



ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

7:00 pm **LAST** Tuesday
Central Christian Church
6595 Guilford Road
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Calendar of Events

Saturdays throughout the year 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club at various locations <i>contact John & Sue Hausen</i> (815) 544-6004	
Tuesday, April 15 (last one this season) 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner Club at various locations <i>contact John & Sue Hausen</i> (815) 544-6004	
Fri., Sat., Sun., April 7 – 8 - 9	MARC Membership Meet – Grand Blanc, Michigan http://model-a-ford.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Membership-promo-ED.jpg	
Tuesday, April 29 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk:</i> <i>Lady A's Chat: DVD – "Reproduction of Era Fashions"</i>	
Saturday, August 20 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. Not in May this year	EAA Chap. 60 Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast Fly-in & Car Show at the Beloit, Wisc. Airport	
Saturday, May 14	Spring Tour – John Deere Historic Site in Grand Detour, Illinois, Conover Square in Oregon, Illinois and lunch at Maxson Manor Restaurant <i>contact Russ Kothe</i> (815) 871-6169	
Sat.-Sun., May 21-22	Little Hershey Swap Meet and Car Show at the Boone County Fairground www.facebook.com/LittleHersheyCarShow	
Monday, May 30 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Memorial Day Parade – Pecatonica, Illinois <i>Sponsored by Stonewall Café –</i> <i>George Anderson</i>	
Tuesday, May 31 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk:</i> <i>Lady A's Chat:</i>	
Sunday, June 5 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (7:00 a.m. set up)	20 th Annual Model A Day co-sponsored by the Rock-Ford A's <i>Historic Sharon, Wisconsin</i>	

Ford Fun

Have you told your friends about the Rock-Ford A's?
Car ownership is not necessary!

February 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes

– submitted by Anne Laviolette

1. Welcome members and new members Mike Fennell and Art and Jan Leverington. (38 in attendance)
2. Thank you to Jim Morley for the delicious cookies tonight!
3. Club vests cost \$17.00; one free to member, pay for an extra; patches from Jim Morley (\$4) and Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10). Contact Jim Morley if you are interested in purchasing a Rock-Ford A's metal license topper.
4. Treasurer's report – on this page of newsletter.
5. Social concerns – Doug Mather is in good spirits and almost done with his chemo.
6. Introduction of the Board Members\
7. There was a discussion about ordering more hats for sale to members and at Model A Day in Sharon. Dwane Plymale said that the hats will be the same price (\$8 each). It was suggested that we order extra hats and sell them to the Sharon businesses (at a small profit) to sell during the year. The discussion was tabled until the businesses in Sharon are contacted about selling hats.
8. Past events: The Soup Luncheon was a great success with 65 people attending, 14 pots of delicious soups and chilis, and lots of salads and desserts; we also had 7 vehicles in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
9. Upcoming events: MARC Membership Meet in Grand Blanc, MI., April 7-9; Jefferson Swap Meet, April 22-24; Little Hershey, May 21-22; Memorial Day Parade in Pecatonica, May 30; Model A Day in Sharon, WI, June 5; MARC National Meet in Toledo, OH, June 26-July 1; Amana Colonies, Aug. 20; Gilmore Museum, Sept. 17; Beloit Autorama, Sept. 18
10. Russ Kothe and Jim Morley are working on the Spring Tour for May 14 to the John Deere Historical Site in Grand Detour, lunch at Maxon Manor, and visiting the Model Train Club in Oregon. Printed material will be available next meeting. There is also the possibility of an overnight tour in the fall.
11. Chris Weber talked about his new motor – it's in and running good! Lee Laviolette shared the problems and learning experiences that started with changing a head gasket. Tony Whitney talked about rebuilding his transmission. Dave Clark discussed his experience with flathead floater brakes.
12. Saturday Breakfast Club continues. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details. Tuesday, April 5th is the final Dinner Club for the season.
13. **Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church.**



Glimpse from the Gavel



Thank you Ron Lanquist, Jim Morley, and Anne Laviolette for stepping up to run the March Meeting while Chris and I were at the MARC membership meet in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

The activities were enjoyable, however, the weather traveling to and from Grand Blanc was all rain and snow. Of course, it goes without saying, Paul and Elaine Donley drove their Model A. **Fantastic!!** (Chris and I did not).

