



**ROCK-FORD A's
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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Region of MARC – Chapter of MAFCA

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November, 2009



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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

Sunday
November 8, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Wisconsin Centennial of Flight

(see details inside newsletter)

Sunday
November 15, 2009
5:00 p.m. cocktails
6:00 p.m. dinner

Annual Club Banquet
DiGiovanni's Restaurant
4866 Bluestem Road
Roscoe, IL

*The Club voted to pay group gratuity & tax.
There will be raffle prizes.
Wear your vintage clothing!*

Friday
January 1, 2010

Read your odometer for MAFCA's
2010 Million Mile Challenge

Saturday
February 13, 2010
Noon

Annual Soup Lunch Meeting
Central Christian Church

Don't forget! There are no meetings in December or January.
Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends!

It's time to pay your \$15.00 Club dues for 2010!

Please make your check payable to
Rock-Ford A's and submit to:
Charlie Monk
13705 Telegraph Road
Pecatonica, IL 61063

*Renew your membership by no later than January 1, 2010
Your prompt renewal minimizes our paperwork!*

Thank you!

October 27, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Chris Aupperle on behalf of Bill Aupperle, Vice Chairman

1. Welcome visitors and new members: Ron Ehrenhofer
2. Special apple pie and ice cream dessert courtesy of Bob Edwards; coffee by Larry & Marliss Schmitz
3. Charlie Monk, Treasurer's Report:

Ending Balance 9-29-09	\$3917.39
Expenses for funeral; supplies	111.54
Income	
Wedding	125.00
Coffee	10.50
Dues	15.00
Balance as of 9-28-09	\$3960.31
4. Nominations taken for Club officers with election at the November Banquet.
5. Clothing available – 1st vest is free to member; 2nd vest is \$12.00; contact Kathy Forbes. Hats and jackets available on order from Wendell Anderson.
6. Old Business - Thanks again to Sara and Dave Werckle for dessert after Stillman Valley parade. 17 cars participated in the Poplar Grove Sesquicentennial parade. Bob Edwards participated in the parade at Harlem H.S. The “rubber chicken” stays with Jim Morley.
7. New Business – Correct date of Wisconsin Centennial of Flight celebration is Nov. 8. Jerry Domeracki led discussion of Illinois vehicle code regarding antique license plate designation for vehicles only when serviced, in parades or Club functions; otherwise driver can be issued a citation/ticket. Dave Clark shared his experience with attempting to get a title for an antique vehicle assembled from parts.
8. Fall Banquet volunteers – Place cards: Kathy Forbes; Decorations: Nan Stewart, Kathy Forbes, Marliss Schmitz; Cake: Jim Morley.
9. Today's TechTalk – steering box, linkage repair and adjustments
10. Today's Lady A's Chat – Vintage purses presentation by Nan Stewart and Alice Whitney

Glimpse from the Gavel

Steve Klentz, Director



*It's been a year of joys and sorrows.
Remember the family of Don Benthall at this time. The holidays
may be especially difficult.*

*Nominations for Club officers for the next year have been
received. **Please accept your nomination!** The current officers
have done their job and now it's time for other members to take
their turn in the Club. We need you – especially if you have a few
hours of time per month for the Club. Thank you!*

*Many thanks to Bob Edwards for providing apple pie and ice
cream at the October meeting!*

Drive safely . . .

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



We'd love to hear your Model A story – your
first Model A, how you became interested in
the Era, how you got your car, etc.

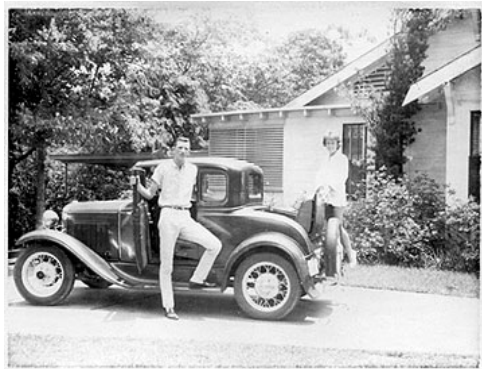
Send your story along with a photo, if possible, to:

Chris Aupperle
621 Hemlock Lane
Rockford, IL 61107

Photos will be returned.

Thank you!

For the love of an “A”: Your Model A story here!



<http://www.halbirt.com/jph-modelA.jpg>

Wisconsin Centennial of Flight Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009 9:00 a.m.

The first airplane flight in stateline area
took place in 1909 at Beloit on Morgan farm.
There will be a recreation flight that morning
at Morgan School next to Staples in Beloit on
Milwaukee Rd. I-43. A rededication of the
Historical marker will be done. Remember when
Wendell Witton showed us the slide show of A.P.
Warner of Beloit, the inventor of the
speedometer at our club meeting. Warner was the
first aviator in Wisconsin in 1909. Wisconsin
National Guard will do a fly-over at the event.
We can show up in our Model A's or T's before
winter storage if we wish. Suggest parking near
Staples as the school is very limited as this
event is open to the public. Later at 5 PM at
Beloit Historical Society in Beloit, more
indoor festivities.

For more details:

www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com/centennial_events.htm

TechTalk: Before You Put Your Model A in Storage for the Winter

This is the time of year the majority of classic car owners put their "babies" to bed as well. You'll want to make sure it's protected from the elements during the winter months. Just putting a cover over it in the garage is not enough. Experts have offered many suggestions to protect your car. I'm sure you have many of your own.

