



# 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, October 4

*Fall Tour of Havencrest  
Castle, lunch at  
Café Crumbles, tour  
Palisades State Park,  
shopping & ice cream in Mt.  
Carroll, Illinois*



Tuesday, October 28  
7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

*Tech-Talk:  
Lady A's Chat:*

Sunday, November 9  
5:00 cocktails  
6:00 dinner

Annual Banquet – Thunder Bay Grille  
*Rockford, Illinois*



*Great  
food,  
fellowship  
and door  
prizes!*

*Please see insert for reservation/menu information*

Saturday, February 7  
12:00 noon  
(tentative date)

Annual Soup Lunch Meeting  
*Central Christian Church*

*2015 Club dues can be paid now!*

*Make your check for \$15.00 payable to:*

*Rock-Ford A's*

*Mail to:  
Jim Morley, Treasurer  
4538 Dellview Drive  
Rockford, IL 61109*



# Ford Fun

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

**September 30, 2014 Meeting Minutes** – submitted by Chris Aupperle



- Welcome – 51 in attendance today!
- Thank you, Larry & Marliiss Schmitz and Jeff Kennedy for cookies!
- Welcome guests and members. Thanks to those who helped set up and clean up!
- 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 – see on this page of newsletter.
- Social concerns – notify us if any one needs cheer or encouragement.
- Past events: 80 at Club picnic; 7 cars drove to Amana, Iowa; good turn out at IRRM Vintage Extravaganza; 9 cars at CCC Car Show (Laviolette's car won an award; 13 cars at Roscoe Lions Parade – thank you to sponsor Don Stien; 7 cars went with the Great Lakes A's on Int'l Model A Day tour; Dave Clark attended the Hill and Valley Show at Cross Plains, Wis.; 14 cars at Stillman Valley Parade and thank yous to Dave and Sara Werckle for hosting dessert at their home!
- Future events: Fall tour to Havencrest Castle led by Russ Kothe, Annual Club Banquet 11/9
- Next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.

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



as of 9-30-2014

Checkbook balance on 8-31-2014	\$4418.86
Cash on hand	<u>150.00</u>
Total balance on 8-31-14	\$4568.86
<b>Income</b>	
Pre-paid – Fall Tour	816.00
Pre-paid – Nov. Banquet	221.00
Stillman Valley Parade	100.00
Transfer from cash	<u>9.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 175.25
<b>Expenses</b>	
Chris Aupperle – Aug. picnic supplies;	
Aug./Sept. mailings	255.48
Russ Kothe - Tour planning fuel	81.00
Kathy Forbes – Club vests	<u>781.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1117.48
Checkbook balance on 9-30-14	\$4483.38
Cash on hand	<u>150.00</u>
Total balance on 8-31-14	\$4633.38

***Glimpse from the Gavel***



*Bill Aupperle, President*

I can't believe October is upon us. We've enjoyed an activity-filled Summer with great outings and tours. But, the Model A fun isn't over; the **Fall Tour & November Banquet** are still to come.

Russ Kothe has planned a wonderful Fall tour for Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Rain or shine, I know it will be great.

Overall member participation is increasing and new members are seeking us out to join an active club. Take the initiative to introduce yourself and get to know our new members.

Finally, Fall Banquet forms are out; send your reservations, menu choices and money to Jim Morley promptly. *Bill*

**Editor's Extras**



Chris Aupperle, Editor

Photos tell an interesting story and this month's "Member's Corner" features a photo of a familiar couple you might know! However, there are a lot more interesting stories out there from the rest of our members so send or email your car story today! This is a fairly unique hobby from a remarkable period in American history. Send or email your car story today! We want to see your car (and you) here next month!

Thank you,

*Chris*

**Member's Corner: 1931 Tudor - "Hildaford"**

Chris and I have been members of the Rock-Ford A's for 9 years. We joined the club without a Model A, but within a month, a Tudor had found a place in our garage. The hobby has been a great opportunity to enjoy our interests together.

Chris likes the era fashions and I like working on the Model A. I will readily admit that Chris has been more successful at the national fashion competitions than I have with making the Tudor worthy of judging, even at the 'Touring Class' level. We've worked it out—she buys shoes and I get to buy pistons. I think it'll be fun for a long time.

We have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of a great Club. Sooner or later, we will relinquish our positions as officers on the Rock-Ford A's committee. However, the camaraderie and friendships formed will continue long after. We look forward to another great year—2015.



Thank you.

***By Bill and Chris Aupperle***

# This Month's Tech-Tip: Isolating Road Troubling in 10 Minutes

The engine requires 3 componens to run . . .Fuel, Compression and Ignition. 95% of roadside failures are ignition, 4 %fuel, and 1% compression. So follow the infallible guide for a quick diagnosis of roadside engine failure.

