



ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*

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Glimpse from the Gavel



Dear Friends,

Normally Ron would write this – he's better at this than I am. But, he had a bad reaction from his Covid booster. A lot of good things have happened in September and early October. On September 11th we had a coffee & donuts meeting with Wendell & Sharon Anderson at their farm. Sharon sent the club a nice thank you card. We participated in the Roscoe Fall Festival parade on September 12th. On September 16, 17, and 18, several of us traveled to the Gilmore Museum for Model A Day in Hickory Corners, MI. We saw the Model AA school bus that was donated by Ken and Ron Ehrenhofer. It is under restoration and the running gear, cowel and floor is completed. Bill Aupperle donated the AA engine block and it has been rebuilt and is running in the chassis. On Sept. 19, about 10 of our members brought their cars to the Beloit Autorama. Their total registrations were 1261 cars! On Sept. 26th we participated in the Stillman Valley Parade. We had about 10 cars. Overall, the parade was shorter as the high school parking lot, which is usually crowded, was only about 25% full. Afterwards, we all went to Dave and Sara Werckle's for desserts. Dave and Sara have treated us to this for many years – thank you Dave and Sara – it was great! On Tuesday, Sept. 28th we had our 1st meeting back inside Central Christian Church since before Covid started. Stan Stewart & his wife Nan were helpful in getting us back in. Thank you, Stan & Nan – it was great to be back! On Oct. 3, 10 Model A's participated in our 1st ever Oregon Fall Festival Parade. It was probably the longest parade with the most spectators of any parade we've been in! But, it was well organized and moved along fairly well. Warren and Linda Dutton hosted everyone afterwards for desserts at their home. A great time was had by all – thank you Linda and Warren!

We couldn't do these things without your participation, everyone! It's because of everyone participating that makes our club so great!

For now, keep on motoring!

Your Co-Presidents, Jim & Ron



**OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING IS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 - SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

***We're back at Central Christian Church
6595 Guilford Rd., Rockford @7pm
PLEASE BYO BEVERAGE! SNACKS PROVIDED
Bring your checkbook to pay your 2022 dues
and your Fall Banquet reservation! See pg. 5***



PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US ON THE
 ‘DAVE WERCKLE POKE-ALONG FALL TOUR’
 MODEL A OR MODERN CAR – EITHER IS OK
 COME ALONG WITH US AND ENJOY THE DAY!

RAIN DATE – OCT. 26

Dave Werckle came up with this tour suggestion! We’ve run the route with Dave twice. Dave likes to avoid busy roads as much as possible and poke along the country roads about 35 miles per hour. That’s why we’ve named this tour after Dave! On Tuesday, October 19th, we’ll LEAVE McDonald’s in Byron at 9:30am. We will tour down to Lowdon Park to the Blackhawk statue. Then on south to the Bison Reserve at Nachusa Grasslands. After that, down through Dixon to Lowell and Lowden Park for lunch. You bring your own sack lunch. We are reserving the shelter house which has lots of picnic tables. This is right along the river. Lawn chairs might be nice, but not necessary. After a leisurely lunch and visiting, we will head to Dave’s Drive-In in Oregon for ice cream. Then back to Stillman Valley as a group to separate for home. We have invited the Model T Club to come along, since this will be a slower tour. Many of our members told me at our meeting that they liked the ‘poke along’ idea! Please call me with any questions. Jim Morley – 815-979-6980. See you on the tour!



We Welcome 3 New Members to the Rock-Ford A's this Month!



Richard Harle
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 Winnebago, IL 61088
 (C) 815-494-7521

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He recently purchased a 1931 2 dr. coupe

Keith Cortez
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He has a 1930 Tudor

Michael Anderson
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Email: sorinr242@gmail.com

