



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends!

The trees are changing colors, and pretty soon the shortened days will lead to cooler temps! All in all it feels like we've had an excellent summer. We've enjoyed our picnic meetings in Pecatonica and many attended local car shows. Our annual picnic was wonderful - great food from Portillo's and food for an army! Special thanks to Linda and Warren Dutton for sharing their bountiful garden overflow and to all who brought dishes to share! We've had great parades with 2 more coming in Stillman Valley and Oregon, IL. And we've also had great tours, with one more coming - don't put your car away yet! Please see details of Dave Werckle's Fall Poke-Along Tour on page 8! Members have had some great adventures on the road to Model A events outside our area. Daylight Saving time will end soon—the change is Sunday, Nov. 3 - we'll fall back an hour. I want to thank all of the 2024 Officers and Board Members for their commitment to our great club. We'll take nominations for 2025 at our September meeting. We're already thinking ahead to events in 2025: Soup Lunch on Saturday, Feb. 15th, planning tours and trips in 2025, Model A Day on Sunday, June 1st, etc., etc., etc.!

Happy motoring - be safe out there! *George*

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, Sept. 19-22 - 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 - 11am

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

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

***Tuesday, October 29 - Model A meeting at 7pm at Central Christian Church,
6595 Guilford, Rockford, IL**

**Sunday, November 10 - Model A Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford;
Cocktails at 5pm and Dinner at 6pm—see page 11**



Please send your Banquet reservations and payment along with your \$20 dues (Model A ownership is NOT required) to:

**Greg McQueary, 7490 Ryebrook Road,
Rockford, IL 61114-5636**

August 31, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 47 in attendance.
3. Thank you to everyone for all the great food today! Happy Birthday, Lana Peters!
4. There are several sign-up sheets available for upcoming parades and events.
5. Upcoming Events:
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. Treasurer’s Report by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter).
7. Dave Clark gave an update on the upcoming parades and again urged everyone to join MARC and participate in the MARC Mileage Program.
8. Health Updates: Please continue to keep Donna Johnson, Anne Laviolette, Wayne Rowehl, Larry Anderson, and Dan Campbell in our prayers for continuing health issues.
9. Alice Whitney asked for 1 car for a wedding on September 21 at Prairie Street Brewery for pictures and possible rides. Please contact Alice if you are available.
10. Attendance prizes were won by Alice Whitney and Phil Hodges.
11. Next meeting is September 28 at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am. Bring a picnic lunch. The October 29 meeting will be at Central Christian Church at 7pm.
12. Our Annual Banquet is on Sunday, November 10 at Thunder Bay Grill in Rockford. Please get your reservation sheet in to Greg McQueary as soon as possible.
13. Treat schedule: September 28 – Dori and Mel Welch; October 29 – Alice Whitney and Toni Lynn Carlson.
14. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners are continuing. Contact John Sue Hausen
15. 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).
16. Winners of the car games were: Ron Lanquist and Brandon Kujat for the plumb bob game; Anne Laviolette for the 1 revolution of the tire game; Anne Laviolette and Charlie Monk for the blindfold bucket toss game.

Submitted, Anne Laviolette

TREASURER'S REPORT - AUGUST 2024

Checkbook Balance: August 1, 2024	6,196.22
Cash on hand	97.00
Total Checkbook Balance and Cash:	7,013.22

INCOME:

Midway Village/Tipsy	75.00
Aupperle/Banquet & Dues Payment	62.00
Total Income:	137.00

EXPENSES:

CD Purchase/High School Auto Class	2,000.00
Sue Brunson/Club Picnic food	385.34
Total Expenses:	2,385.34

TOTAL CHECKBOOK BALANCE & CASH ON HAND, AUGUST 31, 2024 4,764.88

SUBMITTED BY: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 BELOIT AUTORAMA WINNERS!

