



ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*  
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 Region of MARC - Chapter of MAFCA  
[www.rockfordas.org](http://www.rockfordas.org)

JUNE 2026



*Glimpse from the Gavel*



Hello, Friends -

Well friends, we had a fantastic Model A Day. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped... it only works because YOU make it work! Our 37th annual event was wonderful—we even had great weather! While the final totals are still being worked on, we can agree a good time was had by all of our participants, visitors, and vendors. And guess what? Wheels are turning for our 38th Annual Model A Day to be held again in Clinton on Sunday, June 6th, 2027! Thanks again.

*George Brunson, President  
 Keep Motoring!*



*Fashion Show models (L to R)  
 Bill & Chris Aupperle, ToniLynn  
 Carlson, Rick & Lisa Smith,  
 Loretta Anderson, Alice Whitney,  
 Kayla Cortez, Mary Fennell, Erika  
 Armstrong, Anne Laviolette*



**SURPRISE, CHARLIE!**

Charlie Monk had quite a day on Model A Day - 1st surprise of the day was a visit from his two grandsons from Texas. Charlie gifted his Model A to them a couple years ago. They trailered Charlie's 'Walnut Acres' truck up for the show. The 2nd big surprise was just as amazing! The 2026 Grand Prize winner was...drumroll...Ron Lanquist! He, of course, chose Anne's car. BUT— WOW! He gave it to dear friend Charlie! What beautiful and touching moments!





Photos: Anne Laviolette, Loretta Anderson, ToniLynn Carlson, Lana Petersen



*Photos by Juan Martinez. For great photos, call him: 815-985-5644 or email him: [scety1@gmail.com](mailto:scety1@gmail.com); you can find him on Facebook & Instagram*



## May 30, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members and guests. 34 signed in for attendance.
3. Thank you to Sharon and Jim Morley for the treats today! June treats: Karen & Al Pedersen
4. Little Hershey was well attended by our Club. There were more Model A's and T's than ever before - Dave Lanz estimated about 400!!
5. Treasurer's report given by George Brunson in Greg McQueary's absence. Dues are to be paid each year by March 31 per the Club Bylaws, or you will be removed from the roster. This will be adhered to in the future.
6. Our Model A Day in Clinton is fast approaching. Volunteers are still needed to fill in. Thank you, Chuck Milazzo, George Brunson, and Wayne Orrison for volunteering to help! New this year: Rumble Seat Rides: \$5/adults, \$2/children 12 and under. We welcome Model A Club members' donations of cash for the cause. All proceeds this year are going to the Clinton Community Outreach Food Pantry and the Clinton Public Library.
7. Model A's at NIU (DeKalb) at the Homecoming Football Game on October 10, 2026,
8. Be sure to sign up on the sheets for the following events and parades:
  - Model A Day in Clinton, WI on Sun., June 7. We NEED volunteers to help in all areas!
  - Shopiere Days Parade in Shopiere, WI on Sun., June 28 at noon
  - July 4th Parade in Sharon, WI on Sat., July 4 at 11am
  - MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN, July 12-16
  - Topsy at Midway Village, Rockford, IL on Sat., July 18 at 1pm
  - Pietenpol Reunion Fly-In, Broadhead, WI, July 16-19
  - 35th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza at IL Railway Museum, Sun., Aug. 2
  - MAFFI Model A Days in Hickory Corners, MI (Gilmore Museum), Sept. 17-18
  - Model A's at NIU on Sat., Oct. 10, time TBD
9. Health news: Please keep Wayne Rowehl, Greg McQueary, Jim Morley, Ron Lanquist, Joe Maurer, Wayne Henson, Larry & Loretta Anderson, and Nan Stewart in your thoughts & prayers.
10. Car repairs: Ron Lanquist helped a former member Tony D. get his car running (once he put gas in it); it was a group effort to get new member Luke Shoemaker back on the road to Little Hershey after his coil wire broke.
11. Karen Pedersen (portable fan) and Les Adleman (nut driver set) won the attendance prizes.
12. Upcoming tours:
  - July 18 (Saturday) – Foodie Road Trip
  - Sept. 23-24 (Wednesday-Thursday) – Model T Overnight Tour – additional info to follow
  - TBD – Lake Geneva Tour
13. Upcoming meetings:
  - June 27 (Saturday) – Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 11am (BYO lunch and beverage)
  - 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.
  - October 27 (Tuesday) – Central Christian Church at 7pm
  - November 8 (Sunday) – Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rockford, 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner
14. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners continue. Contact Karen Pedersen for information.
15. 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 Lavolette*



## Important Banquet Update

Instead of having our usual banquet at Thunder Bay in Rockford at 6pm, we would like to change it to a Sunday Brunch at 12:00 noon. Same date - Sunday, Nov. 8th. Same place in Rockford, 7652 Potawatomi Trail, but at 12:00 noon instead of 6pm.

