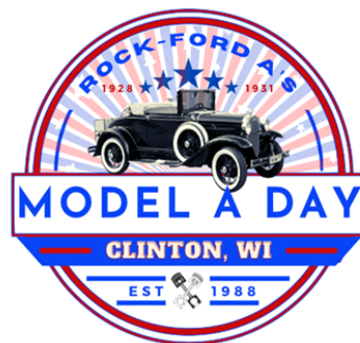


ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
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AUGUST 2025



Glimpse from the Gavel



Hello, Friends,

Our Saturday, August 30th meeting at 11am will be at a brand new place - the Pavillion at the Poplar Grove Airport! It's located at 11619 IL Route 76 in Poplar Grove, IL 61065. Plenty of parking and a nice restroom nearby. Pictured here are the owners: Meet Steve, Tina and "Charlie 77". The Thomas Family owns and operates the airport. There's great flying, a top notch flight school, a nationally known maintenance facility and good old fashion livin' here. The RockFord A's will also have our September 27th meeting here. This will be in conjunction with their Fly-In BBQ Picnic. It will be our picnic as well, and the club will pay the \$10 per person charge for lunch, beverage & dessert - no need to BYO lunch in September!

Keep motoring!

George Brunson, President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRIENDS!

August: 6-Kathy Mather, 22-Jake Milazzo, 27-Alice Whitney, 31-Lana Peters

September: 3-Pauline Clark, 3-Mary Jo Milazzo, 3-Mark McClenathan,
6-Ron Kramer, 7-Bill Cummings, 10-Nan Stewart, 19-Kay Strand,
20- Sharon Anderson, 29-Jennie Cummings

October: 8-Bill Aupperle, 11-Jan Winslow, 13-Kathy Forbes, 20-Luann
Carpenter, 23-Jewel Maurer, 27-Dave Clark, 28-Jan Leverington,
30-Lee Laviolette

Two golden rules to a
Happy Marriage:

1. The wife is
always right.

2, When you
feel she is wrong
slap yourself and
read rule number 1 again.



CHEERS! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, LOVEBIRDS!

August: 10,1985-Doug & Kathy Mather; 23,1986-Joe & Jewel Maurer

September: 4,2004-Bill & Jennie Cummings; 9,1967-Ron & Linda Lanquist
18,1965-Stan & Nan Stewart; 20,1969-Al & Karen Pedersen
23,1967-Jake & MaryJo Milazzo

