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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

## Calendar of Events

Saturday

May 5, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Fix-It Day

*Tri-City Auto Services – Courtesy of  
Steve Klentz*

*525 River Park Drive  
Loves Park, IL*

*(Hot dogs, chips, drinks provided)*

Saturday

May 12, 2012 (note date change)

Spring Day Tour – contact Russ Kothe

*Millie's Pancake House – Delavan, Wisc. and  
Fireside Dinner Theatre - Ft. Atkinson, Wisc.*

Saturday

May 19, 2012 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

7th Annual EAA Spring Fling

*Pancake Breakfast, Auto Show, & Fly-In  
Beloit, Wisconsin Airport  
(Drivers free; others \$6.00)*

Tuesday (note corrected date)

May 22, 2012 7:00 p.m. -

Monthly Meeting

*Tech-Talk –  
Lady A's – Vintage Notions - bring to share!*

Sunday

June 4, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

*Historic Sharon, Wisconsin*

Sunday

June 17, 2012 11:00 line up  
12:30 parade

Polo Town & Country Days Parade

*Polo, Illinois  
Check-in at Polo H.S. parking lot on Union Ave.*

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

*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)*



This cap and a lighter color version without dark trim on the bill will be for sale for \$12 on June 4 at Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin. Our Club members can buy one for \$10 at our next meeting or before June 4. Tell your friends!

2012 Club dues payable now!

Make your \$15.00 check payable to:

Rock-Ford A's

Mail to:

Jim Morley, Treasurer  
4538 Dellview Drive  
Rockford, IL 61109

1. Welcome – 30 in attendance today!
2. Thanks to Kathy Forbes for tonight's excellent homemade goodies!
3. Motion seconded and passes to see both styles of hats for Model A Day to Club members for \$10; \$12 to all at Sharon. Selling patches will be held over to next year's event. Thank you, Dwain Plymale for coordinating this fundraising project!
4. Great Saturday tour to the Decatur Cheese factory in Brodhead, Wisconsin.
5. No more Wed. night Lino's Restaurant dinners until this Fall
6. Go with Great Lake A's for a trip to Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisc. on International Model A Day this Sept. 22 with lunch afterwards
7. Call Russ Kothe now if you still want to go on the Spring tour.
8. Little Hershey Swap Meet May 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Boone Co. Fairgrounds; Bill & Maxine Paxton auction on June 2.
9. Treasurer's Report as of 12/17/11, submitted by Jim Morley, Treasurer

Checkbook balance as of 4/22/12	\$ 3031.64
Cash on hand	<u>199.00</u>
Total balance	\$ 4130.64
Income =	
Dues	105.00
Advertising	60.00
Sale of hats	20.00
Coffee donations	<u>2.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 187.00
Expenses =	
Soup lunch/newsletter	\$ 106.93
Sec. of State	<u>10.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 116.93
Checkbook balance as of 4/22/12	\$ 4109.71
Cash on hand	<u>91.00</u>
Total balance	\$ 4200.71

### *Glimpse from the Gavel*

*Bill Aupperle, Director*



*Don't forget Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin is coming up very soon – think about what you can do!*

*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 safely . . .*

### **Editor's Extras**

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Imagine my surprise and delight at receiving MARC's award for our newsletter! Your interesting stories are what make the newsletter so enjoyable for all to read. Send your photos and experiences - let's hear about YOU!

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

## **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Model A Day in Historic Sharon, Wisconsin** **Sunday, June 4, 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-Talk

Review of information gleaned from Tuesday meeting discussion about Model A vs Model B distributor cams:

Bob Bellard opened our evening discussion asking if anyone has experience with performance differences between “A” and “B” distributor cams.

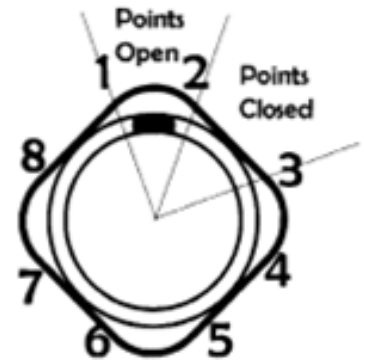
Reference was made to a detailed article that appears in *The Restorer*, Nov/Dec 2011, by Steve Pargeter [The Great Model “B” Distributor Cam Question](#).

The Model “A” cam has 4 distinct lobes that control the points open and close, as in the picture shown. The lobe profile create a distinct open and close of points; Ford part number A-12210.

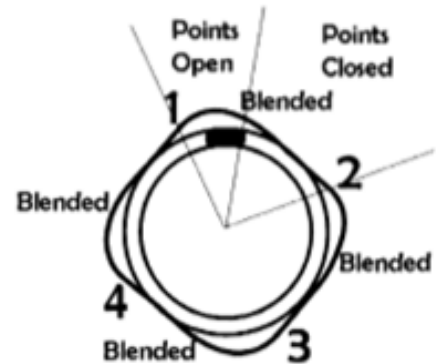
Where as the “B” cam lobe profile was changed to a gradual open with a distinct close; Ford part number B-12210. This change in profile allows allows the points to close earlier than the “A”. This change results in additional time for the coil to saturate, therefore a hotter spark. (About 10° dwell time)

Stipe Machine of Plymouth, WI manufactures a re-designed distributor cam that emulates the 10 degree increase in dwell and is advertised to increase performance. A couple of members have installed this cam design and say their engines run better.

