



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: more events on page 2

Table with 2 columns: Date/Time and Event Name/Details. Includes events like Central Christian Church Car Show, Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade, Beckman Mill Heritage Sunday, etc.



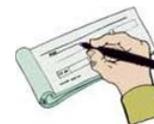
Have you told your friends about the Rock-Ford A's?
Car ownership is not necessary!

**August 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes** – submitted by Chris Aupperle



1. Welcome – 44 in attendance today!
2. Thank you, Kathy Forbes for arranging our picnic location.
3. Welcome guests and members. Thanks to those who helped set up and clean up!
4. 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 – see on this page of newsletter.
6. Social concerns – notify us if any one needs cheer or encouragement.
7. Past events: Several members attended Vintage Extravaganza at the IRR Museum – always a nice time!
8. Future events: 9/6 Cent. Christian Church Car Show with pies; 9/7 Roscoe parade sponsored by member Don Stien; 9/12 Fairhaven Car Show; 9/13 Tour with Great Lake's A; 9/20 Hill & Valley show/tour; 9/20 Model A Day at Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan; 9/28 Stillman Valley parade with dessert at Dave & Sara Werckle's; Fall tour date and local still being planned.
9. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.

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



as of 8-31-2014

Checkbook balance on 7-27-2014	\$4488.00
Cash on hand	<u>109.00</u>
Total balance on 6-22-14	\$4597.00

Income

Dues	15.00
50/50 at Picnic	50.00
Mt. Morris Parade	100.00
Transfer from cash	9.00
Coffee money	<u>1.25</u>
Total Income	\$ 175.25

Expenses

Chris Aupperle - newsletter	55.15
Check printing	34.24
Picnic shelter rental	60.00
Bruce Adams – Int'l Model A Day patches	<u>45.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 194.39

Checkbook balance on 8-31-14	\$4418.86
Cash on hand	<u>150.00</u>
Total balance on 8-31-14	\$4568.86

***Glimpse from the Gavel***



*Bill Aupperle, President*

Summer is winding down, however, there are still many events, tours and activities on the calendar. Make note especially of the **Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade**, Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. An easy follow-up trip could be done to Beckman Mill that afternoon.

Note the destination change for **Int'l Model A Day Tour** with the Great Lakes As is now to the Octagon House, Watertown, Wisconsin. Let me know ASAP if you plan to attend. We're making reservations.

A group also has formed for a trip to the Gilmore Museum. See Jim Morley for details. (This will be a 'modern car' trip.)

I hope to find enough events so there will be something of interest for everyone.

*Bill*

**Editor's Extras**

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Every trip and tour makes memories and they are enhanced by photos. This month's "Member's Corner" features Anne & Lee Laviolette, new members who recently acquired a very nice "old" car (just below on this page!). Let's continue to learn from each other and in so doing, become a fellowship of enthusiasts dedicated to enhancing this unique hobby and learning some 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: 1930 Deluxe Coupe - "Clara"**

I've wanted an antique car with a rumble seat for as long as I can remember. Last September my very understanding husband and I talked to several members of the Rock-Ford A's at the Roscoe Fall Festival Parade and were urged to join the club. They told us that they would help us find "our" car.

After several trips to see what people had to offer and leaving empty-handed, we were steered toward Winnebago and brought "Clara" home in May (thanks Jim, Ron, and Jack!). She was exactly what I wanted! We've been learning as we go, mostly doing lots of cleaning, several years of back maintenance with the help of club members, and discovering the nuances of the "double-clutch".

We haven't been on any tours yet, but enjoy going to the local car shows and driving around the area in our "head-turner". I can't think of a better way to spend a day than driving around in our "new" car, with or without someone in the rumble seat. Ahooga!



*By Anne Laviolette*

## Back Flush!

by Tom Endy

The cooling system on a Model A Ford can get pretty crudded up with rust, calcium, and also with grease from the water pump. If the radiator has been in service for a long time it is best to remove it and take it to a radiator shop (preferably to one that is knowledgeable of Model A radiators) and have it rodded out.

The engine block and the head are also usually crudded up, especially with rust. This is where a technique called back flushing can be affective. Back flushing of the radiator can also be affective if the cooling tubes are not hopelessly plugged up. The trick is to force water through the system backwards to the direction it normally flows.

Various cleaning solutions have been suggested for use in dislodging the cooling system crud. Some have suggested a combination of oxalic acid with a baking soda rinse. Others have suggested liquid Cascade dishwasher solution. There are also commercial cooling system cleaning agents available from most auto parts stores. Whatever cleaning agent is used, it is best to finish up by back flushing the system.

## This Month's Tech-Tip

In order to back flush the Model A cooling system some special adapters need to be fabricated. Two plugs with a hole drilled in them must be made up, one to fit the large upper radiator hose, the other to fit the smaller lower radiator hose. The holes in the plugs should be tapped with a pipe thread. The plugs are then fitted to provide garden hose connections. The two plugs can be cut from steel or aluminum round stock.

All the other hardware can be obtained from a local hardware store. Standard Model A radiator hoses and clamps are used to connect up the flushing apparatus.

To back flush the radiator, connect the adapters to the two radiator hose bibs. With a garden hose connected to the bottom hose bib adapter run water through the radiator backwards to the normal flow. Be sure to put the radiator cap on. A suggestion, connect the garden hose to your laundry machine hot water spigot and back flush with hot water. A second garden hose may be connected to the top radiator hose bib adapter to carry the exiting water to a suitable drain.

