



# ROCK-FORD A's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110  
Region of MARC – Chapter of MAFCA

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**October, 2010**

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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

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**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:**

Submit to Bill or Chris Aupperle at [aupps31ford@comcast.net](mailto: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 October 2, 2010 10 – 2:00 p.m.	Fall Fix-It Day <i>at Steve Klentz' Tri-City Auto Services, Inc.</i> 525 River Park Drive Loves Park, IL <i>(Brats, burgers and beverage will be provided)</i>
Sunday October 3, 2010 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Tony & Alice Whitney's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration <i>(RSVPs were due Sept. 18)</i>
Tuesday October 26, 2010 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting Nominations for Club officers  <u>TechTalk:</u> "Which Car Problems Bug You the Most?" Call or email your suggestions to Bill ASAP! <u>Lady A's Chat:</u> Borrowing accessories for the Banquet
Sunday November 14, 2010 5:00 p.m. cocktails 6:00 dinner	Annual Fall Banquet <i>DiGiovanni's Restaurant</i> 4866 Blustem Road Roscoe, IL <i>Please see flyer inside this newsletter!</i> <i>Election of Club officers!</i>
Saturday February 19, 2010 12:00 noon	Annual Soup Lunch Meeting

### It's time to pay your \$15.00 Club dues for 2011

Bring to the next meeting, November banquet or mail to:

Jim Morley  
4538 Dellview Drive  
Rockford, IL 61109

Make checks payable to "Rock-Ford A's"

Remember: No monthly meetings in December or January.  
Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends!

## September 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes

(Submitted by Chris Aupperle)

1. Welcome: New member - Bill Cummings Guest – Ron Stephan
2. Rock-Ford A's clothing available: hats & jackets from Wendell Anderson; vests from Kathy Forbes or Stan Stewart; see Chris Aupperle for information about lapel/hat pins.
3. Jim Morley, Treasurer's Report:

Checkbook Balance as of 9-27--10	\$3303.75
Cash on hand	150.00
Total Balance	\$3453.75
Expenses	
Supplies for picnic	428.18
Paulson Museum donation	125.00
Total Expenses	\$ 553.18
Income	
Parade	100.00
50/50	75.00
Anniversary ride	25.00
Magnetic signs	16.00
Total Income	\$ 216.00
Checkbook Balance as of 9-27-10	\$2966.57
Cash on hand	150.00
Total Club Balance as of 7-25-10	\$3116.57
4. Very special thanks to Dave and Sara Werckle for hosting Club members at their home for delicious dessert and beverages after the Stillman Valley Parade! There were 19 cars from our Club in the parade.
5. Thanks to Bill McConnaughy and Jean Foss for today's cookies and thanks to Kathy Forbes for room set-up & making coffee!
6. No parade payment from Byron or Polo parades – Club will specify payment on parade registration form and expect confirmation.
7. Club attendance at August's picnic = 54. Elmer and Ida Ethun drove the farthest – from South Carolina!
8. Roscoe parade had 24 cars present.
9. Still need a Fall Tour – day or overnight
10. Fix-it day at Steve Klentz' on Sat. 10/2; lunch will be provided.
11. Today's TechTalk = oil filter adapters by Tony Whitney & Dave Clark; distributor bushing problems by Terry Clark
12. Club attendance at today's meeting = 53
13. November banquet reservations are due by Tuesday, Oct. 26! Nominations for 2011 officers needed!
14. The Rubber Chicken stays with Russ Kothe (see you at Fix-it Day, Russ!).

### *Glimpse from the Gavel*

*Bill Aupperle, Director*



*Our annual banquet is just around the corner! It's a fine way to end another year of Club activities.*

*Decorations, place cards, and a cake will be needed to top off the evening and we need volunteers to help!*

*Appreciate your support and help!*

*Drive safely . . .*

### Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Your articles are needed! Please share your favorite Model A story – how you acquired it, when, where, etc. How about finding a Model A-related family photo from the past? It's a great way of getting to know each other!

Don't forget the banquet is next month! Dress in Era clothing for added fun! More members dress up for this event every year!

### Auction of Bob & Marcia Tuttle Estate

October 23, 2010 10:30 a.m.

7370 RT 173

Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065

Phone: (815) 239-1436 Kathy

[www.hacksauction.com/books.asp?ID=714426936](http://www.hacksauction.com/books.asp?ID=714426936)

Huge 3-Generation Antique Auction; the Tuttle/Clarkson Family Homesteaded this farm in the 1830s, Bob & Marcia were collectors. Will sell Fine Antiques, Country Furniture, Victorian China & Glassware, Collectibles, Primitives, Lighting, Clock Collection, Stoneware, Crocks, Cast Iron Stoves, Baskets, Musical, Books, Artwork & Pictures, Jewelry, Firearms, Metal Ware, Textile, Toys, Trains, Longaberger Baskets, Household and many other interesting items. Sale in tent with seating.

