



# ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*

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www.rockfordas.org  
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## COVID-19 Newsletter – Trying to Stay in Touch!

Greeting, Friends! We've now passed the 100-day mark of living through the Covid-19 pandemic! Almost every aspect of our lives has changed or been affected. We hope you and your family & friends are finding ways of coping and thriving. And, seeing there's no end in sight, this newsletter will hopefully help us keep in touch with our RockFord A's family of friends. Sure seems weird not to be meeting together for Saturday breakfasts, to our monthly dinners or meetings, no holiday parades or get-togethers or car shows. Stay safe, wash your hands, wear your mask, and stay healthy! *Sue Brunson, Editor*



**Just in case you still haven't paid, please send your \$20 Annual Club Membership dues to:**  
**Dwayne Meier, Treasurer**  
**4128 Will Ann Dr.**  
**Rockford, IL 61101**



### Cancelled local events we have come to depend on:

- All RockFord A breakfasts, dinners, and meetings
- Summerfest in Milwaukee, Wi & IL State Fairs
- Winnebago, Boone, and Rock County Fairs
- All area parades and many 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities - check local listings
- "Cars Time Forgot" Car Show at Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan, WI

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

~ POLITICALPUNCHLINE.COM

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The Spread of COVID-19 Is Based On Two Factors:

1. How Dense The Population is
2. How Dense The Population is

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**DURING THE MIDDLE AGES THEY CELEBRATED THE END OF THE PLAGUE WITH WINE AND ORGIES DOES ANYONE KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT PLANNED WHEN THIS ONE ENDS?**

(ASKING FOR A FRIEND)





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We are sad to see our friends move away! Please stay in touch! You will all be missed!

It is with deep sadness, and fond memories and great friends, that I am resigning my post as Vice President and Parade Coordinator. It has been a pleasure to be a member of this great club. I have made lasting friendships, and will miss you all. I have sold my house, and Mary and I are moving to Florida. As of June 8th, 2020 I will be done with the club. We will be leaving July 10<sup>th</sup>. Your friend, Ron

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Trivia: Finger, Tennessee:

- one of 3 cities named Finger in the world
- the birthplace of Buford Pusser. Buford Hayse Pusser (December 12, 1937 – August 21, 1974) was the Sheriff of McNairy County, Tennessee, from 1964 to 1970 and Constable of Adamsville from 1970 to 1972. Pusser is known for his virtual one-man war on moonshining, prostitution, gambling, and other vices along the Mississippi–Tennessee state line.
- the Finger Diner was the original model for Hard Rock Café

Population 288; 110 miles to Memphis; 148 miles to Nashville; and 25 miles from the Mississippi state line. We have 4 full seasons, but a blizzard in Tennessee is something we would clear with a broom in Illinois (1/2" of snow). Our Illinois house and the Finger house are 491 miles apart but...

- Our Illinois house and the Finger house are about 0.5 miles apart in longitude.
- Both houses are about a mile from the northern edge of the county line.
- Both houses are real log houses.



**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:**

**Due to Ron Kramer moving to Florida and vacating both the Vice President position and Parade Coordinator, I feel we need to ask the membership to suggest a person or persons to take his place. Do we have any volunteers? I would like to suggest Dave Clark...**

**Wayne Henson, President**  
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# PLEASE BE AWARE of this EMAIL SCAM DO NOT!!! SEND ANY MONEY!!!

Please NOTE: This is a current SCAM going on..

Please ignore this email if you receive it!! ----- Original Message -----

From: Joe Fox <[pres\\_org@carraenreor.com](mailto:pres_org@carraenreor.com)>

To: [rrcarducci@comcast.net](mailto:rrcarducci@comcast.net)

Date: June 18, 2020 at 1:27 PM

Subject: PRESIDENT REQUEST

Hello (YOUR NAME)

Are you available to assist? I am out of the State now and I've got credence in you to take care of this. I would have called your phone but I presently do not have access to my mobile phone. Model A Restorers Club <MARC>, needs some gift cards for donation to Veterans at Hospice and Palliative care units for preventive items against Corona Virus Disease ( COVID-19). I have decided to make it a personal duty. I will be responsible for the reimbursement.

Joe Fox, President.

MARC.

**REPEAT THIS IS FAKE...DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY!!!!**

Thanks to Chris  
Aupperle for this!

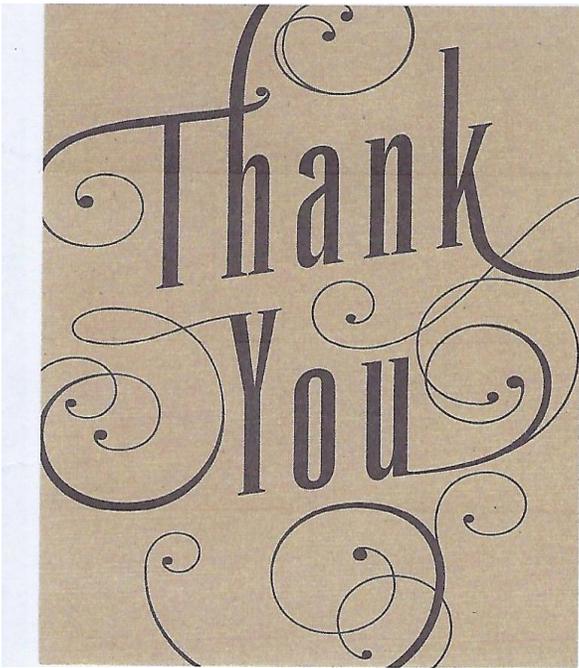
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## ***The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock River Threshere Labor Day Weekend***

