



# ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

## Calendar of Events

|                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, June 5<br>9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.<br>(7:00 a.m. set up) | 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day<br>co-sponsored by the Rock-Ford A's<br><i>Historic Sharon, Wisconsin</i>                                                                                                       |
| Sun., June 19<br>11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.                       | Father's Day Steam Train & Car Show<br>2954 S. Walnut Rd., Freeport, IL<br><i>Dick Farnsworth</i><br>815/238-6124 or <a href="mailto:dfarns1@msn.com">dfarns1@msn.com</a>                                           |
| Sun., June 26- Fri., July 1                                   | MARC National Meet in Perrysburg, Ohio<br><a href="http://www.model-a-ford.org/event/2016-marc-national-meet-in-perrysburg-ohio/">http://www.model-a-ford.org/event/2016-marc-national-meet-in-perrysburg-ohio/</a> |
| Tues., June 30<br>7:00 p.m.                                   | Monthly Meeting<br><i>Tech-Talk:</i><br><i>Lady A's Chat:</i>                                                                                                                                                       |
| Monday, July 4<br>1:30 line up; 2:00 step off                 | Let Freedom Ring Parade in Mt. Morris, Illinois                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Sunday, July 10<br>12:30 line up; 2:00 step off               | ByronFest Parade in Byron, Illinois                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tues., July 26<br>7:00 p.m.                                   | Monthly Meeting<br><i>Tech-Talk:</i><br><i>Lady A's Chat:</i>                                                                                                                                                       |
| Wed., Aug. 3<br>6:00 p.m.                                     | Car Show at 1 <sup>st</sup> Evangelical Covenant Church,<br><i>Rockford, Illinois</i>                                                                                                                               |
| Sunday, Aug., 7                                               | 26th Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza<br>at the Illinois Railway Museum<br><i>Union, Illinois</i>                                                                                                              |
| Saturday, Aug. 13<br>Noon                                     | Annual Club Picnic<br><i>Martin Park, Rockford, Illinois</i>                                                                                                                                                        |
| Saturday, Aug. 20<br>Noon                                     | Annual Model A Day in Amana, Iowa<br><a href="http://www.festivalsinamana.com/model-a.html">http://www.festivalsinamana.com/model-a.html</a>                                                                        |



*Ford Fun*

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

## May 31, 2016 Meeting Minutes - submitted by Chris Aupperle

1. Welcome members and recent new members - 39 in attendance
2. Thank you to Jim Morley for bringing cookies tonight! Thanks to Stan Stewart for set up and Kathy Forbes for making coffee.
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 - Joe Conti; Marliass Schmitz' surgery
6. Polo Parade - Club not participating due to poor showing/attendance
7. Past events: Spring Tour had 46 in attendance in 18 cars - thank you Russ Kothe and committee! Thanks to Bill Cummings for tour of Blackhawk Model Train Club. Pecatonica parade on Memorial Day had 20 cars participating. Thanks to George Anderson for sponsorship!
8. Upcoming events: Model A Day in Sharon, Wisc. - there will be no bank robbery; this year's theme is a 20's Circus; we will have a donation jar available for the Historic Mainstreet Association to defray their cost of entertainment, etc. Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will benefit our Club. MARC National Meet in Toledo, OH, June 26-July 1; 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Mt. Morris, IL; ByronFest Parade on July 10; Vintage Transport Extravaganza at Illinois RR Museum on 8/7; Annual Club picnic on 8/13; Model A Day in Amana Colonies, Aug. 20; Model A Day at the Gilmore Museum Sept. 17; Beloit Autorama on Sept. 18
9. Motion made, seconded and carried to donate \$500 to the Sharon Main Street Association for Model A Day.
10. Russ Kothe spoke regarding need for new officers for 2016-17, Current president and treasurer have been in place for many years.
11. Saturday Breakfast Club continues. Contact John and Sue Hausen for details. Tuesday dinners continue also.
12. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church.