Good discussion. Thanks for your contribution.



Model A Cam



Model B Cam

## Fashion Fun – Dating a Vintage Brooch



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxSONDKa3Ik](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxSONDKa3Ik)

**C Clasp** A C clasp is a piece of metal, plastic or other material in the shape of the letter C. The C catches the supporting pin in order to secure the piece of jewelry in place. These types of clasps most often are found on antique brooches. Because C clasps are found most commonly on pieces of jewelry made before 1900, the presence of a C clasp is often a good indicator that the piece of jewelry is more than 100 years old and therefore a true antique. C clasps, while not common, still are used today but are made primarily out of plastic as opposed to metal.

**Safety Clasp** The safety clasp effectively replaced the C clasp in 1910. Also known as a rollover clasp or locking C clasp, it has a small piece of metal that rolls over the pin in order to lock the pin in place. It is sturdier and less prone to coming undone than the older C clasp. You can find safety clasps on many pieces of vintage jewelry, and they also are used today in the creation of modern jewelry.

**Trombone Clasp** A trombone clasp has a piece of metal on one side that slides in and out, mimicking the action of a trombone. This sliding piece secures the pin in place. Trombone clasps are much more common in Europe than in the United States. They are often a good indicator of an antique piece of jewelry, as they have been used in jewelry-making since the 1850s.

[http://www.ehow.com/list\\_6695821\\_types-vintage-jewelry-clasps.html](http://www.ehow.com/list_6695821_types-vintage-jewelry-clasps.html)

**Member Concerns**

*Sympathy to founding member Wally Round, on the death of his wife Dorothy, in February.*

**Welcome New Member to the Club**

Dennis Eksten  
5006 N. Second St.  
Loves Park, IL 61111  
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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**

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Source: MAFCA Web Site  
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

jeramar@northnet.net

## Members' Corner :

### Dennis Eksten's Love of a 1931 Model A

Early in 1950 I was looking to buy a car! One day, my Dad spotted a nice 1931 Model A Ford! We bought it for only \$75! In April 1950 my Dad took me on my 15th birthday to the Illinois Drivers License Examining Station in the old Army ARMORY building on North Main Street in Rockford. I then passed my IL DL! Great! I shall never forget that summer of 1950. I had a part time job earning 50 cents per hour. I would stop in at the Clark gas station on Jefferson Street just off of East State Street to buy gasoline which cost just 19 cents per gallon! Then I and a few friends would visit the Park-More root beer stand on 9th Street where Swedish American Hospital now occupies, or the root beer drive-in on the corner of Alpine and East State, now long gone too. That summer of 1950 I think we visited all the area festivals too. What fun!

One day my electric starter failed on my then 19-year-old car. No Problem! I used the hand crank to start my Ford. My Dad warned me that if the car backfired, it could break my arm but that fortunately never happened. I soon obtained another electric starter!

Another day I was driving down 9th Street by the old Rockford Standard Furniture Store (gone too!). I came up over the elevated railroad tracks, but had to stop suddenly on the other side of the little hill when a car darted out from the side street. Bang! I was rear-ended by a motorist who suddenly was not able to stop when he came up over the little hill. The rear bumper on my car was damaged. No problem! My dad had a good friend who welded it for me. With a little paint, it then looked like new! Not like the bumperless autos these days in which a rear end collision can do a thousand dollars of damage! Sadly, about a year later I sold my Model A for only \$77! (No I don't remember who bought it; that was more than 60 years ago!)

However, I have one "souvenir" of my '31 Ford. One day in that summer of 1950 I had discovered a shovel wedged in between the back of the rear seat and the frame. The previous owner probably kept it there if he had to dig himself out of a snow drift...or a mud puddle! Now every winter, like this past mild winter, I carry that ancient shovel in my car in case I need it! For all these years my love for my 1931 Ford Model A has continued. Whenever I see Model A's in parades or about town, I snap a JPG photo of them. ...And now I am a proud new member of Rock-Ford A's!

PS: My '31 Ford Model A photo was taken in the summer of 1950 by my lifelong friend, Jim Abbott, in the alley behind his boyhood home at 620 N 2nd Street in Rockford. In the photo I am standing proudly with one foot on the running board and one hand on the steering wheel. Standing behind me in the photo is a younger friend, Bill Naretta.



## 2012 MARC Membership Meet

April 12-15

Perrysburg, Ohio

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Call the Hilton at 419-878-0700

Mention Model A Restorers Club for the Meet rate of \$109.00

<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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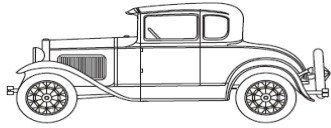
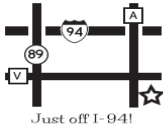
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