



ROCK-FORD A's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at:

Central Christian Church
6595 Guilford Road
Rockford, IL 61107

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Submit to Bill or Chris Aupperle at aupps31ford@comcast.net or 815-397-4059 by no later than the 5th of the month.

Calendar of Events

Now!	Read your odometer for MAFCA's 2010 Million Mile Challenge
Saturday May 8, 2010 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. <i>meet at 10:30 at Aunt Mary's Restaurant 4421 E. State St., Rockford, IL</i>	Annual New Glarus Day Festival Tinker Swiss Cottage 411 Kent St., Rockford, Illinois <i>Vendors and artisans from New Glarus, Wisconsin Preferred parking for our cars; cottage tours=\$6.00; lunch available for purchase</i>
Saturday May 15, 2010 8:00 a.m. <i>Meet for breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant in Monroe Center (Rt. 72 just east of Rt. 39).</i>	Spring Tour <i>Meet for breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant in Monroe Center (Rt. 72 just east of Rt. 39). Tour includes Blackhawk Statue, Lowden Park, John Deere Historic Site and lunch in Oregon, Illinois. Walkie-talkies will be used. Tour Guides: Tony Whitney & Russ Kothe</i>
Saturday May 22, 2010 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. <i>6:30 a.m. meet at Jessica's Restaurant, Rt. 251 & Hononegah Rd.</i>	EAA Chapter 60 Classic Car Show/Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast Beloit, Wisconsin Airport <i>Drivers of show cars get a free breakfast; ages 12+ = \$6.00; ages 5-11=\$4.00; under 5=free</i>
Tuesday May 25, 2010 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <u>TechTalk:</u> Horns – Voice of the Model A <u>Lady A's Chat:</u> Bring your reproduction outfits & items_
Saturday June 5, 2010 10 – 4:00 p.m.	Cavalcade of Planes at Clow Airport Bolingbrook, Illinois <i>Airplane displays, rides, vendor tents, food & more!</i>
Sunday June 6, 2010 9 – 2:00 p.m.	14 th Annual Model A Day Sharon, Wisconsin <i>Our Club's big sponsored event!</i>
Sunday – Friday June 13-18, 2010	MARC National Meet French Lick, Indiana
Sunday June 20, 2010 <i>11:00 line up at high school 12:30 parade begins</i>	Town & Country Days Parade Polo, Illinois
Saturday, June 26, 2010 11:00 – 4 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2010 1 – 4:00 p.m.	North Grove Country School Anniversary Celebration Sycamore, Illinois
Tuesday June 29, 2010 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Sunday July 4, 2010 <i>2:30 line up 3:00 parade begins</i>	Let Freedom Ring Parade Mt. Morris, Illinois

April 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes

(Submitted by Chris Aupperle)

- Welcome visitors Dave & Clojean Combs and new members Don & Vernetta Ranken. Welcome back and best wishes to Jack Gustafson!
- Rock-Ford A's clothing items available: Hats & jackets from Wendell Anderson; vests from Kathy Forbes
- Jim Morley, Treasurer's Report:

Ending Balance 03-27-10	\$3596.66
Expenses	
Supplies	55.61
Cards	8.61
Sec. of State Corp. filing	10.00
Total Expenses	\$ 74.22
Income	
LaShelle engine ad	30.00
Dues	<u>600.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 105.00
Checkbook Balance as of 4-27-10	\$3477.44
Cash on hand as of 3-27-10	150.00
Total Club Balance as of 4-27-10	\$3627.44
- Coffee prepared by Wayne Linquist – thank you! And a very special thank you to Bill McConnaughy for the wonderful sheet cake in honor of Elmer and Ida Ethun who will be moving out of state. We'll miss you! Good luck in your new location!
- Social concerns: none at the present time
- Event reports: A few hardy souls enjoyed comradery and goodies at Wendell & Sharon Anderson's during Fix-It Day.
- 53 in attendance at today's monthly meeting.
- Congrats to Chris Aupperle on her Editor award from the Model A Restorer's Club.
- Motion made, seconded and carried to donate \$200 to the Sharon, Wisc. Main St. Association in support of Model A Day.
- New Business: MAFCA's Million Mile Challenge; bring your mileage to next month's meeting; Little Hershey at Boone Co. Fairgrounds 5/15/& 5/16; Beloit Airport breakfast on 5/22; Clow Airport Cavalcade of Planes 6/5; Model A Day in Sharon, WI on 6/6; Polo Parade on 6/20; North Grove Country School open house 6/26/& 6/27; MARC National Meet 6/13-6/18; still waiting to hear from Mike Peters if Model T and Ford V-8 Club can schedule a joint event with us later this summer; Quad Meet 8/15; Blackhawk Farms 6/19 & 6/20.