## Treasurer's Report - submitted by Jim Morley

as of 5-30-2016



|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Checkbook balance on 04-26-2016 | \$3760.30 |
| Cash on hand                    | 100.00    |
| Total checkbook + cash          | \$3860.30 |

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| Income        |           |
| Dues          | \$ 120.00 |
| Hats          | 80.00     |
| Wedding Drive | 60.00     |
| Coffee Money  | 5.00      |
| Total Income  | \$ 265.00 |

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Expenses                         |           |
| Chris Aupperle newsltr. supplies | \$ 46.17  |
| Rallye Productions -             |           |
| Model A Day Plaques              | 264.45    |
| Yearly post office box           | 86.00     |
| Picnic shelter reservation       | 48.00     |
| Total Expenses                   | \$ 444.62 |

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| Checkbook balance on 5-30-2016 | \$3580.68 |
| Cash on hand                   | 100.00    |
| Total checkbook + cash         | \$3680.68 |

## Glimpse from the Gavel



Our Spring Tour, Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to the John Deere National Historic site was a great tour. Thank you Russ, for all the planning to pull off such a great event that involved 18 cars and 46 people.

A showing of 20 vehicles for the Memorial Day Parade in Pecatonica makes it one of the best ever. Our sponsor, George Anderson of the Stonewall Café was very pleased.

Model A Day at Historic Sharon, Wisconsin Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, was also one of the best ever. It was a beautiful day to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> year. An event like this couldn't be done without all the help from Rock-Ford A's members; from tent setup, registration and tear down. Thank you everyone.

Safe Driving,

*Bill*

## Editor's Extras



Summer weather has arrived! Now there is simply NO excuse not to go for a drive in your car. Be sure it is in good working condition. If not, come to a monthly meeting to get some help!

This month's "Members Corner" comes to you courtesy of Anne Laviolette, whose neighbor experienced quite a "close call" as a child in his family's Model A Ford. Thank you, Anne, for this interesting addition. Glad there were no serious injuries at the time.

You can email, "snail" mail or provide a handwritten copy of your story. Members - 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 with your help!

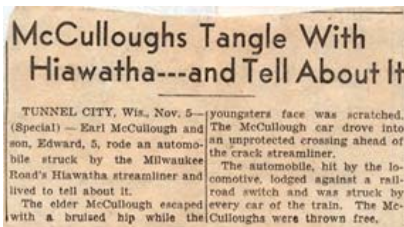
Thank you!

*Chris*

## Member's Corner: Model A in a Train Accident - 1946

*By Anne Laviolette*

Ed McCollough, 5 years old at the time, was on his way to Tunnel City, Wisc. with his dad, Earl, to take some grain into town, plus he had a nickel in his hand to buy his mom, Esther, a birthday present as the next day was her birthday. His dad knew the brakes were terrible on their car and he saw the train coming but it coasted onto the tracks instead of stopping. Ed said he remembered every car of that train hitting them as they were stuck against a railroad switch post. When the train stopped, he said the porters all came running back to the car with blankets in their arms, thinking they were going to find a mess of bodies. Luckily neither of them was hurt very badly, bruises and abrasions only. They were taken out of the car through the roof, not thrown as the newspaper articles stated. Esther told her son that he still had the nickel in his hand for her present when they returned home from the doctor. It's a scenario that Ed remembers pretty clear to this very day. God was watching over them!! Ed also remembers that he had a 5-gallon gas can between his legs when the car got hit. YIKES!