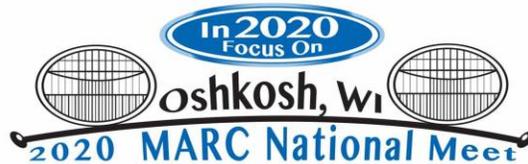
***Fri.-Mon., September 4-7, 2020***

Each day we are open from 8am til 5pm. Our feature marquee is Orphans and Oddballs this year, so if you have equipment that was manufactured by a short-lived company, bring them out! We welcome all exhibitors and encourage you to bring your equipment to our show! Stay connected! Check out our ***Facebook page – Rock River Threshere***  
**VINTAGE CAR SHOW ALL DAYS**



*Thank you to all of the Rockford Model A members from the Sharon Food Pantry. Your donations of food and money (\$140.00) was very much appreciated and will definitely help us keep our shelves stocked. Good weather was a plus.*

Pat Harvey from the Sharon Food Pantry, 125 Pearl Street inside St. Catherine's Catholic Church has sent the Rockford A's this lovely thank you note in appreciation of food and monetary donations from the Sharon Appreciation tour held on Saturday June 6, 2020. Thanks to all for their generosity! And, special thanks to Mike & Lana Peters for making arrangements.



## 2021 National Meet Date

We're happy to announce that the "new" date has been set for the postponed 2020 National Meet in Oshkosh. It will be held on June 7th to June 11th, 2021.

Even though the event will be in 2021, we will still be considering it the "Focus on 2020 in Oshkosh" meet. All merchandise i.e. hats, shirts, mugs, etc. will reflect the 2020 meet. The Nickle "A" Region and MARC have a lot of money invested in the 2020 meet. We trust the MARC membership will understand as to why this meet will not be referred as the 2021 meet. MARC members who ordered shirts, hats or mugs with their 2020 registration have been mailed their items. Hopefully they have shown them off at local regional meetings.

To give all MARC members a chance to get reservations at the host hotel, we have set a reservation date with the Best Western. They will start taking reservations on August 20th, 2020 starting at NOON.

Their phone number is 920-230-1900 and be sure to mention MARC. The meet registration form will be in the January/February 2021 MARC News.

**MARC your calendars with the dates, so you won't miss the...**



Hosted by the **Nickle "A" Region**, Northeastern WI





**July:** 8-Chuck & Vicki Milazzo ('78)  
 12-Les & Mary Lynn Adleman ('69)  
 12-Wendell & Sharon Anderson ('58)  
 12-Tom & Terri Henderson ('75)  
 17-Ron & Mary Kramer ('99)  
 19-John & Sue Hausen ('69)  
 28-Larry & Denise Ethun ('73)

**August:** 10-Doug & Kathy Mather ('85)  
 23-Joe & Jewel Mauer ('86)

**September:** 4-Bill & Jennie Cummings ('04)  
 9-Ron & Linda Lanquist ('67)  
 18-Stan & Nan Stewart ('55)  
 20-Al & Karen Pedersen ('69)  
 23-Jake & Mary Jo Milazzo ('67)



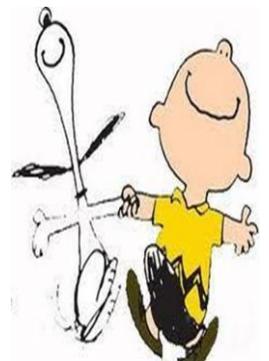
**July:** 6-Ron Lanquist, 8-Bob Lawhorn, 10-Linda Dutton,  
 21-Mike Strand, 26-Larry Anderson, 27-Sue Brunson,  
 31- Denise Ethun

**August:** 6-Kathy Mather, 22-Jake Milazzo, 27-Alice Whitney,  
 30-John Hausen, 31-Lana Peters

**September:** 3-Pauline Clark, 3-MaryJo Milazzo,  
 3-Mark McClenathan, 6-Ron Kramer, 7-Bill Cummings,  
 8-Rose Daniels, 10-Nan Stewart, 17-Bill Lindsey,  
 19-Kay Strand, 20-George Anderson & Sharon Anderson,  
 24-Loretta Anderson, 29-Jennie Cummings



*Happy to share the good report Anne Laviolette received on her latest cancer scan: CLEAR! She'll go back in 3 months. Prayers answered! AND – there's a cherry on top! In October Anne's son Robert & wife Tracy are expecting their 1<sup>st</sup> baby! Anne and Lee will have new names: Grandma & Grandpa!*



More happy news! Mark & Marilyn McClenathan welcomed their 1<sup>st</sup> grandbaby into the world on May 12<sup>th</sup>! Kayci Mae was 7lbs. 15 oz., 21.5"! Parents Marqueea (McClenathan) & Jake Goike, are from Hartford, WI. CONGRATULATIONS GRANDMA & GRANDPA!



No, Mark, you can't take her temperature with your Model A thermostat!

