



ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*
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Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends,

Thanks to everyone who made this year's kick-off Soup Lunch a great success. If you happened to miss it, it was a good one! We had 60+ in attendance and enough food for an army. Special thanks to Nan and Stan Stewart for their help in securing us such a great space in their church and for helping set up and clean up. And thanks once again to Alice Whitney for coordinating our seven yummy soups. Some of those recipes are included in this issue! We look forward to meeting in Roscoe at the Roscoe Community Center on Tuesday evening, March 24th at 7pm. The address is 4562 Hononegah Rd., Roscoe. Watch you email for info on the Rockford St. Patrick's Day parade!

George Brunson, President

Keep Motoring!

**2026 Model A Soup Lunch Feb. 21
Central Christian Church, Rkfd.**



Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026—Soup Lunch Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome - Please sign in and get your door prize tickets
2. Thank you for coming and special thanks to Alice Whitney for organizing our soups, thank you to Nan & Stan Stewart for coordinating this meeting space for us. This is always a great kick off to our new season! Thanks for all the great food and soups!!
3. Read the list - intro officers and coordinators
4. SIGN UP SHEETS: Monthly Meeting Treats; Model A Day; St. Patrick's Day Parade; French Lick, IN – MARC National Meet, July 12-16; Kurt's Multimeter Tech Seminar Sat., April 18th from 10am – noon at Poplar Grove Airport
5. Any health concerns or updates? Wayne Rowehl, George, Greg
6. \$20 DUES ARE DUE; Treasurer's Report – George: \$3100 in checkbook.
7. June 7, 2026 – 38th Annual Model A Day - 9am to 2pm in Clinton, WI.; committee members have met; Steve MacLeod & Sue Brunson are chairing, next meeting is Wed., March 11 at 10:30am — new location for this meeting! We'll be at Pat's Brew & Que in Sharon, WI
8. Model A or Model T events or tours coming up; see Breakfast & Dinner Calendar
9. Any Model A stories to tell – winter projects, etc.?
10. The Manifold News newsletter will continue to come out the first week of every month. Please get your articles, pictures, ideas to Sue by the end of the month. And please make sure Dave Clark & Anne L. have your current email address & contact info.

11. NEW LOCATION next 2 meetings: Roscoe Community Center @ 7pm, 4562 Hononegah Rd. Tuesday, March 24th and April 28th

Door Prize Drawing - 2 women's and 2 men's prizes. Lucky winners: Barb Hodges—snowman tray and hot chocolate set, Chris Aupperle –silk spring tulips arrangement, Austin Farmer– fire suppression spray; Steve Lantz—First Aid kit. Thanks for coming, everyone!

2026 MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 24 - Roscoe Community Center @ 7pm, 4562 Hononegah Rd., Roscoe, IL

Tuesday, April 28 - Roscoe Community Center @ 7pm, 4562 Hononegah Rd., Roscoe, IL

Saturday, May 30 - Blassingham Park, Pecatonica, IL @ 11am — BYO lunch

Saturday, June 27 - Blassingham Park @11am — BYO lunch

Saturday, July 25 - Blassingham Park @11am — BYO lunch

Saturday, August 29 - Poplar Grove Airport pavilion @11am — BYO lunch

Saturday, September 26 - Poplar Grove Airport pavilion @ 11am – PICNIC

Tuesday, October 27 - Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford, Rkfd @7pm

Sunday, November 8 - Banquet at Thunder Bay, Rkfd. @ 5pm cocktails & 6pm dinner



Look for an email regarding the St. Patrick's Day parade in Rockford on Saturday, March 14th at 3pm. The parade kicks off at 7th St. & 4th Ave. and ends at 200 Prairie St. Questions? Call Dave Clark 815-847-0711

2026 Officers, Directors, and Coordinators

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**38TH ANNUAL
MODEL
A DAY**
Sunday, June 7, 2026
Rain or Shine
**MUSIC • DOOR PRIZES • FOOD
VENDORS • SWAP MEET
FASHION SHOW AT NOON
FREE • 9AM to 2 PM**
Downtown Clinton, WI
RockFord A's Model A Club
608-295-2590

**Next meeting is on Wed., March 11th
in Sharon at Pat's Brew & Que @10:30**

MAD Committee Members

Steve MacLeod 262-233-0602
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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!

