

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

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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 August 2	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.
Saturday August 5	12:30 p.m.	Tipsy History	Midway Village Rockford
Sunday August 6	8:00 a.m.	Freeport Antique Tractor and Engine Show	Culvers Winnebago
Saturday August 12		Sycamore Steam Show	TBD

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
8/11 – 8/13	AACA Meet	East Moline, IL

You can find all the local car shows and cruise nights at Bill Werner's website by clicking <https://rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com/events.html>.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Betty Lesnewski	8/12
Bill Duffee	8/18
Jim Martin	8/19
Karen Ehrenhofer	8/27

Anniversaries

Ron & Karen Ehrenhofer	8/22
Joe & Bean Maurer	8/23



Rockford Model T Club Little Hershey Review Meeting, July 5, 2023

Club president Aaron Crandall welcomed everyone to the Little Hershey summary meeting at Duane and Cathy Bunton's home in Roscoe. Officers, Board and club members present included: Aaron Crandall, Deb Werner, Dave Lantz, Steve Kindell, Duane and Cathy Bunton, Bill Werner, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Wayne and Phyllis Orrison, Gene and Betty Clifton, Dean Wanfalt, Tim Wanfalt, and Scott and Sheryl Stier.

Little Hershey Summary – Dave Lantz started by asking club members for feedback – compliments or complaints – from attendees of the 2023 Little Hershey event. Mention was made that Steve Kindell's new yellow signs stood out and was very noticeable. Compliments were received from attendees that Kurt Duesterhoeft did a great job of DJ'ing the event. The food vendors available at Little Hershey were well received. Some of the attendees mentioned the prepaid area seemed "empty" so it was discussed the prepaid area be set up with a new map with regular sizes spaces. Kurt also suggested laying out the prepaid spots and let the other attendees coming in just fill in where space is available. Members also discussed putting "Cars For Sale" cars and the show cars in different areas. Mention was made if next year's Little Hershey event continue to offer free to cruise-ins, and club members present said Yes. It was also noted that Gene Clifton's engines set up display or the special-display of the year be near the Model T rides area. It was decided the DJ music and Info Stand be in the same tent. Betty Clifton said she has a supply of little stuffed animals and would like to hand out the little stuffed animals to the children attendees to tie in with the Model T rides and said she would take care of this idea on her own. Discussion took place if the vendors should be moved to the east side of the Little Hershey area. Also discussed was if the National Anthem should be played at 8:00 a.m. and again at 12 noon, and the club agreed that was a nice idea. Wayne Orrison said his submarine club had good response and also got donations. It was suggested the club invite more non-profits, like Nik's Wish who asked to invited back next year. Dave Lantz passed around a summary of the expense and profit report from 2019 to present.

Other News and Tidbits: Sheryl Stier said she saw Thursday, July 6 was a cruise night at Sophia's Restaurant in Roscoe. Bill Werner also said there are cruise nights on: July 12 – Historical Auto Museum in Roscoe; July 13 – Roscoe Shopping Center; July 20 – McDonald's in Rockton (near Farm and Fleet in Rockton); July 30 – Aldersgate Church Corn Boil – Rockton Ave., Rockford.

Upcoming Club Tours news: Gene and Betty Clifton said they have been planning the annual club Fall Tour, scheduled for October 8, and promises it will be a good tour and a good time.

Good idea: Sheryl Stier suggested we call our new members – Austin Farmer, Chris Cross, and the Lesnewskis to give a new-member’s welcome to our Model T Club and encourage them to be a part of the club and enjoy the fun tours and outings. Sheryl said she and Scott were called by Tom Baehler (then president of the club) when they joined years ago and Sheryl said she really thought that welcome-call was a nice gesture.

Tipsy History – Midway Village Museum

Midway Village will be hosting Tipsy History on Saturday, August 5th from 1 – 9 p.m. This is a fun and light-hearted look at Prohibition. Step back in time and look at life in America between the 18th and 21st amendments. There will be re-enactors playing the roles of bootleggers, revenuers, flappers, and dapper gentlemen. Period dress is encouraged, but not required. Plan to arrive at 12:30 p.m. at the water tower (west) entrance, just off the jogging path. The Museum will provide lunch for us. If you want to leave before dusk, that’s okay. The Model A club will be joining us for this event, so we want to have a good turnout. Contact Kurt Duesterhoeft, at kduest64@frontier.com or 815/874-5102 to sign up or for more information. The museum staff promoted the event in Rockford’s 4th of July parade, with support from Dave Lantz and his ’26 T.