TOP L: Lee Laviolette BOTTOM L: Ron Lanquist
Participant's Choice Award Winners
CENTER: Anne Laviolette (with Lee) - BEST OF SHOW STOCK

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.

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES by Wayne Rowehl
"Curve in the Road" September 2024

As summer ends and fall begins there are still more outside events and car shows to attend.

On Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st, 2024 the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI is hosting their 11th annual Ford Model A Days from 9:00-4:00pm. Special events and activities such as swap meet, technical and fashion seminars and live music will be throughout the day.

One upcoming event is the 41st Hill and Valley Antique Auto and Americana Show which will be held Sunday, September 21st, 2024 at Baer Park in Cross Plains, WI. This event begins with a viewing the one hour tour through their hills and valleys departing at 10am. Afterwards you can enjoy the many antique and classic cars, trucks, tractors, gas engines and horse-drawn vehicles. Between 7:00-10:00am there is a pancake breakfast, with concessions following at 10:30-2:00pm. Arts and crafts show, Early Americana demonstrations and Ford Model T assembly will be available throughout the day.

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

Recently, I saw someone ask the question, "What size fuse is best to use in a Ford Model A?" Many responded saying they use a 30 amp fuse. A few said they use a 20 amp and can run the wipers, headlights and blow the horn with no issues. Some mentioned they use a 30 amp circuit breaker, which saves on buying glass fuses. What size do you use?

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.

Wayne



EASY PECAN PUMPKIN PIE

3 large eggs, 1 C. sugar, 1/2 C. dark corn syrup, 1 C. LIBBY'S Solid Pack Pumpkin (not filling), 1 T. vanilla, 1 C. pecan halves, 1 unbaked 9" pie crust Combine eggs, sugar, corn syrup, pumpkin and vanilla in medium bowl. Gently stir in pecans. Pour into crust & bake @375° for 55-60 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream or whipped topping. Serves 8



This painting by MAFCA member Stan Newland is his interpretation of his 1931 Standard Coupe as it might have been in a gas station in the Model A era.

Courtesy of *The Restorer*
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Adjusted for inflation that 25¢/gallon would be \$3.97/gallon in 2024 dollars

Thanks to the Salt Creek Model A Club in Aurora, IL for these pictures and information!

The below picture was captured by members of the Salt Creek Model A Club in Aurora, IL who drove their A's to Franklin Grove, IL. Their plan was to try and snap a picture of the A's with the vintage Union Pacific Big Boy locomotive. This locomotive, #4014, is a steam engine built in 1941. It operated until, 1961, having travelled over 1 million miles. Its restoration was completed in 2019, and it now does occasional trips around the country with this year's Heartland of America Tour covering 8 states. In the picture, the engine was roaring by at about 50 MPH.



THE FORD CONNECTION TO TRAINS As Paul Harvey would say, “and now the rest of the story...”

In the early 1860s, George Pullman had made a good living as a building mover, first along the Erie Canal and later along the Chicago River as the city of Chicago was rapidly growing. While on a long train trip, he had a very uncomfortable experience and decided there had to be a better way to travel on trains, especially overnight. With that inspiration, he started the Pullman Palace Car Company to make luxury sleeper cars for trains. He located his new company on land south of the Chicago stockyards, near Lake Calumet.

He built a progressive sprawling factory with multiple buildings, a sequential assembly line and suppliers on site. George Pullman also had a benevolent streak and build a company town next to the factory that included deluxe homes (with running water), a hotel, a church shared by multiple denominations, a company store, rental apartments for visitors, and a community center. Like Henry Ford’s experimental social programs, Pullman’s company town also had challenges. Great stories if you want to know more.

