



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
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Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends,

What a month! Look at all the things we've been involved with! What a fabulous club we have!

- September 3: Rock River Threshereer in Edgerton, WI. Fords are the featured vehicles
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- September 17: Beloit Autorama
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Thanks to everyone who has participated in our events, in a Model A or modern car. And it was nice to join the Model T Club. Thanks to all for the pictures you sent to Sue! But, we're not done yet! There are a couple more things happening this fall: Toni Carlson's Hoard Museum Tour on Sat., Oct. 7, the Oregon 'Autumn on Parade' on Sun., Oct. 8, "Rock-n-Bowl" Car Show on Sat., Oct. 14, and please note our last meeting monthly meeting is at Central Christian Church on Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 7pm-8:30pm, and finally, our annual banquet on Sunday, Nov. 12 at Thunder Bay Restaurant at 5pm. Then, our cars hibernate the winter away & our winter projects begin!

Happy motoring ~ be safe out there,
George Brunson, President



Things are off to a great start at the Clinton High School with the Rockford A Youth Project! Mike Peters donated and delivered this rolling chassis on Sept. 22. He'll be working with shop teacher Adam Fjalstad, along with George Brunson and Bill Johnson, to get it restored and running! George, Jim Morley and Ron Lanquist have also helped with donating parts. If you want to get involved, please call George: 608-290-1935

ROCK-FORD A'S MEETING AGENDA - SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 2023

- Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance
- Attendance Sign In & Door Prize tickets! Sign-up sheets: Hoard Tour, Oregon Parade, Terry Clark Estate Sale Move, Model A Day Committee
- Any new or potential members? - none
- Any new illnesses or health concerns of our members? John Hausen in a boot for 6 weeks for an twisted ankle injury
- **NOTE CHANGE! Next meeting - Tues. Oct. 24@7pm at Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford Road, Rockford**
- BANQUET: Thunder Bay on Sunday, November 12th, cocktails at 5pm—please get reservation sheet/payment sent to Greg McQueary—see back page for more info!
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Terry Clark estate sale: Bob Nowicki needs help moving parts from Terry's house to his storage shed—no cost to the club—we need buckets and bins to help with that—show of hands who could bring those? This will be sold at Model A Day in the vendor area

REPORTS

Financial — George Brunson for Greg McQueary - August report, page 7

Parade Info — Dave Clark to recap

Breakfast/Dinner — John Hausen

Model A Day — planning has begun; see sign up sheet

Model A Youth Day — George and Bill Johnson and Mike Peters met for dinner with Clinton High School teacher, Adam Fjalstad & family to kick off their Model A project—they want it up running by Friday, Oct. 6 for Clinton's Homecoming Parade!!

Tech Talk — video next meeting instead of a tech talk

Next Tour — Toni Lynn Carlson - Ft. Atkinson & Hoard Museum, etc.

Model T Tour - recap

Discussion on Potential New Meeting Sites, Dates & Times for 2024:

- Roscoe Community
- Poplar Grove Airport (museum or hangar)
- Blassingham
- Central Christian Church

***DOOR PRIZE DRAWING* Congrats to Jan Leverington and Chuck Milazzo**

Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17.00 for an extra); club patches (\$4), window stickers (50¢), Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted), \$15 magnetic signs and \$20 car aprons from Greg McQueary; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10)

Submitted by Sue Brunson

Hi All, I am going to sell my ReplicaThompson SubMachine Gun & display stand. I used this as a display in my 1929 Fordor and displayed it on top of our player piano along with other era pieces. Being Model A people and having a 1920's movie being filmed in the near future in our area some of you will most likely be in the movie with your car and period dress. Perhaps toting this Tommy Gun will get you up closer to the action in this gangster related murder film. If you're interested let me know. Please pass this along to anyone you know that may be looking for such an unusual item.



Thanks, Al Pedersen 815-291-2527



Mark Your Calendars for Soup Lunch 2024!!
Our 2024 season will kick off with our annual
Soup Lunch - Central Christian Church on Sat.,
Feb. 17th. Please call Alice Whitney if you want
to bring a crockpot of soup: 815-895-5023.
The rest are asked to bring a dish to share!



Crime Documentary Update

As you may remember from the September Manifold News, we received this email invite from local author, documentarian, writer and police detective Erik G. Voss:

Along with my screenwriting and producer partner (a 20 year former WB studio exec), we plan on shooting a short film in the Delavan area of Walworth County. The short is based on a 1928 murder, which was detailed in my novel, Murder Made Casual, and we could use some period cars. I would envision the owners driving their own cars and appearing as extras if interested. The plan is to enter this various film festivals, (typically 20 minutes or so) then possibly a full length feature or TV series.

I spoke with Erik today & learned they're having a planning meeting on Fri., Oct. 13th (right?!) to proceed with this documentary at Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan, WI. It's key players, Lake Lawn Lodge and Kunes Auto Group, have made it known that they want to make this a much larger production than he'd originally planned, so because of that, he's looking at filming this spring instead of now. I invited Erik, his wife and daughter to come to our banquet at Thunder Bay next month to be a key note speaker and give us more ideas on how, what, why, and where his project stands. Should be very interesting to hear him speak!!

Roscoe Fall Festival Parade





Sat., Sept. 30th was our last hurrah at Blassingham Park for 2023 for our monthly summer meeting! We'll be voting at the Banquet where we'll have our meetings in 2024!

We've had so many great monthly club dinners on the 1st Tuesday of the month @ 5pm. Many thanks to John and Sue Hausen for organizing these as well as bi-weekly breakfasts!



