



ROCK-FORD A's MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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July, 2009

Calendar of Events

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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

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

Central Christian Church
6527 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.

Sunday
July 12, 2009
1:00 p.m.

ByronFest Parade & Dessert Get-together
at Wendell & Sharon Anderson's
11408 N. Kennedy Hill Road, Byron, IL
1:00 Drop off desserts at Anderson's;
1:30 Leave from Anderson's for Byron;
2:00 Parade begins

Sunday
July 19, 2009
11:30 a.m. meet at
Clock Tower Resort
Rockford, IL

1:00 Meet the Great Lake A's at
Volo Auto Museum
Volo, IL
(\$9 adults; \$7 seniors)
Dinner at Squires Family Restaurant;
Antioch, IL
Info. – Bill & Chris Aupperle (815) 979-8595

Saturday
July 25, 2009
7:30 a.m.

Breakfast & Tour
7:30 a.m. Leave from Jessica's Restaurant (Rt. 251 & Hononegah in Roscoe, IL)
*Breakfast at Shortstack Pancake House (Cranston Rd. just west of Prairie Ave., Beloit, WI)
*Tour Brodhead Airport Model A Aircraft
*Lunch at Airport
*Kaufman's Country Store
*Tour Copperstone Inn – Rockton, IL
Info. - Russell Kothe (815) 871-6169

Tuesday
July 28, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Saturday
August 1, 2009
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Early Ford Day at Volo Auto Museum
Pre-regist. fee = \$10 (2 per car; includes museum)
Day of show fee = \$12
Info.- Don Johnson (815) 494-1433
Joe Paravala (815) 385-3644
Early Ford V/8 Club; Rockford Chapter

Sunday
August 2, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
(grounds open)

19th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza
Illinois Railway Museum – Union, IL
10:30-5:00 operations
(details inside newsletter)

Sunday
August 16, 2009
Noon

Annual Picnic
Paulson's Farm

Sunday
September 13, 2009
8:00 a.m.

Roscoe Fall Festival Parade
8:00 Complimentary Breakfast at DiGiovanni's Restaurant
4866 Bluestem Rd., Roscoe, IL
for Club members participating in the parade
10:00 Line up at Main & Grove Sts.
(1 blk. south of Bridge St.)

Sat., September 19, 2009 Hill & Valley Antique Auto & Americana Show
Cross Plains, WI (details inside newsletter)

June 30, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Bill Aupperle, Vice Chairman

1. Welcome Members & Guests – Dewey Ohlen

2. Treasurer's Report – Charlie Monk

Balance as of 06/01/09	\$3586.82
Expenses – supplies	196.86
Income –	
Alternator	190.00
50/50 Drawing	87.00
Dues	45.00
Polo Parade	150.00
Ending balance on 06/30/09	\$3884.96

3. Volunteer Needed:

We still need a coordinator for weddings.

4. Social Concerns – Continued thoughts and prayers for Jack Gustafson; continued improvement for Wayne Linquist.

5. Thanks to Harold Metz for tonight's setup and to his wife, Peggy, for the delicious cookies and rhubarb cake!

6. Model A Day in Sharon, Wisc. – 150 cars; smaller attendance due to threatening weather in surrounding areas. Great efforts by Mike and Lana Peters, too! Thanks to all Club members who volunteered.

7. Plenty of ideas for tours and events – signups.

8. Annual Picnic date confirmed – Sun., Aug. 16 at Noon

9. Russ Kothe put together a Day Tour for Sat. July 25.

10. Videos and slide show from MARC National Meet in Merrillville, Indiana.

11. Adjourn

A Glimpse from the Gavel

Steve Klentz, Director



Thanks to all who volunteered at Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin last month. Everyone had a great time – lots of activities and entertainment!

There's plenty of touring yet to do this Summer, so be sure your cars are in tip-top shape"! There's no need to qualify for the "rubber chicken" award if you don't have to! Use knowledgeable Club members as a resource for repair advice!

Drive carefully . . .

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



I'm always looking for ideas, events, advice and items of interest for each Newsletter. Please let me know if you find something so it can be considered for publication. For instance:

Does anyone have recipes for manifold meals, the original "meals on wheels"?

Do you know of a new Model A gadget or tool you can't live without?

Submit ideas to me by the 5th of each month. Thank you!



Let's Get Moving - Trip Ideas

Rockford's Klehn Arboretum & Botanic Garden
<http://www.klehm.org/> or call 815-965-8146

Anderson Japanese Gardens
<http://andersongardens.org/> or call 815-229-9390

Tinker Swiss Cottage
<http://www.tinkercottage.com/> or call 815-964-2424

Burpee Museum of Natural History
<http://www.burpee.org/> or call 815-965-3433

Midway Village Museum
<http://www.midwayvillage.com/> or call 815-397-9112

Sat. - Sun., August 1-2, 2009

24th Annual Summer Swap Meet

Walworth County Fairgrounds – Elkhorn, WI

1,300+ swap spaces

600+ cars for sale

- Swap meet
- Cars for sale corral
- Show cars

Sun., August 2, 2009

19th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza

Illinois Railway Museum – Union, IL

The past comes alive through the display of antique autos, trucks, fire engines, tractors, motorcycles and buses-hundreds of vehicles assemble throughout the Museum campus. Ride the streetcars to the various display areas. Interurbans and diesel coach trains will be running on the mainline!

