



# ROCK-*Ford* A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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## *Glimpse from the Gavel*

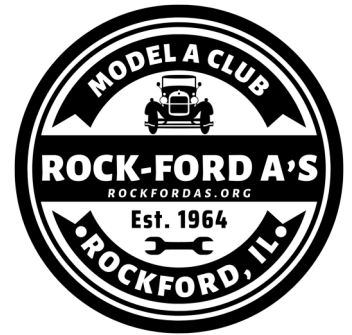
# RockFord A's - Celebrating 60 Years! 1964 ~ 2024



Out with the OLD...

Hello to all! How do you like our new logo?  
We wanted update our old logo and we like how it turned out! Big thanks to our savvy tech friend of Sue's, Janet Lewis ~ great job, Janet! New door magnets will be here in time for the rest of our 2024 parades!

Keep motoring & stay safe! *George Brunson*



...in with the NEW!



# Happy St. Patrick's Day

## ROCK-*Ford* A's in the Rockford Parade



*It was cold and oh, so windy!! But all the Irish eyes were smiling' at the huge crowds!*

## March 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome members and guests. 35 in attendance. Welcome newer members Adam Fjalstad, Chad Holstrum, and guests Kelly & Doug Roby (Alice Whitney's daughter and son-in-law).
2. Thank you to Stan Stewart for opening up the church for us to use and to Jim Morley and Greg McQueary who brought such delicious treats! Thanks to those who helped set up.
3. Introduction of the continuing officers: President – George Brunson; Vice President – Chuck Milazzo; Treasurer – Greg McQueary; Secretary – Anne Laviolette.
4. Introduction of Directors: Ron Lanquist, Jim Morley, John Hausen, Bill Johnson.
5. 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 is replacing Al Pedersen (special thank you to Al for his past service!); Social Concerns – Nan Stewart; Webmaster – Doug Mather; Sue Brunson – Newsletter Editor.
6. We are still looking for a Tour Coordinator. If anyone has an idea for a tour, please let the Officers know.
7. Upcoming events (more information will be coming for those events without dates):
8. April 8 – Beloit Culver's Scoopie Night for Clinton Auto Club (4-8pm)
9. April 13 – Mechanical Work Day at Mark McClenathan's (10am-5pm)
10. April 21 – Joe Maurer – Model T Dust-Off Tour (9:30am from Farm & Fleet on Riverside Dr. to Rock Cut State Park, then Clinton for lunch)
11. April 26-27 – Spring Jefferson Swap Meet
12. May 4 – Cars & Coffee at Katie's Cup, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Rockford (9am-Noon is being sponsored by the Model T Club; come support them)
13. May 18 – Little Hershey Swap Meet/Cruise in (Boone County Fairgrounds)
14. May 27 – Memorial Day Parades (Beloit 9am) (Pecatonica 2pm)
15. June 2 – 35<sup>th</sup> Model A Day in Clinton, WI
16. June 8 – Clinton High School Car Show
17. 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. See Dave if you are interested.
18. Dave Werckle is working on a tour around Ogle County. Details will be forthcoming.
19. Treasurer's report given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter).
20. Dues are due! Please make sure you have paid for 2024. There was a discussion about suspension of dues for members who are 85+ years young and was passed by a show of hands. We also agreed to free membership for the students in the Auto Shop program at Clinton High School who are working on the Model A Project.
21. There was also a discussion about beginning to give charitable donations to reduce our checkbook balance (we are a non-profit organization), similar to what the Model T Club does: the have donated to: Carpenter's Place (non-profit homeless day center), Walter Lawson Home (for children with intellectual disabilities), Rockford Special Olympics, Rock River Valley Food Pantry, MELD (transitional living program for families in need), Milestone (caring for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults), Rockford Rescue Mission (homeless shelter/substance recovery programs), and Nicholas Ritschel Foundation (Nik's Wish – for cancer warriors ages 18-24, as kids over 17 do not qualify for the Make-a-Wish Program). Kurt Duesterhoeft said that the Model T Club usually gave \$200 to several charities per year. Dave Clark suggested donating a \$200 brick to MAFFI in Terry Clark's name. Discussion will be ongoing.

