



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
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SOUP LUNCH EDITION - 2023



Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends,

It's turning out to be a good year so far – wait – let me rephrase that – a GREAT year! Winter seemed fairly mild, even though we continue to have snow – Spring is coming! We had a fantastic Soup Lunch with 77 people – one of the biggest yet. Thanks go out to Alice Whitney for all of her preparations, Stan & Nan Stewart for making the arrangements for us at Central Christian Church, all those who came early to set up and take down, and everyone who brought food to share. We had enough to feed an army! A good time was had by all.

Unfortunately, the winter weather put a kibosh on the Rockford St. Patrick's Day parade. But, we're looking forward to a great season of parades, car shows, and tours. I would hope everyone has heard the news that our Model A Day is moving to the village of Clinton, WI. The date will stay on the 1st Sunday in June as always – this year it's June 4th from 9-2. The Village of Clinton has welcomed us with open arms and are actively working with us in meetings every 2 weeks to make this the best show ever. We are actively seeking sponsors to offset costs of entertainment, etc. and will be sharing those forms with you to help us get sponsors.

A couple of events coming up shortly are: the Beller Museum Day Tour sponsored by Al Pedersen on Saturday, March 25th – look online and for details on page 4. This will be a major highway trip with modern cars, so a great kick-off to what appears to be a busy summer. In the words of the famous philosopher, Jim Morley, "We're an eating club, a people club, a car club, and a Model A club." In my mind, there's a fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness"...there are days with my Model A's that I wonder what side of the line I'm on!

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

Soup Luncheon ~ February 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes



1. Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by George Brunson.
2. Welcome members and guests. 72 in attendance. Great turnout!
3. Moment of silence for the members and former members we have lost since our last Soup Luncheon: Tony Whitney, Terry Clark, Art Leverington, Flo Monk, Wendell Anderson, Al Montgomery.
4. Thank you to Stan Stewart for opening up the church for us to use and to all the members and guests who brought such delicious food! We want to recognize everyone who made soups and Alice Whitney for organizing them! Thank you also to all who helped set up the tables and chairs!
5. Discussion of “mystery” Soup Luncheon cancellation. Hopefully the issue has been resolved and will not happen again.
6. Special recognition for our outgoing officers: President Ron Lanquist and Treasurer Dwayne Meier.
7. George Brunson presented Ron Lanquist with a plaque to honor and thank him for all the years of work he has done with our club. Thank you, Ron!
8. Introduction of the new and continuing officers: President – George Brunson; Vice President – Chuck Milazzo; Treasurer – Greg McQueary; Secretary – Anne Laviolette.
9. Introduction of Directors: Ron Lanquist, Jim Morley, John Hausen, Bill Johnson.
10. Introduction of Coordinators: Tools – Lee & Anne Laviolette; Parade Coordinator – Dave Clark; Club Breakfasts & Dinners – John Hausen; Wedding Coordinator – Alice Whitney; MARC Mileage Program – Al Pedersen; Social Concerns – Nan Stewart; Webmaster – Doug Mather; Sue Brunson – Newsletter Editor.
11. We are still looking for members to consider becoming officers in the future.
12. Treasurer’s report (included in newsletter).
13. May Model A Youth Event: How can we advertise and participate? We have some “feelers” out with the local high schools and other youth organizations. If anyone has ideas for how to get young people involved with our hobby, please contact one of the officers.

The old timer says,

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.”

14. Upcoming meetings:

- March 28 – Central Christian Church 7pm
- April 25 – Central Christian Church 7pm
- May 27 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am
- June 24 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am
- July 29 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am
- August 26 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am – Club Picnic
- September 30 – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica

15. Upcoming events:

- March 11 – St. Patrick's Day Parade
- April 28-30 – Spring Jefferson Swap Meet
- May 20 – Little Hershey at Boone County Fairgrounds
- May 27 – Miracle Mile Cruise & Car Show
- May 29 – Memorial Day Parades (Beloit 9am) (Pecatonica 2pm)
- June 4 – 26th Model A Day in Clinton, WI
- June 17 – Old Settlers Day Parade in Rockton, IL
- June 18 – Orfordville Parade
- July 4 – Parade location to be determined
- July 8 – ByronFest Parade
- July 9 – “Cars That Time Forgot” Car Show at Lake Lawn, WI
- July 22 – Pietenpol aircraft at the Brodhead Airport
- August 5 – “Topsy” at Midway Village
- August 18-19 – Model A Day in Amana Colonies
- September 10 – Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade
- September 15-16 – Model A Day at Gilmore Museum
- September 17 – Beloit Autorama
- September 22-24 – Fall Jefferson Swap Meet
- September 26-27 – Model T Tour (overnight) - Joe Maurer will update us
- September ? – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade
- October 8 – Oregon Autumn on Parade
- October 14 – “Rock-n-Bowl” Car Show

16. Saturday breakfasts will be starting again soon. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details about the next breakfast.