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**Because we're remaining vigilant in this Coronavirus pandemic, all regularly scheduled club events are cancelled until further notice. Stay well!**

**FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS**

7:00pm **LAST** Tuesday at  
Central Christian Church  
6595 Guilford Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61107

Did a BIG load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

It's been a great blessing to be at home with the wife these last few months. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong in the last 20 years.

I see a big baby boom coming our way in 9 months. They will be called the C-19 Babies & the #1 baby names will be "Charmin & Scott"

When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start? I Do Not Like Season ONE.

## A BLUNDER & THE REPAIR... PLUS

Alan Pedersen

Hi all,

If ya all remember from the last Manifold News newsletter I had a clutch issue! This meant I would have to pull my engine and transmission. I decided to install my spare engine and transmission, switch to 12 volt negative ground with a gear reduction starter and install AIR CONDITIONING! My Fordor was partially insulated so all I had to do was insulate the rear seating area. With my Grandson Brandon's help the engine and transmission swap went well and the AC kit from Ken Davis was a snap to install. It's been a slow process but I am very satisfied with the results. I also installed new front running lights/turn signals and replaced all necessary parts to run 12 volts. I still have to make a few adjustments and install the floorboards, cowl panels and grease the car before I can get her off the jack stands. Then I can go for a trail run with the comfort of 1929 Air Conditioning!

Ahhhhh..... THE NEW FORD.

This winter project will be to go through the original engine and transmission and have it ready to reinstall when I get the ambition.

On a good note, I did find my oil leak, that gasket between the engine block and flywheel that covers and seals the rear camshaft bore is for sure a necessary part to install. Without it you fill up your flywheel housing and help sealcoat the roadways and undercoat your car! Mine was missing!

Looking forward to getting the Model A back on the road and touring with the Rock-Ford-A's. Hope you're all adjusting to these strange times, stay safe.



**ITEMS FOR SALE**

**1929 Model A Special Coupe**  
 Fine Condition, Fully Restored  
 Mitchell Overdrive  
 Rose Beige & Black Exterior  
 Lebonny Houndstooth Brown Wool Interior  
 Oversized Custom Wheels - great for touring  
 Shocks, Directionals, Rear Mount Spare  
 Chrome Map Light    Asking: \$16,995  
*Patti Werckle: 815-222-3349*

**1926 Model T**  
 Touring also  
 for sale!



Needs quick action on selling it as Volo is wanting it out of their facility.



**BIG TEX car trailer for sale – 16’**  
 2001 (always under cover) \$1,500  
 Stan Stewart  
 (H) 815-885-3467  
 (C) 815-282-3860  
 stewartland@frontier.com



(4) 16" wire spoke wheels - vintage 1935  
 Ford in very good to excellent condition - \$1,000.00  
 (5) 19" wire spoke wheels -vintage 1930-31 Ford in good condition,  
 sandblasted & rust primer coated - \$600.00  
 Please contact Dwayne Meier - Phone 779-771-8412  
 Email demeier2002@yahoo.com

**WANTED:**  
 4.75-5.00  
 X 19 tire in  
 good-  
 very good  
 condition

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My brother-in-law is selling his collection of Model A's, as well as some tractors.  
 His contact information is on the attachments, or feel free to give me a call at  
 (815) 222-8384. Sincere thanks, Bill Boughton

**For Sale**  
**JERRY PILCHER**  
 817 636 2391

**1929 FORD**  
 2 DR 2DR 2900 MILES  
 FROM THE FACTORY WITH  
 ORIGINAL TOP INTERIOR  
 \$16,900

**1930 FORD**  
 2 DR, 1450 MILES FROM  
 THE FACTORY, 2 DR MODEL A  
 PRESERVERS CLUB AWARDS OF  
 EXCELLENCE CONSISTENCY  
 \$28,900

**1931 FORD**  
 DELUX 2 DR, 4 SPEED  
 MOUNTAIN TIRE, 1900  
 MILES SINCE RESTORATION  
 \$24,900

**1931 FORD**  
 DELUX 4 DR SLANT  
 WINDSHIELD, MOUNTAIN  
 INTERIOR, MITCHELL  
 OVERDRIVE, 4820 MILES  
 FROM THE FACTORY  
 \$24,900

**1930 FORD**  
 CABRIOLET - 688  
 1200 MILES SINCE  
 RESTORATION, LEFT  
 SIDE MOUNT  
 \$39,900

**1929 FORD**  
 RARE 2 DR WITH  
 ORIGINAL TOP AND  
 SPOKES FROM THE  
 FACTORY, 2 DR MODEL  
 \$16,900

**1930 FORD**  
 MODEL A 2 DR  
 2012 MODEL A PRESERVERS  
 CLUB AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE  
 ORIGINAL, 4820 MILES  
 FROM THE FACTORY  
 \$28,900

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 DELUX 2 DR, 4 SPEED,  
 MOUNTAIN TIRE, 1900  
 MILES SINCE RESTORATION  
 \$24,900

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 CABRIOLET, 688,  
 1200 MILES SINCE  
 RESTORATION,  
 LEFT SIDE MOUNT,  
 \$39,900

**1931 FORD**  
 DELUX 4 DR SLANT  
 WINDSHIELD, MOUNTAIN  
 INTERIOR, MITCHELL  
 OVERDRIVE, 4820 MILES  
 FROM THE FACTORY,  
 MITCHELL OVERDRIVE  
 \$24,900

