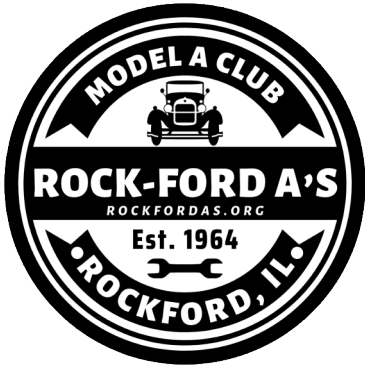




ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS
P.O. Box 4001, Rockford, IL 61110
Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA
www.rockfordas.org
AUGUST 2026



Hello, Friends -

Summer is speeding by—how it is already August?! Remember to add all of our events to your calendars. We hope you join us in as many events as you can....see you there! Here's wishing you plenty of sunny skies, smooth roads, and happy miles in your Model A!

George Brunson, President
Keep Motoring!

July 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests.
3. Thanks to Wayne & Phyllis Orrison for the treats today! August treats: Jamie & Kendra Carter
4. We received a "Thank You" card and gas card from the "Topsy" organizers for our participation.
5. Be sure to sign up on the sheets for the following events and parades:
 - a) ~~Sat., Aug. 1 — Brunson Back Roads Trip~~
 - b) Sun., Aug. 2 – 35th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza at IL Railway Museum, Union, IL
 - c) Fri-Sat., Aug. 14-15 – Model A Days in Amana, IA
 - d) Sun., Sept. 6 – Roscoe Fall Festival Parade. Line up at 10am, step off at 11am. Line up at Lee and Anne's house (5427 Shamrock Lane). Get there early for donuts and to beat the crazy traffic (come into Roscoe from the south off of McDonald Road).
 - e) Thur.-Fri., Sept. 17-18 – MAFFI Model A Days in Hickory Corners, MI (Gilmore Museum)
 - f) Sun., Sept. 27 – Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade. Line up at 12 noon, step off at 1pm.
Line up at High School parking lot on S. Pine Street.
 - g) Sun., Oct. 4 – Autumn on Parade in Oregon. Line up at 11am, step off at 1pm. We will meet at Warren and Linda Dutton's house (555 E. Park Road, Oregon) and let Warren lead us to 9th and Adams Street. (Maybe we'll actually get there this year!)
6. Treasurer's report - Greg McQueary (included in newsletter on page 6).
7. George Brunson, Bill and Chris Aupperle, and Dave Clark spoke about the trip to French Lick for the MARC National Meet. Our club had quite a few members attend: George Brunson, Kurt Duesterhoeft, ToniLynn and Mike Carlson, Mike and Lana Peters, Paul and Elaine Donley, Bill and Chris Aupperle, Dave and Pauline Clark, and Chuck and Vicki Milazzo.

8. Greg McQueary is doing a CLR (Center for Learning in Retirement) presentation about Henry Ford and would like a car or two on September 23rd at 10am.
9. Model A's at NIU (DeKalb) at the Homecoming Football Game on October 10, 2026, has been CANCELLED since the time changed to evening due to the game being nationally televised.
10. Health updates/news: Lee Laviolette will begin his cancer treatments on August 4. Please keep all of our members in your prayers.
11. There was discussion about changing our meetings to daytime, since we have so many members who do not like driving at night. We had a vote of the present members, and the motion passed. Locations of the meetings will be determined by what venues are available to us. More information will follow.
12. George Brunson has contacted Guy Olson from Beloit Memorial High School about getting together with members of our club to work with students on a Model A project. He is also looking for a youth grant liaison for MAYRA (Model A Youth Restoration Award). If you are interested in being involved, contact George.
13. Alice Whitney has a new pair of vintage-looking shoes for sale. Contact her if interested.
14. Car repairs: George Brunson's coupe is back on the road; Anne Laviolette found that a bolt in the differential on her car fell out and 2 others were loose.
15. Chris Aupperle (note pad) and Joe Maurer (magnet) won the attendance prizes.
16. Upcoming tours:
 - ~~Aug. 1 (Saturday) — Brunson Back Roads Trip~~
 - Sept. 12 (Saturday) — Day tour to Sharon, WI
 - Sept. 23-24 (Wednesday-Thursday) — Model T Overnight Tour — additional info to follow
 - TBD — Lake Geneva Tour (Brad Kolar)
17. Upcoming meetings:
 - a) August 29 (Saturday) — Poplar Grove Airport at 11am (BYO lunch & beverage)
 - b) September 26 (Saturday) — Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am — We will be guests of the Airport's Fly-In BBQ Lunch. The club will pay \$10/person. **This is our Club Picnic** with meeting to follow inside pavilion. Car games will be played.
 - c) October 27 (Tuesday) — Central Christian Church at 7pm
 - d) Nov. 14 (Sat.) — Banquet-Thunder Bay, Rkfd, 12:00 cocktails, 1pm dinner, 2pm meeting
18. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners continue. Contact Karen Pedersen for information.
19. 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
Secretary

