



ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*  
P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110  
Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA  
[www.rockfordas.org](http://www.rockfordas.org)

MAY 2025



*Glimpse from the Gavel*

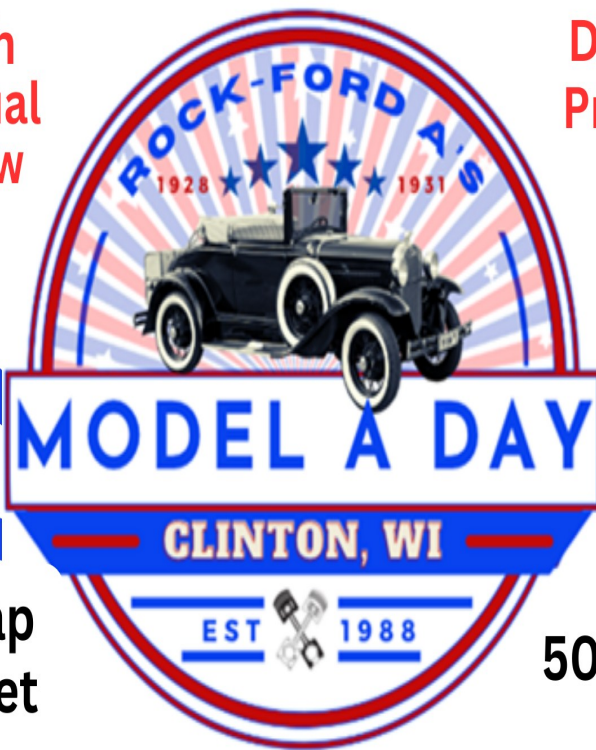


# Sunday, June 1, 2025

## 9am-2pm Free Admission! Raffles!

36th  
Annual  
Show

Door  
Prizes



Swap  
Meet

50-50

Come for breakfast - stay for lunch!  
There are 7 great eateries in beautiful  
downtown Clinton!

Great music by Joe Locke - HITS DJ Service

***Proceeds benefit Clinton Police Dept.***

**\$20 Vendor booths - Call/text 608-295-2590**

Hello, Friends!

Breakfasts, and parades, and tours, OH MY! We're off and running in our new season—and *finally* it feels like spring might be here. Our friends at the Model T Club are gearing up for their big event at Little Hershey—see poster on page 2. And we're getting our engines ready for Model A Day!

**Remember to mark you calendar that our next meeting is NOT AT BLASSINGHAM! ON SAT., MAY 31ST WE'LL BE GATHERING AT COUGAR LANES IN CLINTON AT 11 AM to buy lunch there (great food—good selection-super service and very reasonable prices). After lunch, we ask you to stay for a bit to help get things ready for Model A Day on Sunday. Ladies will be working with the Bucket Raffle items and the guys will be setting up the tables, tents and chairs for Registration. We ask that you bring your raffle donations that day. We need your help, so please plan to stay. Call Sue Brunson or Anne Laviolette to sign up today for parking, & registration tables.**

In the mean time....

Happy motoring - be safe out there!  
George

# Rockford Model T Club's 60th Annual Little Hershey

Swap Meet & Cruise In

**Saturday May 17th, 2025**

**Boone County Fairgrounds -- Belvidere, IL**

**Enter @ Gate 3 -- South Entrance**

**Gates Open Saturday at 6a.m.**

**\$10 Entry For Spectators - Children Under 12 Free    Food Available On The Grounds**

**Rain or Shine    Free Parking**

**Cars For Sale**

**Over 300 Swap Spaces**

**Available Inside & Out**

**Vintage Car Cruise In  
For Makes 2000 & Older  
Driver + 1 Passenger  
& Car Get In Free**



**Free Model T Rides  
Hit & Miss Engine Demo**



**Find Us On Facebook  
Little Hershey Swap Meet and Car Show**

**Vendor Gate Open For Setup 10am - 6pm on Friday**

**\*Portion Of Proceeds Go To Local Charities\***

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

12x30 Outside Space 2for1 until April 30th \$20\_\_\_\_\_

Indoor Space \$20\_\_\_\_\_    Car Corral Space \$10\_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable To: *Rockford Model T Club*

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send To:

**Dave Lantz**

**P.O. Box 2561**

**Loves Park, IL 61132**

Call Dave with Questions (815) 979-4544

Club Email Address: [littlehershey1@gmail.com](mailto:littlehershey1@gmail.com)