Call 815-923-4391 or www2.irm.org/schedule/index.html
Call Chris Aupperle for registration forms if you want to attend and display your car.

Tech-Talk:

Safety and Maintenance Tips for the Touring Season

Summer is here and that means plenty of tinkering, touring and traveling! Here are some timely tips for safe travels:

1. Check the essentials –brakes, battery, distributor cap, radiator, headlights, lube those zerks, change oil.
2. Carry a cell phone – but don't talk while driving!
3. Consider having a roadside assistance plan from your insurance company, AAA, etc. Don't laugh – if you break down, they might be able to tow your car on a flat bed carrier!
4. Stay off the superhighways – they're not your friend!
5. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination – you just can't rush in a Model A!
6. Travel with another Model A – "two heads are better than one" if you get stuck someplace!
7. Carry a tow strap – to tow or be towed, that is the question!
8. Keep your tires inflated to 35-38 PSI.
9. Watch out for the other guy – there is a tendency for modern drivers to think we're awfully slow, so be prepared to be passed, cut off or ignored!
10. Consider adding (and using) safety belts - thank goodness for those "new-fangled inventions"!

Sun., Sept. 13, 2009

32nd Annual Fall Swap Meet *Jefferson County Fairgrounds*

3,100+ swap spaces
1,100+ cars for sale

- Swap meet
- Cars for sale corral
- Show cars

Sat. - Sun., Sept. 26-27, 2009

2009 Chicagoland Quad Meet *Cerney Park in Warrenville, Illinois* hosted by Naper A's

\$12.00/person; lunch served at noon;
bring dessert or fruit to share

Bingo, raffle prizes, 50/50 drawing
Contact Tom Eklund (630) 393-2614 or
www.naperas.com

26th Annual

Hill and Valley Antique Auto and Americana Show

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Baer Park in Cross Plains, Wisconsin

A Memorable Event for the Whole Family

One hour tour through our hills and valleys, Antique and classic cars and trucks, Steam and gas engines and tractors, Horse drawn vehicles
Free admission, Arts and crafts show, Pancake breakfast, Sweet corn at the steam engine, Historical displays: Blacksmithing, Wagon wheel making, Spinning, Quilting, Lace making, Sauerkrauting

Dash Plaques will be presented to the first 150 registrants.

Preregistration will be appreciated but is not required. Please send your registration to:

Wisconsin Capital Model T Ford Club

26th Hill and Valley Antique Auto and Americana Show

Registrar

P.O. Box 233

Cross Plains, WI 53528

From 8am - 4pm

Registration:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Make of Vehicle _____ Year _____
Additional Information _____

Registration fee is \$8 for first vehicle, \$4 for each additional vehicle.
One dash plaque per registrant.

13th Annual Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin

The historic town of Sharon, Wisconsin hosted its 13th annual Model A Day Sunday, June 7, 2009 co-sponsored by the Rockford, Illinois Chapter of the Rock-Ford A's. The sleepy town of 1500 residents near the Illinois/Wisconsin state line awakened to the vast trumpeting of "Ahooga" horns from over 150 vintage Model A Ford automobiles. This year, the historic downtown district of early 20th century architecture focused on the Great Depression. "President Franklin Delano Roosevelt" and his Secret Service bodyguard made an appearance in the town square, driven in a Model A. Roosevelt's speech encouraged citizens to make the best of the times and look forward to a more promising future under his administration.

Dr. David E. Kyvig, Distinguished Research Professor, Northern Illinois University & author of *Daily Life in the United States, 1920-1940: How Americans Lived Through the "Roaring Twenties" and the Great Depression* spoke on "Understanding the Great Depression".

Karen Kenney, local event co-ordinator along with scores of resident volunteers and members from the Rock-Ford A's Club helped re-create Sharon into a truly typical 1920's town. Store front windows were decorated as Era shops. The day's events included a pig roast, 20's/30's fashion show, Roaring Twenties Dixieland Band, The Singing Savino Sisters, Era dance performances by the Rockford, Illinois Arthur Murray Dance Studio, running board lunches, era skits, street vendors, era-costumed adults and children, and of course a swap meet for Model A mechanics and enthusiasts.



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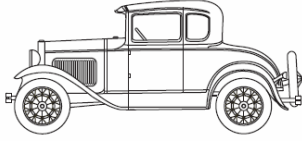
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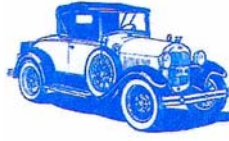


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FOR SALE: Truck with car hauling trailer. Contact Bob Nowicki 815-623-6689

FOR SALE: 2 wheel tow dolly - \$350 obo. Contact Dave Pierson 815-988-9338

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