



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
Sunday September 12, 2010	Roscoe Fall Festival Parade Larry Schmitz, coordinator (815) 703-5656 8:30 a.m. Complimentary breakfast at DiGiovanni's Restaurant 4866 Bluestem Rd., Roscoe, IL for Club members participating in the parade 10:00 a.m. Line up at Main & Grove Sts. (1 blk. south of Bridge St.)
Saturday September 18, 2010	International Model A Day
Sunday September 26, 2010	Stillman Valley Fall Festival www.stillmanvalleyfallfestival.com Dave Werckle, coordinator (815) 234-8967 12:00 line up behind high school off Meridian Rd; parade begins at 1:00. Then come to Dave and Sara Werckle's for dessert at 6648 Woodland Drive, Stillman Valley, IL
Tuesday September 28, 2010 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting TechTalk: To be determined – bring your ideas! Lady A's Chat: Planning Your Fall Banquet Outfit
Saturday October 2, 2010 10 – 2:00 p.m.	Fall Fix-It Day at Steve Klentz' Tri-City Auto Services, Inc. 525 River Park Drive Loves Park, IL (Brats, burgers and beverage will be provided)
Sunday October 3, 2010 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Tony & Alice Whitney's 50 th Anniversary Celebration Please read invitation inside this newsletter RSVP by Sat., Sept. 18 to (815) 895-5023
Tuesday October 26, 2010 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting TechTalk: TBD Lady A's Chat: TBD
Sunday November 14, 2010 5:00 p.m. cocktails 6:00 dinner	Annual Fall Banquet DiGiovanni's Restaurant 4866 Blustem Road Roscoe, IL

August 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes

(Submitted by Chris Aupperle)

1. Welcome to the Rock-Ford As Annual Picnic
A special thank you to Warren Paulson for allowing us to meet at the Museum.
2. Rock-Ford A's clothing available: hats & jackets from Wendell Anderson; vests from Kathy Forbes or Stan Stewart
3. Jim Morley, Treasurer's Report:

Checkbook Balance as of 8-14-10	\$3211.44
Cash on hand	150.00
Total Balance	\$3385.17
Expenses	
Supplies for newsletter (Chris A.)	47.89
Total Expenses	\$ 47.89
Income	
Parade	85.00
Coffee donations	7.20
Dues	15.00
Magnetic signs	32.00
Total Income	\$ 139.20
Checkbook Balance as of 6-27-10	\$3303.75
Cash on hand	150.00
Total Club Balance as of 7-25-10	\$3453.75
4. Club Picnic – Great food! Brats and burgers; 54 members in attendance.
5. Thanks for all the great desserts, salads and side dishes. Thanks to all who pitched in to make it happen.

Glimpse from the Gavel

Bill Aupperle, Director



Many thanks for all the great help at the picnic from Tony Whitney, Larry Henert, Steve Klentz, Jim Morley, Alice Whitney, Kathy Forbes and anyone else I might have missed!

Please help plan a Fall Tour - it doesn't have to be far or fancy! Pair up with friends and divide the work. There are only a few more months left in this year – let's get going!

Drive safely . . .



50 years

Have gone by so fast

There have been a few tears

But there have been many laughs

Come help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary

Who – Tony & Alice Whitney

When – Sunday, October 3, 2010 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Where – 1850 Brickville Road

Sycamore, IL 60178

*Cards and the presence of family
and friends are the best gifts of all!*

R.S.V.P. by Saturday, Sept. 18 (815) 895-5023

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



I'm always looking for more material to include in our Newsletter! This month's postcard from 1928 reprinted for you on page 5 comes to you courtesy of Larry Schmitz (Attn: Steve Klentz – how about those 1928 prices?!?).

Please let me know if you have any interesting photos, history or documents to share with the Club from the Model A era.

Thank you!