Freeport Antique Tractor and Engine Show

The Stephenson County Engine Club will be having their annual Antique Tractor & Gas Engine Show on August 5th & 6th 2023. Al Pedersen from the Model A club will be leading a tour on Sunday August 6th and the Model T club has been invited to join them. There is much to do and see - Antique Tractors, Gas Engines and Automobiles some made in Freeport, Fire Engine Collection, The Cooper Corliss (25’ flywheel) will be operating, Flea Market, Museum Tours and Train Rides. The Club is offering the Museum and Train ride for \$5.00 and admission to the grounds is Free. What a great place to visit and do a back road tour to get there! There will be special parking for our cars and a grassy, shaded area to sit and tell stories. An indoor country lunch will provide eats (usually sloppy Joe, ham salad sandwiches, chips, pie, and drink for about \$5.00) or you can bring a picnic lunch.

We will meet in Winnebago on the street in front of Culver’s at 8 a.m. with the tour departing at 8:30 a.m. There is good street parking, coffee, and restrooms. This will be a slow, zig zag back road tour to the Engine Show with a rest stop at about the halfway point. We will depart the Show around 3:30 or 4 p.m.

and head to The Union Dairy in Freeport for ice cream, from there we will back road to Blassingham Park in Pecatonica for a rest stop, say our goodbyes, and head home.

Let's drive those A's and T's or your more modern car and have some family fun, perhaps we will learn some Stephenson County History. If you haven't already signed up, you can contact Al Pedersen at acool29a@gmail.com or 815/291-2526.

Model T Ford Club of Rockford Overnight Tour Itinerary

Joe and Bean Maurer are busy planning an overnight tour for Tuesday/Wednesday, September 26 – 27th. This is a joint tour with the Model A club. Below is the itinerary:

Tuesday, September 26

- Leave Blassingham Park in Pecatonica, IL @ 9:00 a.m. sharp
- Apple orchard stop near Brodhead, WI
- Kelch Aviation Museum at Brodhead, WI
- Lunch at Knute's in Orfordville, WI
- Check into hotel, Sleep Inn & Suites, Oregon WI. Block of 15 rooms
- Dinner at Mulligan's Bar and Grill, Oregon
- Evening Get-together and drawing at hotel

Wednesday, September 27

- Hot Breakfast at Hotel
- Travel to Madison Zoo
- Lunch at Zoo
- Stop at Wisconsin Cheese Company
- Tour ends at Rockton, IL. Stop at Ice Cream Shop for Goodbyes.

Please make reservations at Sleep Inn & Suites, Call 608-291-2323. Request "Model T Ford Club of Rockford" for a special rate of \$99.

Please sign up or call Joe at 815-541-9237 so he can make reservations at Mulligan's.

This is a rain or shine tour. Model T Ford Club and Rock-Ford As members and guests are invited. We don't care what you drive as long as it can tear down the road at least 35 mph.

Here's a list of the remaining planned club activities for 2023.

Date	Event	Host/Chair	Event Location or Meeting Place
Saturday August 5th	Tipsy History	Kurt Duesterhoeft	Midway Village Musuem, Rockford
Sunday August 6th	Freeport Steam Show	Al Pedersen Model A Club	Culvers Winnebago, IL
Saturday August 12th	Sycamore Steam Show	Tim Wanfalt	27707 Lukens Road Sycamore, IL
Sunday September 17th	Beloit Autorama Car Show	Kurt Duesterhoeft	Preservation Park Beloit, WI
Tuesday September 26th - Wednesday 27th	Overnight Tour	Joe Maurer	Blassingham Park Pecatonica, IL
October	Fall Tour	Gene Clifton	To Be Determined
TBD	Potluck Christmas Party	Sheryl Stier	United Lutheran Church

