



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

Saturdays throughout the year 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club at various locations <i>contact John & Sue Hausen (815) 544-6004</i>	
Tuesdays as scheduled 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner Club at various locations <i>contact John & Sue Hausen (815) 544-6004</i>	
Saturday, March 12 1:30 line up 3:00 step off	 St. Patrick's Day Parade – Rockford <i>Line up westbound on 4th Avenue at 7th Street (same as last year)</i>	
Volunteer/Work Day - TBD	Boone County Historical Museum <i>Clean recent donation of a Model T Ford (contact Dave Thompson for details)</i>	
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk: Lady A's Chat:</i>	
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: Lady A's Chat: DVD – “Reproduction of Era Fashions”</i>	
Saturday, May - TBA 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.	EAA Chap. 60 Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast Fly-in & Car Show at the Beloit, Wisc. Airport	
Monday, May 30 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Memorial Day Parade – Pecatonica, Illinois <i>Sponsored by Stonewall Café – George Anderson</i>	
Tuesday, May 31 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk: 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>	

2016 Club dues can be paid now!
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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 Chris Aupperle



- Welcome members, guests and visitors! (55 in attendance)
- Thank you to all the soup chefs! (see page 5 this newsletter)
- Club vests now 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.
- Treasurer's report – on this page of newsletter.
- MARC is strongly encouraging membership; insurance coverage is included in membership.
- Social concerns – remember Cheryl Bradley and Doug Mather's health issues
- Upcoming events: Sat., 3/12 Rockford's St. Patrick's Day Parade; Work day at Boone County Historical Museum; Tues., 3/29 monthly meeting; 4/7 – 4/9
MARC Membership Meet in Grand Blanc, Michigan; other events to be announced. . . .
- Saturday Breakfast Club and Tuesday Supper Club continues – contact John & Sue Hausen for details.
- Next meeting will be on Monday, April 29** at 7:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church in Rockford, Illinois

Treasurer's Report - submitted by Jim Morley

as of 3-01-2016



Checkbook balance on 01-01-2016	\$2998.30
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3098.30

Income	
Dues	\$ 300.00
Banquet (lost check)	32.00
St. Patrick's Day parade	100.00
License toppers	50.00
Coffee money	4.00
Patches	<u>8.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 694.00

Expenses	
Chris Aupperle – postage; greeting cards	\$ 24.09
Nan Stewart – flowers for Merle Lantz funeral	<u>84.60</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 109.69

Checkbook balance on 3-01-2016	\$3582.51
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total checkbook + cash	\$3682.51

(income/expenses from Fall Banquet available on request)

Glimpse from the Gavel



The 2016 Rock-Ford A's season has officially started. The 'Kickoff Soup Luncheon' was a great success. I offer a special thanks to all who prepared special soups and those who contributed by bringing delicious food. Also, thanks to all who helped with the arrangements. Great food and wonderful fellowship.

As mentioned at the luncheon and is also listed on the calendar, the St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 12. Line-up 1:30 pm, step-off 3:00 pm. Line up westbound on 4th Avenue at 7th Street (same as last year).

See you there,
Bill

Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Welcome back from a long winter's rest – from your antique car! Enjoy reading yet another car story – this one brought to you by Rock-Ford A's member Ron Kramer, who purchased his dream car in Florida. Do **you** have a story, car or event to share? You can email, "snail" mail or provide a handwritten copy. Members - we want to see **your** car (and you) here next time.

A big "thank you" to the following local establishments who donated gift certificates as door prizes for our Annual Fall Banquet last November: Steam Plant Restaurant in Belvidere, Alpine View Restaurant in Rockford, Ray's Family Restaurant in Rockton, Neli's Family Restaurant in South Beloit, Sunrise Restaurant in Loves Park, Ned's Diner in Belvidere. The Stonewall Café in Pecatonica donated a lovely lap quilt! Patronize these local establishments! Thank you! *Chris*

Member's Corner: "My 1930 Model A Ford Floridian"

Owning a Model A Ford has always been a dream of mine. So when we were in Florida last winter, I went to an auction in Zephyrhills, Florida with my son-in-law. We looked at a lot of cars and kept coming back to this tan Model A. My son-in-law and I checked it all out and I said, "This is the one!" It had been completely restored and I talked to the man who did all that work. So I bought the car and then I had to figure out how was I going to get it home to Illinois. We drove home and three weeks later, I got my truck and a friend of mine rode back to Florida (left Wednesday morning and was back home Friday night).

I found a club called the Rock-Ford A's and joined. We have been to a few shows and I still had my Florida plates on the car, some people said look at this car, it's from Florida. I told them the story of how it made its way to Illinois. A man said "You have a Ford Floridian", so the name has kind of stuck. I have really enjoyed this car and all the new friends I have made. It has kept me very busy this past summer, working on it, and going to car shows.

Having this car is like saving a piece of history; there are so few left out there.



By Ron Kramer

This Month's Tech-Tip: A Dead Battery!

by Tom Endy

A common occurrence: It's not uncommon for a Model A Ford to incur a dead battery, especially those that are still operating on six volts. Model A's are usually not driven daily and prolonged periods of sitting around tend to run the battery down. It is usually discovered when you climb in to go somewhere. You push on the starter button, and nothing.