- **First things first.** Go for one last drive. This serves two purposes. 1) It's fun and 2) it allows your car to get up to operating temperature. Bringing your engine up to temperature is important to burn off contaminants in the oil and it also gets rid of moisture in the exhaust system.
- **Change the oil.** More of the dirty oil and contaminants will come out if the engine is warm. Moisture and acids in old oil will pit bearings and other engine parts while in storage. Fill with the oil of your choice.
- **Fill fuel tank.** A full tank prevents water condensation from getting in the tank and causing corrosion. Draining fuel does not prevent varnish formation in engines, as fuel is left behind in the fuel system. Gaskets can dry out, resulting in leaks in the spring.
- **Stabilize Fuel.** Add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer before filling up the tank. This will thoroughly mix the stabilizer with the fuel. Now there will be 'stabilized' gas throughout the fuel system.
- **Antifreeze.** If it is near the time to change your antifreeze, do it prior to storage. Antifreeze contains additives that prevent corrosion to internal radiator components. These additives wear out over time and need to be replaced.
- **Disconnect battery.** Remove the negative battery cable to prevent the battery from draining, or connect a trickle charger to the battery. Better yet, remove the battery and store in a cool, but not freezing, location connected to a trickle charger.
- **Protect Finish.** Wash, wax and cover with a car cover. Be sure to use a cover that can breathe, otherwise mold will develop in the interior.
- **Protect Tires.** If storing your car for more than 12 months, remove weight from the tires by placing the car on jack stands (This prevents flats spots from forming on tires). Apply a protectant to tires to prevent rot.
- **Parking Brake.** Do not apply the parking brake during storage as it may become rusted to the brake drum. For manual transmissions, leave the gear in neutral. Use car stands or wheel chokes to keep the car from rolling.
- **Mildew prevention.** Place moisture absorption tubs or desiccant tubes in the vehicle interior and trunk to prevent mold and mildew growth.
- **Protect Rubber.** Apply a rubber protectant to weather stripping to prevent rot.
- **Protect interior** Remove any food or food packaging that could attract vermin.

Family - Faith - Fashion: Thanksgiving during the Model A Era



"I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their daily work, and in their homes or in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received, and seek His guidance that through good deeds and brotherly love they may deserve a continuance of His favor."

President Calvin Coolidge, 1928

Welcome New Members!

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PAST EVENTS



Steve Klentz leads discussion regarding steering box, linkage repair and related adjustments at last month's meeting.

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Nan Stewart and Alice Whitney share their collection of vintage Model A Era purses with the Lady A's group during the October meeting.



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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.

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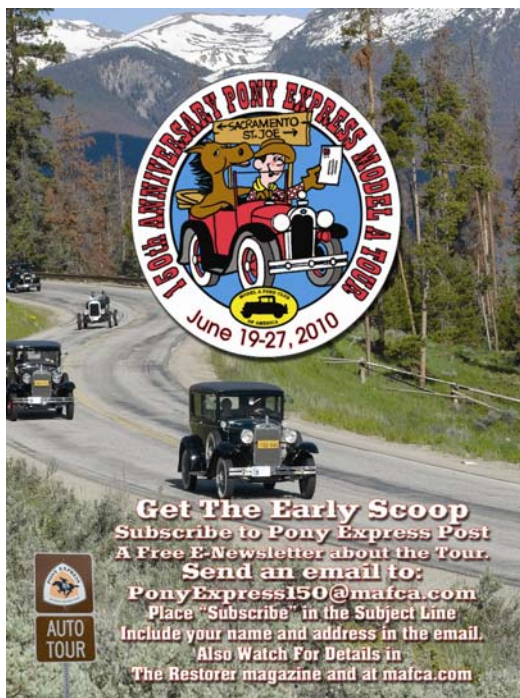
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Source: MAFCA Web Site
2009 Membership Form

Member Concerns

Please remember anyone who might need assistance during this holiday season!



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

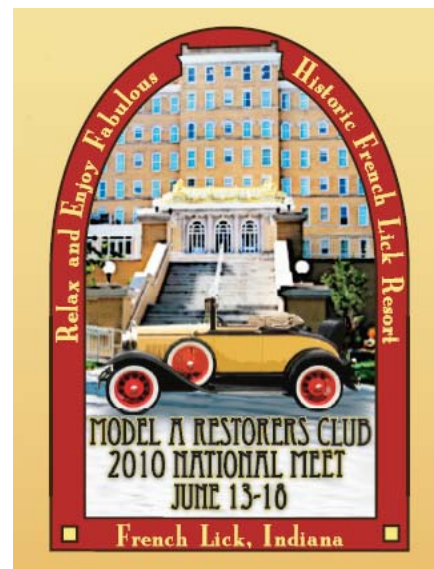
June 13 -18, 2010 in French Lick, Indiana.

"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



MAFCA 2009 Membership Meet

December 2nd to December 5th, 2009 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Come join your fellow MAFCA members in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and experience the wonderful social and educational attractions our great city has to offer. Visit the brand new Harley Davidson Museum, the world renowned Milwaukee Art Museum, and dine at one of our great German Restaurants prior to attending the classic play, A Christmas Carol, performed at the 1927 restored Pabst Theater. Meet the new 2010 MAFCA Board of Directors, and renew and establish new friendships with MAFCA members from around the world. See your July/August issue of *The Restorer* for complete details, or visit www.MAFCA.com for more information.

Gary Zehren, Chairperson

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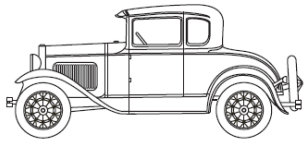
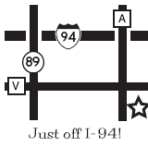
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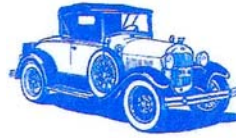


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FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Deluxe Coupe; project car; must see! Contact Paul Brands 815-978-1696

FOR SALE: 1929 Roadster with a rumble seat; reproduction 1979 Shay; asking \$16,500. Contact Bill Janick 630-319-2239

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

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