With so many not wanting to drive at night, we thought this would be a great idea. As you can see, the menu is fantastic. They even have a table filled with fruits and a large dessert table. And of course, all you care to eat. The \$28 does not include tax (\$2.45) or tip. We would all pay on the day which would help our Treasurer! The Model T Club has had great success doing this for their banquet every year. And they've told us we would still have our big room and our prize room. Think about it!

## ROCKFORD BRUNCH MENU

- MADE-TO-ORDER OMELETS AND WAFFLES
  - EGGS BENEDICT
  - BISCUITS & GRAVY
  - BACON & SAUSAGE
  - SCRAMBLED EGGS
- CHEDDAR HASH BROWN CASSEROLE
- ASSORTED PASTRIES
  - FRESH FRUIT
- CARVED PRIME RIB
  - RIBS
- PRIMAVERA PASTA
- HONEY GLAZED HAM
- SEASONAL VEGETABLE MEDLEY
- HOMEMADE MAC & CHEESE
- MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY
  - SALAD BAR



You know you're getting older if it takes you longer to rest than it did to get tired.



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@ 779-771-8412  
Model A News magazines  
MARC Magazines

## SENIOR CITIZEN ★ TEXTING CODE ★

- ATD: AT THE DOCTORS
- BFF: BEST FRIEND FELL
- BYOT: BRING YOUR OWN TEETH
- CUATSC: SEE YOU AT THE SENIOR CENTER
- FWIW: FORGOT WHERE I WAS
- IMHO: IS MY HEARING AID ON?
- LMDO: LAUGHING MY DENTURES OUT
- OMSG: OH MY SORRY GAS
- TTYL: TALK TO YOU LOUDER
- WAITT: WHO AM I TALKING TO



**Special thanks to these members — you're all pretty great!!**

- Bob Nowicki - stored the swap meet parts for the past 2 years
- Mike Peters - stores the tent, tables, chairs & signs every year
- Anne Laviolette - supreme Model A reproduction engineer extraordinaire
- All of our volunteers and a shout out to the MAD Committee
- Chris Aupperle - our emcee for the fashion show
- Kurt Duesterhoeft - our fantastic DJ and announcer
- Doug Mather - handles the club's website & Facebook pages



**Mike & ToniLynn Carlson with George Brunson, Jim Morley & Ron Lanquist (not pictured)**

Congrats to our award winners from Little Hershey: Anne Laviolette and Dwayne Meier! And congratulations to Dave Clark for his (giant cookie!) win at Mary's Market Cruise Nite!



**"Stuck the landing"** now officially means you got that second leg thru your underwear and pulled them up with both feet firmly planted.

**"Nailed it"** and **"Perfection"** are also acceptable.

**I SURVIVED:**  
 SPANKINGS...  
 LEAD PAINT...  
 RUSTY PLAYGROUNDS...  
 SECOND-HAND SMOKE...  
 TOY GUNS...  
 NO SEATBELTS...  
 NO HELMETS...  
 DRINKING FROM THE HOSE.

**I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.**

THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME TO DO ALL THE NOTHING YOU WANT



# 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.....Firehouse Pub, Roscoe  
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 Wayne Henson, Wayne Rowehl, Jim Morley, Joe Maurer, Anne Lavoilette, Loretta & Larry Anderson, Ron Lanquist, Colleen West, Dan Campbell, Warren Dutton, Nan Stewart ~ We send our thoughts, and prayers for your good health!

**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.**



Daisy started her show season off and I'm so excited to share the pictures. West Michigan Apple Blossom Cluster in Kalamazoo, MI.

Thursday: W, Best of Winners and Best of Breed: 4 point major ♥♥♥♥

Friday: W, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite: 4 point major ♥♥♥♥

Sunday: W 3 point major ♥♥♥

And to finish the story, yesterday she brought home W, Best of Winners and Best of Breed for a 4 point major!

♥♥♥♥ And now she's finished her Championship! (AKC pending) My heart is filled with love for this little girl.

