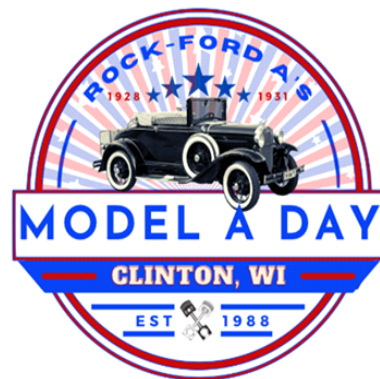


ROCK-FORD A's *MANIFOLD NEWS*
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SEPTEMBER 2025



Glimpse from the Gavel

Hello, Friends,

Our Saturday, August 30th meeting was at a brand new place - the pavilion near the Poplar Grove Airport! There was plenty of parking and a nice restroom nearby in the museum. **We will have our September 27th meeting here.** This'll be in conjunction with their Fly-In BBQ Picnic. This is our picnic as well & the club will pay the \$10 per person charge for lunch, beverage & dessert - no need to BYO lunch in September! We'll have our meeting in the museum. To find the pavilion and museum, follow directions to 5151 Orth Rd. It's okay to drive on their wide sidewalks! See pg. 9

Keep motoring!

George Brunson, President



PLEASE SEND IN YOUR
BANQUET REGISTRATION
TODAY! SEE BACK PAGE!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRIENDS!

September: 3-Mary Jo Milazzo, 3-Mark McClenathan, 6-Ron Kramer,
7-Bill Cummings, 10-Nan Stewart, 19-Kay Strand,
20- Sharon Anderson, 29-Jennie Cummings

October: 8-Bill Aupperle, 11-Jan Winslow, 13-Kathy Forbes, 20-Luann
Carpenter, 23-Jewel Maurer, 27-Dave Clark, 28-Jan Leverington,
30-Lee Laviolette

November: 6-Russ Kothe, 7-George Brunson, 7-Charlie Monk,
11-Paul Donley, 11-Wayne Henson

Life is short.
Smile while you
still have teeth.



CHEERS! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, LOVEBIRDS!

September: 4,2004-Bill & Jennie Cummings; 9,1967-Ron & Linda Lanquist
18,1965-Stan & Nan Stewart; 20,1969-Al & Karen Pedersen
23,1967-Jake & MaryJo Milazzo

October: 22,1954-Mel & Dorie Welch

November: 16,2016-Russ & Karen Kothe; 26,1983-Dave & Sara Werckle

August 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Welcome members. 40 signed in for attendance.
3. Thank you to Dave Clark for suggesting having some meetings at the Poplar Grove Airport. Great facility!
4. Thank you to Larry and Loretta Anderson and Bill Johnson for the treats today!
5. Treasurer's report given by Greg McQueary (included in newsletter on page 5).
6. Dave Clark moved to have the club reimburse Jamie and Kendra Carter for their expenses for the day tour to Union. The motion was seconded and passed.
7. Model A Day 2025 update: We will be giving the Clinton Police Department a check this on Thursday, Sept. 4 for \$1335.84, which in addition to the \$454.11 battering ram already presented, brings the total donation this year to \$1789.95.
8. Sign-up sheets:
 - Joe Maurer's Overnight Tour to Darlington and Monroe on Mon., Sept. 15 to Tues., Sept. 16
 - Gilmore – Thursday, Sept. 18 at Hickory Corners, MI – make your reservations ASAP!
 - Beloit Autorama – Sunday, Sept. 21
 - Multi-meter Seminar with Kurt Duesterhoeft next April (location and date TBA)
9. Parades:
 - Sun., Sept. 7 – Roscoe Fall Fest, 11am step-off, lineup on Shamrock, Roscoe, at Anne & Lee's
 - Sunday, Sept. 28 – Stillman Valley, 1pm step-off, lineup Stillman Valley HS, 434 S. Pine
 - Sunday, Oct. 5 – Oregon on Parade, 1pm step-off, lineup Oregon HS, 206 S. 10th St.
10. TOUR: Monday, Sept. 29 – Coronado Tour with the Model T Club – Coronado celebrating 90 years; Cost is \$10 per person; Parking will be on Park Street; More details will follow
11. Dave Clark gave parade and Mileage Program updates.
12. Health updates/news: Judy McQueary is doing great after her surgery!
13. Repair reports: Joe Maurer knows of a good place to get your car top repaired since he tried to put his 1912 Buick into a closed trailer with the top up!; George Brunson's Nu-Rex alternator failed; Dave Clark said his 1930 Tudor was "under a black cloud", with issues with the steering wheel, horn, and alternator. He went back to a generator with a voltage regulator and now all is good; Mike Peters picked up a station wagon and had trouble with the shocks locked up. He is now on "Husband Probation" due to the number of Model A's he now has; Joe Maurer used the Club's shift tower tool & explained how much easier it made that repair.
14. Kendra Carter and Bob Nowicki won the attendance prizes.

