

The Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

August 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>
Sunday July 28	9:30 a.m.	Progressive Tour	Farm & Fleet on Riverside
Saturday August 3	Noon	Roaring 20's/ Topsy History	Midway Village Museum
Wednesday August 7	10 a.m.	Poke-Along Tour	McDonalds, 4365 11 th Street
Wednesday August 7	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd
Saturday August 10	9 a.m.	Sycamore Steam Show	Baumann Park, Cherry Valley

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 16	Heaven on Wheels	Holy Family Catholic Church
August 24 th	Marengo High School Car Show	See flyer on page 4
August 24	Ehrenhofer Model A/T Swap Meet	See flyer on page 5
August 25	Geneva, IL Concours d'Elegance	Geneva, 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

Anniveraries

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



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location	Chair/Host
July 28 th	Progressive Picnic Tour	9:30 a.m.	Farm & Fleet on Riverside	Wayne Orrison
August 3 rd	The Roaring Twenties (Topsy History)	12-7 p.m.	Midway Village Museum, Rockford	Kurt Duesterhoeft
August 7 th	Poke-Along Tour	10 a.m.	McDonalds at 11 th St. & Samuelson Rd.	Dave Werckle Model A Club
August 7 th	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
August 10 th	Sycamore Steam Show	9 a.m.	Sycamore, IL; meet at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley	Tim Wanfalt
September 2 nd	President's Tour	9:00 a.m.	North Towne Mall, Riverside and North Main	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	Model A Club
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
October 10 th	Fall Tour	TBD	More information to come soon!	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:

Progressive Picnic Tour – July 28th (By Wayne Orrison)

We will meet at Farm & Fleet on Sunday, July 28th at 9:30 a.m. and leave at approximately at 9:50 a.m.. Dave Lantz will be chairing the drive to the four locations where we will enjoy our collective meal. Plan on spending at least 30 minutes at each stop so as to not arrive early at the next stop. Dave will lead us to each stop.

Dinnerware (probably paper plates and plastic forks, etc. is provided). You may want to bring a folding chair with you. In years past, some folks preferred to bring their own dinnerware, which is certainly OK.

- 1st stop, Gene & Betty Cliftons for hors d'oeuvres. Anyone willing to help out, let Gene know.
- 2nd stop, Tim and Lisa Dicksons for salad. Anyone willing to help out, let Tim know.
- 3rd stop, Wayne & Phyllis Orrison's for hamburgers and hot dogs, plus potato salad, drinks and chips. Anyone willing to help out, let Wayne know.
- 4th stop, Duane & Cathy Bunton's for dessert. Anyone willing to help out, let Cathy know.

Please contact [Wayne Orrison](#) to affirm your participation. You don't want to miss this fun outing.

The Roaring 20's – August 3rd

Get ready to step back in time as Midway Village brings the Roaring Twenties roaring back to life. Previously called Tippy History, this annual event looks at life in Rockford during Prohibition with period re-enactors portraying bootleggers, G-men, and flappers. Plan to arrive between 12 and 12:30 at the parking lot for the LZ Peace Memorial on Guilford road, just west of the Museum grounds. We'll enter the grounds at 12:30 and get setup before the gates open to the public at 1 p.m. Period dress is encouraged, but not required. We will have a canopy for shade and the museum will serve us lunch/dinner at 4 p.m. You may want to bring a lawn chair. The event ends at 7 p.m., but you can leave earlier if you need to. Please contact [Kurt Duesterhoeft](#) if haven't signed up but would like to participate.



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Model A Poke-Along Tour – August 7th

Dave Werckle from the Model A club is planning an aviation-themed tour and the Model T club is invited to join in the fun. It's called the Poke-Along Tour because of the leisurely pace and scenic back road travels – perfect for a Model T! The tour will meet up at the McDonalds on 11th Street and Samuelson Road at 10 a.m. Stops include the AAR repair facility at Rockford Airport, a park and military museum in Rochelle, and ice cream in Stillman Valley, before returning to another refurbishing facility at Rockford Airport. Total tour is about 55 miles. **Bring your own sack lunch.** If you haven't already signed up, give Dave Werckle a call at 815/234-8967.

Sycamore Steam Show – August 10th

Tim Wanfalt will be leading this tour to the Sycamore Steam Show. Meet up at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley at 9 a.m. and we'll leave about 9:30.

