

# The Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

March 2024

## MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:

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Little Hershey	
Swap Meet	Dave Lantz
Sunshine Persons	Duane & Cathy Bunton



## PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the interests of the public in the preservation and restoration of antique autos, particularly the Model T Fords, their accessories, lore, and literature.

## AT A GLANCE – CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday March 6	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.
Saturday March 23	4 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.
Sunday April 28	Noon	Annual Banquet	Thunder Bay Grille

## Those celebrating this month:

### Birthdays

Gene Clifton	3/5
Joe Maurer	3/7
Scott Stier	3/11
Phyllis Orrison	3/12
Dave Lantz	3/25

### Anniveraries

Wayne & Phyllis Orrison	3/29
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## The Prez Sez (Monthly Musings and Random Ramblings)

It is hard to believe, but we will soon be on the road again - yeah!!!! So start your planning for getting those cars prepped. Of course, we have an event coming up this month that I hope you are all excited about - the Chili Cook Off - Saturday March 23rd. We have some volunteers already signed up to bring their best chili, but the more the merrier. So far, I have volunteered, and so has Craig Sheridan and Duane Bunton. We all know Duane has won this Cook-Off several times in the past, but he has not been hunting for several year now, so he doesn't have any venison to use in his chili (and it was always good). However, he has threatened to use road kill, so I hope he finds something else more palatable. We'll ask Cathy.

We could use at least 3 or 4 more cooks for chili..... 6 or 7 pots is usually enough and of course, it is a challenge to sample much more than that to decide which pot wins. Remember, this is a blind tasting contest, so a vote is taken to determine the winner. There will be a prize. We will also need chopped onions, corn bread, sour cream, crackers, cheese, etc. - all the stuff folks like to add to their chili. I hope many of you will step up. Call me and get on the list. The club provides drinks, bowls, spoons, etc.

Another thing I would like to see us start is an award/certificate, just for fun, to be given out at each meeting, to the owner of the vehicle that has some issue on a tour. At the end of the year, a plaque would be awarded to the individual with the most awards or the most "interesting" one. I would like to call it the "NAUGHTY T" AWARD. It is a 2-part award and so one person might get 1 award, or possibly 2. The first part would be the Mistakes Award." This is for the driver who runs out of gas, misses a turn, etc. The second part is the "Misfortune Award." This is for a car breakdown, has a part failure, etc.

For Example: On our last tour, Gene Clifton left some transmission parts on the road. Clearly a Misfortune. Or, Craig Sheridan had a freeze plug fail, also A Misfortune. But, Craig also ran out of gas.....a Mistake. Craig could have been a double winner that day.

I think it would be fun to recognize these incidents in the name of fun and with such an award and be something tangible - in a fun way - relive the memory.

What do you think?

Have a great day.

*Wayne*

## 2024 Club Calendar

Your leadership team has been busy putting together a great schedule of tours, parades, and social activities for 2024. Most of the events already have a chair or host that has volunteered, but we've still got a few TBDs that need to get filled in. So take a look at the list and see what you can do to help. The Dust-Off Tour on April 21<sup>st</sup> is the first event that needs a chair, so please consider volunteering.

### 2024 PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS BY MONTH

Date	Event	Time	Location	Chair/Host
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chili Cook Off	4:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan Wayne Orrison

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dust Off Tour	TBD	TBD	TBD
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Banquet	Noon	Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford	Sheryl Stier
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cars & Coffee Car Show	TBD	Katie's Cup, Rockford	Dave Lantz
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Little Hershey Setup	TBD	Boone County Fairgrounds	Dave Lantz
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Little Hershey Swap Meet/Car Cruise-In	TBD	Boone County Fairgrounds	All hands!
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rockford Memorial Day Parade	TBD	Downtown Rockford	Steve Kindell
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Model A Day	TBD	Clinton, WI	Dean Wanfalt
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Dickson Restoration 2571 Park Ave, Beloit, WI	Tim Dickson
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Progressive Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day Parade	TBD	Kirkland, IL	TBD
July 13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	MTFCI International Tour		Cadillac, Michigan	
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Landmark Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tipsy History	1 - 7 p.m.	Midway Village Museum, Rockford	Kurt Duesterhoeft
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sycamore Steam Show	TBD	Sycamore, IL	Tim Wanfalt
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Surprise Tour	TBD	TBD	All
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	President's Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting (Brat Night)	6:00 p.m.	13678 Sundance Tr, Rockton, IL	Wayne Orrison
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Beloit Autorama Car Show	TBD	Preservation Park, Beloit, WI	TBD
Sept. 25/26	Overnight Tour	TBD	TBD	Joe Maurer
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
TBD	Fall Tour	TBD	TBD	Gene Clifton
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Christmas Party and meeting	noon	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Sheryl Stier
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day Tour	TBD	TBD	TBD