**1932 FORD**  
 5 WINDOW COUPE  
 V-8 MODEL 18  
 4600 MILES  
 NOT FOR SALE

**1931 FORD**  
 4 DR SLANT WINDSHIELD  
 TIRE, MOUNTAIN TIRE,  
 PRESERVERS CLUB AWARDS OF  
 EXCELLENCE SINCE RESTORATION  
 \$24,900

**1930 FORD**  
 ROADSTER, NOT  
 DRIVE, SINCE  
 RESTORATION,  
 RUMBLE SEAT  
 \$35,900

**1931 FORD**  
 SLANT WINDSHIELD  
 CABRIOLET, 688, MODEL B  
 INTERIOR, MOUNTAIN TIRE,  
 PRESERVERS CLUB AWARDS OF  
 EXCELLENCE SINCE RESTORATION  
 \$39,900

**1931 FORD**  
 A 400,  
 DUAL SIDE MOUNTS,  
 \$44,900

**1931 FORD**  
 A 400, 4 SPEED,  
 1900 MILES  
 SINCE RESTORATION,  
 DUAL SIDE MOUNTS,  
 \$44,900

**1931 FORD**  
 2 DR PHAETON,  
 574 MILES SINCE  
 RESTORATION  
 \$54,900

## ITEMS FOR SALE – Cont'd.

Selling a 1931 Model A coupe after many fond memories. Excellent condition. Original engine and runs fantastic. Bought from original owner. Perfect gray body with black fenders, maroon pinstripes to match interior, new chrome bumpers, condenser, points and plugs, plus new cast iron brake drums. 76,000 miles. \$15,000. Dave Werckle 815-979-3900 cell.

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FOR SALE: 1931 Model A Tudor, 16,000 miles - Blue - \$15,500  
Call Wendell Anderson (H) 815-234-8412

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FOR SALE: Model A transmission in very good shape; a good solid U-joint; a clamshell; driveshaft and torque tube; 6-volt starter with modern drive; Zenith A & B carburetors; intake and exhaust manifolds; complete distributor with modern plate; 6-volt alternator; a water pump; 3 X sparkplugs; High Boy-style air filter for 'B' carb Please call George Brunson for negotiable pricing 608-290-1835!

### *For our Lovely Lady A's!*

#### **Blueberry Buckle – from Dylan Dreyer – Meteorologist, Today Show**

COOK TIME: 40 minutes    PREP TIME: 15 minutes

I had never heard of blueberry buckle before I met my husband. His grandmother makes it for him and it's his absolute favorite. When he asked me to make it for him, I didn't want to compete with his grandmother's recipe or try to imitate hers, so I made a completely new recipe of my own, mixing a few elements from various recipes. Now, we each had our own version of buckle. Mine was a hit and passed the taste test. I make it whenever blueberries are in season. (But, it can also be made with thawed frozen blueberries!)



**STREUSEL TOPPING:** 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/4 tsp salt, 1/2 C. packed brown sugar, 3/4 C. flour, 5 T butter, melted    **CAKE:** 2 C. cake flour, 1 tsp baking powder, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp ground ginger, 1 tsp vanilla, 4 T butter, 3/4 C. sugar, 1 egg, 1/2 C. milk, 3 C. blueberries

**Preparation for the streusel topping:** Mix dry ingredients. Pour in melted butter and squish together with your hands until there are no dry spots. Set aside.

**Preparation for the cake:** Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a 9x13" baking dish. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt and ginger. Set aside. In a separate bowl, beat the butter and sugar together for 1 minute. Add the egg and vanilla and beat for 30 seconds. Add 1/3 of the flour mixture to the butter mixture and stir to combine. Then stir in 1/3 of the milk. Repeat with remaining flour mixture and milk. Stir in blueberries. Pour the batter into the prepared baking dish. Top evenly with streusel topping. Bake 40 minutes.

## **PAT'S RESTORATION SERVICES**



**Welcome to Pat's Restoration Services, LLC**  
**Are you looking to have a Model T Ford or Model A Ford engine restored? How about a carburetor, distributor, or any other mechanical component? If so you've come to the right place! Offering complete Engine Rebuilds, Partial, Component rebuilds, Babbitting, Align Boring, etc.**

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**You can find Pat's Restoration on Facebook & Instagram!**

I've been around the antique and classic car field my entire life- maintaining my father's classic car collection and attending classic car shows in the Connecticut area since I was old enough to walk. When I was 16, my father and I rebuilt a 1911 Model T Speedster, which happened to be the car I learned to drive on. It is still my favorite car to date!

From 2004-2008, I attended McPherson College, the only accredited college with a four year degree in Automotive Restoration. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Automotive Restoration Business Management from McPherson. Owning a Model A and a Model T helped further fueled my passion for early Ford and other prewar vehicles.

During college, I interned at "Connecticut Antique Engine Restoration" and learned the finer details of rebuilding Model T and Model A engines. In 2016, after honing my skills and knowledge at other restoration shops in VT and CT, I opened "Pat's Restoration Services, LLC"- where I offer complete Model T and Model A engine restoration and rebuilding, using original KRW tools and original Ford specification Babbitt.

