



# ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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## Calendar of Events

Fri., Sat., Sun. April 28-30	Spring Jefferson Auto Swap Meet & Car Show <a href="http://www.madisonclassics.com/car-shows/spring-jefferson.php">www.madisonclassics.com/car-shows/spring-jefferson.php</a>
Tuesday, April 25 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>TechTalk:</i> <i>Lady A's Chat: Vintage &amp; Era purses – bring yours!</i>
Monday, May 29 2:00 p.m.	Memorial Day Parade - Pecatonica, Illinois <i>Grab a lunch in town with us at the Stonewall Café!</i>
Tuesday, May 30 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>TechTalk:</i> <i>Lady A's Chat: The Lost Art of Writing</i>
Sunday, June 4 9:00 - 2:00 and later, picnic dinner at Martin Park with the Up North A's	21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Model A Day – Sharon, Wisconsin <i>Help needed - "All hands on deck"!</i>
Sat., June 10 – Sun. June 11	Overnight Spring Tour to Kenosha, Wisconsin <i>Details to be determined – modern cars okay, too</i>
Thurs., July 13 – Fri., July 15	Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show – Dublin, OH <i>Contact Jim Morley for details</i>
July 30 – August 5	MARC National Meet - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Wed., August 2	Cruise Night - 1st Evangelical Covenant Church
Sat., Aug. 19 (leave 8/18, return 8/20)	Model A Day in Amana, Iowa <i>Contact Jim Morley for details</i>



*Pay your 2017 dues now – please note increase.*



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**ATTENTION FIRST TIME MARC NATIONAL MEMBERS:**  
*MARC is offering a one year membership for \$22.50 which is half-price. This includes full membership and a year's subscription to "Model A News". Application form needs to be filled out by Dwayne Meier, Club Treasurer.*

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

7:00 pm **LAST** Tuesday  
Central Christian Church  
6595 Guilford Road  
Rockford, IL 61107

*Please review your contact information for the roster and notify Bill Aupperle.*

*A new roster will be printed in February.*

**THANK YOU!**

**Treasurer's Report** - submitted by Dwayne Meier

as of 03-07-2017

Checkbook balance on 02-09-2017		\$3206.72
Cash on hand		<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash		\$3306.72

**Income**

12 - 2017 Dues	245.00
Pecatonica Parade	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 345.00

**Expenses**

Chris Aupperle – newsletter	9.90
Stamps	<u>9.80</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 19.70

Checkbook balance on 03-07-2017	\$3532.02
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3632.72

**Editor's Extras**



Dear Members,

It is with great honor I was presented MARC's Award of Highest Achievement for our "Manifold News" at the recent Membership Meet. Much credit goes to my husband, Bill for his initial design, continued encouragement, proof reading and patience (when I'm "chained to the computer"!)

However, this is YOUR newsletter and it reflects YOUR many contributions: technical articles, minutes, treasurer's report, news from our Co-Presidents and photos. This newsletter is only as good as the level of participation from all of you. I will continue to need items of interest and



technical information, so please compile stories of interest, travels, and repair. Please email, "snail" mail or provide a handwritten copy of your story. We want to see **your** car (and you) here next time! Send Club activity photos by email, text or print so I can add them into the newsletter. You make my job easier.

Thank you very much!

**Chris Aupperle, Editor**

**Glimpse from the Gavel**



Well, here are with Spring on the calendar, but still with a chill in the air. Most Model A's remain in hibernation waiting for warmer weather. A big thank you to Director and Parade Chairman Bob Bellard for arranging our first Parade of 2017. While Co-Presidents Ron and Jim were vacationing in Texas and Arizona, a group of Rock-Ford A's gathered in 28 degree temperatures to represent our club in the Rockford St. Patrick's Day parade.

Thank you to Larry and Denise Ethun for hosting our March director's meeting.

Our first regular Rock-Ford A's monthly meeting at Central Christian Church is now behind us with 47 members and guests in attendance. What a great meeting we had. We heard reports from members on their "over the winter" repairs and projects. Past President Bill Aupperle reported on the MARC Annual Membership meeting where several members traveled to Shipshewana, Indiana. Chris Aupperle was once again presented with 3 awards for her excellence in fashion and journalism. In our tech session, Jim Morley demonstrated a portable tire inflater, Dewayne Meier brought a box of transmission gears to examine which ones were good or bad. Bob Nowicki brought in a new rear brake drum with a hub already installed. Ron Lanquist showed a "hokey" LED tail light insert for a drum style tail light. Our meeting concluded with Paul Donley winning the door prize - a hat.

