



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

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October, 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
October 18, 2009
2:00

150th Anniversary of Poplar Grove
1:00 line up at Village Hall, by water tower. Cider and donuts at Edwards Apple Orchard

Friday
October 16, 2009
1:00 p.m.

100th Anniversary of Harlem H.S.
Parade open to all; meet at the high school

Tuesday
October 27, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting
Men's TechTalk: Steering Adjustments
Lady A's Chat: Show 'n Share Era Purses – bring yours, too!
Nan Stewart & Alice Whitney

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

Annual Club Banquet
DiGiovanni's Restaurant
Roscoe, IL
See newsletter insert for more details

From Our Members



A little gas,
A little oil,
A little spark,
A little coil.
A piece of tin,
A two inch board,
Put them together,
And you've got a Ford!

Contributed by Russ Kothe

September 29, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Bill Aupperle, Vice Chairman

1. Welcome visitors and new members: Jerry Domeracki and Wayne Henson
 2. Coffee and treats today courtesy of Kathy Forbes
 3. Charlie Monk, Treasurer's Report:

Ending Balance 8-21-09	\$4177.55
Expenses for supplies and picnic	337.24
Income from Stillman Valley parade and new member	115.00
Balance as of 9-28-09	\$3960.31
 4. Floral arrangement sent in memory of Club member, Don Benthall
 5. September Roscoe Festival Parade: complimentary breakfast at DiGiovanni's Restaurant, 24 cars participated in parade
 6. September Stillman Valley Parade: Club earned \$100; 18 cars participated; thanks to Dave & Sara Werckle for dessert after!
 7. September Anderson Garden Tour: 18 cars participated; nice lunch at John and Sue Hausen's; ice cream at the Custard Cone
 8. August 1st Annual Model A Day in Amana, Iowa: Bill & Chris Aupperle and Jim & Sharon Morley attended; 93 cars total
 9. Nominations taken for Club officers with election at the November Banquet. Voting to create a position –Technical Director.
 10. November Banquet: Vote to keep last year's choices of prime rib, chicken parmigiana and baked cod; yes = 42; no = 0
Vote to have Club treasury pay tax and tip; yes = 42; no = 2
 11. Poplar Grove Parade on Sunday, October 18 to celebrate Village's 150th Anniversary. Meet 1:00 at their village hall by water Tower.
 12. Jack Gustafson suggested weekday Spring tour of Albus Factory and a possible tour of the Gustafson's home in St. Charles.
 13. Friday, October 16th 100th Anniversary of Harlem H.S.; parade starts at 1:00; open to anyone interested.
 14. Today's TechTalk cancelled; view "Great Train Robbery" DVD.
- Lady A's met to hear Bonnie Justis' presentation and view collection of vintage hats

Glimpse from the Gavel

Steve Klentz, Director

Many thanks to Dave & Sara Werckle for their hospitality and dessert after the Stillman Valley parade! Thanks, too, to John & Sue Hausen for coordinating the Anderson Garden tour and for hosting lunch that day! Thank you Bonnie for bringing your wonderful hat collection for the Lady A's to enjoy!

We'll need volunteers to help with the November Banquet so be sure to step forward next month. The Club works because of all of you.

Drive safely . . .



Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor

Thanks to Bob Lawhorn for his contribution to this month's Newsletter. 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

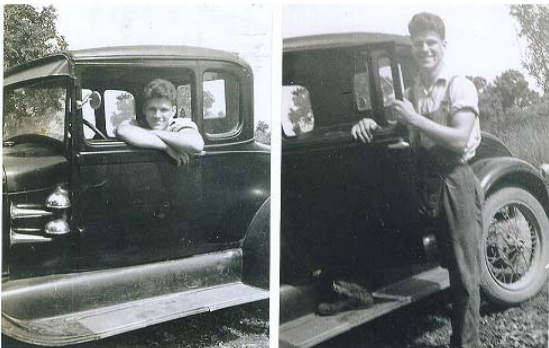
Photos will be returned.



Thank you!

For the Love of an "A": Bob Lawhorn's Story

My foster parents bought a 1929 Model A Ford Coupe for transportation and used as a utility vehicle for just about any job on their farm. Although I rode a yellow school bus to school, I was allowed to use the car for extra school activities like games, concerts and dates. It pretty much became my car. In 1943, I left for the Marines and during this time the car was put on blocks awaiting my return. Sure enough, it was there when I returned in May of 1946. It was an OK car at that time, but for a 21 year old, it had to be newer! I went through a number of cars in the next few years and that Model A just sat. In 1950, I was called back into service during the Korean war and when I came home a year later, it had been sold for scrap. Too bad, I wish I still had it. Forty six years later, I finally purchased a Model A of my very own!



Wisconsin Centennial of Flight Wed., 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 see

www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com/centennial_events.htm

Tech-Talk

How do I get the most miles from my Model A?

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

A. Oil Changes, this has been a topic that is discussed frequently and you will get many different opinions on it. The recommended interval has always been every 500 hundred miles. with the new oils today, that is not the stead fast rule anymore. I know many people using a good synthetic 10w30 oil that change every 1500 miles and some every 2500 to 5000. Today's driving is much different than in the days of Henry Ford, our streets are paved and most of us don't drive more than 2500 miles a year on average. Depending on how you drive and where you drive will also play a factor in this decision. Remember OIL is the LIFE BLOOD of your engine. Don't skimp on the quality ever!!

B. Radiator Water, I repeat WATER.. NOT antifreeze during the driving months of your car. The Ford Model A engine is not a pressurized system therefore it does not need antifreeze. Use regular distilled water with a rust inhibitor and all will be fine, It is recommended to change 2x a year. however if you are in a cold climate and will be storing your car in an UN-Heated garage. Antifreeze is used during the winter months to prevent freezing and cracking the block. Come spring time, drain your radiator of all antifreeze, run a gallon water through with a radiator cleaner and run the car for 5 minutes, drain and replace with clear clean water and radiator rust inhibitor.