October: 22,1954-Mel & Dorie Welch

Sat., July 26, 2025 RockFord A's Model A Club Minutes

1. Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance; Welcome new member Dan Bliss, from Milledgeville, IL!
2. Thank you to Chuck & Vicki Milazzo for the treats!
3. Treasurer's Report: - George - see report on page 7.
4. Model A Day 2025 Update (\$1,335.84). We've yet to give the police dept. our check...
5. **SIGNUP SHEETS:**
 - ⇒ Joe Maurer's Overnite Tour to Darlington & Monroe on Monday, Sept. 15 – Tues., Sept. 16
 - ⇒ Kendra & Jamie Carter's Tour, Thursday, August 21 to Union, IL
 - ⇒ Gilmore – Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Hickory Corners, MI – Make your reservations ASAP!
 - ⇒ Multi-Meter Seminar with Kurt – next April, 2026 (location TBA – Mark McClenathan's?)
 - ⇒ **PARADES:**
 - ⇒ Sun, Sept. 7 – Roscoe Fall Festival – 10am step off, Shamrock Ln. – this is Laviolette's house
 - ⇒ Sun, Sept. 28 – Stillman Valley Fall Fest – 12pm step off, Stillman Valley High, 435 S. Pine
 - ⇒ Sun, Oct. 5 – Oregon On Parade – 12pm step off at Oregon High, 206 S. 10th St.
 - ⇒ CORONADO TOUR WITH THE MODEL T CLUB – CELEBRATING 90 YEARS. Tentatively scheduled for either Mon., Sept. 29 or October 18 at 1pm – it is still under construction, so we'll be waiting for the final details from Wayne Orrison, Model T Club President. The cost is \$10 per person. That said, according to Wayne, if we do move to 10/18 as a feature 'attraction' to help the theater celebrate 90 years, I will try to have all the tour group cost covered by the theater for our participation - parking the cars for display in front of the theater. It is my intention to chair the tour and probably meet at 8:30 AM somewhere, leaving at 9:00 AM for a sight seeing tour somewhere, then stopping for lunch about 11ish and leaving that site to arrive at the theater just before 1PM. After the tour, we go for ice cream somewhere and end the tour.
7. Health updates/news: Dan Campbell (recent throat surgery), Lana Peters (knee replacement in Sept.), Phil Hodges (afib?), Judy McQueary (thymus cancer surgery 8/28)
8. DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS: Lucky winners - Jamie Carter and Alice Whitney
9. Treat Schedule: August 30 – Loretta Anderson, Oct. 28 – Alice Whitney & ToniLynn Carlson
10. **MEETINGS: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION** – Goodbye to Blassingham Park for 2025!
August 30 (Sat.) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
September 27 (Sat.) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am
RockFord A's will be guests of the airport's bbq lunch, with beverage and dessert included. The club will pay \$10/person. This is our club picnic; our September monthly meeting to follow inside the air-conditioned museum with nice bathrooms
October 28 (Tues.) – Central Christian Church, Rockford at 7pm
11. **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
The next club breakfast is Sat., Aug. 2 at Alpine View Restaurant at 8am – call Karen Pedersen
The next club monthly dinner is Tues., Aug. 5 at Firehouse Pub in Rockton – call Karen P.

- ⇒ Ken Ehrenhofer Model A Seminars, 13012 IL 176, Woodstock, IL – August 13th, 14th, and 15th: \$65/person which includes lunch, wear your old dirty work clothes, each session is limited to 20 people; Topics: 8/13: Spray Painting a Model A, 8/14: Rebuilding a Model A Differential, 8/15: Rebuilding Model A Engine, Questions?? Call Ken: 630-697-3906
- ⇒ 2026 Model A Day is in French Lick, Indiana on July 12-16, 2026. Make your reservations now! The host hotel is the French Lick Casino/Springs Hotel

12. CAR SHOWS:

AUGUST

- August 2 (Sat.) "Cars & Coffee Rockford" Katie's Cup: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- August 7 (Thurs.) from 5 – 8 p.m. Sophia's in Roscoe, IL On the 1st Thursday of the month. Music, great food, 50/50 drawings, family fun. VetsRoll 50/50 raffle tickets are sold with a winner drawn at the end of the cruise. Joe Locke, the 'Hits DJ' provides tunes and prizes.
- Saturday, August 16 - "Model A Day" event at Amana Colonies, Iowa

SEPTEMBER

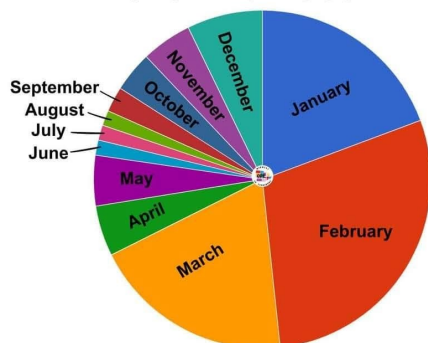
- Sept. 4 (Thurs.) from 5 – 8 p.m. Sophia's in Roscoe, IL On the 1st Thursday of the month. Music, great food, 50/50 drawings, family fun. VetsRoll 50/50 raffle tickets are sold with a winner drawn at the end of the cruise. Joe Locke, the 'Hits DJ' provides tunes and prizes.
- September 6 (Sat.) "Cars & Coffee Rockford" Katie's Cup: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Sunday, September 21, 8am to 4pm - Beloit Autorama

OCTOBER

- Oct. 2 (Thurs.) from 5 – 8 p.m. Sophia's in Roscoe, IL On the 1st Thursday of the month. Music, great food, 50/50 drawings, family fun. VetsRoll 50/50 raffle tickets are sold with a winner drawn at the end of the cruise. Joe Locke, the 'Hits DJ' provides tunes and prizes.
- October 4 (Sat.) "Cars & Coffee Rockford" Katie's Cup: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Sat, Oct 12, 10-4pm (Rain or Shine) "Rock-n-Bowl" Car Show, Don Carter Lanes, Rockford
- October 25 (Trunk or Treat) Katie's Cup: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

13. Saturday breakfasts & monthly dinners will continue. Some breakfast locations will change due to restaurant inability to accommodate us. Call Karen Pedersen: 815-291-2527
14. 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).

How Time Passes in the Midwest



TODAY I'M DOING NOTHING
BECAUSE I STARTED DOING IT
YESTERDAY AND I WASN'T FINISHED.
I'M NO QUITTER.



Respectfully submitted,
Sue Brunson

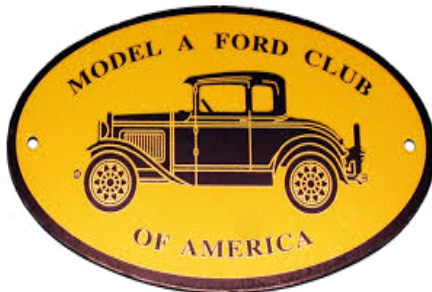
All of my childhood punishments
have become my adult goals:

Eating vegetables, Staying home,
Taking a nap, Going to bed early.

2025 Model A Days
2-Day Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral,
Driving Class*, and MORE!!
September 19 & 20, 2025 9-5pm
The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 49060
*Technical Seminars, Fashion, Hall of Fame Induction, Ride the Classics**
Please Join Us for a Special Friday Night
Museum Expansion Event!*
 Host Hotel Info: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St.
 Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000

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 NOW for these great
 national events!

MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB
NATIONAL MEET
JULY 12-16, 2026
French Lick, Indiana
 Reservations can be made by calling French
 Lick Resort direct at (844) 241-6361 and
 using the group code 0726MAR.



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Anne Laviolette does a great
 job of submitting an article
 about the RockFord A's in
 every issue of "The Restorer"

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- Participate in National Meets & Tours
- Camaraderie With 10,000+ Members Worldwide
- Over 250 Local Chapters Worldwide
- Model A Technical Support
- The Flying Quail Email Newsletter (bimonthly)
- 16 Special Interest Groups (SIGS) which focus on various areas
- Access to Member's Only content
- Voting privileges in elections
- Era Fashions
- 3 Free Classified Ads per year in "The Restorer"
- Unlimited Online Classifieds



The "A" in MARC is for anyone who has an interest
 in the Model "A" Ford. One year subscription is
 \$50 for 6 issues. **To brand new members - 1st year**
FREE! One big benefit is insurance coverage of
 your Model A with your membership! Our
 secretary, Anne Laviolette, does a great job of
 submitting an article about the RockFord A's in
 every issue of the *Model A News* magazine!
 Thank you, Anne! :) <https://model-a-ford.org>





Alice Whitney, Tonilynn, & Jim Morley supervised and encouraged the work on Whitney's Model A done by George Brunson, Ron Lanquist, Steve Klentz, and Kurt Duesterhoeft. They got it going...might be some more work to be done in the future!

2025 Picnic/Meeting Schedule

August 30 (Sat.) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am - eat at noon, with meeting to follow (BYO lunch/bev)

September 27 (Sat.) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 - WE'LL BE GUESTS OF THE AIRPORT'S BBQ LUNCH, WITH BEVERAGE AND DESSERT INCLUDED. THE CLUB WILL PAY \$10/PERSON. THIS IS OUR CLUB PICNIC; our meeting to follow inside the air-conditioned museum with nice bathrooms! :)

October 28 (Tues.) – Central Christian Church, Rockford at 7pm

**CLINTON
COUNTRY MARKET**
Sundays from 9am-3pm
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Corner of
**FRONT & ALLEN STREETS
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**OUR FAMOUS
BRAT STAND**

**Fridays & Saturdays
11:00-1:30**

• Brats	• Jumbo Hotdogs
• Brat Burgers	• Pork Chop Sandwiches
• Burgers	• Chips
• Cheese Burgers	• Pop & Water

Profits go toward our new roof and ELCA World Hunger

Faith Lutheran Church
1305 Blackhawk Blvd.
South Beloit, IL

Model A SUPER SEMINARS MODEL A RESTORER'S CLUB



Wed., Aug. 13:
Spray Painting a Model A

Thurs., Aug. 14:
Rebuilding the differential

Fri., Aug. 15
Rebuilding a Model A Engine

Sign up today - 20 limit per seminar \$65pp, lunch included

Ken Ehrenhofer 2025 Model A SUPER SEMINARS

13012 IL Rt. 176, Woodstock, IL 60098

August 13th, 14th, 15th \$65/person, includes lunch

- ⇒ Wear your old dirty work clothes
- ⇒ Each session is limited to 20 people
- ⇒ Ken will fire up the grill for lunch; chips and beverage included
- ⇒ 9am to 3pm
- ⇒ Payment due by check or at the door
- ⇒ Reservations needed—fill out and return asap to secure your spot
- ⇒ Reservation deadline: Wed., August 6th
- ⇒ Questions?? Call Ken: 630-697-3906



Name (PRINT) _____ Phone (____) _____

Please select:

_____ 8/13: Spray Painting a Model A

_____ 8/14: Rebuilding a Model A Differential

_____ 8/15: Rebuilding a Model A Engine

seminars X \$65 _____ My check is enclosed YES NO

Cut, fill out and return with payment to Ken by Wednesday, August 6th. Thanks!

RockFord A's Treasurer's Report

Checkbook balance: June 1, 2025 2,743.44
Cash on hand: 62.00
Total Checkbook & Cash: 2,807.44

INCOME:

MAD Deposit: 2,871.00
(Raffle: \$790, Caps & Cups: \$518, Silent
Auction: \$626, Basket's/Buckets: \$487, half
of the 50/50: \$390, 3 new members: \$60)
MAD vendors 80.00

Sale of scale Model A/Jim Morley 250.00
Contribution: Pat's Brew & Que, Cougar
Lanes, and Tom Peck Ford 600.00
Dues: LaShelle 20.00
Cap/Model car/Brunson: 70.00
Parades/cap sales: 210.00
Total Income 4,101.00

Expenses:

Balloon Man/Don Vort 100.00
DJ/Joe Locke 500.00
Portajohn/Pat's Service: 189.90
Checking Monthly Service Charge 10.00
Postage/Prizes 58.38
Total Expenses 858.28

Total Checkbook balance & Cash
June 30, 2025: 6,048.16

****CD set aside for School Model A Project:**
2,038.90

Submitted, Gregory McQueary, Treasurer

The ROARING TWENTIES at Midway Village





Parade Schedule

Mark your calendar
& watch your email!

*Questions? Call Dave Clark,
Parade Chair 815-847-0711*

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, September 7 - Roscoe Fall Festival - parade steps off at 11am

Sunday, September 28 - Stillman Valley Fall Festival - parade steps off at 1pm

OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 5 - Autumn on Parade Festival - Oregon, IL - Harvest Time Parade steps off @1pm

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl

“Curve in the Road”

August 2025

I hope you had a chance to enjoy some good car and swap meets. Summer seems to be flying by. There is still plenty of time to catch a local car show. Here are two upcoming car show coming up in August and September.

The 10th annual Cruisin’ to Genoa Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 26th, 2025 downtown Genoa on main street Route 72. The show hours are 9:00-3:00pm.

Another favorite car show by Madison Classics will be the Fall Jefferson Car Show at the Jefferson Fairgrounds on Friday, September 26th, 2025 from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday, September 27th, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is \$15.00 per person which includes parking. There is no Sunday show or hours.

This month Julia and I will plan on spending a week in Door County and visiting one of the caves mentioned in previous Curve in the Road articles. We hope you get a chance to visit one.

Curve in the Road fun fact: Did you know that the Model A was the first Ford vehicle to sport the famous blue oval logo.

Remember if you have a question about anything you can always ask on any of the Ford Model A support sites on the nationwide internet sites, or ask a club member.

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.

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Newsletter

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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

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.



George & Sue Brunson welcomed their first great grandchild, Cadence Michael on 7/29 for grandson Tristan and wife Jess. Both are stationed at Ft. Stewart in Savannah, GA. She's a medic and he's a tank specialist. Welcome, sweet baby Cade!





Kendra and Jamie Carter's Tour to Union, IL **Thursday, August 21, 2025**

- Meet up at Poplar Grove Airport's Wings and Wheels Museum @9am
- Head out at 9:30 & drive to the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, IL. Admission is \$11/adults, \$9/seniors, \$8/children 17 and under; We've received a pro-rated group price for admission. If we'd like a docent tour, this will be an additional \$50/hr. Trolleys will be operating on this day.
- There is a large pavilion area for lunch—bring your picnic lunch and beverages
- Depart the IRM around 1pm & head to the McHenry County Historical Society Museum in Union, IL. If we provide a "drive by parade" around the block at the museum, we will be given free admission!
- Tour ends with an ice cream stop (to be announced)!



Joe Maurer's Overnight Tour to Darlington/Monroe **Mon & Tues, Sept. 15/16**

- Meet at 9:15am at Toadhill Farm, 797 S. Silberman Rd., Pearl City, IL. There is plenty of room for trailers. Coffee & donuts will be served; departure at 10am.
- We will be staying at the Darlington Inn. A block of rooms has been set aside. Please call 608-776-8830 to make your reservations. The special price is \$86.40 including tax. Rooms are listed under Joe Maurer. Please put your reservation under your name. The hotel has plenty of amenities: pool, hot tub, hot breakfast, and a meeting room.
- On Monday, our 1st day of travel, we will have lunch at The Cove on Apple Canyon Lake. The 2nd day we will travel to Monroe, WI ("the Swiss cheese capital of the United States".)
- More details to come! Looking forward to seeing y'all!



Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 9, 2025 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 and events! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Menu choice of Prime Rib, Bourbon-Glazed Salmon, or Chicken Parmesan
Cost includes salad, focaccia bread, non-alcoholic beverage

The Club will pay \$4.00 for each meal, along with tax, gratuity, coffee/pop. Cash bar available.

Complete the registration form below. Enclose with your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's

Bring your reservation form and payment to the next meeting or
mail in no later than Friday, October 31, 2025 to:

Jim Morley
4538 Dellview Drive, Rockford, IL 61109

Enclosed is check #_____ in the amount of \$_____ for the following reservation(s) and dues:

Name	Name		
_____	_____ 10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato	\$39.00	\$35.00
_____	_____ Bourbon-Glazed Salmon with roasted potatoes & vegetables	\$27.00	\$22.00
_____	_____ Chicken Parmesan with mostaccioli	\$24.00	\$20.00
	_____ I am including my 2026 dues of \$20.00		<u>\$20.00</u>

Total _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

2025
SEASON

Neighborhood



BBQ LUNCHES

Join us for lunch every 4th Saturday! Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and pets for a freshly grilled lunch brought to you by the Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association.

Menu: Brats, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies, beverages



Our meeting Sat., Sept. 27th will be here - the club will pay for your lunch!



Lunch is
served from
11:30am to
1:30pm

**Wings & Wheels
Museum Pavillion**
5151 Orth Rd. Poplar Grove

May 24th
June 28th
Aug 23rd
Sept 27th

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