Glimpse from the Gavel

Bill Aupperle, Director



It was nice to see such a great turn out for today's meeting. Thanks to Bill McConnaughy for the special cake in celebration of Elmer & Ida Ethun.

Thank you Bernie Rosander for your donation of a brake spring puller to the Club. Ron Ortberg will take good care of it!

Don't forget to sign up to work at Model A Day. It can't happen without you!

Drive safely . . .

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Repeat notice:

The list of members receiving their newsletter by mail has grown from 30 to 55 in just the past year! Please help reduce our costs (and my time!) by getting your newsletter via email only. Of course, if you don't have email, you'll still get your printed version in the mail. Please contact me to remove your name from the postal mail list. Thank you!

Blackhawk Springs Raceway Vintage Sports Car Racing

Sat. & Sun., June 19-20, 2010

Adults \$12/day; 12 & under free

Vintage airplane display & fly-in; vintage sports car displays; food, fun & refreshments for the whole family!

www.blackhawkfarms.com

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Quad Meet 2010: "Hats off the the Model A"

Sun., Aug. 15, 2010 10- 4:00 p.m.

Volo Auto Museum & Antique Malls; Volo, Illinois

\$12/person for Model A with 2 people;

includes museum pass & lunch

www.illinoisregion.com

Mark Maron (847) 302-7900



Here I am getting ready to drive my '30 Coupe in Sycamore's centennial parade in 1958. I paid \$90 for the car. It was a standard, with no rumble seat, but a rust-free Southern car. The first thing I did was change the oil & grease it. What a mistake! When I got to 35 mph, the front end & steering wheel shook so much I had to slow down, so I never went over 30 after that – but I didn't know any better then. It was still fun to drive around town. I then had it painted for \$30 and sold it 6 months later - still kicking myself ever since!

- - Tony Whitney

Tech-Tip: Tires

http://www.modelarestorers.org/main/index.php?Itemid=377&id=30&option=com_content&task=view

Model A Tires and rims came in two sizes, 1928-29 used 21" and 1930-31 used 19" spoke steel rims. All tires used tubes. Tires today need minimal care as they are constructed of nylon or other modern tire cord. If your car does have rayon tire cord and has been used for a number of years, be sure to check the tire wear regularly. They should be replaced if noticeable wear is present. Tire maintenance should consist of the following:

1. Tire pressure recommended is 35 PSI, proper inflation is a must for safety.
2. Use a good tire preservative to the sidewalls to help slow down the drying process.
3. If you don't plan on driving your car for a long period of time, put the car up on jacks to prevent flat spots on the tire.
4. Rotate the tires every 2000-2500 miles for even tire wear.
5. Don't allow the tires to be exposed to direct sunlight sitting for real long periods.
6. Always check the spokes on your rims for damage and straightness.
7. Always check your tires for nails, glass and any other things that might have fallen on your garage floor.

Fashion Fun - Happy Mother's Day!



from Butterick Fashion News, May 1929

Fashions just before the end of the twenties - when hems fell, feminine curves came back into style, and modish women become "ladylike" once again.

<http://www.100megspop3.com/adira/1920s.html>

Welcome New Member!