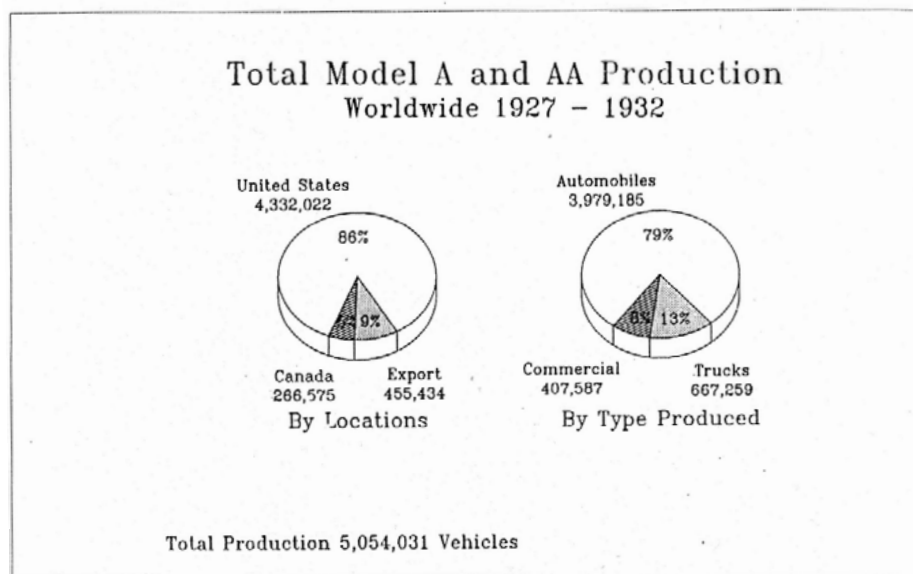
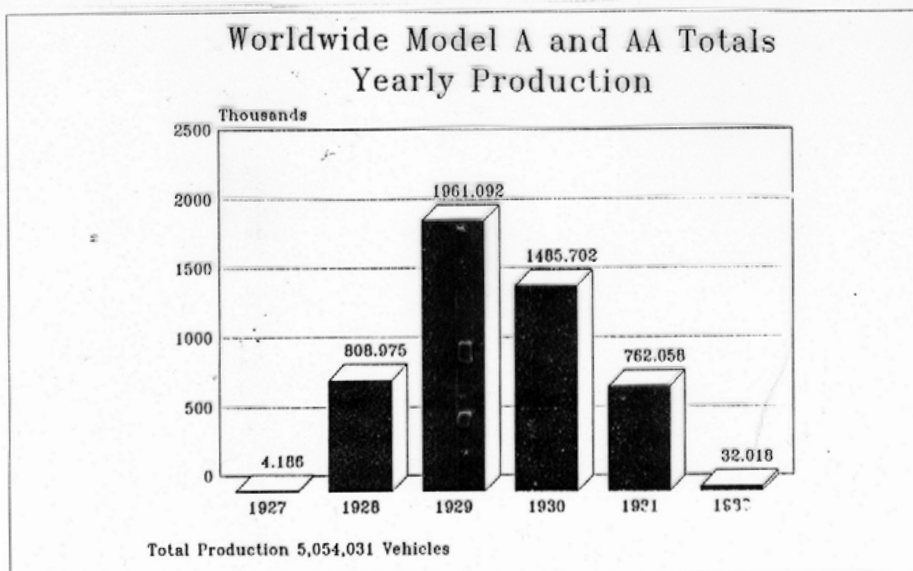


## Tech-Tip: Facts

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, the Ford Model A was one of the most publicized and best-selling cars in America. It was sporty, attractive, well-built, and smooth-running compared to the Model T, which it replaced in the 1928 model year. Thousands of people were eager to see for themselves that "Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie," and they stormed Ford showrooms when the Model A debuted on December 2, 1927. In less than two weeks there were 400,000 orders, and Henry Ford could not keep up with the demand for his latest "gift" to an increasingly mobile nation. Despite the onset of the Depression, Model A production remained strong at 1,261,053 cars in 1930 but fell to 626,579 cars in 1931, the last year that the Model A was produced.

In the early 1920s, the plain, utilitarian Ford Model T far outsold other new cars and gave millions of working Americans the advantages of personal mobility. But by the mid-1920s, Ford's market share was shrinking because other automobile manufacturers offered stylish, sophisticated cars at low prices and enticements such as buying on credit. Henry Ford decided to replace the Model T with a new car that would attract as much attention as the "Tin Lizzie" once had. The much-anticipated 1928 Ford Model A was chic and sporty, and it had mechanical features that the Model T lacked: a three-speed, sliding-gear transmission, four-wheel brake system, and hydraulic shock absorbers. Sales were strong, but Ford never again dominated the new-car market as it had at the height of the Model T's popularity; Chevrolet, Plymouth, and other makes proved to be formidable rivals in the 1930s and beyond. In the 1932 model year, Ford replaced the Model A with a new line of cars featuring V-8 engines.

[http://amhistory.si.edu/onthemove/collection/object\\_1319.html](http://amhistory.si.edu/onthemove/collection/object_1319.html)



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## Fashion Fun: June Brides

By Harriet McNeill

"With the June wedding season approaching, here is what a bride needs before the wedding, as suggested in McCall's, 1931. For each bed, four sheets, six pillowcases, one pair blankets, one comforter. Also, one dozen bath towels, eighteen face towels, eight guest towels, one dozen washcloths, two bath mats, one dozen dish towels, six glass towels, table cloths, tea cloths or placemats, large or medium size napkins, tea napkins, bureau covers, doilies, dusters, etc. The custom was that if the girl could afford it, she was to bring into the marriage enough of the household linens to start the running of a new house or apartment. She could have had embroidered sheets to dozens and dozens of table napkins but the bride could also start comfortably with items from the above list."

