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Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends,

Our Annual Picnic & Potluck was a lot of fun! We had 34 members present and we had enough food for any army! Big thanks to all of you who came and brought something delicious to share! The hard decision was made to change location to inside at Central Christian Church because of the uncertainty of the hot weather and high humidity & then have Portillo's cater hotdogs and burgers - it turned out to be a good decision. Sue and I drove out to Blassingham Park the day before and the day after to put up/take down signs to alert anyone who hadn't gotten the email. Hopefully everyone who planned came and enjoyed. We sure did! Thanks to Nan & Stan Stewart!

Our next meeting is at Blassingham Park, Pecatonica on Sept. 30th. we'll have some car games to celebrate International Model A Day. There will be lots of very 'expensive' prizes for winners! There will be buckets, bean bags & plumb bobs - come to cheer on participants. All are invited!

Labor Day has come and gone and school has started. That means we will be getting ready for our parades: Roscoe Lions' "Fall Festival Parade" on Sunday, September 10th, Capron's 150 Years Sesquicentennial Parade on Saturday, September 16th, Stillman Valley's "Fall Festival Parade" on Saturday, September 24th, and Oregon's "Autumn On Parade" on Sunday, October 8. And we've got events to attend: Gilmore, Beloit Autorama, and two great tours (details on page 8.)

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



We've Been Asked to Be Part of a Crime Documentary!

This email invite came 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. Shooting would take place sometime in the next couple of months. We don't just have to have cars. Trucks, vans, commercial motor vehicles would look great too. And we're not limiting it to the murder year of 1928, any model right around that time give or take a few years would be fine. To give you some ideas of where we would be filming, everything would be in Delavan, at the Lake Lawn Resort, a country road (Cobblestone Rd) outside of Delavan and along S. Shore Dr. More information to come! See article about him on pages 9-11.

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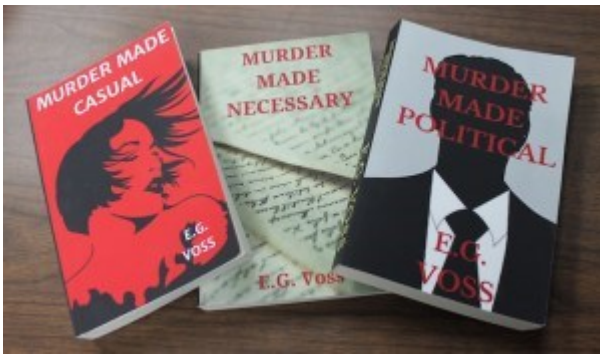
Cop Writes About Unsolved Deaths (and adds a little conspiracy)

By Heather Ruenz, *Staff Writer*
MyWalworthCounty.com

Erik Voss didn't plan on becoming a cop but a ride along with an officer when he was in high school swayed him as he had planned to become a history teacher. He's found a way to mesh his passion of the two – history and law enforcement – in a series of books he penned about unsolved deaths. "About 10

years ago, I stumbled across a newspaper article that mentioned a 1928 unsolved murder. I saw that the body had been stuffed in a culvert at Highway 67 and Town Hall Road (in the Town of Delavan.) I went to the library, got out the old microfiche, started researching," Voss said. Voss, a detective sergeant, is a 26-yr veteran of the Town of Delavan Police Dept. He said his research about the murder was mainly through two local newspapers circulated at the time – the Delavan Enterprise and the Delavan Republican. "It was a matter of going through them, week by week, and it wasn't always easy because sometimes it was on the front page but other times it was in a random spot," Voss said. The body of the young woman, estimated to be in her late teens to early 20s, was found Aug. 23, 1928 but it was believed to have been there for 6 weeks. Voss said the coroner determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma. Adding to the drama surrounding her death, Voss said a Milwaukee family's daughter had been missing so another autopsy was done which believed the cause of death to be strangulation. "That started a war between the two pathologists. But ultimately, they agreed the body in Delavan was not of the missing woman from Milwaukee," Voss said.

'To be a voice' He said the more he researched, the angrier he felt. "It's such a lousy way to be treated. I mean, she was a person and came from a family. Somebody took her life and got away with it. I wanted to be a voice for her," Voss explained. Other than her estimated age, there were few details known but she had black hair, good teeth and was average to slender in size. She was never identified. "She was put in the culvert head first, wrapped in a blanket. A dog alerted a county worker who then found her. There was no evidence at the scene," Voss said. He said after her body was found, a father and son came forward and said on July 15 of that year, they had turned the corner from the north onto Town Hall Road and saw a Ford Coupe pulled over with a guy in it and a woman slumped over but they didn't stop. Voss said chemical analysis of the woman's blood only showed that she had black hair and wasn't poisoned, but the tests were very rudimentary at the time. His next stop after the library was to speak with Walworth County Coroner at the time, John Griebel. He said Griebel told him about the Walworth County Cemetery, which has the bodies of people who died between the 1870s and 1931 at the Walworth County Asylum and poor farm, and unknowns. "There are no headstones, only a plaque with the names of known people and at the bottom says, 'possibly other unknown persons.' It's kind of humbling, I guess, in the middle of nowhere and literally just looks like grass," Voss said.