Two-for-One Special

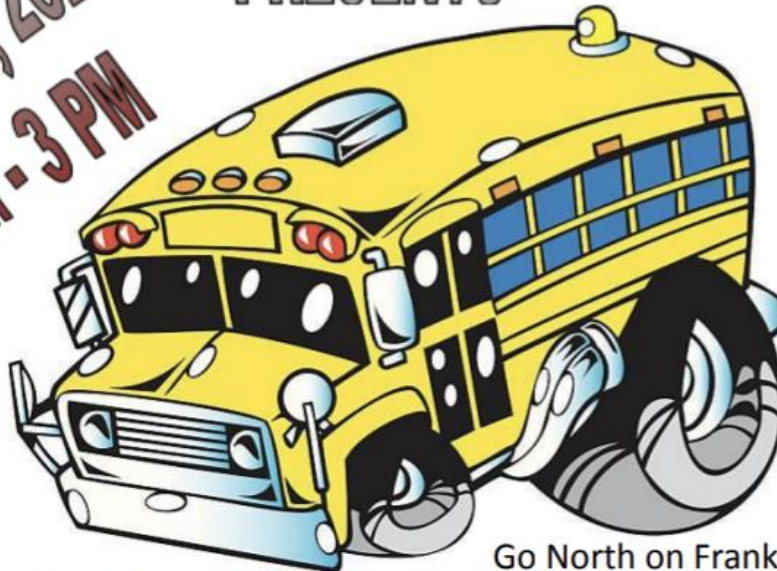
On August 24th Marengo High School will be holding it's annual car show, which club member Brian Fradkin helps orchestrate. The Ehrenhofer Model A and Model T swap meet is that same day just down the road in Woodstock. Why not do both? The car show is free to spectators. The swap meet does charge a modest admission fee.

MARENGO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

110 Franks Road, Marengo, IL 60152

PRESENTS

August 24, 2024
9 AM - 3 PM



Spectators Free

*Exhibitor Entry
Fee \$10*

Across From

Glo-Bowl

Behind Karstens

Go North on Franks Road off US 20

THE 5th ANNUAL Hot Rod High School Car Show

- ☐ Food & DJ
- ☐ Raffles & 50/50
- ☐ Event T-Shirts for Sale
- ☐ Student Pick (Bonus Awards)
- ☐ 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top 25 & Best of Show Auto
- ☐ 1st Motorcycle
- ☐ 1st Modified Lifted
- ☐ 1st Tractor / Agriculture

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MARENGO HIGH SCHOOL SkillsUSA

Come out to see Classics, Hot Rods, Gassers, Survivors, Trucks, Muscle Cars, Motorcycles,
Modified Lifted, Tractors/Agriculture and More

For further information, call 815-540-7470

The Model A and Model T Swap Meet

Save the Date

SATURDAY, August 24, 2024



LOTS OF SWAP MEET SPACES

TOMMY'S FOOD EMPORIUM WILL BE OPEN

**See the MAFFI Bus almost finished
ready for delivery to the Model A Museum!!!**

All Proceeds go to the Model A Museum MAFFI

Location: 13012 Rte 176 Woodstock, Illinois

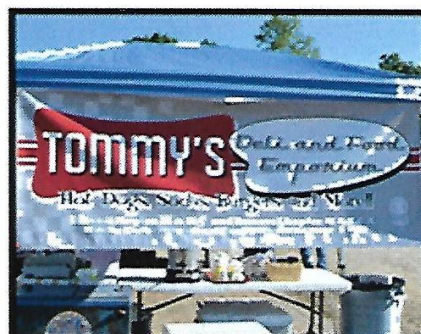
Time: 8 AM to mid Afternoon

For spaces or more info

Contact: Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906

or Mark Maron 847-302-7900

or Nick Clancy 224-500-1720



Beloit Autorama – September 15th

We'll be joining up with the Model A Club for breakfast before the event. Antique cars get prime parking at the entrance to the show, so you can sit back and watch all the show cars enter the field. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter. If you want to pre-register, you can use the form below

48th Annual www.beloitautorama.com 



Beloit AUTORAMA

**SHOW-PARTS SWAP
ARTS & CRAFTS-CAR CORRAL**

**BELOIT EVENING LIONS CLUB
COACHMEN STREET ROD CLUB
BLUE RIBBON CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, 2024 • 8 am to 4 pm

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE USED FOR LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY PROJECTS & PROGRAMS TO AID THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

TOWN OF BELOIT PRESERVATION PARK ON THE ROCK RIVER
3444 South Riverside Dr., Beloit, WI • 4 Miles North of Beloit, Wisc. on Hwy. 51
SPECTATORS: \$10.00 over 15 yrs., \$5.00 8 to 15 yrs., Under 8 Free

No Pop Up Canopies allowed in Show Car Area - No Pets Allowed - No vendors selling food items - No Alcohol - Motorized carts will require proof of disability.

