



## ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*

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### COVID-19 Newsletter – Trying to Stay in Touch!

Greeting, Friends! In light of these challenging times, we want to first send wishes of good health to all. We're missing our meetings, working together on our cars, our weekly breakfasts and our monthly dinners. Let's face it, it's a whole new world. No one in a million years – or even a month ago! - knew what we'd be in for. So, even though we are not having meetings and get-togethers, we still wanted to send out an email newsletter filled with positivity and news on what everyone is doing during "shelter-in-place!" Thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter! Please follow all guidelines and stay safe and healthy. We hope that this brings you a little bit of joy and happiness. Please keep in touch – elbow-bump! 😊

MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL

*Annual Dues*

#### **\$20 Annual Club Membership Dues**

**Please send yours in today to:**

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#### **Cancelled Events**

RockFord A's March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> monthly meetings

MARC National Meet in Plymouth, Indiana - April 2-5

MARC National Meet in Oshkosh, Wisconsin - June 1-5

Little Hershey 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet and Cruise-In - May 15

Sharon Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin - Sunday, June 7

Indy 500 in Indianapolis, Indiana - cancelled for May 24,

but now is rescheduled to August 23



#### **Chuckle of the Day:**

What's the difference between a well-dressed man on a bicycle, and a poorly dressed man on a unicycle? (*ATTIRE* :)



#### **Random Thoughts:**

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair – I have "wisdom highlights!"

At my age "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I came in there!

**From Jim Morley**

In late February thru early March, Sharon & I went to Texas. While in South Texas, I had a bicycle accident and had a huge left black eye and had 5 stitches to close the gash above the left eyebrow. The ER doctor asked to see Sharon's hand. We all know how rough Sharon can be, but we're sticking to the bicycle accident story! We saw our son and family in Fort Worth, both going and coming home.

I plan to bring the Model A home from storage tomorrow, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Last September 2019, I ordered front seat upholstery for my '31 Victoria. I also ordered carpet and a new leatherback top. I think in the next couple of weeks I'll pull the front seats out, carpet out, and start working on it. Twelve years ago when we bought the care we totally rebuilt the structure of the front seats, but reused the same upholstery. It was dry and brittle then and even more so now.

The upholstery, carpet and top came from Mike Francis @ Classique Upholstery in suburban Minneapolis. We've met Mike before as well as the previous owners at the business. Mike had worked for the previous owners for 10 years. Mike will make individual pieces and you do not have to order a complete upholstery set from him. The quality looks good, but we'll see how it all fits.

We have such a wonderful club and staying in touch via the newsletter, emails, texts, etc. Is what we need to be doing for now. You all are great! *Jim & Sharon*

**From Al Pedersen**

We are just sticking to the homestead unless we need food or medical supplies.... a whole new way of life. Brandon and I just got back from about a 2-mile hike in the timber, I'm pooped!

I received MARC Mileage Awards for:

**Dave Clark 1930 Deluxe Tudor Sedan.... 2,000 miles**  
**Ron Lanquist 1928 Roadster.....2,000 miles**  
**Dwain Plymale 1929 Tudor Sedan.....2,000 miles**

Nice job and congratulations to Dave, Ron and Dwain!



Keep in mind all of these gentleman have driven many, many more miles with their Model A's. This additional 2,000 miles is since each joined the MARC Mileage Program. If you haven't joined the MARC Mileage Program yet get in on the fun for a one-time fee of \$1.00. Contact Alan Pedersen for information and registration forms.

Joe Maurer just bought a 1912 Brass Era Buick, I'm sure he has pictures. Joe!! We need to see pictures of your new car!