**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.**

## April 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 33 signed in for attendance. Welcome guests Anneta Moore and Dave Lantz, and new member, Dave Phelan!
3. Thank you to Greg McQueary for the treats tonight!
4. A big “Thank You” to Mark and Marilyn McClenathan for hosting the spring Mechanical Day!
5. Also a big “Thank You” to Kurt Duesterhoeft for hosting a terrific tech talk on generator cutouts!
6. BEWARE of fake emails! George (or anyone else) will NEVER be writing to you for money!!!
7. Treasurer’s Report (included in newsletter on page 12).
8. Secretary’s Report: Anne Laviolette is working on the new roster. Please make sure your information is correct. Corrected roster will come out early May (and, at the most, once per month after that).
9. Ron Lanquist reported that Dean Markley sold his car and has leftover parts (’29 wheels, flywheel, etc.) for free. Contact Ron for more information - 815-494-8450.
10. Wayne Orison spoke about the Model T Club’s new vests – the club was impressed with our vests and ordered their own.
11. 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. Dave also is asking for volunteers for parts sales at Little Hershey and Clinton Model A Day. These are the parts left from Terry Clark’s estate. The proceeds are going to be used for another youth Model A restoration (location to be determined).
12. Jim Morley spoke about the National Meet in Gettysburg and the Model A Day in Gilmore. Contact Jim if you are interested in going - 815-979-6980.
13. Be sure to sign up on the sheets for the following events and parades:
  - 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Hershey on Sat., May 17 at Boone County Fairgrounds from 6am-4pm
  - Memorial Day Parade in Beloit on May 26 at 9am
  - Memorial Day Parade in Pecatonica on May 26 at 2pm (new expanded parade route)
  - Clinton Model A Day: registration table shifts, parking shifts, bucket raffles & silent auction, signs, etc. We need EVERYONE’S help to do this. NO ONE should have to work all day!
14. Health updates/news: Loretta and Larry Anderson are here (Larry’s cancer is in remission!); Charlie Monk is here and can hear some (his ear infection is getting better); Phil Hodges is here and looking good!; Dave Werckle - hip replacement on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
15. ToniLynn Carlson and Al Pedersen won the attendance prizes.



16. Tech Talk: Kurt Duesterhoeft presented his tech talk on generator cutouts.

17. Upcoming meetings:

- May 31 ([Saturday](#)) – BIG CHANGE OF PLANS! We'll meet at Cougar Lanes, 204 Mill St., Clinton, WI at 11am to buy our lunch and stay for a bit to help set up for Model A Day. *Please bring raffle donation / silent auction items today!*
- June 28 (Saturday) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
- July 26 (Saturday) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
- August 30 (Saturday) – 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/ person. **This is our Club Picnic** with meeting to follow inside museum.
- September 27 (Saturday) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
- October 28 (Tuesday) – Central Christian Church 7pm

18. Treat schedule: May 31 – Karen Pedersen; June 28 – Ron Lanquist; July 26 – Vicki Milazzo; August 30 – Loretta Anderson; October 28 – Alice Whitney and ToniLynn Carlson.

19. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners will continue. Contact Karen Pedersen for information - 815-291-2527.

20. 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).

Respectfully submitted,

*Anne Laviolette*

Secretary

**I'm not saying I'm  
old, I'm just saying  
that my dinner time  
and bed time  
are getting  
dangerously close  
to each other.**



**You can't change**  
how people feel about  
you, so don't try.  
Just live your life and  
**Be Happy!**

**I finally did it!**  
**Bought a new pair of  
shoes with memory  
foam insoles.**  
**No more forgetting  
why I walked into  
the kitchen.**

## Rhubarb Goopy Butter Cake Bars (Betty Crocker)

Prep Time: 15 MIN Total: 3 HRS Servings: 24

### Cake Base

1 box Betty Crocker™ Super Moist™ Yellow Cake Mix

1/2 cup butter, melted

1 egg

### Filling

1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened

3 1/2 cups powdered sugar

1/2 cup butter, melted

3 eggs

2 cups frozen cut rhubarb, thawed, drained or  
chopped fresh rhubarb



### Topping

1 tablespoon powdered sugar

Serve with sweetened whipped cream

Preheat oven to 350° & spray bottom only of 13x9 pan with cooking spray.

In large bowl, stir Cake Base ingredients until well blended. Spread in pan.

