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Calendar of Events

Table with 2 columns: Date/Time and Event Name/Location. Includes events like 16th Annual Model A Day, Polo Town & Country Days Parade, Monthly Meeting, Mt. Morris Let Freedom Ring Parade, ByronFest Parade, 22nd Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza, Annual Club Picnic, 4th Annual Model A Day, International Model A Day, and Fall Tour.

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

**May 22, 2012 Meeting Minutes** – submitted by Chris Aupperle

1. Welcome – 30 in attendance today! New members Gene Blair and Clint Asbury! Welcome guest Roger Nemetz!
2. Thanks to Alice Whitney for tonight’s excellent homemade treats and for coffee made by Kathy Forbes!
3. Thank you to Russ Kothe for a great Spring Tour – 26 at Millie’s Pancake House and 27 at the Fireside Theatre.
4. Great Saturday tour to the Decatur Cheese factory in Brodhead, Wisconsin.
5. EAA Fly-In and Breakfast – 6 – 8 cars in attendance – great day.
6. Many thanks to Steve Klentz for another successful Fix-It day. (We should all be in good shape now. If not, see Steve!)
7. ByronFest parade is confirmed; Model A Day help signup; 2 national meets soon; annual picnic to be scheduled; possible event at Nicholas Cons.
8. Thank you to Ed Trapp of Superior Electric for donating another alternator for the Model A Day raffle!
9. Call Russ Kothe if you are interested in the Fall tour.
10. Treasurer’s Report as of 5/22/12, submitted by Jim Morley, Treasurer

Checkbook balance as of 4/22/12	\$ 4109.71		
Cash on hand	<u>91.00</u>		
Total balance	\$ 4200.71		
Income =		Expenses =	
Dues	45.00	Caps	\$ 675.00
Advertising	30.00	Newsletter, printing, stamps	22.38
Sale of hats	134.00	Dues refund (K. Forbes pd. 2x)	15.00
Coffee donations	<u>5.00</u>	Model A Day dash plaques	289.20
Total Income	\$ 214.00	P.O. box rental	<u>76.00</u>
Checkbook balance as of 5/22/12	\$ 3152.13	Total Expenses	\$1077.58
Cash on hand	<u>185.00</u>		
Total balance	\$ 4200.71		

***Glimpse from the Gavel***

*Bill Aupperle, Director*



*Many thanks to Steve Klentz for hosting last month's "Fix-It Day" at his business, Tri-City Auto Service, Inc. Don't forget to patronize our sponsors!*

*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!*

*Drive carefully . . .*

**Editor’s Extras**

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Do you have an amusing story about your car? An unforgettable repair? An “interesting” breakdown? Let me know! This newsletter is all about you – make it great with your stories!

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

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day in Historic Sharon, Wisconsin**  
**Sunday, June 3, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Every year on the first Sunday in June, the spirit of the 1920’s and 1930’s is brought to life in the small town of Sharon as Model A’s line the main street, and people dressed as gangsters and flappers from the period promenade in front of the well preserved facades of local businesses, displaying architecture of a different time. With these historic buildings, The Model A’s and people in period attire look quite at home.

Model A Day is one of several events put forth by the Sharon Main Street Association to boost awareness the history that surrounds us and to get in touch with our past. The illusion of stepping back in time is aided by costumed residents of the town, time-period entertainments, and of course, those delicious foods we have been eating for as long as we can remember.

Come enjoy the day with the family, in historic downtown Sharon Wisconsin. There will be a special presentation from the Wisconsin Historical Society on the assembly of Model A’s, a delicious pig roast with all the trimmings, special parking for Model A’s, crafters and vendors, Model A swap meet, a fashion show, and special this is Tangleweed, a great band from Chicago famous for wonderful music from the 1920’s era.

Be you a new face or old friend, we look forward to seeing you on June 3rd between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm in the fresh summer air of downtown Sharon, Wisconsin!

[www.sharonmainstreet.org/Sharon\\_Main/Model\\_A\\_Day.html](http://www.sharonmainstreet.org/Sharon_Main/Model_A_Day.html)



## Tech-Tip

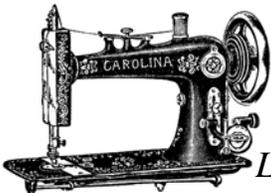
### Engine Overheating - Cleaning the Radiator

Trouble shooting a Model A Engine that is prone to over heating can often be traced to one or more of handful of reasons: If the radiator doesn't circulate enough water through the system, the engine will eventually run too hot. Here are a few of the most common reasons Model A engines overheat.

- Ignition timing too advanced or retarded can heat up an engine.
- Incorrect spark plug 'heat range' can add excessive heat to engine.
- Too lean of carburetor fuel mixture.
- Radiator tubes become plugged up with calcium, iron and mineral deposits from the water.
- Radiator fins fractured from tubes will reduce the efficiency of the fan pulling air through the radiator to dissipate heat.
- Too much paint on the radiator fins will decrease the efficiency of heat dissipation.
- Pumping too much grease into an old style water pump. The excess will pass through the bearing and into the cooling system.

#### A few suggestions to resolve the overheating:

- Timing must be correct and be sure the spark plugs are correct.
- Fuel mixture must be checked and corrected.
- Back flushing can help to clear the sediment, iron and mineral deposits. Rig up a garden hose to the lower radiator outlet. Run water back up the radiator top.
- Circulating detergent for a few days will help breakdown the grease. (Simple Green – TSP – Dirtex – CLR)
- Flushing with caustic soda (lye) through the system will get rid of almost anything; (it's what the radiator shops use). Handle this nasty stuff with extreme caution.