Machine Shed Restaurant, Rockford - Tues., Oct. 3, 2024
It was SO nice to see Mary and Ron Kramer at the dinner - they were visiting us from their new home in Hudson, FL!

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl
"Curve in the Road"



When I finish one article for "Curve in the Road" I am always thinking about the next topic that may spark an interest in me and others. While reading and searching multiple sources I look for something that may be useful now and in the future and I try to figure a way to save it. There are many ways nowadays to save things of interest.

Fortunately, there are plenty of places to research any topics you want to find out more information concerning a project you may be inquiring about. Whether you get your information from a web site, Ford Model A group chats, magazines, newspapers, National & Local club sites and club members.

When you find something you want to figure a way to file it and save your newly important found information. Some of the ways I save information may be by saving it to my phone, computer, clip the article and file it, or try to remember it. I find it better to save than trying to remember it. Like with filing anything, remembering what you filed it under could get interesting.

Recently, while exploring different sources of interesting topics. I came across many interesting photos which shows the various conditions of spark plugs telling what might be the reason that yours may look like theirs. If you search, "spark plug chart", under images there are plenty of great examples of common spark plug conditions.

By comparing your spark plugs with examples on one of those charts, you could read possibly causing your plug to look like the example and provide some solution.

As I write this article I realize that whether you have been involved for many years restoring Ford Model A or a newbie like me, information like this may be helpful to someone. It seems when I view Ford Model A web sites and chat rooms a lot of people are searching for answers like this. I hope you find this helpful as much as me.

I also attached a photo of two spark plug removal tools I found at a local car show. I thought they were interesting.

I look forward to hearing and reading your comments at wrowehl@gmail.com.

NEED SOMETHING??

All of the Club tools are housed at Anne & Lee Laviolette's garage

@5427 Shamrock Lane, Roscoe, IL 61073

Call Anne: 815-218-3055 or Lee: 815-218-2510 Need a new list?

Email Anne: blueloon90@hotmail.com or email/text/call Sue Brunson

thebrunsons@hotmail.com 608-295-2590

Scarecrow Veggie Tray



**Clever Fall
Snack ideas!**



Linda & Ron Lanquist's great grandson looks like a natural driving Great Grandpa's '55 T-Bird and '28 Model A! What a cute little driver!



Nice picture of our treasurer, Greg McQueary! He's the guy you send your Thunder Bay banquet reservation and money to ASAP—see the back page for that sheet!

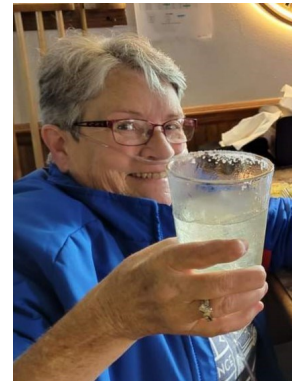
Thanks for all you do, Greg! We appreciate you very much!



Congrats, Kurt Duesterhoeft!

Beloit Autorama 2023

Joe Maurer's Overnight Model 'T & A' Tour to Oregon & Madison, WI





**GREAT
TOUR!
THANKS,
JOE!**



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*Please keep Barb Hodges,
Anne Laviolette, Karen Kothe,
Joe Maurer, and Wayne Rowehl in
your thoughts and prayers!*

Rock-Ford A's Treasurer's Report - August 2023

Checkbook balance July 1, 2023	\$5, 849.75
Cash on hand	97.00
Total checkbook and cash	5,946.75

Income:

Dues Deposit	40.00
Parade Sponsor—ByronFest	100.00
Total income	140.00

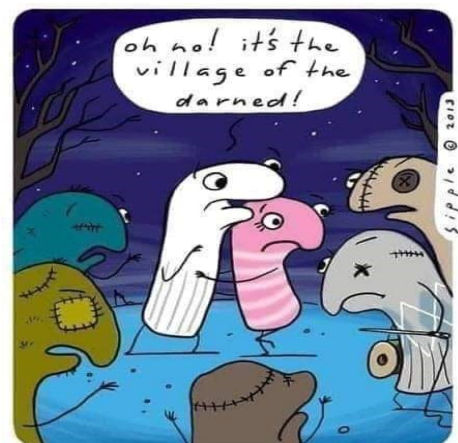
Expenses:

Model A Day/George Brunson	
Total expenses	

Total Checkbook balance and
Cash on hand

August 31, 2023 **\$6,086.75**

Submitted: Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer



Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 12, 2023 5:00 cocktails 6:00 dinner

Thunder Bay Grill and Restaurant
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois 61108

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, Cedar Planked Salmon, or Chicken Bruschetta
(Cost includes meal, salad, focaccia bread, non-alcoholic beverage)

*Prices increased from last year; the Club will pick up \$5 of the cost of each meal (last year was \$4)

The Club will pay tax, gratuity, and coffee/pop. Cash bar available.

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

Bring both to the Saturday, September 30th meeting or mail by no later than Friday, October 20 to:

Greg McQueary

7490 Ryebrook Road

Rockford, IL 61114-5636

Enclosed is my/our check # _____ for \$ _____ for the following Banquet meal(s) and dues:

Name	Name			
_____	_____	10 oz. Prime Rib	\$33.00	\$28.00
_____	_____	Cedar Planked Salmon	\$25.00	\$20.00
_____	_____	Chicken Bruschetta	\$22.00	\$17.00
_____	I am including my 2024 dues of \$20.00			<u>\$20.00</u>
			Total	_____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

