



ROCK-FORD A's

MANIFOLD NEWS

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Calendar of Events

Saturday

March 17, 2012 line up 2:00
parade 3:00

St. Patrick's Day Parade – Rockford

Line up westbound on 4th Avenue at 7th Street

Tuesday

March 27, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

*Tech-Talk: Transmission take-apart
Lady A's Chat: Video - Dating a vintage brooch*

Tuesday

April 24, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Saturday

May 5, 2012

Spring Day Tour

Saturday

May 19, 2012 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

7th Annual EAA Spring Fling
Pancake Breakfast, Auto Show, & Fly-In

Beloit Airport

2012 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*

1. Welcome – 57 in attendance today!
2. Thanks members who brought dishes to pass and the following soup chefs: Alice Whitney, Nan Stewart, Jenny Plymale, Kathy Forbes, Sharon Anderson, Lana Peters, Pauline Lawhorn, Pauline Clark, Sara Werckle, Bea Linquist, Bonnie Justis, Chris Aupperle and anyone else we might have missed!

3. Treasurer's Report as of 12/17/11, submitted by Jim Morley, Treasurer

Checkbook balance as of 10/21/11	\$4229.10
Cash on hand	<u>144.00</u>
Total balance	\$4373.10

Income =	Dues	244.00
	Prepaid dinners	783.44
	50/50 & raffle	<u>142.00</u>
	Total Income	\$1185.44

Expenses =	Stamps & copies	23.37
	Banquet name cards	36.02
	Banquet door prizes	172.09
	Banquet cake	88.00
	Thunder Bay Rest.	1493.72
	Meeting Room	320.00
	MARC dues	<u>7.50</u>
	Total Expenses	\$2140.70

Checkbook balance as of 12/21/11	\$3273.84
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total balance	\$3373.84

Glimpse from the Gavel

Bill Aupperle, Director



Welcome to another year of travels, tech-tips and times to enjoy each other's friendship! Continue to support your Club by coming to meetings, helping with Tech-Talks, and contributing ideas for upcoming activities and tours.

Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin is only a few months away – think about what you can do!

Drive safely . . .

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



The "Manifold News" continues to need members' news about their Model A's. Let me know how you acquired your car, repairs you've done, travels and trials with your Model A, etc.

Please contact me if you are not getting your newsletter via email or postal delivery – we want to keep you in touch!

Members' Corner : Mike Peters' 1928 Model A Tudor

These photos are proof that actual Model A work is now proceeding on our trusty 28 Tudor. Engine swap. The engine in the car was stuffed in this AM. The one over on the floor by itself was pulled last week. Knocks after warm up. Definitely the beginning of the end. If the new engine doesn't work out, I'll send the old motor down to Skokie for our friend Richard to redo.

Estimated lift off sometime tomorrow barring unforeseen problems. I bought the replacement engine a few years ago from Dan Burda of Woodstock. Dan likes to buy up Model A motors with good babbit and rebuild the top end. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

I hit a snag today. Got it started this AM, but there was a tappet noise. I thought it was a stuck valve, so I pulled off the manifold and valve cover. In the front intake port was a large hunk of broken valve guide. That explained the loud clicking noise. I pulled the head, removed the valve and discovered that the valve also was bent. So I dug up a used valve and set of guides that I will try to install tomorrow. I can't explain why a valve guide would break, but the lack of a full guide does explain why the valve got bent.

The broken guide in this engine might explain why Rich Falucca has replaced the original two piece Ford guides with one piece guides in his rebuilt engines. A one piece guide would be twice and strong as a two piece guide.

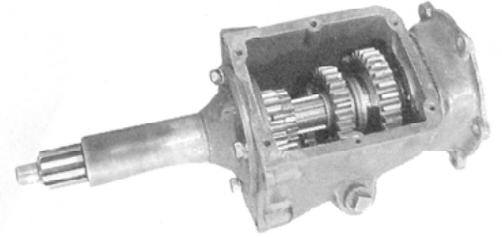
Will keep you posted on progress . Mike Peters