As always, thank you to John and Sue Hausen for hosting the weekly Saturday breakfast get togethers and monthly dinners.

Looking forward to our next meeting on April 25th. Possibly we'll see some Model A's in the parking lot.

*Jim & Ron*

**3/28/2017 Meeting Minutes** - submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary

- Welcome members and guests. 47 in attendance.
- Thank you to Chris Aupperle for the scrumptious and very rich brownie dessert! Thank you to Kathy Forbes for making the coffee!
- Following the Pledge of Allegiance there was a moment of silence to remember our late members Wayne Linquist and Darlene Ortberg.
- Social Concerns: Mary Kramer is in the hospital with diverticulitis; Bob Bellard is at home, not-so-patiently awaiting bypass surgery.
- Introduction of the club officers and Board of Directors for 2017.
- Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17.00 for an extra) from Kathy Forbes; club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted) from Dwayne Meier; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).
- New hats will be ordered for Model A Day. Different color and possibly more embroidery. Dwayne Plymale is doing the research.
- Treasurer's report – on this page of newsletter.
- Thank you again to Al Pederson for his hard work converting the club's entire video library to DVD format for easier use by members. Several members have already started checking out DVDs.
- Tickets are on sale for the "spinner" that Charlie Monk made for raffle at Model A Day in Sharon. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Charlie estimates about 100 hours that he put into making the spinner. Great job, Charlie!
- Past events: There were 65 attendees at the Soup Luncheon in February, 11 pots of soup and chili, lots of salads, desserts, and extras; Hearty souls in 8 cars braved the 25° weather for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thanks, Bob Bellard for organizing the good turnout; The 2017 MARC Membership Meet in Shipshewana, IN was attended by Paul & Elaine Donley, George & Sue Brunson, Dave & Pauline Clark, Mike & Lana Peters, Tony & Alice Whitney, Toni Lynn Carlson, and Bill and Chris Aupperle. Chris was awarded the "Best Newsletter" by MARC for the "Manifold News" and "Best Article of the Year" for her article "Teddies, Tap Pants and the Twenties, Oh My!" in the Nov/Dec 2016 *Model "A" News*. Well done, Chris!
- Upcoming events: Memorial Day Parade in Pecatonica on May 29; Model A Day in Sharon, WI on June 4; Overnight Spring Tour on June 10-11, Let Freedom Ring Parade in Mt. Morris on July 4; Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show in Dublin, OH on July 13-15; 2017 National MARC Meet in Gettysburg, PA July 30-August 4
- Car repairs: Charlie Monk replaced the ring gear, pinion, and drive shaft on his truck because of 2 broken teeth on the ring gear, and is now back on the road; Tony Whitney is in the process of having a crack fixed in his motor and valve seats replaced; Dave Clark has a motor being repaired at La Shelle; Art Leverington installed a Mitchell overdrive and new steering in his car; Paul Brands needs help with timing his car.
- Russ Kothe thanked everyone for information he has received for possible tours in the future. Details of the Spring Tour will be forthcoming.
- Winner of the attendance drawing was Paul Donley. Nice hat!
- Saturday Breakfast Club and monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John & Sue Hausen for details.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25 at Central Christian Church at 7pm.

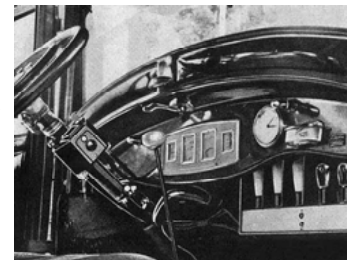
**Member's Corner: Al & Karen Pedersen**

*After completing winter projects and in anticipation of my first club event for 2017 the 29 Fordor came off the jack stands the night before the parade, it was ready for a short road test. Much to my horror when I turned on the battery switch, my ammeter pegged to the negative! Ahhh... a solid short!! After some meter work and searching, I found it: the "ahooga" horn had a direct short. It now sits on my bench waiting for a rebuild. The old girl passed the road test and was parade ready.*

*The Rock-Ford-A's started lining up at 2 pm on parade day, the cars all looked great! Spit polished, decorated and ready to roll. Seems the drivers and passengers all had the same complaint... the "heaters??" Seems they couldn't keep up with the cold March temperatures. Winter jackets, hats and gloves were the clothes of choice. Cars were decorated as were the members, some sported green derbies, bow ties, scarves and any other warm green apparel. Drivers and passengers rushed into the corner cafe for hot coffee and warmth, sharing great conversation of what's been going on for the past several months. It was a great gathering. Sadly, the Rock-Ford-A's were last in the parade and many of the spectators had left. Oh well, all in all it was a great fun club event. We are lovin' it!*

# Tech-Talk: History of the Car Radio

Seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't. Here's the story: One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car. But it wasn't easy: automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running. One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference.