PARTICIPATION CAR REGISTRATION:	VENDOR REGISTRATION:
\$10.00 on/or before September 1st, 2024	ALL SPACES ARE OUTSIDE - 20 X 20 FT SPACE = \$25.00
\$15.00 on Show Day	Vendors may also register & set up on Saturday Sept. 14th
To be considered for judging, cars must be parked by 11 AM in correct class	from noon to 5 P.M. Overnight security provided.
	CAR CORRAL \$25 Driveable \$50 Trailered
	NO PRE-REGISTRATION on CAR CORRAL

THIS IS A PARTICIPANT JUDGED SHOW

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE
CUT & MAIL TO: BELOIT AUTORAMA, PO Box 689, Beloit, WI 53511
PHONE: 808-290-3628 Days OR 808-751-3572 DAYS • ALL PARTICIPANT VEHICLES MUST BE DRIVEN INTO THE SHOW

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PHONE _____
MAKE OF CAR _____ YEAR _____ MODEL _____

Check Car Class:

<input type="checkbox"/> A - STREET ROD	<input type="checkbox"/> G - HI PERFORMANCE STOCK 1948 -1970	<input type="checkbox"/> M - 55-64 CHEVROLET STOCK
<input type="checkbox"/> B - CUSTOM CARS	<input type="checkbox"/> H - HI PERFORMANCE MODIFIED 1948 -1970	<input type="checkbox"/> N - 55-64 CHEVROLET MODIFIED
<input type="checkbox"/> C - ANTIQUE 1948 & OLDER	<input type="checkbox"/> I - HI PERFORMANCE STOCK 1971- PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> O - MOTORCYCLE
<input type="checkbox"/> D - CLASSIC STOCK 1948-1988	<input type="checkbox"/> J - HI PERFORMANCE MODIFIED 1971 - PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> P - RAT RODS
<input type="checkbox"/> E - CORVETTE STOCK	<input type="checkbox"/> K - TRUCKS STOCK	<input type="checkbox"/> VENDOR SWAP
<input type="checkbox"/> F - CORVETTE MODIFIED	<input type="checkbox"/> L - TRUCKS MODIFIED	_____ # of spaces/Car Parts

Make Check To: Beloit Evening Lions Club FEE ENCLOSED _____ # of spaces / Arts & Crafts

Registration fee to cover two adults and all children under 16 riding in car.
(No Checks on Day of Show) A confirmation card will be returned and must be brought with you to show.
Registration can now be paid online with "Square"

Overnight Tour – September 17/18

We want to welcome all members and guests of the Model T Ford Club of Rockford and the Rock-*Ford* A's car club to the fall overnight tour sponsored by the Model T Club. This year we will be traveling on scenic roads in the driftless area of northwest Illinois. Our theme will be antiquing and spectacular scenery. We plan on visiting some excellent antique malls and shops in small towns. A couple of museums are on the schedule if we have time.

The tour will be September 17 and 18. We will meet at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica Illinois at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served before we leave. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Country Inn and Suites in Stockton Illinois. Please call them at 815-947-0337 to get a special rate. Mention the Model T Ford Club of Rockford to get a special rate. If you plan on going, please call Joe at 815-541-9237 to get registered. The sign-up sheet will also be at the club meetings. Old and new cars are welcome. This is rain or shine. We always have a guide and handouts and there will be a drawing. Not sure your old car is up to the challenge? We'll have a truck and trailer available for any roadside rescues. Call Joe with questions. 815-541-9237.

Fall Tour Announced – Mark Your Calendar – October 10th

Thursday, October 10th will be our annual Fall Tour, hosted by Gene and Betty Clifton. While the exact destination of this tour is always a well-guarded secret, Gene has divulged that it will be heading in a generally southwesterly direction. Exactly where will we end up? Well there's only one way to find out. Sign up for the tour at the August or September meeting and look for more information in the next newsletter.

PAST EVENTS:

Kirkland Independence Day Parade – July 4th (Pictures courtesy of Dave Lantz, Cindy Kindell, and Kurt Duesterhoeft)

Baumann Park in Cherry Valley was the meeting spot before our annual July 4th trek to Kirkland. While we checked out the donuts and coffee that were provided by host Dave Lantz, early morning joggers and dog-walkers stopped by to check out the cars. It's always fun to see people's reactions to a gathering of antique autos. They look, and point, and sometimes even ask some questions, like "How fast does it go?". About 9 a.m. we fired up the engines and Dave led the convoy towards Kirkland - Aaron Crandall with a '26 T Touring, Betty and Gene Clifton in their '26 T Coupe, Steve and Cindy Kindell with grandsons Ethan and Christopher Frink in their '24 T touring, Wayne and Pyllis Orrison in their '31 Model A Tudor, and Kurt Duesterhoeft and Craig Sheridan in Kurt's '31 Model A Coupe. Dave's parents, Conrad and Linda, rode along in his '26 T Touring. Deena met us in Kirkland as did Bill and Deb Werner. Kirkland is truly a small town slice of rural Americana. A place where Main Street is still the main street and probably doesn't look much different in 2024 than it did in 1974. Tractors, trucks, cars, and floats of all kinds were decked out in their patriotic best. The crowd along the parade route

seemed bigger than ever with throngs of kids waiting for some sweet treats to get tossed their way. As we wound our way along the route, folks were cheering and waving, especially when you sounded the horn. And after the parade ended, a savory pork chop sandwich awaited us at the city park. What a great way to celebrate America's 248th birthday!



The sign says it all - these cars are pretty special to all of us





Dave leads the way with his T decked out in fine patriotic fashion



This golf cart had two extra horsepower!