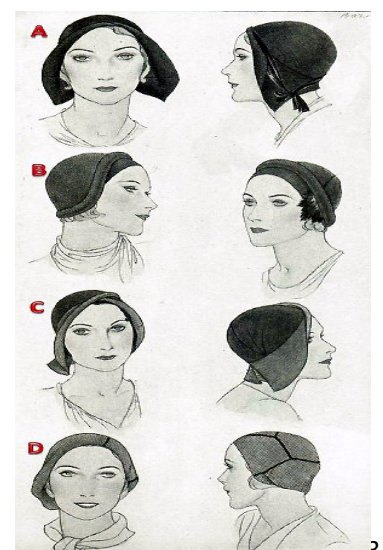


22. Dave Clark reported on the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was cold and windy, but we had 7 cars in the parade, then went to Hope & Anchor for dinner and Guinness!
23. Health concerns: Keep Wayne Rowehl, Anne Laviolette, Joe Maurer, Russ & Karen Kothe, Donna Johnson, and Phil Hodges in your prayers for their continuing health challenges.
24. Alice Whitney thanked all the volunteers who stepped up to drive for the upcoming wedding in May. She also said that the bows (which have been used for years) are looking a little worse for the wear, so she asked MaryJo Milazzo to make new ones.
25. Adam Fjalstad and George Brunson spoke about the Model A Youth Project at Clinton High School. George Brunson, Jim Morley, Mike Peters, Bill Johnson, and Anne Laviolette are working with the students on Wednesday mornings. The students are very motivated and are doing a great job! There is no doubt that the car will be running by Model A Day.
26. Update on the Lake Lawn Lodge murder documentary project: no news at this time.
27. Model A Day in Clinton: Sue Brunson spoke about our Model A Day on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone should please fill out a form to state what you will be able to do and return it to Sue. It is a club function, so everyone should be doing something to help! **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.
28. There was also a discussion about possibly offering rides in Model A's at Model A Day.
29. Car issues: Alice Whitney needs help with her car. Mark McClenathan offered to trailer the car to his house to work on during the Mechanical Work Day on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
30. John Hausen has gotten the hats for Model A Day and is now selling them (and some from the last couple of years).
31. Alice Whitney and Bob Nowicki won the attendance prizes.
32. Tech Talk: Jim Morley demonstrated how to test condensers.
33. Next meeting is April 30 – Central Christian Church 7pm
34. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners are continuing. Contact John Hausen for details about the next breakfast 815-544-6004. Tues., April 2 5pm at Firehouse Pub, Roscoe and on Saturday, April 6 7:45 am at Stockholm Inn, Rockford.
35. 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

### ***We love hats! Here's a note of Model A Fashion from Chris Aupperle***

Let's take a close look at the difference between ladies hats from the late 1920s and the early 1930s. You'll notice a change in how far down the hat comes on the forehead, the shape of the brim and the amount of hair shown. Do you see any other changes? How about the depth of the crown?



## FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

### “Curve in the Road”

by Wayne Rowehl ~ APRIL 2024

While we all reflect on how mild or bad winter was, how cold or warm the temperatures were, or how much snow we had compared to other years, we slowly put away the snow removal equipment and hope there is not one more storm in our future. With the arrival of spring, warmer weather, we can now focus on other outside activities other than removing snow.

One of the first car shows coming up is the Madison Classics at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds which will be featuring Mopars. This year, the days and hours have changed. The gates open on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-4:00pm, and on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00am-4:00pm. Admission is \$15.00 per person which includes parking. There is no Sunday show or hours this year.

This year the Rock-Ford A's 35<sup>th</sup> Model A's Days will be held on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in downtown Clinton, WI. This is one of the Midwest's largest Model A events, with over 100 vehicles, car parts and craft vendors, live music, food, door prizes and more. This is a great family activity with something for everybody. Admission is free. Rain or shine!

A new 1<sup>st</sup> annual Car Show and Swap Meet named Gary's Hot Rod Reunion by Madison Classics will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Racine County Fairgrounds located just off Hwy 11 at 19805 Durand Ave. Union Grove, Wisconsin. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes parking. The featured vehicle will be 60's Muscle Cars, with other models welcomed.

Another favorite car show by Madison Classics will be the Fall Jefferson Car Show at the Jefferson Fairgrounds on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 6:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is \$15:00 per person which includes parking.

Finally, on Facebook, there are many sites such as Ford Model A, 1928-1931 Ford Model A group, Original Ford Model A and others available to help with finding information on projects you are working on. On these sites other fellow car owners and friends of the hobby post parts they are looking for or selling, how to do something, help identify an item, offer suggestion of where to locate a part and other helpful tips.

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](mailto:wrowehl@gmail.com).



**You're Invited! RFA's Safety Lane & Mechanical Day  
'Model A Work Day' Sat., April 13 from 10am-5pm**

**At Mark & Marilyn McClenathan's place, located  
at 789 McCurry Rd., Caledonia, IL 815-978-4773**

**Bring your car, your parts, your patience, your  
talents, and yourself to help yourself and anyone  
needing it! Food will be provided, but a head count  
will be helpful - please call Mark if you're coming!**

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](mailto:littlehershey1@gmail.com)



Keep Wayne Rowehl, Russ and Karen Kothe, Anne Laviolette, Joe Maurer, Donna Johnson & Brandon Kujat in your thoughts and prayers! We wish them all good health!



**Our Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 30th**

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

**See You There!**

### Rock-Ford A's Treasurer's Report FEBRUARY 2024

Checkbook balance Feb. 1, 2024	5,425.80
Cash on hand	97.00
<b>Total checkbook and cash</b>	<b>5,522.80</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues Deposit	180.00
Total income	180.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Nan Stewart -	
Logothetti funeral flowers	100.60
Kim Gipe—Sumner Park rental at Blassingham May-Sept.	125.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>225.60</b>
<b>Total Checkbook balance and Cash balance Feb. 29, 2024</b>	<b>5,477.20</b>

*Submitted: Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer*



THE MODEL T DUST-OFF TOUR IS APRIL 21ST, hosted by Wayne and Phyllis Orrison. The Model A club has been invited to join them on this tour. We'll meet at Farm and Fleet on Riverside at 9:30 am for coffee and donuts and leave around 10 am. Wayne has promised an easy tour, winding through Rock Cut State Park and then up to Clinton, WI for lunch. On the return trip we'll find ice cream somewhere, probably in Cherry Valley at the previous site of Don Nelson's shop, now known as Cattle & Cream. So get out in the garage and get that car ready to go (or join us in a modern car). All are welcome!



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Dear RockFord A Friends,

All club members will be asked to help in some way! Be generous ~ it's one way we can give back to those who have served!

- 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 choose  
**VET'S ROLL**  
as our benefit charity.



Thanks to all eight drivers who have volunteered to be part of a wedding on Saturday, May 18th at 3pm. They'll drive the wedding party from Anderson Gardens to the reception at the University Club in Rockford. Can't wait to see all the pictures!

*Alice Whitney*



**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. Come see Chris Aupperle!

**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](http://Model-a-ford.org/event)

**Gilmore Museum Model A Days** - Fri, Sept. 20-Sat., Sept. 21 from 9am-4pm. Hickory Corners, MI. Tickets are available now at [gilmorecarmuseum.org/events](http://gilmorecarmuseum.org/events)