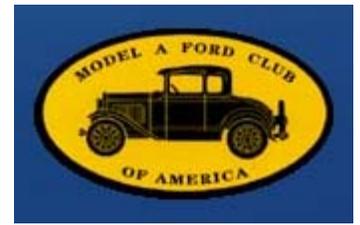




# ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110  
Region of MARC – Chapter of MAFCA  
<http://rockfordas.modela.club.googlepages.com/>



September, 2015

## OFFICERS

### President

Bill Aupperle  
(815) 397-4059  
[wgaupperle@comcast.net](mailto:wgaupperle@comcast.net)

### Vice President

Ron Lanquist  
(815) 494-8450  
[rglanquist@gmail.com](mailto:rglanquist@gmail.com)

### Treasurer

Jim Morley  
(815) 979-6980  
[jsmorley4@hotmail.com](mailto:jsmorley4@hotmail.com)

## CLUB CONTACTS

### Newsletter/Resource Library

Chris Aupperle  
(815) 397-4059  
[aups31ford@comcast.net](mailto:aups31ford@comcast.net)

### Tools

Ron Ortberg  
(815) 399-6092

### Wedding Coordinator

Alice Whitney  
(815) 895-5023

### Social Concerns

Nan Stewart  
(815) 885-3467

### Historian

Kathy Forbes  
(815) 218-0147

### Era Fashions

Chris Aupperle  
(815) 397-4059

### Club Vests

Kathy Forbes  
(815) 218-0147

### Webmaster

Dave Clark  
(815)389-4316  
[modela@aol.com](mailto:modela@aol.com)  
[modela\\_coupe@charter.net](mailto:modela_coupe@charter.net)

### Tour Coordinators

Russ Kothe  
(815) 871-6169  
Jim Morley  
(815) 979-6980  
[jsmorley4@hotmail.com](mailto:jsmorley4@hotmail.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

## Calendar of Events

Saturday, Sept. 12 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Car Show at Central Christian Church <a href="http://www.cccrockfordcarshow.com/">www.cccrockfordcarshow.com/</a>
Sunday, Sept. 13 10:00 line up 11:00 parade begins	Roscoe Lions Parade in Roscoe, Illinois <i>Thanks to our sponsor - member Don Stien, Rockton Hardware! Line up starting at Bridge and Main. Please enter the parade route from McDonald Rd.</i>
Saturday, 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>
Saturday, Sept. 19 9:00-4:00 p.m. (adults \$12)	International Model A Day at the Gilmore Car <i>Hickory Corners, Michigan <a href="http://www.maffi.org/index.htm">http://www.maffi.org/index.htm</a> <a href="http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/event/ford-model-a-day/">http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/event/ford-model-a-day/</a></i>
Saturday, Sept. 27 12:00 line up 1:00 step off	Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade <i>Stillman Valley, Illinois Line up behind high school off Meridian Raod Dessert afterwards at Dave &amp; Sara Werckle's home</i>
Tuesday, September 29 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk: Lady A's Chat: More resources for that vintage fashion look!</i>
Sunday, October 4 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-War Ford Roundup Picnic <i>Chief Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area in Shabbona, IL Contact Bruce Winslow for details or Andy at modeltandy@att.net</i>
Saturday, October 10	Annual Fall Tour <i>Contact Russ Kothe for details</i>
Tuesday, October 27 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk: Lady A's Chat: "Modern Fashions for the Model A Era" - bring clothes &amp; accessories that could be used for an Era "look"</i>
Sunday, <b>November 15</b> 5:00 social hour 6:00 dinner  <i>Note date change!</i>	Annual Banquet – Thunder Bay Grille <i>Rockford, Illinois</i>  <i>Great food, fellowship and door prizes!</i>

