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Calendar of Events


Sunday, June 4 9:00 - 2:00 <i>and later,</i> <i>picnic dinner at Martin Park</i> <i>with the Up North A's</i>	21 st Annual Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin 
Sat., June 10 – Sun. June 11	Overnight Spring Tour to Kenosha, Wisconsin
Sat., June 24 & Sun. June 25	Old North Grove School Late 1800s Weekend <i>Sycamore, Illinois</i> www.northgroveschool.org
Tuesday, June 27 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>TechTalk:</i> <i>Lady A's Chat: The Lost Art of Writing</i>
Tuesday, July 4 1:30 line up 2:00 parade begins	Independence Day Parade in Mt. Morris, Illinois  <i>In back of Village Hall & across the road from Rahn Jr. H.S., near the intersection of Brayton Road & McKendrie Ave.</i>
Thurs., July 13 – Fri., July 15	Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show – Dublin, OH <i>Contact Jim Morley for details</i>
Sun., July 16 1:30 line up 2:00 parade begins	ByronFest Parade <i>Parade starts from the staging area behind the schools at Maple and 2nd Streets.</i> <i>DessertFest after the parade at the home of Wendell & Sharon Anderson – bring your favorite dessert to share!</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> 
Sat., Aug. 19	Model T and A Swap Meet – benefit for Model A Ford Museum <i>Contact Ken Ehrenhofer (630) 697-3906 for details</i>
Sat., Aug. 26	City of South Beloit, Illinois Centennial Celebration Parade 

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 Cummings of any changes -
a new roster will be printed soon.*
THANK YOU!

Treasurer's Report - submitted by Dwayne E. Meier, Treasurer
as of 06-02-2017

Checkbook balance on 03-07-2017		\$4169.86
Cash on hand		100.00
Total checkbook + cash		\$4289.86
Income		
9 - 2017 Dues		180.00
Coffee money		13.00
Spinner raffle		155.00
Spring Tour		<u>351.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 699.00
Expenses		
Dash plaques for Sharon car show		264.45
Chris Aupperle – newsletter		17.90
U.S. Post Office rent		90.00
V. Meier – copies, ads, envelopes		14.69
Historic Downtown Sharon donation		200.00
Kenosha Public Museum Tour		520.00
Car withdrawal for Sharon car show		<u>200.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$1307.04
Checkbook balance on 05-31-2017		\$3505.35
Cash on hand		<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash		\$3604.35

Editor's Extras

Dear Members,



Once again, Anne Laviolette, Dwayne Meier, Al Pederson, Bob Bellard, Jim Morley and Ron Lanquist continue to contribute to this newsletter. It makes my job easier! Minutes, reports, articles, editorials, stories and photos make this an award-winning Club newsletter! But I want to hear from you: your stories, adventures, repairs, and successes.

Please email, "snail" mail or provide a handwritten copy of your story. We want to see **your** car (and you) here sometime soon! Send Club activity photos by email, text, "hard copy" print or Pony Express so I can add them into the newsletter. Misadventures, blunders and victories make for good reading.

Thanks a whole lot!

Chris Aupperle, Editor

Member's Corner: Al Pedersen & the Memorial Day Parade



The Memorial Day Pecatonica Parade proved to be very popular with approximately 40 members and 20 beautiful Model A fords present. We all met at the Stone Wall Café in Pecatonica for lunch before the parade. They served salads, burgers, brats, and BBQ along with a drink and chips. Wouldn't you know it, Charlie and his wife had to settle for a brat as they ran out of cheeseburgers - he usually gets his breakfast last also! Sorry Charlie.

After lunch the group gathered outside and talked about.... What else, cars, car parts and shops. Soon it was time to get to the staging area. Once we were staged (20 Model A Fords in a row, what a site), we continued with our car talk hoping to come up with better ideas, new parts and shops in the area that can help fix our blunders. After about an hour and a half wait, we all entered the parade line. Being such a beautiful day, the streets were lined with parade watchers, four deep on each side for blocks, most people cheering and clapping at the sound of the Ahh-OOOO-Ga horns and the beautiful A's passing their watchful eyes.

As I see it, it could not have been a better day for the RFA's to parade their cars down the road and for the spectators to take in the beauty of all the long hours and hard work each member has put into their car to bring new life to a Model A Ford.