## Fashion Fun – Vintage Notions

*Last month, Club member Linda Clark shared some of her vintage sewing notions, information and interesting facts relating to sewing during the Model A era of 1928-1931. See if you know what the following terms mean. They are taken from a 1927 book on dressmaking.*

*Warp*

*Woof or Weft*

*Napery or Damask*

*Serge bloomers*

*Step-in*

*Bar eyes*

*Fagoting*

*Puffings*

*Fell French*

*Snail shirrings*

*Voiles & Mulls*

*Lap or imitation strap*

*Milliner's fold*

*Double stitched slot*

*Sponging & shrinking*

*Vacuum cup "pouncer"*

*Soutache*

*Link*

*Crow's foot*

*Blind*

*Loop*

*Ruches*

*Deltor*

*Wire board*

*Soap bark*







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, hangars, 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

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## Henry Ford's kindness to teen in 1943 still resonates

By Doug Moe, Columnist  
Wisconsin State Journal

[www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20120424/GPG0706/204240475/Doug-Moe-column-Henry-Ford-s-kindness-teen-1943-still-resonates](http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20120424/GPG0706/204240475/Doug-Moe-column-Henry-Ford-s-kindness-teen-1943-still-resonates)

Not long after moving to Madison with her husband in 1979, Mary Ann Bartelt took a feature writing class at Madison Area Technical College. When the time came to prepare a feature story, she was hesitant. Mary Ann told her husband, Jim Bartelt, she was having trouble coming up with a worthy subject. Jim, a journalist, was not entirely sympathetic. "For God's sake," he said, "you've been sitting on a great feature story for almost 40 years!" In the end, Mary Ann wrote that story, and it was good enough and eventually was published in the Milwaukee Journal.

And it still is good enough for the Model A Ford Club of America to invite Bartelt to tell it at their national convention in June in Marquette, Mich. At first, Bartelt wasn't certain she wanted to speak. After all, it's been almost 70 years since her extraordinary encounter with Henry Ford, the celebrated founder of Ford Motor Co. But she warmed to the idea. "She'd just picked out something to wear," Mary Ann's daughter Ann Yeager said this week. The speech, alas, will not happen because on April 8, Mary Ann Bartelt died, at home in Madison. She was 85. Her story, it seems to me, remains well worth sharing.

This is how she began it, as published May 1, 1982, in the Milwaukee Journal: "I was an unsophisticated, self-conscious, cross-eyed 17-year-old waitress and I was nervous." She was born Mary Ann Chamberlain in Chicago. Her family lived in Homewood, a south suburb. With the onset of the Depression, they moved to Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Mary Ann grew up in Marquette. She attended Michigan State University and met Jim Bartelt when both were working at radio station WJPG in Green Bay. They married in Marquette in 1952 and came to Madison in 1979, when Jim began covering state government for the Green Bay Press-Gazette. The story Mary Ann wrote for the Milwaukee Journal concerned the summer of 1943, when she was working as a waitress at the exclusive Huron Mountain Club, a hunting and fishing retreat near Big Bay in the Upper Peninsula.

As Mary Ann wrote, she was 17, with crossed eyes — the medical term is strabismus — that made her self-conscious. "Even as a very young girl," Jim said, "she had been to a doctor every Saturday for eye exercises." Surgery, for her family, was not an option. One night that summer, one of the club's most famous members, Henry Ford, arrived for dinner with his wife. It was a rare appearance for the Fords, and Mary Ann was their waitress. "My hands shook a little as I served," she wrote later. The waitresses lived for the summer in a dormitory on the grounds of the club. The day after she served Ford, the dorm housemother said someone was there to see her. It was Ford's chauffeur. Mary Ann's immediate reaction was to fear for her job. "She thought she was in trouble with Henry Ford," her daughter, Ann, said. Not at all. The chauffeur explained Mr. Ford noticed her eyes and wanted to sponsor corrective surgery at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, which opened in 1915, financed by Ford. Mary Ann wrote the chauffeur next called on her parents in Marquette. "They were as astonished as I was by the proposal. After checking the surgeon's credentials, they gave their consent," she said.

On a day in early October, a different chauffeur picked Mary Ann up in Marquette and drove her to the hospital in Detroit. She spent most of the week after the surgery immobile in a hospital bed with her eyes bandaged. Mary Ann noted she began to recognize regular visitors by their footsteps. One day, midweek, the steps were unfamiliar. It was Henry Ford. "I'm going upstairs to see a new grandchild and thought I'd stop to see you," Ford said. Mary Ann had trouble properly thanking Ford that day. She was a little overwhelmed. But she thanked him, decades later, with her story in the Milwaukee Journal. When it was published, a Ford scholar at the University of Michigan sent Mary Ann a letter. "Of all the stories I've heard about Ford's kindnesses to others — and I have run across quite a few — none is more heartwarming than yours," it said. "After reading it, I had a lump in my throat so big I could hardly keep my collar buttoned."

## 2013 MARC Membership Meet

April 11-14, 2013

Hosted by

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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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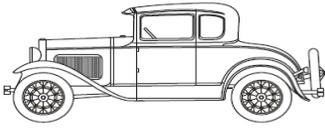
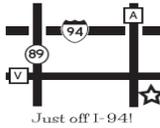
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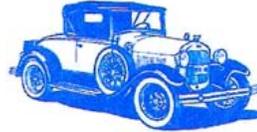
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