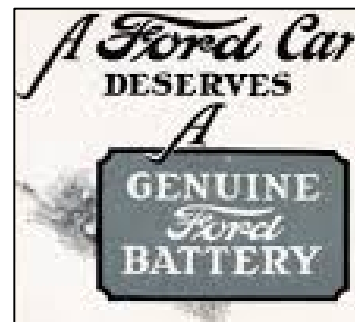
Modern inconvenience: What a lot of Model A hobbyist may not understand is that we the modern day owners may be contributing to this phenomenon. In a modern car when you switch off the ignition it shuts off all the electrical systems in the car, except maybe for the digital clock. In a Model A Ford when you switch off the ignition, at least the original pop out type, all you are switching off is the power that goes to the ignition points. That may have been fine in Henry's day, but stop and think about what a lot of us have done to the Model A Ford to improve on Henry's design.

The cutout: The cutout used with the generator disconnects the battery from the generator whenever the engine is shut down. Without it the battery would discharge itself through the generator and you would have a dead battery. The cutout has a simple set of contacts that are either open or closed. The problem with the cutout is that the contacts can sometimes become welded shut over a period of time and not open, thus draining the battery when the car is parked. This is highly likely with the poor reproduction cutouts that are on the market. Modern day advancements in electronics provided the world with the diode. The diode is like a switch (sort of) in that it has a high resistance to current in one direction and a low resistance in the other. The low resistance path allows the generator to flow current to the battery to charge it. The high resistance path is supposed to not allow the battery to drain itself through the generator. An abundance of diode mod kits were made available at all the Model A hobby stores. The cutout contacts are replaced with the diode (hopefully in the right polarity) and welded contacts are a thing of the past. However, that high resistance direction is still allowing a small amount of current to flow out of the battery through the generator to ground. The amount of current is minute, in the milliamps, but over time it draws the battery down. Turning the ignition key off does not shut the circuit off. Only removal of the fuse on top of the starter (if one is installed) will open the circuit and prevent the drain.

The alternator: Another modern convenience seen on many Model A's today is the alternator. It is much more efficient than the old fashioned generator. You can buy them in either six volt or twelve volt. In fact you can even buy a six-volt positive ground alternator. However, the alternator has six diodes in it and the high resistance path will eventually drain the battery. This arrangement is also not switched off with the ignition key and it sits there and draws a small amount of current from the battery.

A failed alternator: It is also possible to have an alternator that from all appearances is working fine. You start the car up and the ammeter shows it is charging. However, you can have one or more diodes that are partially shorted. With this situation the current drain from the battery is considerably more and in just a day or so the battery is dead.

Good advice: Whenever you park your car for the night or any other extended period of time, pull the fuse out of the holder and stand it on its head in one end of the holder. This way everything except the starter switch is disconnected from the battery and there is no chance that a sneaky diode will ultimately cause you to have a dead battery. ☺



<http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/20C-Dead-Battery.pdf>

How to Look Like a Model A Era Man

By Sharon Johnson

Your wife is all decked out in her era fashion outfit and she's looking at you thinking, "Get with the program". What does she want? You've got on black pants and a white shirt and even put on a tie and she still isn't satisfied....All you need to do to make this outfit look like the Model A era is to add a few accessories. Here are a few examples that will make her think you are a fashionista of Model A era fashions. If you are wearing trousers and a long sleeved shirt, roll up the sleeves on your shirt; add a bowtie and a straw boater. They are usually easy to find at a costume shop. You are now dressed for a summer outing. If you are wearing black pants and a shirt, put a vest on and wear a cap. If you are wearing a suit, a fedora (bottom left) or a homburg (to the right of the fedora) would be a nice touch. Hope these tips help you and will encourage you to start dressing like the Model A era.



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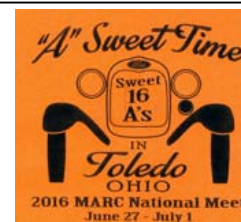
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Other Questions... contact Sandy Fox, Sweet 16 A's
419-344-1110 or sunfox511@hotmail.com

New Members

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 billnmax@netwurx.net

Member Concerns: Cheryl Bradley - health
 Doug Mather - health

**PAST EVENTS:
 ANNUAL SOUP LUNCH MEETING**

Thank you to these soup chefs! Sharon Anderson, Pat Bryan, Barb Hodges, Bill Howard, Patsy Kennedy, Anne Laviolette, Wayne Linquist, Bonnie Mann, Jim Morley, Jenny Plymale, Wayne Rowehl, Lori Weber, Alice Whitney - and a huge pot of bake ham from Lana Peters!



**THANK YOU TO THESE FALL BANQUET
 DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS!**

Jim & Sharon Morley, Ron & Linda Lanquist, Lee & Anne Laviolette, Gerald Carpenter, Paul Brands, Ron & Darlene Ortberg, Russ Kothe, Mike Strand, Bob Bellard, Charlie & Flo Monk, Family of Jerry Domeracki, Jeff Kennedy, Kathy Forbes, Tony & Alice Whitney; Larry & Marliiss Schmitz; John & Sue Ann Hausen, Bill & Chris Aupperle



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For Sale: 1929 Model A Deluxe Roadster & 1931 Model A Murray Fordor
Contact: Howard Stahlheber 815-562-2795 home

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: 1929 Model A Roadster body parts.
Contact: Don Emmert 779-537-4163

For Sale: dozens of Model A parts, some stored for 30 years in good condition, few NOS items. No sheet metal. Call me for complete list - Rock-Ford A's first on this sale. **Contact:** Bob Bellard 608-362-8356, Beloit, WI Leave your number for call back

For Sale: 1933 BB Ford Dump truck, 4 cylinder C engine; overhauled; \$20,000
Contact: Vern Eklund 815-282-4682; photo available from Chris Aupperle, Editor

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

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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