## **Back Road Golf Carting**

Hi Rock-Ford-Aer's!

With the temps and heat index in the 90's we have been staying inside keeping cool. When the cooler air comes in the evening Brandon and I have been taking golf cart rides on the back roads to see the beautiful country scenery and amazing sunsets. Because of the low tail lights (just like a Model A), we decided to do an upgrade, so we headed to F & F in Monroe WI., there we found the perfect solution..... LED tail, turn and brake lights! Brandon and I mounted them on the upper part of the rear box and the wiring was right the SECOND time! We feel a little safer now as we can be seen much better from the rear.

I have lost my golf cart driving privileges to Brandon and really enjoy being chauffeured down the scenic back roads of Stephenson County. It's great having a Grandson willing to drive the old guy around..... or is it he gets to drive? Either way we have a fun time together! Alan Pedersen



# JUST FOR FUN! IT'S QUIZ TIME!

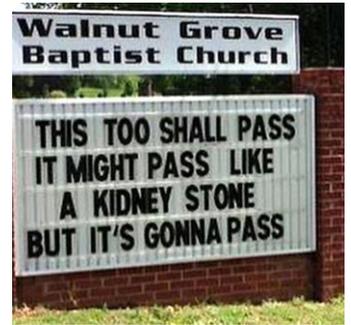
## Take the Ford Mechanic's School Exam, St. Paul, MN April 9, 1928

The following questions comprised the test given in 1928 to students of the St. Paul, MN Ford Motor Company School. Can you do better than the two wrong scored by E.E. Kluss in the spring of 1928?

This Ford Mechanics Test was sent to MAFFI by T.J. Lundstrum. Mrs. Sharyl Ferrall of Chickaloon, Alaska found the test in papers of her father, F. C. Ruckaschel of Postville, Iowa. As shown on the letter on page 1, the test taker was E.E. Kluss.

1. Maximum speed of Model A motor? \_\_\_\_\_ RPM
2. Weight of crankshaft? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
3. Length of cam shaft? \_\_\_\_\_ inches
4. Describe the cooling system? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
5. Lifting capacity of water pump – RPM? \_\_\_\_\_ gpm @ \_\_\_\_\_ rpm
6. Lifting capacity of oil pump – RPM? \_\_\_\_\_ pints/min @ \_\_\_\_\_ rpm
7. Describe the oiling system? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_
8. What size tires on Model "A" \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ front & rear
9. What size tires on Model "AA" \_\_\_\_\_ front, \_\_\_\_\_ rear
10. What type rear axle has Model A. \_\_\_\_\_
11. What type of generator has Model A \_\_\_\_\_
12. What size main bearing? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
13. What size connecting rod bearings? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
14. What size cam shaft bearings? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
15. What is turning radius of Model A \_\_\_\_\_ ft
16. What is turning radius of Model AA \_\_\_\_\_ ft
17. What is wheelbase of Model A \_\_\_\_\_ in
18. What is wheelbase of Model AA \_\_\_\_\_ in
19. Proper clearance between pistons & cylinders \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
20. Give proper gap for piston rings top \_\_\_\_\_ ctr \_\_\_\_\_ bot \_\_\_\_\_
21. Give proper gap between push rods & valves \_\_\_\_\_ in.
22. How many zerk fittings on Model A? \_\_\_\_\_
23. How much grease in transmission? \_\_\_\_\_ qt \_\_\_\_\_ wt
24. How much grease in rear axle? \_\_\_\_\_ qt \_\_\_\_\_ wt
25. What is cylinder bore? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
26. What is piston stroke? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
27. Total breaking (sic) surface of Model A? \_\_\_\_\_ sq. in.
28. What degree camber on front wheels? \_\_\_\_\_ degrees
29. What is given toe in on Model A? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
30. Give number of driving discs in clutch? \_\_\_\_\_
31. Give number of driven discs in clutch? \_\_\_\_\_
32. Give compression pressure of clutch spring A? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
33. Give compression pressure of clutch spring AA? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
34. What is proper gap for breaking points? \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in.
35. Tension of camshaft plunger spring? \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
36. Tension of valve springs? \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
37. What is weight of flywheel? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
38. How many leaves in Model A front spring? \_\_\_\_\_
39. How are Houdailles installed? \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_
40. What is wall pressure of piston rings? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
41. Length of rear main bearing on crankshaft? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
42. Length of rear main Babbitt bearing? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
43. Clearance between connecting rod and piston pin \_\_\_\_\_ in.
44. What is clearance (backlash) of timing gears? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
45. Weight of Piston and Rod assembly? \_\_\_\_\_ lb \_\_\_\_\_ oz.
46. What is width of valve seat? (point of contact) \_\_\_\_\_ in.
47. What is diameter of valve stem? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
48. How many roller bearings in transmission? \_\_\_\_\_
49. How many ball bearings in transmission? \_\_\_\_\_
50. What is final gear ratio of Model A? \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for this, Dave Clark!



## TEXAS CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION

Wash your hands like you just got done slicing jalapeños for a batch of nachos and you need to take your contacts out.

(That's like 20 seconds of scrubbing, y'all)



Thanks for these, Karen Pedersen – so funny!

