

ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110 Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA www.rockfordas.org NOVEMBER 2025







Hello, Friends,

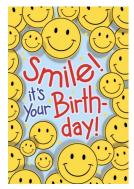
What a great year it's been! Thanks to everyone for your help and participation in our many different parades, events, and tours. Have a wonderful holiday season. Keep safe & stay happy. Our next newsletter will come out in mid February. See you at the Soup Lunch!

George Brunson, President**





SOUP LUNCH SAT. ,FEB. 28 Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford, Rkfd. Mark your calendars for the first club event of 2026 - our Soup Lunch! YUM! This great annual event kicks off our season and gets us back together after the holidays. We've invited our Model T Club friends to join us. Everyone is asked to bring something to share. But, if you want to bring a crockpot of soup, please clear it with Alice Whitney first, to insure there are no doubles. Alice's phone number is 815-901-2896. The luncheon is at NOON, but soup bringers — please come at 11:30 to plug in. A short meeting will follow.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRIENDS!

November: 6-Russ Kothe, 7-George Brunson, 7-Charlie Monk,

11-Paul Donley, 11-Wayne Henson

December: 10-Linda Lanquist, 25-Larry Froemming

January: 1-Sharon Morley, 4-Dan Cambell, 6-Toni Lynn Whitney-Carlson,

7-Les Adelman, 10-Elaine Donley, 13-Phil Hodges,

14-Anne Laviolette, 16-Dorie Welch, 27-Candy Thompson

February: 1-Mike Peters, 5-Karen Kothe, 14-Al Pedersen, 24-Dean Wanfalt



CHEERS! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November: 16, 2016-Russ & Karen Kothe; 26, 1983-Dave & Sara Werckle

December: 19, 1981-Mike & ToniLynn Carlson; 27,

1986-Mark & Marilyn McClenathan

January: 22,1973-Jim & Sharon Morley; 31,1970-Mike & Lana Peters

February: 1, 1992-Warren & Linda Dutton; 14,1991-Lee & Anne Laviolette

November 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Annual Banquet)

- 1. Welcome members and guests! 83 signed in for attendance. What a great group of people!
- 2. Thank you to all who have donated items for our door prizes!
- 3. Thank you to Lee Laviolette, Brandon Kujat, and Kayla Cortez for selling 50-50 tickets!
- 4. Thank you to Alice Whitney's daughter Kelly for making our delicious cupcakes!
- 5. Thank you to Thunder Bay for hosting our banquet once again!
- 6. Thank you to those who donated the items for our Silent Auction!
- 7. Moment of silence for the members we've lost this year: Donna Johnson and Gino LaRosa.
- 8. Grace by Charlie Monk and George Brunson.
- 9. Dinner
- 10. Treasurer's report given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter, page 4).
- 11. Anne Laviolette gave a review of changes to the Rock-Ford A's By-laws.
- 12. Introduction of Officers, Directors, and Coordinators for 2026. Thank you to Chuck Milazzo, our outgoing Vice President! Thanks for continuing to serve as a Director!

a. Officers:

· President: George Brunson

Co-Vice Presidents: Kendra and Jamie Carter

Treasurer: Greg McQuearySecretary: Anne Laviolette

b. Directors:

- · Ron Lanquist
- · Jim Morley
- · Bill Johnson
- · Chuck Milazzo

c. Coordinators:

· Tools: Lee and Anne Laviolette

· Parade Coordinator: Dave Clark

· Club Breakfasts and Dinners: Karen Pedersen

Wedding Coordinator: Alice Whitney

· MARC Mileage Program: Dave Clark

· Social Concerns: Nan Stewart

Webmaster: Doug Mather

· Newsletter: Sue Brunson

· Tour Coordinator: YOUR NAME HERE

(Anyone who wants to put together a tour is welcome to do so.)

13. Upcoming events:

- a. Saturday, Feb. 17 Annual Soup Luncheon, 11:30am at Central Christian Church
- · Call Alice Whitney if you are planning to bring a soup. Everyone else is invited to bring a dish to pass.

b. Sunday, June 7 - Model A Day 2026

- · Sue Brunson and Steve MacLeod will co-chair. Please call either one if you are interested in being on the committee.
- · Planning meetings will begin on Wed., Jan. 14 at Cougar Lanes in Clinton, WI.
- · We will be eliminating the Raffle Room, but will continue with the vendors, 50-50 Raffle, Registration Door Prizes, and Grand Raffle Prize (choice of Model A part or wooden car).
- · Music and microphone will be manned by Kurt Duesterhoeft.
- 14. Special Star Trophies: Small tokens of appreciation were awarded to our 2025 tour coordinators, Kendra Carter, Brad Kolar, Joe Maurer, and Wayne Orrison, and to our Mechanical Day host, Mark McClenathan.
- 15. Silent Auction items went to: Kari Cortez, Kayla Cortez, Kendra Carter, Dave Phelan
- 16. The 50-50 prize of \$310 went to Dave Phelan! Congratulations!

