

The Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

June 2024

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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>
Monday May 27	8:30 a.m.	Rockford's Memorial Day Parade	Downtown Rockford
Sunday June 2	7:30 a.m.	Model A Day	Farm and Fleet on Riverside
Wednesday June 5	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting (Bring a chair)	Dickson Restoration 2571 Park Ave, Beloit, WI
Thursday June 23	TBD	Progressive Tour	TBD

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 1 st	Leaf River Summer Daze Car Show	Downtown Leaf River
June 8 th	Tin Butcher's Scrap Drive	Boone County Fairgrounds
June 15 th	Starved Rock Pre War Car Show	3277 E 18th Rd. Ottawa, 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>.



On the Road to Recovery

Mary Sheley has been under the weather lately. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Mary Sheley	6/2
Tim Wanfalt	6/7
Craig Sheridan	6/7
Len Belpedio	6/8
Rosie Sheridan	6/13
Cindy Kindell	6/13
Tim Dickson	6/13
Jay Larson	6/27
Deb Werner	6/29



Anniveraries

Scott & Sheryl Stier	6/10
Tim & Lisa Dickson	6/17



The Prez Sez (Monthly Musings and Random Ramblings)

What a great Banquet. THANK YOU Sheryl Stier for another outstanding Banquet. OK, let's give Scott a thank you too; he is after all, Sheryl's slave assistant.

I do hope everyone enjoyed the gathering, food and fellowship. I did.

Also, thank you club members for your contributions to the club raffle and the tickets you all bought and the \$187 we raised in the process.

It was nice to see so many folks at the Banquet; if you missed it, well, you've had several months' notice. How about this... we will have another one in a year, so get your calendars out now and mark the end of April for next year's Banquet - exact date TBD. Also, how about showing up at meetings and other events? HUH! What does it take? Food?

Don't forget the Memorial Day Parade, Monday 27th. Let's have a big turn-out.... Let the parade chairman - Steve Kindell - know you want to participate. If your old T is not running - drive an A, or some other old car or, ride along with someone... there is room.

We have Model A Day coming up Sunday June 2nd. We need a chair person. The Model A Club wants us there and says we will have great parking. Also, what new idea does anyone have to help promote our club there?

We have a club meeting Wednesday, June 5th at Tim Dickson's shop. He has some wonderful old cars he is working on and YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS.

Also tentatively scheduled is a Progressive Picnic. Date TBD. What do you think about combining a Progressive Picnic with a Cooker Tour? As you can see, I really want a Cooker Tour type thing. We'll discuss at the June meeting.

I've been thinking about a recruiting idea. I think it is time to revisit some of our old members and see if they are interested in rejoining our club... or if they might know someone who might be interested. Maybe a family member (child now grown up?, grandchildren?, other). We have records of members going back years and a years and just need someone interested enough to take this on. Maybe chair a small committee and do get some kind of communication plan together along with a list and contact old members; it should be easy enough to do. We will talk about this at the next meeting.

Wayne

Rockford Model T Club Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Club president Wayne Orrison welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at United Lutheran Church, Rockford. Officers, Board, and club members present included: Wayne and Phyllis Orrison, Austin Farmer, Jay Larson, Deb Werner, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Steve Kindell, Craig Sheridan, Gene Clifton, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Tim Wanfalt, Brian Fradkin, Aaron Crandall, Chuck and Betty Lesnewski, Duane and Cathy Bunton, Rick Heissler, Wayne Henson, Joe Maurer, and Scott and Sheryl Stier.

Secretary Deb Werner read the minutes of the April 2024 meeting. Wayne Henson moved to approve; seconded by Craig Sheridan.

Treasurer Jay Larson read the treasurer's report. Joe Maurer moved to approve, seconded by Brian Fradkin.

Old Business: Dave Lantz and Jay Larson reported they have received thank you's from several of the charities the club sent donation checks to a few months ago. Wayne Orrison stated sign-ups are needed for some of the club's upcoming events and tours: Little Hershey help needed at the gate, Memorial Day Parade, and the Overnight Tour. There were 35 participants at the Dust-Off Tour – Model T Club members and Model A Club members combined. Dave Lantz said he attended the recent Model A Club meeting and they informed him they had a good time on the tour. Sheryl Stier reported the Model T Club annual banquet had 36 participants and \$187 was raised from the raffle. Everyone said the Thunder Bay Restaurant food was great and everyone had a great time!

