



# ROCK-FORD A's MANIFOLD NEWS

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

## Calendar of Events

Wednesday

July 4, 2012 - 1:30 line up  
2:00 parade

Mt. Morris Let Freedom Ring Parade

*Mt. Morris, Illinois*

*(back of Village Hall & across the road from Rahn Jr. H.S. ;  
near intersection of Brayton Road and McKendrie Ave.)*

Sunday

July 15, 2012 - 12:30 line up  
2:00 parade

ByronFest Parade

*(parade starts from the staging area behind the schools at  
Maple and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets)*

*Bring a dessert, appetizer or snack to share afterwards at  
Wendell and Sharon Anderson's in Byron, Illinois*

Tuesday

July 24, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Tech-Talk: Tin Stolberg discusses basic electronics training using a multi-meter to diagnose electrical issues; bring your meter!

Lady A's Chat: Show & share your Era purses!

Saturday

August 4, 2012 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Model A Day at the Conservatory

*Nicholas Gardens, Rockford*

*They are encouraging us to dress vintage! Each car displayed gets 2 free tickets to the Conservatory – a \$12.00 value!*

Sunday

August 5, 2012 – 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.

22nd Annual

Vintage Transport Extravaganza at the  
Illinois Railway Museum

*Union, Illinois*

*Send in the registration form & \$5.00 to ride the  
trains & buses all day! Bring a picnic lunch!*

Sunday

August 12, 2012 – Noon

Annual Club Picnic

*Warren Paulson's Farm – Argyle, Illinois*

Saturday

August 18, 2012

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day

*Amana, Iowa*

Sunday

September 9, 2012

Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade

*Roscoe, Illinois*

Saturday

September 22, 2012



International Model A Day with the  
Great Lakes A's

*Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, WI*

*1:00 lunch at Sprecher's Restaurant, Lake  
Geneva, WI*

Sunday

September 23, 2012

Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade

*Stillman Valley, Illinois*

Saturday & Sunday

October 6 - 7, 2012

Fall Tour

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin area*

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

## June 26, 2012 Meeting Minutes – submitted by Chris Aupperle

1. Welcome – 38 in attendance today! New members:
2. Thanks to Darlene Ortberg for tonight's yummy treats! And who do we thank for making coffee?
3. Model A Day – less cars, possibly due to nationals at OshKosh following weekend; caps were sold out; good profits; nice day; great help.
4. Thanks to Jim Morley, Bob Bellard and Jerry Domeracki for their car display and visit to Lincolnshire Plaza.
5. MARC National Meet – Chris Aupperle received Award of Excellence in a reproduced era fashion.
6. MAFCA National Meet – see article this page.
7. Breakfast Club continues – thank you John Hausen!
8. Scheduled events (see front page): Mt. Morris and ByronFest parades; Model A Day at Nicholas Conservatory; Vintage Transport event at IRRM; annual Club picnic August 12; Model A Day in Amana, Iowa; Tour with Great Lakes A's on Int'l Model A Day in Sept.; Roscoe and Stillman Valley parades not yet confirmed; many signed up for Fall Tour.
9. Tonight's Tech-Talks courtesy of Terry Clark, Bob Bellard, Dave Clark, Jim Morley, Ron Ortberg – thank you!
10. Tonight's Lady A's Chat courtesy of Linda Clark with Chris Aupperle
10. Treasurer's Report as of 5/22/12, submitted by Jim Morley, Treasurer

Checkbook balance as of 6/24/12    \$ 3152.13

Cash on hand                    185.00

Total balance                \$ 3337.13

Expenses = Chris Aupperle

Fix-It Day lunch,  
stamps, copies,  
printer cartridge            131.28

Polo parade refund            75.00

Total Expenses                \$ 206.28

Checkbook balance on 6/24/12    \$4872.85

Cash on hand – dues            15.00

Total balance on 6/24/12        \$4887.85

Income =	Sale of caps	\$1028.00
	Dues	315.00
	Coffee Donations	7.00
	Polo Parade	150.00
	Proceeds from 50/50	115.00
	Proceeds from alternator raffle	142.00
	Total Income	\$1757.00

### Glimpse from the Gavel

Bill Aupperle, Director



*Thank you to all who made Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin another great success! We had close to 200 cars participate that day and sold out all our caps!*

*Let us know if you can take passengers in your car during parades and other events. Non-driving members will appreciate your ride!*

*Drive carefully . . .*

### Editor's Extras

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Got a story about your car? A crazy road adventure? A "do-it-yourself" repair? Everybody has one, so share yours with our readers. After all, this newsletter is about you – make it even better with your story!