*My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what you start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake; I feel better already!*

**Dave Barry**

**(1947 - ) American columnist & humorist**

## Fix It Till Ya Break It by Alan Pedersen

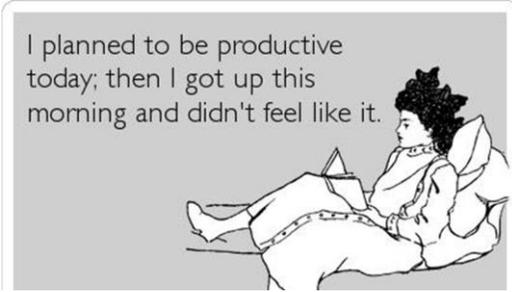
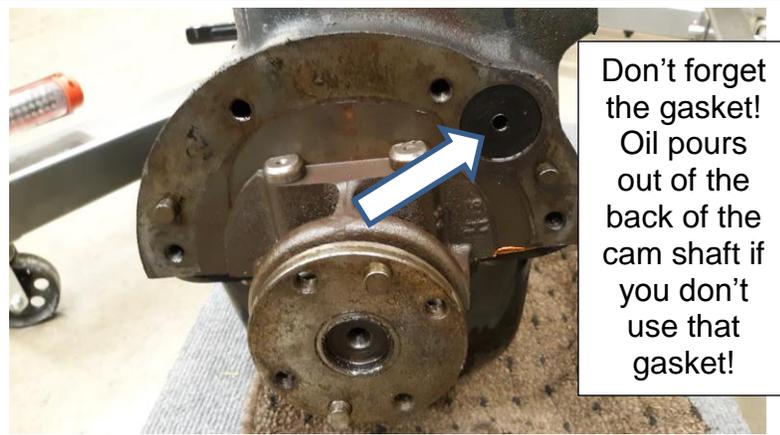
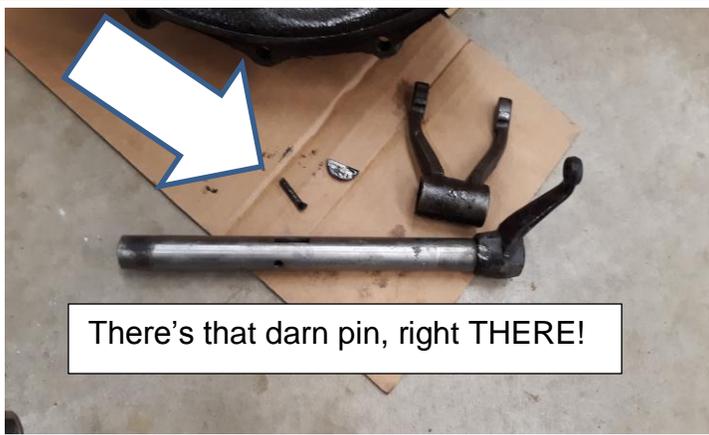
In this time of self-quarantine, I decided to do some preventative maintenance on my 29 Briggs Fordor. Knowing of Jim Morley's breakdown in Amana, IA when his clutch release shaft arm broke, and finding that others have replaced theirs and found them to be cracked, I thought fix it (mine) before it breaks. Having the car on jack stands for the winter made access to the shaft arm easy. Getting everything disconnected was a snap. All I have to do now is pound out the pin, remove the old arm, install new arm and pin, connect, adjust and job finished. Ha! I pounded on that pin, heated it, drilled it and pounded it some more...and then it happened "tink-tink"...a sound you do not want to hear! Something just fell INSIDE the bell-housing! I wiggled the arm and shaft, I turned the shaft 360! It should not do that! I pulled the arm and shaft out toward the outside of the car, and with another "clunk" the shaft was in my hand! That meant there was a pin and throw out bearing fork lying on the inside bottom of my bell-housing...OH CRAP! How do I fix this? Pull the engine and transmission. So parts start coming off my car and single handed I pulled my engine and transmission from the car. I removed the transmission and bell-housing from the engine and found my parts lying at the bottom of the housing. I guess this would be a good time to see if I can locate my mystery oil leak so engine disassembly started. Mystery solved...whoever worked on the engine last did not install a gasket between the engine and flywheel housing; you know the gasket that seals the rear engine block cam hole. No wonder I was marking my territory! So the plan now is to clean and paint the engine compartment, install float-a-motors and my spare engine and transmission, which will put me back on the road. Then I'll go through my original to the car engine and try to make it oil leak free, smooth running, rebuild the bell-housing and clutch, pull the spare and reinstall the original engine in the car. Following Paul Donley's teachings of 'Fix it, fix it, fix it until you really break it', and then really fix it. I guess I'm a star student. What about that stuck shaft arm pin you ask? I won!! I got it out but destroyed the shaft in the process! Guess I showed it who not to mess with! Oh well it was worn anyway..... LOL

So what have you been up to during these strange times?



Engine pulled out of the car – an 'easy' one- man job?! Quite an accomplishment, Al!

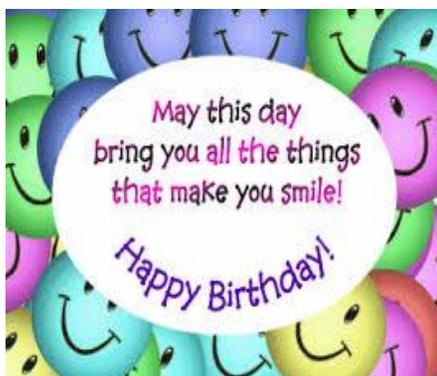
See that pin? Probably something you don't want to find in your bell housing!



## Happy Anniversary!



- April:** Pat & Nancy Clinnin – April 3, 1957  
 Bonnie & Jack Mann – April 25, 1963
- May:** Sue & George Brunson – May 22, 1995  
 Phil & Barb Hodges – May 25, 1968  
 Chris & Bill Aupperle – May 25, 1974
- June:** Dave & Pauline Clark – June 3, 1978  
 Bruce & Jan Winslow – June 7, 1980  
 Paul & Elaine Donley – June 12, 1976  
 David & Candy Thompson – June 15, 1968  
 Bob & Pauline Lawhorn – June 15, 1969  
 Bill & Kate Boughton – June 18, 1977  
 Larry & Loretta Anderson – June 20, 1970  
 Chris & Lori Weber – June 21, 2008  
 Gerald & LuAnn Carpenter – June 24, 1984  
 Lowell & Rose Daniels – June 28, 1958



- April:** 2-Sue Hausen, 6-Sara Werckle, 10-Bob Bellard, 12-Flo Monk, 16-Nancy Clinnin, 18-Paul Brands, 21-Wendell Anderson
- May:** 3-Mary Adelman, 12-Katie Boughton, 13-Larry Ethun, 14-Barb Hodges, 19-Mel Welch, 27-Mary Kramer, 28-Marilyn McClenathan, 31-Bill Boughton
- June:** 8-Terri Henderson, 17-Vicki Milazzo, 18-Nan Stewart, 19-Chuck Milazzo, 20-Chris Aupperle, 26-Bob Rothkopf, 30-Chris Prondzinski

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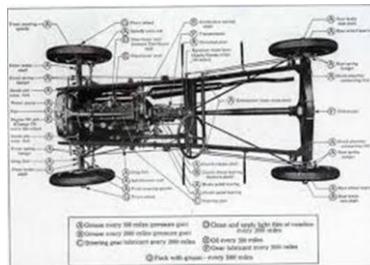
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Because we're remaining alert and vigilant in this Coronavirus pandemic, all scheduled club events are cancelled until further notice. We hope our daily activities and lives can return to normal very soon. Stay well!

### **FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS**

7:00pm **LAST** Tuesday at  
Central Christian Church  
6595 Guilford Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61107

## Whatcha workin' on?



**Tell us what's going on!**

*Actually, I'm not complaining because I'm a Seenager – a Senior teenager! I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. Life is great!*