17. Mel Welch, Wayne Henson, Nan Stewart, and Anne Laviolette won the attendance prizes.

18. 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).

Submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary

Our First Tour of 2023 - Call Al Pedersen 815-291-2526 to sign up!

It's official, the tour to the **Beller Museum** will be **Saturday, March 25, 2023!** We will meet at the new **Love's Travel Center on Rt. 2 between Rt. 20 and the Airport, 4628 S Main St, prior to 8AM.** This will give us time to fill up with gas, get coffee, rolls or what else we may need before **departing at 8:30.** I will hand out directions and answer any questions you may have during this time. Love's requested that we are there no longer than an hour.

The Beller Museum is normally closed on Saturday but they will open special for the Rock-Ford-A's.

- ♦ There will be a rest stop about halfway to the Museum at the Waterman, IL Casey's.
- ♦ After touring the Museum, 1 1/2 hours + -, we will head to Cracker Barrel for lunch
- ♦ Our final stop for ice cream will be at the Rochelle, IL Culver's. From there we can all head home to relax.

Please let me know if you are going to attend and if you are bringing guests as soon as you get this email, it's important for me to have a head count. Keep in mind they are opening the Museum special for our Club, let's show them we appreciate what they're doing by having an excellent turnout. ***Thanks to Al Pedersen for organizing this tour!***



The Beller Museum ~ A Welcoming Vintage Car Museum

Learn about innovation at its best when you visit The Beller Museum. More than just a showroom, our car museum in Romeoville, IL, provides background on how cars came to be. From Henry Ford and his remarkable assembly line to the best of the best cars from Detroit's hey-days, you're sure to learn something new when touring the floor with us. We offer guided walkthroughs for individuals and small groups.



***Big thanks to Joe Maurer
for all of these pictures!***







FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl

“Curve in the Road”

Let us introduce ourselves. We are Wayne & Julia Rowehl, own a 1930 Tudor, which we purchased at the “Model A’s Days” in Sharon Wisconsin. We live in Williams Bay, Wisconsin and joined the Rockford A’s in 2016. Although we have not had many opportunities to attend all the meetings because of our work schedule, we always enjoy the ones we can attend.

The term, “Curve in the road,” means just when you are on a straight path, something changes, whether it be a gas leak, a flat tire, or a carburetor malfunction...you met the “Curve in the Road” and the proud recipient, during a tour, of the prize rubber chicken. More of the rubber chicken in another article.

I know I have a lot of questions on how to do something on our Model A. While researching my questions I see others have comparable questions. There are many places to find answers, and as I found some answers, I wonder how many more could benefit from these answers to their questions. Together, we can share knowledge and experiences with each other in this column.

As I research, find answers and suggestions to a wide range of topics, I wanted to find a way to share what others have experienced and hopefully will help you too as it did me. If anything, it could be helpful, humorous or bring you back to a memory.

Like the old saying, ask twenty people a question you might get twenty different answers. I will eliminate all the get a bigger hammer suggestions and other remarks like that...or throw a clever one in for fun.

Until next time, I am going to clear the front porch, make friends with all the delivery drivers and read my current issue of the Rock-Ford A’s Manifold News while I wait for my parts to arrive. Watch out for that next curve in the road!

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

Never laugh at your wife's choices...



You are one of them.



ROCK-FORD A's TOOL LIST

General Tools

- Angle iron with bolts
- Bushing removing & inserting set
- Canvas pulling pliers (2) (for upholstery & tops)
(owned by Lee & Anne Laviolette)
- Cotter pin puller
- Cowl light locating punch
- Digital caliper 12"
- Door hinge pin remover
- Drive pinion gear wrench
- Gas gauge tools
- Infrared temperature gun
- Jack stands (4)
- Jack stands (tall) (2) (for holding rear end)
- Mechanic's stethoscope
- Radiator & engine backflush kit
- Starter drive compressor
- Steering column spring tool
- Steering wheel puller
- Water pump wrench

Brake Tools

- Brake 15° align tool
- Brake & clutch pedal bushing driver
- Brake lining rivet tool
- Brake pedal adjustment tool (3)
- Brake pin (pill) kit
- Brake shoe centering tool
- Brake shoe grinder
- Brake shoe installation tool
- Brake spring tool
- Model T spindle arm bushing driver

Carburetor Tools

- Carburetor float gauge
- Carburetor jet tap & wrench

Clutch Tools

- Clutch adjustment tool
- Clutch align tool (2)
- Clutch finger adjustment tool

Electrical Tools

- Coil Sparklite tester
- Ignition voltage tester
- Light switch spider C-clip insertion tool

Engine Tools

- Broken head stud removal tool
- Camshaft nut tool
- Cherry picker
- Compression tester
- Engine/head lifting eye bolts
- Engine lift
- Engine no. stamping set with “A” and “ ” (owned by Lee & Anne Laviolette)
- Engine stand adapter (2)
- Engine stand (rack)
- Engine stand (rolling)
- Fly wheel checker
- Frame spreader
- Head nut torque tool adapter
- Head puller
- Piston ring groove cleaner
- Ratchet nut wrench
- Stud removal & installer set
- Valve guide removal tool
- Valve guide tool
- Valve lapping tool
- Valve spring compression tool