# Ford Fun

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

**August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes** – submitted by Chris Aupperle



1. Welcome members, guests and visitors! (48 in attendance)
2. Thank you to Sharon Morley for several delicious varieties of cookies as treats tonight!
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). Contact Jim Morley if you are interested in purchasing a Rock-Ford A's metal license topper.
4. Treasurer's report – on this page of newsletter.
5. MARC is strongly encouraging membership; insurance coverage is included in membership.
6. Social concerns – remember Matt Tortorici's family and Peggy Kilmer; Cheryl Bradley's health issues; Mark Fehler's injury, Doug Mather's illness recovery.
6. Bill Cummings is assisting with an update of the Club by-laws.
7. Past events: Anne & Lee Laviolette's big help with the Club picnic; 5 Model A cars and 3 modern cars drove to Amana, Iowa; 6 cars at the 1<sup>st</sup> Ev. Cov. Ch. Cruise night;
8. Upcoming events: Fairhaven Ice Cream Social 8/28; Freeport's Union Dairy Cruise Night 9/5; Roscoe Lions Parade on 9/13; Central Christian Car Show 9/12; Beckman Mill Heritage Sunday 9/13 from 11:00 – 4:00; Gilmore Car Museum Model A Day 9/19; International Model A Day trip to Hinchley's Dairy Farm 9/19; Hill & Valley Antique Auto Show & Tour in Cross Plains, WI on 9/19; Stillman Valley parade and dessert at Dave & Sara Werckle's on 9/27; monthly meeting 9/29; Pre-WWII Ford Roundup Picnic in Shabbona, IL 10/4; **Fall banquet date changed to 11/15.**
9. Upcoming wedding – cars needed for Sat., 10/17. Contact Alice Whitney.
10. **Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29** at 7:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church.

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



as of 8-25-2015

Checkbook balance on 7-28-2015	\$4305.44
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$4405.44

Income	
Dues	30.00
Coffee money	5.00
Picnic 50/50	<u>49.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 84.00

Expenses	
Chris Aupperle – supplies, mailing	\$ 88.87
O'Brien Trucking – license plate toppers	<u>465.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 553.87

Checkbook balance on 8-25-2015	\$3835.57
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3935.57

**Glimpse from the Gavel**



The Club trip to 'Model A Day' in Amana, Iowa has to be one of the highlights of the summer. All cars completed the drive without trouble. (Our monthly Tech-Talks must be paying off!) Our travelers enjoyed beautiful scenery, delicious food and wonderful fellowship with area Model A owners.

As mentioned at the August meeting, the updated bylaws won't significantly change the way our Club operates. However, phone or email questions or comments to Bill Cummings, a Club officer or me. Please refer to the by-laws published in the August, 2015 newsletter.

We will continue to discuss nominations for Club Officers and elaborate on the purpose of having a Board of Directors at our September, 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Refer to calendar for events.

Safe Driving, *Bill*

**Editor's Extras**

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Enjoy reading Jim & Sharon Morley's car story this month! Do **you** have a story, car or event to share? You can email, "snail" mail or provide a handwritten copy. Members - we want to see **your** car (and you) here next time.

A big "thank you" to Anne Laviolette and ToniLynn Carlson for providing this month's photos from the annual picnic and tour to Amana, Iowa. Be sure to share your photos with us so we can include them in the monthly newsletter.

Thank you!

*Chris*

**Member's Corner: "Our Vickie"**

*By Jim and Sharon Morley*

Since about 1990 we have had 5 or 6 fun cars. All were convertibles, prior to the Model A. Most were later models, a couple of Mustangs, an MGB, a LaBaron, a 1961 Chevrolet and a new 2002 Thunderbird. In the Fall of 2007, at the Beloit Autorama, someone wanted to buy the Thunderbird, so we sold it. Having never owned a really antique car, we decided it was now or never to find one. I did know there were parts readily available for Model A's, so we decided we want a Victoria and started looking. The rest is recent history. We paid too much. We didn't buy a good enough car. We've spent way too much on it. We've put about 19,000 miles on it and have owned it longer than any other fun car. That's all due to the wonderful people we've met in our club.



## This Month's Tech-Tips: Adjusting Your Brakes

By Bob Bellard



After hearing several conversations about brake adjustments from our club members over past few years I offer this info on Model A brakes taken from article in our Model A News, March - April, 2010 by Jeremy Crews. Jeremy is an engineer and inventor and owned his first Model A in 1948. I spoke to him on the phone once about his article. His step by step brake article is very detailed and I passed out copies awhile back in our meeting. New members need to read this.

After correctly restoring your complete mechanical braking system, Jeremy recommends front brakes at 40% and rears at 60% braking ability. Do not set at 50-50 or 60% front brakes. More important his reason is if the front brakes are locked up you will loose your front steering ability. Fords manual also requests 40% front, 60% rear brakes. This is a safety issue for Model A's.

Jeremy's technical info : After restoring and adjusting your system, while applying brakes firmly, if your car veers to the right or left, loosen the rear slack adjuster (the large square stud inside each backing plate ) one click on the side you veer toward. Then drive test again. Best to read his entire article. For restoring follow Les Andrews book with maroon cover called Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook.

I found a helpful aid is to drive a lot of stop and starts then quickly use a heat measuring device called Infrared Thermometer to see different temperatures each brake drum. Or touch each drum with one finger to see differences in heat by feel. Too hot or too cool tells you something!

.....