## UPDATE #1 and UPDATE #2 FROM MARK MCCLENATHAN ON HIS 28 PHAETON:

**4-1-2020:** The frame and the body of my 1928 Phaeton are at still the sandblasting shop in Rockford. The frame was already blasted. I picked it up 2 weeks ago, and then returned it to be powder coated after some quick welding repairs. I was to wait a week before I could pick up the frame and body. (I already picked up the fenders and other sheet metal to be dropped off at the body shop to be painted black.) Anyway, I haven't heard from the shop so I'm guessing they are NOT an ESSENTIAL service, and are therefore closed. So while the rest of you lucky guys (and gals) can work on and drive your Model A's around during this "shelter in place" order, I can only look at my lonely "rebuilt" engine, and front and rear "axle/suspension" units, and wait. I guess I'll take apart the brakes and see what needs to be done. You all promised (while chuckling) that Model A brakes are easy to work on, right?

**4-14-2020:** Got my Model A frame back from the powder coaters. Model A phaeton body, fenders, etc are sandblasted and ready for repair work and paint. I found a retired body shop guy (45 yrs. in the business) to help out on that, while I work on mechanical work/driveline.

### Model A Guys Unloading My Engine and Changing Tires on 49 Ford Tractor



### THEN THIS HAPPENED TO MARK!

Mark accidentally injured his leg with a chainsaw, and his project is on hold. (Since the accident, and before he was released from the hospital, his wife purchased Kevlar pants for him, used by professionals, since he won't give up his chainsaws. Mark hopes she didn't use his Model A tire money for those!) Mark is able to get around using crutches and is on pain meds, but the worst pain is suffering all the ribbing and attorney-chainsaw jokes he heard in the hospital and from friends and neighbors.



**TREASURER'S REPORT - 07/01/20**

**Checkbook Balance**

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Feb 29, 2020                      | 4694.45        |
| Cash on Hand                      | 100.00         |
| <b>Total Checkbook &amp; Cash</b> | <b>4794.45</b> |

**Income**

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Dues                | 395.00        |
| Newsletter Ad       | 30.00         |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>425.00</b> |

**Expenses**

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| State of IL NFP Renewal       | 10.00         |
| Newsletter Ads & Dues notices | 20.50         |
| Post Office Box Rent          | 118.00        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>148.50</b> |

**Checkbook Balance**

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| June 30, 2020                     | 4970.95        |
| Cash on Hand                      | 100.00         |
| <b>Total Checkbook &amp; Cash</b> | <b>5070.95</b> |

Submitted by:

*Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer*

**UPDATE FROM**

**LARRY & LORETTA ANDERSON**

We took the motor out of the A. It was knocking bad at high speed. We took it to Skokie Antique Engine Rebuilding. We should get it back sometime in August.

Stay safe,

Larry and Loretta

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**Model A Engine Rebuilding**

**RICHARD FALLUCCA, OWNER, HAS BEEN REBUILDING ENGINES SINCE 1975.**

He gained a great deal of experience with babbitt bearings while in the Navy. In 1991 he moved to his present location at 4835 Louise Street in Skokie Illinois. Richard has rebuilt engines for show cars, "The Great Race," and has extensive knowledge in rebuilding restorers and drivers. Now with over 4,000 square feet of machine shop, all of your custom rebuilding needs can be met. Such as partial jobs, and from short block to running engine.

847-674-6716 – Call between 10am-2pm  
4835 Louise St., Skokie, IL 60077  
Website: [Antiqueenginerebuilding.com](http://Antiqueenginerebuilding.com)

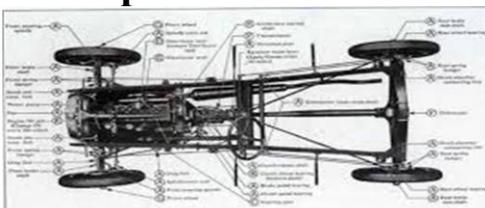


**What's New at the Model A Ford Museum?**

A very unique Model A named, "America's Sweetheart" has been donated to the Museum by Dean Weller of Kansas City, Kansas. If you have a copy of the March/April 1998 Restorer Magazine, you can read the full article on this amazing car! **America's Sweetheart will be on display for Model A Day at The Gilmore, Sept. 18-19, 2020 – Hickory Corners, Michigan**  
<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/MAD.html>

Thanks to Chris Aupperle for sending this in – wow!!

**Whatcha workin' on? Please send some pictures and tell us!**



**SEND PICS AND ARTICLES TO SUE BRUNSON – BEST BY EMAIL: [thebrunsons@hotmail.com](mailto:thebrunsons@hotmail.com)**

Great picture of Greg McQueary's Model A after getting a good polish! Thanks, Greg – she's a beauty!



## IN MEMORY - A Nice Tribute to Paul Brands from Dave Clark



Many of our newer members may not have known Paul as he had not been very active recently. Paul was actually the first Rockford A's member that I met. In early 2008 I received a call from Paul, referred by Jack Mann, as Paul had an interest in Model A Victorias, and he asked if he could see mine. Paul came to my son's shop in Davis Junction, where I was just starting to work on my Model A, which I had acquired a couple of months before. Paul slid all around underneath my car comparing the undercarriage to his Victoria. I later bought a NOS 30/31 speedometer from Paul, which is still in my car. Prior to having two Victorias, Paul had a tudor sedan, which I believe is now owned by Jake Milazzo. Paul just called me about ten days ago to ask about the status of our Sharon Model A Day. Anyway, we'll miss a great Model A member and a really nice person, and I think it doesn't get any better than that.

