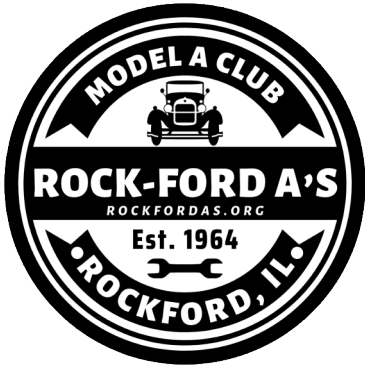


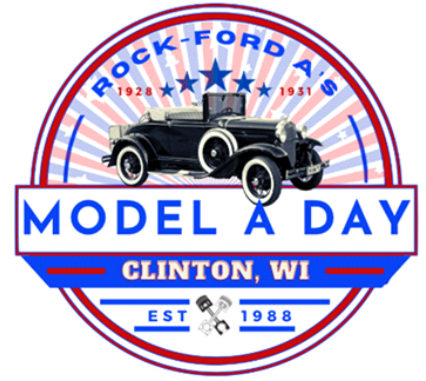


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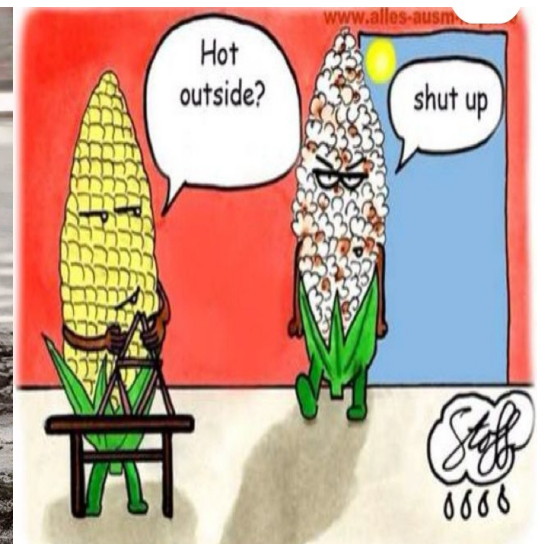
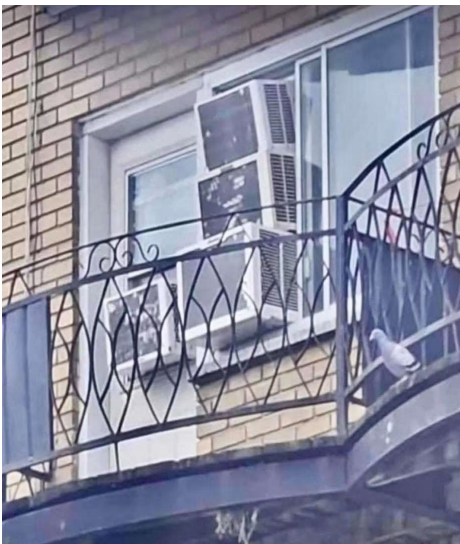


Hello, Friends -

It's our time of year! Our club is planning on participating in 5 big parades coming up in Sharon, Byron, Roscoe, Stillman Valley, and Oregon, an overnight tour with the Model T Club with Joe Maurer, a Backroads Tour with Sue & I, lots of area car shows, Model A events in French Lick, IN, Midway Village, Rockford, the Pietenpol Reunion at the Brodhead, WI airport, Model A Day in Amana, IA and Hickory Corners, MI, and Autorama in Beloit. That's a jam-packed season! And don't forget our monthly dinners and bi-weekly breakfasts, and monthly meetings! 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!

KEEP COOL, FRIENDS!



MODEL A PARADE SCHEDULE & INFO

JULY

July 4 (Sat) - 4th of July Parade in Sharon, WI line up @10, step off @11
The lineup is located on Walnut Street.

Village Clerk 262-736-4888

July 11 (Sat) - ByronFest Parade - line up @2pm, step off @3pm
The lineup takes place on Maple & 2nd Street (behind the schools) downtown. Blake Horras: 815-543-0606 or
Byron Chamber of Commerce 815-234-5500
Parade lineup number: 4