Freeport Threshing Show

Sponsored by the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club

Fri. - Sun., Sept. 17-19, 2010

\$6.00 adults; \$3.00 children under 12

Operating threshing machines and steam traction engines, over 300 antique tractors, operating sawmill, blacksmith shop stationary gasoline engines, antique cars and trucks, stave mill, huge flea market, horses and horse powered equipment

www.thefreeportshow.com/show.htm

(815) 235-2198

Hill & Valley Antique Auto & Americana Show

Baer Park in Cross Plains, Wisconsin

Sat., Sept. 18, 2010 6:45 – 4:40 p.m.

\$8 registration; dash plaque; 1 hr. tour, steam engine displays, food, horse drawn vehicles, historic displays

Call Don Chandler (608) 513-8254 or (608) 798-3040

River Bluff Nursing Home Family Fun Day

Sat., Sept. 11, 2010 2:00 p.m. – Car Show with prizes; food & music; petting zoo & face painting for the children

4401 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103

Call Monica at (815) 877-8061, x206 to display your car

Tech-Tip: Keep Your Cool

A few thoughts on keeping your car running cool in hot weather

It's not uncommon for Model As to over heat during the hot summer months. However, besides the radiator, there are many other possible trouble conditions that can contribute to an engine running too hot.

The more obvious:

- * Low water or coolant level in radiator.
 - * Find out where the water is going if you are regularly having to add water.
 - * A plugged radiator will cause poor water circulation.
 - * Look for leaks.
- 1) Loose fan belt preventing the fan from pulling adequate air through the core.
 - 2) Low oil level.
 - 3) Oil degradation from age or contamination with water leaking thru head gasket into oil.

The not so obvious:

- 1) Incorrect ignition timing
 - * Timing too advanced will over heat the intake valve region of the head.
 - * Timing too retarded will over heat the exhaust valve region of the head.
 - * These hot spots spell trouble for the pistons, engine block, cylinder head and engine oil.
- 2) Fuel mixture too lean.

The Fix:

- * Keep the radiator full.
- * Water pump may be pushing more water into the upper tank than the radiator can circulate, so it goes out the over flow.
- * Flow test the radiator.
- * Flush the radiator.
- * Repair the radiator
- * Tighten fan belt to proper tension.
- * Clean and inspect cooling fins
- * Keep oil at the proper level
- * Change oil

The Fix:

- * Adjust point gap.
- * Make certain the spark plugs are of the correct heat range and gapped properly.
- * Then, set engine timing correctly.
- * Make proper carburetor fuel mixture adjustments.
- * Major failure in these areas can result in valve, cylinder head, and piston damage = rebuild engine. \$\$
- * Make the proper carburetor and choke rod adjustments.

Fashion Fun - Fall, 19__?

Can you guess the year of these dresses?

1. Hat – none of the forehead and hairline is exposed
2. Dress length – somewhat below the knee
3. Belt/waist - not defined at waist; rests at or below hip
4. Bodice – fairly plain; emphasizing more of a “boy” look



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

Is your answer 1928 or 1929 or 1930 or 1931?

Welcome New Members to our Club!

Maynard and Bonnie Sweeney
1220 Colonial Drive
Machesney Park, IL 61115
(815) 633-0476
1929 Roadster

PAST EVENTS

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC AT WARREN PAULSON'S FARM



Treasurer Jim Morley presents Club donation to Warren Paulson for his Agriculture Museum of Argyle. Thank you for hosting our event!

DISPLAY FOR FAIRHAVEN'S RESIDENTS



A resident enjoys Tony and Alice Whitney's 1931 Model A Briggs Fordor.

ROCK-FORD A'S AT ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM



We enjoy a picnic lunch between train rides during the Vintage Transport Extravaganza at the Illinois Railway Museum.

BENEFIT FOR ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



Club member Dr. Mike Werckle and wife Patti sponsor a car show fundraiser benefit for the local Alzheimer's Association.



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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

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Spouse's Name _____

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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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Source: MAFCA Web Site

2009 Membership Form

Member Concerns

Please contact Nan Stewart if you know of anyone who needs support, prayers, or a kind deed!