1. **My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.**  
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. **My mother taught me RELIGION.**  
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. **My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.**  
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. **My father taught me LOGIC.**  
"Because I said so, that's why"
5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .**  
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.**  
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. **My father taught me IRONY.**  
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. **My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.**  
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.**  
"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. **My mother taught me about STAMINA.**  
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. **My mother taught me about WEATHER.**  
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. **My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.**  
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
13. **My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.**  
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."
14. **My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION .**  
"Stop acting like your father!"
15. **My mother taught me about ENVY.**  
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. **My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.**  
"Just wait until we get home."
17. **My mother taught me about RECEIVING.**  
"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
18. **My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.**  
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. **My mother taught me ESP.**  
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. **My father taught me HUMOR.**  
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. **My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.**  
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
22. **My mother taught me GENETICS.**  
"You're just like your father."
23. **My mother taught me about my ROOTS.**  
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
24. **My mother taught me WISDOM.**  
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
25. **My father taught me about JUSTICE .**  
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

***This should only be sent to the over 60 crowds because the younger ones would not believe we truly were told these "EXACT" words by our parents...***

We'll get through this together



*We'd like to send our positive thoughts, good karma, prayers, bucket loads of strength, fortitude, love, support and healing energy to all of our friends who have health issues. Please know that we wish you the very best and we consider you part of our Model A family. Special shout out to Anne Laviolette as she begins her 6<sup>th</sup> round of chemo treatments – only 2 more to go, Annie! So stay strong, everyone! We've got you! You can do this! 😊*

## Out of Bread? Try Making Your Own! No Knead Bread Recipe

You'll need a 4 or 5-quart Dutch oven with an oven-safe handle. I recommend an oven thermometer to make sure your oven is hot enough and a pair of oven gloves are advisable. You will also need some parchment paper and a kitchen towel. (Overnight method - simply switch to COOL water & let dough rest overnight on the counter top for 8 to 24 hours).



**ALWAYS AERATE (not sift) YOUR FLOUR BEFORE MEASURING!**

*This recipe is from Jenny Jones (You Tube: Jenny Can Cook – great video to watch!)*

**Prep Time:** 5 minutes **Cook Time:** 40 minutes **Total Time:** 4 hours, 25 minutes  
**Makes:** One loaf

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups (12 3/4 ounces) all-purpose or bread flour (aerate flour before measuring)
- 1/4 teaspoon yeast, active dry or instant
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups hot water, not boiling - I use hot tap water - about 125-130° F
- (about 2 Tablespoons extra flour for shaping)

### Instructions:

1. Combine flour, yeast and salt in a large bowl. Stir in water until it's well combined.
2. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature for 3 hours.
3. After 3 hours dough will become puffy and dotted with bubbles. Transfer it to a well-floured surface and sprinkle dough with a little flour. Using a scraper, fold dough over 10-12 times & shape into a rough ball.
4. Place in a parchment paper-lined bowl (not wax paper) and cover with a towel. Let stand on counter top for about 35 minutes.
5. Meantime place Dutch oven with lid in a cold oven and preheat to 450° F.
6. When oven reaches 450° carefully, using oven gloves, lift the parchment paper and dough from the bowl and place gently into the hot pot. (parchment paper goes in the pot too) Cover and bake for 30 minutes.
7. After 30 minutes, remove lid and parchment paper. Return, uncovered, to oven and bake 10 - 15 more minutes. Let it cool at least 15 minutes before slicing.

## Crunchy Coffee Cake

A delicious chocolate chip coffee cake with a yummy crunchy streusel topping.

Cook Time 40 minutes Total Time 50 minutes Servings - 10 slices

### **Ingredients**

- 2 cups cake flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- pinch salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs

### **Topping**

- 3/4 cup light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup mini or reg. chocolate chips



### **Instructions**

Grease and flour a 9 1/2" bundt pan. Pre heat oven to 350°. Using a small bowl, make the topping first, combine brown sugar and flour, cut in butter to resemble small crumbs and add chocolate chips. Combine and sift together first 5 ingredients, Add butter and milk and beat on low until ingredients are combined then on medium speed for 1 1/2 minutes, add eggs and beat another 1 1/2 minutes. Pour 1/2 the batter into a prepared cake pan, sprinkle with 1/2 the topping, cover with the remaining batter and top with remaining topping. Bake for approximately 35 - 40 minutes. Can be served warm!