17. 2026 Meeting Schedule:

- Saturday, Feb. 17 Annual Soup Luncheon, 11:30am at Central Christian Church Call Alice Whitney if you are planning to bring a soup. Everyone else is invited to bring a dish to pass.
- Tuesday, March 24, Roscoe Community Center, 4562 Hononegah Rd., Roscoe, 7pm
- Tuesday, April 28, Roscoe Community Center, Roscoe, 7pm
- Saturday, May 30, Blassingham Park, Pecatonica, 11am BYO lunch
- Saturday, June 27, Blassingham Park, Pecatonica, 11am BYO lunch
- Saturday, July 25, Blassingham Park, Pecatonica, 11am BYO lunch
- Saturday, August 29, Poplar Grove Airport Pavilion, 11am BYO lunch
- Saturday, September 26, Poplar Grove Airport Pavilion, 11am PICNIC
 (lunch will be provided by the airport and paid for by the Club)
- Tuesday, October 27, Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford Rd., Rockford, 7pm
- Sunday, November 8, Annual Banquet, Thunder Bay Grill, Rockford,
 5pm cocktails and dinner at 6pm; seeing everyone was pleased with their dinner choices, we will again offer Prime Rib, Bourbon-Glazed Salmon, or Chicken Parmesan
 Submitted, Anne Laviolette, Secretary

Rock Ford A's Treasurer's Report Checkbook Balance, October 1, 2025 4,797.67 Cash on Hand: *\$15 added/Sale of Car Magnet 47.00 4,844.67 Total Checkbook Balance & Cash: Income: Banquet & Dues Payments: 1.480.00 1,480.00 Total Income: Expenses: Greg McQueary/Banquet Prizes/Harbor Freight/Ollie's: 145.98 MARC Membership Dues: 2025 & 2026: 50.00 Bank Service Charge: 10.00 205.98 **Total Expenses:** Total Checkbook Balance & Cash; October 31, 2025: 6,118.69 2.048.90 *CD Set aside for school Model A project: Submitted by: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer

FORD MODEL & ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl "Curve in the Road" November 2025

As November continues I hope you got the opportunity to view the final moment of this year's changing of the leaves. The colors of the leaves were breathtaking! We hope you got a chance to get out before the change is finished.

While traveling through Wisconsin viewing the fall changing of the leaves you may want to stop in at the Waukesha Antique Mall located at 1427 Racine Avenue, Waukesha. They are open every day 10:00 -5:00pm. There are over 100 booths and have an ever changing selection of quality antique, vintage, and unique items.

Ford Fun Facts: Ford introduced the first moving assembly line: In 1913, Henry Ford implemented the moving assembly line, a revolutionary innovation that dramatically sped up production and made cars more affordable.

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.



Cute Holiday Ideas

Hot glue a
Hershey kiss,
2 peanut
butter cups,
and a Rolo &
top with a
bow

Use melted chocolate chips to glue on candy corn, edible eyes & a yellow M&M on a chocolate wafer cookie



Bylaws of the RockFord A's

Rev. 09/11/2025

Article I: RockFord A's

Section 1: The name of this organization is the RockFord A's., hereafter referred to as the Club. Section 2: The Club is a region of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) and chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA).

Article II: Purpose

The RockFord 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.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: An individual who pays the annual dues is considered a Member, which includes their spouse or significant other. Members of the Club may be anyone who is interested in the Model A Ford car whether they own such a car or not. Members are strongly encouraged to belong to one of the national Model A organizations such as MAFCA, MARC, or MAFFI, the national Model A organizations which represent our Region. An interest in the purpose of the Club and a desire to take an active part in club activities shall be the primary requirement for membership.

Section 2: The dues payable by each member shall be \$20 per calendar year. Dues are payable to the treasurer by January 1st of each year. Each paid membership shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting calling for a vote of the membership. Members who are more than 90 days in arrears (March 31st) shall have their names removed from the Club roster and newsletter distribution. Reinstatement shall occur when yearly dues are paid. Those members who are 85 years old or older are considered lifetime members and are no longer required to pay dues.

