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Calendar of Events

July 30 – August 5	MARC National Meet - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Wed., August 2 – 6:00 p.m.	Cruise Night - 1st Evangelical Covenant Church 316 Wood Road., Rockford – free food & dessert!
Sat., Aug. 19 (leave 8/18, return 8/20)	Model A Day in Amana, Iowa Contact Jim Morley for details
Sun., Aug 6 8:00 - 5:00 p.m. Vintage vehicle gate closes at noon!	27 th Annual Illinois Railway Museum Vintage Transport Extravaganza in Union, IL Pre-register your "A" by mail July 31 for only \$13.00; vehicle driver & up to 3 passengers get in free for all operating trains, electric buses, etc. Our Club usually gets a shady parking spot where we picnic!
Sat., Aug. 12 - noon	Annual Club Picnic – Martin Park in Loves Park, IL Bring a dish to pass – meat, buns, chips, beverage & tableware provided
Sat., Aug. 19	Model T and A Swap Meet – benefit for Model A Ford Museum Contact Ken Ehrenhofer (630) 697-3906 for details
Sat., Aug. 26 10:00 parade begins!	City of South Beloit, Illinois Centennial Celebration Parade 525 Washington St., Beloit, IL near Wheeler House, dress vintage!
Tues., Aug. 29 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Sat., Sept. 9 8 - 4 p.m. p.m.	Central Christian Church Car Show www.cccrockfordcarshow.com/
Sat., Sept. 9 10 - 4 p.m. p.m.	Faith Lutheran Church - South Beloit, IL Crafts & Chrome Car Show – food, entertainment & swap meet www.faithluthेरansouthbeloit.org
Sun., Sept. 10 10:00 line up 11:00 parade	Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade Rock-Ford A's sponsored by member Bob Nowicki, Roscoe True Value
Sat., Sept. 16 9 - 6 p.m.	Model A Day at the Gilmore Car Museum www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/event/model-a-day/
Sun., Sept. 17 8 - 4 p.m.	Beloit, Wisconsin Autorama www.beloitautorama.com
Sun., Sept. 24 12:00 line up 1:00 parade	Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade http://stillmanvalleyfallfestival.com/ You are cordially invited to an after-parade Pie-ala-Mode Fest at Dave and Sara Werckle's home in Stillman Valley, IL
Sun., Nov. 12 5:00 social hour 6:00 dinner	Annual Fall Banquet – Thunder Bay Grille Details to be announced soon!



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

Due to circumstances beyond
our control, this August
newsletter will be arrive in
your email/mailbox in
mid-late August.
Thank you for your patience!

Please review your contact information
for the roster and notify Bill Cummings
of any changes -
a new roster will be printed soon.
THANK YOU!

Treasurer's Report - submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer

dated 08-01-2017

Checkbook balance on 07-01-2017	\$4101.55
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$4201.55
Income	
LaShelle Ad	\$ 30.00
Dues	20.00
Mt. Morris Parade	100.00
Byronfest Parade	100.00
MARC Membership	<u>22.50</u>
Total Income	\$272.50
Expenses	
July newsletter	\$ 32.80
MARC Membership	<u>22.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 55.30
Checkbook balance on 07-31-2017	\$4318.75
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$4418.75

Editor's Extras

Dear Members,

This month's other "Member's Corner" is brought to you by recent new member, Al Pedersen. He's also contributed a number of photos for Club events. Thanks so much, Al! Again, Anne Laviolette, Dwayne Meier, Bob Bellard, Jim Morley and Ron Lanquist faithfully contribute to this award-winning newsletter. Give a "shout out" to these Club leaders for a job well done! Sure makes the job of newsletter editor a lot less harried!

Don't forget to text or email your photos of Club trips and events, or personal stories of car woes and repair victories. Vintage car jokes accepted as well . . .

Thanks, one and all!

*Chris Aupperle, Editor***Member's Corner: South Beloit's Centennial Celebration***By Bob Bellard*

The parade theme is for the 100 year anniversary of the city of South Beloit, Illinois as a city corporation. They actually started like Beloit, Wisconsin at same historical settlement on confluence of Rock River and Turtle creek in early 1830's.