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

June 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 27 signed in for attendance.
3. Thank you to Karen and Al Pedersen for the treats today! July treats: Wayne and Phyllis Orrison
4. Be sure to sign up on the sheets for the following events and parades:
 - Sun., June 28 at noon – Shopiere Days Parade in Shopiere, WI
 - Sat., July 4 at 11am – July 4th Parade in Sharon, WI
 - July 12-16 – MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN
 - Sat., July 18 at 1pm – Topsy at Midway Village, Rockford, IL
 - July 16-19 (group to go on July 18) – Pietenpol Reunion Fly-In, Broadhead, WI
 - Sun., Aug. 2 – 35th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza at IL Railway Museum, Union, IL
 - Fri-Sat., Aug. 14-15 – Model A Days in Amana, IA
 - MAFFI Model A Days in Hickory Corners, MI (Gilmore Museum), Sept. 17-18
 - Model A's at NIU on Sat., Oct. 10, time 6:30pm (more info to follow)
5. Treasurer's report given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter).
6. Dave Clark talked about the Gentlemen's Club car show at the Sky Carp game on July 1st. Tickets to the game would include a drink and hot dog for \$18.
7. Les Adelman asked for a couple of cars for the Wheeler House Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 28 at 11am.
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 had a time change to evening due to the game being nationally televised. Anne Laviolette will contact Bob Rothkopf and pass the information on to the Club through emails.
10. Health updates/news: Please keep Wayne Rowehl, Greg McQueary, Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, Joe Maurer, Wayne Henson, Larry and Loretta Anderson, Lee Laviolette, and Nan Stewart in your thoughts and prayers.
11. The Executive Board met and debated a change to the Annual Banquet in November. There was discussion about changing it to daytime, since we have so many members who do not like driving at night. There was also talk about changing it to a buffet, but it was determined that there would be too much chaos with everyone getting food (and seconds). It was agreed upon to change the Banquet to noon on Saturday, November 14th and have our usual 3 food choices (prime rib, bourbon cedar plank salmon, and chicken parmesan). We will still have the same banquet room and the second room for prizes.
12. Car repairs: Chuck Milazzo has his steering column out to work on his steering box; Joe Maurer fell while working on his transmission but has had help putting it back together; a group worked on Jim Morley's kingpins and brakes.
13. Toni Lynn Carlson (candle) and Steve Klentz (work gloves) won the attendance prizes.
14. 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

15. Upcoming meetings:

- July 25 (Saturday) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
- August 29 (Saturday) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
- September 26 (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 pavilion. Car games will be played — prizes awarded!
- October 27 (Tuesday) – Central Christian Church at 7pm
- November 14 (Saturday) – Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford, 12 noon cocktails, 1pm dinner, 2pm meeting

16. Saturday breakfasts & monthly dinners continue. Contact Karen Pedersen for information.

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



JULY

- *July 12-16 (Sun-Thurs) - MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN 812-360-3336
- *July 18 (Sat) - Topsy at Midway Village, Rockford from 1pm-7pm
- *July 18 (Sat) - Pietenpol Reunion @ Brodhead Airport; meet at Neli’s in South Beloit for breakfast and head over as a group

AUGUST

- *August 1 (Sat) - TOUR: Brunson Back Roads—see page 5
- *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 (CLR) Center for Learning in Retirem’t) on Bell School Rd. & would like a car or 2 at 10am.

OCTOBER

- *TBD - Lake Geneva Tour - Dave Clark; page 5
- *Oct. 10 (Sat) - NIU 6:30pm homecoming half time parade on the field - ?? call Anne Laviolette 815-218-3055 or Bob Rothkopf 815-721-7313

****NOVEMBER 14 - Saturday - Banquet: Cocktails@12, Lunch@1, Mtg.**



THE MODEL T CLUB IS INVITED TO OUR TOURS

AUGUST

- *August 1 (Sat) - TOUR: Brunson Back Roads - meet at 8:15 & depart @9am
- Start at Beckman Mill, 11450 S. County H in Beloit, WI - coffee and donuts
 - Decatur Dairy, W1668 County F in Brodhead, WI
 - Country Lane Bakery and Brodhead Harness Shop, 1602 Scotch Hill Rd., Brodhead, WI
 - Faith Lutheran Church, 1305 Blackhawk Blvd, South Beloit, IL - LUNCH at their famous Brat Stand
 - Final stop is at M & M Dairy Ripple, 470 Blackhawk Blvd, South Beloit, IL

SEPTEMBER

*Sept. 12 (Sat) - TOUR: Valley of the Kings & More - tentative stops will be the Valley of the Kings (big cat rescue & rehab in Sharon, WI), 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—more details to be announced!

*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

*TBD - Lake Geneva Tour - Dave Clark



Big thanks to Tonilynn Carlson for stepping in to chairing the Sunshine Committee; 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

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES
BY WAYNE ROWEHL
“CURVE IN THE ROAD”
JULY 2026

Happy 250th 4th of July. There are many celebrations, car shows, craft shows and festivals in the area. It sure has been a busy summer so far.

The annual Iola car show will be held this year on July 9th -11th at 350 Chrome Place, Iola, Wisconsin. Gates opens at 7:00am. Admission to this event is \$20.00 for the day and \$30.00 for a three-day pass. The car show ends when the concert schedule ends each day. The car show will have 2500 show cars, 4000 swap spaces, 1600 camp sites, and 350 for sale car corral spaces. Iola is a wonderful opportunity to find some well-needed parts or interesting items. There will be plenty of food vendors available. Free Parking is also available.

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 its best for us and the car, that someone else enjoys the car as much as we did. We are asking for \$13,000.

