



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
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Rockford A's - Celebrating 60 Years! 1964 ~ 2024

Hello, Friends,

Spring approaches & we're getting ready to ride! Our Annual Soup Lunch on Sat., February 17th was fantastic, with 72 members enjoying the 8 crockpots of soup and tables loaded with side dishes and desserts...if you went away hungry, it was your own fault! Big hearty thanks to all!

Have you heard about our Model A restoration project happening at Clinton Senior High School? Teacher Adam Fjalstad and his students are enthusiastically working with and learning from Jim Morley, Bill Johnson, Anne Laviolette, Dave Clark, Ron Lanquist, Mike Peters, and George Brunson.



The Model A Day Committee meets every 2 weeks, headed by co-chairs Sue Brunson and Steve MacLeod. George Brunson, Bill Johnson, Anne & Lee Laviolette, Mike Peters, Chuck Milazzo, Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, John Hausen, ToniLynn Carlson, and Greg McQueary worked on mailings, poster distribution, and met with Clinton officials to determine parking and other details. It takes a village to pull off this massive event, and we'll be asking all RockFord A members to pitch in!

The Rockford Irish Marching Society Parade is Sat., March 16th at 2pm. Please contact Dave Clark asap if you're going! That will be the first of many for us to be in...Hello, 2024! In the mean time...

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



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

MARC National Meet - July 15-18, 2024 Crown Plaza Hotel , Asheville, NC 28806
 Paul Ganninger (314) 852-5591. Register now at Model-a-ford.org/event

Gilmore Museum Model A Days - Friday, Sept. 20-Sat., Sept. 21 from 9am-4pm. Hickory Corners, MI. Tickets are available now at gilmorecarmuseum.org/events

Soup Luncheon February 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by George Brunson.
2. Welcome members and guests. 72 in attendance. Great turnout! Welcome to the Model T Club members who attended and John and Christine Rozny (who may join our club)!
3. 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!
4. Introduction of the continuing officers: President – George Brunson; Vice President – Chuck Milazzo; Treasurer – Greg McQueary; Secretary – Anne Laviolette.
5. Introduction of Directors: Ron Lanquist, Jim Morley, John Hausen, Bill Johnson.
6. Introduction of Coordinators: Tools – Lee & Anne Laviolette; Parade Coordinator – Dave Clark; Club Breakfasts & Dinners – John Hausen; Wedding Coordinator – Alice Whitney; MARC Mileage Program – Dave Clark will be replacing Al Pedersen (special thank you to Al for his past service!); Social Concerns – Nan Stewart; Webmaster – Doug Mather; Sue Brunson – Newsletter Editor.
7. Dave Clark spoke about the MARC Mileage Program. There is a one-time cost of \$1 per car to register and the owner must be a member of MARC.
8. We are still looking for a Tour Coordinator. If anyone has an idea for a tour, please let the Officers know.
9. Treasurer's report (included in newsletter). Greg McQueary had knee replacement surgery and is doing well. George Brunson gave the report.
10. Alice Whitney started a discussion on doing weddings. There is one scheduled for May. Should we increase our "donation" for providing cars? Consensus: keep it at \$50 per car.
11. Joe Maurer spoke about the Model T Overnight Tour. The dates are September 25-26. Details will follow.
12. May Model A Youth Event: The Clinton High School group is working on the Model A project. If you would like to participate, contact George Brunson for details.
13. Model A Day in Clinton: Our committee members are co-chairs Sue Brunson and Steve MacLeod, Anne and Lee Laviolette, Chuck Milazzo, Bill Johnson, Mike Peters, ToniLynn Carlson, John Hausen, Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, and Greg McQueary. **Please sign up to help if you can! Please donate a gift card or two!** This year's recipients of the profits will be Vets Roll, with donations going to Clinton's EMT's and Clinton Food Pantries.
14. Special thank you to Cathy Forbes, who brought in years-worth of pictures and documents from the Rock-Ford A's!