Article IV – Meetings:

Section 1: The regular monthly meeting shall be held on the last Tuesday of each month, or any other date as requested by the President, except for the months of January, February, November, and December when other events may take the place of monthly meetings.

Section 2: The annual meeting and election of officers (if appropriate) will be held at the Annual Banquet during the month of November. The purpose of the annual meeting will be to elect officers for the next calendar year and to transact other business which may come before the meeting.

Section 3: Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President, another officer, or not less than 20% of the paid-up members in good standing. Notice of any special meeting must be delivered by regular or email not less than five days before the date and time of the special meeting. The purpose of the special meeting is to be included in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4: A quorum at any meeting of the members shall be not less than 20% of the members in good standing who are qualified to vote at a meeting. If a quorum is not present, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting.

Article V – Officers:

Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors. The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the Club in November. The term of office shall run for a period of 2 years unless otherwise stated below. For future elections, the President, Treasurer, and two directors' terms will be for two years. The Vice-President, Secretary, and the other two directors' terms will initially be for one year and then two years thereafter. This procedure will ensure that not all officers and directors will be elected in the same year. In case of a vacancy in one of the offices before the end of the term, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy by a majority vote.

Section 2: President

The chief executive officer of the Club shall be the President. The President shall supervise and oversee the business and affairs of the Club and shall preside at all meetings of the Club and perform all duties incident to the office of President.

Section 3: Vice-President

The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the president and shall perform the duties normally done by the President.

Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings, provide notice to the members in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws, keep a database of members names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, and in general perform all duties incidental to the office of Secretary.

Section 5: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of the checkbook, books of account and be responsible for all the bank accounts and funds of the Club. The Treasurer shall provide a report at each regular meeting as to the income, expenses, and cash balance of the Club accounts. All expenditures over \$150 must be approved by the board.

Section 6: Directors

The four elected Directors shall serve as members-at-large, and their function will be to broaden the leadership of the Club by offering additional input and direction.

Section 7: Special Meetings

The President of the Club may periodically call together the Officers and Directors to meet as a board of directors for the purpose of addressing matters of concern to the Club.

Section 8: Volunteer Positions

The Club may have a number of Volunteer position. These could include, but are not limited to:

Tour Coordinator

Special Events Coordinator (i.e. scheduling informal breakfast and/or dinner meetings)

Social Concerns Coordinator

Wedding Coordinator

Technical Coordinator

Newsletter Editor

Parade Coordinator

Mileage Coordinator

Picnic Organizer

Soup Luncheon Organizer

Article VI: Ratification and Amendments to these Bylaws









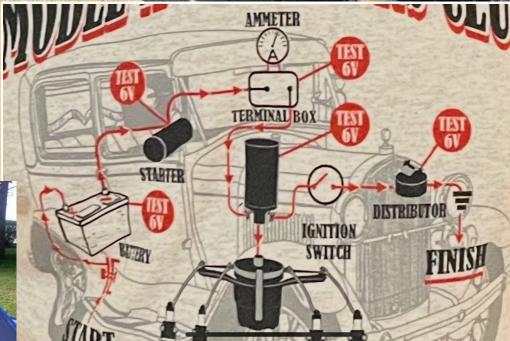






YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN "FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS" MEANS HAVING SOMEONE WHO CAN DRIVE AT NIGHT





My, oh My — How Things Have Changed!

CHILDREN'S WEAR

Children's wear in the 1920s benefited from new technology and research into children's development. Freedom of movement and comfort were prioritized as the layers of previous decades came off and, much like womenswear and menswear, simplicity became key as seen in the simple styles that home-sew patterns offered. Young girls wore simple loose dresses often made in cotton or linen, though velvet, like this coat, was popular for special occasions. The length of the dresses varied by age getting longer as the girls got older. Peter pan collars, smocking, patterned fabrics, and embroidery were all popular in girls' clothing throughout the decade.











THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

This ad appeared just a month after the great stock market crash on October 29, 1929. Note that J.C. Penney emphasizes their better prices to reassure customers that they were getting a good value.