**TEST 1 -** Open the points or place paper between contacts, Ignition switch On, test for 6 volts at the tip of the points. If this test fails, go to TEST 3. You now know the problem is in the ignition circuit. If there is voltage at the points, go to TEST 2.



Checking Voltage at points.

**TEST 2 -** Remove high tension wire from the distributor cap and place or hold it 1/8" from one of the head nuts (or a bare ground). Ignition switch ON, open and close the points with a screwdriver. The points should spark each time they open and close. Each time the points open, a bright blue arc should jump from the tip of the high tension wire to the head nut. This tests the coil for high voltage output.



Checking High Voltage from coil.

**TEST 3 -** When test 1 fails, the problem may or may not be in the distributor. Remove the ignition cable from the distributor body and test for 6 volts at the tip of the ignition cable with ignition switch ON. If there is voltage, the trouble has been isolated to somewhere in the distributor body. Replace distributor.

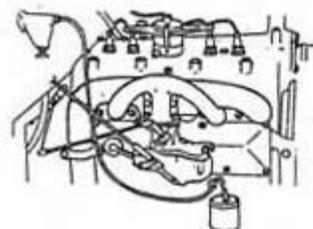


Checking Voltage from ignition switch.

When tests 1 and 3 test OK, the probability is the ignition circuit is OK. When tests 1, 2 or 3 fail, the problem is in the ignition circuit and further testing can trace the problem to the failed part. Use the Ignition Circuit Schematic on the previous page to trace down the problem. With the ignition key ON or OFF, there should always be battery voltage measured at both coil terminals and at both wing nuts on the terminal box. Always check for loose connections at the ammeter.

If the Ignition circuit tests OK, the next probability is FUEL.

**TEST 4 -** Remove the fuel line from the carburetor and drain a little fuel in a container (gas shutoff valve ON) to make sure a strong flow of fuel is going to the carburetor. If a strong fuel flow is present, the problem is probably in the carburetor. Replace the carburetor.



Fuel Test

**TEST 5 -** If tests 1 through 4 test OK, proceed with a compression test of each cylinder. Compression in each cylinder should be 50 PSI or more. A cylinder that measures no compression, or 10 lbs or less than other cylinders, indicates a possible blown head gasket or stuck valve.



Compression Test

## Fashion Fun -Hairstyling in the Model A Era

Men of the business and social world were most often clean shaven, wore parted, short hair, often slicked down with pomade. Sideburns were usually short. Mustaches were small and less frequently seen. Hats were worn during Formal events, with business suits, and sporting activities, but removed when indoors.

Children's hair was often a copy of adults but usually a softer, more informal version.

Even before 1927, women had entered the working world, speakeasy's and rumble seats. Many women cut their



"Crowning glory" into short "Bob's" (hair worn short and close to the head). First seen as straight with bangs, it evolved to softer waved styles. They were achieved with a heated "Marcel iron", pin curls or a finger wave.

Machine waves were also becoming popular (if you had an entire day to spend in the beauty salon) as they allowed the styles to last between washings.



Foreheads and cheekbones were usually softened by "Dips" (waves), or curls



Longer hair was controlled at the nape of the neck in one or more soft rolls, a loose knot or a cluster of curls. Although loose hair was allowed on young girls, women were considered 'cheap' if they wore their hair this way.

# 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>



## 2014 MAFCA ELECTION NEWS

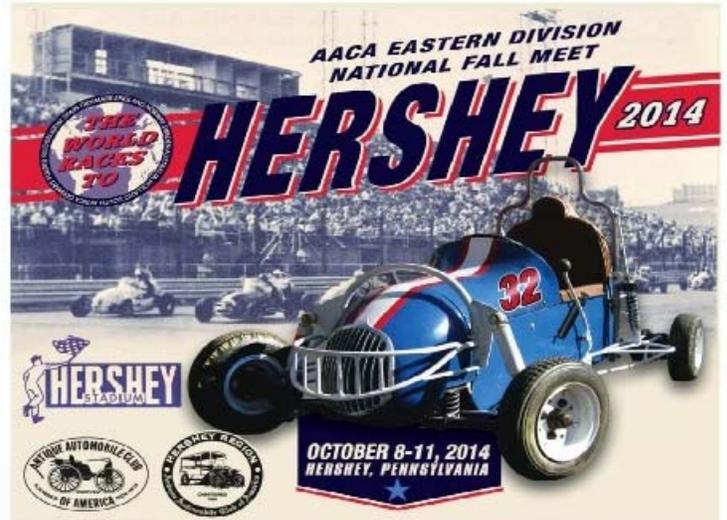
September 11 - This fall, MAFCA members will vote for 5 candidates for election to the Board of Directors. There are seven candidates this year and their biographies will be published in the next *Restorer Magazine*. Those biographies are also on the website, and you can [read them here](#).

