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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 April 30, 2011 9:00 a.m.	Fix-It Day Wendell Anderson's garage
Tuesday April 26, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Saturday May 21, 2011 Starts at 7:00 a.m.	EAA Chapter 60 Classic Car Show, Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast Beloit, Wisconsin Airport Free breakfast for drivers who display their cars
Saturday May 14, 2011	Spring Tour – details to follow
Tuesday May 24, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Sunday June 5, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Model A Day Sharon, Wisconsin
Sunday June 20, 2011	Town & Country Days Parade Polo, Illinois
Sunday August 7, 2011 8:00 – 5:00 p.m.	21 st Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza Illinois Railway Museum Union, Illinois
Saturday August 20, 2011	3 rd Annual Model A Day Amana, Iowa

Important Notice!

Dues for the 2011 membership year are due and payable now.

Members who do not renew by June 1, 2011 will no longer receive the monthly newsletter or Club email.

A red star (*) on the address label of the May issue indicates your 2011 dues have not been paid.

Mail your \$15.00 dues, payable to Rock-Ford A's to:

Jim Morley
4538 Dellview Drive
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**On your check, please indicate how you can receive the Newsletter.
Save printing and postage – use email (give address).**

1. Welcome – 38 in attendance today.
2. See Kathy Forbes for vests; Wendell Anderson for hats and jackets
3. Treasurer's Report as of 3/24/11

	Income =	Dues	\$ 390.00		Expenses = Printing	\$31.13
		Ads	60.00		Cards/Stamps	15.45
		St. Pat's Day Parade	<u>100.00</u>			
		Total	\$ 550.00		Total	<u>\$46.58</u>

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| | Checkbook balance as of 3/24/11 | | \$3316.54 | | | |
| | | Cash on hand | <u>100.00</u> | | | |
| | | Total balance | \$3416.54 | | | |

	Balance as of	1/10/10	1/1/11	Difference
Checkbook	\$3105.86	\$2813.12		
Cash	150.00	100.00		
Total	\$3255.86	\$2913.12		-\$342.74
4. St. Pat's Day Parade – 15 cars! Thanks to
5. Thanks to John Hausen's efforts with the Saturday Breakfast Bunch; a record 20 in attendance last week!
6. Many thanks to David Frick's donation of MAFCA Restorer magazines from 1976 to 2010 which will be kept in the Club's resource library. Contact Bill Aupperle to borrow issues.
7. "Out of the Barn" team to assess Wade Blair's Dad's Model A; (Wade is nephew to Warren Paulson); possible team = Wendell Anderson, Bill Aupperle, Tony Whitney Dave Clark, Ron Ortberg to begin work on Sunday, April 10. Details to follow.
8. Spring Day Tour being planned by Russ Kothe with possible assistance from Dave Clark, Tony Whitney, John Hausen & Larry Henert?
9. Upcoming events: EAA Fly-In & Breakfast, Model A Day/Sharon, National Meets in 2010/2011, Jefferson Swap Meet, Little Hershey
10. Alice Whitney looking for a few wedding drivers on Sat. July 23.
11. Video seen: "Stopping on a Dime"

Glimpse from the Gavel

Bill Aupperle, Director



Let's tune up and turn out for the Annual Fix-It Day, held once again at Wendell Anderson's garage! It's a good time get your "Gertie" going and, at the same time, help a fellow member with his car. Let us know what you plan to work on and if you need special parts or tools. There will be an electrical and roadside troubleshooting demonstration at that time.

Drive safely . . .

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Enjoy Chapter One of Dave Clark's story on this page. Read his account of how he assembled the Huckster using many different resources. Future issues will include his continuing saga, complete with photos.

Please help save time and money by getting your monthly newsletter electronically instead of postal mail. Contact me with your email address. Thank you very much!

