roadster body parts. **Contact:** Don Emmert 770-537-4163

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