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September 19-24, 2010

Host Site:
DoubleTree Hotel, Holland
616-394-0111

Register under 2010 Glidden Tour







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Actual size 3"

Tour open to cars 1942 and before (no modified or hot rods)

Contact: Gene and Lillian Elliott, Tour Directors
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e-mail: lveindhp@aol.com

Mike and Patti Werckle, Tour Chairmen
815-885-1108
membership@vmcca.org

REGISTRATION FORM

While Weap back home of the Buick-Horn and at www.vmcga.org

For details, contact Mike or Patti Werckle at cabindoc@gmail.com or (815) 885-1108

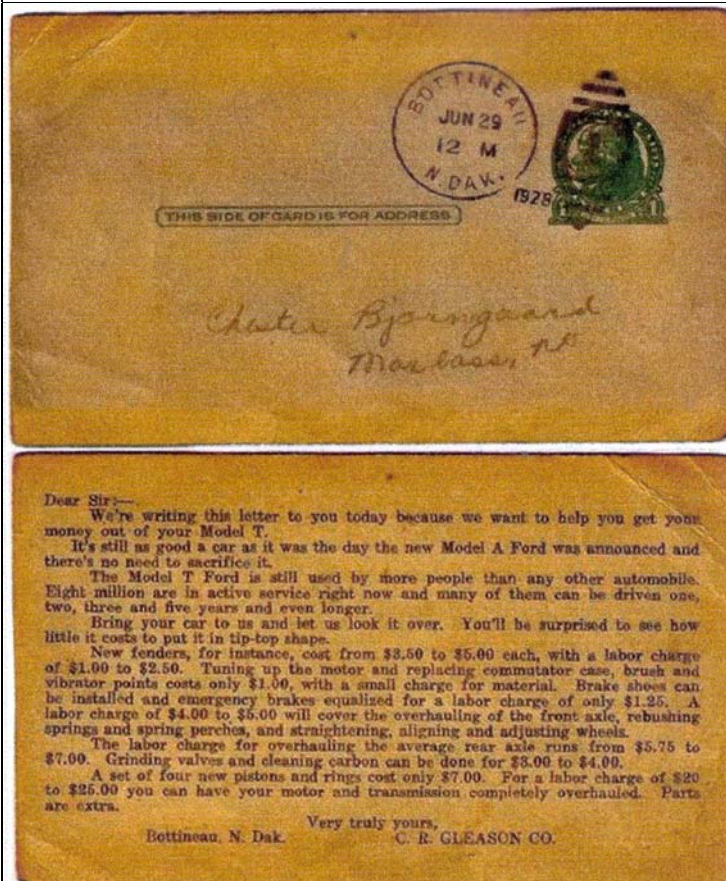


2011 MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET
March 24 - 27, 2011
St Augustine, FL

www.modelameet.com



The 2010 International Model A day is scheduled for Saturday September 18, with a LOCAL rain date of Sunday, Sept. 19. It coincides with Henry Ford's trip to Europe in Sept. 1930 to Internationalize the Model "A" Ford by establishing Ford plants in Dagenham, England, Rotterdam, Holland, and Cologne, Germany. This is a good opportunity to get your Model A's out on the road to "celebrate" our cars.



This is a mailer sent on a penny postcard in 1928 soliciting automotive repair...

"Dear Sir, We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.

It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.

The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.

Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little is costs to put it in top-top shape.

New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, alinging and adjusting wheels.

The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00.

Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00. A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra."

Very truly yours, C.R. Gleason, Bottineau, N. Dak.

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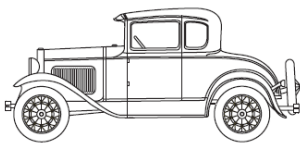
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WANTED: 4.50 x 19 tires for 1930-31 Model A. Contact Dean Wanfalt for details 815-222-2117

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