Paul B. Brands, 75, of Rockford, passed away in his home May 13, 2020. Born April 18, 1945, in Rockford, the son of Rennie Robert and Lucille (Fisk) Brands. Paul married Barbara J. (Nolan) Burkhard on September 21, 1983; she predeceased him December 13, 2014. Early in his life, Paul served in the Illinois Army National Guard from 1968 to 1974. Later, he received his Master's Degree in Education and worked in the Harlem School District as a PE teacher for 35 years. One of his proudest accomplishments was being awarded the honor of top Middle School Physical Education teacher in Illinois in 1998. He was also then nominated for the National Association of Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) Middle School Teacher of the Year. Paul enjoyed being social; he was a member of the International Victoria Association, Rockford Model A Club, Pecatonica Masonic Lodge, LLL and SMSF Clubs. He is survived by his daughters, Erin (Dan) Simonson of Davie, FL, Amy (Brooks) Lockett of Glen Ellyn and Candace (Peter) Scarmardo of Hixson, TN; grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew and Paul; brother, John (Carol) Brands of Dunedin, FL; sister, Susan (Tom) Dillman of Clearwater Beach, FL; nieces, Shannon Brands and Jennifer King; and nephew, Blaine Landstrom. A virtual celebration of life will be open to all via Zoom meeting at 2:00 p.m. central on Tuesday, May 19th. Please use the information below to join the Celebration and toast Paul's life. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation at [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org). Cards can be sent to his family at 1641 Meadows Circle, Rockford, IL 61108



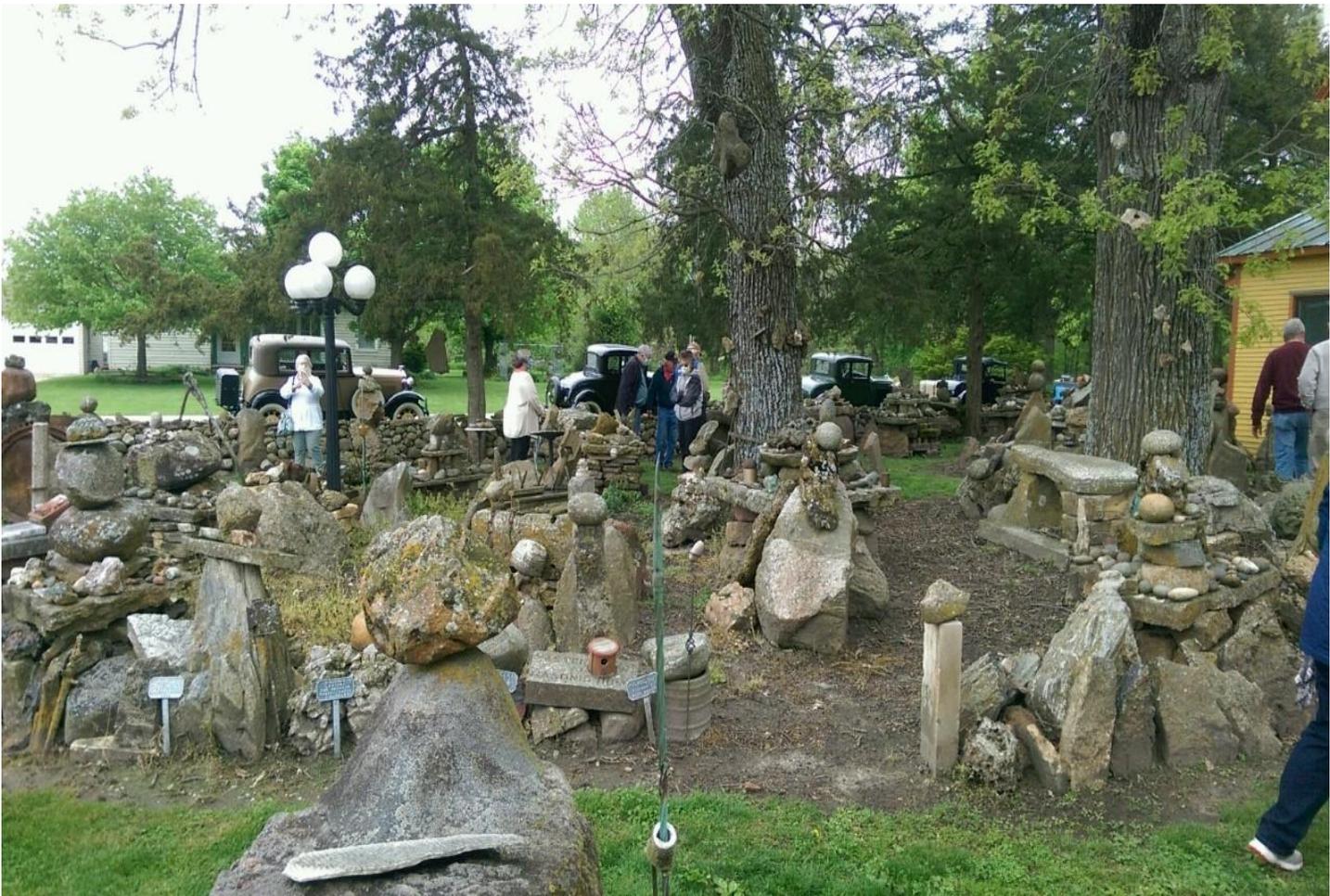
To members Dave (Pauline) Clark and Donna (Bill) Johnson - we all send wishes to you for a speedy recovery after your surgeries! Get better quickly!