In another large bowl, beat cream cheese and 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in 1/2 cup melted butter. Add eggs, one at a time, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in rhubarb. Pour batter evenly into pan over cake base. Bake 38-43 minutes or til golden brown on edges and center is set. Cool completely, about 2 hours. When ready to serve, sprinkle 1 tablespoon powdered sugar over top. Using sharp knife, cut into 6 rows by 4 rows, cleaning knife blade after each cut. Serve with whipped cream. Store loosely covered in refrigerator.



## BACK IN THE DAY.....

- **Ammonia (Asco):** \$0.19 per quart bottle
- **Blanket (wool):** \$6.98 - \$8.98 per each
- **Breakfast table and chairs:** \$19.50 - \$39.50 per set
- **Broom:** \$0.55 per each
- **Dinnerware set (55 pieces):** \$6.85 - \$12.50 per set
- **Laundry soap (Oakite):** \$0.24 per 2 pkgs
- **Lawn mowers (Coldwell):** \$8.25 - \$21.50 per each
- **Mason jars:** \$0.85 (pint size), \$1.15 (quart size)
- **Measuring spoon set:** \$0.25 per each
- **Pressure cooker kettle (10 quart size):** \$20.00 per each
- **Range (gas):** \$49.50 - \$67.50 per each
- **Refrigerator (oak & porcelain lined):** \$32.50 - \$85.00 per each
- **Scouring pads (Brillo):** \$0.17 per large pkg
- **New Radio:** \$35 to over \$200
- **Bread (one-pound loaf):** \$0.12
- **Butter:** \$0.70 per pound
- **Coffee:** \$0.47 per pound
- **Eggs (one dozen):** \$0.47

**Ford Model A:** \$500  
(Tudor body style) to  
\$1,200 (town car with  
dual cowl)



# The Ford Model A Museum at The Gilmore, Hickory Corners, Michigan is the world's largest museum dedicated to the Ford Model A



The Ford Model A Museum at The Gilmore, Hickory Corners, Michigan is the world's largest museum dedicated to the Ford Model A thanks to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Inside you will find the very first Model A ever produced, which was a gift to Thomas Edison. The Museum is filled with every “body style” Model A you can imagine, a Model AA school bus, and a plane!!! The museum expansion is well underway (see attached photo of progress), but we still need to outfit the interior of the addition. You can be a part of preserving history and supporting the museum by

1. Buying a plaque: For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style. For more information on the "My A Program", please contact: Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or [TheMyAProgram@gmail.com](mailto:TheMyAProgram@gmail.com) (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Expansion, then Donation, then My “A”).
2. Entering the Sweepstakes to win a 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton. For more info on the Sweepstakes, please contact Jarrod Williams at [jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com) or copy and paste this address : <https://www.tapkat.org/model-a-ford-foundation-inc/eE6e35?promo=MAFFIWS20> (Entries start at \$25.00)
3. Buying an engraved brick paver for the museum canopy (\$150). Your 4” X 8” brick will have the message you write in the blocks below laser engraved into the brick, making a message that will last for a lifetime. (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Store)
4. Buying a T-shirt, hat, mug and more depicting our museum at [ModelATShirts.com](http://ModelATShirts.com), and with each purchase that you make, 10% is donated to the museum. (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Store.)
5. Becoming a MAFFI member—only \$35.00 annually ([www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Membership)

# FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl

## “Curve in the Road”

May 2025

It sure is great to see all the antique vehicles driving around and removing the winter's storage dust from them. Many are preparing their final touches on their vehicles. I see there was a great turnout on the last work day. These are always fun to attend.

With our vehicles ready for the next car show we can now focus on the upcoming show activities. This year the Rock-Ford A's 36th Model A's Days will be held on Sunday, June 1st, 2025 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in downtown Clinton, Wisconsin. This is one of the Midwest's largest Model A events, with over 100 vehicles, car parts, craft vendors, live music, food, door prizes, raffles and more. This is a great family activity with something for everybody. Admission is free.

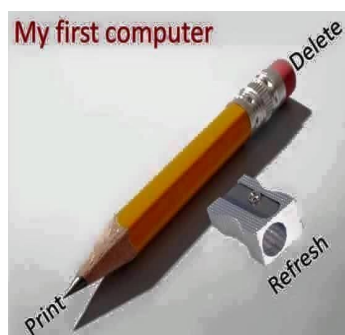
The second annual Starved Rock Pre-War Car Show will be held at 3277 E. 18th Road, Ottawa, Illinois, on Saturday, June 14th, 2025 or Rain date Sunday, June 15th, 2025 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Swap meet is 7:00am to 3:00pm.