This is the series of books written by Town of Delavan Detective Sgt. Erik Voss. He decided to write the first one, *Murder Made Casual*, after coming upon an article about an unsolved death from 1928. ‘*Murder Made Casual*’

Voss said deciding to write about a book – categorized as historical fiction and titled *Murder Made Casual* – was a way of honoring that young woman’s life. “Who knows what potential she could have had? It didn’t seem fair to me. I know she could’ve been an awful person but it’s still not right that someone took her life and got away with it,” he said. Voss said people in a Delavan subdivision had heard screaming that July and two people were taken into custody but let go. While investigators believed they knew where it happened and what happened no one was ever arrested. “It kept going through my mind, that she could’ve been killed by so many people so I took the real life details and wove it into the plot of an international conspiracy,” Voss said. About nine years after finding the first article about the woman, Voss finished his first book.

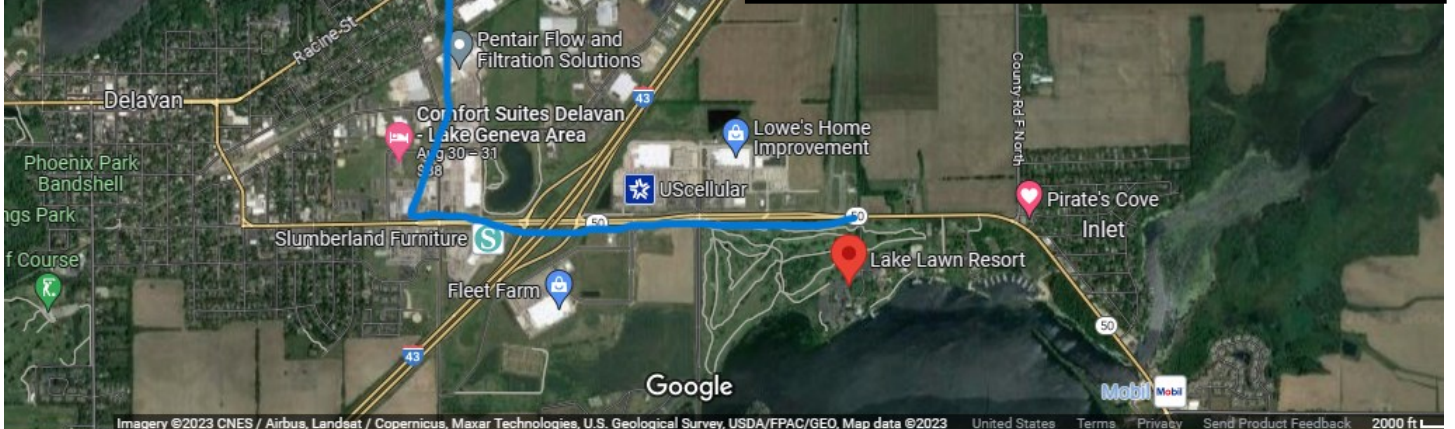
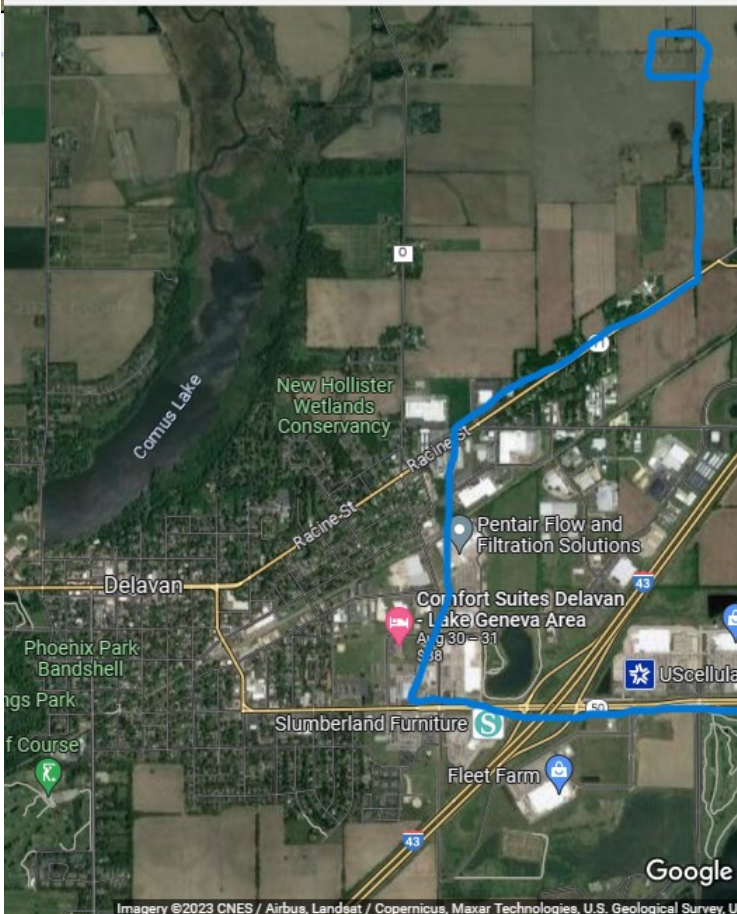
The sequels Voss said while researching for his first book he came across other unsolved deaths in the Delavan area so followed up his first novel with the sequels *Murder Made Necessary* and *Murder Made Political*. “These books contained the unsolved murder details of other people that happened in 1930, and 1933 respectively,” he said, adding that he also includes local landmarks in his books such as Penwern, Lake Lawn Resort and Village Supper Club. And for a continuation of characters, he wrote in two agents, Charlie Postlethwaite and Gretchen Retrum (both family names of Voss’), whose relationship evolves throughout the series. “As a detective, there’s a lot behind the scenes that no one hears about so I tried to work some of that into the stories,” Voss said. “They have to try and solve these deaths without getting killed but it’s not doom and gloom. They’re both kind of smart alecks and that’s realistic because cops have to balance the bad somehow.” The second book, *Murder Made Necessary*, is about a man in his 60s who drown in Delavan Lake. He had a family but they don’t know why he ended up where he did and he wasn’t suicidal. The third book, *Murder Made Political*, is about a man in his 30s whose body was found along the side of Highway 50. Voss said crimes of similar nature tend to happen in close spans of time. “We get different periods of it – deaths, arsons, burglaries, drownings. It’s crazy. The Delavan Historical Society has a whole folder of Delavan Lake drownings. A lot of people have drowned in that lake,” he said. He doesn’t have another *Murder* book planned but said the third in the series wraps up nicely and there’s an opening if he decides to do more.

