



# 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

Sunday

September 9, 2012 – 10:30 line up;  
11:00 parade  
begins

Roscoe Lions Fall Festival Parade

*Roscoe, Illinois – line up at Main & Grove Sts.*

Sunday

September 9, 2012 – 11:00 to 4:00

Beckman Mill Heritage Sunday

*Beloit, Wisconsin*



Saturday

September 15, 2012 – 7:00 a.m. meet  
at Jessica's Restaurant in Roscoe, IL

Hill & Valley Antique Auto & Americana Show

*Cross Plains, Wisconsin*

\$10 registration; contact Chris Aupperle for a registration form

Friday

September 21, 2012 – 2:00 to 4:00

Vintage Car Show

Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center

*3470 N. Alpine Road, Rockford, IL*

Saturday

September 22, 2012

Call Bill Aupperle if you  
will attend – we need a  
count for the restaurant!



International Model A Day with the  
Great Lakes A's

*10:45 meet at Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, WI*

*11:00 Tour the Observatory*

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

Sunday

September 23, 2012 12:00 line up;  
1:00 parade  
begins

Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade

*Stillman Valley, Illinois*

*Dessert afterwards at Dave & Sara Werckle's home*

Tuesday

September 25, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting – vote on Banquet  
menu choices

*TechTalk:*

*Lady A's – getting an outfit started; bring your  
modern, but Era style clothes and accessories*

Tuesday

September 25, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Saturday & Sunday

October 6 - 7, 2012

Fall Tour – contact Russ Kothe

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin area*

Sunday

November 11, 2012

Cocktails 5:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Annual Club Banquet

*Thunder Bay Grill Restaurant*

*762 Potawatomi Trail*

*Rockford, IL 61108*



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

**August 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes** – submitted by Chris Aupperle

1. Welcome – 36 in attendance today!
2. Thanks to all who contributed to the picnic and to Dwain Plymale, Tony Whitney, Jim Morley, Dave Clark & Russ Kothe for cooking those brats and burgers!
3. Breakfast Club continues – thank you John Hausen!
4. Scheduled events (see front page): Beckman Mill Heritage Day; Tour with Great Lakes A's on Int'l Model A Day in Sept.; Roscoe and Stillman Valley parades; Hill & Valley Show; Hill & Valley Car Show in Cross Plains; Display at Fairhaven; Fall Tour details yet to come
5. Treasurer's Report as of 8/28/12, submitted by Jim Morley, Treasurer:

Checkbook balance as of 8/11/12	\$ 4928.88
Cash on hand	<u>    35.00</u>
Total balance	\$ 4964.88

Expenses =	Wedding car driver	\$ 50.00
	Picnic & newsletter	236.85
	Paulson Ag Museum	125.00
	Tools for Club	250.92
	Picnic-charcoal/lighter	<u>    22.00</u>
	Total Expenses	\$ 659.77

Income =	Car for wedding	\$ 50.00
	Dues	15.00
	50/50 cash/picnic	<u>    54.00</u>
	Total Income	\$119.00

Checkbook balance on 8/28/12	\$4356.11
Cash on hand	<u>    68.00</u>
Total balance on 7/24/12	\$4424.11

***Glimpse from the Gavel***

*Bill Aupperle, Director*



I hope everyone is looking forward to all the activities planned for the remainder of the year. It doesn't seem possible that the summer is winding down so fast. Each week offers so many events that it's hard to decide which ones to attend. Our 'Fall Tour' will be great. But, don't overlook the other activities. Let us know where you've been and send us your story and pictures for publication.

Please keep sending your 'places to go' ideas, Tech-Talk suggestions, and continue to bring 'Show & Tell' items for discussion.

*Drive carefully... Bill Aupperle*

**Editor's Extras**

Chris Aupperle, Editor



Thanks to Mike Peters and Bob Bellard for their informative (and entertaining!) contributions on all things Model A. Let's hear from the rest of you!

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

**Member's Corner: New Arrival**

*Contributed by Mike Peters*



When you are not looking for a car is when they turn up, right? I heard about this 28 business coupe last Sunday after lunch that was for sale in Woodstock, IL from a friend. Called the number and had it bought by 5:00 PM. It had been stored in a dry garage in Woodstock since 1955. The owner was killed in 1969, tragically, and his widow couldn't part with it until now. It's a very sad story. His name was Roy Westland. Roy had started a restoration in the 60's, but was killed before he could get very far. Title in his name and the engine number matches the Illinois title number. November 1928. Roy's widow is now in a wheel chair and decided that it was time to sell Roy's Model A. Her sons helped me load the car on our truck. They were not interested in restoring their dad's Model A.