15. Upcoming meetings:

- September 27 (Saturday) – Poplar Grove Airport on Route 76 at 11am. We will be guests at the airport's BBQ lunch, with beverage and dessert included. The club will pay \$10/person. This is our club picnic. Our September monthly meeting to follow inside the museum.
- October 28 (Tuesday) – Central Christian Church 7pm

16. Upcoming events:

- Sat., Sept. 6 – Club breakfast at Ned's Restaurant, Belvidere, 8am
- Tues., Oct. 7 – Club dinner at Machine Shed Restaurant, Rockford, 5pm
- Sunday, Nov. 9 – Annual Banquet at Thunder Bay Grill, Rockford, 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting and prizes—PLEASE don't wait—send your reservation in TODAY!
- Please donate a new item or two for the door prize table (everyone wins something!)
- Banquet form will be included in September and October newsletters
- July 12-16, 2026 – MARC Model A Day in French Lick, IN. Host hotel is the French Lick Casino/Springs Hotel. Make your reservations now!

17. Car shows/cruises:

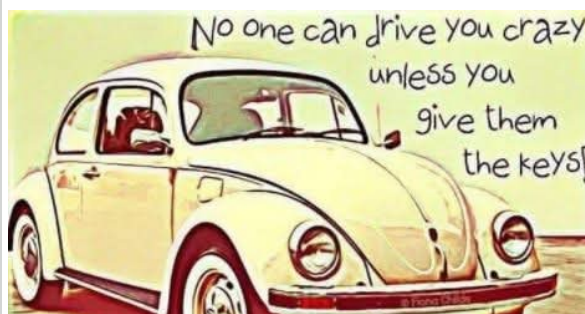
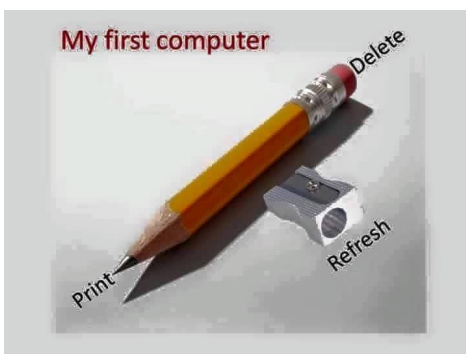
- Sept. 4 (Thurs.) – Sophia's Cruise in Roscoe, 5-8pm
- Sept. 6 (Sat.) – "Cars & Coffee" Katie's Cup in Rockford, 9am-noon
- Sept. 11 (Thurs.) – Roscoe Center Cruise in Roscoe, 5-8pm
- Sept. 21 (Sun.) – Beloit Autorama, 8am-4pm
- Oct. 2 (Thurs.) – Sophia's Cruise in Roscoe, 5-8pm
- Oct. 4 (Sat.) – "Cars & Coffee" Katie's Cup in Rockford, 9am-noon
- Oct. 12 (Sat.) – "Rock-n-Bowl" Car Show, Don Carter Lanes, Rkfd, 10am-4pm (rain or shine)
- Oct. 25 (Sat.) – "Trunk or Treat" Katie's Cup in Rockford, 9am-noon

18. Treat schedule: October 28 – Alice Whitney and ToniLynn Carlson.

19. Saturday breakfasts and monthly dinners will continue. Some of the breakfast locations will change due to restaurant inability to accommodate us. Contact Karen Pedersen for info.