MORE ABOUT THE FILM WE’D BE INVOLVED IN - FROM ERIK VOSS

We envision a combo of cars parked and in action, simulating a typical 1928 day. I'm gonna guess the owners have 1920's era clothes? This is one of the settings of my novel Murder Made Casual and one of the interview scenes. Also, I've been inside several times, and it could be a real-life location for the game of Clue. The grassy area on the right is flat and where the vehicles would be parked, along with the extras gawking at the body. Some things never change. This would be a scene where the parking lot has a bunch of Model A's, people getting luggage out of their vehicles etc.

INFO ON PLANNED FILMING OF SCENES:

Here are photos of Lake Lawn Resort, the route to Cobblestone Rd. and then Cobblestone Rd where some of the cars could be parked for the dead body gawkers. I've highlighted where the cars would be in blue. Entering off Hwy 50, the road continues south through the golf course, past the clubhouse, then veering west following the road down to one of the lodge's parking lots. We would be filming coming down the main LLR driveway and there's parking lots on either side of the road so there'd be cars prominently displayed. We're also going to be filming in the Great Room, which actually served as the lobby in 1928 and we're going to need extras of all ages so if anyone's interested.



August 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Annual Picnic)

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. With the heat being the key factor, our hotdogs and burgers will be catered by Portillo's today! 34 in attendance.
3. Thank you to all who brought delicious food to share!
4. Health and family concerns: Barb Hodges has had her gallbladder surgery after a long wait; Greg McQueary's 92-year-old father passed away in Florida; Mary Lynn Adleman passed away.
5. We've been busy! We had several cars representing our club at Midway Village for "The Roaring Twenties" ("Tipsy"); Al's Museum Tour; Rockford Speedway Spectator Drag Races – Brad Kolar won the 1st place trophy and Larry Anderson's new nickname is "Leadfoot Larry"!
6. Car problems: George Brunson has to rebuild his new motor (blowing oil); Jim Morley's motor has developed a knock and will be repaired by Jim LaShelle.
7. We discussed options for 2024 meeting places, days, and times: the cost for the new Roscoe Community Center is \$60/hr., minimum 3 hours = \$180/mo.; Central Christian on Saturday for BYO lunch meetings March-October (free?); Martin Park in Loves Park is \$100/month; Blassingham Park in Pecatonica is \$25/month.
8. Bill Johnson and George Brunson are working with Clinton High School teacher, Adam Fjalstad to initiate a Model A Youth Program at the high school. They are waiting for more information about when the program will begin and what is needed.
9. In Greg McQueary's absence, George Brunson gave the Treasurer's report (on page 12).
10. Saturday breakfasts are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Monthly dinners are the 1st Tuesday of each month. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details about the next breakfast and dinner.
11. The date for Model A Day in Clinton for 2024 is set for June 2nd. Please see Sue Brunson about any raffle donations that you have.
12. Tech Talks: We will start using the club videos for tech talks.
13. Tonilynn Carlson spoke @ National Meet in OH & Model A Day in Amana, IA (79 cars this yr).
14. Joe Maurer has a sign-up sheet - Model T Overnight Tour to Oregon, WI September 26-27.
15. Cars for sale: Jan Leverington is selling her 1931 Tudor; a 1934 Chevy Tudor that was in the movie "Public Enemies" (contact Dave Clark for details)
16. Upcoming meetings:
 - September 30 – Blassingham Park in Pec w/CAR GAMES FOR INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY
17. Upcoming events:
 - September 3: Rock River Thresheree in Edgerton, WI. Fords are the featured vehicles
 - September 4: Freeport Labor Day Celebration. Steam train rides and more!
 - September 10: Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade
 - September 15-16: Model A Days at Gilmore Museum
 - September 16: Capron's 150 Years Sesquicentennial Parade
 - September 16: Central Christian Church Car Show
 - September 17: Beloit Autorama
 - September 22-24: Fall Jefferson Swap Meet
 - September 23: Sycamore Homecoming – Call Tonilynn Carlson is looking for volunteers to drive students - her phone/text is 815-762-5924



- September 24: Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade
All RFA participants are invited to Dave and Sara Werckle's house after the parade for dessert and conversation! Thanks, Dave & Sara!
 - September 26-27: Model T Overnight Tour
 - October 7: Hoard Dairy Museum/farm markets/photo op tour
 - October 8: Oregon Autumn on Parade
 - October 14: "Rock-n-Bowl" Car Show
 - November 12: Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay in Rockford
18. Loretta Anderson and Larry Anderson won the attendance prizes. Extra prizes donated by Joe Maurer were won by Alice Whitney, Charlie Monk, and Jamie Carter.
19. Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17.00 for an extra); club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted), magnetic signs and car aprons from Greg McQueary; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10)

HAVE YOU HEARD THESE...

- * *We celebrated last night with a couple of adult beverages...Metamucil and Ensure.*
- * *You know you are getting old when friends with benefits means having someone who can drive at night.*
- * *Weight loss goal: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time.*
- * *Some of my friends exercise every day, meanwhile I am watching a show I don't like because the remote fell on the floor.*
- * *For those of you that don't want Alexa listening in on your conversation they are making a male version....it doesn't listen to anything.*
- * *Now that I have lived through a plague I totally understand why Italian Renaissance paintings are full of fat people lying on couches.*

Apple-Walnut Bread Pudding Makes 8 servings Prep: 30 min. Bake: 50 min.

5 tablespoons butter, divided
2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled & chopped
1 cup sugar, divided
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup brandy or unsweetened apple juice

3 cups refrigerated unsweetened vanilla almond milk
4 large eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
8 cups cubed day-old bread



Preheat oven to 350°. In a large cast-iron or other ovenproof skillet, melt 2 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Add apples and 1/4 cup sugar. Cook and stir until apples are golden brown and soft, about 6 minutes. Stir in cinnamon. Remove from heat. Stir in brandy; cook over medium heat until liquid is syrupy, 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat. In a large bowl, whisk milk, eggs, vanilla and remaining 3/4 cup sugar until blended. Gently stir in bread; let stand until bread is softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in apple mixture and walnuts. Add 1 tablespoon remaining butter to skillet; place in oven to heat skillet. Carefully remove hot skillet from oven once butter has melted. Add bread mixture. Melt remaining 2 tablespoon butter; drizzle over top. Bake until puffed, golden and a knife inserted in center comes out clean, 50-55 minutes. Serve warm.