**JUNE 21, 2020 – "Dust Off" Tour – Dave Clark**

Everyone brought their own sack lunches, lawn chairs and face masks! We met at the Illinois Machine Shed Restaurant at East State St., Rockford at 9am to tour around, then worked our way down to Lowden State Park to view the newly restored Chief Blackhawk Statue. Dave Werckle planned a fantastic "Mystery Serendipity" scenic stop after leaving the park – you had to be there to believe it! It was a fantastic day for all! (That 'mystery stop' was Stone Corners in Chana, IL – looks pretty amazing!)



*Thanks to Dave Clark and Anne Lavolette for all of these great pictures!*



## **Parade With A Purpose to Sharon, WI – Sat., June 6, 2020 - Ron Kramer**

Because Model A Day in Sharon was cancelled this year, we got to thinking we might turn lemons into lemonade! Thus was born Parade with a Purpose! We met in Sharon, WI just beyond the ice cream parlor at 10:30 am. Then Mike and Lana Peters lead the way over to Sharon Food Pantry, located inside St. Catherine's Catholic Church. Everyone brought food or money donations, and we were met by Pat Harvey and some food pantry volunteers. After a nice break there in the shade, we lined back up around 11:30 for the parade. What fun! So many people waved as we drove in and around all the side streets of Sharon. What a nice little town! After the parade, Mike & Lana took us to a lovely shady park where we put out our lawn chairs. We all brought our own food & drinks and kept a distance a part while we ate and visited in the shade. A great time was had by all. The weather was just perfect – we had a glorious day!



**Perhaps next year when we actually have a real live Model A Day in Sharon, we can include some donations to the Sharon Food Pantry again! Thanks to everyone who participated! And thanks to Barb Hodges for the great pictures!**





The 2019 Award of Merit from the Model A Restorer's Club was presented to Sue Brunson, editor of the Manifold News! Sincere thanks to Bill Aupperle, Director of Regions for MARC and to Sharon & Jim Morley for hosting a wonderful luncheon. In attendance were Ron & Mary Kramer before they moved to FL., George & Sue Brunson, and Ron & Linda Lanquist. What a nice honor! What a great club we have!

### **Motor Mount Realignment *by Ron Lanquist***

Why is everything so difficult on a Model A? While cleaning the engine compartment after an oil change, I noticed that the leather washer under the original style front motor mount was misaligned. There should be a flat cut in the leather facing forward matching the flat area on the front of the mount. I suspect for ease of changing the fan belt. No problem! Just spin the washer around, **WRONG!** Step 2 - I removed the lower nut, spring and special brass washer, then raised the engine to take pressure off the mount. Yep, you're right! I forgot to disconnect the fuel line from the carburetor and caused a fuel leak. I disconnected it and all was well. Step 3 - I just needed to spin the washer around to match the mount. I was able to do this with a long awl. Hey, things are going well. Upon reassembly, I noticed the stud was misaligned. The brass washer would not fit into the hole in the sub frame. Now what do I do? Well, here's the plan. I loosened the 2 front motor mount bolts and the 4 rear bolts to give me some "wiggle room". I didn't remember that I had tightened these so tight. It also involved removal of the alternator to access the driver side motor mount bolt. With a large 5 foot pry bar and wood shims, I gently eased the motor over until the stud was in the center of the sub frame...then installed the special washer, spring and nut. Voila! I got it! After re-tightening the mount bolts and reinstalling the alternator, I was done. Oh, the fuel leak. I discovered that I had cracked the compression ring on the fitting. Lucky me, I had a replacement. I started the car and, Wow, no leaks. See there, it only took 3 hours to spin a miss-aligned washer. Aren't Model A's easy to work on?!



**A Beauty to Show Off! – by James “Fred” Miller**

I thought I would provide a little input for your upcoming Manifold News. I have attached two photos of my 1931 Model A Five-window Coupe. I purchased it in November 2018 from very close friends. It was originally restored back in 1976 and used for car shows, family weddings and road trips. However it had not been started over the last ten years, but luckily had been stored inside so the body and paint was still in great shape. With a lot of personal effort and some support from the Rockford A Members, I was finally able to get it started in the spring of 2019 and put a few miles on it last year. My main task for this year will be to put turn signals on it. There are probably not many younger drivers who know the old hand signals and I don't want to take the chance of them not knowing my intentions!

Thanks, Fred! Here's the official guide from DMV!



**LEFT**



**RIGHT**



**STOP**

**THE FACT THAT  
THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO  
HELL AND ONLY A  
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN  
SAYS A LOT ABOUT  
ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC  
NUMBERS.**

**THE 3 HARDEST  
THINGS TO SAY:**

- 1. I AM SORRY**
- 2. I WAS WRONG**
- 3. WORCESTERSHIRE  
SAUCE**

*I am not paranoid...  
But everybody thinks I am...*