Don & Vernetta Ranken
7691 Lloyd Drive
Cherry Valley, IL 61016
(815) 332-5573
(815) 218-5670 cell

PAST EVENTS: FIX-IT DAY



Wendell & Sharon Anderson hosted yet another Fix-It Day at their garage where members were treated to coffee & donuts. Only Jim Gentry drove his Model A. Few repairs were made, with lots of advice from seasoned mechanics and onlookers. However, a vast quantity of coffee was consumed.

ELMER & IDA ETHUN RECOGNITION



Honoring of Elmer & Ida's contribution, participation, enthusiasm and encouragement of the Rock-Ford A's since 1965.

MEN'S TECHTALK: FLOW-TESTING CARBURETOR JETS



Wayne Linquist demonstrates a DIY test fixture. Thanks, Wayne!



MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135

Membership Dues: Regular Mail: U.S. \$38;

Air Mail: U.S./Canada \$50, International \$56 for the calendar year.

Includes 6 issues of Model "A" News over a calendar year.

Name (Print) _____

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Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? _____

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

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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 ___

Gift Membership

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Country _____ Telephone _____

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Return this form and payment to:

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

~ Membership Benefits ~

The Restorer magazine • Technical Support • Local Chapters • National Meets • Era Fashion Guidelines • "How To Restore" Series • Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines

Dues per year are

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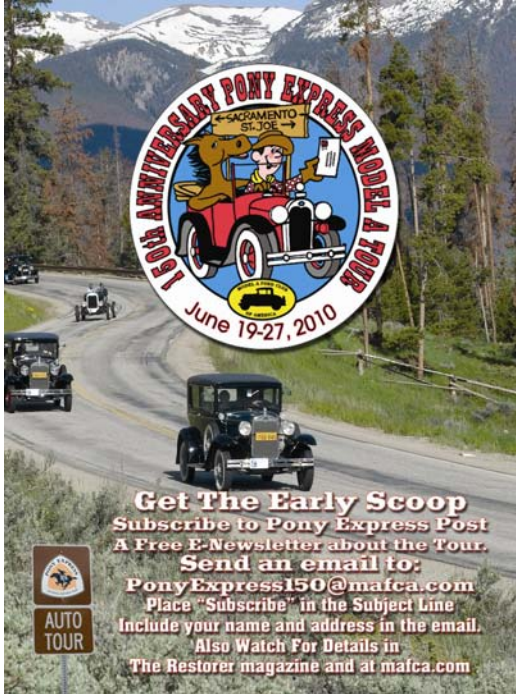
Optional Initiation Package
For New Members Only
1 - Back Issue of The Restorer
1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin
1 - MAFCA Decal
1 - Name Badge
Only \$10 extra



Source: MAFCA Web Site
2009 Membership Form

Member Concerns

Please contact Nan Stewart with any special needs or concerns.



150th Anniversary Pony Express Model A Tour
June 19-27, 2010
Sponsored by Model A Ford Club of America

MAFCA's exciting National Tour in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the famed Pony Express is well underway. To subscribe to our free 150th Anniversary Pony Express Tour E-newsletter, *The Pony Express Post*, send an email to ponyexpress150@mafca.com. Write "Subscribe" in the subject line and include your name and address.

You'll receive

- Early information and details about the tour
- Historical tidbits about things to see and do along the way
- Be among the first to receive the registration packet.

The 150th Anniversary Pony Express Tour is a MAFCA-sponsored event.

Lead cars from both ends will be equipped with live GPS sending units and the teams will be able to be tracked via a unique Web site. Visitors will know where the lead cars are within five minutes.

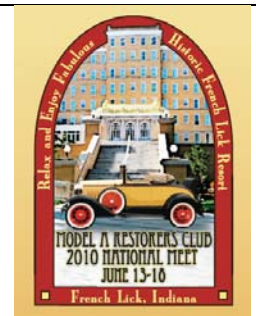
Watch *The Restorer* magazine and mafca.com for more details. Better yet, subscribe to *Pony Express Post* for the earliest and latest information.