MODEL A PARADE SCHEDULE & INFO

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6 (Sun) - Roscoe Fall Festival Parade - line up @10, step off @11.
Lineup at Anne & Lee's house—5427 Shamrock Ln.
Get there early for donuts and to beat the crazy traffic!
Roscoe Lions Club 815-623-8199
Parade lineup number: To Be Announced

Sept. 27 (Sun) - Stillman Valley Fall Festival - line up @12, step off @1
Lineup at High School parking lot South Pine St
Chairman: Brad Hollandsworth 815-645-2266 X2062 or
alternate phone 815-645-8120 SEE PARADE ROUTE MAP
Email: parade@stillmanvalleyfallfestival.com
Parade lineup number: TBA

OCTOBER

Oct. 4 (Sun) - Autumn on Parade in Oregon, IL - line up @11, step off @1
Lineup at 9th & Adams Street. Parade lineup number: TBA
Parade Director: Destini Benesh 815-732-3465
Email: autumnonparadeinfo@gmail.com

MODEL A LOCAL EVENTS

AUGUST

*August 14-15 (Fri-Sat) - Model A Days in Amana, IA

SEPTEMBER

- *Sept. 12 (Sat) - TOUR: Valley of the Kings & More —see page 5
- *Sept. 17-18 (Thurs-Fri) - Model A Days - Hickory Corners, MI 269-375-6000
- *Sept. 20 (Sun) - Autorama at Preservation Park, Beloit 8am-4pm
- *Sept. 23-24 (Wed-Thurs) – TOUR: Model T Overnight Tour – Joe Maurer; pg. 5
- *Sept. 23 (Wed) Greg McQueary is presenting “Henry Ford” at Center for Learning in Retirement) on Bell School Rd. & would like a car or 2 at 10am.

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

**14th - Saturday - Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford: Cocktails @12,
Lunch @1, Meeting and door prize drawings @2**

UPCOMING TOURS

THE MODEL T CLUB IS INVITED TO OUR TOURS

SEPTEMBER

*Sept. 12 (Sat) - TOUR: Mike & Lana Peters farm to tour all of their vehicles; DC Winery, Pat's Brew & Que for lunch and Myrt's Ice Cream as a final stop

*Sept. 23-24 (Wed-Thurs) – TOUR: Model T Overnight Tour – Joe Maurer;
DAY 1: leave Joe Maurer's at 10:30am; 1st stop in Savannah, IL. We will visit 2 guided tour museums. One has vintage motorcycles. We will eat at Hawg Dogs. The 2nd stop - Galena for the night. We will have dinner at Paradise Bar & Grill.

DAY 2: We will tour the countryside and visit a winery before heading to Rt. 20 for lunch at a place with a steak special—yum!

OCTOBER

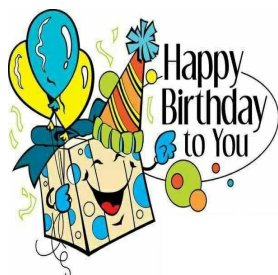
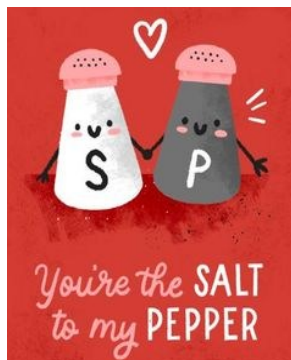
No date yet! - Lake Geneva Fall Color Tour - Brad Kolar

SUNSHINE REPORT

Tonilynn Carlson is our new Sunshine Committee director; if you know of anyone needing a card of support, sympathy, thinking of you, or get well, call/text Tonilynn at 815-762-5924 or email: tonilynn07@aol.com



Free for the taking!
Call or text
Dwayne Meier
@ 779-771-8412
Model A magazines
MARC magazines



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

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

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl
“Curve in the Road”
August 2026

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

The newly renamed, “Revving Thru Route 72” Car show in Genoa, Illinois takes place on Saturday, August 15th, 2026, downtown Genoa on Main Street Route 72 from 9:00-3:00pm. This is a free event. Spectators can enjoy viewing cars and trucks while listening to a DJ, enjoy the views and check out the different food choices. This year there will be a golf cart/utv parade. Each owner will decorate their own personal golf cart/utv and show off their rad ride as they drive up and down Route 72 in the afternoon. Sounds like a fun and interesting addition to the car show.