He has recently purchased a 1929 Tudor, fully restored

September 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 31 in attendance. Dan Campbell has joined us tonight. He lives quite a distance away in New Richmond, WI. We've gotten several new club members.
3. Thank you to Sue and George Brunson for bringing chips, Ron Lanquist for bringing cookies, and Wayne Henson for bringing donuts! Thank you to all volunteers for setting up and taking down the room, and to Stan Stewart for arranging for us to use the church again! Thank you to Sue Brunson for arranging Blassingham Park while we were unable to use the church!
4. Sick list: Mel and Dorie Welch have breakthrough Covid. Prayers for a quick recovery!
5. George Brunson talked about recent parades, the Roscoe Fall Festival, and the Stillman Valley Fall Festival. We had 12 cars in the Roscoe parade (with 2 sponsors this year – the Firehouse Pub and the Roscoe Township Historical Society) and 8 in the Stillman Valley parade. Thank you, Dave and Sarah Werckle, for the delicious pies after the Stillman Valley parade!
6. Warren Dutton spoke about the upcoming Oregon Harvest Time Parade. This will be their 50th year, with it being our 1st time participating. Warren and Linda Dutton also invited everyone to their home after the parade for treats.
7. Treasurer's report (included in newsletter on page 4).
8. Saturday breakfasts are ongoing. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details about the next breakfast. Monthly dinners have started again, the October 5th was at Machine Shed.
9. Upcoming events: Oregon Fall Festival on Oct. 3; Annual Fall Banquet on Nov. 7; Fall Tour on Oct. 19, with a rain date of Oct. 26.
10. Jim Morley talked about our trip to Wendell and Sharon Anderson's for International Model A Day on Sept. 11. Wendell was very pleased to be included in the club activity. Paul Donley has ordered International Model A Day patches if anyone is interested.
11. Jim Morley and George Brunson spoke about their trip to Gilmore. The bus is in progress and there was a seminar on rebuilding the front end of a Model A. The consensus of those who went on the trip is that it is a fantastic place to go!
12. We had a good showing of Model A's at Beloit Autorama on Sept. 19. Ron Lanquist won 1 of the 2 trophies for Antique Class!
13. The Fall Tour has been named the "Dave Werckle Poke-A-Long Tour 2021." The date agreed upon is Oct. 19, with a rain date of Oct. 26. We will meet at the McDonald's in Byron and leave promptly at 9:30am. See Road Trip article on page 2 for more details.
14. The Annual Fall Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, November 7 at Thunder Bay Grille. Please get your reservations in to Jim Morley soon. Deadline is Tuesday, October 26. See page 5.
15. Bill Aupperle spoke about the MARC National Meet in Oshkosh. It was a success even though attendance was down. There were a lot of drive-thrus at our event in Sharon on their way to Oshkosh. The spring Membership Meet will be in Plymouth, IN April 1-3, 2022, and the National Meet will be in Morgantown, PA June 5-11, 2022.
16. Chris Aupperle talked a little bit more about the Membership Meet in Plymouth, IN, where she will be doing a fashion seminar on purses. See article on page 9.

17. The need for some new officers for the coming year was briefly discussed.
18. We need some ideas and volunteers for tech talks.
19. Dave Clark suggested doing a preventive maintenance seminar in the spring to make sure everyone is ready for the driving season. It will be especially helpful for the newer members.
20. Car repairs: The guys are still trying to get Bernie Rosander's car started so that he can sell it. Jim Morley and George Brunson have been working on it; Chuck Milazzo's new engine is running good; Art Leverington overheated and melted babbitt in his motor, causing other problems, too; Joe Maurer threw 1 blade of his 4-blade fan and has gone to a 2-blade fan; Phil Hodges had some problems with his distributor after the Roscoe parade and again before going to Beloit Autorama. Rubber chicken, Phil?
21. Joe Maurer is selling new 21" tires. 815-541-9237
22. Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17.00 for an extra) from Kathy Forbes; club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted /\$25 painted), magnetic signs and car aprons from Dwayne Meier; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).

Submitted by Anne Laviolette

TREASURER'S REPORT – 9-1 to 9-30, 2021

<u>Checkbook Balance Sept. 1, 2021</u>	3,868.81
Cash on Hand	100.00
Total Checkbook & Cash	3,968.81
<u>Income</u>	
August Picnic Supplies Refund	75.63
New Members (3)	60.00
Larry Froemming Donation	100.00
Laurie Martenson Donation	100.00
Hoffman House Donation	100.00
Roscoe Historical Society Donation	100.00
Roscoe Parade	100.00
2022 Dues	320.00
Banquet Reservation	567.00
Dave Werckle Shelter House Donation	55.00
Stillman Valley Parade	100.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
August Picnic Supplies	212.15
Stamps & Copies	54.60
Funeral Flowers (Bonnie Mann)	107.90
September Newsletter	33.11
Total Expenses	407.76
<u>Checkbook Balance Sept. 30, 2021</u>	5138.68
Cash on Hand	100.00
Total Checkbook & Cash	\$5,238.68

Submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer

~ 1929 Parts FOR SALE ~

John Hausen 815-544-6004

**Generator Distributor(1) Coil (1) Carburetor
Air Filter Control Rods (2) Judging Standards Book
Cores Water Pump (2) Trunk Bracket
2-Tooth Steering Col 7-Tooth Steering Col
1 Rear Leaf Spring Exhaust Manifold Intake
Manifold Radiator Cap (Meter Cap with Wings)**

STILL A GREAT IDEA!! *Al Pedersen ~ Pal Al*

Hi y'all, Thought this may be useful to some members. I wanted to get all the cars into the garage for the winter and yet be able to work on the Model A when I had time. Car dolly's are quite expensive even at Harbor Freight. I got the small moving dolly's from HF (\$6) and placed them under each wheel, they are rated for 1000 lbs. each, more than enough for the weight of an "A". I can spin the car around in the garage by myself with hardly any effort, all for @ \$25. Works for me! And my wife still has room for her car on the other side of the garage.

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. It takes a village! Thanks! Sue Brunson, Editor

Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 7, 2021 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, Salmon Fresca, or Chicken Marsala
(Cost includes meal, salad, sweet biscuits, non-alcoholic beverage)

*Prices did not increase from last year and the Club will pick up \$2.00 of the cost of each meal.

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 Tuesday, October 26, 2021 meeting or mail by no later than Friday, October 22 to:

Jim Morley
4538 Dellview Drive
Rockford, IL 61109
(815) 979-6980

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

Name	Name			
_____	_____	10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato	\$25.00	\$23.00
_____	_____	Salmon Fresca with roasted vegetables and asparagus	\$22.00	\$20.00
_____	_____	Chicken Marsala with roasted vegetables and orzo	\$21.00	\$19.00
_____	_____	I am including my 2022 dues of \$20.00		<u>\$20.00</u>
				Total _____

Name(s) _____
Address _____
Phone _____

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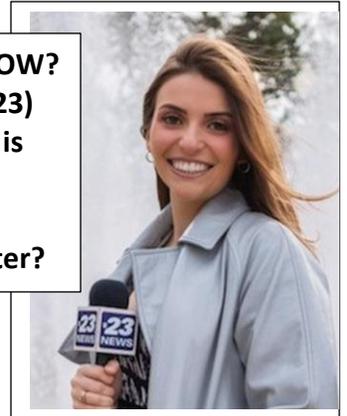
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Jim LaShelle - Owner
Cell: 815-821-3546

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Don Stien

DID YOU KNOW?
WIFR's (Ch. 23)
Zoe Chipalla is
Bill & Donna
Johnson's
granddaughter?



Model A Dinner at the Butterfly
:Anne Laviolette, George Brunson,



Judy & Greg McQueary,
John & Sue Hausen



Model A breakfast -
Marilyn & the guys!

A BIG shout out to JOHN and SUE Hausen for all of the many years they've arranged, called, emailed, and organized our many Saturday morning breakfasts and monthly dinner outings! **THANKS!**
Great job doing all that!



The Cubbies may be done for the year, but for die hard fans Linda Lanquist and Flo Monk, there's always 2022!



Jim Morley, Mike Strand, and Ron Lanquist's cars at the Rock and Bowl Car Show, Sat., Oct. 9th. Ron, who says he never wins anything, won a nice door prize as well as a trophy for being one of the best cars! Congratulations to Ron! Way to go!

Model A Winterization Checklist

Cooling Area: It is better to top off the radiator with 50/50 mix of antifreeze than to drain the radiator and engine. A drained block is inviting rust to form internally over the winter. Inspect hoses looking for any leaks. Inspect water pump for leaks and tighten packing nut if needed and grease the front bearing. Inspect fan belt for wear and it can actually be loosened up during storage.