Restored '29 Ford Truck Christmas Poem

'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and out in the shed, My pickup was shining, a bright new Ford red. A 29 closed cab, 'twas such a delight, Took me 5 years to get it just right. My pride and my glory, all polished with shine, A thrill to think that it was totally mine. Santa knew that I owned one, for parts I did ask, Regularly so, 'twas a challenging task, To find what I needed, but he always came through. Don't know where he got 'em, all shiny and new. And around about midnight, I heard him downstair, Putting packages under the tree with great care. I think I did startle him when I said hello, He stood there in crimson all covered with snow. He said to me "Say that's one nice looking truck." "Probably does quite well, staying out of the muck." "Tell you what, if you'd like, I could trade you my sleigh," "For that red pickup truck, we could trade straight away," I said "Thanks for the offer, but I'm gonna pass." "I got too much invested, besides all that gas." He said "If you reconsider, just drop me a line," "I would strongly desire a pickup that fine." I heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight, "Wish I was driving a Ford through this night."

Author: Clifford Ray Hughes, 2024

Christmas in 1929-1930 was heavily influenced by the start of the Great Depression, meaning most gifts were practical and handmade, like clothes from flour sacks or hand-knitted items. The White House also experienced a major fire in its West Wing during a Christmas party in 1929, but festivities continued with the lighting of the national Yule tree. A notable development was the increased use of electric lights on Christmas trees in 1930.

1929: The year of the White House fire: A major fire broke out in the West Wing during a children's Christmas party. The press room was destroyed, but the party continued and the children were never in danger. National Yule Tree: President Hoover presided over the lighting. 1930: Handmade gifts: With the Great Depression impacting the economy, Christmas gifts were often practical and homemade. Examples include clothing made from flour sacks, hand-knitted socks, or ornaments made from paper, wood, and popcorn.

- Increased electric lights: 1930 saw more households using electric lights for the first time to decorate their Christmas trees.
- Practical gifts: Gifts were often necessities, such as winter coats, dresses, and socks, rather than luxury items.
- Food-based gifts: Oranges were a common and special gift because they were a relatively
 expensive fruit. Other common gifts included fruits, nuts, candy, or soda from local stores.



Hoping and praying for mental & physical strength and healing and recovery for all of our friends who are having health issues:

Wayne Rowehl, Barb and Phil Hodges, Dan Campbell, ToniLynn Carlson, Anne Laviolette, George Brunson, Ron Lanquist, Jim Morley, and all who have not been mentioned.

Nan Stewart is our Sunshine Chairperson. She will send out cards for Get Well, Thinking of You, or Sympathy. Please contact her directly with information as needed.

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https://mafca.com/ 1 Year \$50

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

Benefits of Model A Ford Club of America Membership:

- "The Restorer" Magazine (bimonthly)
- 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



Subscription \$50 /6 issues. New members - 1st year FREE!
*One big benefit is FREE insurance coverage of your
Model A at club events with your membership!

Our secretary, Anne Laviolette, does a great job of writing an article about the RockFord A's in every issue of the MARC *Model A News* magazine!

Thank you, Anne! :) https://model-a-ford.org





Make your reservation NOW for this summer's National Meet! French Lick is about 400 miles from Rockford.

CLINTON'S 2025 WINTER WONDERLAND

Friday, December 5 in Downtown Clinton, WI

O Kids Activities 4:30-6:00pm O Pics with Santa & Live Nativity Scene 4-5:45pm O Parade Begins at 6pm followed by the Light Night Kickoff

A treasured Clinton tradition for the whole community!

Bake sale from 9am-5pm at Town Bank on 12/5

PARADE/ACTIVITIES/FOOD

- Clubs, organizations, and businesses, please sign up by December 1 to host an activity, food stand, booth, or to enter the lighted parade.
- Special recognition will be awarded to the best float!

Parade/Activities/Food Sign up by Dec 1: https://bit.ly/chamberparade25

LIGHT NIGHT

Residents/Businesses decorate their place with lights for a chance to win a gift card!

- Nov 30: Residents/Businesses Sign Up Deadline
- Dec 5: Light Night Map & Voting Link Released
- Dec 15: Voting Closes
- Dec 18: Winners Announced! Prizes will be awarded to top displays!

Light Night Sign up by Nov 30: https://bit.ly/chamberlightnight25



Questions, contact clintonchamberwi@gmail.com





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Happy 93rd Birthday, Charlie Monk!





ALL ARE INVITED! CALL KAREN PEDERSEN 815-291-2527

Club BREAKFASTS

Saturday, December 6 - Stockholm Inn, Rkfd Saturday, December 20th - Ned's, Belvidere Club DINNERS

Tuesday, December 2nd - Firehouse Pub, Roscoe