

ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*
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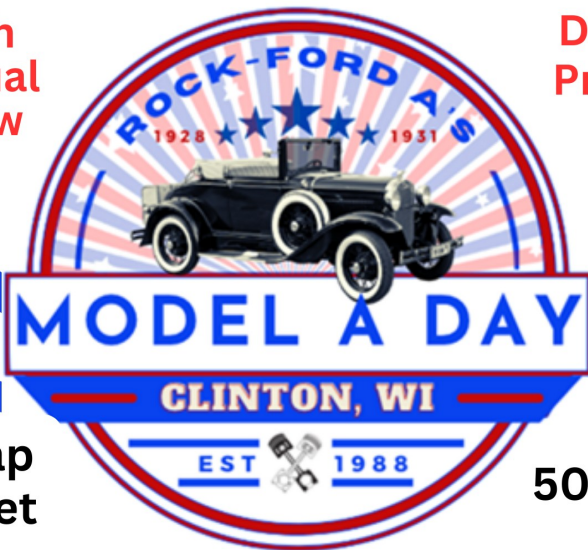


Sunday, June 1, 2025

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36th Annual Show

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Hello, Friends,
 Looks like March is full of surprises! Quite the weather roller coaster ride, but, that's par for the course. Our first meeting of the year is coming up on Tuesday, March 25th at Central Christian, Rkfd. at 7pm. Thanks again to all who participated in our annual Soup Lunch. Thanks to Alice Whitney for organizing the soup side of it and to all who brought food. We had 48 people this year and plenty of great eats to kick off 2025. Some requested recipes are included in this issue! Next up is Model A Day and planning has just started. Please bring donated \$25 gift cards, silent auction, and raffle items to the meeting. We want YOUR HELP and we NEED your help!

Happy Motoring, George

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Greg McQueary, 7490 Ryebrook Rd., Rockford, IL 61114-5636

If you have any questions, call Greg at 815-901-2896

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 to it be a people club that is united by Model A's.

Soup Luncheon February 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by George Brunson.
2. Welcome members and guests. 48 signed in for attendance. Welcome to the Model T Club members Bill Werner and Craig Sheridan!
3. Thank you to Stan Stewart for coordinating this meeting space for us. We want to recognize Alice Whitney for organizing soups, Jim and Sharon Morley, Sue Brunson, and everyone who made such delicious food! Thank you also to all who helped set up the tables and chairs! A great kick-off to our 2025 season!
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, Bill Johnson. John and Sue Hausen have retired from the club, so John needs to be replaced as a director. Please contact George or Chuck if you are interested.
6. Introduction of Coordinators: Tools – Lee & Anne Laviolette; Parade Coordinator – Dave Clark; Club Breakfasts & Dinners – OPEN; Wedding Coordinator – Alice Whitney; MARC Mileage Program – Dave Clark; Social Concerns – Nan Stewart; Webmaster – Doug Mather; Sue Brunson – Newsletter Editor. Please contact George or Chuck if you are interested in coordinating Club Breakfasts & Dinners.
7. Moment of silence for the members we have lost: Donna Johnson and Jenny Plymale.
8. Health concerns: Dan Campbell has had a rough time with his health issues; Dave Werckle is having a hip replacement in April.
9. 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.
10. We still don't have a Tour Coordinator. If anyone has an idea for a tour, please let the Officers know.
11. Treasurer's report (included in newsletter). Dues are due!
12. Joe Maurer spoke about planning a Model T Overnight Tour. Details will follow as they become available. He also brought in a photo of a Club event from 2003 for everyone to see.
13. Model A Day in Clinton: Committee members will begin meeting on March 5th in Clinton at Cougar Lanes at 11:30am. This year's recipient of the profits will be the Clinton, WI Police Department to purchase new equipment. Please sign up to help if you can! Please donate a gift card or two or any \$25+ item for our raffle. Any big-ticket items will go into the Silent Auction.

Changes to this year's event are: no new hats or mugs as we have many previous years' items to sell as "collectibles"; no fashion show (Maryann Downing retired); no craft show, although vendors are still welcome (\$20) to set up wherever on the sidewalks they want; Clinton restaurant owners convinced the Clinton Town Board to mandate a one-time \$75 food truck fee per year for unlimited sales (this is to encourage restaurant customers; we are thinking of having only 1 portajohn instead of 5; Joe Locke will be back as our DJ.

14. George Brunson has been working again with the Clinton High School group on the Model A project. They are now working on a body for the rolling chassis that they got running last school year.