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.

While making plans and driving to a local car show it might be fun to add a couple of days to your trip by visiting local attractions. In Wisconsin there are seven caves to visit and explore. The seven caves are Apostle Island Sea Cave, Cave Point, Cave in the Mounds, Crystal Cave, Eagle Cave, Maribel Cave and Meyer Beach Sea Cave. I have only been to a couple of these caves and look forward on visiting the rest. While you are out there be sure to visit antiques shops in the area. You never know what you might find. Next month I will explore Illinois Caves.

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](mailto:wrowehl@gmail.com).



**CLEANING IS JUST PUTTING  
STUFF IN LESS OBVIOUS PLACES**



**AND THEN WONDERING  
WHERE YOU PUT THEM**





## Kurt Duesterhoeft's Generator Cutout Seminar—Applause!! Thanks, Kurt—it was GREAT!



Saturday, April 12, 2025



## Mechanical Day at McClenathan's - Sat., April 26, 2025 BIG THANKS - We needed that!!



Remember when you could lay in one position for hours, now you have to rotate like a rotisserie chicken every 15 minutes or a hip hurts.



**Model T Dust Off Tour to Midway Village - thanks for the Invite!  
And thanks to Joe Maurer, Jim Morley, Sue Brunson for the pics!**



**Anne Laviolette's 2025 Model A Day donation - a replica of Jim Morley's 1931 Victoria  
An absolutely meticulously detailed and handcrafted masterpiece for a lucky winner!  
Thank you Anne for this one-in-a-million priceless donation!**







# **3RD ANNUAL CLINTON COUGAR HIGH SCHOOL AUTO CLUB CAR SHOW**

**SATURDAY JUNE 8TH, 10AM-4PM**

**112 MILWAUKEE RD.  
CLINTON, WI 53525**

➡ **\$10 REGISTRATION FEE**

**REGISTRATION IS FROM 8AM-11AM, JUNE 8TH**

**FIRST 75 VEHICLES WILL RECEIVE DASH PLAQUES.**

**AWARDS @ 2 - TOP 20 VEHICLES AND**

**2 FOR BEST IN SHOW**

Open to cars, trucks, bikes etc...

**ADMISSION \$2 - UNDER 6 FREE**



**50/50 RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES, FOOD, MUSIC**

**(THE BARBARA ANN DUO & EMILIE GRUNFELDER MUSIC)**

**FUN FOR KIDS AND ALL**



**KIDS AUTISM**  
SUPPORTING PRIZES

**SWAP/CRAFT SPOTS \$20**

Contact: Adam Fjalstad 608-346-3989  
Autoclub@clintonwis.com

% of Proceeds will support  
Youth Mental Health and  
local Autism organizations



CJSH and organizers are not liable for lost, damaged, stolen items or personal injury before or during event.





# CLINTON COUNTRY MARKET

Sundays from 9am-3pm  
**JUNE 9 \* AUGUST 4 \* SEPT. 29**

*Corner of* **FRONT & ALLEN STREETS**  
*Next to Sawdust & Iron*  
**CLINTON WI**



Come join us this summer for the Clinton Country Market! 40+ vendors bringing baked goods, arts & crafts, jewelry, antiques, woodworking, veggies, food trucks & more! Located at the corner of Front & Allen Streets, next to Sawdust & Iron.



***They support us, so we support them!! Come and have a great  
time in Clinton at these events!***

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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**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT - APRIL 2025**

Checkbook Balance: August 1, 2025	3,816.10
Cash on hand	97.00
Total Checkbook Balance and Cash:	3,913.10

#### **INCOME:**

Dues (10 members)	200.00
Cup sales	20.00
Total Income:	220.00

#### **EXPENSES:**

Ron Lanquist/Dash Plaques MAD	152.95
Sue Brunson/Printing Costs MAD	258.48
Secretary of State/Not For Profit Fee	10.00
Jim Morley/ Food for Mechanical Day	113.02
Model T Club donation	100.00
Sue Brunson/Stamps/Clinton Battering Ram	640.83
Ron Lanquist/Ice for Mechanical Day	18.00
Checking Service Charge	10.00
Total Expenses:	1,303.28

<b>TOTAL CHECKBOOK BALANCE &amp; CASH ON HAND, APRIL 30, 2025</b>	<b>2,829.82</b>
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<b>**CD/set aside for High School Model A Project</b>	<b>(2,048.90)</b>
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**SUBMITTED BY: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer**