

ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*
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Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA
www.rockfordas.org



Glimpse from the Gavel

Mission Statement: The Rock-Ford A's Model A Club welcomes members and supporters who value Model A's. Those who own a Model A are encouraged to preserve, exhibit, and make use of their cars in community events. We seek to educate present and future generations. Our aim is to be a people club that is united by Model A's.

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, August 10 - Cottonwood Airport Corn Boil & Open House - see page 9

Saturday, August 24 - Model T and Model A Swap Meet - see page 7



Saturday, August 31 – CLUB PICNIC at 11am at Blassingham Park – BRING A DISH TO SHARE! Hotdogs & hamburgers from Portillo's!

Tuesday, September 3 - Monthly Club dinner—5pm at The Butterfly, Beloit

Sunday, September 8 - Roscoe Lions Club Fall Festival Parade - 11am

Sunday, September 15 - Beloit Autorama – 8am to 4pm

Tuesday, Sept. 17 & Wednesday, Sept. 18 - Joe Maurer's Model T Overnight Tour

Saturday, Sept. 20 - Model A Day at Gilmore Auto Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

Friday (8am-4) & Saturday (6am-4), September 27-28: Fall Jefferson Swap Meet

Saturday, September 28 - Last outdoor picnic & meeting at Blassingham Park

Sunday, September 29 - Stillman Valley Parade - 2:00 pm

Sunday, October 6 - Oregon Autumn on Parade - 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 10 - Model A Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford;
cocktails at 5pm and dinner at 6pm—see page 11



*Please fill out and send your Annual Club Banquet reservations and payment along with your \$20 Club DUES for 2025 to:
Greg McQueary, 7490 Ryebrook Rd., Rockford, IL 61114-5636*

July 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 34 in attendance. Welcome new members Mike and Kat Kelleher!
3. Thank you to Vicki and Chuck Milazzo for the treats! Happy Birthday, Sue Brunson!
4. There are several sign-up sheets available for upcoming parades and events.
5. Upcoming Events:
 - Saturday, August 3 – “Topsy” at Midway Village (Noon-4pm)
 - Wednesday, August 7 – Dave Werckle’s “Poke-A-Long Tour”
 - Saturday, August 10 – Cottonwood Airport Corn Boil
 - Saturday-Sunday, August 16-17 – Model A Days in Amana Colonies, IA
 - Saturday, August 31 – CLUB PICNIC at 11am in Blassingham Park – BRING A DISH TO PASS
 - Sunday, September 8 – Roscoe Lions Club Fall Festival Parade (lineup:10am, step-off: 11am)
 - Sunday, September 15 – Beloit Autorama (8am-4pm)
 - Tuesday-Wednesday, September 17-18 – Model T Overnight Tour
 - Saturday, September 20 – Model A Day at Gilmore Auto Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
 - Friday-Saturday, September 27-28 – Fall Jefferson Swap Meet
 - Sunday, September 29 – Stillman Valley Parade (lineup at 1pm, step-off at 2pm)
 - Sunday, October 6 – Oregon “Autumn on Parade” – (lineup at noon, step-off at 1pm)
6. Car Repairs: Joe Maurer’s “new” car is now on the road. He replaced the cracked-block engine and the Chinese U-joint; Greg McQueary’s car is now running well, with a new timing gear and crank pulley. Greg thanked all who helped him with his repairs.
7. Treasurer’s Report (included in newsletter).
8. Health Updates: Anne Laviolette is scheduled for sinus surgery on August 8th.
9. Old Business: A brick to honor Terry Clark at the Gilmore Museum has been ordered. Wording on the brick will be determined by the executive committee.
10. New Business: There was a discussion on the proposed Mission Statement for the club and it was passed by a vote of hands. “The Rock-Ford A’s Model A Club welcomes members and supporters who value Model A’s. Those who own a Model A are encouraged to preserve, exhibit, and make use of their cars in community events. We seek to educate present and future generations. Our aim is to be a people club that is united by Model A’s.”
11. Dave Werckle is putting together a fall tour, possibly to Indian Hill Manor and other locations. Details will be forthcoming.
12. Larry Foht volunteered to do photography if anyone wants pictures.
13. The Executive committee will work on updating the club bylaws in the near future.
14. Joe Maurer has new valves, lifters, and valve springs for sale for \$260 (what he paid for them).

