

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

June 2022

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	<i>Kurt Duesterhoeft</i>
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<i>Little Hershey</i>	
<i>Swap Meet</i>	<i>Dave Lantz</i>
<i>Sunshine Persons</i>	<i>Duane & Cathy Bunton</i>



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>
Mon May 30	8:30 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade	Downtown Rockford
Wed June 1	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Gene & Betty Clifton's home 8664 Trudy Rd., Rockford
Sat/Sun Jun 4-5	10 - 4	Celebration of Innovation	Midway Village Museum
Sun Jun 5		Model A Day	Downtown Sharon, WI
Sat July 4	9 a.m.	Kirkland July 4 th Parade	Baumann Park, Cherry Valley

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jun 9	*Ford Tri-Motor Aircraft Exhibition	801 Airport Dr, Rockford Airport, (2 – 4 p.m.)
June 11	June Dairy (Farm) Breakfast	Friendly Franseen Acres 22799 Hwy 76, Poplar Grove
June 12	Glenn Matteson Memorial Car Show	Legion Hall, 211 N. State St. Durand, IL

*Click on the above links for more info....

You can find all the local car shows and cruise nights at Bill Werner's website by clicking

<https://rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com/events.html>.

In Memoriam

Richard Thomas “Tom” Nightingale entered eternal life on Sunday, May 15, 2022, surrounded by his loving family at Agrace Hospice and Palliative Care in Janesville, WI. Tom was a member of the Rockford Model T club from 1976 – 2018. A Visitation of Remembrance for Tom will take place on Thursday, June 2 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI. A Memorial Service will be Friday, June 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Pastor Kelvin Swanson at Berean Baptist Church, 1992 Shopiere Rd., Beloit, WI. Full military honors will immediately follow the service. The



funeral service can be live streamed at 11:00 a.m. CST at www.bereanbaptistbeloit.org. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Nightingale, Pierson, and Wong families.

A complete obituary can be found at <https://www.daleymurphywisch.com/obituaries/Richard-Nightingale/#!/Obituary>

Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes May 4, 2022

Bill Werner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at Duane and Cathy Bunton’s home. Officers, Board and club members present included: Duane Bunton, Craig Sheridan, Deb Werner, and Steve Kindell, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Wayne Orrison, Dean Wanfalt, Phyllis Orrison, Cathy Bunton, Jay Larson, and Bill Duffee.

Deb Werner read the minutes of the club’s May 2022 meeting. Craig Sheridan moved to approve, seconded by Duane Bunton; motion approved.

Duane Bunton read the treasurer’s report. Wayne Orrison moved to approve, seconded by Craig Sheridan; approved.

Old Business: Craig Sheridan bought four new 6-foot tables at Menard’s for the club. Duane Bunton noted that all club memberships are paid up.

New Business: no New Business at this time.

Little Hershey – Dave Lantz requested club members meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 19 for set-up at Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere. Dave said it was decided the club would use the old signs and update the banners. Dave also noted more vendors have reserved spaces this year. Dave said J & S Ice Cream and More To Life ministry will serve coffee and breakfast sandwiches at Little Hershey. Steve Kindell and Dave Lantz will be providing Model T rides.

Club Member’s Projects – Club members Gene Clifton and Jay Larson got Jay’s Model T running – Jay states ‘thanks!’ to Gene. And Gene also noted he would assist Craig Sheridan on Craig’s car noise issue.

Past Club Events – Dave Lantz said Gene Clifton brought his coil tester to the club’s annual Tech Seminar on Saturday, April 23. Steve Kindell said Tim Wanfalt worked on Steve’s coils and said the coils “were spot-on!”

Future Club Events – May 7 -- Cars & Coffee at Katie’s Cup, 9:00 a.m., meet for line-up at 8:30 a.m.; Sat. and Sun., June 4 and June 5 – Midway Village, Rockford for ‘Technology in the Victorian Era – Celebration of Innovation’ (contact Kurt Duesterhoeft for more info); Sunday, June 5 – Sharon (Wisc.) Model A Days – tour host is Dean Wanfalt; Fri. and Sat. June 8 and 9 – Ford Trimotor – Rockford Airport; Sat. June 11 – Dairy Breakfast, at Franseen’s Goat Farm, Clinton, Wisc.; Sat., July 2 -- July club meeting at Byron Museum, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., hosted by Len Belpedio. July 4 – 9:00 a.m., meet at Bauman Park – Cherry Valley and tour to Kirkland for the annual 4th of July Parade. There will be a short club meeting prior to leaving for the tour to Kirkland; Sun. Oct 9 – Overnight and Fall Tour – more info soon.