15. The Manifold News newsletter will continue to come out the 1st week of every month. Please get your articles, pictures, ideas, etc. to Sue by the end of the month. Stories about your Model A are encouraged! Also make sure that Dave Clark has your current email address.

16. Al Pedersen talked about meeting a young man from Twin Lakes, IL who is INTO Model A's and may set up a tour to the man's place to see what he's got.

17. Dave Clark also proposed another Mechanical Tune-up Day at Mark McClenathan's garage. Date and time TBD.

18. **UPCOMING MEETINGS: *PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

- **March 25 (Tues.) – Central Christian Church, Rockford at 7pm**
- **April 29 (Tues.) – Central Christian Church, Rockford at 7pm**
- **May 31 (Sat.) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)**
- **June 28 (Sat.) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)**
- **July 26 (Sat.) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)**
- **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 (WE WILL BE GUESTS OF THE AIRPORT'S BBQ LUNCH, WITH BEVERAGE AND DESSERT INCLUDED. THE CLUB WILL PAY \$10 PER PERSON. THIS IS OUR CLUB PICNIC; meeting to follow inside museum.)**
- **October 28 (Tues.) – Central Christian Church, Rockford at 7pm**

19. **UPCOMING EVENTS** (more information will be coming for those events without dates):

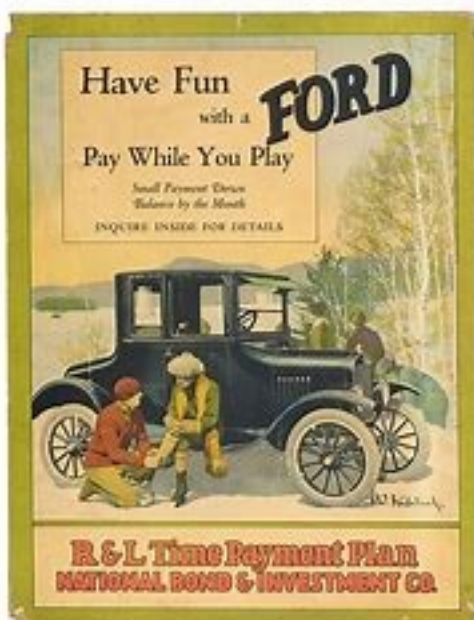
- March 15 – St. Patrick's Day Parade (line-up at 4th Ave. & 7th Street in Rockford at 2pm)
- April 11-13 – MARC Membership Meet in Nashville, IN
- April 12 – Kurt Deusterhoeft's Tech Seminar- Kurt's house; 3783 Falling Leaf Drive, Rockford. The topic is the different types of generator cutouts and how they work. People can also bring their cutouts to get them tested. 10 a.m. Coffee & donuts, then pizza, pop, and water will be provided. I'll also have some of my homebrewed beer available or folks can bring their own. PLEASE BRING A CHAIR!
- April 24-26 – Spring Jefferson Swap Meet
- May 4 – Model T Dust-Off Tour



Please keep Anne Laviolette, Dave & Sara Werckle, Larry & Loretta Anderson, Karen Pedersen, Wayne Rowehl, Dan Campbell, and Phil Hodges in your thoughts. We are sending good vibes and warm thoughts to you all as you journey through your health issues! Please reach out if you need anything or to give us updates!

- May 17 – Little Hershey at Boone County Fairgrounds
 - May 26 – Memorial Day Parades (Beloit 9am) (Pecatonica 2pm)
 - June 1 – 36th Model A Day in Clinton, WI
 - June ? – Orfordville Parade
 - June 16-20 – MARC National Meet in Gettysburg, PA
 - 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 15-16 – Model A Day in Amana Colonies
 - September 14 – Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade
 - September 19-20 – Model A Day at Gilmore Museum
 - September 14 – Beloit Autorama
 - September 25-27 – Fall Jefferson Swap Meet
 - September ? – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade
 - October ? – Oregon Autumn on Parade
 - October ? – “Rock-n-Bowl” Car Show
 - November 9 – Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay Grill 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner
20. Karen Pedersen, Lizzie Fregoso, Jake Milazzo, and Bill Aupperle won the attendance prizes.
21. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners may or may not continue. Contact George Brunson or Chuck Milazzo if you would like to schedule them for the club.
22. 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



Please email or text any articles, pictures, items of interest related to Model As to Sue Brunson
 608-295-2590 thebrunsons@hotmail.com

PLEASE share the Manifold News newsletters with your wife/significant other! Let the Lady A in your life know about the dates, times, events, recipes, etc! Better yet – make her a copy for herself! EVEN BETTER – PLEASE EMAIL/TEXT ME HER EMAIL ADDRESS so we can send a copy directly to her! Thank you!
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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FASHION COMMITTEE

Fashion Display Judging at Gettysburg National Meet

The Fashion Committee will be implementing “Fashion Display Judging” at the 2025 National Meet in Gettysburg. This will be a ‘trial’ for both the Committee and the Entrant. This will show us what works and what does not. Ribbons will be awarded for this “trial”.