Another favorite car show by Madison Classics will be the Fall Jefferson Car Show at the Jefferson Fairgrounds on Friday, September 25th, 2026, from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday, September 26th, 2026, from 6:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is \$15.00 per person which includes parking. Madison Classics will be showcasing Camaros.

Julia and I have our own, “Curve in the Road” story to share.

We would like to announce we have decided to sell our 1930 Ford Tudor Model A. We purchased this car from one of the Rockford Model A Days car show that was held in Sharon, Wisconsin. Over the years, my health has become an issue. I find getting in and out and operating the car harder for me to do. One of the reasons we purchased this car was because of the excellent condition of the older restoration it was, and the seller had all the paperwork documenting what parts, and who did the restoration work. You can see every detail during the restoration was carefully done with keeping in mind the original way the car would have come from the factory. The car is very solid, complete and an excellent looker.

Julia and I feel it is best for us and the car, that someone else enjoys the car as much as we did. We are asking for \$13,000 Or Best Offer. We have included interior and exterior photos. There are plenty of good days ahead that you can enjoy driving it.

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.

JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

Checkbook balance, July 1, 2026	5,142.15
Cash on Hand:	47.00
Total Checkbook Balance & Cash:	5,189.15

Income:

Contribution/Jim Morley:	300.00
Dues: Gregg & Huebner:	40.00

Expenses:

ToniLynn Carlson/Sunshine fund	26.15
Total Expenses:	26.15

Total Checkbook Balance & Cash: July 31, 2026 5,483.00

- This includes monies received from sale of parts at MAD for a high school project (1,161.00)
- The CD set-aside for a school project is \$2,048.90

SUBMITTED, GREG MCQUEARY, TREASURER

HAVE A PROJECT & 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 thebrunsons@hotmail.com 608-295-2590

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), pub. by Jim Born, printed by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., Gonvick, Minnesota 56644, July 1, 1978

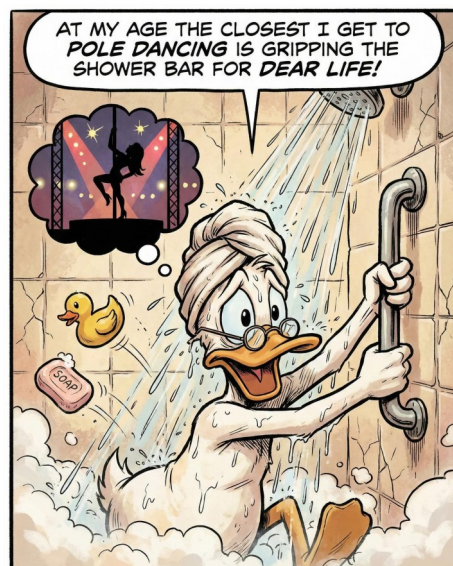
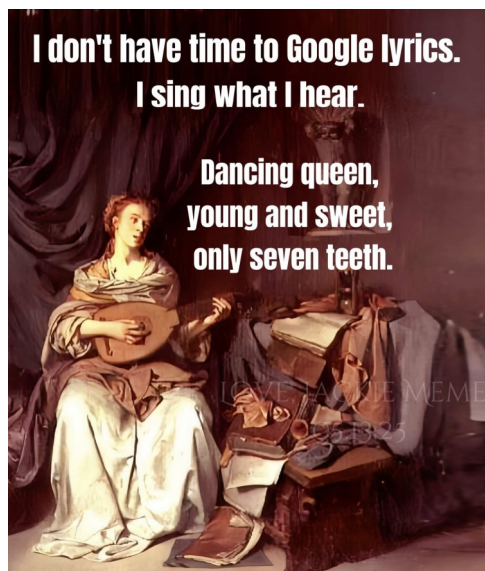
Tillotson Carburetors Repairing and Restoring Model "X", "Unmarked X" and "XF"

26 MOVIES/VIDEOS RECORDED AS DVDS

I'VE REACHED THE AGE
WHEN MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT



I don't have time to Google lyrics.
I sing what I hear.



Lets eat

Everybody is invited! Email invitations are sent out for each month's event by Dave Clark. PLEASE RSVP so reservations can be made!