## Peanut Butter Brownie Pizza

### **Ingredients**

1 package Krusteaz Fudge Brownie Mix

**Peanut Butter Topping:**

1 cup peanut butter

1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk

1/2 cup milk chocolate chips

1/2 cup candy coated chocolate pieces.



Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare brownie mix as directed. Spoon batter into lightly greased, 12" pizza pan. Bake 23-27 minutes. For Peanut Butter Topping: Place peanut butter and sweetened condensed milk in medium saucepan. Stir over low heat until mixture is smooth. Spread over prepared brownie pizza. Melt chocolate chips and drizzle over peanut butter topping layer. Top with candy coated chocolate pieces.



Parts necessary for a T5 transmission installation



Side-mount water pump and alternator pulleys



Radiator bolt assembly held in place w/magnet



Custom electrical harness connection fabricated by Al Pedersen



Al's engine bay – lookin' pretty clean!



This is what Al found on his car, and the picture above shows how he fixed it.



Thrust washer with holes in it slides 1<sup>st</sup> onto the spline shaft, then the speedometer drive gear, and then the keeper ring.

***ARGHH!! Anne Laviolette's brake job is a continuing test of patience & fortitude! It is definitely a work in progress.***



Lee Laviolette taking the back wheel off AGAIN!



Lee is putting on the hub puller.



Lee using the club's hub puller.



Lee is removing the emergency brake shoe. He says, "For Sale! Cheap!"



Maintaining proper social distancing, George Brunson lends a helping hand.



George is pulling the rear axle nut. We're getting' good at this!

***From Doug and Kathy Mather*** - Here's something to watch while cooped up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHdteGq6ggE>

***My Classic Cars*** with Dennis Gage - go to **The Cars That Time Forgot Car Show**

at Lake Lawn Lodge in Delevan Wisconsin from 2016. The show features 5 cars....but there is a 6th car in the show that everyone has seen. (At the 10 minute mark, behind the 56 Buick Special... Kathy and I are both in the video as well....but who cares...it was a car show!)



### **From Art and Jan Leverington**

We are still holding up tight at home. There are ten family homes in our division and no one has left for any reason. Jan has cleaned all the curio cabinets, closets, kitchen cupboards, and half the basement. I am trying to think of something to do. I removed the engine and have it over at Jim Lashelles to figure out the vibration . Internal parts have been rebalanced and are back in the shop. We are going to re-babbitt the main bearings, because the rear bearing had three cracks in it. Jim's going to touch up the valves and put in new rings. I hope everyone gets through this virus pandemic in good health. My grandfather was in WW1 Marine and got the 1918 flu in France. He survived but was so sick that he couldn't carry his rifle. Jan and I are thinking about everyone, hoping we can all tolerate this epidemic.

### **From Chris and Lori Weber**

Chris is working full time every day at Subaru, and Lori is working from home! Chris says, "Well I'm not bored. They still got me working. People still need their oil changes and warranty instead of staying home." Taking evening mile walks with their dog Baron is something he and Lori really look forward to!

### **From Dave and Pauline Clark**

Thank you Chris for being an essential worker and also making your contribution to my SS check! I appreciate it. With this down time it is a great time to do those Model A safety checks we normally skip over. Things like rotating the muffler bearings and checking the wiper fluid. Clark family is fine but bored! Hoping though that this lock down doesn't affect our daughter Rachael's wedding plans for late May .... Stay safe...

### **From Doug Mather**

Not bored here either. LOTS to move after 23 years in one house. Driving the A to TN this weekend I hope. (Depends on weather) No model A chapters at all in W TN but they have a mixed vintage car club @ 45 minutes from me, but they think vintage is 50-60's.... silly southerners! Waiting on my new barn to be finished to make the final move. My employer refused my "I am retiring" and made an offer to work 20 hours a month for half salary and full benefits. Life is good - no Medicare! So I'm still paying into SS, but I get the full monthly SS check as well. Such a deal I have for you: 36x48, insulated, radiant floor heat... sorry, you have to supply lift as I'm taking mine with me to Tennessee... to go into the my new 40x60, just about finished, new pole barn. Will be coming up on the market in a few months.... comes complete with a log house in the country ;- ) Anyway, I have moved the A to Tennessee and can't wait for the first car show- right in my town... that usually has a good draw, but according to the car buff realtor, he has never seen anything this old at the show. Should have fun running errands in it down there. I'm a 20 minute country drive from everything, except Dollar General-they're everywhere!