It's got the dog bone brake system, multiple disc clutch, early starter switch. The belt rail was included, along with the rear window and some tattered original top fabric, which is how I was able to determine that it was a business coupe instead of a sport coupe. Black vinyl top material instead of brown leatherette. Original rear shocks and some sort of aftermarket fronts. Light bar with nice headlights and Sparton horn came separately. I'm still trying to figure out what is here and not here.

I feel extremely lucky to have been able to buy this one. Like I said, you just never know when or where a car will turn up from long storage.

## Tech-Tip

Our September meeting technical discussion will be a continuation of Tim Stolberg's series on 'Understanding Electrical Circuits' and how to use a multi-meter to troubleshoot Model A electrical problems. Also bring 'Show & Tell' items for discussion. Included here is a description of our tool inventory. These tools are available to all club members to use. Ask for help if you have questions about how to use any of these tools.

Brake Lining Rivet Tool **NEW**

Rear Hub Puller

Pinion Bearing Nut Wrench

Rear Spring Spreader

Camshaft Nut Wrench

Following Reamers [ with handles ]

- Front Brake Shaft (.559)
- Front Spindle (king pin-.814) **NEW**
- Steering sector (1.125)
- Pedal Shaft Bushing (.874)
- Rear Brake Camshaft (.688)
- Distributor Shaft (.500)

Valve Guide Removal Tool

Axle Seal Drive Tool

Front Spring Spreader

Ratchet Nut Wrench

Shifter Spring Tool

Break Centering Tool **NEW**

Fly Wheel Gauge **NEW**

Infra-red Temperature Measuring Tool **NEW**

Carburetor Extra Long Socket

Carburetor Jet Tap

Carburetor Float Gauge **NEW**

Engine Lift (Cherry Picker)

Wheel Balancer

Steering Wheel Puller

Door Hinge Pin Remover

Heavy Duty Gas Gauge Tool

Engine No. Stamping Set (Larry has)

Ignition Spark Tester

Ignition Voltage Tester

Front-end Toe-in Tool

1-112" Spud Wrench

Engine Stand Adapter

Bushing Remover

Piston Ring Groove Cleaner

Cowl Light Locating Punch

Mechanics Stethoscope

4 Jack stands

Light Switch Spider C-clip Insertion Tool **NEW**

## Fashion Fun - How to Get Started with an Era Look

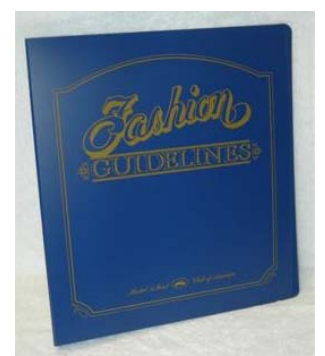
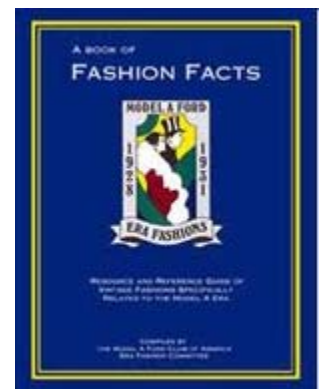
So you've either just become a member or decided you have "nothing to wear" or want to look the part, but don't know where to start? Both MARC and MAFCA organizations publish fashion guidelines and standards that let you know what "the look" is all about! These valuable references provide information about women's, men's and children's clothing, jewelry and accessories from the Model A Era of 1928-1931.

Finding original clothing from almost 85 years ago can be difficult but not impossible since the advent of the Internet. Antique stores and swap meets at regional and national conventions are a good bet, too. You can also ask your family if a relative might have saved something special from long ago.

Ladies who want to dress in Era style shop for modern clothing based on an Art Deco look. Wide brimmed or downturned hats, t-strap heeled shoes, and dresses with uneven or handkerchief hems and wide collars that drape the shoulders are all excellent choices.

Gloves (with 3 gores on top) were always worn back then and are a fine, simple accessory to have, easily visible from a distance when waving from your during a parade!

The Rock-Ford A's annual banquet is coming up and it's not too early to think about putting together a vintage-style outfit! Let's have some fun!



## Welcome New Members to the Club

Frank McReynolds 5393 Ebony Wood La. Roscoe, IL 61073

Ken Kresmery 13 N. State St., Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 742-0000  
Kenk@MC.net

### Member Concerns

Prayers and wishes to Bernie Rosander for a speedy recovery from his broken hip

### **PAST EVENTS:**

#### **PICNIC & NICHOLAS GARDENS**



*We love potlucks – the Annual Picnic is no exception*



*The picnic is a time to enjoy good food and great friends*



*Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens hosted their first Model A Day with a little help from the Rock-Ford A's*



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

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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



**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



**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.

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

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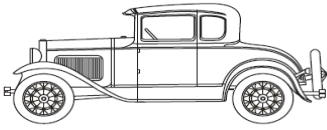
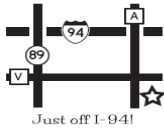
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