Rockford A's Model A Club Honored as Parade Leaders at Labor Day Rock River Thresheree - article edited from ChatGPT



The Rockford A's Model A Club received a prestigious invitation to lead the parade, a fitting tribute to their commitment to preserving a piece of American automotive history. The Rockford A's Model A Club, based in Rockford, Illinois, is a tight-knit group of passionate enthusiasts dedicated to the preservation and celebration of the Ford Model A, an iconic automobile produced from 1927 to 1931. This esteemed club has earned a reputation for its unwavering commitment to maintaining and showcasing these vintage

vehicles, participating in parades, car shows, and community events throughout the region. **On Sunday, September 3, 2023**, Model A's carrying Anne Laviolette, David and Pauline Clark, Bill Johnson, and George Brunson took the lead position, setting the pace for the rest of the procession. The iconic rumble of the Model A engines filled the air, a sound that transported onlookers back in time to the golden age of American automotive design. Spectators young and old couldn't help but smile as they watched these vintage beauties gracefully cruise into the "bowl." Afterwards, their Model A's were prominently displayed for all to admire, and club members were on hand to share stories, insights, and their deep knowledge of these classic vehicles with the interested onlookers. Their beautifully restored Model A's not only graced the parade route but also served as a reminder of the craftsmanship and innovation of a bygone era. As the engines roared and the crowd cheered, it was evident that the Rockford A's Model A Club had not only preserved history but had also created new memories for all who witnessed their participation in this cherished Labor Day tradition in Edgerton, WI.



Thanks to Dave Clark for photos and the original ChatGPT article

UPCOMING TOURS - Big THANKS to Tonilynn Carlson and Joe Maurer!!

JOE MAURER'S MODEL T OVERNIGHT TOUR TO OREGON, WI: TUES.-WED, SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Tuesday, September 26

- Leave Blessingham Park in Pec @ **9AM SHARP**
- Apple Orchard stop near Brodhead, WI
- Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead
- Lunch at Knute's in Orfordville, WI
- Drive to Oregon, WI to Sleep Inn & Suites
- Dinner @Mulligan's Bar & Grill, Oregon

Wednesday, September 27

- Hot breakfast at hotel
- Drive to Madison Zoo
- Lunch at the Zoo
- Drive to Wisconsin Cheese Co., Oregon, WI
- Drive to Dairyhaus Ice Cream, 113 E. Main St. in Rockton
- Tour ends in Rockton, IL

Please make your own reservations at the

Sleep Inn & Suites - request "Model T Ford Club of Rockford" for \$99 special rate. The hotel number is 608-291-2323. **Please call Joe Maurer at 815-541-9237 to sign up. Joe will make dinner reservations at Mulligans for the group!** This is a rain or shine tour. Model T Ford Club and RockFord A's members and guests are invited. We don't care what you drive as long as it can tear down the road at least 35 mph!

Already signed up: *Jim Morley, George & Sue Brunson, Bill & Donna Johnson, Ron & Linda Lanquist, Al & Karen Pedersen, Chuck & Vicki Milazzo, Tonilynn Carlson, Anne Laviolette, Dave & Pauline Clark, Jake & MaryJo Milazzo*

TONI LYNN CARLSON'S FORT ATKINSON, WI TOUR: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Toni Lynn has put together another tour to the Hoard Dairy Museum and Dairy Shrine in Fort Atkinson, WI. We'll meet as a group at Neli's in South Beloit, IL on **SAT., OCT. 7TH AT 8AM. Tour will leave promptly at 8:30.** FYI - William Hoard was a politician, newspaper publisher and father of the WI dairy industry;; he was the 16th governor of WI from 1889-1891 (hoardmuseum.org).



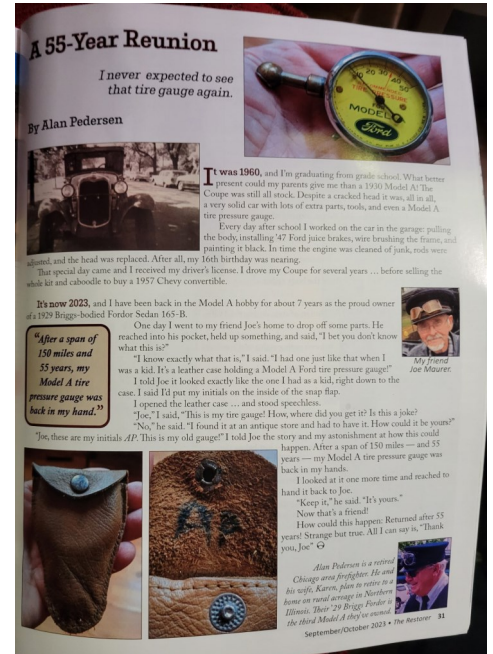
- Photo opp by the Ft. Atkinson water tower
- Docent-lead Hoard Museum tour - handicap accessible
- Lunch at Paddy Coughlin's Irish Pub (handicap accessible -1 step; no credit card surcharge)
- A drive-by of a replica of the old Fort Atkinson
- Poyer Orchards Farm Market (since 1948) known for homemade pies, cheese, pumpkins, hanging flower baskets/wreaths, apples, cider, summer fruits, cheese, honey, apples, and caramel apples
- Jones Dairy Market with meat selections & samples
- Culver's for a sweet finish to our tour!
- Better bring an extra cooler for this one!