New Business: Joe Maurer provided some details regarding the upcoming Overnight Tour, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 17 and 18. Joe said the tour will include some beautiful, rolling roads, visiting some very nice antique shops, a picnic lunch and overnight will be in Stockton, Illinois. Joe said on Tuesday morning, club members will meet in Pecatonica. More details to follow.

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz stated set-up for Little Hershey will take place Thursday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Boone County Fairgrounds and also asked that club members please sign up to volunteer to help work the day of Little Hershey on Saturday, May 18 and suggested that 3 volunteers per time slot be stationed at the gate. Dave also said current vendor reservations stand at 54 and said \$1,550 has been deposited in the Little Hershey account.

Wayne Orrison said the golf carts rental contract has been signed. Steve Kindell said he will be staying the night at Boone County Fairgrounds, as usual. Brian Fradkin reported he distributed Little Hershey packet fliers in Marengo area and said O'Reilly's stated, per the manager, no fliers are allowed to be hung up in the store windows. Brian also said the Napa store in Marengo wanted additional fliers to hand out. Dave said the club is responsible for garbage pickup. It was also suggested an additional PA system be placed by the vendor areas, just for making announcements (no music). Dave asked that club member volunteers please wear the yellow club attire in order to be identified easily for event-goers. Craig Sheridan said he has brought Rockford Model T Club sweatshirts for purchase, available in various sizes.

Illnesses: Mary Sheley has been feeling under-the-weather with stomach issues.

Future Club Events: Saturday, May 4 - Cars & Coffee at Katie's Cup, 7th St., Rockford, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon - host is Rockford Model T Club; Saturday, May 11 – Maggio's Truck & Towing, 4752 Baxter Road, Rockford, will be displaying trucks with a request for cars be on display as well. The event begins at 8:00 a.m.; Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Parade, downtown Rockford; Sunday, June 2 – Model A Day, Clinton, Wisc.; Saturday, June 29 – Nash Club will be displaying cars, including NASCAR and AMC cars, at Stronghold in Oregon. Christmas Party – Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2:00 p.m. at United Lutheran Church, Rockford.

Non-Club News: Kurt Duesterhoeft said recently the Model T at Midway Village was vandalized and the meter was stolen. Kurt donated a new meter and said he and Gene Clifton did a tune-up on the car.

Member's Projects: Gene Clifton said his Model T transmission issue work is progressing. Austin states he is waiting for machining work to be done on the block of his Model T. Joe Maurer said he accidentally backed in his Model A's door and took the car to Shubert's Speed Shop and said he recommends them for body work. Kurt Duesterhoeft said he brought a coil tester to tonight's meeting for members to test their car's coils.

Craig Sheridan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Brian Fradkin seconded; approved.

Next Club Meeting: Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Tim Dickson's shop at 2571 Park Ave., Beloit, Wisc.

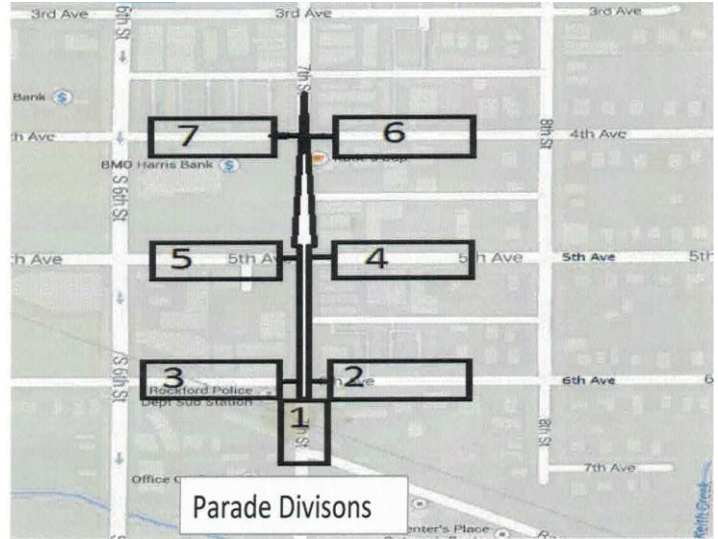
2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS BY MONTH