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

## MARC NATIONAL MEET IN MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN



*Three couples from the Rock-Ford A's became "Yoopers" for a week while visiting Henry Ford's northern-most operations. Wendell & Sharon Anderson, along with Tony & Alice Whitney and Bill & Chris Aupperle travelled 450 miles to Marquette, Michigan - location of this year's MAFCA National Meet. Among historic sites was the Cornish Mine Pump, Henry Ford's Alberta Village/sawmill and his bungalow in Pequaming, Michigan. Being "up north" was a great opportunity to visit Mackinac Island, enjoy Marquette's beautiful harbor area and relax in Presque Isle Park on Lake Superior. We continued our Club's grand tradition of enjoying local food specialties by sampling pasties, whitefish and plenty of ice cream!*

*MARC's National Meet will be in Lexington, Kentucky next year! It's driveable – come join us!*

## Tech-Tip: Welcome to the Model A Summer Touring and Parade Season

*Contributed by Dave Clark*



There seems to be a growing consensus of opinions in the nationwide Model A community that Vapor Lock is becoming a lot more common in the higher temps when you are running your engines on the common Gasohol fuels. These newer fuels will easily vaporize at the temps that are in the under the hood engine compartment area. The ethanol fuels can vaporize / boil out in the carburetor bowl causing a rough idle or running engine. Sometimes your Model A will be harder to start after a long parade or fast run. A vapor lock bubble can also form in the top of the sediment bowl creating a lock preventing fuel flowing down to the carburetor. Sometimes an extra fuel filter in the gravity fed fuel system can actually aggravate this condition creating just another surface area to capture a vapor bubble.

So, before you start re-adjusting the carburetor or re-timing the distributor because of rough running engine, please check out the fuel and the engine operating temps first. Make sure you do not have any exhaust leaks close to the carburetor; that will only make matters worse. If you can not find Alcohol / Ethanol free gasoline around locally, then you may wish to add a shot of Marvel Mystery Oil to your fuel tank at fill ups. Some people have added diesel fuel as well. Some other people are using the Seafoam product as a gasoline additive to assist with vapor lock. If all of the grades of gasoline have alcohol in it, then going up with the octane rating will not cure the situation and typically you are best off running with just regular octane. Remember that these new Ethanol fuels also attract moisture right out of the air in the non pressurized / non-sealed fuel tanks of the Model A's. So run your vehicle often enough so it always is getting fresh gasoline and don't forget to check the sediment bowl often for a layer of H2O. When in doubt toss the old gas out in the bowl.

Clothes pins snapped on the fuel line probably do not help too much as a heat sink. Maybe if they are holding a wet rag on it they could help. You maybe better off just insulating the fuel line with a white plastic over-sized tube slipped on over the fuel line to reflect away some of the heat. As a yearly preventive maintenance, back flush your radiator to make sure it is clean and has no plugged tubes so it is running as cool as possible.

If you have additional information, comments, or ideas on this subject, please reply to share with the club members.

Hope this information is helpful to you for trouble-free driving this season in your Model A!

## Cooking Fashion Fun



Duke University has uploaded company advertising cookbooks from the 1920s. Since they are no longer protected by copyright, you can download the actual recipes and pictures.

It's an interesting look at life during the Model A era. These publications can also be reliably used as references for validating era fashions and reproducing hairstyles.