The same basic rules of judging will be the same as if the garment was worn; except, you place **all** articles on a table display. A dress form placed close to the table will be allowed. A clear covered box would be allowed for the safe keeping of jewelry items. At the time of this writing we do not know the size of the tables. If they are banquet size they will be taped down the middle for 2 displays side by side. We are planning for 4 foot of space per display.



Keep in mind, that as with ‘in person’ judging all items in a display must be appropriate for the major garment. Hat and gloves for a day dress, house dress would not have a hat, evening dress would have a hair ornament rather than a hat. The same applies to men's and children's clothing; if it would be needed for in person judging, then it should be displayed. The display could be all Original items, all Reproduction items, or Blended which includes both Original and Reproduction items.

For the time being, please refer to judging guidelines in the MARC “Fashion Standards” book as the MARC Fashion Committee further develops the specific guidelines for this new judging area.

So if you have a garment that doesn't fit properly, this is the perfect opportunity to have it displayed.

This will not count as an official showing, so consider it a practice run. We will be awarding ribbons and a critique of your display. After judging, we would appreciate your feedback on the overall new judging category process.

The Fashion Committee will be presenting an interactive seminar at the Membership Meet in Nashville, Indiana to explain more about ‘Display Fashion Judging’. The Committee hopes you can attend and hope you will consider entering a display at Gettysburg.

*Thanks to Chris Aupperle for
this fashion information!*

The MARC Fashion Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

Account Summary

Beginning Balance as of 02/01/25	4,621.52
Deposits & Other Credits	90.00
Charges & Fees	10.00
Checks & Other Debits	0.00
Average Balance	4,637.59
Ending Balance as of 02/28/25	4,701.52
Charges And Fees	
1 Monthly Service Charge	10.00

Transactions

Date	Number	Transaction Description	Debit	Credit
02/24	20390765	Mobile Capture Deposit		90.00
02/28		Monthly Service Charge	10.00	

SUBMITTED BY: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer

2025-2026 SCHOOL PROJECT FOR CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL AUTO CLUB!



Body parts were bought & sold to add to the completed rolling chassis. Gotta love Face Book Marketplace!



Model A Project Update

The body has now been fully assembled. Bottom parts were cut off to eliminate the rusty and rough areas. The next phase will be aligning the body to the chassis to determine what we need for a floor and attachment parts for the body. George has worked with students Mason and Lincoln, along with Shane Pyatt of Speedy's Rod & Kustoms, as an advisor.

Soup Lunch 2025 - Most Requested Recipes!

Apple Pie and Cherry Pie from Anne Laviolette:

My pie crust recipe is from the Betty Crocker cookbook for an 8" or 9" two-crust pie:

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

2/3 cup + 2 tablespoons "Butter Flavor" Crisco

4-5 tablespoons of cold water

My mother (who was an excellent pie maker) taught me to handle the dough as little as possible because over-rolling, etc. would make it tough instead of flaky. I also just used canned pie filling.

Rice Pudding from Bill Johnson: Bill's recipe is from the back of the Minute Rice box!

3 cups milk, 1 cup Minute® White Rice, 1/4 cup raisins (optional),

1/4 cup sugar, 1/4 tsp salt, 2 eggs, 1 tsp vanilla extract

Combine milk, rice, raisins, sugar and salt in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer for 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Beat eggs and vanilla together in a small bowl. Stir a small amount of hot rice mixture into eggs. Stirring constantly, slowly pour egg mixture back into the hot rice mixture. Stirring constantly, cook on low heat for 1 minute, until thickened. DO NOT BOIL. Remove from heat. Let stand for 30 minutes. Serve warm. Store any remaining pudding in the refrigerator, covered with plastic wrap.