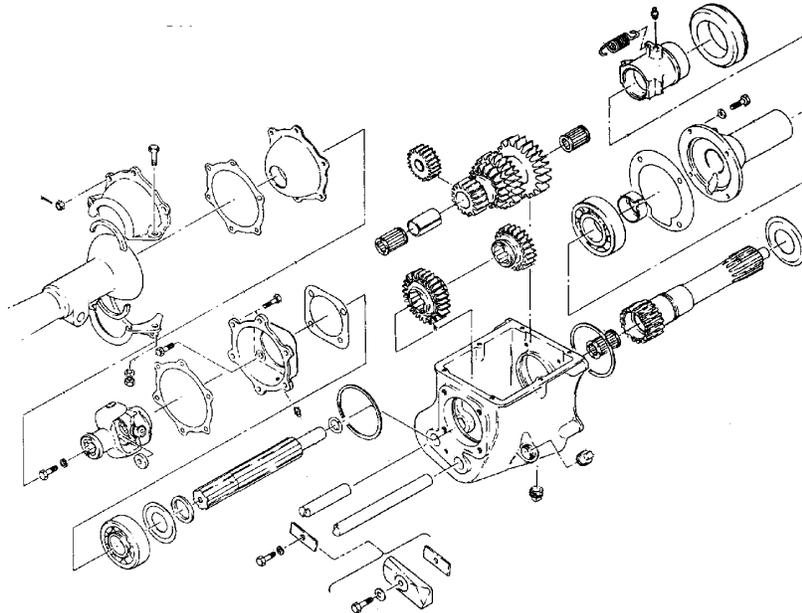
My trusty dogs lying by the hot wood stove. The Weiner dog uses the big dog as a heat pad.

Tech-Talk Preview

Our March 27th Tech-Talk will feature a video detailing the rebuilding and restoration of the Model A 3-speed transmission and gear shift tower. Following the video, there will be several transmissions to 'wrench on' for plenty of 'hands-on' activity and round table discussion. Quite a few parts in one of these...



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Fashion Fun - Art Deco Jewelry (1920-1935)



"The Art Deco Period, which began circa 1920 and ended around 1935, produced dazzling jewelry which was in sharp contrast to the jewelry of the previous periods. The emphasis shifted from soft colors and flowing lines to bold, bright colors and straight lines. Women cut their long locks and began wearing their hair short and boyish. This was the era of Jazz and flappers. Art Deco jewelry complimented the flamboyant and playful attitude of the day. Egyptian influences were strong and motifs like the sphinx and falcon were popular. New geometric cuts for gems went hand-in-hand with the symmetry and streamlined look of Art Deco jewelry. Long earrings were popular, along with diamond watches, pearls, beads, and cocktail rings. Emeralds, sapphires and rubies became the gems of choice in Art Deco jewelry."

from: www.topazery.com/jewelry-periods.htm

Member Concerns

Sympathy to Dan Campbell and family on the death of his daughter

Welcome New Members to the Club

Randy Jones
Randy Trueblood 8739 Shirley, Belvidere, IL 61008
Charles Milazzo 3350 Shelburne Dr., Rockford, IL 61109
David Zumdahl 129 N. Fox Run, Byron, IL 61010

PAST EVENTS:

NOVEMBER, 2011 BANQUET



FEBRUARY SOUP LUNCHEON



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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

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1 - MAFCA Decal
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MAFCA

250 South Cypress Street • La Habra, CA 90631-5515

Source: MAFCA Web Site
2009 Membership Form

Rock-Ford A's Tool Inventory

Ron "Toolman" Ortberg

These tools were purchased by the Club and are available for all members to use!

4 Jack Stands
Axle Seal Drive Tool
Brake Lining Rivot Tool
Brake Shoe arcing machine
Bushing Remover
Camshaft Nut Wrench
Carburator Extra Long Socket
Carburator Jet Tap
Cherry Picker
Cowl Lite Locator Punch
Door Hinge Pin Remover
Engine No. Stamping Set (Larry has)
Engine Stand
Front Spring Spreader
Front-end Toe-in Tool
Heavy Duty Gas Gauge Tool
Ignition Spark Tester
Ignition Voltage Tester
Mechanics Stethoscope
Pinion Bearing Nut Wrench
Piston Ring Grove Cleaner
Rachet Nut Wrench
Reamers (with handles):
 Distriburtor Shaft (.500)
 Front Brake Shaft (.559)
 Front Spindle(king pins-.814)
 Pedal Shart Bushing (.874)
 Rear Brake Camshaft (.688)
 Steering sector (1.125)
Rear Hub Puller
Rear Spring Spreader
Shifter Spring Tool
Spud Wrench--1^{1/2}"
Steering Wheel Puller
Valve Guide Removal Tool
Wheel Balancer



MARC National Meet Oshkosh, Wisconsin

June 11 – 15, 2012

Most of the activities will be on the EAA Grounds where 80,000 people come daily to the annual aircraft convention from all over the world each summer. Pioneer Airport is a 1930's replica of era airports with grass runway, hangers, equipment and antique aircraft.