15. Attendance prizes were won by Loretta Anderson (AGAIN!!) and Jamie Carter.
16. Next meeting is August 31 at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am. This is our Club Picnic. Burgers and hot dogs will be furnished. Bring a dish to pass.
17. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners are continuing. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details.
18. Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17 for an extra); club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted), magnetic signs (\$15) and car aprons from Greg McQueary; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).

Submitted, Anne Laviolette

TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE 2024

Checkbook Balance: June 1, 2024	5,926.25
Total Checkbook Balance and Cash:	6,023.25
INCOME:	
Pecatonica and South Beloit Parades:	200.00
Dues/Moczulaski:	20.00
MAD Income: Auction, 50/50, Anne's car sale:	3,176.00
MAD Vendors: flowers, magnets:	95.00
MAD sale of Model A whistle:	120.00
MAD vendor donation - Pat's Brew & Que:	350.00
Auto Parts/Swap Meet Sale/funds for 2025 school auto purchase:	2,000.00
Shopiere Parade/Cap Sale:	120.00
Total Income:	6,061.00
EXPENSES:	
Repayment/Greg McQueary MAD cash envelopes:	200.00
MAD Balloon Guy: Don Vort:	100.00
MAD DJ: Joe Lock:	500.00
MAD caps purchase from 4 Imprint/George Brunson:	622.44
Nan Stewart-Funeral Flowers/ Dave Thompson:	120.75
MAD Portolets/Pat's Services:	1,023.35
MAD Printing—Gem Printing—programs/Sue Brunson:	67.26
Scholarship/Jacob Schmig, Clinton High School student:	500.00
Nan Stewart-Funeral Flowers/Joe Conti:	161.63
MAD expenses/Sue Brunson:	120.00
NAD Vet's Roll Contribution:	2,000.00
Total Expenses:	5,415.43
TOTAL CHECKBOOK BALANCE & CASH ON HAND, JUNE 30, 2024	6,688.82

SUBMITTED BY: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer

~ CORRECTIONS MADE TO JUNE-JULY 2024 MANIFOLD NEWS ~

1. 2024 MARC National Meet - ~~Berlin, Ohio~~ Asheville, NC
2. Helping with the 2024 Model A Day Swap Meet: ~~Don Stein~~ Bob Nowicki; many thanks to Bob for continuing to donate storage of these items to be used for future youth projects!

FORD MODEL & ADVENTURES

“Curve in the Road” by Wayne Rowehl AUGUST 2024

As summer continues there are still more outside events and car shows to attend.

The **BELOIT AUTORAMA** is a fund raising project for the Beloit Evening Lions Club. The Coachmen Street Rodders and Blue Ribbon Classic Chevy Club members completely donate their time and efforts in helping to present the show. Over \$1,000,000 has been raised from the past 47 Autorama shows. The Lions Club has donated these proceeds to the Lions Club International Foundation, The Wisconsin Lions Club Foundation which supports The Wisconsin Lions Camp for use by the visually handicapped, Merrill Community Center, Beloit Boys & Girls Club, Meals on Wheels, Caritas, Easter Seals Camp, Hospice and other community projects. **Sunday, September 15, 2024 8am to 4pm**

Located at the Town of Beloit’s Preservation Park located on the beautiful Rock River, 3444 S. Riverside Drive, Beloit, WI—4 Miles North of Beloit, Wisc. on Hwy 51;

participant car registration \$10 before Sept. 1st or \$15 on Show Day;

Spectator Pricing -\$10, \$5 for ages 8-15, under 8 years FREE

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

Recently, I heard someone ask the question, does the radiator need to be removed when changing a four blade to a two blade aluminum?

One person suggested the radiator needed to be removed, another person said they cut two of the four blades off, removed hood and supports and upper radiator hose. Tilt radiator forward and removed water pump with the remaining blade horizontal. Replaced fan, then reinstalled the water pump. Looks like there are many tips to completing this task. What is your tip?

Excellent tip was to put a piece of cardboard or a thin piece of plywood between the fan and the radiator to prevent damage.

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.

RockFord A's participated in "TIPSY" - the Prohibition Era experience of what life was like in 1920s in Rockford - this was on Sat., Aug. 3 @ Midway Village Museum, 6799 Guilford Road

There were vintage cars, 1920s music, temperance marchers, bootleggers and distilling practices, gangsters, G-men, bank heists, and more! A hot steamy day but a great day!

L-R: Kurt Duesterhoeft, Steve Kendell, Dave Lantz, Anne Laviolette, Jim Morley, Chuck Milazzo



Thanks for the pictures, Kurt!



***Group shot from the Wed., Aug. 7 Dave Werckle's Poke-A-Long Tour - thanks, Vicki Milazzo.
More pics and info in next month's newsletter!***

Poor Brock! Had his hands full trying to get our orders & bills out. But he survived & so did we! →

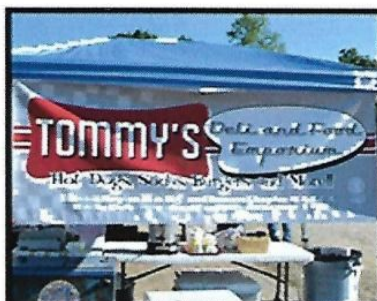


Group shot from our August monthly club dinner. This was at Firehouse Pub in Roscoe, taken by Jim Morley. It was a very big group, and our server's 5th day on the job! He said he's trying to get in the Army & it would probably be easier than being a server!

The Model A and Model T Swap Meet
Save the Date
SATURDAY, August 24, 2024



LOTS OF SWAP MEET SPACES
TOMMY'S FOOD EMPORIUM WILL BE OPEN
See the MAFFI Bus almost finished
ready for delivery to the Model A Museum!!!
All Proceeds go to the Model A Museum MAFFI
Location: 13012 Rte 176 Woodstock, Illinois
Time: 8 AM to mid Afternoon
For spaces or more info
Contact: Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906
or Mark Maron 847-302-7900
or Nick Clancy 224-500-1720



Beloit Autorama – September 15th

We'll be joining up with the Model A Club for breakfast before the event. Antique cars get prime parking at the entrance to the show, so you can sit back and watch all the show cars enter the field. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter. If you want to pre-register, you can use the form below

48th Annual www.beloitautorama.com 



Beloit AUTORAMA SHOW-PARTS SWAP
ARTS & CRAFTS-CAR CORRAL

**BELOIT EVENING LIONS CLUB
COACHMEN STREET ROD CLUB
BLUE RIBBON CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 2024 • 8 am to 4 pm

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE USED FOR LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY PROJECTS & PROGRAMS TO AID THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

TOWN OF BELOIT PRESERVATION PARK ON THE ROCK RIVER
3444 South Riverside Dr., Beloit, WI • 4 Miles North of Beloit, Wisc. on Hwy. 51
SPECTATORS: \$10.00 over 15 yrs., \$5.00 8 to 15 yrs., Under 8 Free

No Pop Up Canopies allowed in Show Car Area - No Pets Allowed - No vendors selling food items - No Alcohol - Motorized carts will require proof of disability.

PARTICIPATION CAR REGISTRATION:	VENDOR REGISTRATION:
\$10.00 on/or before September 1st, 2024	ALL SPACES ARE OUTSIDE - 20 X 20 FT SPACE = \$25.00
\$15.00 on Show Day	Vendors may also register & set up on Saturday Sept. 14th
To be considered for judging, cars must be parked by 11 AM in correct class	from noon to 5 P.M. Overnight security provided.
	CAR CORRAL \$25 Driveable \$50 Trailered
	NO PRE-REGISTRATION on CAR CORRAL

THIS IS A PARTICIPANT JUDGED SHOW

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE
 CUT & MAIL TO: BELOIT AUTORAMA, PO Box 689, Beloit, WI 53511
 PHONE: 608-290-3628 Days OR 608-751-3572 DAYS • ALL PARTICIPANT VEHICLES MUST BE DRIVEN INTO THE SHOW

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PHONE _____

MAKE OF CAR _____ YEAR _____ MODEL _____

Check Car Class:

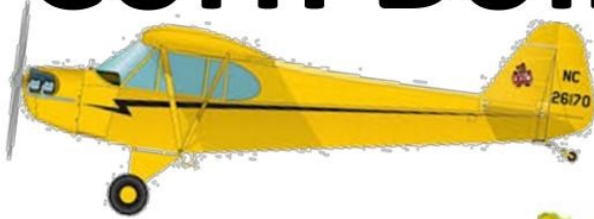
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<input type="checkbox"/> F - CORVETTE MODIFIED	<input type="checkbox"/> L - TRUCKS MODIFIED	_____ # of spaces/Car Parts

Make Check To: **Beloit Evening Lions Club FEE ENCLOSED** _____ # of spaces / Arte & Crafts

Registration fee to cover two adults and all children under 16 riding in car.
 (No Checks on Day of Show) A confirmation card will be returned and must be brought with you to show.

Registration can now be paid online with "Square"

4th Annual Cottonwood Corn Boil and Open House



Saturday August 10

Cottonwood Airport (1C8)

Delicious Sweet Corn

11:00 am – 2 pm

Free Airplane Rides
for Kids ages 8-17

5105 Auburn St.

Rockford, IL

Registration required.

Drive-in/Fly-in

You may pre-register here:

<https://youngeaglesday.org/?yedetail&event=86zXE50h9>



**Menu: Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Chips and
all the fresh Sweet Corn you can eat.**

See EAA 22 Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111156462236936>



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YOUR NAME HERE

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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?

Email or call Sue Brunson
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ROCK-FORD A's RESOURCE LIBRARY

(housed at George Brunson's—call 608-290-1835)

BOOKS:

Automobiles 1949-1959

Ford Model A 1929-1931 NAPA/Martin

The New Ford (Reproduction of an original Ford Motor Company Sales Promotion Book), published by Jim Born, printed by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., Gonvick, Minnesota 56644, July 1, 1978

Tillotson Carburetors Repairing and Restoring Model "X", "Unmarked X" and "XF"

26 MOVIES/VIDEOS RECORDED AS DVDS



WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

George & Sue Brunson's 1st great grandchild! Aurora Dorothy weighed only 3 pounds, 4 oz. at her early birth on October 12, 2023. Now 9 months old, she's overcome all the premie hurdles and loves her Marine daddy, oldest grandson Sargeant Ian Shear.



Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 10, 2024 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 Parmesan
(Cost includes meal, salad, homemade focaccia bread, non-alcoholic beverage)*

**Prices have increased from last year and the Club will pick up \$4.00 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 29, 2024 meeting or mail by no later than Friday, October 25 to:*

*Greg McQueary
7490 Ryebrook Rd.
Rockford, IL 61114-5636
608-290-4429*

Enclosed is my/our check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for the Banquet meal(s) and \$20 dues:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>\$39.00</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>
_____	_____	<i>10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato and vegetable medley</i>	<i>\$39.00</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>
_____	_____	<i>Cedar Planked Salmon with roasted red potatoes and vegetable medley</i>	<i>\$27.00</i>	<i>\$22.00</i>
_____	_____	<i>Chicken Parmesan with roasted red potatoes & vegetable medley</i>	<i>\$24.00</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
	_____	<i>I am including my 2025 dues of \$20.00</i>		<u><i>\$20.00</i></u>

Total _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____