So the Henry Ford connection. By 1920, Henry Ford had become famous and was recognized whenever he travelled. He decided to order his own Pullman car. It was 82’ long and cost \$159,000. Henry named it Fair Lane, like is home in Dearborn, and like the area in Ireland where his grandfather lived. For the price of 25 regular fares, a train would hook onto the Pullman car and take it to the destination where the regular folks were headed. It was quite a magnificent way to travel. Henry and his family used it for business trips and vacations

Imagine Clara Ford travelling in style on an overnight trip to New York for shopping. Imagine Henry travelling in the Pullman on a business trip to Michigan’s upper peninsula or to his new factory in south Chicago. Most of their trips would have started and ended at Michigan Central Station in Detroit. They certainly would have seen a lot of Model As on their trips in the 1930s.

Now: The Pullman company went out of business in the 1980s. The empty factory buildings and the company town buildings fell into disrepair over the years, but the area was proclaimed a National Historic Site in 2017, with lots of restoration and preservation completed and more in process. It’s a wonderful place to tour if you find yourself in Chicago.

Henry’s Fair Lane Pullman car was sold in 1942 as Henry and Clara travelled less. The car was sold a couple of times, eventually restored to early grandeur, then donated to the Henry Ford Museum. Check out photos and more of the story on the **TheHenryFord.org** web site.

Lastly, that Detroit Michigan Central Station was also unused and had fallen into significant disrepair. Thanks to Ford, that train station was saved from the wrecking ball and restored. This year it reopens and is providing offices for tech companies, as well as Ford employees. It’s a nice cornerstone to rebuilding a modern Detroit.





Collaboration, perseverance, team work, a little bit of frustration, some head scratching and elbow grease combined to have Greg McQueary's A back on track. The Team: McQueary, Lanquist, Laviolette & Milazzo for the win!



If it's not one thing, it's two. Or three! We sat in the shade of Anne's patio while the guys worked on Chuck's car!

Jim Morley had a spare distributor to help Chuck Milazzo fix his A at Laviolette's after the Roscoe Fall Festival parade. And poor Tonilynn and Alice never even made it to the parade - their shock absorber broke off & punched a big hole in the tire! A tow truck came to rescue everybody!

DAVE'S POKE-ALONG TOUR— 2024 FALL EDITION

When: Saturday, October 12

Meeting at: Love's Gas Station, corner of Hwy. 2 and Rt. 20, Rockford

Departure Time: To be announced—please check your email for updates on exact details

Going to:

- 1) Esta Barrett Manor & Gardens, 6901 Kishwaukee Rd., Rockford - - A 1900's historic landmark home, gardens and farm. It sits on 500 acres of land located along the Kishwaukee & Rock rivers southwest of Rockford. Hear the stories of a turn of the 20th century Chicago businessman, his remarkable wife -the namesake of the property, a renowned landscape architect, and passionate historic preservationists. Learn about this gentleman's farm and its evolution from Indian Hill Manor. Holdings include the 26-acre manor grounds that were laid out by O. C. Simonds, one of the leaders of the natural landscaping movement of the early 20th century, and a 160-acre historic farm. Visit their website and Facebook page <https://www.estabarrett.com/visit/>
- 2) Kishwaukee Community Church for BYO picnic lunch inside
- 3) Patrick's Garage: explore an extensive antique car, truck and tractor collection
- 4) Hopefully another trip on the MAXSON Riverboat Tour—still working on this!



Pictures from Dave's Poke-Along Tour - August 7, 2024



2024 ANNUAL PICNIC PICTURES



Great club, beautiful day,
good food, fun car games,
but best of all is time
shared together!



Please keep Anne Laviolette, Donna Johnson, Dave & Sara Werckle, Larry & Loretta Anderson, Karen Pedersen, Wayne Rowehl, and Dan Campbell in your thoughts and prayers! We are sending good vibes and warm thoughts to you all as you journey through your health issues! Please reach out to any of us if you need anything!

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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



We will be taking nominations for Officers and Board Members at our next meeting, Saturday, September 28th at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica. This will also be our last meeting outside at the park. Coordinators who want to keep doing what they're doing need not do anything; but, if you want to opt out of your position, please contact George Brunson ASAP—cell: — 608-290-1835. Thanks!

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 _____