**From Mark McClenathan**

The frame and the body of my 1928 Phaeton are at still the sandblasting shop in Rockford. The frame was already blasted. I picked it up 2 weeks ago, and then returned it to be powder coated after some quick welding repairs. I was to wait a week before I could pick up the frame and body. (I already picked up the fenders and other sheet metal to be dropped off at the body shop to be painted black.) Anyway, I haven't heard from the shop so I'm guessing they are NOT an ESSENTIAL service, and are therefore closed. So while the rest of you lucky guys (and gals) can work on and drive your Model A's around during this "shelter in place" order, I can only look at my lonely "rebuilt" engine, and front and rear "axle/suspension" units, and wait. I guess I'll take apart the brakes and see what needs to be done. You all promised (while chuckling) that Model A brakes are easy to work on, right?

**From Al Pedersen**



April 7, 2020

The car in the ditch belonged to storm chasers who got caught in the storm and slid off the icy road, narrowly missing hitting that big tree. They got lucky for sure! Scary!

Hail NO! Are you curious about what damage 25 minutes of hail does? We had tennis ball & golf ball-sized hail! Our daughter Jen's car - an '04 4Runner - was totaled by her insurance - over 300 'dings' just on the hood! Our siding & roof were also damaged along with gutters, gutter guards & downspouts - all will be replaced by our insurance. They all look like they were all hit with a sledgehammer! Thank God for insurance!

Got my firewall/engine compartment repainted, and am working on frame and axle now. Then new Float A Motors and I'll dump in my spare engine in the car. I'm going to redo electrical to 12 volts with some lighting improvements.

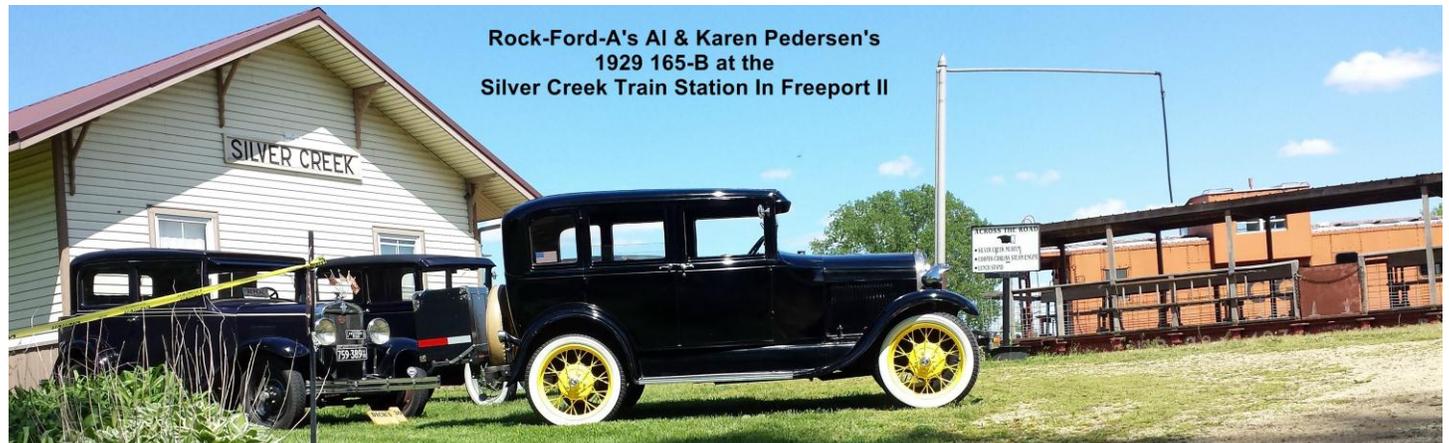


Pretty as a picture with new paint!