For more information, go online to:

<http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/eaa/browse/cookbooks/>





## Welcome New Members to the Club!

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## **PAST EVENTS: MODEL A DAY IN SHARON, WISCONSIN**



*It's all about those great cars!*



*Mike Peters rounds up the "gangsters"*



*Russ Kothe "hawks" caps & Bob Lawhorn signs 'em up*



*Bill Aupperle takes advantage of a great little service!*



### **MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB**

6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135

Membership Dues: Regular Mail: U.S. \$38;

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Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle one: Check | Visa | MasterCard | Discover Card

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### **Free Membership Program**

As you may know, MAFCA is offering a year's free membership to Model A enthusiasts who are not MAFCA members. This program has been met with excitement throughout the world and so far has been very successful in introducing MAFCA to new members. But, there is some small confusion. This is being offered to people who have not been MAFCA members before. It is designed to encourage people interested in the Model A hobby to join our family. It is not meant to be used for renewals. The Board of Directors encourages the chapters to continue to provide these free applications to prospective members.

### **Invitation To Join Model A Ford Club of America**

#### **New Membership**

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Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Posters? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **For Credit Card Orders ~**

Visa / MasterCard (circle one)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Membership Only \_\_\_\_ Membership + Initiation Package

#### **Optional Initiation Package**

**For New Members Only**

1 - Back issue of *The Restorer*

1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin

1 - MAFCA Decal

1 - Name Badge

Only \$10 extra



Return this form and payment to:

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Source: MAFCA Web Site  
2009 Membership Form



### Lexington, Ky., to host more than 800 Model 'A' Fords June 24-28, 2013

Lexington, Ky., will be the site of the 2013 National Meet of the Model 'A' Restorers Club, an international group that supports the preservation and enjoyment of the Model 'A' Ford, which was manufactured from 1928-31. The Central Kentucky chapter of the Model 'A' Restorers Club will host the event June 24-28. The year 2013 will be the 85th anniversary of the first Model 'A' Ford and the 100th anniversary of the Ford - Louisville Assembly Plant.

#### Events will include:

- Daily Model 'A' driving tours visiting such sites as Keeneland, Shakertown, the Kentucky Horse Park, distilleries, horse farms, museums, shops, wineries, restaurants, and more;
- Seminars on vehicle restoration and maintenance;
- Fine point judging of some of the most original Model 'A' Fords in the nation;
- A fashion show of 1920s-'30s clothing;
- A swap meet of antique auto parts and period clothing and jewelry.

The Central Kentucky Model 'A' Restorers Club consists of more than 80 member-families from central and eastern Kentucky and beyond. The group holds monthly Model 'A' tours and other events.

HOST HOTEL: Hyatt Regency Lexington - 401 West High Street - Lexington, KY

Call (800) 233-1234 after June 23, 2012

Be sure to give this code **MDLA** to get the Meet Rate

### MORE PAST EVENTS: DISPLAY AT LINCOLNSHIRE PLAZA



*Previous Rock-Ford A's Club member & current Lincolnshire Plaza resident Herb Bowie enjoys seeing Model A's on display brought by Jim Morley, Bob Bellard and Jerry Domeracki. A nice way to celebrate the Father's Day weekend!*

**29TH ANNUAL**

## Hill and Valley Antique Auto and Americana Show

**Saturday, September 15, 2012**  
**Baer Park in Cross Plains, Wisconsin**

**One hour tour through our hills and valleys**  
 Antique and classic cars and trucks  
 Antique tractors and gas engines  
 Horse-drawn vehicles

Pancake breakfast 6:45 - 10:15 am  
 Free sweet corn at the Steam Engine  
 Food concessions 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

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 For local lodging see: <http://www.visitmadison.com/lodging.php>



### 2013 MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY MAY 6-10

Welcome to the official website of the 2013 MAFCA National Tour down the Blue Ridge Parkway. Covering approximately 470 miles from the north entrance, Rockfish Gap, VA, to the southern tip of the parkway near Cherokee, NC. The Blue Ridge Parkway is accepted as one of the most beautiful drives in America and is perfect for a Model A. Commercial traffic is prohibited and the speed limit the entire parkway is a comfortable 45MPH or less. Over the course of the tour we will stop at many scenic and historic points of interest which will surely take your breath away. Each night you can relax at a top of the line hotel and enjoy catered meals and other forms of entertainment while you rest up and reflect on the days activities. Come be a part of what will surely be one of the most memorable trips that you and your A have ever taken.

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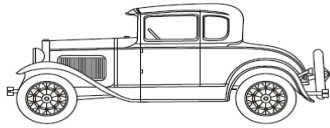
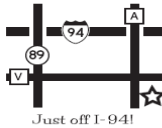
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