Small town environment, rural views, no expressways. Plus, Main Street, where portions of "public enemies" was filmed.

For more information, call 920-688-2294 or

jeramar@northnet.net

THE 365TH DAY OF A

By: Jonathan Klinger reprinted courtesy of HagertyPlus, LLC, copyright 2012, www.hagerty.com

As I turn onto Route 39 for the final leg of my journey into Hershey, Pennsylvania, I've just spent the last three days on the road reflecting on my experiences driving this 81-year-old car every day for the past year. For several years I'd been thinking about driving an old car for 365 consecutive days simply to prove that they should be driven and are reliable, and that you don't have to be a millionaire. When I mentioned the idea to McKeel Hagerty during lunch one day, he challenged me to go through with it.

Not wanting to back down from the challenge, I started searching for the right car. It had to be old enough that most people would find it a hardship to drive every day. It also had to be affordable, reliable and easily serviced. The 1930 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan I found fit the bill perfectly. Initially known as "Sophie," I affectionately refer to her as "The Mighty Model A," and together we've logged 15,000 miles over the past year. The rules were simple: The Model A was to be my primary source of transportation regardless of distance or weather. The only exception was that I would be allowed to drive a model rental car if I traveled by plane for business purposes.

Living in northern Michigan, about 6,000 of those miles were through the winter months with significant snow and occasional sub-zero temperatures. Many people were curious about how the car handled in the snow and if it had a heater. As it turned out, it handled great in the snow and yes, I did have a period-correct exhaust manifold heater, which worked surprisingly well. Making it through the winter without a single incident was one of the highlights of the experience.

My daily commute was 14 miles each way on a curvy road with a 45 mph speed limit. The Mighty Model A comfortably cruises at 50 mph, so my daily routine was not slowed. Long trips, on the other hand, such as the 420 miles to visit my mother, jumped from eight to 14 hours. In addition to this final three-day, 750-mile road trip to Hershey, during the year I drove from northern Michigan to Detroit twice, Indianapolis once and even enjoyed a trip across Lake Michigan on the SS *Badger* steam ferry.

to be continued next month . . .



2012 MARC Membership Meet

April 12-15

Perrysburg, Ohio

Come from the East, come from the West, come from the North or South. Just come to Perrysburg, Ohio next April, and experience the warmth and hospitality of Northwestern Ohio. Our Host Hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn, located in Levis Commons 6165 Levis Commons Blvd. Perrysburg, Ohio

Call the Hilton at 419-878-0700

Mention Model A Restorers Club for the Meet rate of \$109.00

<http://modelarestorers.org/newsmanager/anmviewer.asp?a=99&z=3>



July 24, 2011

Hello Fellow Model A'ers

Just ran across a great website for you to look at. The information on it will help you get a good idea about the Upper Peninsula and the endless things to do and see. Scan through the many subheadings and start planning some things to do before, during, or after the 2012 Convention. <http://hunts-upguide.com/>

For More 2012 Convention information you can contact:

The Superior A's, 337 W. Washington Street, Marquette, MI. 49855 1-800-544-4321

Steven Pellinen, 272 Hill Street, Ishpeming MI. 906-485-1552;

or by going to <http://superiorclub.com/>.

You can also reply to this email with any questions, concerns, or helpful comments. June 2012 is fast approaching and we are anxiously waiting to see all of you.

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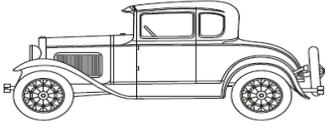
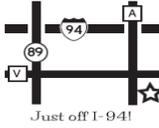
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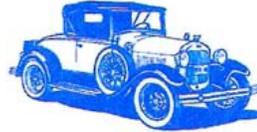
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Contact Dan Campbell for details 847-565-9763 or camclan10@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: 1988 Ford Thunderbird; 41,000 miles; custom built; excellent cond., \$5000. Contact Jerry Carpenter for details 815-232-2308

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