Crockpot Chicken and Noodles from Lauren Kolar:

Prep Time 5 minutes Cook Time 4 hours Servings 6

26 oz Cream of Chicken soup

1 tbsp dried parsley flakes

1 tsp black pepper

1 tbsp Kinders Roast Chicken with Garlic and Herbs Seasoning. If you can't find this, you can omit it or use any seasoning you like

4 Cups chicken broth

1.5-2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs

Kinders "The Blend Seasoning" (to season the chicken) or use salt, pepper, garlic and onion powder. (I don't measure. Just use enough to coat the chicken.)

24 oz Bag of Reames Frozen Egg Noodles

Mix the soup with the parsley, pepper, Kinders Roast Chicken with Garlic and Herbs seasoning and chicken broth in the crockpot. Season the chicken with the Kinders "The Blend Seasoning" and put into the soup mixture in the crockpot. Cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours or on low for 5-6 hours. Take the chicken out and dice it or shred it up. Stir the noodles and the chicken into the liquid in the crockpot and cook for about 1 more hour or until the noodles are fully cooked. Salt and pepper to taste, if needed.



***Thanks to
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Joe Maurer
for great
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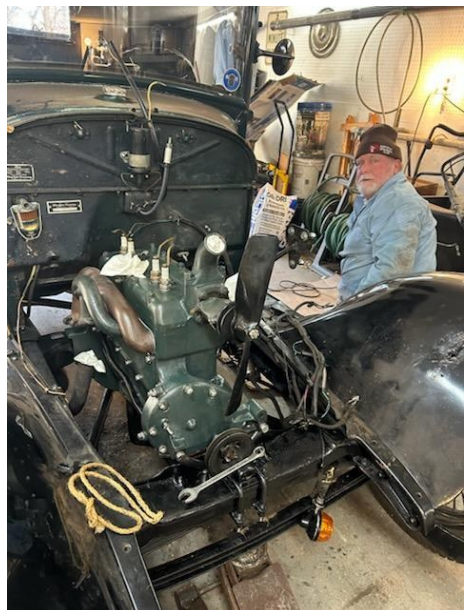
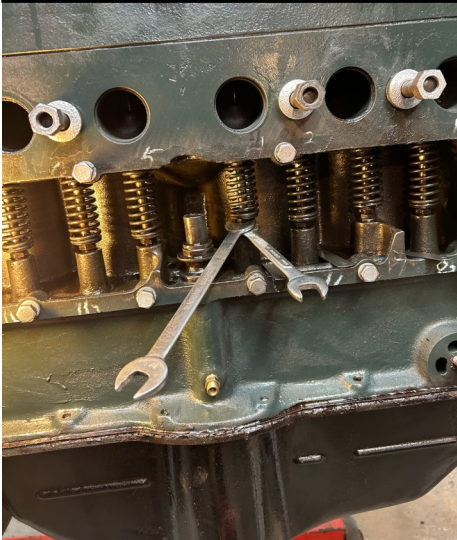


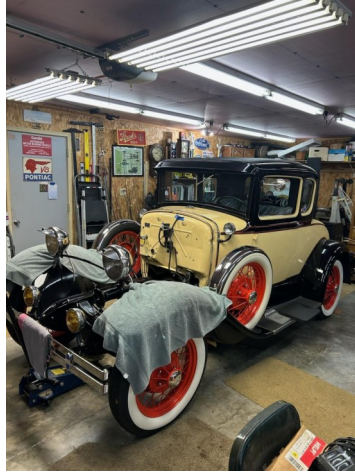
Soup Lunch 2025
Great food + great
people = good times!





Dave Clark's project: pull the engine out to check the bearings and adjust the valves. Helping Dave were Mike Peters, Lee Laviolette, Bob Nowicki (with the dog), and Mark McClenathan.







Anne Laviolette's project: George, Ron, Jim, Lee & Anne pulled the motor to resolve rear main leak; we removed & repaired front spring, and reinstalled the engine, then removed & repaired the rear spring. It was a contest at times!

Below, George Brunson's project: Ron and Jim helped install the top on his '29 closed cab truck...the final major project to get this truck on the road!



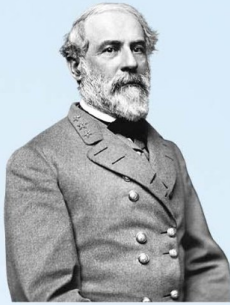
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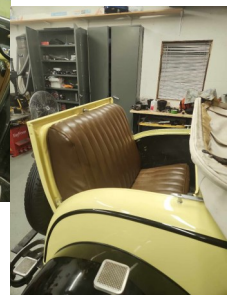
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