



ROCK-FORD A's

MANIFOLD NEWS

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October, 2013

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Calendar of Events and Activities

Sun., Sept. 29 11:00 line up
12:00 step-off

Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade
Stillman Valley, Illinois
Line up behind high school off Meridian Road
Dessert afterwards at Dave & Sara Werckle's home!

Thurs., Oct. 3
7:00 a.m. leave from Ned's Restaurant,
in Belvidere
9:30 Tour Sanfillippo Collection
1:00 Lunch at Chessie's Restaurant

Fall Day Tour to Sanfilippo Estate – Barrington, IL

Contact Russ Kothe for more details



Tues., Oct. 29 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Tech-Talk: bring your questions & car issues
Lady A's Chat: A Brief History of Women's Shoes

Sun., Nov. 3, Noon



Turkey Roast with the Fox Valley A's

Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, dessert & beverage. Bring a dish to pass (salad, veggies, jello).
Adults - \$12; Kids under 12 - \$6.
By Oct. 15, send your check to: Bob Bieszart, 1N231 Forest, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 790-1324
Dinner will be at: Kaneland H.S., 47W326 Keslinger Rd., Maple Park, IL

Sunday
November 11, 2012
Cocktails 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Annual Club Banquet & Election of Officers

Thunder Bay Grill Restaurant
762 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, IL 61108



2014 Club dues can be paid now!

Make your check for \$15.00 payable to:



Rock-Ford A's

Mail to:

Jim Morley, Treasurer
4538 Dellview Drive
Rockford, IL 61109



**Have you told your friends about the Rock-Ford A's?
Car ownership is not necessary – just come along for the fun!**

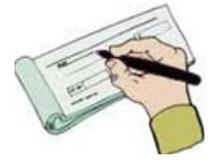
September 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes – submitted by Chris Aupperle

1. Welcome – 33 in attendance today!
2. Welome new members Dwayne Meier, Dave & Candy Thompson!
3. Treasurer’s report – see this page in newsletter
4. Social Concerns – please let us know of needs and prayer support
5. Rock-Ford A’s custom shirts – contact Chris Weber at cw253748@hotmail.com
6. Continued discussion about patches for Club
7. Past events – 3 Club cars at Central Christian Car Show, 19 at Roscoe Fall Festival Parade, thanks to Club member Don Stien for sponsoring our Club’s participation, 9 at Bergstrom tour & lunch w/Central A’s, nice showing of 12 cars at Fairhaven Center show, 10 at Nicholas Conservatory Model A Day event, 4 cars at Highview in the Woodlands event, 2 members attended Hill & Valley at Cross Plains, WI.
8. Breakfast group continues – thank you John Hausen!
9. Upcoming events – Stillman Valley Parade & dessert at Dave/Sarah Werckles’, Fall Tour to Sanfilippo Estate, Jefferson Swap Meet on 9/27-29, Vintage Clothing Show & Sale in Elgin 9/28-29, join Fox Valley A’s Turkey Roast 11/3, our annual banquet is Sun., Nov. 10 (see details in this newsletter).
13. Meeting adjourned.



**Next meeting is Tues. Oct. 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Bring a friend! Free coffee and dessert!**

Treasurer’s Report - submitted by Jim Morley



as of 09-23-13

Checkbook balance on 08-25-13	\$3677.06
Cash on hand	71.50
Total balance on 10-22-12	<u>\$3748.56</u>

Income	
dues	30.00
50/50 Picnic proceeds	<u>58.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 88.00

Expenses	
Chris Aupperle picnic supplies	236.53
Nan Stewart card	5.40
No. Boone Ed. Foundation for B. Edwards	100.00
Kathy Forbes – picnic shelter	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 441.93

Checkbook balance on 09-23-13	\$3235.13
Cash on hand	<u>159.50</u>
Total balance on 09-23-13	\$3394.63

Glimpse from the Gavel

Bill Aupperle, Director



Take time to introduce yourself and get to know our new Rock-Ford As members.

Our Fall Tour , October 3rd, is almost here. If you do not have a car to drive, but want to go, let an officer know. There are many members that have room for passengers; also a great way to get acquainted with our members.