15. Upcoming meetings:

- March 26, Tuesday – Central Christian Church 7pm
- April 30, Tuesday – Central Christian Church 7pm
- May 25, Saturday – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am (BYO lunch & beverage)
- June 29, Saturday – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am (BYO lunch & beverage)
- July 27, Saturday – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am (BYO lunch & beverage)
- August 31, Saturday – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am – Club Picnic
- September 28, Sat. – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica 11am (BYO lunch & beverage)
- October 29, Tuesday – Central Christian Church 7pm

16. Upcoming events (more information will be coming for those events without dates):

- March 16 – St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- April 27 – Spring Jefferson Swap Meet
- May 18 – Little Hershey at Boone County Fairgrounds
- May 27 – Memorial Day Parades (Beloit 9am) (Pecatonica 2pm)
- June 2 – 35th Model A Day in Clinton, WI
- June ? – Old Settlers Day Parade in Rockton, IL
- June ? – Orfordville Parade
- July 4 – Parade location to be determined
- July ? – ByronFest Parade
- July ?– “Cars That Time Forgot” Car Show at Lake Lawn, WI
- July ? – Pietenpol aircraft at the Brodhead Airport
- August ?– “Topsy” at Midway Village
- August ? – Model A Day in Amana Colonies
- September 8 – Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade
- September 20-21 – Model A Day at Gilmore Museum
- September 15 – Beloit Autorama
- September 22-24 – Fall Jefferson Swap Meet
- September ? – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade
- October ? – Oregon Autumn on Parade
- October ? – “Rock-n-Bowl” Car Show
- November 10 – Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay Grill 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner

17. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners are continuing. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details about the next breakfast.

18. Pauline Clark, Donna Johnson, Lois Rossmann (Warren Dutton’s sister), Austin Farmer (Model T guest), Wayne Henson, and Mike Fennell won the attendance prizes.

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).

*Submitted,
Anne Laviolette*

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl
"Curve in the Road"
MARCH 2024

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 share it.

With the holidays behind us it seems like we all want to stay healthy to attend regular meetings, annual banquets, multiple holiday shows, and family activities in 2024.

Which brings me to the topic of this article. Magnets are not only used for your health but they are very useful in the care and running of your model A and other collector vehicles. I'll leave the topic of personal magnet health to the people in the medical field.

When it comes to your model A, magnets can be very useful. George Brunson shared with me the issues he was having with the gas tank of his Model A. George explained that if you place a magnet on the bottom of the gas tank it will help with collecting any metal particle that might be in the gas tank.

While reading posts on a Ford Model A sites, two other helpful hints of using magnets were told by other car owners to collect any metal pieces that might be in the engine.

People shared how to trap rust in the oil and water. Attaching a magnet on the oil drain nut, can assist on collecting rust in the oil. Another suggestion was to drop a magnet into the radiator to collect rust in the water while your car is running. One person said they use a long screwdriver to remove the magnet to clean it off and then return it back inside the radiator. Have any of you tried or heard of these tips? Is there any other or better ways of doing one or all three of these suggestions?

Recently, I had the pleasure of texting the President, Michael Francis of Classtique Upholstery who had mentioned that all rumors concerning his business were not so. He is still making restoration kits for Model A's and T's. Michael has given me permission to put his contact information and to be included in this article. If you Google Classtique Upholstery web site he is located at 30350 Akerson Street, Lindstrom, MN. 55045 or you can call him at 1-651-484-9022 or 1-800-208-9032 to talk about your upholstery needs. You could also email Mike at mike@classtiqueupholstery.com. Michael specializes in 1909-1931 Ford Model 'T' & Model 'A' Upholstery & Top kits, Carpet Sets, and Accessories. Beautiful work. I hope you find this helpful as much as I did.

May you always be prepared for the next, "Curve in the Road".