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June 2 nd	Model A Day	7:30 a.m.	Meet at Farm and Fleet on Riverside	Dean Wanfalt
June 5 th	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Dickson Restoration 2571 Park Ave, Beloit, WI	Tim Dickson
June 23 rd	Progressive/Cooker Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
July 4 th	Independence Day Parade	TBD	Kirkland, IL	TBD
July 13 th – 20 th	MTFCI International Tour		Cadillac, Michigan	
July 28 th	Landmark Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
August 3 rd	Tipsy History	1 - 7 p.m.	Midway Village Museum, Rockford	Kurt Duesterhoeft
August 7 th	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
August 10 th	Sycamore Steam Show	TBD	Sycamore, IL	Tim Wanfalt
August 25 th	Surprise Tour	TBD	TBD	All
September 2 nd	President's Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
September 4 th	Meeting (Brat Night)	6:00 p.m.	13678 Sundance Tr, Rockton, IL	Wayne Orrison
September 15 th	Beloit Autorama Car Show	TBD	Preservation Park, Beloit, WI	TBD
Sept. 17 th /18 th	Overnight Tour to Stockton	8:30 a.m.	Meet at Blassingham Park, Pecatonica	Joe Maurer
October 2 nd	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
Sept. 25/26	Fall Tour	TBD	TBD	Gene Clifton
November 6 th	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
December 1 st	Club Christmas Party and meeting	2 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Sheryl Stier
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day Tour	TBD	TBD	TBD

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Rockford’s Memorial Day Parade – May 27th

Once again we’ll be participating in Rockford’s Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27th. This is an opportunity to honor those who served and sacrificed for this county. We are in Parade Division #1. We will assemble on 7th Street (near 6th Avenue) at 8:30 a.m.. You can enter 7th Street from from either 8th Avenue or 9th Avenue. [Steve Kindell](#) is coordinating this event. If you haven’t already signed up, give him a call at 815/721-4700. You’re encouraged to represent one of our military branches. Out of respect to our fallen veterans, we do not throw candy or honk horns in this parade. After the parade we’ll head to Stockholm Inn for lunch.



Model A Day, Clinton, WI – Sunday June 2nd

Dean Wanfalt will be hosting this event. Meet at Farm and Fleet on Riverside at 7:30 a.m. and we’ll head out at 8 a.m. This will be the second year the event is held in historic Clinton, WI. Around 200 Model A’s typically show up for this event, but T’s are welcome, too. If you haven’t already signed up, give Dean a call at 815/222-2117. Proceeds from Model A Day benefit Vets Roll, which Duane Bunton was selected to participate in this year.



Monthly Meeting – June 5th

This month our hosts are Tim and Lisa Dickson. We’ll be meeting at Dickson Automotive Restoration located at 2571 Park Avenue in Beloit (look for the cell tower!) It’s always interesting to see what kind of projects Tim has in his shop.

This meeting is BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair!

Overnight Tour – September 17/18

Joe and Bean Maurer are already busy planning the Overnight Tour, September 17th and 18th. This is a Tuesday/Wednesday tour to avoid large crowds and busy roads. We will be visiting some excellent antique malls and shops. There will be some great driftless area roads and small towns. Maybe a museum or two. We will meet at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served there. We have a block of rooms set aside at the Country Inn and Suites in Stockton, Ill. Call 815-947-0337 to reserve a room and get a special rate. Please reference the Model T Club of Rockford for the special pricing of \$115/room. We will need a headcount for meals, etc. Call Joe at 815-541-9237 to sign up. The sign-up sheet will also be at future Model T meetings. We can guarantee some very scenic roads on this trip. Old and new cars are invited. We cannot guarantee the weather.

Past Events:

Annual Banquet – April 28th, 2024

This year's banquet was held at Thunder Bay Grille in Rockford and was hosted by Scott and Sheryl Stier. There was a good turnout of club members, plus a few folks from the Model A club – 36 in total. Tables were decorated with a Model T bookmark and an antique can with a special Model T Club label. The raffle prize table contained quite the varied treasures that folks could “bid” on with tickets. The more

tickets you used to bid, the more likely your ticket would be pulled as

the winner. Prizes ranged from a set of headlights to a spare tire. Tim Wanfalt went home with the tire so it looks like “Rusty” has a new spare!