Deadline for returning the ballots to MAFCA is October 15, 2014.



[http://www.mafca.com/board\\_candidates\\_2014.html](http://www.mafca.com/board_candidates_2014.html)

From the MARC website:  
October 8-11, 2014



<http://www.hersheyaaca.org/index.html>



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

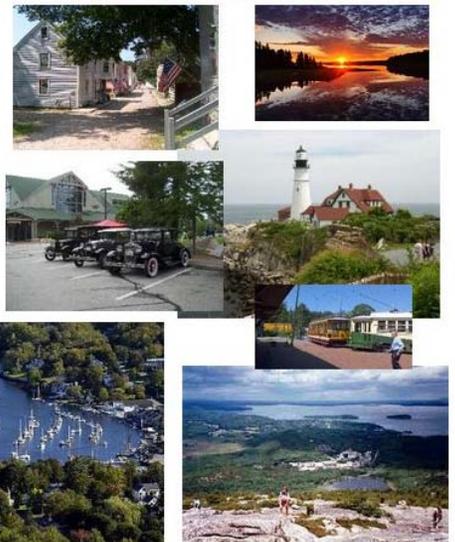
Register Now and Join the Fun!!!!



MAFCA 2015  
National Tour  
Registration Form  
Register Now

Tour Itinerary  
Information Hotel  
& Motels

Portland Land/Sea  
Tours



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

# Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 9, 2014 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, Wood-fired Chicken, Dijon Pork Chop or Cedar Planked Salmon  
(Cost includes meal includes salad, sweet biscuits, non-alcoholic beverage)

The Club will pay tax, gratuity, and coffee/pop. Cash bar available.  
Prices shown are as last year's – Club has picked up the \$1.00 per menu item increase.

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

Bring both to the Tuesday, October 28, 2014 meeting or mail by no later than Wednesday, October 29 to:

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

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

Name	Name	
_____	_____	8 oz. Prime Rib with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes \$16.00
_____	_____	Wood-fired Chicken with Yukon gold mashed potatoes \$12.00
_____	_____	Cedar Planked Salmon with wild rice & steamed broccoli \$16.00
_____	_____	Dijon Pork Chop with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes \$13.00

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Welcome Our New Members !

Be sure to make friends with our new members. Offer a ride in your car, lend a hand for repair troubleshooting. Get to know some new friends and share the love of the hobby. It's not about the Ford, but about the friends in the Ford!

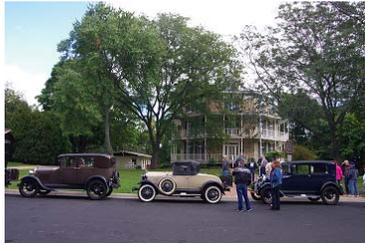
### Member Concerns

Prayers and encouragement for Luana Richardson (762 Kocher St., Rockton, IL 61072); healing for Wayne Henson - ankle

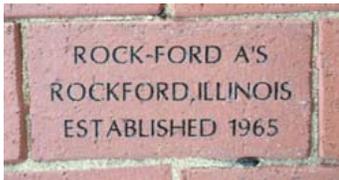
## PAST EVENTS: AMANA IOWA, INT'L MODEL A DAY; TRIP TO GILMORE; LADY A'S CHAT



Tony Whitney, Elaine & Paul Donley enjoying a bite to eat after the Amana trip



Great Lakes A's and Rock-Ford A's at the Octagon House during International Model A Day trip



Rock-Ford A's (and Ron Lanquist) at Gilmore Car Museum on Model A Ford Day



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Kathy Forbes gets "crafty" and presents a ribbon project during a Lady A's Chat



### MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135

Membership Dues: Regular Mail: U.S. \$38;

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Includes 6 issues of Model "A" News over a calendar year.

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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL address \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle one:  Check |  Visa |  Master Card |  Discover Card

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### Free Membership Program

As you may know, MAFCA is offering a year's free membership to Model A enthusiasts who are not MAFCA members. This program has been met with excitement throughout the world and so far has been very successful in introducing MAFCA to new members. But, there is some small confusion. This is being offered to people who have not been MAFCA members before. It is designed to encourage people interested in the Model A hobby to join our family. It is not meant to be used for renewals. The Board of Directors encourages the chapters to continue to provide these free applications to prospective members.

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

#### New Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ~ Membership Benefits ~

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

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1 - MAFCA Decal

1 - Name Badge

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2009 Membership Form

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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

**Want to sell/trade:** Have new '30-'31 radiator stone guard & running boards; need same for my '29. Also need removable inspection plate from top of bell housing for a '29 **Contact:** Lowell Daniels 815-633-0789 or lwd1337@sbcglobal.net

**For Sale:** 1930 Tudor; runs great! **Contact:** Jay Carlson 815-847-0929

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

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