20. Club vests are 1 free to member (\$17.00 for an extra); club patches (\$4) and Rock-Ford A's metal license topper (\$20 unpainted / \$25 painted), magnetic signs and car aprons from Greg McQueary; contact Lori Weber for embroidery (\$10).

Submitted, Anne Lavolette, Secretary

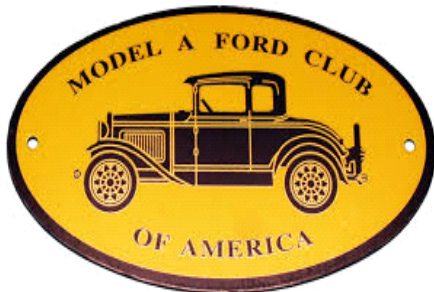


Note to Self:
Do not sit on the floor without a plan on how to get back up.

2025 Model A Days
2-Day Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral,
Driving Class*, and MORE!!
September 19 & 20, 2025 9-5pm
The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 49060
*Technical Seminars, Fashion, Hall of Fame Induction, Ride the Classics**
Please Join Us for a Special Friday Night
Museum Expansion Event!*
Host Hotel Info: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000

Make your reservations
NOW for these great
 national events!

MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB
NATIONAL MEET
JULY 12-16, 2026
French Lick, Indiana
 Reservations can be made by calling French
 Lick Resort direct at (844) 241-6361 and
 using the group code 0726MAR.



<https://mafca.com/>
 1 Year \$50

Anne Laviolette does a great
 job of submitting an article
 about the RockFord A's in
 every issue of "The Restorer"

Benefits of Model A Ford Club of America Membership:

- "The Restorer" Magazine (bimonthly)
- Participate in National Meets & Tours
- Camaraderie With 10,000+ Members Worldwide
- Over 250 Local Chapters Worldwide
- Model A Technical Support
- The Flying Quail Email Newsletter (bimonthly)
- 16 Special Interest Groups (SIGS) which focus on various areas
- Access to Member's Only content
- Voting privileges in elections
- Era Fashions
- 3 Free Classified Ads per year in "The Restorer"
- Unlimited Online Classifieds



One year subscription is \$50 for 6 issues.

New members - 1st year FREE!

***One big benefit is insurance coverage of your Model A with your membership!** Our secretary, Anne Laviolette, does a great job of submitting an article about the RockFord A's in every issue of the *Model A News* magazine!

Thank you, Anne! :) <https://model-a-ford.org>



Rock Ford A's

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance, August 1, 2025	5,985.54
Cash on Hand:	62.00
Total checkbook balance & Cash:	6,047.54
Income:	
Deposit, Dues/R. Kothe:	20.00
Total Income:	20.00
Expenses:	
Check Reorder/First National Bank:	138.33
Sue Brunson/Portable Sound System for Club:	343.44
Total Expenses:	481.77
Total Checkbook Balance & Cash:	5,585.77
 CD Set aside for School Model A Project:	 2,048.90

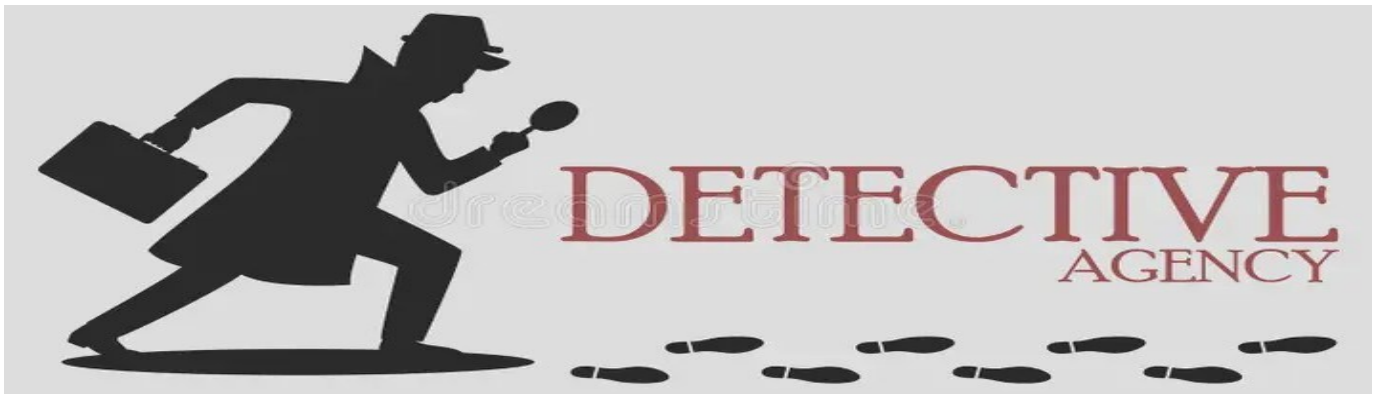
Submitted By: Gregory McQueary, Treasurer