Reamers

- Reamer handles (2)
- Distributor shaft (.500)
- Front brake shaft (.559)
- Pedal shaft bushing (.874)
- Rear brake camshaft (.688)
- Spindle bolt (king pin) (.814)
- Steering sector (1.125)

Spring Tools

- Shackle bushing driver (front)
- Spring spreader (front) (blue)
- Spring spreader (rear) (black)
- Spud wrench (2) 1-1/2"

Transmission Tools

- Pinion bearing nut wrench
- Transmission jack
- Transmission shifting tower tool set

Wheel Tools

- Axle seal drive tool
- Front-end toe-in tool (2 kinds)
- Front hub bolts & installation tool 1928
- Front hub race tool
- Hub cap tool ('30-'31)
- Lug nut stud installation tools
- Rear hub puller (2)
- Tire changing tool
- Torque tube bearing & race removal tool
- Universal rear hub puller kit
- Wheel balancer (2)
- Wheel balancing weights



Our First Meeting of 2023—See You There!

7:00pm Tuesday, March 28th

Central Christian Church

6595 Guilford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107

All of these tools are housed at Anne and Lee Laviolette's garage!

5427 Shamrock Lane
Roscoe, IL 61073

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Thanks,
Anne & Lee!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

If you have an interesting or helpful Model A-related photo, article, source, event, story, joke, or other fun tidbit to share, email it: thebrunsons@hotmail.com or text it to me at 608-295-2590.

Thanks! Sue Brunson, Editor

P.S. I'll be publishing the newsletter monthly this year.

Article deadline: the 5th of the month

Mark Your Calendars! You're Invited!

For more information, call Robert Yonkee 262-745-2863

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The Rock-Ford Model A Club
34th Annual Model A Day

Sunday, June 4, 2023

9am – 2pm in Clinton, WI

This unique multi-state event

Is a salute to American ingenuity.

Presented by TrafficJams - Clinton

Talk to the owners and get an up-close look at these beautiful old Fords. If you're the proud owner of a Model A, this is a great time to meet other owners from around the Midwest. Guests and villagers are welcome to dress in period apparel. There will be a swap meet, craft vendors, music, food, raffles, and more! Step back in time to the 1920's and 30's! Come and wander, enjoying 100+ beautiful antique

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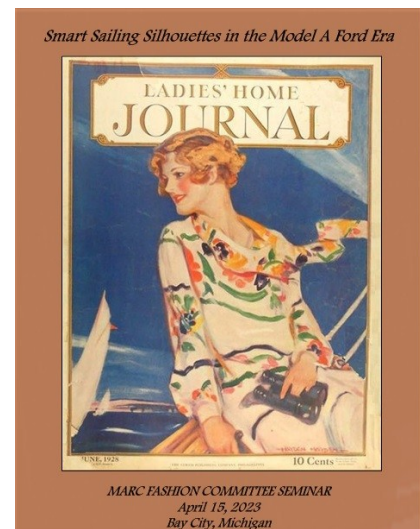
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The 2023 MARC Membership Meet will take place in Bay City, Michigan from April 14 -16. Since Bay City is located on Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron, it's maritime history lends itself to a fashion topic

reflecting leisure boating during the Model A Ford Era. The nautical fashion craze likely originated with Queen Victoria, who in 1846 commissioned a child's sailor uniform for her four year old son, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales. On a trip aboard the Royal Yacht, she wrote, "When he appeared, the officers and sailors, who were all assembled on deck to see him, cheered, and seemed delighted." The garment was a perfect replica of the era's naval uniform. This was immortalized with a painting by portrait painter Franz Winterhalter. Soon a fashion frenzy was ignited and before long, nautical inspiration was found in the wardrobes of both children and high status women. <https://charmpatterns.com/a-brief-history-of-nautical-fashion/>

Chris Aupperle, Seminar Coordinator
MARC Fashion Committee





2023 President George Brunson presented outgoing President Ron Lanquist with a plaque to thank him for his many years of dedication and service to the Rock-Ford A's as president.



The Model T Club has invited us to join them on their fall overnite tour— the dates are now set!

September 26-27. Details TBA



We're happy to have new members join us in all our adventures!

- ♦ Tom and Robin DeArmitt
- ♦ Dave and Colleen West
- ♦ Kurt Duesterhoeft
- ♦ Jon and Corey West



As of now, these members are planning to attend the MARC NATIONAL MEET: ToniLynn Carlson, Alice Whitney and their 3 grand kids (modern car), Paul and Elaine Donley (driving Model A) at the host hotel; George Brunson and Jim Morley will be at the Marriott in West Chester (trailing Jim's Model A)

**HAMILTON 2023
MARC NATIONAL MEET
JULY 30TH-AUG. 4TH 2023**


















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