### Dropping & Installing the Oil Pan

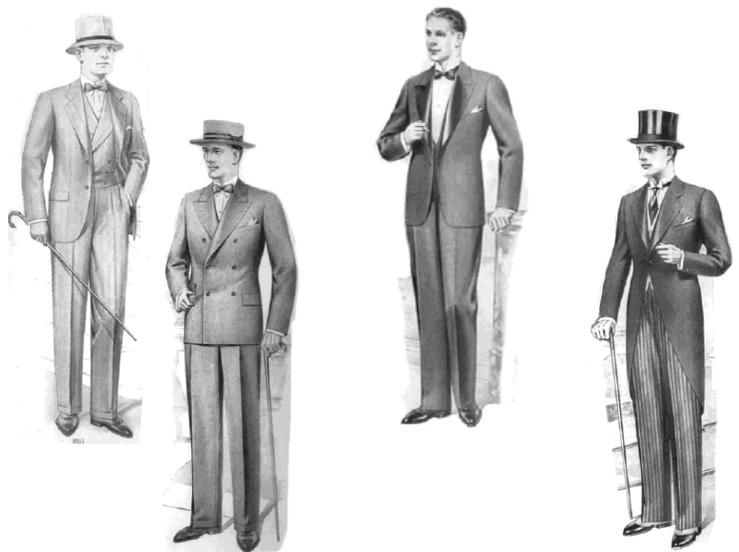
During recent breakfasts and at Sharon Model A Day, engaging in conversations about dropping oil pan, I found a few members needed tips for dropping and installing their oil pan. One method use (4) 5/16 cut to 4.5" long threaded rods plus 2 nuts each in place of 4 pan bolts, (2) each side. Then remove all oil pan cap screws. Reverse operation for reinstalling pan. OR buy the Fel-Pro "snap ups" 4 in each pack which do same thing at a cheap price. It's # ES72863 (future # 21-4100) available at O'Reily's, have them order on phone for quick delivery. Make sure it's the 5/16 thread.

## Fashion Fun – Men's Fashions 1928-1931

by Marie Robinette

Men's fashions have always been a challenge for me and I'm sure for many of you too. It seems as though there just aren't enough of them around. A gentleman from the Model A era would save a long time to have enough money to buy a good suit. It usually was the suit that would also go to church on Sunday, town meetings, weddings, and ultimately, he would be buried in it.

These dapper men were very conscientious about their clothes. When dressing for a special occasion, the men were just as discriminating as the ladies of the era. They coordinated their outfits from head to toe. And they chose wisely when it came to business wear, formal or informal wear, day or evening wear and lounge or country wear.





**SAVE  
THE  
DATES!**



**April 7 – 8 – 9, 2016  
MARC Membership Meet**

Sponsored by the

**Script A Region**

Host Hotel:

**Holiday Inn Gateway Centre**

5353 Gateway Centre

Flint, Michigan 48507

Room Rate \$109 per night

1-810-232-5300

Ask for CODE# MRC



**2016 MAFCA National Convention**

- Home
- Registration
- Seminars
- Fashion Judging
- Vehicle Judging
- Hubley Derby
- Schedule
- Tours
- The Ranch
- Plan Your Trip
- Contact Us



**Mile High Country Colorado**  
is waiting for you...

**When:** June 19-24, 2016

**Where:** Loveland, Colorado

**Why:** For a Great Model A Time  
in the Rocky Mountain State

**Hosted by:** Model A Ford Club of Colorado

[Click here for a preview!](#)

[Haven't made up your mind yet? Click here!](#)



The 2016 MAFCA Convention is hosted by  
Model A Ford Club of Colorado  
[ModelA2016@gmail.com](mailto:ModelA2016@gmail.com)



0

<http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/>



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  
children 11 & under are FREE

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/>



**Host Hotel**

**Holiday Inn Perrysburg - French Quarter**  
10630 Fremont Pike (US Rt. 20/23), Perrysburg, OH 43551



Room Rate is \$99 per night, plus applicable taxes

For Reservations, call 1-888-874-2592 or 419-874-3111

(You will need a Credit Card to make a Reservation)

Cut-off Date for this Rate – June 1, 2016

When making reservations, tell them you are with the 'Model A Restorers Group'

Limit 2 Rooms per Reservation



Other Questions... contact Sandy Fox, Sweet 16 A's

419-344-1110 or [sunfox511@hotmail.com](mailto:sunfox511@hotmail.com)

**PAST EVENTS:**  
**ROCK-FORD A'S AT MODEL A DAY IN AMANA, IOWA**  
*(photos courtesy of ToniLynn Carlson)*



**PAST EVENTS:**  
**ROCK-FORD A'S AT ANNUAL PICNIC**  
**MARTIN PARK – LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS**  
*(photos courtesy of Anne Laviolette)*



**New Members**

*Know anyone who is interested in buying a Model A Ford?  
Encourage them to join the Rock-Ford A's!*

**Member Concerns:** Cheryl Bradley - health,  
Mark Fehler - concussion, Doug Mather - recovery

**PAST EVENTS:  
AUGUST MEETING TECH-TALK - POINTS**



Ron Lanquist showed the difference between points which need to be replaced and . . .



