



# ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

7:00 pm Fourth Tuesday  
Central Christian Church  
6595 Guilford Road  
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## Calendar of Events

Saturday April 14, 2012 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast at Harvest Family Restaurant <i>Pecatonica, Illinois</i> Tour Decatur Dairy <i>Brodhead, Wisconsin</i>
Tuesday April 24, 2012 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting <i>Tech-Talk – Lady A's – Vintage Brooches; bring yours!</i>
Saturday May 12, 2012 (note date change)	Spring Day Tour – contact Russ Kothe <i>Millie's Pancake House – Delavan, Wisc. and Fireside Dinner Theatre - Ft. Atkinson, Wisc.</i>
Saturday May 19, 2012 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.?	7th Annual EAA Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast, Auto Show, & Fly-In <i>Beloit, Wisconsin Airport</i>
Tuesday May 29, 2012 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Sunday June 4, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day <i>Historic Sharon, Wisconsin</i>
Tuesday June 26, 2012 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday July 4, 2012 1:30 line up 2:00 parade	Mt. Morris Let Freedom Ring Parade <i>Mt. Morris, Illinois</i> <i>(back of Village Hall &amp; across the road from Rahn Jr. H.S. ; near intersection of Brayton Road and McKendrie Ave.)</i>
Sunday July 15, 2012 12:30 line up 2:00 parade	ByronFest Parade <i>Byron, Illinois</i> <i>(parade starts from the staging area behind the schools at Maple and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets)</i>



This cap will be for sale on June 4 at Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin. Members will be able to buy one at a reduced price before the event.  
Tell your friends!

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1. Welcome – 37 in attendance today!
2. Thanks to Linda Clark for making tonight's excellent cookies!
3. Dwain Plymale showed samples of hats to sell at Model A Day; more discussion at next month's meeting regarding member's advance purchases.
4. Nice showing of 16 cars at St. Patrick's Day parade.
5. Bill to check on possibility of a Fix-It Day to schedule this Spring sometime.
6. Possibility of pairing with Great Lake A's for a trip to Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisc. On International Model A Day this Sept.
7. Russ Kothe needs head count for Spring Tour on 5/12/12, with payment due soon.
8. "Rubber Chicken" award to John Hausen
9. Treasurer's Report as of 12/17/11, submitted by Jim Morley, Treasurer

Checkbook balance as of 3/25/12	\$3273.84
Cash on hand	<u>100.00</u>
Total balance	\$3373.84

Income =	Dues	640.00
	St. Patrick's parade	100.00
	Vest sales	<u>24.00</u>
	Total Income	\$ 764.00

Expenses =	Stamps & copies	<u>7.20</u>
	Total Expenses	\$ 7.20

Checkbook balance as of 3/25/12	\$3931.64
Cash on hand	<u>199.00</u>
Total balance	\$4130.64

### *Glimpse from the Gavel* Bill Aupperle, Director



*It was great to see so many cars and members turn out for the St. Patrick's Day parade! The beautiful weather drew probably the largest crowd I've ever seen for this event. And best of all, no rubber chicken!*

*Be sure to let us know if you have room for passengers in your car for any event! Non-driving members will appreciate your ride!*

*Don't forget Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin is only a few months away – think about what you can do!*

***Drive safely . . .***

### **Editor's Extras**

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Enjoy part two of Mike Peters' Model A engine swap in this newsletter. Let's hear about your car adventures, repairs and restorations. Keep those engines running and those stories coming!

Please contact me if you are not getting your newsletter via email or postal delivery – we want to keep you in touch!

## Members' Corner : Mike Peters' 1928 Model A Tudor

I've finished the engine swap, but not without some problems. The first time the engine was started, there was a nasty tappet noise. A broken valve guide was found in the intake port. So the cylinder head was pulled, the intake valve removed. It was bent. Sigh. (See 3<sup>rd</sup> photo) A good used valve and guide was found and installed back into the engine. This engine does not have adjustable valve lifters, so about .002" was ground off the end of the valve to get the required .013" clearance. A new head gasket was installed, and the engine started once again. The tappet noise was cured, but this time there were water leaks around the goose neck and also from the cylinder head on the drivers side directly above the engine number.

So off comes the cylinder head again, and upon inspection a crack in the cylinder head was found. (See 2nd photo) Also, the outer edge of the cylinder head was deeply undercut with rust pits. (See 1st photo) Also, the nearest head stud was loose. The loose stud was replaced with a better one with silicone sealer. The cylinder head was also replaced with another one without cracks and much less rust on the gasket mating surface. A new thin water outlet (goose neck) gasket was installed.

Add water and start engine. No water leaks. No noises. The only remaining snag is the heavy snow falling. I can't take it out for a drive. See you this season out on the road.

Regards,

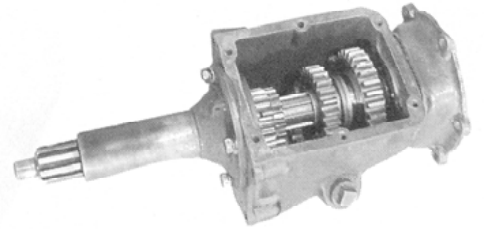
Mike





## Tech-Talk

Thanks, Jim Morley for the excellent hands-on, git-yer-hands-dirty transmission presentation! I know everyone went away better informed about how trannies work. Next time, I'd better bring more "Go-Jo" hand cleaner and rags!