# Save the Date!

Sunday, April 28, 2024

12 Noon

Rockford Model T Ford Club

Annual Banquet

Thunder Bay Grille

Rockford, IL

All you can eat - Brunch!

Bring a gift for the raffle drawing



See you in the Spring!

## On the Get Well List:

Wayne Orrison is recovering after having some issues with his eyes.

Kent Larson (brother of Treasurer Jay Larson) continues his battle with cancer.

We wish them the best.

## MTFCI 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour

Have you made your reservation yet? This year's event is titled Great Lakes, Great Times and will be held in Cadillac, Michigan. You can find all the details in your latest issue of the *Model T Times* or check out the website:

<https://cadillacmichigan.com/ModelT/>



**MODEL T FORD CLUB INTERNATIONAL 67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOUR**

*Great Lakes, Great Times!*

**Cadillac, Michigan**

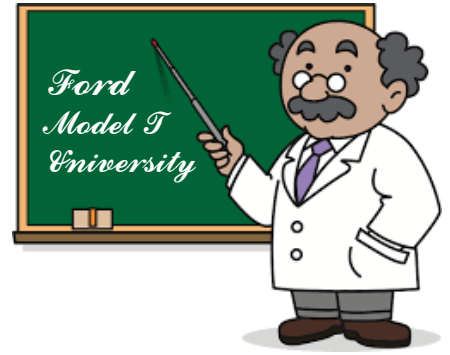
**July 15 - 19, 2024**

*Hosted by the Western Michigan Chapter with the support of the Cadillac Visitors Bureau*



## Model T University Day

On Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Dave Lantz, Austin Farmer, Tim Wanfalt, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Scott and Sheryl Stier, and Scotty Stier attended the Model T University day in West Bend, WI. The Dairyland T's puts on this annual seminar which covers a variety of different Model T topics each year. One of their members arrived in his C-cab Delivery T which had no side curtains and the temperature was -4F outside! Now that's a hearty soul and a committed enthusiast. Another one of their members gave a very informative talk on clutches, emphasizing that clutch discs should be re-installed in the transmission in the same orientation that they were removed, due to cupping of the discs. The cupping leaves a telltale wear pattern toward the edges of the discs, rather than in the middle.



Tod Wirth, an ASE-certified mechanic, tested and adjusted coils using a Strobe-Spark setup mated to a digital oscilloscope. His technique is to adjust the coil for a 2 millisecond charge (dwell) time to produce a strong spark when the points open and ensure the points stay open for at least 1.5 milliseconds to prevent a double spark. Dave Lantz gave a plug for Little Hershey and handed out flyers.



Scotty Stier gave an overview of oils, their additives, and some of the pitfalls of using modern oils in older cars. He recommended using an oil with an API service rating of SJ due to its higher content of zinc phosphate (ZDDP) and lower levels of detergent.

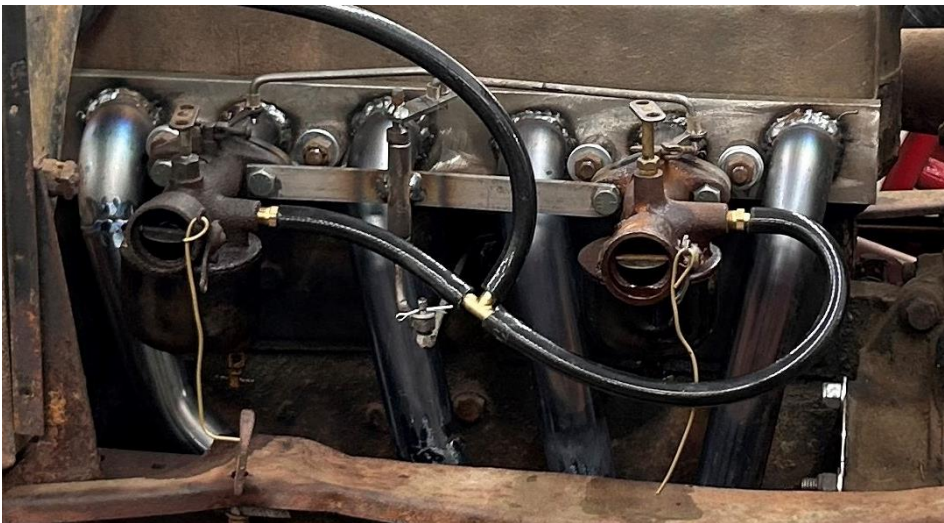
*Dave, Austin, and Tim check out some of the wares Scott Stier had for sale*