FINAL 2025 MEETING
Tuesday, October 28 –
Central Christian Church,
6595 Guilford Road
Rockford, IL 7pm

Please bring your door
prize donation for the
banquet - thank you!

Mission Statement: The Rock-Ford A's Model A Club welcomes members and supporters who value Model A's. Those who own a Model A are encouraged to preserve, exhibit, and make use of their cars in community events. We seek to educate present and future generations. Our aim is to be a people club that is united by Model A's.



Jim Morley's engine finally was found! After many weeks of being "unlocatable" by the shipper & many phone calls to try and track it down, he got it back after being repaired out in Pennsylvania! He has a great story to tell and many friends "played along" on fake sightings of it! Pictured L to R: Kurt Duesterhoeft, Ron Lanquist, George Brunson, Steve Klentz, and Jim. Greg McQueary took the picture. We're so happy for Jim he didn't have to hire a private detective or the FBI! And guess what? It works!!



Kurt Duesterhoeft's Tech Talk from back in April at Central Christian Church. We're looking forward to his next one this coming April. And, we're looking for Tech Talk session leaders for 2026 - please think about sharing an idea. What would you like to know?

IL Railway Museum Tour
Thurs., Aug. 21

Thanks to Jamie &
Kendra Carter for
organizing this great
tour! After a picnic lunch,
we headed to the
McHenry County Museum
where we were warmly
welcomed, then off for
ice cream (of course!)



Parade Schedule

Mark your calendar
& watch your email!



SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, September 28 - Stillman Valley Fall Festival
parade line up at noon & step off at 1pm

OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 5 - Autumn on Parade Festival -
Oregon, IL - Harvest Time Parade—line up at noon
and step off @1pm

Parade questions? Call Dave Clark,

FORD MODEL A ADVENTURES

by Wayne Rowehl
“Curve in the Road”
September 2025

- As summer moves to fall there is still plenty of time to catch a local car show. Here is a favorite car show by Madison Classics: the Fall Jefferson Car Show at the Jefferson Fairgrounds. It's on Friday, September 26th, 2025 from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday, September 27th, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is \$15.00 per person which includes parking. There is no Sunday show or hours.
- Curve in the Road fun fact: Did you know that the Ford Model A was the first Ford vehicle to have a conventional set of driver's controls, including a gas pedal, a clutch pedal, and a gearshift lever making it much easier for drivers to adapt from the less conventional controls of the Model T.
- Remember if you have a question about anything, you can always ask on any of the Ford Model A support sites on the nationwide internet sites, or ask a club member.
- May you always be prepared for the next, “Curve in the Road”.
- I look forward to hearing and reading your comments at wrowehl@gmail.com.

Joe Maurer's Overnight Tour to Darlington/Monroe - Mon & Tues, Sept. 15/16

- Meet at 9:15am at Toadhill Farm, 797 S. Silberman Rd., Pearl City, IL. There is plenty of room for trailers. Coffee & donuts will be served; departure at 10am.
- We will be staying at the Darlington Inn. A block of rooms has been set aside. Please call 608-776-8830 to make your reservations. The special price is \$86.40 including tax. Rooms are listed under Joe Maurer. Please put your reservation under your name. The hotel has a pool, hot breakfast, meeting room
- On Monday, our 1st day of travel, we will have lunch at The Cove on Apple Canyon Lake. The 2nd day we will travel to Monroe, WI (“the Swiss cheese capital of the United States”).
- Call Joe Maurer 815-541-9237 today to sign up!