Urgent!! We need more topics for Tech-Talk discussions. Continue to bring in more ‘Show & Tell’ items. Let us know what you’ve been working on or fixing.

Editor’s Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



This month’s Tech-Tip comes from Dave Clark, who put us in touch with the Ford Barn website. Thank you, Dave, for your continuing support to this newsletter. Ladies, if you find a topic of historic interest for our Lady A’s discussions, please let me know!

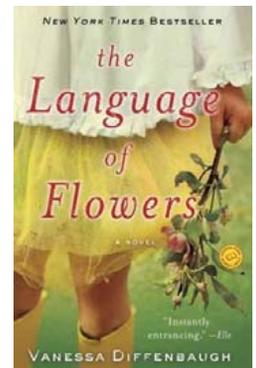
It’s time to share your stories, folks. This makes the job of publishing this monthly newsletter much easier for me. PLEASE send me YOUR stories! I’m happy to help you write your article, too.

Let me know if you are not getting your newsletter via email or postal delivery – let’s keep in touch!

Member’s Corner: Denise Ethun



Thanks to Denise for her interesting presentation at this month’s meeting on the topic of “the language of flowers”, a Victorian custom of using flowers to send messages based on meanings assigned to specific blooms. We now know to send red roses to the ones we love, but never yellow flowers!



Tech-Tip: Electrical Safety in Your Model A

(retrieved from <http://www.ocmafc.org/techarticles/electricalsafety.htm>)

by John McMillan

Most of the following are faults and/or safety hazards that I've encountered in Model A's and other less worthy vehicles. The cures are neither expensive nor technically difficult.

BATTERY

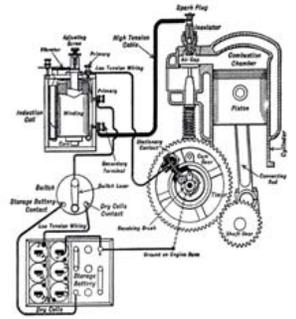
Hold Down: Without a hold down, the battery can bounce around, resulting in case cracks and acid leakage or cable shifting and abrasion resulting in a possible short. Easy to correct.

Ground Strap: Attachment to frame should be to BARE METAL. We usually apply lots of paint to the frame and unless some is removed where the ground strap attaches, then a solid ground cannot be achieved. A coat of dielectric grease helps to promote good contact and slows rusting when applied to bare metal. With a poor ground, the starter will turn real slow, and draw far more current than it should. Easy to fix.

Cable Size: Modern cables that you can buy at your local auto shop are too small. Small cables cannot carry the current draw of a starter motor safely. They will overheat and the starter will turn slowly. The cable size should be No. 1. These can be special ordered at the local parts house, or buy them from a vintage Ford dealer.

Caps: Make sure the battery vent caps are not plugged. If they're plugged, and the charge rate is high, the battery can explode from gas buildup inside the battery. Very exciting, very messy and very dangerous. Plugged caps are caused by dirt and, I suspect, by using hard water in the battery. Clean caps and distilled water are the inexpensive answer. I had one blow up in a German Model A (VW) and the cleanup alone took about 8 hours.

Cable routing: The negative cable to the starter MUST be routed according to Ford's plan. See illustrations in any of the Ford repair manuals. Other routings most likely will cause cable insulation chafing and a resulting short circuit. Even if you installed a fuse, this is not a fused cable, and a fire is very likely. I've seen this several times, the last time at Big Bear when a member complained of white smoke every time he stepped on the brake. The pedal pushed the battery cable against the bell housing and shorted out. If a fire starts here, you need to disconnect the battery to stop the fire source. Very hard to get to, you might wind up watching your car burn while you try to remember if your fire insurance is paid up. This kind of fire can also happen after you've parked the car in your garage. Real easy to fix. Note that no safety switch or fuse installation will eliminate this hazard, the only way to cure the problem is to "do it right the first time", and it takes no more effort than to do it wrong.