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

A Look Inside Fashion Judging:
Model A Ford Era Fashions 1928 - 1931



MARC Fashion Committee Seminar - Joliet, Illinois
April 6, 2024

Chris Aupperle, Seminar Coordinator
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Ladies & Gents! Be sure to attend this year's fashion seminar at the membership meet in Joliet, Illinois! It's all about an inside look into fashion judging. Entering fashion judging does not need to be intimidating, even if you've never done this before! We're going to show you fashion judging as more transparent, educational, friendly and less stressful.

You will get a brief overview of clothing styles from 1928 - 1931, sample judging forms and see fashion items to evaluate in originality, reproduction or non-judging "Fun Fashion" categories.

You'll also get a chance to see what actually goes on during a typical fashion judging session! Come get an insider's look as never before! Of course, you'll also get a full-color booklet with your seminar registration fee. See you there!

Rockford Model T Club Is Proud To Announce Our 59th Annual **Little Hershey** Swap Meet & Cruise In

Saturday May 18th, 2024

Boone County Fairgrounds -- Belvidere, IL

Enter @ Gate 3 -- South Entrance
Gates Open Saturday at 6a.m.

\$7 Entry For Spectators - Children Under 12 Free Food Available On The Grounds

Rain or Shine Free Parking

Vintage Car Cruise In
For Makes 1999 & Older
Car Gets In Free



Free Model T Rides
Hit & Miss Engine Demo

Cars For Sale
Over 300 Swap Spaces
Available Inside & Out

Vendor Gate Open For Setup 10am - 6pm on Friday

Portion Of Proceeds Go To Local Charities

Any Questions Please: Call Dave (815) 979-4544 or Email: littlehershey1@gmail.com



*Please keep Wayne Rowehl,
Russ Kothe, and Anne Laviolette
in your thoughts and prayers!
We wish them all good health!*



Our First Meeting of 2024 is
Tuesday, March 26th

7pm - Central Christian
6595 Guilford Rd., Rkfd.

See You There!

Rock-Ford A's Treasurer's Report - FEB 2024

Checkbook balance Jan. 1, 2024	\$5,365.80
Cash on hand	97.00
Total checkbook and cash	5,462.80
Income:	
Dues Deposit	60.00
Total income	60.00
Expenses:	0.00
Checkbook balance:	5,828.62
Cash on hand	297.00
Total Checkbook balance and	
January 31, 2024	5,522.80

Submitted: Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer

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Dear RockFord A Friends,

We are busy preparing for our 35th Model A Day!

We would like to please ask each one of you to help out in one of these ways.

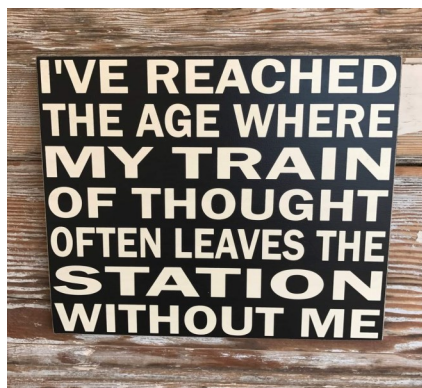
- Send us one or two \$25 gift cards for door prizes. We will gratefully take these at any Model A mtg.
- Or, donate an new item of at least \$25+ for our hourly raffles; bring to any meeting
- Or, donate a large item of at least \$100+ for our Silent Auction; bring to any meeting
- Help out at the event - sign up at a meeting or call or text Sue Brunson 608-295-2590

It's a club event and we want all to participate!

Thank you - you are what makes our club GREAT!



This year we proudly announce
Vet's Roll as our charity of choice.



I went down to
the paint store
to get thinner.
It didn't work.

My friend told me
she wouldn't eat beef
tongue cause it came
out of a cows mouth...

So I gave her an egg.

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THOSE
DAYS WHEN YOU
ARE HOLDING A STICK
AND EVERYBODY LOOKS
LIKE A PINATA?