. . . new points!



**MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB**  
6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135 USA



- U.S., Membership (Regular Mail) ..... \$40.00
  - U.S. & Canada Membership (Air Mail)..... \$52.00
  - International Membership (Air Mail)..... \$58.00 for the calendar year.
- Includes six issues of the Model "A" News. U.S. Funds Only

**APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP**

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is it ok to list email address in club roster (yes or no)? \_\_\_\_\_

Check, Visa, Master Card, Discover Card, American Express (Circle one)  
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ CVV (3 digit code on back of credit card) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE**

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Old Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_



<http://model-a-ford.org/>



<http://www.mafca.com/>

There are so many benefits to being a MARC and MAFCA member! Join today!

**Invitation To Join Model A Ford Club of America**

**New Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Benefits ~**  
 The Restorer magazine • Technical Support • Local Chapters • National Meets • Era Fashion Guidelines • "How To Restore" Series • Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines

Dues per year are  
 U.S. Membership - \$40  
 International Membership - \$50  
 International First Class - \$56  
 Make checks or money orders payable to MAFCA U.S. Funds Only

**For Credit Card Orders ~** Visa / MasterCard (circle one)  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Only \_\_\_\_\_ Membership + Initiation Package

**Optional Initiation Package For New Members Only**  
 1 - Back issue of The Restorer  
 1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin  
 1 - MAFCA Decal  
 1 - Name Badge  
 Only \$10 extra

Return this form and payment to:  
 MAFCA  
 250 South Cypress Street • La Habra, CA 90631-5515



**Patronize Our Advertisers**



RT. 72 & ROTHWELL RD. • STILLMAN VALLEY, IL 61084

PH: 815-645-2271  
 FX: 815-645-2740  
 DALE L. MATHISON TOLL FREE: 800-344-1934



**LaShelle Engine Restoration**

1802 Crossroads Lane  
 Freeport, IL 61032

*Antique - Classic - Industrial*  
**Model A Ford Rebabbing & Align Boring**

Jim LaShelle - Owner  
 Cell: 815-821-3546 • Home: 815-233-4803



**N3127 MEADOWLARK ROAD POYNETTE, WI 53955**

**Templin's Old Time Auto continues to be  
 a family run business dealing in both  
 new reproduction and used original  
 Model A Ford parts.**

**For Sale:** 1929 Model A Deluxe Roadster & 1931 Model A Murray Fordor  
**Contact:** Howard Stahlheber 815-562-2795 home

**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:** 1929 Model A Roadster body parts.  
**Contact:** Don Emmert 779-537-4163

**Wanted:** 1931 Deluxe Model A Roadster **Contact:** Paul Sheldan 815-558-2565

**For Sale:** 1933 BB Ford Dump truck, 4 cylinder C engine; overhauled; \$20,000  
**Contact:** Vern Eklund 815-282-4682; photo available from Chris Aupperle, Editor

**For Sale:** Like new Firestone wide whitewall 600x16 bias ply tires mounted on black, painted "35 Ford wheels 2/new hubcaps - \$400 firm; Nu-Rex auto-advance setup from 2003 brand new in the box - \$100. **Contact:** Larry Schmitz 815-703-5656

**For Sale:** 1929 special coupe project w/new wood kit \$5K; 1926 Star Roadster pickup \$6K; 1935 Ford fire truck \$8K; 1935 project Ford Fordor top smashed/cut off & replaced, needs finishing. **Contact:** Bob Wendt 815-238-2854 wendt@aeroinc.net.

**Rockton Hardware**  
**203 W. Hawick Street**  
**Rockton, IL**  
**(815) 624-6000**

**Don Stien**



**DONALD SELL**  
 President

**MIGHTY-MIG WELDING, INC.**  
**WELDING & FABRICATING**

4922 Torque Road  
 Loves Park, IL 61111

Shop 815.633.6577  
 Fax 815.633.6577

**For Sale:** Set of 4 used Model A original brake drums; not show quality - \$40.  
 One pair restored painted/machined front brake drums - \$50.  
**Contact:** Bob Bellard 608-362-8356, Beloit, WI

ROCKFORD, IL 61110  
 P.O. BOX 4001