Members' Corner – contributed by Dave Clark – 1928 Woody Huckster: Chapter One

I started this project when I built my house in oak woods and cut the trees down in 1999. The best oak logs went to a saw mill providing me with plenty of planks for future projects. Then 10 years ago, I purchased a Model A frame with its running gear for spare parts for my other Model A's. The price was right! A Hot Rodder had a Model A and all he wanted was the steel body. The fender and running board brackets were cut so he could use the chassis as a pattern for his hot rod. He kept the actual original car title for his hot rod and at that time, I wasn't too worried about getting a title. After all, what were the odds of me building an assortment of loose car parts into a new running Model A? I didn't even get a receipt or a bill of sale. Louie Mercer helped me bring a trailer load of Model A pieces from Richmond, Illinois. I leaned the chassis against the garage wall and put the engine on a home-built stand and shoved it into a corner when and if I would ever need it.

As it turned out, I got bored one winter and decided to go through that engine to see what it looked like internally. I borrowed our Club's cherry picker along with engine stand so I could tear it all apart. The more I tinkered with this engine the more I thought I could get it running again. Then I became obsessed with it. One thing led to another. To fire it up the "rebuilt", I'd need some sort of an engine stand and since I already had butchered up that frame in the corner, I thought it would also work as this engine stand. But then if I was going to go through all that work on the chassis, I thought it should first be welded into a more complete and stronger frame. Mike Peters welded those bite-sized missing pieces and I wire brushed the whole thing and painted it Farm and Fleet Gloss black. However, the the rear axle assembly had a worn hole and the springs perches were really bad. I used the Club resources to find replacement parts. The rear springs were also gouged out from decades of abuse. I took them apart and used a belt sander to smooth and bevel the springs. The front end was sloppy, but I could work on the king pins and steering at a later time. That is a story in itself I will share in the future.



Tech-Talk

Restoration Tidbits

by Robert Bellard

About 2 years ago, I bought a Real Deal transmission seal from Mitchell Mfg. which is supposed to keep tranny 600 weight oil from leaking forward into the bell housing to keep oil from getting into the clutch. The installation, I reported to the club, was difficult with the engine in the car. I recommended it be done with full access to the bell housing. I also reported that as soon as I installed the seal, my shifting lever immediately jumped out of 3rd gear at low speeds and often. This NEVER occurred before. I sent a letter to Mitchell Mfg. 2 years ago and they never replied.

My theory is this seal stopped the tranny oil from leaking forward into the bell housing, but created a force or pressure causing the shift lever to jump forward out of 3rd gear. Keep in mind, I never removed the shift or tower, only the 2 bolts inside the bell housing that hold the tranny to the bell housing.

I recently (Oct., 2010) installed rebuilt engine and easily removed the Real Deal seal and replaced the 2 original tranny bolts in the bell housing. I now have 230 miles on the new engine as of Nov. 1st and shift lever so far has not popped out of gear.

Helpful hint: When oiling your starter shaft and Bendix while out of the car, only use very light oil, such as 3-in-one or Marvel Mystery oil. Using grease or heavy oil will harden on the shaft after a period and cause the Bendix to stick or bind, especially in cool weather. It happened to me once.

Fashion Fun



<http://mickieparr.com/>

Can you guess the year of these hats?

Is your answer 1928 or 1929 or 1930 or 1931?

Bring a friend, make a new member!

Member Concerns

Sympathy to Sue Hausen - death of her mother, Sally Rams
Sympathy to Sharon Anderson - death of her brother,
Gordon Erickson
Get well to Nan Stewart – surgery

**PAST EVENTS: SOUP LUNCH &
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**



Club members enjoying the annual Soup Lunch meeting



Cars lineup along 4th Ave. for
Rockford's St. Patrick's Day parade



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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.