C. Lubrication, Don't skimp on this area, there are many charts available from local vendors that will give you the recommended lubrication intervals and locations where the car is to be lubed,. Use a good grease available from you local parts store or any of the model a vendors listed on this site. There are 2 different grease fitting on the model a, you can get the adaptors from any model a parts distributor.

D. Cotter Pins, There are a lot of them, in fact to be exact there are 160 pins of 12 different sizes that are used on your Model A. The chart below will tell you where they are to be used, Cotter pins are not changed on a regular maintenance checks but should always be looked at and always carried with you. You never know when a tie rod, or brake rod pin can snap. Always check you pins before any long tour and make it part of your maintenance schedule to look at them.

E. Tire Care, 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 have been used for a number or years be sure to check the tire wear regularly and should be replaced if noticeable wear is present.

Fashion Fun

A sample of the style of dresses made and worn during 1930 is shown on this page. The two models pictured together give an example of what was chosen by the more mature woman. The model with the jabot is a design directly from Paris and the model with the surplice closing for the larger woman is made of a tiny pin-dot fabric with a flat crepe collar. The third model pictured depicts a flattering design, which was easy to make.

Ladies were reminded not to buy and store new clothes away for some event in the future because styles would change and fads would come and go and no one wanted to look like last year's fashion scene.

In the overall review of planning and purchasing a wardrobe during the Model A years, times have changed but the wisdom of purchasing fewer pieces of good quality remains. The main objective was and is to look one's best when going to church, a friend's home or social event.



Note: Fashion resource information and examples are from a 1930 issue of The Country Gentleman.

Ladies – Get Ready for the Annual November Banquet!

Prepare your outfit by adding only a few elements for now!

Get ideas from other Club members; wear a longer skirt, wide brimmed hat or cloche and pumps.

A long strand of pearls is always in fashion.

A small or mid-sized clutch purse goes well with these outfits.

And of course, add a fur “scarf” for this special event. Last year, 22 members wore Era Fashion at this event.

Join us!

www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/2004-11.pdf

New Members!

Jerry Domeracki,
620 Waco Way
Poplar Grove, IL 61065
(224) 392-2713

Arlene Allen
2315 Pelham Road
Rockford, IL 61107

Wayne Henson
6213 E. Plucker Road
Stillman Valley, IL 61084

Grant Hulstedt
2868 Bus. 20
Belvidere, IL 61008

PAST EVENTS



Breakfast at DiGiovanni's before the Roscoe parade



Some Lady A's before the Roscoe parade



Bonnie Justis shows her vintage hat collection to the Lady A's



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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

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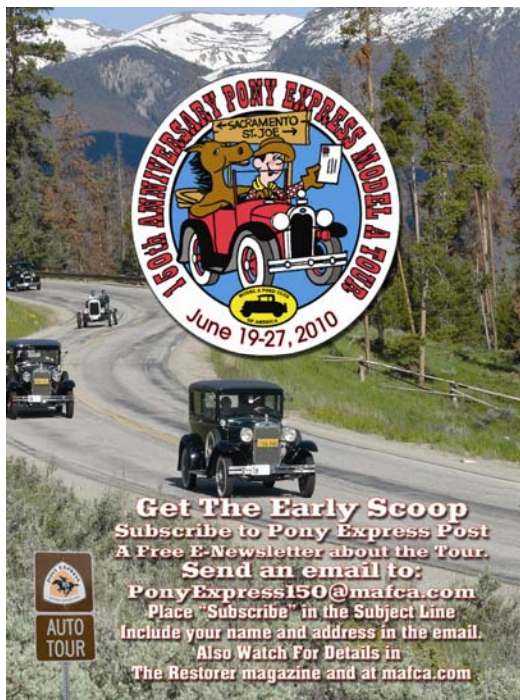


Source: MAFCA Web Site
2009 Membership Form

Member Concerns

Sympathy to Colleen Benthall on the death of her husband, Don, a long-time member and past Club president.

Get well wishes to Connie Hansen.



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.

Collector Car Auction
Monday, October 12, 2009 9:00 a.m.

Sullivan Auction Site; Hwy. 136 East, Hamilton, IL
www.sullivanauctioneers.com



MAFCA 2009 Membership Meeting
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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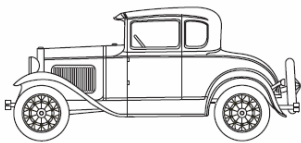
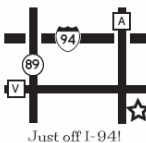
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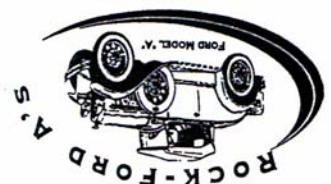
FOR SALE: 1931 Model A slant window Fordor. Contact Willard Davey 815-384-3145

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

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P.O. BOX 4001



Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 15, 2009 - 5:00 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!

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Menu choice of Prime Rib, Baked Chicken Parmigiana or Baked Alaskan Coldwater Cod
(Cost includes meal includes salad, pasta appetizer, baked bread and coffee.)

The Club will pay tax and gratuity.

Enclose your check with the registration slip and bring to the Tuesday, October 27, 2009 meeting
or
mail by no later than Wednesday, October 28 to:

Charlie Monk, Club Treasurer
13705 Telegraph Rd.
Pecatonica, IL 61063

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

_____ Prime Rib, Regular Cut	\$21.99
_____ Baked Chicken Parmigiana	\$17.99
_____ Baked Alaskan Coldwater Cod	\$15.99

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____