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YOUR NAME HERE

Newsletter

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NEED SOMETHING??

All of the Club tools are housed at Anne & Lee Laviolette's garage @5427 Shamrock Lane Roscoe, IL 61073 Call Anne: 815-218-3055 or Lee: 815-218-2510 Need a new list?

Email or call Sue Brunson
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ROCK-FORD A's RESOURCE LIBRARY

(housed at George Brunson's—call 608-290-1835)

BOOKS:

Automobiles 1949-1959

Ford Model A 1929-1931 NAPA/Martin

The New Ford (Reproduction of an original Ford Motor Company Sales Promotion Book), published by Jim Born, printed by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., Gonvick, Minnesota 56644, July 1, 1978

Tillotson Carburetors Repairing and Restoring Model "X", "Unmarked X" and "XF"

26 MOVIES/VIDEOS RECORDED AS DVDS

2025
SEASON

Neighborhood



BBQ LUNCHES

Join us for lunch every 4th Saturday! Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and pets for a freshly grilled lunch brought to you by the Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association.

Menu: Brats, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies, beverages



This is the location for our meeting Sat., Sept. 27 at 11am! The club will pay for your lunch! You may want to bring your chairs in case the picnic tables are crowded!

Lunch is served from
11:30am to 1:30pm

**Wings & Wheels
Museum Pavillion**
5151 Orth Rd. Poplar Grove

May 24th
June 28th
Aug 23rd
Sept 27th

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION PER PLATE | ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PGAEA



George Brunson attended Ken Ehrenhofer's seminar "Rebuilding the Differential" sponsored by MARC. It was an all day, hands-on event that he felt was great because each participant got to get their hand dirty and get right into it. There were about 23 guys there.



If you're looking for a great BBQ place besides the Smokin' Coop in Belvidere, Pat's Brew & Que in downtown Sharon is terrific. They're the ones that serve up hot BBQ at the Model A Day corner lot. And, each year they've been very generous to our club, sharing several hundred \$\$\$! They support us so we should support them, too!



Model A Day 2025 - Clinton Police Chief Mike Schultz accepted \$1,335.84 at Cougar Lanes in Clinton on Thursday, September 4. This brings our Model A Day total donation to Clinton Police Dept. to \$1,789.95, which includes the \$454.11 battering ram we purchased for them.

Cracker Barrel Hashbrown Casserole

2x
10.5 oz cream of chicken soup
1 cup sour cream
½ cup yellow onion
2 tsp garlic powder
2 tsp salt
½ tsp black pepper
2 cups cheddar
30 oz hashbrowns



Cracker Barrel Meatloaf



2 lb lean ground beef
1 ¼ cup crushed Ritz crackers
1 cup cheddar
½ cup green bell pepper
½ cup onion, finely diced
½ cup milk
2 eggs
1 ½ tsp salt & 1 tsp pepper

For the Ketchup Glaze

¾ cup ketchup
2 ½ tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp mustard
2 tsp Worcestershire



Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 9, 2025 5:00 cocktails 6:00 dinner

Thunder Bay Grill and Restaurant
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois 61108

Enjoy a delightful evening of delicious food, great friends, and warm memories of another year of Model A touring and events! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

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Menu choice of Prime Rib, Bourbon-Glazed Salmon, or Chicken Parmesan
Cost includes salad, focaccia bread, non-alcoholic beverage

The Club will pay \$4.00 for each meal, along with tax, gratuity, coffee/pop. Cash bar available.

Complete the registration form below. Enclose with your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's

Bring your reservation form and payment to the next meeting or
mail in no later than Friday, October 31, 2025 to:

Jim Morley
4538 Dellview Drive, Rockford, IL 61109

Enclosed is check #_____ in the amount of \$_____ for the following reservation(s) and dues:

Name	Name		
_____	_____ 10 oz. Prime Rib with baked potato	\$39.00	\$35.00
_____	_____ Bourbon-Glazed Salmon with roasted potatoes & vegetables	\$27.00	\$22.00
_____	_____ Chicken Parmesan with mostaccioli	\$24.00	\$20.00
	_____ I am including my 2026 dues of \$20.00		<u>\$20.00</u>

Total _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____