Finally, Billy Vrana who owned the body shop where the event was held, demonstrated a modern electronic front end alignment system using his Model T speedster as the guinea pig. The speedster was a work in progress and had a severely bent front axle.

There was also a small swap meet for those who were in a shopping mood. Austin scored six coils at a good price, but they each need a new capacitor, so he has a little work to do on them. There was no cost to attend, but the Dairyland T's did accept donations for the hot lunch they provided. Overall it was a very educational day and nice to get together with fellow T enthusiasts. Hats off to Dave for coordinating this informative and enjoyable trip!



*A Model T Speedster sits on the front end alignment rig*



The speedster featured a custom-made manifold with dual carburetors. The exhaust pipes were pieced together and welded using a kit from Summit Racing.



## Oil's Well that Ends Well

Have you ever wondered what those letters on a bottle of oil mean? The American Petroleum Institute (API) is responsible for classifying oils with a service rating. Periodically those service ratings are updated to reflect a change in the oil's properties and additives. As you can see from the graph below, there have been quite a few changes since the 1980's.



*This timeline shows the development of engine oils over the last forty years*

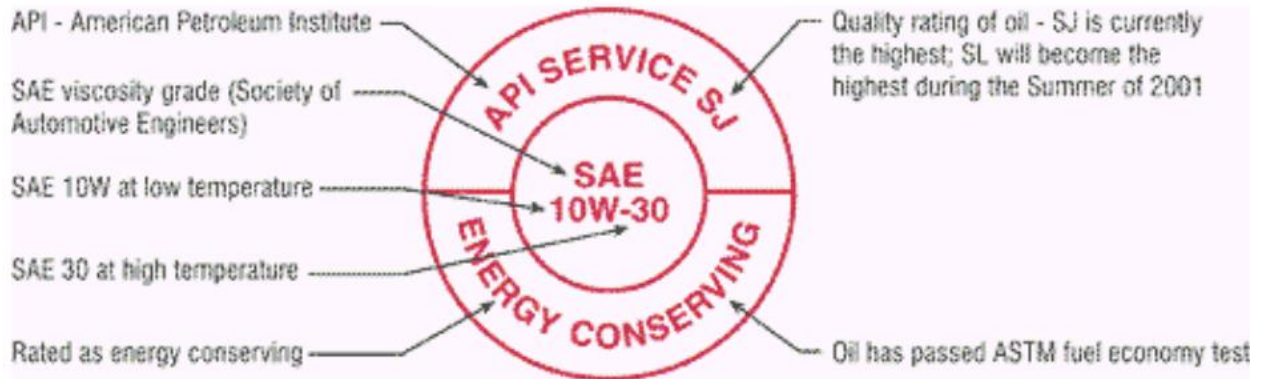


Image source: <https://www.machinerylubrication.com/Read/171/oil-can> .

*This image from the year 2000 explains the various components that make up the API service rating. At that time, SJ was the highest rating.*

# The Winter Swap!

## Winter Parts Swap



**Hosted by the Illinois Region MARC**

**All Makes and Models are welcome**

**Clean out your garage and attic**

**Admission \$5 Plenty of free parking**

**Friendly Ford in Roselle Illinois**

**333 E. Irving Park Road**

**Sunday March 17th, 2024**

**8 AM til 1 PM**

For Swap Spaces

Contact: Nick Clancy

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**Coffee and Donuts**

**Lunch will**

**be available**

For Swap Spaces

Contact: Gene Levin

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spaces are 10x10 - bring tables and chairs**