Link to 1930 Model A Tudor =

[www.hacksauction.com/items.asp?archived=&ShowDetail=111158](http://www.hacksauction.com/items.asp?archived=&ShowDetail=111158)

### Chicagoland Vintage Clothing & Jewelry Show

February 25 & 26, 2011

Hemmens Cultural Center - Elgin, Illinois

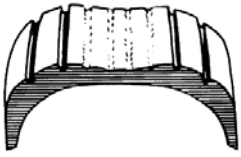
Friday 5pm-10pm admission \$10  
(\$2 off Friday admission if you dress in vintage!)  
Early buying is available at 3 pm for \$60  
Saturday 10am-5pm admission \$6

Two full floors filled with 75 booths of the finest vintage fashion exhibitors anywhere!  
Free parking!

Cocktail Bar, Vintage Clothing Contest  
& Live Rockabilly Friday Evening!  
Gourmet café all weekend - Demonstrations Saturday

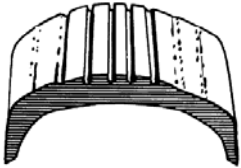
## Tech Tip -- How to Read Tire Wear

The way your tires wear is a good indicator of other parts of your car. Abnormal wear patterns are often caused by the need for simple tire maintenance, or for front end alignment. Tires should be inspected 3 ways. 1) visually examine all 4 tires; 2) feel the tread by hand to detect wear such as feathering and third, check all 4 tires with a pocket type pressure gauge. Inflate to tire manufacturer's specifications.



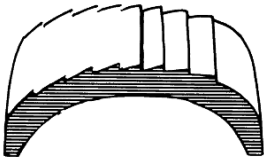
### **Over Inflation—Excessive wear at the center of the tread.**

The tire is riding on the center of the tread and wearing it prematurely. The cure for this is to replace either the tires or the wheels.



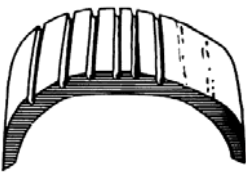
### **Under Inflation—Excessive wear on the edges of the tread.**

This type of wear usually results from consistent under inflation. Tire pressure should be checked with a reliable pressure gauge. When this type of wear occurs, and the tire pressure is known to be consistently correct, a bent or worn steering component or the need for wheel alignment could be indicated. Bent steering or idler arms can effect toe-in and poor handling characteristics on turns.



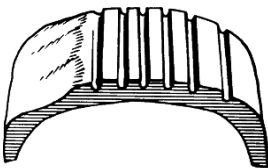
### **Feathering—Rounded edge on one side of the tread and a sharp edge on the other.**

By running your hand over the tire, you can usually feel the sharper edges before you'll be able to see them. The most common cause of feathering is incorrect toe-in setting. It can be cured by setting it correctly. Occasionally, toe-in can be set correctly, but this wear pattern still occurs. This is usually due to deteriorated bushings in the front suspension, causing the wheel alignment to shift as the car moves down the road.



### **One Side Wear—An inner or outer rib wears faster than than the rest of the tire.**

Excessive camber in the front suspension causes the wheel to lean too much to the inside or outside. However, the camber isn't adjustable on the Model A. Therefore, misalignment could be due to sagging springs, worn king pins, or worn control arm bushings. Car may simply need the wheels aligned.



### **Cupping—Scalloped dips around the edge of the tread on one side or the other.**

Cups almost always indicate worn (sometimes bent) suspension parts. Adjustment of wheel alignment alone will seldom cure the problem. Any worn component that connects the wheel to the car (king pin, wheel bearings, springs, bushings, etc.) can cause this condition. Worn components should be replaced with new ones. Occasionally, wheels that are out of balance will wear like this, but wheel imbalance usually shows up as bald spots between the outside edges and center of the tread.

## Fashion Fun - Fall, 19\_\_?

Can you guess the year of these dresses?

1. Hat – some of the forehead, eyebrows and hairline is exposed
2. Dress length – somewhat below the knee
3. Belt/waist - more definition being seen at waist; belt may be present
4. Bodice – some structure; more lines



<http://100megspop3.com>

Is your answer 1928 or 1929 or 1930 or 1931?

# Welcome a New Member to our Club!

Bill Cummings  
 2 Overlook Circle  
 DeKalb, IL 60115  
 (815) 758-6873  
*Owens a 1931 Model A Coupe*

## PAST EVENTS

### STILLMAN VALLEY FALL FESTIVAL PARADE & DESSERT AT DAVE & SARA WERCKLE'S HOME



Sara Werckle welcomes Club members and hosts a nice get-together.

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Rock-Ford A's line up behind Stillman Valley high school.

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Wayne Henson drives Arlene Allen's Model T.

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## MEN'S TECHTALK



Bill Aupperle explains the oil circulation system of a Model A engine.



## MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135  
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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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

### Gift Membership

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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

Return this form and payment to:

MAFCA

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

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Membership Only  Membership + Initiation Package

### 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

*Matt's surgery*

*Please also contact Nan Stewart if you know of anyone else who needs a caring thought or well wishes!*

[www.modelameet.com](http://www.modelameet.com)

**Discover St Augustine**



**2011 MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET**  
March 24 – 27, 2011  
St Augustine, FL

**For more MARC 2011 Membership Meet information contact:**

Rich Barsky at (904) 509-7241 or send an email to [WAIGZY@CLEARWIRE.NET](mailto:WAIGZY@CLEARWIRE.NET)

For additional information about the Host Hotel, please visit their website at

[www.worldgolfrenaissance.com](http://www.worldgolfrenaissance.com)

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**MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB**  
**NATIONAL MEET 2011**  
**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

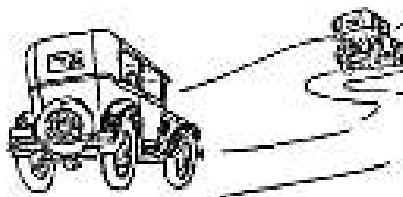
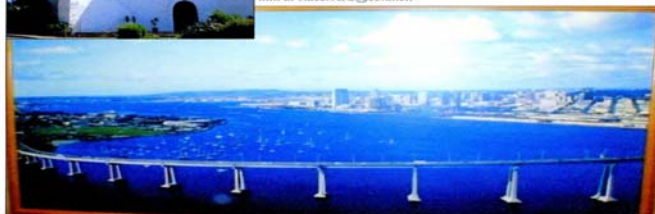
**Save the Date**  
**June 27 to July 1, 2011**

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.



Some of the meet activities include Fine Point car judging, Tour Car judging, Fashion Banquet, Swap Meet, Technical Seminars, Special Interest group meetings, Tours, Hubley Derby, Door prizes, Raffles, and More!  
For more information, contact: Bob Burdick at 949-310-4088 or email him at [RacerX32@cox.net](mailto:RacerX32@cox.net).

**Model A**  
Restorer's Club



Let's Get Moving - Trip Ideas

### **October 9-10, 2010**

**GALENA COUNTRY FAIR** - Grant Park, Galena

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**AUTUMN DRIVE** - Garden Valley Road, Woodstock

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### **October 23, 2010**

**BOONE COUNTY HARVEST FEST** - Belvidere Park and Spencer Park, Belvidere

*From 9 AM - 5 PM in Belvidere Park along the Kishwaukee Riverfront Path through the Baltic Mill there will be... Scarecrow Walk (contestants must arrive at 7:00 AM to begin decorating their scarecrow, and be finished no later than 8:30 AM to allow time for setup of scarecrows along the walk) • Pumpkin inflatable for children • Pick-a-pumpkin • Guided tours of the historic Baltic Mill • Live music in the stage area adjacent to the Baltic Mill • Open Air Market in the field adjacent to the Baltic Mill, including farm produce, cheeses, meats, and folk art vendors selling various wares • Wine & beer tasting in the Baltic Mill conference area • Food available at the Wienie Wagon. From 5 PM - 9 PM in the Boone County Conservation District by the Spencer Pavillion there will be... Horse-drawn hay rides • Fireside Music • Bonfire • S'mores • Square Dancing • Food available from the Lion's Club.* 815-547-4252 [www.boonecountyharvestfest.com](http://www.boonecountyharvestfest.com)

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[http://www.travelwisconsin.com/events\\_calendar.aspx](http://www.travelwisconsin.com/events_calendar.aspx)

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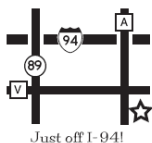
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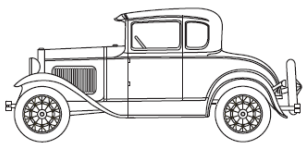
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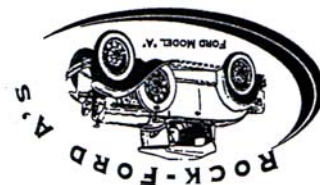
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**FOR SALE:** 1931 Model A slant window Fordor. Contact Willard Davey for details 815-384-3145

**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

ROCKFORD, IL 61110  
P.O. BOX 4001



# Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 14, 2010 - 5:00 cash bar cocktails, 6:00 dinner

DiGiovanni's Restaurant

4866 Bluestem Road

Roscoe, Illinois

Enjoy a delightful evening of delicious food, great friends  
and warm memories of another year of Model A touring!

Raffle prizes will be awarded!

Wear your Era fashions!

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Menu choice of Prime Rib, Italian Style Baked Half Chicken  
or Baked Alaskan Coldwater Cod

(Cost includes meal, salad, pasta appetizer, baked bread and coffee.)

The Club will provide a cake dessert and pay tax and gratuity.

Complete the registration form below. Enclose your check made payable to Rock-Ford A's.

Bring both to the Tuesday, October 26, 2010 meeting

or

mail by no later than Wednesday, October 27 to:

Jim Morley, Club Treasurer

4538 Dellview Drive

Rockford, IL 61109

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Enclosed is our/my check # \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the following Banquet meal(s):

_____ Prime Rib - Regular Cut	\$21.99	Name(s): _____
_____ Italian Style Baked Half Chicken	\$13.99	Name(s): _____
_____ Baked Alaskan Coldwater Cod	\$17.99	Name(s): _____

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_