*Members explore Jim Morley's "trannie" at his home last month.*



## Fashion Fun - Vintage Hair Styles

Thousands of women flocked to hairdressers to chop their inches away as "The Bob" became an ever-present symbol of bold, modern femininity. The original iconic bob hairstyle was made famous by Louise Brooks; a showgirl, actress and dancer during her heyday in the Twenties....The '20s were also known for tighter finger waves, firm pin-curls and uniform manicured strands or fuzzy soft waves of volume.... In the 1930's, curls and waves were all the rage. Some women opted for soft waves set close to the face, while others arranged their hair in tight pincurls. Finger waving and pin curling create smooth lines and voluptuous waves create the look of the 30's. Deep side parts allow a heavy wave section to sweep across the forehead.



**DEBUTANTE WAVE**  
*(Courtesy of Paris Beauty Supply)*

[www.erastyles.com/1930s-hairstyles.html](http://www.erastyles.com/1930s-hairstyles.html)

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[http://my50syear.blogspot.com/2012\\_01\\_01\\_archive.html](http://my50syear.blogspot.com/2012_01_01_archive.html)

**Member Concerns**

*Sympathy to Barb Gustafson on the passing of her husband Jack.*

**Welcome New Members to the Club**

*Chuck Milazzo  
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**PAST EVENTS:**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**



**VINTAGE HAIRSTYING**



*Nan Stewart styles Kathy Forbes' hair with antique hair clips and lots of gel!*



*Lana Peters' natural waves have a perfect vintage look.*



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2009 Membership Form





MARC National Meet Oshkosh, Wisconsin

June 11 – 15, 2012

Most of the activities will be on the EAA Grounds where 80,000 people come daily to the annual aircraft convention from all over the world each summer. Pioneer Airport is a 1930's replica of era airports with grass runway, hangers, equipment and antique aircraft.

Small town environment, rural views, no expressways. Plus, Main Street, where portions of "public enemies" was filmed.

For more information, call 920-688-2294 or

jermar@northnet.net

## THE 365<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF A - CONTINUED

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Motoring through the big cities proved to be less of a challenge than I originally anticipated, as I stuck with major secondary roads that paralleled major highways. I did have to remember to practice the "10-second rule" from drivers ed class in order to leave plenty of room between the Model A and the car in front. The few times a car ahead made a sudden move I had plenty of time to react despite the original mechanical brakes. I should probably remember this lesson regardless of the car I'm driving.

Throughout the year I only needed a tow truck twice. Both times were due to electrical issues, and I admit that I should have replaced the 81-year-old wiring harness for my yearlong adventure. The major issue I experienced was a crack in the engine block that caused coolant to leak into an exhaust port. While this crack was repairable, I swapped out a short block to get my primary source of transportation back on the road quickly.

The biggest highlight has been meeting people along the way who might otherwise have remained strangers. Seeing this car on the road in all types of weather gave them the chance to share their memories of how they (or their parents) had a similar Ford. I was also thrilled every time a young person would turn his or her head and say, "That's a cool old car!"

The experience taught me that it's OK to enjoy life in the slow lane. At least twice a day, I was forced away from computers, emails and telephones when I climbed into "The Mighty Model A" for my two-hands-on-the-wheel driving experience without radios, GPS, Bluetooth connectivity or any other electronic distraction. Within my mobile sanctuary, I could unwind and let my thoughts run uninterrupted. It was a wonderful part of the experience that I'll really miss.

Many people claim that the longer a trip takes, the worse it is. My back-road routes took me away from boring vanilla interstates and through some of the most interesting scenery and towns in the Midwest and East. By leaving the super-highways, I realized that each trip was as much about the journey as it was the final destination.

I hope my yearlong undertaking has proven that old cars deserve to be driven and enjoyed. I'm not out to advocate that people trade in their modern vehicles. However, occasionally stepping away from the demands of daily life is good for anyone, and one of the best ways to do that is in an old car.



**2012 MARC Membership Meet**

**April 12-15**

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<http://modelarestorers.org/newsmanager/anmviewer.asp?a=99&z=3>



July 24, 2011

Hello Fellow Model A'ers

Just ran across a great website for you to look at. The information on it will help you get a good idea about the Upper Peninsula and the endless things to do and see. Scan through the many subheadings and start planning some things to do before, during, or after the 2012 Convention. <http://hunts-upguide.com/>

For More 2012 Convention information you can contact:

The Superior A's, 337 W. Washington Street, Marquette, MI. 49855 1-800-544-4321

Steven Pellinen, 272 Hill Street, Ishpeming MI. 906-485-1552;

or by going to <http://superiorclub.com/>.

You can also reply to this email with any questions, concerns, or helpful comments. June 2012 is fast approaching and we are anxiously waiting to see all of you.

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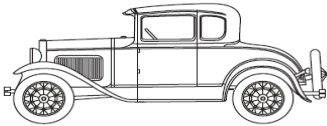
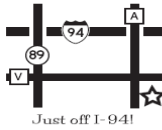
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