We have included interior and exterior photos. Please feel free to contact me at wrowehl@gmail.com or you can call or text me at 262-215-4731. Please leave a message and I will call you back.

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.

JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED, GREG MCQUEARY, TREASURER

Rock Ford A's:

Treasurer's Report:

Checkbook Balance, June 1, 2026:	3,087.92
Cash on Hand:	47.00
Total Checkbook balance & Cash:	3,134.92

Income:

Dues:	40.00
MAD deposit: Raffle, Caps, Vendors, Rides, 50/50, donations:	2,568.00
MAD Donation, Clinton Kitchen:	50.00
Donation, Volunteer car work (Ron) Dom Ditullio:	75.00
MAD Donation/Chelsea's tavern:	50.00
MAD Donation/Pat's Brew & Cue:	200.00
MAD/Sale of Water Pump (Bid):	75.00
Deposit/School project; sale of parts @ MAD:	* 1,161.00
Total Income:	4,219.00

Expenses:

MAD Balloon Man:	100.00
MAD 50/50 Winner (John Heuseir):	450.00
MAD Portolets/Pat's Services:	506.40
MAD Flyers/ Sue Brunson:	138.37
MAD Charitable Donation/Clinton Public Library:	500.00
MAD Charitable Donation/Clinton Community Outreach:	500.00
Total Expenses:	2,194.77

On Wednesday, July 8th, the Model A Day committee will present \$500 to Clinton Public Library & Clinton Community Food Pantry.

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

July 7.....Butterfly Club, Beloit
August 4.....Lino's, Riverside, Loves Pk
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

July 11.....Stockholm Inn, Rkfd
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



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.



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 17, 1999-Ron & Mary Kramer
August: 10,1985-Doug & Kathy Mather;
 23,1986-Joe & Jewel Maurer



July: 6-Ron Lanquist, 8-Bob Lawhorn, 10-Linda Dutton,
 21-Mike Strand, 24-Loretta Anderson,
 26-Larry Anderson, 27-Sue Brunson
August: 6-Kathy Mather, 22-Jake Milazzo,
 27-Alice Whitney, 31-Lana Peters

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"

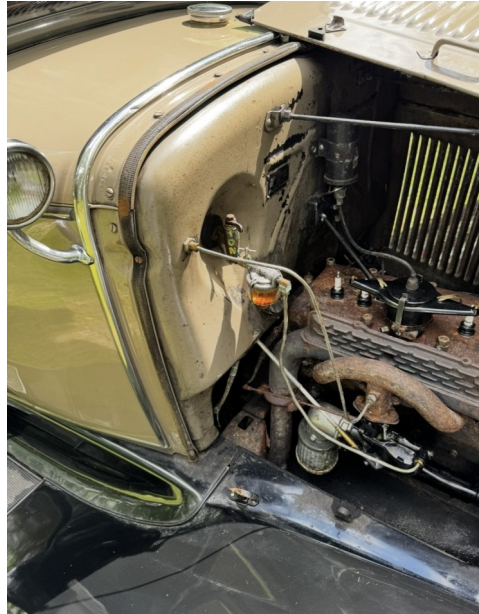
26 MOVIES/VIDEOS RECORDED AS DVDS

Hello RockFord A's Members:

I have for sale a 31 model A coupe that belonged to my parents Lyle and Mary Sheley. My mother recently passed away, and I want to sell the car for their grave marker. You may know Tim Dickson, he belongs to the Rockford Model T club. He put on a new muffler last year. Last month he changed the spark plugs, condenser, points and cleaned and rebuilt the carburetor also a new battery cable for a better contact. And I bought a new battery. It has definitely been used but it's in good shape, it also has overdrive. There is a spot on the driver seat that had a hole that has been patched, it's visible. I would like \$9,500. OBO.

Thank you,
Lylia Stull

For questions or appointment for viewing my number is 815-519-8576.
The car is located in northwest Rockford.



**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 6. wrowehl@gmail.com or call/text 262-215-4731



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1931 Ford Model A Tudor

**\$12,000
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LED headlights
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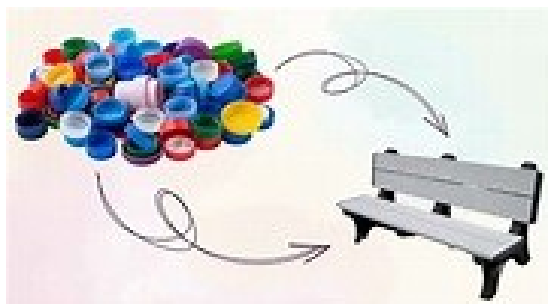
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"Bottle Caps to Benches" Program

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: Typical plastic caps seen on pill bottles, sodas, juices, hairspray, shampoos, deodorants
- 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

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Me going on a stupid little daily walk for my stupid physical and mental health



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