The 2010 Model A Restorers Club National Meet

June 13 -18, 2010 in French Lick, Indiana.

"The Meet will take place at the fabulous French Lick Resort which is made up of two elegant, historical, luxury hotels and their associated amenities.

Both hotels experienced their heyday as health and recreation destinations in the early part of the last century. After decades of neglect they have been meticulously restored and modernized to today's standards within the last ten years."



Join Us!

www.2010marcmeet.com

Model A Day in Historic Sharon, Wisconsin

Sunday June 7, 2009

9:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Pig Roast with all the trimmings
Running Board Lunches
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Model A Swap Meet
Special Parking for Model As
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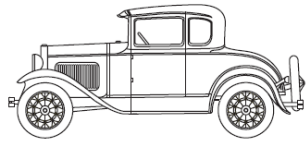
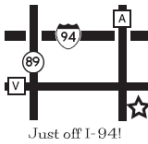
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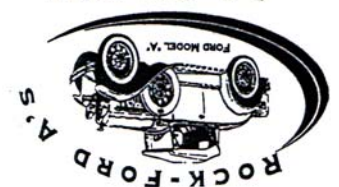
Jim LaShelle - Owner
Cell: 815-821-3546 • Home: 815-233-4803

FOR SALE: 1931 Model A slant window Fordor. Contact Willard Davey for details 815-384-3145

FOR SALE: 1931 Victoria Contact Paul Brands for details. 815-978-1696 email paul.brands@yahoo.com

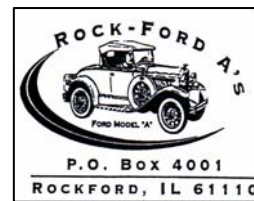
WANTED: 4.50 x 19 tires for 1930-31 Model A. Contact Dean Wanfalt for details 815-222-2117

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Rock-Ford A's Resource Library

(Members contact Bill Aupperle 815-397-4059)



Books:

Automobiles 1949 – 1959: also Ford Model A 1929-1931, NAPA/ Martin Senour Paints

The New Ford, (reproduction of an original Ford Motor Company Sales Promotion Book), published by Jim Born, printed by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., Gonvick, Minnesota 56644, July 1, 1978.

Movies/Videos:

DVD – “Your Car Will Be Happier For It!”, LeBaron Bonney Company, 2007

VHS – “How to Stop on a Dime”, Double D Productions, Inc., Dallas, TX, 1988

“Dial D for Distributor”, Double D Productions, Inc., Dallas, TX, 1988

“Timing the Ignition”, Double D Productions, Inc., Dallas, TX, 1988

“Autumn Trails”, Double D Productions, Inc., Dallas, TX, 1989

“How to Avoid Fahrenhiet Fright”, Double D Productions, Inc., Dallas, TX

“Carburetors and Carbohydrates”, Double D Productions, Dallas, TX, 1988

“The Flasher”, Double D Productions, Inc., Dallas, TX, 1989

“How to Replace Your Brake Drums: Video Technical Seminar Series for the Model A Ford”, Diablo A's, Concord, California (2 copies)

“Grinding Brake Shoes: Video Technical Seminar Series for the Model A Ford”, Diablo A's, Concord, California

“Vol. 3 Patchwork & Metal Finishing”, The Collector Car Restoration Home Video Library

“Vol. 4 Leadwork & Plastic Fillers”, The Collector Car Restoration Home Video Library

“Vol. 5 Painting & Wood Graining”, The Collector Car Restoration Home Video Library

“Vol. 6 Metal Trim & Chrome Preparation” The Collector Car Restoration Home Video Library

“Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip”, Ken Burns, PBS Home Video, 2003

“Yokohama Model A: Building the 1930 Ford in Japan”, Silverado Productions, CA

“Model A Day: An American Spirit”, Creative Edge Video Productions

“MARC National Meet: Pheasant Run Inn, St. Charles, Illinois, 1983”

“Rock-Ford A's Tour: June – White Pines”