Old attire for men and women would be appreciated for the parade and many cars would be appreciated. Club will be compensated \$100 plus bonus direct from Les himself of \$100, total of \$200. They invite all our car families to the celebration at end of parade in the nice Park where we may park our cars for viewing. Many activities and food. All day activity plus fireworks at nite. We are close to Wendy's and McDonald's and Nellies Restaurant in So. Beloit. Our cars will be roped off separately.


www.beloitdailynews.com/article/20170119/ARTICLE/170119701
7/25/2017 Meeting Minutes - submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary

- Welcome members. 46 in attendance.
- Thank you to Chuck Milazzo for the delicious desserts! Thank you to Kathy Forbes for making the coffee and setting up!
- Social Concerns: Member Dean Logston passed away on June 27, 2017 and the club sent flowers. The family is keeping the Model A.
- 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).
- Treasurer's report – on this page of newsletter.
- Car repairs: Charlie Monk rebuilt his distributor with a wireless lower plate, but unfortunately he broke down on the Model T tour; Dave Clark got word from Jim LaShelle that his 3rd engine block is not rebuildable but more options are coming; new member Mark Stroud is getting help from some club members to get the Model A that he inherited from his dad running; Jim Morley was a little too aggressive when pulling the head on his car and bent a valve.
- Past events: (1.) Bob Bellard reported that we had 9 cars finish the ByronFest Parade (Dave & Pauline Clark were backfiring too much and dropped out at the line-up). We received a 2nd place ribbon and \$25 award for our participation. (2.) Russ & Karen Kothe, Jim & Sharon Morley, and Paul & Elaine Donley went to the Arthritis Foundation Auto Show in Dublin, OH where they had a great time and there were 1900 registered cars in the show. (3.) Dave Clark filled us in on the Pietenpol/Hatz Fly-In in Broadhead which was attended by quite a few club members after breakfast on Saturday. They talked to pilots from out east and marveled at the fact that those are Model A engines in those planes. "Low and slow" is their motto. (4.) Al Pederson talked about the Model T Tour which was attended by several of our members. Mike and Lana Peters had a small overheating problem at the start but continued on. The tour of Wind Ridge Herb Farm was interesting (and tasty). Charlie Monk's breakdown once again showed the depth of knowledge and supply of parts carried on these tours.
- Upcoming events: 2017 National MARC Meet in Gettysburg, PA July 30-August 5; Cruise Night at 1st Evangelical Covenant Church on August 2; Vintage Transport Extravaganza in Union, IL on August 6; Annual Club Picnic at Martin Park on August 12; Model A Day in Amana, IA on August 18-19; Model T & A Swap Meet Benefit for the Model A Ford Museum in Woodstock on August 19; South Beloit, IL Centennial Celebration Parade on August 26; Craft Show & Cruise-In at Faith Lutheran Church in So. Beloit on September 9; Central Christian Church Car Show on September 9; Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade on September 10; Model A Day at the Gilmore on September 16; Beloit Autorama on September 17; Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade on September 24; Rock-N-Bowl Car Show on October 14.
- Paul & Elaine Donley, Tony & Alice Whitney, Dave & Pauline Clark, Jim & Sharon Morley, and Bill & Chris Aupperle are going to the MARC National Meet in Gettysburg, PA.
- Les Adelman gave us details about the upcoming South Beloit Centennial Celebration parade on August 26.
- The Model T Club is looking for a few cars to help transport the court for the upcoming Boone County Fair.
- Alice Whitney requested 4 Model A's for an October 13th wedding.
- The board of directors discussed what to do with the "spinner" and determined that it should stay within the club rather than be sold outside. If anyone is interested in purchasing it, they should contact Jim Morley.
- Winner of the attendance drawing was Larry Ethun.
- Saturday Breakfast Club and monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 29 at Central Christian Church at 7pm.