Cars and Coffee, Downtown Rockford May 7, 2022

Some 350 cars made the May Cars and Coffee event their largest ever. The Rockford Model T Club co-sponsored the show along with the Wisconsin and Illinois Camaro clubs. Spectators were out early enjoying the long-awaited sunshine and warm temperatures. Dave Lantz setup a neat historic display showing Model T parts and a troubleshooting guide and had a hand-operated ahh-oo-gah horn that the kids just had a ball with. Bill Werner, Steve and Cindy Kindell, Bill Duffee, Aaron Crandall, Roland Crandall, and Kurt Duesterhoeft also had their cars on display. Aaron brought his 1915 experimental coupe which was once owned by Edsel Ford. Both Edsel and Henry each had one of these custom built cars, but Henry’s was wrecked leaving this the only one in existence. Look for more about this rolling piece of history in a future newsletter.



Aaron Crandall's 1915 Experimental Coupe



Dave Lantz presents Katie's Cup with a \$100 check from the Club



Promoting the club and Little Hershey

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
 Jay Larson 6/27
 Deb Werner 6/29



Anniversaries

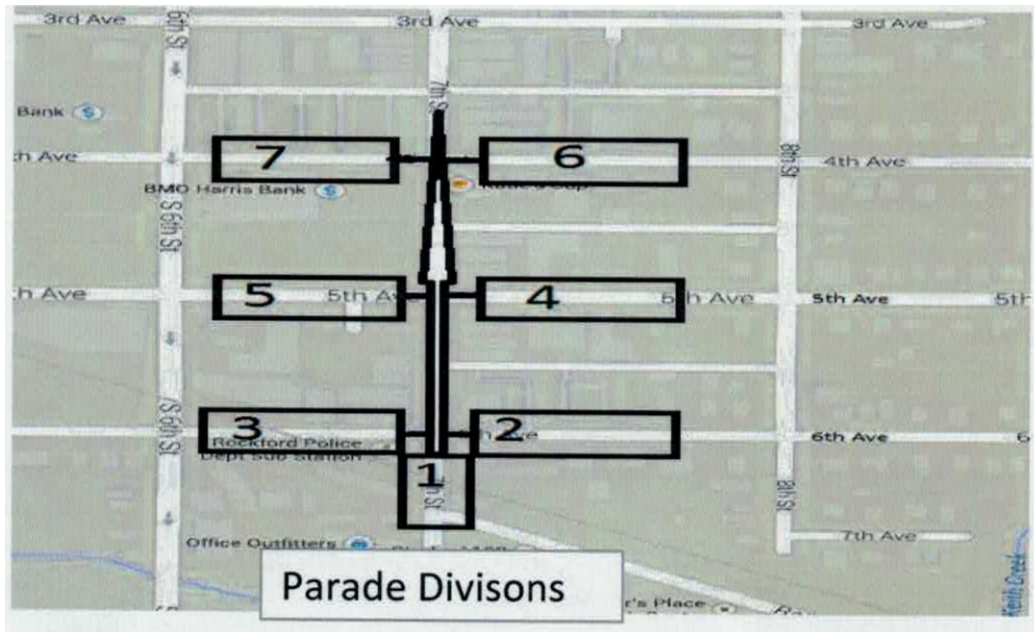
Scott & Sheryl Stier 6/10
 Tim & Lisa Dickson 6/17

Here’s a list of remaining club activities for the year. We still have a few open items so please consider hosting one of these events.

Date	Event	Host/Chair
Monday, May 30, 2022	Memorial Day Parade	Steve Kindell
Sat/Sun June 4-5, 2022	Midway Village Museum	Kurt Duesterhoeft
Sunday, June 5, 2022	Model A Day, Sharon, Wis	Dean Wanfalt
Sunday, June 11, 2022	Dairy (Farm) Breakfast	
Monday, July 4, 2022	Kirkland 4 th of July Parade	Duane Bunton
TBD	Surprise Tour	
11-14 August, 2022	Sycamore Steam Show	Tim Wanfalt?
TBD	Overnight Tour	Joe Maurer?
TBD	President’s Tour	
Sunday, October 9 th , 2022	Fall Tour	Gene Clifton
TBD	Annual Banquet	
TBD	Christmas Party	

What’s Happening?

Monday May 30th is **Rockford’s Memorial Day Parade**. This is an opportunity to honor all those who have served our country and protected our freedoms. The origins of this solemn holiday pre-date the Model T, going all the way back to 1868. Out of respect for our fallen heroes, parade organizers request that we don’t throw candy or honk horns. We are in Division #4 of the parade this year (see map). Enter from 8th Street at 5th Avenue to get staged and plan to arrive by 8:30 a.m. The parade route is about 1.5 miles long, ending by Beattie Park. Please let Steve Kindell know if you can attend with your Model T.