Cars and Coffee at Katie's Cup – May 4th, 2024

Six antique cars were on display at Cars and Coffee to promote the upcoming Little Hershey event. Steve Kindell had his 1924 Model T Touring, Scott Stier brought a 1912 Model T Touring, Bill Werner had his “not quite stock” Model T, Aaron Crandall brought a 1912 Overland Model 60T, and his brother, Roland, displayed his 1926 Model T boattail speedster. Anne Laviolette from the Model A club had her coupe on display as well. Other club members present included Larry Foht and Jay Larson. Aaron's Overland was one of the more unique cars and took Best of Show honors. Aaron got the car from his father and recently got it running after a 10-year hiatus due to magneto issues. The car was used in a 1969 movie called [Gaily, Gaily](#). Although the movie was set in Chicago, it was actually filmed in Galena and Milwaukee. The movie was not a big hit, but it did have some big stars including Beau Bridges,



Brian Keith, George Kennedy, Hume Cronyn, and (a young) Margot Kidder and was nominated for three Academy Awards. Aaron says the car makes only a very brief appearance, but we know the car is the star!



Little Hershey – May 18th, 2024 (Pictures by Steve Kindell, Jay Larson, and Kurt Duesterhoeft)

Look for complete recap of Little Hershey in next month's newsletter!

Little Hershey seemed like quite a success this year and it reminded me of past Little Hershey shows.... kind of a throwback to when the weather cooperated... the place was well-packed with vendors, a lot of cars in the car show, cars for sale in the car corral, a lot of attendees, and folks having fun. The Model T rides were on the go constantly (thank you Steve Kindell and Joe Maurer). I believe I heard the food vendors say they were pleased with their results and would like to return next year. The music was absolutely fantastic -thank you Kurt - you were great on that mic. I'm not aware of any negative issues and I know from speaking to parts vendors that they were mostly happy with their results.

SO, thank you all for a great job for helping with everything from planning, distributing flyers, setting up the fairgrounds, manning the gate, cleaning up, and so much more. It is a big job and our success is dependent on everyone's involvement helping out.

Some folks were unable to participate for a variety of reasons and we understand that. I would just say that our success as a club (like all clubs) is dependent on our unified involvement in the activities and events and missing them is also missing out on the fun and fellowship.

We were able to attract a couple of new members as well and we want to welcome them when they make it to our events and meetings. Those introductions will happen soon, and I hope everyone enjoyed this event as much as I did. Seeing so many old faces and meeting some interesting new folks was great fun.

I am thinking we need to put our collective heads together to see if there are any new lessons learned or opportunities we can pursue for next year's Little Hershey. We will discuss this at our next meeting. I sure hope to see everyone at the next meeting at Tim Dickson's shop.

Thanks again for a great Little Hershey.

Wayne



Many vendors were setup in the swap meet area



About 100 cars were entered in the Car Show and Car Corral



This T Bucket was a far departure from stock!



The Model A Club brought several members and their cars



Gene Clifton attends to one of his Hit and Miss engines

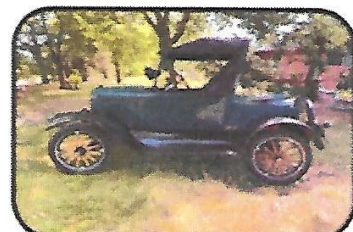


1st Annual STARVED ROCK PRE WAR CAR SHOW

1942 & Older, Original or Restored
Sponsored by Starved Rock Model A Club

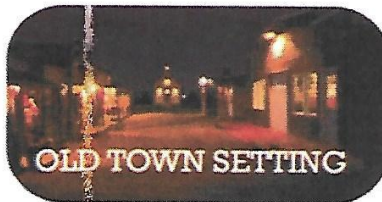


June 15, 2024
Swap Meet 7 am
Car Show 9 am - 3 pm
\$10 Donation Per Car
Participant or Spectator



Location: 3277 E 18th Rd. Ottawa, IL 61350
Vendor Information: John Krug 815.228.5898
Show Information: John Kehoe 815.830.4704

Food by Cruisin' Concessions



Dash Plaques (First 75 Cars) and Prizes Provided By:

Magnum Auto Restoration -LaSalle, IL
Theresa Poundstone-Coldwell Banker RE-Ottawa, IL
Advanced Auto Parts-Ottawa, IL
Auto Zone Auto Parts-Ottawa, IL
NAFA Auto Parts-Ottawa, IL
O'Reilly Auto Parts-Ottawa, IL
Streator High Welding Class-Streator, IL

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