



# 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 and Activities

Sun. August 4	23rd Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois
Sat. August 17	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Iowa Model A Day in Amana, Iowa <a href="http://www.hawkamodelaclub.org/component/content/article/3-up-comming-events/142-imad2013">www.hawkamodelaclub.org/component/content/article/3-up-comming-events/142-imad2013</a>
Tues. August 20 4 - 7:00 p.m.	Boone County Historical Museum Ice Cream Social
Sun., Aug. 25 Noon	Annual Club Picnic – <b>no other Club meeting this month</b> <i>Roland and Gladys Olson Swedish Heritage Park 7901 Harlem Road (across from Rock Cut State Park)</i> <i>Bring a dish to pass; beverage, meat, tableware provided</i>
Sat., Sept. 7 9:00-3:00	Central Christian Church Car Show <i>\$8.00 car entree fee; \$10 day of show <a href="http://www.ccrckfordcarshow.com/#!show-flyer">www.ccrckfordcarshow.com/#!show-flyer</a></i>
Sun., Sept. 8 10:00 line up 11:00 step-off	Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade <i>Rockton Hardware &amp; Stillman Bank-our sponsors! Line up at Main &amp; Grove Sts., but enter from McDonald Road</i>
Sat., Sept. 14 12-3:00 p.m.	Model A Day at the Conservatory <i>Nicholas Gardens, Rockford They are encouraging us to dress vintage! Each car displayed gets free tickets to the Conservatory for another day – a \$12.00 value!</i>
Sat., Sept. 21	Hill & Valley Antique Auto & Americana Show <i>Cross Plains, Wisconsin <a href="http://www.travelwisconsin.com/events/fairs-festivals/hill-valley-antique-auto-americana-show-43704">www.travelwisconsin.com/events/fairs-festivals/hill-valley-antique-auto-americana-show-43704</a></i>
Tues., Sept. 24 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Sat., Sept. 28 11:00 at the museum	International Model A Day w/ the Great Lakes A's <i>Lunch and tour of historic Tallman House, Janesville, Wisc.</i>
Fri. – Sun., Sept. 27 – 29	Fall Jefferson, Wisconsin Car Show & Auto Swap Meet
Fri. & Sat., Sept. 27-28	Chicagoland Vintage Clothing, Jewelry & Textile Show / Sale <a href="http://www.catspajamasproductions.net/html/shows.htm">www.catspajamasproductions.net/html/shows.htm</a>
Sun., Sept. 29 12:00 line up 1:00 step-off	Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade <i>Line up behind high school off Meridian Raod</i>
<b>Thurs., Oct. 3 – date change</b>	Fall Tour to Sanfilippo Estate

**July 30, 2013 Meeting Minutes** – submitted by Chris Aupperle



1. Welcome – 34 in attendance today!
2. At MARC National Meet in Lexington – Aupperles, Donleys, and Whitneys.
3. Treasurer’s report – see this page in newsletter
4. Social Concerns – please let us know of needs and prayer support
5. Rock-Ford A’s custom shirts – contact Chris Weber at  
cw253748@hotmail.com
6. Interest in patches? Cody Steele can design for us - let’s discuss this.
7. Past events – 19 cars at Mt. Morris parade, 12 at Byron Fest parade, and 30 at the museum tour with the Great Lakes A’s, Wings & Wheels mid-summer fest.
8. Upcoming events – Mt. Morris and ByronFest parades; Wings and Wheels show at Poplar Grove Airport (admission free for Sunday show with car entry; Jim Morley has limited number of free tickets for Saturday – contact him)
9. Breakfast group continues – thank you John Hausen!
10. Upcoming Amana Model A Day trip – Morleys, Aupperles, Donleys, Lanquists, Manns, Russ Kothe & Bill Cummings and maybe more! You can still join us, but make your own hotel reservations.
11. Upcoming events – 8/4 at IRRM, 8/20 Car show & ice cream social at Boone Co. History Museum, 8/25 picnic, 9/7 Central Christian car show, 9/8 Roscoe parade, 9/14 car show at Nicholas Conservatory, 9/21 Hill & Valley, 9/28 Tour to Tallman House with the Great Lakes A’s to celebrate Int’l Model A Day.
12. Fall Tour to Sanfilippo Estate changed to Thurs., Oct. 3 -you won’t want to miss this event but we need at least 40 people to sign up. More details coming from Russ Kothe.
12. Four cars needed for wedding on Sat. 9/28 – contact Alice Whitney
12. No meeting last Tues. in August – come to the picnic instead!
13. Meeting adjourned.

**Next evening meeting is Tues. Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

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



**as of 07-30-13**

Checkbook balance on 06-25-13	\$3368.98
Cash on hand	<u>70.00</u>
Total balance on 10-22-12	\$3438.98

Income	
Dues	80.00
License topper sales	60.00
Denny Spradling donation	85.00
Jim LaShelle ad payment	30.00
Polo parade payment	150.00
Mt. Morris parade payment	100.00
Byron parade payment	<u>85.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 590.90

Expenses	
Flowers for Jerry Domeracki	<u>87.19</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 87.19

Checkbook balance on 06-25-13	\$3792.59
Cash on hand	<u>65.00</u>
Total balance on 07-30-13	\$3857.59

**Glimpse from the Gavel**

Bill Aupperle, Director



Keep your newsletter calendars handy. August and September are packed with activities. Make special note of the date change for the Fall Tour, from Tuesday, October 15th to Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>; more details will be coming.

Please continue to bring in 'Show & Tell' items and more topics you would like for Tech-Talk and Lady A's discussions. We all can benefit from sharing ideas.

Keep it between the lines. Be prepared. See you down the road.