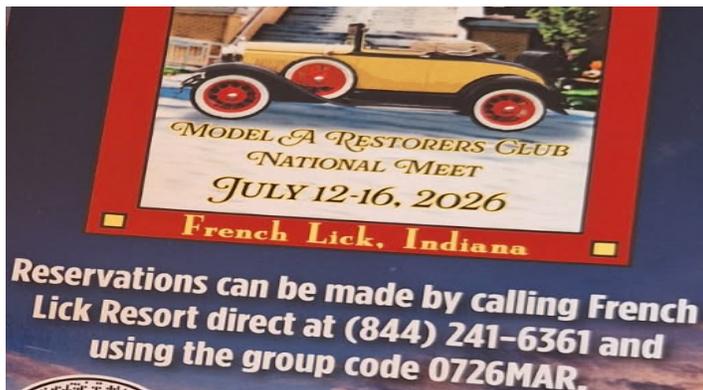
Karen Pedersen is the contact person - 815-291-2527 kped1948@hotmail.com

Dinners @5pm - 1st Tuesday

March 3.....Firehouse, Roscoe
April 7.....Lino's on Riverside, Loves Pk
May 5.....Butterfly, Beloit
June 2.....Machine Shed, Rkfd
July 7.....Firehouse Pub, Roscoe
August 4.....Lino's on 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

March 14.....Sebastian's, Roscoe
April 11.....Eggsquisite Café, Beloit
May 9.....Steamplant, Belvidere
June 6 (1st Sat. for MAD prep)
Sunrise Café Clinton, WI
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....Steamplant, Belvidere



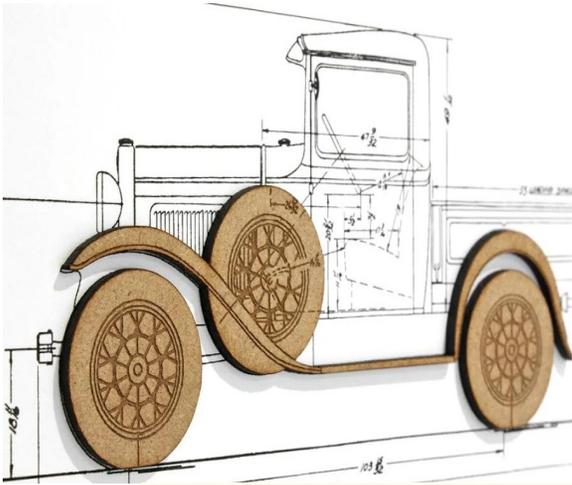
July 12-16! Consider making your reservation NOW for this great national meet! French Lick, IN is only about 400 miles from Rockford.



Sending positive thoughts, prayers, good vibes and wishes for a bright tomorrow!

Greg McQueary, Jim Morley, Wayne Rowehl, Anne Lavolette, Ron Lanquist, Dan Campbell

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.

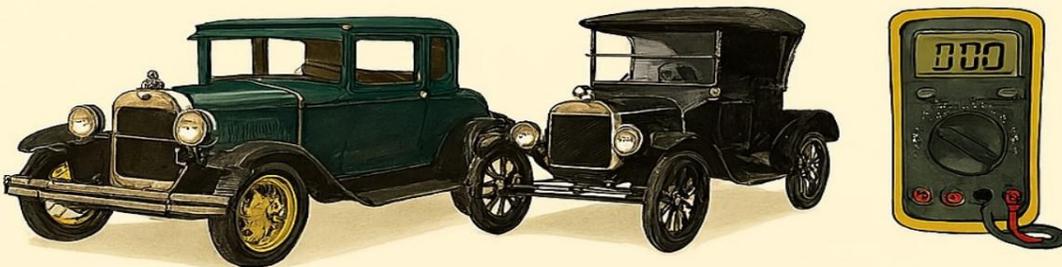


2026 MECHANICAL DAY
Saturday, April 11 @ 9am
Mark & Marilyn McClenathan's
789 McCurry Road Caledonia, IL 61011

**PLEASE RSVP to Mark 815-978-4773 so enough lunch
can be prepared**

Bring your own beverage Snacks/Desserts Welcomed

12PM - LUNCH PROVIDED!



DIGITAL MULTIMETER SEMINAR

Troubleshooting Electrical Systems On a Model A and Model T

Join us for a free hands-on seminar led by Kurt Duesterhoeft to master your Digital Multimeter (DMM) skills! Learn how to confidently diagnose and troubleshoot your car's electrical system.

Date: Saturday, April 18

Time: 10:00 am (Come early for coffee & donuts at 9:30am)

Location: EAA Room, Poplar Grove Airport,
5151 Orth Rd, Poplar Grove, IL



**Bring your own DMM and readiness to learn practical testing
techniques to problem-solve electrical system issues.**



**Pizza lunch at noon - Please bring your own beverage!
Water will be provided**



Registration & Cost

- Register with Kurt at 815-874-5102 or kduest64@frontier.com
- FREE seminar & food, but registration required for food planning
- Donations appreciated
- Sponsored by the Model T Club and the RockFord A's

What is a Digital Multimeter?