Fuel Area: The general agreement is to store the car with a full gas tank. Again not giving rust any chance to form internally inside the gas tank. It would not hurt to check for any fuel leaks at the shut off and carburetor lines. A top off of real gasoline without alcohol is recommended. You may also wish to add some Marvel Mystery Oil or StaBil in with the gasoline for long term storage. With your engine running at normal operating temperature, turn off the fuel shut off valve and run the engine until it runs out of fuel thus draining the carburetor bowl.

Battery: Top off the battery with distilled water in all cells. Put on battery charger and top the charge off. It is recommended to monitor the battery over the winter months and/or use a battery maintainer or trickle charger to keep any sulfites from forming and shorting out the plates at the bottom of the cells. Most 6 volts batteries can offer approximately 10 years of life with proper running charging and maintenance. It is optional to remove the battery from the car and keep on a wooden stand. This may protect the battery holder from corrosion. Also it is recommended to wash the battery case with ammonia or a baking soda solution to neutralize any acids. It is good to put a coating of dielectric grease on the cleaned off battery terminals for protection as well.

Tires: Top off the tires to ~ 35 psi of air pressure. Some people like to jack up their car and put on 4 jack stands to keep the tires off the ground and to prevent flat spots. This is also a good time to look over the tires for general condition and you may desire to put on a tire preservative on the rubber. Lug nuts should be torque to at least 65 foot pounds.

Engine: Two trains of thought on oil changes:

- 1.) Good to do the oil change when you put the car into storage as it will eliminate any acids that formed in the oil over the touring season.
- 2.) Just do an oil change in the spring when you get the car out of its winter hibernation. Same thoughts on fall versus spring are also on lubing the chassis grease zerks and oiling any lube spots. Remove spark plugs and spray in fogging oil into the cylinders. Clean and regap spark plugs and replace.

Distributor: Set the point gap and put a business card in between the points to prevent corrosion and to keep the point surfaces clean. If you are running a fuse please remove the fuse to prevent any possible electrical shorts over their storage that could possibly cause a car fire. Yes it has actually happened to Model A's.

Body of Auto: Wash and dry off carefully. Polish or wax. Cover your auto with sheets or a car cover allowing air to reach the vehicle. If you use a top dressing it would be good to apply it now... Clean upholstery and put on rubber and leather conditioner where needed.

Rodent Control: Mice love Model A's.... They get into the upholstery and make nests. They go into the engine block via the exhaust, open radiator caps, and oil intake tube. Cars have been known to get nuts and acorns loading up the engine blocks, radiator hoses, radiators, muffler and tail pipes. Over the years people have sworn that Irish Spring Soap and Bounce dryer sheet work as a rodent repellent. We have also seen where this doesn't work and the soap is actually a food supply. Old timers used moth balls in their cars as the deterrent. Some people state that aluminum foil under the tires prevent the mice from crossing that surface to climb into the car. There are rat and mouse poisons. Highly recommended by our friend and member, Farmer Mike Peters is: <https://www.farmandfleet.com/product...mini-bars.html>. Also mouse spring traps, and mouse glue traps all work but have to be monitored and emptied. Be careful of your own personal pets around any of these mouse control solutions! Some people put a wad of steel wool into the exhaust pipe to prevent the mouse from entering. Some put an aluminum or plastic baggie with a rubber band around the exhaust pipe, carburetor intake, and oil intake tube to keep both the critters out and any moisture that can enter your engine to create internal engine rust.

COMING NEXT SPRING: Spring time revival - FYI. We are planning on coming out with a future check list of what to do to get your car back into touring shape. We will cover wheel alignment, brakes, headlights, shock absorbers, timing of distributor, generator, or alternator, wheel bearings, steering, clutch, and horn.



October: 6-Pat Bryan, 8-Bill Aupperle, 11-Jan Winslow, 13-Kathy Forbes, 23-Jewel Maurer, 27-Art Leverington, 27-Dave Clark, 28-Jan Leverington, 30-Lee Laviolette

November: 6-Russ Kothe, 7-George Brunson, 7-Charlie Monk, 11-Paul Donley, 11-Wayne Henson, 28-Wilma Lindsey



Happy Anniversary
to a toad-ally
awesome couple!

