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Calendar of Events

Monday, May 29

1:00 line up
2:00 parade begins

Memorial Day Parade - Pecatonica, Illinois

*Parade sponsored by George Anderson.
Grab a lunch in town with us at the
Stonewall Café!*



Tuesday, May 30

7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

*TechTalk:
Lady A's Chat: The Lost Art of Writing*

Sunday, June 4

9:00 - 2:00 and later,
picnic dinner at Martin Park
with the Up North A's

21st Annual Model A Day
in Sharon, Wisconsin

*Help needed -
"All hands on deck"!*



Sat., June 10 – Sun. June 11

Overnight Spring Tour to Kenosha, Wisconsin

Details to be determined – modern cars okay, too

Tuesday, July 4

1:30 line up
2:00 parade begins

Independence Day Parade
in Mt. Morris, Illinois



Thurs., July 13 – Fri., July 15

Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show – Dublin, OH

Contact Jim Morley for details

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

Contact Jim Morley for details



Sat., Aug. 26

City of South Beloit, Illinois
Centennial Celebration Parade



*Pay your 2017 dues now – please note increase!
Make your \$20 check payable to Rock-Ford A's
Give or mail to: Dwayne Meier, Treasurer
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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 Cummings of any changes -
a new roster will be printed soon.*

THANK YOU!

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

as of 04-07-2017

Checkbook balance on 03-07-2017	\$3532.02
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3632.02



Income	
6 - 2017 Dues	<u>120.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 120.00

Expenses

Alice Whitney – Soup Lunch supplies	17.61
Sec of State – not for profit renewal	<u>10.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 27.61

Checkbook balance on 04-07-2017	\$3624.41
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3724.41

Editor's Extras

Dear Members,

Many thanks to Anne Laviolette, Dwayne Meier, Al Pederson, Bob Bellard, Jim Morley and Ron Lanquist for their monthly contributions to this newsletter. Minutes, reports, articles, editorials, stories and photos make this an award-winning Club newsletter! The rest of you do have stories to tell about your hobby cars and we want to know about them!

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. Bragging and sob stories readily accepted.

Thanks a bunch,

Chris Aupperle, Editor**Member's Corner: Al Pedersen & the "Dust Off Tour"**

It's early Sunday morning April 23rd, and the sun shines on "Marta", my '29 Fordor. It's time to head out on the back roads of northern Illinois, accepting an invitation from the Rockford Model T Ford Club to "get 'em out and dust 'em off". What a beautiful day for a drive in an antique car may it be a T or A. I'm only an hour early, so perhaps a few laps around the parking lot would be good just to test everything out. Go, stop, left turn, right turn, lights work and most importantly.... AHOOOGA!

The Rockford T Club members welcomed us "A ers" with coffee and donuts and great fellowship, we all shared stories about our cars, where we were from, where we worked before retirement, and of course our cars! These Model T friends are no different than us! We all enjoy our cars, road tours, telling stories and eating.

After a great road tour over the hills and through the valleys with a pit stop at the Sugar River Preserve, it was on to the Firehouse restaurant in Rockton for lunch. Did I mention it was just a perfect day? Lunch was very good & the two clubs mixed at the tables to share stories. Unfortunately, one of the ladies had a "wrestling match" with a chair and had a terrible fall. Medics were called and she was transported to the hospital where she was later released in good condition - a relief to all. The T club passed out raffle tickets and I was a lucky winner! I won a beautiful bird house crafted by a club member. After lunch I had to head home but the rest toured a little longer and somehow ended up at an ice cream shop.

A big thank you to the Rockford T's for the invitation to dust off our cars, it was a great day and quite the attention-getter. Looking forward to more combined tours!

4/25/2017 Meeting Minutes - submitted by Anne Laviolette, Secretary

- Welcome members and guests. 49 in attendance.
- Welcome new members: Mark Stroud and his 1930 Coupe, Mark McClenathan and his 1928 Phaeton.
- Thank you to Dave Thompson for the delicious cookies and cupcakes! Thank you to Chris & Bill Aupperle for making the coffee!
- Bill Cummings has taken over responsibility for the Club Roster. Any updates and/or changes should be forwarded to him. The roster should be completed by next mtg.
- Social Concerns: Bob Bellard is convalescing following his successful bypass surgery.
- 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 is still working on his car & has definite opinions on where not to buy an engine; Phil Hodges has questions about clutches & would appreciate some expertise from club members.
- Past events: April 23rd was the Model T Club "Dust-Off" Tour, attended also by several Model A's. Nice day, good ride until Wayne Henson's friend Arlene fell and Wayne had to make a mad dash back to Stillman Valley for medical insurance info with a Model T that decided to act up. All ended well and Arlene is fine.
- Upcoming events: Jake Milazzo asked for drivers for Prom May 6; Memorial Day Parade in Pecatonica May 29; Model A Day in Sharon, WI June 4; Picnic at Martin Park June 4; Overnight Spring Tour June 10-11; Let Freedom Ring Parade in Mt. Morris July 4; Arthritis Foundation Classic Car Show in Dublin, OH July 13-15; 2017 National MARC Meet in Gettysburg, PA July 30-August 4.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$200 to Sharon Main Street Association to help with their costs for Model A Day this year.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to order new hats for Model A Day. They will be light gray with "Ford" blue bills. "Rock-Ford A's" will also be embroidered on the back. Dwain Plymale is taking care of the order.
- Our club will also host a picnic to recognize the Up North Model A Club's participation at Model A Day later in the afternoon of June 4th at Martin Park in Loves Park. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.
- 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- Since it is an overnight tour, reservations must be made early. Deadline to book rooms is May 5th. Contact Russ for more information and to sign up.
- Sign-up sheets for the Memorial Day Parade in Pecatonica (we will meet for lunch at the Stonewall Café), Model A Day responsibilities, the picnic on June 4th, and the July 4th Parade in Mt. Morris are available now. They will be on hand at Saturday morning breakfasts as well as monthly meetings. Lots of opportunities to participate at Model A Day. **Please sign up!**
- Winner of the attendance drawing was Alice Whitney. You can always find a use for Kroil oil!
- A collection of carburetors from Wayne Linqvist were for sale at the meeting. Most of them were sold. Free cue balls were also available for those who want to make shift knobs from them.
- Saturday Breakfast Club and monthly Dinner Club continue. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 30 at Central Christian Church at 7pm.