A versatile electronic diagnostic tool that measures voltage (AC/DC), current (amperes), and resistance (ohms). Essential for diagnosing circuits and electrical components. Don't have one? Come anyway to learn and enjoy the day!

Sausage, White Bean, and Kale Soup

Creamy, comforting, and ready in 45 minutes.

By [Ree Drummond](#) Published: Feb 12, 2025

YIELDS:
12 serving(s)

PREP TIME:
25 mins

TOTAL TIME:
45 mins

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil

- 2 lb. bulk sweet Italian sausage

- 1 cup jarred sliced roasted red peppers (about 6 ounces)

- 2 Tbsp. fresh oregano, chopped

- 1 Tbsp. fresh rosemary, chopped

- 4 garlic cloves, minced

- 1 large yellow onion, sliced

- 1 tsp. kosher salt, plus more for seasoning

- 1/2 tsp. black pepper, plus more for seasoning

- 8 cups low-sodium chicken broth

- 2 (15.5-ounce) cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained

- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, with their liquid

- 2 cups chopped kale (about 2 ounces)

- 1 cup heavy cream

- 2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar

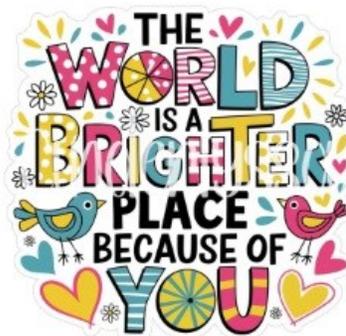
- Shaved parmesan cheese, for serving (optional)

Directions

- 1 | In an 8-quart Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and cook, breaking it into bite-size chunks, until browned and cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon to a paper towel-lined plate to allow excess oil to drain off.

- 2 | Add the roasted red peppers, oregano, rosemary, garlic, and onion to the drippings in the pot. Season with the salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are tender, about 5 minutes. Add the chicken broth, beans, and tomatoes. Return the sausage to the pot and bring to a boil. Reduce to a low simmer and cook, uncovered, for 20 minutes.

- 3 | Stir in the kale, heavy cream, and apple cider vinegar. Taste and adjust the seasoning as needed. Serve with shaved parmesan cheese if you like.



Special thanks to Joe Maurer for all the great Soup Lunch pictures!

Creamy Parmesan Italian Sausage Ditalini Soup

1# Italian Sausage	1 tsp Italian Seasoning
1 T Olive oil	½ tap red pepper flakes
1 med onion, diced	1 cup ditalini pasta
3 cloves garlic, minced	½ C heavy cream
2 large carrots, diced	½ C grated Parmesan Cheese
2 stalks celery, diced	Salt & pepper to taste
6 C chicken broth	
14 oz can diced tomatoes	

Brown Italian Sausage in olive oil in a large pot, breaking it up as it cooks. Add onion, garlic, carrots and celery and cook until softened. Stir in broth, tomatoes, seasoning, red pepper flakes. Bring to a simmer. Add ditalini pasta and cook until tender. Lower heat, stir in cream and parmesan until smooth. Season and serve.

EZ Crockpot Broccoli & Cheese Soup

12 servings Prep Time: 5 mins Cook Time: 4 hrs

2 lb. frozen broccoli florets, thawed & diced
 1 whole medium onion, diced
 2 whole carrots, finely diced
 6 Cups lo-sodium chicken broth
 2 cans cream of celery soup
 2 T. **Better Than Boullion** chicken
 Salt & pepper to taste
 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper, optional
 1 1/2 lb. Velveeta Shreds

Combine diced broccoli, onion, carrots, chicken broth, cream of celery soups, and cayenne pepper. Cook on high for 4 hours. Add cheese, stir to combine. Turn to low & cook 15 minutes. After cheese melts, check if salt & pepper are needed. In a nutshell: Add frozen broccoli, chicken broth, onion, carrot. Add a couple of cans of cream of celery soup—they add flavor & creaminess & a little thickness without the need of a roux, which I think defeats the whole purpose of slow cooker!



March: 2-Chris Weber, 7-Joe Maurer, 7-Mike Whitney-Carlson, 9-Dave Werckle, 10-Lori Weber, 11-Doug Mather, 14- Karen Pedersen, 16-Dwayne Meier, 20-Jim Morley, 21-Bill Johnson, 24-Bruce Winslow, 29-Mike Fennell

April: 6-Sara Werckle

May: 12-Katie Boughton, 14-Barb Hodges, 19-Mel Welch, 27-Mary Kramer, 28-Marilyn McClenathan