5/30/2017 Meeting Minutes - submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary

- Welcome members and guests. 49 in attendance.
- Thank you to Jim Morley for the delicious cookies! Thank you to Kathy Forbes for making the coffee!
- Bill Cummings has redone the Club Roster. It is now in a format that is easy to update. Good job, Bill!
- Doug Mather has been working on a new and improved website for the Club. He is adding photos, newsletters, and technical info as well as all of the contact information. Check it out at rockfordas.org. Great work, Doug!
- Social Concerns: Bob Bellard is still convalescing from his bypass surgery, but has had a couple of setbacks due to infections; Bruce Winslow has had some back problems; Bill McConaughy is now receiving hospice care.
- 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: Tony Whitney has his engine in, but is having problems getting it started (old gas?); Phil Hodges got his clutch fixed and working correctly, but maybe now has a sticky valve; we also need ideas for more Tech Talks.
- Past events: Jefferson Swap Meet and Car Show was a bit soggy from all the rain; Jeff Kennedy said that Little Hershey was also rainy and that the car show attendance was down from the expected 250 to around 150 cars; Memorial Day Parade in Pecatonica had 43 members in 21 cars, with 35 for lunch at the Stonewall Café.
- Upcoming events: Model A Day in Sharon, WI on June 4 with a picnic following at Martin Park; 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; ByronFest Parade on July 16 with the ever-popular Dessert Fest at the Andersons after; 2017 National MARC Meet in Gettysburg, PA July 30-August 5; Cruise Night at 1st Evangelical Covenant Church on August 2; Model A Day in Amana, IA on August 18-19; South Beloit, IL Centennial Celebration Parade on August 26; Model A Day at the Gilmore on September 16; Beloit Autorama on September 17.
- The new hats for Model A Day have not arrived yet. Dwain Plymale has been in contact with the vendor. If they don't come in time, the vendor will keep them.
- 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.
- Russ Kothe talked about the details of the Spring Tour to Kenosha, WI on June 10-11. There will be 34 overnights. A trip to "Wingspread" has been added for the return trip on Sunday.
- Winners of the attendance drawing received a quart of special Model A oil and a book of Model A part numbers.
- A collection of carburetors and other car parts from Wayne Linquist were for sale at the meeting. Most of them were sold. The remaining parts will be taken to Model A Day in Sharon for sale.
- Saturday Breakfast Club and monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 27 at Central Christian Church at 7pm

Glimpse from the Gavel 

It's all about volunteers and the camaraderie of our membership. On Memorial Day, 37 met for an early lunch at our sponsor's restaurant - Stonewall Cafe. Following lunch, 21 Model A's and 43 members lined up for the Pecatonica parade. We were close to last in the lineup. A long wait. No one complained. This had to be the slowest parade I can remember. All took it in stride. This is the love of our hobby.

The following evening we met at Central Christian Church for our monthly meeting. When I arrived...the room was empty. As I began to roll out tables and Kathy Forbes made the coffee, the membership began to arrive. No one was asked to help... they just pitched in and the room was soon ready. Following the meeting, again, no one was asked, members just simply folded tables and stacked chairs and returned them to the storage room where they had been found. That's dedication.

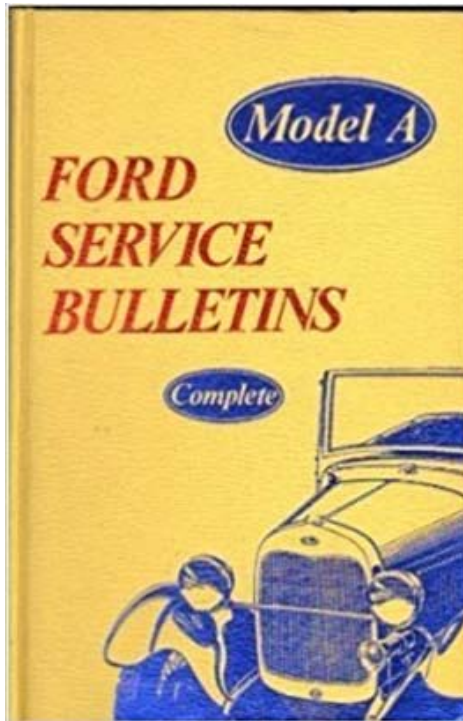
The following Sunday was Model A Day at Sharon Wisconsin. As I arrived at 6:45 am., I was met by Les Adleman and Mike Peters. The tent, banners, tables and chairs were in Mikes Model AA truck. Soon, and to my surprise, it was all setup and secured. I never saw less than 5 volunteers at the tent all day. Others directed traffic and parked cars – all members of the Rock-Ford A's and all volunteers. I counted 192 Model A's and 25 other vintage vehicles. This was a very successful event. The Model A Day committee for the Village of Sharon was delighted. As the event came to a close, more volunteers gathered to take down the tent and all the equipment. The Truck was soon loaded and our area cleaned up. A Hobbyist from Wisconsin approached and commented that a member of his club had a stalled car in Beloit and needed help - Les and Mike volunteered. This is what a club is all about...having fun, pitching in and helping others when needed. I'm proud to be a member!