To back flush the engine, disconnect the radiator from the engine and install the two adapters to the engine. The large adapter is connected to the water outlet on top of the head. The small adapter is attached to the water inlet on the left side of the block. It is also suggested that the water pump be removed and a blanking plate be installed over the opening in the head. Connect a garden hose from the hot water spigot to the large adapter on top of the head. Connect a second hose to the smaller adapter on the side of the block and lead it off to a drain. Begin the back flushing. You can also start the engine up to add some vibration if desired. The hot water will not only aid in flushing the engine, it will also prevent the possibility of cracking the block with the use of cold water if you run the engine. ☺



Shown above are the two adapters and the water pump blanking plate. The long hose is the upper (larger diameter) hose. The short hose is the lower (smaller diameter) hose.

<http://www.ocmaf.org/techarticles/Tom%20Endy%27s%20Special%20Topics/Back%20Flush.pdf>

## Fashion Fun - "Are You a Wood Nymph?"

### Rayon, the New Fabric of the Model A Era

By Peggy Gill

During the model A years of 1928-1931, rayon was a relatively new fabric that was gaining popularity in the fashion industry primarily due to its look, feel, and versatility in garments. In its infancy, rayon was often referred to as "artificial silk," but it was, in fact, the very first man-made fiber. Unlike modern nylon and polyester which are petroleum based products, rayon is made from natural plant material, primarily wood pulp, so it is considered a semi-synthetic fiber.

In December of 1931, an article found in Popular Mechanics Magazine stated that the question had recently arisen as to "just how much wood a woman carries when fully dressed." This led to calculations by textile experts of the time to show that the average-sized woman requires a log approximately the size of the one shown in the illustration to the right.<sup>1</sup>



### But what exactly is rayon, and how is it made?



A device for spinning Viscose Rayon dating from 1901

Rayon is a versatile fiber that has the same comfort properties as other natural fibers. It is made from purified cellulose, which is the primary component of the cell walls in green plants. In the case of rayon, wood is usually the main ingredient. The cellulose is chemically converted into a soluble compound and then this solution is dissolved and forced through a "spinneret" to produce filaments which are chemically solidified, resulting in synthetic fibers of nearly pure cellulose.<sup>iii</sup> The fibers themselves are soft, smooth, and highly absorbent which allows them to easily absorb colors when dyed, and also makes them particularly useful for hot and humid climates. Their texture, when woven into a fabric, imitate the feel and texture of silk, wool, cotton, and linen and today are used in garments that range from delicate lingerie to heavy winter coats.<sup>iii</sup>

On a side note...



### For the Seamstress: Using Rayon Fabric in Reproduction Garments

For those of you interested in era fashions, be sure to take into account your pattern when choosing to work with rayon fabric. In researching the attributes of this fabric, many experts stated that in addition to the soft, smooth, and absorbent properties that make this fabric so desirable for garment construction, it also has a wonderful draping quality. This is a plus for those styles that flow and fall from the shoulders and hips. However, rayon *does not* hold pleats well, something I read about in my research about two weeks too late.

<http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Are%20You%20a%20Wood%20Nymph.pdf>

## MARC National Meet

June 21 to 26



Niagara Falls 2015

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"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 National Tour**  
**Maine Lobsters and Lighthouses**  
**Kennebunkport, Maine**  
**June 7-12**



Celebrate **International Model A Ford Day** with the Great Lakes A's tour to the Octagon House in Watertown, Wisconsin on **Saturday, September 13.**

There will be a lunch stop.

This is a change of plans due to poor road conditions to the previous destination. Details are still being formulated. If interested, please contact Bill Aupperle at (815) 397-4059.

## 2014 National Tour

September 21 - 24, 2014  
Cary, North Carolina

Tar Wheel A's Region



<http://www.tarwheela.com/home/2014national-generalinfo>

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/62998b2bad1f56bbc00b476f7/files/ccae820-8dd0-4544-bbc8-3663c31b23aa.pdf>

Model A Ford Day at the Gilmore Car Museum  
Hickory Corners, Michigan  
Saturday, September 20, 2014



9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Gilmore Car Museum and the Model A Ford Foundation features the world's largest museum dedicated solely to the Model A Ford! 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 on the 90-acre Historic Campus of the Gilmore Car Museum.

General Admission: \$10.00/person; children 11 & under FREE  
Includes all museum exhibits at no extra charge

[www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/events.php?s=model-a-ford-day](http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/events.php?s=model-a-ford-day)

MAFFI, the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. has the host hotel as the Four Points by Sheraton, 3600 E Cork St. Kalamazoo, MI 49001. There is a special Model A rate so you need to mention Model A to get the rate of \$89 a night.

[www.maffi.org/index.htm](http://www.maffi.org/index.htm)

# 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

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

Please let us know of anyone who needs a word, card, call or expression of care and concern!

### PAST EVENTS: TRIP TO DUBLIN, OHIO; ANNUAL PICNIC; "M.A.Y.H.E.M."



Members at the Arthritis Foundation Cruise-In & Classic Auto Show in Dublin, Ohio

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This car club loves food and fellowship!

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### Monthly meeting of "M.A.Y.H.E.M."- Model A yers Help Every Member



"We work on stuff but it doesn't necessarily mean we fix it!"



### MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. Date \_\_\_\_\_ last 3 digit code on back of credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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1 - Back Issue of The Restorer

1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin

1 - MAFCA Decal

1 - Name Badge

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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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