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When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator", a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current. But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker. Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work. Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention. Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked -- He got enough orders to put the radio into production. That first production model was called the 5T71. Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names - Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola were three of the biggest. Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola.

But even with the name change, the radio still had problems: When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression. (By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about \$3,000 today.) In 1930, it took two men several days to put in a car radio -- The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna. These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them. The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression.

Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorolas pre-installed at the factory. In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B.F. Goodrich tire company to sell and install them in its chain of tire stores. By then the price of the radio, with installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. (The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947.) In the meantime, Galvin continued to develop new uses for car radios. In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning, it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was factory preset to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts.

In 1940 he developed the first handheld two-way radio-- The Handy-Talkie for the U. S. Army. A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II. In 1947 they came out with the first television for under \$200. In 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager; in 1969 came the radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon. In 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone. Today Motorola is one of the largest cell phone manufacturers in the world. And it all started with the car radio.

Whatever happened to the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car? Elmer Wavering and William Lear, ended up taking very different paths in life. Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention led to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning. Lear also continued inventing. He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that. But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.)

Sometimes it is fun to find out how some of the many things that we take for granted actually came into being! AND It all started with a woman's suggestion!!

*Contributed by Bill Aupperle*

## Fashion Fun: Start with a Hat!

*You have a great antique car, but nothing to wear? Start with a nice modern hat, made to look like the Model A Era. Brims and cloches are "in"! Add a pair of gloves to match and you'll look perfect. Besides, it's all anyone sees during a parade. Who knows, this just might be the beginning of a wonderful hobby -- dressing and driving in Model A style!*







### MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Last year at Model A Day, we featured one of the four Model A's that traveled around the world in 1982. What a trip! I don't believe it could be duplicated today. Following the trip, Dianne Davis wrote a book about it and in preparation for Model A Day, a DVD was compiled of the presentation that Bob and Dottie Myers made after returning. MAFFI is fortunate to have several copies of both the video and the book and they are available for a small donation on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested, please email me at [president@maffi.org](mailto:president@maffi.org) with your name and we'll go from there, but remember, there is a limited supply. We appreciate Bruce Davis for donating the books to MAFFI last year and to MAFFI Trustee, Jim Thomas for working to pull the DVD together. If you aren't familiar with the details of this trip, you really need both of these items for your library. This trip was the adventure of a lifetime and it is a thrill to read and hear about it. Don't miss this opportunity.

We are making changes at the museum this year so plan on coming to Model A Day 2017 to see what's new.

Loukie Smith  
MAFFI president  
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## 2017 MARC Membership Program



*Everyone knows it takes healthy spark plugs to make an engine run at its best. Be a MARC Spark Plug and keep our club running at its best by recruiting NEW members in 2017! Every new MARC member who joins a Region during 2017 will receive his or her MARC membership for only \$22.50! Early memberships get a half year for FREE! You can help add members to your national organization while increasing your Region membership at the same time.*

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2018

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Sept. 24 – 29, 2017

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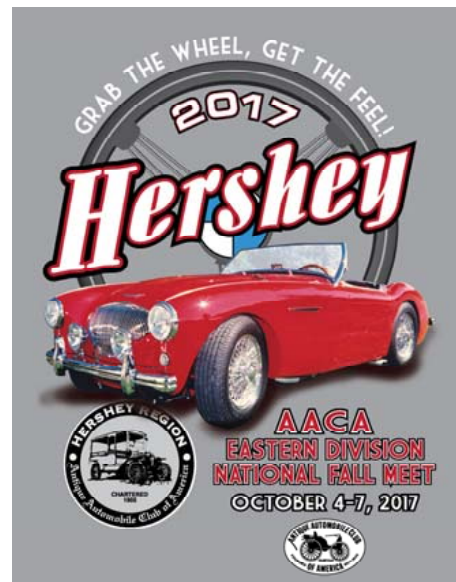
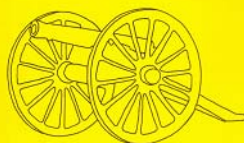


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