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Source: MAFCA Web Site
2009 Membership Form



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, hangars, 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

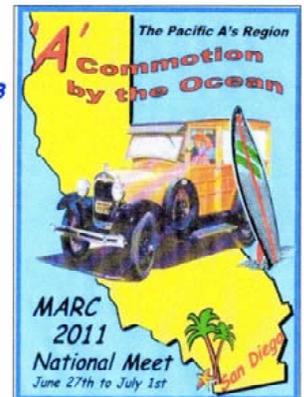
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By the Sea, By the Beautiful Sea

JOIN IN THE FUN!
**MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB
NATIONAL MEET 2011
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**Save the Date
June 27 to July 1, 2011**

The Pacific A's Region invites you to a fun filled Model A vacation in exciting San Diego California. One week will not be enough to see all we have to offer. The weather is always perfect for visits to the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, the USS Midway aircraft carrier museum, the historic Hotel Coronado, Legoland, the famous Gaslight district, the beautiful San Diego harbor, the Mission San Diego All are nearby to the headquarters hotel, the Town and Country Hotel.



Spring Jefferson Car Show and Auto Swap Meet April 29 - May 1, 2011 - Featuring 60s Muscle Cars

The Spring Jefferson Car Show and Auto Swap Meet is one of the largest car shows in the midwest! For the car enthusiast, this swapmeet has thousands of car parts and car accessory vendors, making it extremely easy to find those hard to find car parts. For the car part vendors, this swapmeet has over 35,000 spectators making it a great place to sell your parts! For those looking to buy or sell cars, the cars for sale corral has over 300 cars of all makes and models! You will find great bargains on awesome cars, car parts, and car accessories at the Jefferson Swapmeet and Car Show!

Jefferson Swapmeet and Car Show

- Spring Jefferson swapmeet and car show is a whopping 99 acres!
- Largest car show in the midwest!
- Over 35,000 car show spectators!
- Over 3,100 car part vending spaces!
- Over 300 cars for sale!
- Over 500 show cars!

Car Show and Swapmeet Details, Dates, & Times

Our 34th annual Spring Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet will be held April 29 - May 1, 2011 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds located right on Hwy 18 in Jefferson, WI. The featured car for this car show will be 60's muscle; however, any and all make and model cars are welcome.

Show not open for vendors or spectators on Thursday

Gates Open for Spectators
Fri 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sun 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

45th Annual Little Hershey Swap Meet

Date: Sunday 5/15/2011 - Monday 5/16/2011

Time: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Boone County Fairgrounds

8791 Rte 76

Belvidere, IL 61008

Rockford Model T Club International will be hosting the 44th annual Little Hershey Swap Meet on May 16th and 17th at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere IL. There will again be a Car Show on Sunday the 17th with prizes awarded for 1st 2nd and 3rd for 26 different classes, including Original/Restored, Custom, Rod, Vette, Tri Five, Import and Trucks. General Admission is only \$5.00 and all proceeds benefit the Rockford Club and Local Charities. For Swap Space Reservations and general information please contact Chuck Stull (815) 987-9925 or email littlehershey5@yahoo.com



On behalf of the Superior A's, I would like to welcome you to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (the U.P.), host location for the 2012 MAFCA National Convention.

Many or most of the A's coming to Michigan in 2012 will be coming back home for the first time since they were built back in 1928-1931. Much of the lumber and iron from which they were assembled came from the U.P. Here you will learn about the places and people that Henry Ford touched and how that changed their lives. You will be visiting locations that Henry Ford built and where he relaxed. You will be driving your own Model A's down the same roads Henry drove and see the beautiful vistas that made this his Vacationland. I have been amazed by the amount of Ford history we as a club have uncovered in our own travels around the U.P. by talking with people and communities Henry Ford touched, and all this in our own back yard!

We are extremely excited about this opportunity & are looking forward to meeting you, your families and seeing your Lady in 2012!

Warm Regards,
Steve Pellinen
President, Superior A's

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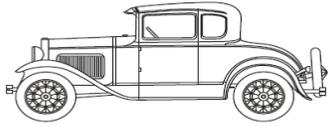
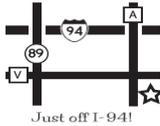
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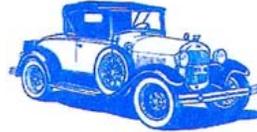
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