The Up North Model A Club, with 11 Model A's, came from Minocqua, Wisconsin - close to 300 miles to attend Sundays Model A Day. That evening, Our Club hosted a simple cookout at Martin Park for these brave travelers. What a bunch of great people. They were just like us. Fellow hobbyists enjoying their Model A's. Keep motoring!

Ron, Co-Pres.

Tech-Talk: Model A Ford Service Bulletins

Contributed by Bob Bellard



I highly recommend the important book MODEL A SERVICE BULLETINS---complete. Available thru the big vendors and its a little pricey but worth every penny @ \$36.95 new. Official design changes 1928-31. This book ends all the "stuck on stupid " stuff like putting only 600 W in our steering gear not grease. I bought my book years ago, Invaluable!

The MAFCA site says: "When the Model A was new, FoMoCo sent monthly service bulletins to their dealers' mechanical staff to inform them on service routines, changes in parts, service tips, etc. A complete set of these are very rare. In 1957, Dan Post published a 5"x8" soft back version of the Service Bulletins (gray cover). This was followed by a hardback version (yellow cover, 320 pages) about 1972 that's still being sold today. Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 72-90821. ISBN 911160-28-0 About 1974, the service bulletins were reproduced almost exactly, even down to the dark blue covers, string binding, and original sized shiny paper by Ben Staub, Dayton Carrier Company of Dayton Ohio, who also sold Model A Trunks. This reproduction has grown to be VERY valuable recently."

Fashion Fun: Those Sensational Capes

by Lois Przywitoski

The predecessor of the cape, the cloak, appeared well before the twentieth century. The cloak was a functional garment, meant to keep the wearer safe from virtually any kind of weather. At night it doubled as a blanket for protection from the elements. By the Model A era, the cloak was elegantly transformed into the cape. No longer was it simply functional. It adorned both dresses and coats, or was a garment on its own. Here we are showcasing capes in their role as an outer garment.





MAFFI Newsletter Minute

We will be ordering bricks at the end of May for installation at the museum before 2017 Model A Day. If you have been thinking about ordering a brick 'In Memory' or 'In Honor' of someone near and dear to you, or if your club/region doesn't have a brick at the museum with its name on it, now would be a great time to do it. Each brick is \$150 and the form can be found at www.maffi.org. Don't forget to send the check and form to our new address. MAFFI, P O Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-0028. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

Loukie Smith
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president@maffi.org



**Check your timing
and advance to
Sparks!
June 24 - 29
2018**

<http://www.mafca.com/events/2018EarlyBirdRegistration.pdf>

**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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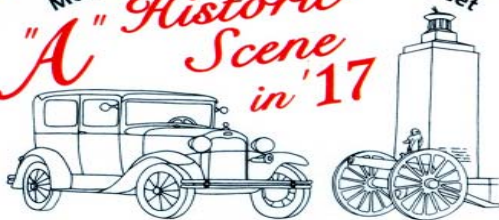
Sept. 24 - 29, 2017

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>

**Model A Restorers Club National Meet
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**Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
July 30 - August 4, 2017**

**2017 MARC National Meet
July 30 - August 4
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

Visit hubcitymodela.com/marc-meet-2017 for meet updates.
Send questions to marcnationalmeet2017@gmail.com.



<http://www.hersheyaca.org/>

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, Bob Bellard, Mary Kramer

**PAST EVENTS: MEMBERS WINNING AND AWARD;
CHARLIE MONK'S SPINNER; MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE; MAY MEETING**



*Dwaine & Jenny Plymale's
1929 Tudor
won
Best Pre-War Classic Car
in the
Classics and Chrome Car Show!*

*Flo and Charlie Monk
demonstrate Charlie's
machined "spinner".
Fine work, Charlie!*





A nice view during Pecatonica's Memorial Day parade



*May meeting
parts sale
for
Bea Linquist*



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 Address _____
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 Phone Number _____
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 EMAIL address _____
Is it ok to list email address in club roster (yes or no)? _____

Check, Visa, Master Card, Discover Card, American Express (Circle one)
 Card Number _____
 Expiration Date (mm/yy) _____ CVV (3 digit code on back of credit card) _____
 Daytime Phone Number _____

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Wanted: "Gulf Oil" items (oil cans, signs, etc.) for my vintage gas station.
Contact: Wayne Henson 815-645-8695 or battgcmdr@aol.com

For Sale: Good used parts: 1929-31 wheels, '28-'29 rear bumpers, Ford script headlights, front axle-wishbone assembly, manifolds, starter, generator, front spring, plus many misc. parts. Contact: Bob Bellard (608) 362-8356, Beloit, WI.

For Sale: 1929 special coupe project w/new wood kit \$5K; 1926 Star Roadster pickup \$6K; 1935 Ford fire truck \$8K; 1935 project Ford Fordor top smashed/cut off & replaced, needs finishing. **Contact:** Bob Wendt 815-238-2854 wendt@aeroinc.net.

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