Glimpse from the Gavel

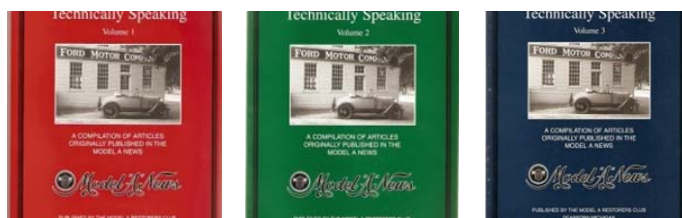
I can't believe this is already August and our season is half over. Since the first of the year, we hosted a soup lunch as our kick off event. We participated in 4 parades (one under freezing conditions) and had a delightful dessert-fest following the Byron Fest parade. Thank you Wendell and Sharon Anderson! We saw a successful Model A Day event at Sharon Wisconsin followed by a cookout picnic with the UP North Model A Club. We still have 3 more parades, a family picnic and a fall banquet to look forward to. None of this could have happened without YOUR participation as a member of the Rock-Ford A's. Thank you all and keep motoring.

Ron & Jim, Co-Presidents

Tech-Talk: “Technically Speaking”

contributed by Bob Bellard

MARC publishes books Technically Speaking Volumes 1 thru Volume 13. A separate index is available and all topics are alphabetized. Even our own Mike Peters appears in Volume 12 with some strange spark plug...Hmmm. If you dig back to Volume 3, yours truly wrote article on restoring stainless headlamps. That was a long time ago. Every subject - soup to nuts is available. Buy one or complete set as shown in our monthly MARC magazine. Check it out at <http://model-a-ford.org/products-page/marc-technically-speaking/>



Fashion Fun: “Bringing Back the Bustle” ?

By Mary Carlson

All of you know the saying “What’s old is new again”. To prove the point, let’s take a brief look at the bustle as it appeared in the Model A era. During the 1880’s, a bustle was a necessary item to create the fashionable silhouette. To attain the desired womanly figure, the bustle was worn to create the illusion of a small waist and ample hips. To achieve this look, a bustle extended at a right angle to the body. Some bustles were more extreme than others. Times changed again, and the dresses became much simpler, straighter and looser in style – think of the early 1920’s. Undergarments were less constrictive and fewer in number. Along comes late 1931, and the bustle returns! However, this time, it is not an item worn under the garment but is part of the dress design, as demonstrated in the following patterns featured in the December 1931 issue of Delineator magazine.

Pattern # 4219 is described this way: “The Bustle Bow – This charming dull, dark blue lace frock turns its back to show a huge bow of wine-red taffeta – reminiscent of the bustle on grandmama’s ball gown.”



The next dress is pattern # 4199 and is detailed as: “A New Twist – Ivory white and emerald green satin are twisted into shoulder straps and girdle for this evening gown. The back peplum is one of the things fashion is using to give the effect of a bustle to the newest evening gown.”



The third dress is pattern # 4204, described as: “Strap Back Décolletage. Much goes on behind the backs of new gowns. This one, simple and molded in front, has the strap décolletage that is so smart, and a chou at the waistline that shows the influence of the bustle.” [It appears that the ‘chou’ is a rosette with ribbons] These gowns are styled so that the special features are at the back of the dress and will be admired by everyone, especially when you are in the arms of your dance partner.



Always remember this – If your hips look bigger, then your waist will look smaller.

http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Bringing%20Back%20the%20Bustle_%202017-07.pdf



MAFFI Newsletter Minute

There's A New Girl in Town!

A new arrival at the Model A Museum is a 1931 Right Hand Drive Deluxe Phaeton which is currently on loan from MAFFI member, Tom Mack of South Carolina. It will be displayed as a part of the "A"round the World Exhibit. Make plans to come and say, "Hello" to this beauty during Model A Day, September 16th!



We had a visit recently from the cars in the Great Race which made for a busy day at the Gilmore. Lots of excitement and lots going on at the Museum!

Thanks to all of you who donate to keep this a continual success.

For more information, please visit www.MAFFI.org

or contact: Lou Ironside – Model A Ford Foundation (810) 798-8803
louironside@aol.com

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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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Sept. 24 – 29, 2017

Beginning in Paso Robles, CA with dinner at the Estrella War Birds Museum, then touring out to Cambria, CA to pick up the Pacific Coast Highway. From there we will wind our way north on CA Hwy 1 to San Simeon and the Hearst Castle, then it is on up the coast to Half Moon Bay, Big Sur, Carmel, Monterey Bay, San Francisco and over the Golden Gate Bridge. The tour will end in Napa Valley.