Please call Tonilynn at 815-762-5924 to sign up. Tonilynn will make lunch reservations at Paddy Coughlin's Irish Pub for the group!

Already signed up: *Jim Morley, George & Sue Brunson, Alice Whitney, Ron & Linda Lanquist, Al & Karen Pedersen & Brandon (?), Chuck & Vicki Milazzo, Tonilynn Carlson, Anne Laviolette, Dave & Pauline Clark, Jim & Kelly Lynn Whitney, Dan Campbell, Larry & Loretta Anderson*



CHECK OUT THIS AMAZING STORY PUBLISHED IN THE NEW SEPT/OCT ISSUE OF THE MARC RESTORER MAGAZINE. OUR OWN AL PEDERSEN TELLS OF HIS 55-YEAR REUNION WITH A PIECE OF HIS OLD MODEL A!!





An audience of 77 enjoyed learning about Model A Ford era fashions for “mature” women. Information about Lane Bryant and larger size patterns encouraged us to more fully participate in this unique and enjoyable hobby. Videos and displays were also included. And to top it off, we all got a chance to shop at the fashion swap meet immediately after the seminar!



Chris Aupperle - MARC Fashion Seminar Coordinator
Great job, Chris!



PHOTOS FROM 'TIPSY' 2023 AT MIDWAY VILLAGE ~ AUG. 5TH



Lookin' great, Greg McQueary!



Chris Weber Shares His Mopar Nationals Adventure

My story driving my 64 Dodge Dart to the Nationals in Hebron, Ohio. My friend Eric and I drove 2 cars to the Nationals. He drove his '72 Dodge Polara and me in my Dart. We stayed away from Chicago and drove on Hwy. 39 to Bloomington, IL. Now before I left I did a oil change and tire rotation. The tires looked OK but were 7 years old. We made it almost to Bloomington when I got a bad vibration in my car. I pulled the car off on an off ramp and found the left rear tire had a shifted belt. Put the spare on and all was good. Stopped in Bloomington to buy tires but no one had 13 inch car tires. The spare was a different size so I rotated it to the front. Talked to my wife while we were driving east to Indianapolis. She called ahead and found a place that could get 13 inch tires. Well, about 35 miles from the tire place, I got another vibration with no other good spare left. So I drove only about 45 MPH and had to get on Interstate 65. Wasn't long until BOOM!! I blew out the LR tire. Waited for a tow truck for 3 1/2 hours. Never showed up. Called another tow company who showed up in 24 minutes. So \$200 on a tow, \$600 on 4 new tires, and \$190 for a hotel room that night. The next day we made it to Ohio and enjoyed the show. Also no problems on the way home either. Moral of the story is your tires can look good and still go bad on long trips. Oh, and a bright spot - Chris met up with Heather and Josh Gardner for dinner on Saturday night. *See pictures on the next page.*

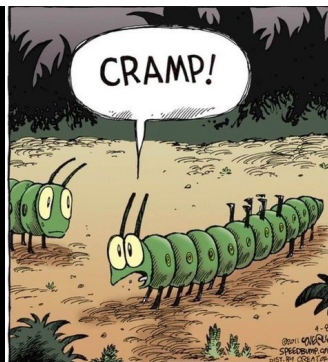


AND ON A NATIONAL LEVEL IN 2024....



2024 MARC Membership Meet - April 4-7 *"Joliet Days of Ford Model A's"* in Joliet, IL. It's close by & it's lots of fun to meet other MARC members from around the country. Holiday Inn & Suites Joliet Southwest, 1471 Rock Creek Blvd., Joliet, IL 779-206-2915

2024 MARC National Tour Dates to be determined. Location is in Berlin, Ohio which is a scenic area in the heart of the Ohio Amish Community. Roads ideal for Model A's. Dave Clark says, "We just returned from doing a dry run of this area and it is an absolutely gorgeous part of mid Ohio, with beautiful wooded hills and valleys. Amish food that is unsurpassed as I will personally attest to with my extra 4 pounds gained on this trip so far. Amish farms, shops, and stores to explore. Crafts, quilts, etc., etc., etc. "



The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."