*If having all this stuff was required in the Depression years of 1931, no one would have been married back then!*



[http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/June\\_Brides\\_2014-07.pdf](http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Fashions/Articles/June_Brides_2014-07.pdf)





September 20-22nd, 2016

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Be sure to check future issues of the Model "A" News and visit the website:  
www.HudsonValleyMA RC.org for more details and updates. Or contact any of the Steering Committee members for more information:

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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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Other Questions... contact Sandy Fox, Sweet 16 A's

419-344-1110 or [sunfox511@hotmail.com](mailto:sunfox511@hotmail.com)



## Welcome New Members!

None this month; tell your friends who have a Model A Ford or who are interested in a car and our hobby!

*Member Concerns: Get well wishes and recovery for Doug Mather and Marliss Schmitz*

### PAST EVENTS: SPRING TOUR TO JOHN DEERE HISTORIC SITE, BLACKHAWK MODEL TRAIN EXHIBIT, MAXSON MANOR RESTAURANT



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## PAST EVENTS: 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MODEL A DAY IN SHARON, WISCONSIN

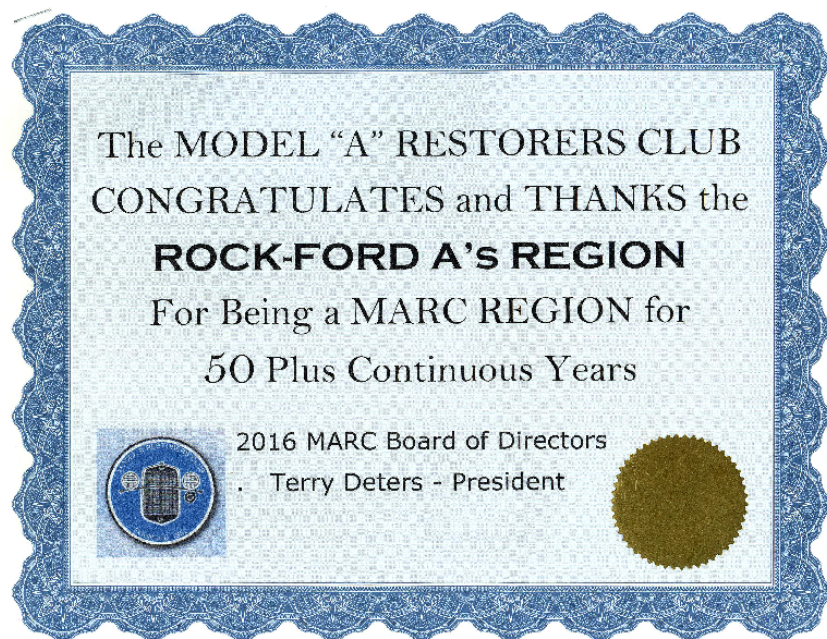


## PAST EVENTS: PECATONICA'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE SPONSORED BY GEORGE ANDERSON / STONEWALL CAFE





**Congratulations  
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**To All Rock-Ford A's Members,**

It was clearly stated at the May 31<sup>st</sup> general meeting that all 4 of the Club Officers will be stepping down at years end and new officers **will** be elected at the November banquet.

A smoother transition could be achieved if interested individuals would step forward now to be included in committee meetings and planning sessions to learn what being an officer is all about. We have a great number of experienced members that are ready and willing to contribute towards mentoring the Club's new leaders.

Club leadership is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. The positions shouldn't be a burden with the support of such an active club membership such as ours. As a Club, it would be in our best interest to begin the change-over process now.

**Sincerely,  
Bill Aupperle, President**

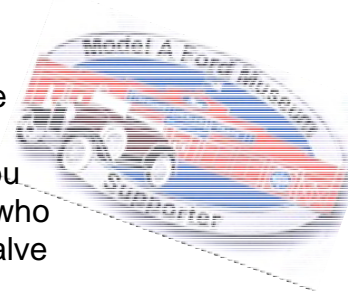
**MAFFI Newsletter Minute**

The Model A hobby is full of good folks who obviously desire to support the Model A Museum. Last month we published a list of items that were needed for upgrading some of the vehicles in the museum's collection and many of you responded-generously. I would like to thank each individual and those clubs who responded to our specific request for tires, metal stemmed tubes and metal valve covers which will all be installed by Model A Day in September.

I would also like to remind folks that I will be ordering bricks by the second week in June, so if you are thinking about getting a loved one a 'memorial, or 'in honor' brick this year, please do so immediately. You can find order forms in the "A Preserver" or online at [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)

Thank you all so much for your support of the Model A Museum and the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. I do hope you have renewed your dues which totally support the museum and the Foundation.

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Loukie Smith, MAFFI President



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