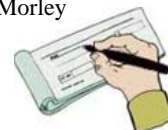
We're looking forward to the Spring Tour, Saturday, May 14th and Sharon Model A Day, Sunday, June 5th. More details to come.

Thank you, and safe driving,

Bill

Treasurer's Report - submitted by Jim Morley

as of 3-29-2016



Checkbook balance on 01-01-2016	\$3581.61
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3681.61

Income	
Dues	\$ 30.00
Byron parade (pre-paid)	85.00
St. Patrick's Day parade	100.00
Paid sponsorship – Stonewall Café,	
Pecatonica, IL George Anderson	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 315.00

Expenses	
Chris Aupperle – March newsletter postage	
& printing; soup lunch supplies	<u>\$ 97.31</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 97.31

Checkbook balance on 3-29-2016	\$3800.30
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3900.30

(income/expenses from Fall Banquet available on request)

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Welcome back from a long winter's rest ! Enjoy reading Bob Bellard's experience with undercoating his Model A Ford fenders. Bob has a wealth of experience and knowledge, as other Club members. Contact members when you need help! In the meantime, share **your** story, car or experience here. You can email, "snail" mail or provide a handwritten copy. Members - we want to see **your** car (and you) here next time.

Many thanks to Anne Laviolette who stepped in to "fill my shoes" as secretary, photos from Jim Morley, Paul Donley and others. You make my job easier with your help!

Thank you!

Chris

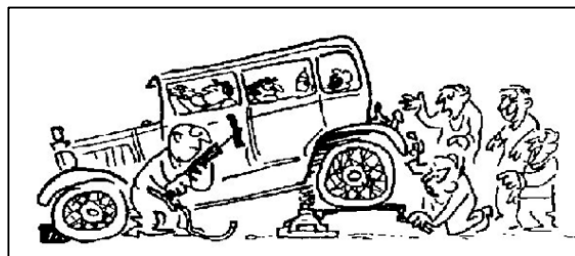
Member's Corner: "Undercoating Model A Fenders" By Robert Bellard

While restoring my fenders 30 years ago, and after doing the sheet metal work, I looked for an undercoating material better than just painting the underside of my four fenders. A commercial Beloit, Wisconsin paint store which dealt in professional body work, recommended a product called Feather Fill. Prior, my fenders had been commercially acid dipped to the bare metal. The product required a spray nozzle orifice of .06" diameter (about 1/16 " dia.). The product sprays out very thick, heavy and fast like spraying molasses and sets up fairly fast. The fenders were placed upside down on the floor on newspapers and cardboard. At the time I borrowed an older paint sprayer with a weak compressor which made the job very difficult. The completed surface was not smooth like paint, especially on the completely concave surface of fenders. I had to move fast but I had a lot of hand sanding when done which acted like bondo, but result was very good. You don't get two chances with this stuff so don't over-spray, as this stuff is nasty. After the exterior bondo body work, I painted the complete fender black. I don't recall using primer on the Feather Fill itself as this was 30 years ago. This makes excellent protection like undercoating. I have 16,000 miles on these fenders driven in a lot rain. I have since wondered if this can be applied with a brush with same results. A test sample would tell.

Recently I found Feather Fill online so I assume it is the same. Thirty years ago it cost \$32 per gallon so I can't imagine today's price. It took a gallon for 4 fenders underside. Has anyone used commercial undercoating on their fenders ? If so tell the club, we'd like to hear.



Tech-Tip: Bits from Bob (Bellard)



A helpful hint while restoring rear fenders. This is not original idea but it works great. Since Model A fenders twist when not on the car, bolt them to a vertical stiff plywood on a workbench while doing final bondo work and wet sanding and priming.



2-tooth steering tip---When your car is sitting still with wheels pointed straight ahead, softly turn steering wheel. If it moves more than 1.5 " to 2" maximum slop, then you need to adjust your steering by the step-by-step adjustment as described in Model A publications. If the slack cannot be adjusted, you have too much wear in the internal teeth or worm gear. In the worst case, a new worm gear and or sector shaft might be needed, if badly worn.



<http://www.fordbarn.com/forum/showthread.php?t=61706>

From last month's Tech-Talk: Ask to see Ron Lanquist's timing test light with his "special cord keeper" (toilet paper roll).
Find out from Jim Morley "What Went Wrong" with rebuilding a distributor and a transmission tower.