Fashion Fun - Pen and Pencil Sets

By Judy Lewis (MAFCA Fashion article - July, 2013)

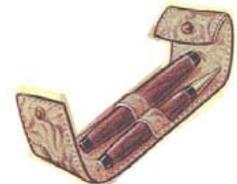
As advertised in *Art Needlework*, Fall and Winter 1930 - 31, Catalog No. 37

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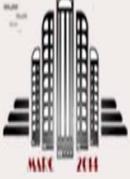
Pen and pencil sets are great items to use as an accessory and are easy to find in most antique shops, flea markets, estate sales and the like. Most of the sets I have seen are in very good condition and can fit easily in a handbag or the inside pocket of a suit or sport coat. The following are quite typical of all 4 years of the model A era.

(top image) Ladies' non - breakable pen and pencil set. 14K gold fittings. Red or green with gold marbled effect. Leatherette case. Per set, postpaid \$1.25

(bottom image) Combination pen and pencil. When not in use it is carried like a pencil. Pen has gold nib with iridium tip and gold trimmings. Triple action pencil. Guaranteed unbreakable. Mother - of Pearl and black. Price, postpaid \$2.75



~ Other National Club Events ~



MARC 2014 National Meet
June 22 – 27, 2014
French Lick, Indiana

<http://2014marcmeet.com/>



MAFCA's 4th NATIONAL TOUR
 March 9-14, 2014




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 Through the Beautiful
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Welcome to the 2014 MAFCA National Tour being hosted by the Alamo A's and Golden Triangle A's. The Texas Hill Country offers a unique environment and opportunity to enjoy your Model A, alongside friends throughout the Model A community. Breathtaking scenery, small quaint towns, rich history and roads seem designed for the Model A. We welcome you & look forward to being your host!

For more information, email:
mafca_2014_tour@yahoo.com

www.gta-texas.com/tour%20hm%20pg.htm

July 14 - 18, 2014

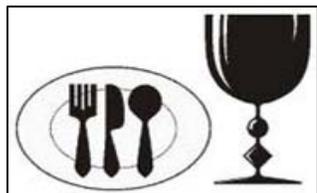
Sponsored by The Gallopin Gertie Model A Club. On the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA. Puyallup, Washington (pronounced Pew al up), one of Washington State's oldest cities, is located approximately eight miles east of Tacoma in the Puyallup River valley.

Sitting at the foot of Mt. Rainier, the area boasts spectacular views while still providing a modern-day urban atmosphere inside the city.

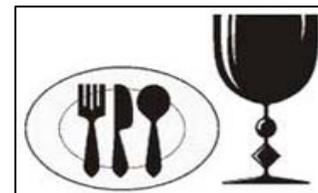


Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 10, 2013 5:00 cocktails 6:00 dinner



*Thunder Bay Grill and Restaurant
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois 61108*



Enjoy a delightful evening of delicious food, great friends and warm memories of another year of Model A touring! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

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*Menu choice of Prime Rib, Chicken Linguine, Dijon Pork Chop or Cedar Planked Salmon
(Cost includes meal includes salad, sweet biscuits, non-alcoholic beverage)*

The Club will pay tax, gratuity, and \$1.50 for coffees/pop.

Complete the registration form below. Enclose your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's

Bring both to the Tuesday, October 29, 2013 meeting

OR

mail by no later than Wednesday, October 30 to:

*Jim Morley
4538 Dellview Drive
Rockford, IL 61109
(815) 979-6980*

Enclosed is our/my check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for the following Banquet meal(s):

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	
_____	_____	<i>8 oz. Prime Rib with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes</i> \$15.99
_____	_____	<i>Chicken Linguine sautéed with fresh vegetables</i> \$11.99
_____	_____	<i>Cedar Planked Salmon with wild rice & steamed broccoli</i> \$15.99
_____	_____	<i>Dijon Pork Chop with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes</i> \$12.99

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

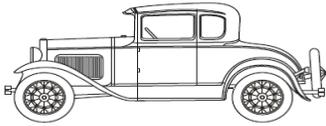
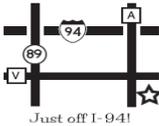
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FOR SALE: 1930 Model AA Ford Truck; national award winner; recent frame-off restoration; 4 speed transmission; long wheelbase; low miles; asking \$27,000. Contact Duke Richmond 815-262-3700 or firstelectriccompany@gmail.com

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