<http://www.mafca.com/calendar.html#2017NatTour>



**2017 MARC National Meet
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PAST EVENTS: MT. MORRIS PARADE

We had 14 cars plus me, Wendell Anderson and Jim Morley rode with other folks, that would have been 17 cars.

Tony's new engine held up, but Morley couldn't start his car at home after replacing his head gasket.

Great weather, big crowd there.

Bob Bellard, Parade Chairman
Photos by Al Pedersen



PAST EVENTS: BYRON FEST PARADE & DESSERTFEST

We had 10 cars reporting for duty but Dave Clark's car suddenly started bucking and backfiring. Charlie Monk got gas, but his car started acting up so he tried the obvious at his home but still couldn't get started again. He should've texted Jim Morley to see how to pry his head off before checking further.

So, Dave Clark qualifies for the chicken award, I believe. We had 9 cars finishing the parade route. This parade was well organized at the the start but perhaps 2nd only to Pecatonica I'm told for slowness. Perhaps a draw for slow title? Nice day and a nice desert fest at the Andersons after the parade! Thank you, Wendell & Sharon! So, did anyone qualify for chicken award at the Mt. Morris parade? If so, raise your hand 'cause I can't see behind me - you know who you are! Oh, and Dave Clark tried to blame me for the muffler I sold him as his problem---try again Dave !

Bob Bellard, Parade Chairman; Photos by Al Pedersen

P.S. My first time behind the wheel at 60 mile round trip since my operation and it felt good again. Bob



MEMBER'S CORNER: YEAR ONE — 1197 MILES

By Al Pedersen

It's been a year since the purchase of our 1929 3 Window Fordor Standard Sedan and what a year it's been! The first thing I did was make a "To Do" list. Safety being my main concern, wiring, brakes, engine, cooling, lights and oh so many little parts and pieces! I installed a battery shut-off switch, engine/transmission ground cable & rewired the car eliminating old frayed brittle wires and some not so good connections & repairs, doing this exposed the need to replace the ignition switch & cable. LED tail lights, turn signals & a third brake light were installed with safety in mind. I felt much better knowing I had less of a chance of an electrical fire & that other drivers could see my tail & stop lights.

Next were the brakes - the parts and pieces of the system were in pretty good shape, a few parts, some minor repairs and adjustments & I had the confidence the "ole 29" would stop. This was also a good time to study the lubrication chart and find the 4,982 places to grease & oil everything & repack the bearings, flush & add new oil to the transmission and differential.

Now on to the heart of the car - the 4 banger and the system that keeps it running cool. This was all accomplished during several weeks of having parts/pieces scattered all over the work shop. Compression check revealed almost 60 PSI on all cylinders, which made me happy. Using a borescope to take a peek inside the engine revealed little carbon, good looking valves & what appeared to be no ridge on the cylinders. The carb and distributor were pulled, soaked in ammonia painted and rebuilt, a surprisingly easy job. Oh, did I mention the fortune I spent in books to learn the art of being a Model A owner? During this rebuild was a good time to clean and flush the cooling system. I flushed, flushed, back flushed and flushed the engine and radiator until I was flowing an abundant amount of clean water. New hoses & water pipes were installed with the thought of a future temperature gauge. The distributor & carb were installed on the engine along with new gaskets, grommets, washers, springs, sleeves, oilers, gas line & filter.

The time has come, will it run? Gas in tank, fuel on, battery switch on, key on, a little choke press the starter and..... NOTHING!! Oops, I was pressing on the accelerator foot rest, what a dill weed! Found the starter pedal and Holy cow it started! After a lot of tweaking, I was satisfied. Test drive proved good, it ran, stopped and the lights & AHOOOOOGA horn worked!



Welcome New Members!

Please let us know of any new members or individuals who might be interested in joining the Club!

Member Concerns:

Bruce Winslow, Mary Kramer and Wendell Anderson

PAST EVENTS: DINNER; AUGUST MEETING



Club "meets" and dines at the Firehouse Restaurant in Roscoe.





Terry Clark demonstrates the stand he made for a distributor



Jim Morley shows a bent valve stem damaged while removing the engine head to replace a head gasket. Be careful!



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