**Editor’s Extras**

Chris Aupperle, Editor



This month’s Tech-Tip is a continuation of a website suggested by Dave Clark. Thanks, Dave, for sharing websites which offer troubleshooting tips for frustrated Model A owners!

It’s time to share your stories, folks. This makes the job of publishing this monthly newsletter much easier for me. PLEASE send me YOUR stories! I’m happy to help you write your article, too.

Let me know if you are not getting your newsletter via email or postal delivery – let’s keep in touch!

**Member’s Corner: from Bob Bellard**

I just want to remind all club members they need to see the car museum our club visited Saturday morning. It is greatly changed and improved since our club was there previously.

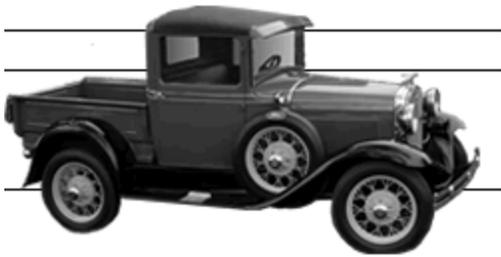
If our members didn't go because they saw it before, they need to revisit it because it is fantastic and has a seniors price. The museum is no longer just an auto museum as they bought out other museums that went out of business. Ask anyone who went. ~ Bob Bellard



[www.historicautoattractions.com/pages/home.html](http://www.historicautoattractions.com/pages/home.html)

# More Roadside Troubleshooting the Model A

<http://modelbasics.com/Roadside%20Troubleshooting.htm>



**Backfiring Under Load** (throttle wide open at relatively low rpm's) often indicates a problem in electrical/ignition/timing.

Insufficient point gap (should be set at .018 to .020)

Timing

Bad condenser

Bad distributor body

Frayed wire between upper plate and lower plate on the distributor

Intermittent connection of the ignition switch

**Backfiring With No-Load** (example: shifting between gears and coasting downhill). Often indicates too little fuel in combustion chamber for proper ignition. (During the exhaust stroke, raw gas is expelled into the muffler where it ignites)

GAV adjusted to lean

Intake vacuum leak

Low carburetor float

Backfiring around 45 mph indicates insufficient fuel to supply to the carburetor.

## Engine Overheats

Lack of water

Lack of oil

Fan belt loose or slipping

Excessive carbon deposit on piston heads and combustion chamber

Incorrect spark timing

Gas mixture too rich

Water circulation retarded, by sediment/grease in radiator.

## Engine Stops Suddenly

Gasoline tank empty

Dirt in fuel line or carburetor

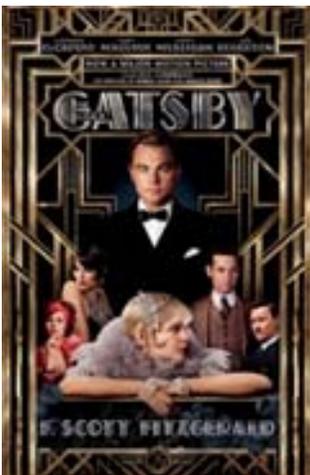
Gas mixture too lean

## Fashion Fun – “The Great Gatsby” Influence in Men’s Clothing

Some may find current fashions beginning to mirror the distinctive vintage look of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s novel “The Great Gatsby” since the release of this movie May 10 in the U.S. Fitzgerald’s dark novel was written in 1925 and while the movie’s themes of decadence, social upheaval and excess in the Jaz Era might make a weaker audience cringe, the actors’ costuming is spot on.

Brooks Brothers made over 500 men’s costumes used in the movie and has created a small movie-inspired clothes for sale in their flagship store on Madison Avenue. The company has put some effort into making the style accessible to a larger audience with lighter fabrics and modern day construction. The largest Brooks Brothers store is nicely decorated and a large portion of the first floor is dedicated to their Gatsby collection.

Cited from: [Great Gatsby Men's Fashion & Brooks Brothers Clothing — Gentleman's Gazette](#)  
[www.gentlemansgazette.com/gatsby-brooks-brothers-men-fashion-clothing-movie/#ixzz2aYlh2nWX](http://www.gentlemansgazette.com/gatsby-brooks-brothers-men-fashion-clothing-movie/#ixzz2aYlh2nWX)



## ~ Other National Club Events ~



**MARC 2014 National Meet**  
**June 22 – 27, 2014 French Lick, Indiana**  
<http://2014marcmeet.com/>



International Model A Ford Day will be Saturday, September 28, 2013 with a local rain date of Sunday, Sept 29. This day is simply a DRIVE YOUR MODEL "A" FORD this day, with friends, clubs, or whomever and enjoy the day

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**Model A Gallup to Puyallup**  
**2014**  
MAFCA National

July 14 - 18, 2014  
Sponsored by The Gallopin Gertie Model A Club.  
On the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA.  
Puyallup, Washington (pronounced Pew al up), one of Washington State's oldest cities, is located approximately eight miles east of Tacoma in the Puyallup River valley.  
Sitting at the foot of Mt. Rainier, the area boasts spectacular views while still providing a modern-day urban atmosphere inside the city.



**M.A.R.C.**  
Membership Meet  
*Show-Me Your A*  
St. Louis 2014, April 3-6





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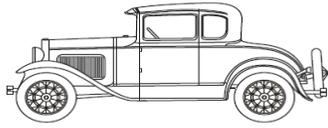
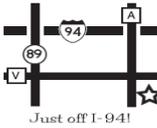
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**FOR SALE:** 1930 Model AA Ford Truck; national award winner; recent frame-off restoration; 4 speed transmission; long wheelbase; low miles; asking \$27,000. Contact Duke Richmond 815-262-3700 or firstelectriccompany@gmail.com

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