Fashion Fun: Crochet Sweaters By Peggy Gill

Do You crochet? A handmade outfit was more common than not in the Model A era, and many women had needle work skills that included crocheting and knitting. In the March 1931 Women's Home Companion, an article titled "In Lacy Stitch: A crocheted sweater-blouse and beret" written by Merle Munn shows what was referred to as the Russian blouse. A lacy wool sweater and matching beret was still in vogue in the smart shops. The photo shown at right sports a becoming square neck. This sweater and beret ensemble could be worn with any sports skirt making it a completely acceptable costume for golf, motoring, or walking. The blouse could also be worn with a suit—in which case a hat appropriate to the suit would take the place of the beret. The work for this sweater was done with a bone crochet hook size 3 1/2. Eight balls of zephyr or any other fine yarn were needed for the blouse, and one ball was needed for the beret. The wool could be found in white and pastel colors such as pale blue, pink, lavender, pale green and yellow, and according to Ms. Munn these colors were "very much the thing" in March of 1931.



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September 20-22nd, 2016

<http://hudsonvalleymarc.org/uploads/3/4/9/6/34962957/2016tourcombined0318.pdf>

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Now is the time when people start planning their vacations and trips. Why not a visit to Hickory Corners, Michigan for Model A Days, September 16 & 17? This great event at the museum is shaping up to be very exciting with the ever expanding swap meet, lectures and the Around the World Model A on exhibit at our wonderful Model A Museum. The Gilmore complex where the Model A Museum is located is beautiful and there is so much to see and explore. "There is no better way to see the USA than in your Model A!"



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419-344-1110 or sunfox511@hotmail.com

Welcome New Members!

Mike Fennell
Arthur and Janice Leverington

Member Concerns: Sympathy to Larry & Denise Ethun on the death of his father, Elmer Ethun, a founding member of the Club; remember Cheryl Bradley's health concerns

PAST EVENTS: ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE; MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET



Rock-Ford A's in the St. Patrick's Day parade; past president Don Benthal's wife, Colleen was also there!



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Paul & Elaine Donley encountered some precipitation at the MARC Membership Meet in Michigan!



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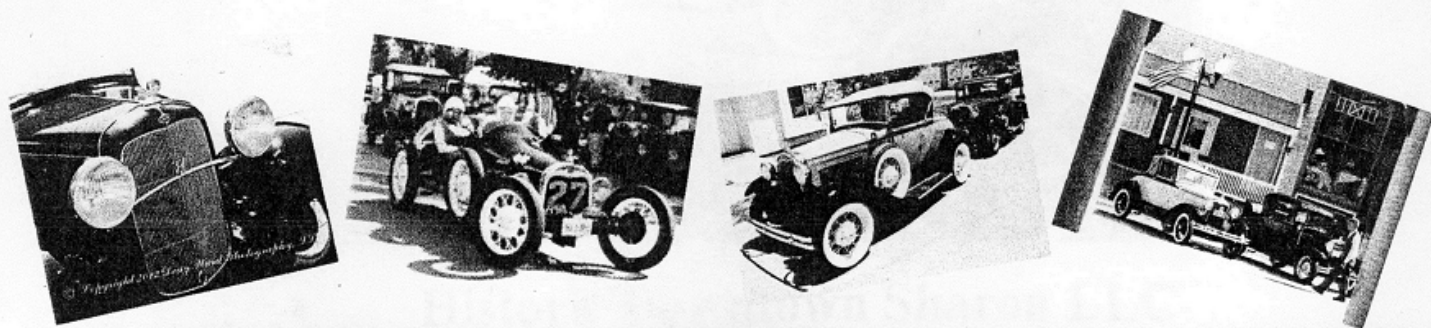


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Contact: Wayne Henson 815-645-8695 or battgcmdr@aol.com

For Sale: 1929 Fordor Sedan. Older restoration. Nice car.

Contact: Carl Reuter (815) 232-8184. Call for details.

For Sale: Dozens of Model A parts, some stored for 30 years in good condition, few NOS items. No sheet metal. Call for complete list - Rock-Ford A's first on this sale.

Contact: Bob Bellard (608) 362-8356, Beloit, WI. Leave phone number for call back.

Wanted: 1931 Deluxe Model A Roadster **Contact:** Paul Sheldan 815-558-2565

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