**From Al Pedersen**

Here ya go, my first car in the 60's 1930 Model A Coupe. My next "A" was a 1930 Chevy powered Coupe Street Rod. Then out of retirement boredom came a scaled Midget Racer. My present 1929 Standard Fordor 3 Window Sedan!



Rock-Ford-A's Al & Karen Pedersen's  
1929 165-B at the  
Silver Creek Train Station In Freeport II

# *A Travelling Car Show? Give us your thoughts!*

Hi All,

Are you bored being confined now for several weeks? Who would be interested in going on a Cruise Out? A Travelling Car Show? A small town in New Hampshire drove their cars around town for all to see as they are confined to their homes. I think the Rock-Ford A's could do one of these around town and maybe a country one to replace Sharon Model A Day in June.

**Please call me with your thoughts and possible tour dates  
815-847-0711. Thank you. *Best regards, Dave Clark***

*From Bruce and Jan Winslow – their experience in just such a 'parade'!*

Marliess and Joop Plaggenborg, fellow members of the Model A Restorers Club of AZ, have "paraded" with Jan and I on several occasions. In fact, we've had the cars out and about regularly. Our last drive to Carefree/Cave Creek was a 75 mile jaunt. We are planning another drive this Friday. We are sticklers for safe distance fellowship and only get out of the cars for gasoline and order-out, eat-in-the-car picnics. Here's a pic of Joop's "thank you" for the essential folks who are on the HEROES list. Look at the bumper! We hope to see you folks!



As Americans self-isolate and practice safe social distancing during the [coronavirus pandemic](#), a new way to celebrate special moments or milestones has rolled up: the car parade. Since people began sticking closer to home after the [COVID-19 outbreak](#) was declared a national emergency in mid-March, the popularity of the festive fad has accelerated, as merrymakers shift gears to celebrate from a distance. What about our club doing this?

**Just a thought – We'd need to advertise this event so people would know when and where they could see us. And, we should couple this with a RockFord A's Food Drive - all participating A's could bring a dozen+ canned food items to drop off at a food pantry somewhere along our route.... *Sue B.***

## From Mike Peters and the Founding Fathers of Sharon Model A Day

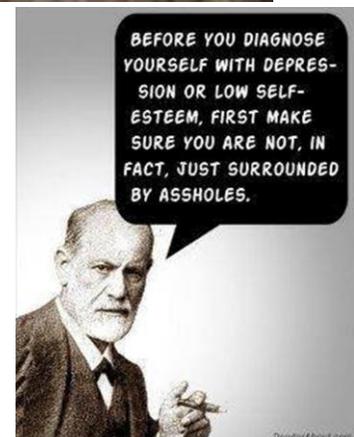
Those of us who work on this event have decided that we cannot in any good conscience have Sharon Model A Day this year, June 7, 2020 due to the Covid-19 virus which has sickened or killed many thousands of people world wide.

This would have been our 24th consecutive year of Model A Day in Sharon. We are very grateful for the wonderful support from hundreds of Model A owners in the past and are looking forward to seeing everyone next year in Sharon. See you all on the first Sunday in June 2021, as always. Be well and be safe. Ahooga!!!!

Dave Clark's response:

Thank you Mike for the update! It is sad we will not be able to get all of our Model A's gathering in Sharon at all this year. It is one of the best events possible for the Model A fellowship in the Midwest! Everyone in this Model A hobby stay safe and use this free time for another couple of coats of wax lovingly applied to your favorite ride.....

## Random Stuff





From Dave Clark: How about revisiting the past when the Rockford A's were the fastest cars on the Indy Oval?!



Remembering and missing my 1928 Woody Huckster I built and sold. It's now living a re-purposed life peddling I.W. Harper Bourbon down in Louisville, KY. Anyone else have any of their Model A pictures to share with all....????  
Dave Clark