October: Tony & Alice Whitney: October 1, 1960
Mel & Dorie Welch: October 22, 1954

November: Mike and Kay Strand: November 4, 1967
Bob and Mary Ann Logothetti: November 5, 1988
Art and Jan Leverington: November 12, 1963
Russ and Karen Kothe: November 16, 2016
Dave and Sara Werckle: November 26, 1983



Mel and Dorie Welch - recovering from Covid
Alice Whitney - continuing to do well in her stroke rehab
Charlie Monk - continuing to recuperate from his surgery
We're keeping you all in our thoughts and sending good vibes your way!



**Can a Girl
Ever Have Too
Many Purses?
I think NOT!**

**Here's A Bit Of A Preview From The Purses Seminar During Next Year's
MARC Membership Meet At The Swan Lake Resort In Plymouth, Indiana**

"The turn of the twentieth century brought the 'handbag' into relatively universal use and thus the term was made popular. It was literally a bag carried in hand. No longer a utilitarian device, it could be constructed of various types of leathers, cloth, metal mesh and intentionally designed to reflect the wearer's status to coordinate with her various activities of the day. Leather was generally used for day wear purses. Lovely handbags and purses of fabrics and metal mesh were worn for late afternoon or evening and formal affairs. The streamlined shape of the clutch reflected the modern Art Deco era. The designer Poiret featured a long, lean silhouette which discarded the corset. This new silhouette gave new freedom of movement and posture with these new lighter foundation garments. Clutches and underarm bags contributed to this slim, clean look.

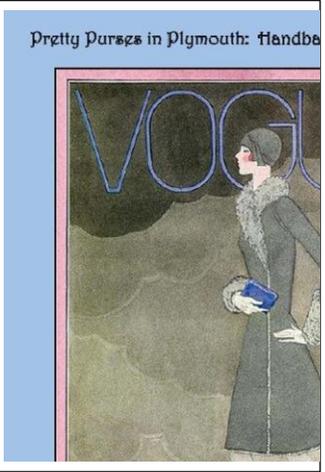
The first leather handbags were inspired by the look of luggage boxes and suitcases created by leather goods companies such as Vuitton, Gucci, Prada and Hermes. They could be made of animal skins, crocodile and/or snakeskin. The Arts and Crafts Movement of the early twentieth century was also seen in lovely tooled leather handbags and clutches. Clutches could be made of fabric, leather or were beaded.

Metal mesh bags were popular in the "flapper" era and the later 20s and into the 30s. Whiting and Davis and the Mandalian companies produced these beautiful creations. Dresden or ring mesh bags were also popular.

Fabric bags featured needlework and petit-point displaying artwork transferred to a gauze backing. Crepe fabric was generally used for late afternoon wear or for evening events. These bags may have handles made of chain or were clutches. Beaded evening bags were quite expensive if commercially made. Most were produced at home by knitting beads in patterns available from magazines. The purse drawstring seen in earlier years was replaced by decorative frames of metal or tortoise shell.

Purses in our era of interest were usually small as this image shows.

How many purses have you owned in your lifetime?



**Club member,
our friend,
Chris Aupperle
will be giving a
seminar on
purses at the
2022 MARC
Membership
Meet at the
Swan Lake
Resort...here's
a sneak peek!**



The Model "A" Restorer's Club has a new Youth Coordinator! Meet Emily Ellway!

Here's her bio: I grew up riding in my parents' 1929 Roadster Pickup, and it will always have a special place in my heart. I am Ohio born and raised. I would describe myself as being determined, outgoing and adventurous. I am studying at Cleveland State University in the hopes of pursuing a career in the pediatric medical field someday. I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life. I am very excited knowing that the next chapter includes continuing to be a part of MARC, and I look forward to spending time encouraging our youth to enjoy this amazing organization with all it has to offer! If you have any questions, comments, or advice, please reach out to me at YouthCoordinator@Model-A-Ford.org.

ON OUR LOCAL LEVEL: We would love to partner with a local high school that would be interested in restoring a Model A! One of our newest members, Brad Kolar, is a Hononegah High School teacher who may be able to connect us! If anyone has any connections/ ideas, please contact Jim Morley or Ron Lanquist!



Lee Laviolette and George Brunson over at Charlie Monk's, working on changing his brakes back to the original linings. Then out to lunch at the Railway! It was a great day!

ROSCOE FALL FESTIVAL PARADE 9-12-2021



OREGON AUTUMN ON PARADE 10-3-2021



What a beautiful line-up of our A's!