Rockford A's at Rockford Speedway!

On Sat. August 19th, we had the unique opportunity to participate in elimination races on this historical track before it closes forever this fall. And, drum roll please!!! Brad Kolar took the win and earned a place in history! Congratulations to all who participated, and especially to Tom DeArmitt for organizing the event and to Brad!

Pictures from George Brunson & Loretta Anderson



Congratulations, Brad!



Brad Kolar vs. "Leadfoot" Larry Anderson





THE BRAVE ROCKFORD A'S RACERS @ ROCKFORD SPEEDWAY 2023



MARC NATIONAL MEET in Hamilton, Ohio was attended by RFA members: Tonilynn Carlson & Alice Whitney and their 3 grandkids, Paul & Elaine Donley, Jim Morley, George Brunson, Bill & Chris Aupperle, and David & Pauline Clark



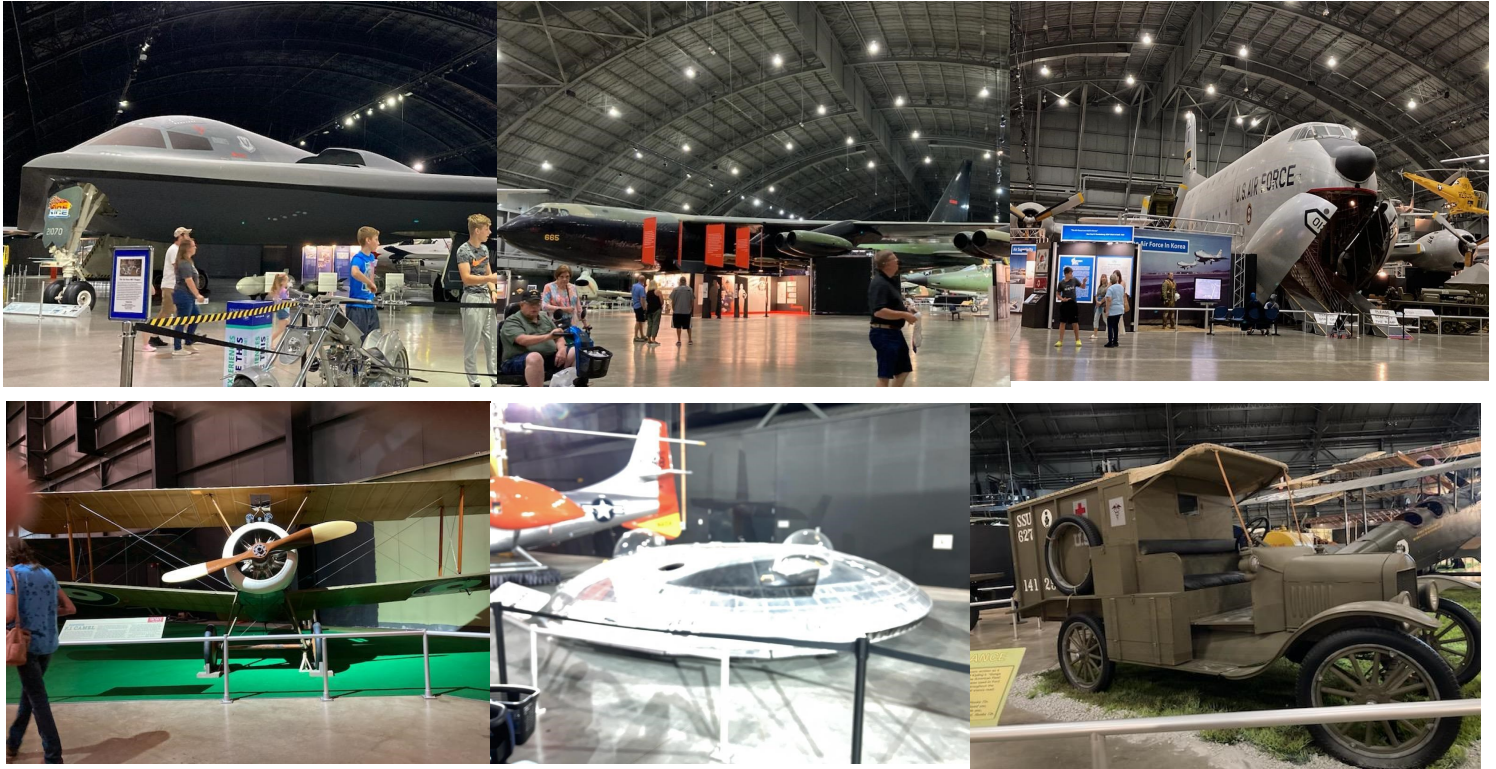
There were more cars in Clinton at our Model A Day than there were in Hamilton, OH at the National Meet!