Midway Village is hosting a **Celebration of Innovation (1860 – 1910)** on Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be an opportunity to have up to four Model T's on display. Advances in technology developed in the Victorian period significantly changed the day-to-day lives of the people who lived during this time. Program theme: Help visitors understand the way that work changed for a number of different people as new technologies were developed such as farming, hand knitting to machines including spinning wheels and knitting machines, food preservation, woodworking, machine shops, linotype machines, flue plates, nursing, wagons to automobiles, forensics, housekeeping technology such as washing machines and vacuums, and the first female lawyers. Please let Kurt Duesterhoeft know if you would like to display your Model T so we get a headcount. You can display either day or both. This is a unique way to engage the public and foster interest in our Model T's.

The 25th annual **Model A Day** will be held in Sharon, WI on Sunday June 5th from 9 a.m – 3 p.m. Hundreds of Model A's will line the downtown streets as well as a few of our beloved Model T's. There will be live music from the times, a swap meet, pig roast, and ice cream social. The event is sponsored by the Rock-Ford A's Model A car club. The town of Sharon goes all-in for this event each year. More information can be found at <http://www.historicdowntownsharon.com/model-a-day.html>. Contact Dean Wanfalt (815/222-2117) if you'd like to attend.

The **Ford Tri-Motor** aircraft exhibition is scheduled to arrive at 2 p.m. June 9th, at the Rockford Airport Emery Air Facility, 801 Airport Drive. There will be a welcoming reception and news media and photo opportunities. It is a fund-raising event for the sponsoring local EAA Chapter 22 as rides on the plane will be sold. Let Kurt Duesterhoeft know if you'd like to get a picture of your T with the airplane as soon as possible so we can make arrangements.

Ford Tri-Motor info can be found here: <https://www.eaa.org/shop/Flights/FlyTheFord.aspx>

The 23rd Annual Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation **Farm Breakfast** will be held June 11, 2022, at Friendly Franseen Acres, the goat farm we visited last fall, located at 22799 Hwy 76, Poplar Grove, IL. Breakfast consisting of all-you-can-eat pancakes, whole hog sausage, applesauce, ice cream, milk, and coffee will be served from 6:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Activities include goat milking (approximately 6:30-8 a.m.) horse drawn wagon rides (weather permitting), children's games, petting zoo, 50/50 raffle, antique tractor display, the [Matthew Wundrow Band](#), and more. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 children ages 6-10, and children under 5 are free. All proceeds go to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation to support education.

Once again we will be participating in the **Kirkland 4th of July parade**. This is an annual tradition and the parade committee pays us a stipend for attending. Meet up at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley by 9 a.m. on Monday, July 4th. Let Duane Bunton (815/543-4935) know if you'll be attending.

The 65th **MTFCI Annual Tour** is July 17th – 22nd in Hamilton, Ohio. Hotel reservations must be made before May 31st. Refer to your latest issue of the **Model T Times** for all the details.

July Meeting

Our July meeting will be on Saturday afternoon, July 2nd at 1 p.m., at the Byron museum, 110 N. Union St, Byron, IL. Watch next month's newsletter for more details.



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EXPERIENCE THE GOLDEN AGE OF AVIATION

FORD TRI-MOTOR PROPERTY OF



**CHICAGO/ROCKFORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT [RFD]
JUNE 9TH - 12TH | ROCKFORD, IL**

ADVANCE ONLINE PRICING: ADULT: \$80 | CHILD (17 & UNDER): \$55

WALK UP PRICING: ADULT: \$85 | CHILD: \$55

RIDES: THURS 2-5 PM | FRI-SUN 9 AM - 5 PM



FOR MORE INFO: FLYTHEFORD.ORG
OR CALL: 1-877-952-5395



The Great Race

The Great Race is an annual time/speed/distance rally for vintage cars and it's coming to a town (somewhat) near you. This year's race will start in Rhode Island and travel through Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, finishing in North Dakota. It's been quite a few years since the race passed through this area. With more than \$150,000 in prizes, the race attracts entrants from around the world. Most of the participant cars are pre-WWII, although models up to 1974 are permitted. The 2021 race was won by two young sisters (driver and navigator) with a 1932 Ford five-window coupe. The exact route of the race is not published in advance, to keep the race fair. But you can catch the event at an overnight stop or a lunch stop. If you'd like to see the race in person, the closest locations are:

Wednesday June 22, 5 p.m. Lockport Street, Downtown Plainfield, IL Overnight stop

Thursday June 23, 11:45 a.m. Angell Park Speedway, Sun Prairie, WI Lunch Stop

Thursday June 23, 2:30 p.m. Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI Overnight Stop

You can find more information at <https://www.greatrace.com/>



Food for Thought: Years ago everyone had a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has a car and only the rich have horses.