Glimpse from the Gavel

Dear Friends,

On Sunday April 23rd, our Club had four cars participate in the Model T club's first tour of the year, which they call their "Dust off Tour". As most of you know we have members that belong to both clubs. We asked the Sharon Main Street group if they cared if we had a few Model T's park with our Model A's. They don't care, so we did extend an invitation to them to participate. Certainly, we are a Model A Club, but we are also a club that offers friendship to anyone wanting to participate. It will be great having some Model T's with us at Sharon.

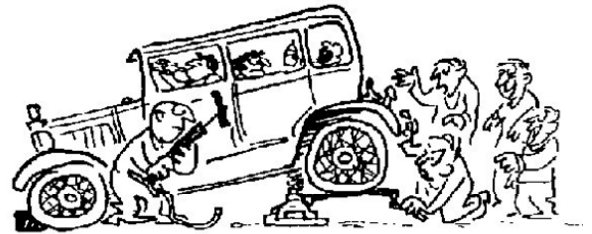
Jim & Ron

Tech-Talk: Model A Inner Tubes, etc.

My inner tubes have the factory valve stems. Two years ago one rear tube kept going near flat too often. Finally, I removed that tube and checked the tire outside and inside for nails or problems. Then water tested the tube below the water level in the tank. I found not one air bubble and that puzzled me. I changed the valve core and water tested again; no bubbles. Finally I installed a new tube on that wheel. The professional mechanic in my neighborhood has a lifetime of experience in every phase of auto mechanics so I asked him what was causing my slow leaks that could not be found. Due to years of experience, he said it probably wasn't the valve core, but that tubes are strange when under a full load. He believes that a tiny pin hole in a tube will not show up in a water test because the tube isn't under full car load. The driving load will force air out of a tiny pinhole so small it cannot be seen when out of a car. Also, I think the steel wheel inner surface, even though bead blasted, painted and lined with duck tape on the inner ID, is not perfectly smooth as when new, which may add to the mystery.

So keep checking and inflating often. Sometimes my tires get down to 25 PSI and still look fairly normal. Carry a tire pump - always!

Contributed by Bob Bellard



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And for you Ford factory manufacturing buffs, the process for wood graining metal parts is as explained in the book titled The Classy Ford V8. "Ford's technique for creating the real wood effect began by transferring a picture of the desired grain to a composite roller. Stain was then applied to a blank sheet of steel, the grain-design rolled on, and the blank was finally dried, greased, and put on a press to be stamped out as the finished panel." Gee, just try this in your garage. Wouldn't you like to actually see this in person? - (Buffalo) Bob Bellard

Fashion Fun: Cloche Hats with Flair and Style

by Diann Eason

One of the iconic images of the Model A era fashion is the cloche hat. Carolyn Reboux, a French milliner, is considered by many as the designer of the felt "helmet shaped" hat in 1923. Reboux would create the hat by winding a length of felt around a customer's head, shaping, tucking, and cutting until she and the customer were pleased with the final image. Reboux was the first person in fashion design to add a veil to a hat, "swathing the feminine face in a mist". She also started the use of colored veils on hats. As you peruse era magazines, pictures, and visit antique stores, you will see a variety of adornments on era hats. While the hat coordinated with the main garment, shoes, or purse, the adornment was almost anything that creativity, the time of day, and the season of the year would allow. The movie industry was influential in hat design. Hats worn by the "silver screen" stars, Greta Garbo, Louise Brooks, Marlene Dietrich, and Carole Lombard created excitement and creative opportunities. Lilly Dache, a French milliner, and an apprentice of Reboux, was a flamboyant immigrant beloved of Americans. She designed for many movie producers. Dache has been described as a homely child with a thin face, strong facial features, and green eyes, with straight red hair framing her face. As a child she started her creative millinery design by twining grapes in her hair and made hats out of the leaves.



Fall and winter hats might have a felt flower, a metal buckle from a worn out shoe, grosgrain ribbons, matching fabric attached in an interesting design, beads, velvet ribbons, feathers, and buttons. Spring and summer hats allowed for the use of softer fabric flowers, cellophane flowers, beads, netting, embroidered flowers and designs, and straw braid.



An adornment for a hat mirrored the owner's personality, adding a bit of society flare, or sparkle in the light of the moon with the use of rhinestones. Adorning your hat made you stand out in a crowd and gave you a style all your own. As you shop for your new era hat, keep in mind you may change the adornment to suit your fancy, your ensemble, or the celebration. Have fun, be creative, and wear your hat with the grace of a Model A Era woman adorned with a fabulous adornment accent to suit your personality!

<http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/Cloche%20Hats%20with%20Flair%20and%20Style%202017-03.pdf>



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
MAFFI president
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**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.

Recruit now!



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
July 30 - August 4
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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



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Member Concerns: Bob Bellard, Mary Kramer,
Karen and Jen Pedersen

PAST EVENTS: PREP. DAY AT BOONE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM; SPRING "DUST OFF" TOUR WITH MODEL T CLUB



Bill Aupperle, Don Billings, Ron Lanquist, Al Pedersen & Jim Morley
used some "elbow grease" to make these old sweeties shine!



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

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