Karen Pedersen is the contact person - 815-291-2527 kped1948@hotmail.com

Dinners @5pm - 1st Tuesday

September 1....Butterfly, Beloit

October 6.....Machine Shed, Rkfd

November 3....Firehouse Pub, Roscoe

December 1.....Lino's on State, Rkfd

Breakfasts @8am - 2nd Saturday

August 8.....Ned's, Belvidere

Sept 12...Cherry Valley Café, Cherry Valley

October 10.....Sebastian's, Roscoe

November 14....Eggsquite Café, Beloit

December 12....Steam Plant, Belvidere



Celebrating 50 years in 2026!

Beloit Autorama

Autorama Show: 8AM - 4PM

Sunday Sept. 20, 2026

Preservation Park - Beloit, WI



Subscription \$50 /6 issues.

New members - 1st year

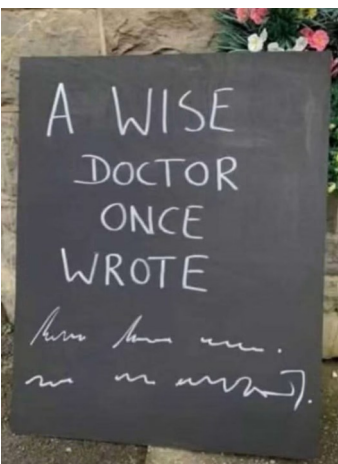
FREE! *One huge benefit is **FREE** insurance coverage of your Model A at club events with your membership!



To our friends Lee and Anne Lavolette, Wayne Henson, Wayne Rowehl, Jim Morley, Joe Maurer, Loretta & Larry Anderson, Ron Lanquist, Colleen West, Dan Campbell, Warren Dutton, Nan Stewart ~ Continued thoughts and prayers for you!

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.

**FOR SALE: 1931 Ford. Two door, Green with black fenders.
Perfect, including interior. \$12,500. Call 715-586-1106.
Dan Campbell dancampbell161@gmail.com**



Nursery Rhyme:
Do you know the muffin man?

Me:
Psh. I know the muffin man, the
cupcake lady, the croissant girl,
the tiny bundt cake woman, the
scone dude, the bagel guy, the
cookie couple...



Me: I'm going to start eating
healthy!

Universe: Here are Reese's
Peanut Butter Pumpkins!

**CAR
FOR SALE**



\$13,000 1930 Ford Tudor Contact Wayne Rowehl - please read more about it in Wayne's "Curve in the Road" article on page 5. wrowehl@gmail.com or call/text 262-215-4731

1931 Ford Model A Tudor

**\$12,000
Upgrades**

Rebuilt motor 2016 by J & M Machine (MA) <2000 miles
LED headlights
Radial tires
New brakes, cast iron rotors
Flathead Ted Floaters
New hydraulic shocks
Comes with fiberglass fenders

F100 Steering box
Radiator recored
New front/rear springs
New wiring harness
(bumper to bumper)



Scan for
more info



Contact
Chris Weber
414-559-1220

Model A Day Wrap Up

On Wednesday, July 8th, RockFord A's President, George Brunson and the Model A Day committee presented a \$500 check to Joseph Langer, Director of the Clinton Public Library and to Dan Castor, representative of the Clinton Community Outreach Food Pantry.



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Tour Coordinator YOUR NAME HERE

Newsletter Sue Brunson 608-295-2590 thebrunsons@hotmail.com



"Bottle Caps to Benches" Program — Save & bring to any meeting. Thank you!

RockFord A member, Bruce Swanson, helps the Rochelle Kiwanis Club and northern IL Girl Scouts collect more than 6,000 pounds of recycled plastic to create benches and picnic tables for the local community. **BUT - only certain types of plastic caps are accepted for donation**

*Type Two HDPE: plastic caps seen on pill bottles, sodas, juices, hairspray, shampoos, deodorant

*Type Four LPDE: Spray paint caps must be free of any shiny or glitter material

*Type 5 PP: Flat lids seen on items like yogurt, cottage cheese, mayo

August 4th Club Dinner at Firehouse Pub in Roscoe, IL—What a great turnout w/ 25 people!



Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Saturday, November 14, 2026 12:00 cocktails 1:00 dinner

Thunder Bay Grill and Restaurant
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois 61108

Same place – different day and time!

Enjoy a delightful afternoon of delicious food, great friends, and warm memories of another year of Model A touring and events! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

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*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 30, 2026 to:*

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

✂ _____

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>		
_____	_____	10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato	\$39.00 \$35.00
_____	_____	Bourbon-Glazed Salmon w/roasted potatoes & veg	\$27.00 \$22.00
_____	_____	Chicken Parmesan with mostaccioli	\$24.00 \$20.00
	_____	I am including my 2027 dues of \$20.00	+ \$20.00

Total _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

*Donated door prizes are
welcomed — bring to
any club meeting!*