***Congratulations to Lori & Chris Weber for a super performance by sweet Daisy! I'm sure big brother Baron is very proud! Pictured with the judge and Daisy is her trainer, Ashley Waters.***



**June:** 3,1978-Dave & Pauline Clark;

7,1980-Bruce & Jan Winslow; 12,1976-Paul & Elaine

Donley; 19,1977-Bill & Katie Boughton; 20,1970-Larry &

Loretta Anderson; 21-Chris & Lori Weber



**June:** 17-Vicki Milazzo, 18-Nan Stewart, 19-Chuck Milazzo,

20-Chris Aupperle, 26-Bob Rothkopf

## 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**

# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

## JUNE

\*June 28 (Sun) - Shopiere Days Parade, Shopiere, WI line up @11, step off @12

## JULY

\*July 4 (Sat) - 4th of July Parade in Sharon, WI line up @10, step off @11

\*July 11 (Sat) - ByronFest Parade - line up @2pm, step off @3pm

\*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 17-20 (Fri-Mon) - Pietenpol Reunion @ Brodhead Airport

## AUGUST

\*August 1 (Sat) - Brunson Back Roads Tour: Beloit, Brodhead, South Beloit

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

## SEPTEMBER

\*Sept. 6 (Sun) - Roscoe Fall Festival Parade - line up @10, step off @11

\*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) – Model T Overnight Tour – additional info to follow

\*Sept. 27 (Sun) - Stillman Valley Fall Festival - line up @12, step off @1

## OCTOBER

\*Oct. 4 (Sun) - Autumn on Parade in Oregon, IL - line up @11, step off @1

\*TBD - Lake Geneva Tour - Dave Clark

\*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



**Thank you to Nan Stewart, who for the past many years has been our 'sunshine' person - sending out flowers for funerals and get well and condolence cards to members. We appreciate all you've done for the club, Nan! We're sorry to hear your macular degeneration has made life difficult for you. Thanks again.**

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

I hope you had a chance to attend some good car, and swap meets between graduation and Father Day events. It sure has been a busy summer so far.

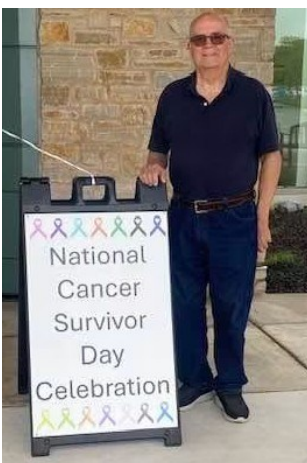
The annual lola car show will be held this year on July 9th -11th at 350 Chrome Place, lola, Wisconsin. Gates opens at 7:00am. Admission to this event is \$20.00 for the day and \$30.00 for a three-day pass. The car show ends when the concert schedule ends each day. The car show will have 2500 show cars, 4000 swap spaces, 1600 camp sites, and 350 for sale car corral spaces. lola 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.

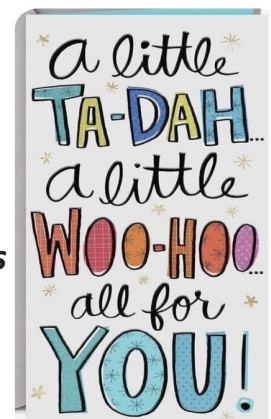
One of the reasons we purchased this car was because of the excellent condition of the older restoration it was, and the seller had all the paperwork documenting what parts, and who did the restoration work. You can see every detail during the restoration was carefully done with keeping in mind the original 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](mailto:wrowehl@gmail.com) or you can call or text me at 262-215-4731. Please leave a message and I will call you back. Pictures of our car are on page 9.

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).



***Congratulations to Wayne Rowehl. His wife, Julia writes: “Today we walked through these doors to celebrate the survival of my strong warrior who took on the battle of Bladder and prostate cancer who along with his family and friends and awesome medical staff at Aurora Cancer Center and at St. Luke's kicked cancer in the teeth and survived!!!! Thanks to everyone it takes a village and so glad you were all there for us and we can't forget. Thank you God for walking with us every step of this journey!”***



**CAR  
FOR SALE**



**\$13,000 1930 Ford Tudor Contact Wayne Rowehl  
wrowehl@gmail.com or call/text 262-215-4731**

For Sale

# 1931 Ford Model A For Sale

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)



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### RockFord A's Treasurer's Report May 2026

Checkbook Balance 5/1/26	3,367.57
Cash on hand	47.00
Total checkbook & cash	3,414.57

#### INCOME

Dues	60.00
MAD Swap Meet	40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>100.00</b>

#### EXPENSES

P.O. box annual rental	216.00
Member flowers (2)	163.65
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>379.65</b>
<b>Total Checkbook balance/cash</b>	<b>3,087.92</b>

\* CD set-aside for school Model A  
Project: \$2,110.82

Submitted,  
Gregory S. McQueary, Treasurer

## "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

*Please save  
& bring to  
any meeting.  
Thank you!*