National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton, OH - What a fantastic & amazing collection!



More pictures from the museum—thanks, Jim Morley—great pictures!



Model T Museum in Richmond, IN - more great pictures from Jim Morley!



Stephenson County Annual Antique Tractor & Gas Engine Show Tour with Al Pedersen - Sun., Aug. 6th



Karen & Al Pedersen, George Brunson

Larry and Loretta Anderson

Thanks for the pictures, Al!

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl

“Curve in the Road”

As I prepare for the next chapter in front of me as I enter retirement, going to swap meets & shows, club meetings & events, traveling to different points of interest, on whatever day or time, I did not expect a “Curve in the Road” event that would be in front of me.

While waiting to schedule an oil change and tire rotation on our modern vehicle, we parked our modern car outside of the back garage next to a wooded area. A few days later I had to run an errand and had to drive it. The “trac off” and the “check engine” light was on. Searching the web, all the common suggestions on how to fix it did not work.



When I opened the hood to see if there was something obvious. I looked around the engine compartment I noticed the main wire harness was severely chewed up by some sort of critter. It was unbelievable. Whether the car was in the front or back driveway, this was the first time in 10 years. Fortunately, insurance will cover most of the repairs.

With the weather beginning to change, and critters looking for a new home, it might be a good time to start thinking how to prevent serious damage to our cars.

So as we all begin to put our Model A's away for the winter, I wondered what is the best anti-critter devices and methods you use and to share what suggestions I found off the internet.

Here is a list of methods use by a lot of people. Moth balls, peppermint oil, electronic gadgets, rodent tape, light, repellents (strong smells), cayenne pepper spray, rodent sprays, dryer sheets, Irish Spring soap, traps (both live and dead), charcoal, and park away from woods and grass areas.

Of course, it seems like these methods and repellents work real well for some and others not so much. Each situation depends on your environment your Model A is in.

We have been using dryer sheets inside and outside the car, moth balls & traps around the outside perimeter of our Model A. So far, this has worked for us.

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?

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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

- 1. The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't robots.*
- 2. When a kid says "Daddy, I want mommy" that's the kid version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor."*
- 3. I don't mean to interrupt people but I randomly remember things and get really excited.*
- 4. I thought growing old would take longer.*
- 5. Just once I want a username and password prompt to say CLOSE ENOUGH.*
- 6. If I am ever on life support, unplug me and plug me back in and see if that works.*
- 7. Do you ever wake up in the morning and look in the mirror and think... "That can't be accurate.?!"*
- 8. I see people out there zip lining and mountain climbing and here I am feeling good about myself because I got my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.*
- 9. Last night the internet stopped working so I spent a few hours with my family. They seem like good people.*
- 10. If Adam and Eve were Cajuns they would have eaten the snake instead of the Apple and saved us all a lot of trouble.*

PIETENPOL AIR CAMPERS - BRODHEAD AIRPORT, SATURDAY, JULY 22



The **Pietenpol Air Camper** is a simple parasol wing homebuilt aircraft designed by Bernard H. Pietenpol. The first prototype that became the Air Camper was built and flown by Pietenpol in 1928. The Air Camper was designed to be built of spruce and plywood. One of Pietenpol's goals was to create a plane that was affordable and easy to construct for home builders. Building an Air Camper requires basic woodworking skills and tools. Builders also need to fabricate some metal fittings to attach the wooden parts together. Some welding is required. The plans for the Pietenpol Aircamper were originally published in a four-part serial in the "Flying and Glider" Manual of 1932-33. The original model was flown using an Ace four cylinder water-cooled engine. The Model A Ford engine later became the standard powerplant used; the design was first flown with one in May 1929. *Wikipedia*



Please contact Jan Leverington if you're interested in purchasing Art's Model A. Jan's phone number is (H) 815-563-4927 or (C) 815-541-9249



The RockFord A's wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Les Adleman in the loss of his wife, Mary Lynn and to Greg McQueary in the loss of his father

What a GREAT Work Day out at Mark McClenathan's Garage!
Thanks, Mark! Thanks to all for the pictures!



Roscoe Lions' "Fall Festival Parade" Sunday, Sept. 10th

Capron's Sesquicentennial Parade Saturday, Sept. 16th

Stillman Valley's "Fall Festival Parade" Saturday, Sept. 24th

All are invited to Sara & Dave Werckle's afterwards!

Oregon's "Autumn On Parade" Sunday, October 8th

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 _____