Kirkland Independence Day Parade - July 4th 2023 – by Wayne Orrison

Pictures courtesy of Steve Kindell and Dave Lantz

We gathered at Bauman Park in Cherry Valley for coffee and donuts before departing for Kirkland. Meeting there were: Gene and Betty Clifton ('26 Model T Coupe), Dave and Deena Lantz with Dave's parents ('26 Model T 2 Dr), Aaron Crandall ('24 Model T Touring), Roland Crandall ('26 Model T Speedster), Steve and Deb Kindell and his daughter and grandson ('24 Model T Touring), Wayne and Phyllis Orrison and their grandson and his little friend ('26 Model T Touring), Terry and Rae Carbaugh (Wayne's daughter and son-in-law) in their beautiful '81 Jeep, Dean Wanfalt ('26 Model T Coupe), Tim Wanfalt ('27 Model T Touring) and Bill and Deb Werner joined us in Kirkland at lunch.

After coffee and donuts and some brief fellowship, we enjoyed a very nice county drive to Kirkland driving familiar roads and arrived at the Kirkland Park (north side by the river) to find our assigned parade position. We parked under some nice shade trees next to the river and were able to decorate the cars and to visit and chat for about a half hour before the parade started.

It was a quite slow beginning and continued to be somewhat of a slow parade. There were so many parade participants in all kinds of vehicles and floats or on foot, I could not count them all. Suffice it to say that tractors, fire engines, antique cars and marching groups, floats of all kinds, church groups, etc. were numerous and helped make this parade the small town phenomenal success that it is.

The crowd certainly did not disappoint. The street was lined with what seemed like thousands of children (many, many of them dressed in 4th of July regalia and of course, many, many adults. CANDY. Oh my, so much candy for all the children. We threw candy out both sides of the car as did several other members of our club and with what was being thrown by all the other parade participants, I'm sure those children must have walked away with a measurable amount more than they collect at Halloween. I mean really, they don't have to even go house to house - the candy is practically delivered to them.

The parade lasted more than an hour and we finally made our way to the local city park to park and then indulge in the annual Lions Club Pork Chop Sandwich lunch. Of course there were other options:

hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, pop, chips, etc. After lunch, we spent a little time in the flea market area and let the grandkids go with their parents to the carnival.

Club members left as they wished, and Phyllis and Wayne departed around 2:00 p.m. with Gene and Betty to make our way back home. Wayne ran out of gas part way home in his new and unfamiliar T, (his excuse), but Gene came to the rescue and they were able to make it back home without incident.

It was a great day for a parade and while hot (what else do you expect on the 4th of July), it was a fun day for all. Special thanks to Dave Lantz for organizing and leading the tour.



Baumann Park was the staging point for the tour to Kirkland





Winfield Park District Touch a Truck

The club has been contacted by Morgan Dietkus of the Winfield Park District. He is looking for a Model A and/or a Model T for their Touch-a-Truck event (the vehicle doesn't have to be a truck to participate). The event is a little south east of the Geneva/St. Charles area. Below is information from him. If you are interested or have questions, please let Kurt Duesterhoeft know and he will put you in touch with Morgan.

My name is Morgan Dietkus and I am a Recreation Supervisor at the Winfield Park District in Winfield, IL. I am running an event August 19, from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. called Touch-A-Truck. It will be held at our district building, the Charles R. Beggs Activity Center, in the parking lot. It's a free event for the area. We host many different types of trucks and vehicles. I want to make this year different from our usual police squad car, firetruck, etc. I have been trying to track down more unique vehicles to no avail. I was referred to you by the Midway Village Museum. Would you be available, most importantly interested in, participating in our event this year? I would love to have both a Model A and Model T vehicle on display - and any others you may have available.

We typically have around 12 vehicles, but I am having a lot of issues securing the usual construction vehicles to round out our event. I think something like a vintage truck/vehicle would be a wonderful, and unique addition to this year's event. This event is typically interactive, however, I always leave that choice up to the owners of the vehicles. Anything unique that is a daily drive would be great if anyone would be interested in participating. I would not expect anyone with a high-end auto to allow anyone to sit inside of it.