

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

December 2021

MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:

<i>President</i>	<i>Wayne Henson</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Deb Werner</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Duane Bunton</i>
<i>President Emeritus</i>	<i>Steve Kindell</i>
<i>Directors</i>	<i>Bill Werner</i>
	<i>Wayne Henson</i>
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	<i>Dave Lantz</i>
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Kurt Duesterhoeft</i>
<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>
Wed Dec 1	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Duane and Cathy Bunton's home 13298 Promontory Trail Roscoe, IL 61073

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tues Dec 14	Club Speedster Donation	Model T Museum Richmond, Indiana

Dues: Have you paid your dues for 2022 yet? It's only \$15. Pay Duane at the December meeting or mail to:

Duane Bunton
13298 Promontory Trail
Roscoe, IL 61073

Opportunities to serve:

Time to start thinking about election of officers. If you've never served on the Board, please consider doing so. If it's been a while since you've served, consider serving another term.

Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes November 3rd, 2021

President Wayne Henson welcomed club officers, board members and club members, and called the meeting to order at Tim Dickson's shop in Beloit, Wisc.

Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's October 2021 meeting. Wayne Orrison moved to approve, seconded by Craig Sheridan; approved.

Duane Bunton read the treasurer's report. Craig Sheridan moved to approved, seconded by Steve Kindell, approved.

Old Business: No old business at this time.

New Business: Steve Kindell states he received an email from Hemming's and states they will no longer offer free hosting for websites. Steve also notes the Model T International uses GoDaddy and states cost is \$140/per year. Steve asked if the club thought we should request Hemming's website at \$140 per year but club members and board and directors voted unanimously not to pursue website through Hemming's due to cost.

New Members: Raymond Marschang (of Freeport), a guest of Joe Maurer, was voted unanimously as new member of the Rockford Model T Club.

Past Club Events: Club members expressed many Thanks to Cindy Kindell for organizing the Annual Banquet on Oct. 23 and expressed the meals and service were wonderful and a good time was had by everyone. Club members also expressed Thanks to Gene and Betty Clifton for the fun Pumpkin Tour on Oct. 9 and stated the day was perfect for the tour.

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz said J & S Ice Cream is willing to be a vendor for the 2022 event. Dave said no food vendors have been contracted yet but states he will be contacting possible vendors. Dave confirmed Urban Farmgirls will be paying for our club's space again if it's the same weekend. Dave said the Boone County Fairgrounds will be the same contract as 2021 and the same two buildings as last year available to us at the fairgrounds.

Future Club Events: No club Christmas party is scheduled at this time. Discussion took place regarding if a future tour is hosted, a \$50 stipend will be paid to the host for expenses of tour planning and driving the route, along with any snacks and beverages purchased (with the exception of the following events: Memorial Day Parade, 4th of July Parade to Kirkland, Sycamore Steam Tour, and Sharon Model A Days. Duane Bunton made a motion to reinstate a prior tour-host stipend allowance, voted unanimously by officers, members, and board members. Discussion also took place about a possible date change for the weekend of the Overnight Tour, due to numerous other car events are often scheduled for that weekend.

Non-Club Events: Sat. Nov. 6 and Sun. Nov. 7 -- Rockford Speedway Swap Meet and Car Show (car show on Sun. Nov. 7).

Member's Projects: Duane Bunton said he got his hood painted, done by Tim Dickson. Dave Lantz said he is currently working on putting in an auxiliary transmission, shortened driveshaft and having the radius arms shortened. Joe Maurer states he needs a 30 x 3 tire. Joe also states new member, Raymond, needs a rear end (driver's side) for a Model A.

Upcoming Elections: Mention was made that Sheryl Stier is interested in being put on the ballot to run for club Board of Directors and Jeff Kennedy is interested in being put on the ballot for club President.

Adjourn: Joe Maurer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Craig Sheridan seconded; approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 1st at Duane & Cathy Bunton's house.

Respectively submitted, *Deb Werner*, secretary

Speedster Donation – by Wayne Orrison:

A number of years ago club members built a Speedster which was subsequently raffled off at the International meet. The money raised was used for the youth education program. Wayne recently spoke to the current owner, Anita Owens, who plans to donate the car to the Model T museum. Here's his report:



Model T Museum in Richmond, IN

The museum is not open at this time of the year on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesdays, but the museum will make an exception for Anita's donation.

Anita is very proud of that car and she said that she and her late husband Charlie had many happy tours/experiences with it.

Anita Owens, owner of the speedster we built/raffled off informed me that she will make the donation of that car to the Model T Museum in Richmond IN on Tuesday, December 14th. The car has been restored and she said the car is running fine, but that there are still a couple of wiring things to complete. It will be completed very soon and in time for the donation ceremony. So, if you plan to attend this ceremony, you might want to look for hotels in that area. The

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Deena Lantz	12/08
Yvonne Wilson	12/14
Bill Werner	12/14



Annual Banquet - by Steve Kindell:



This design takes the cake!

This year's Rockford Model T Club Banquet was attended by 30 members and guests at the Thunder Bay Grill. The social hour started promptly at 5 p.m. and dinner began a little after 6 p.m. Club President Wayne Henson welcomed everyone and reminded everybody of the need for club officer volunteers. Dessert was provided by the club - a sheet cake with the Rockford Model T Club logo on it. After dinner a drawing for the thirteen table settings was held. Overall a fun time was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Cindy Kindell for putting together the table settings and getting the cake.



Club members enjoyed the annual banquet held at Thunder Bay Grill on October 23rd.

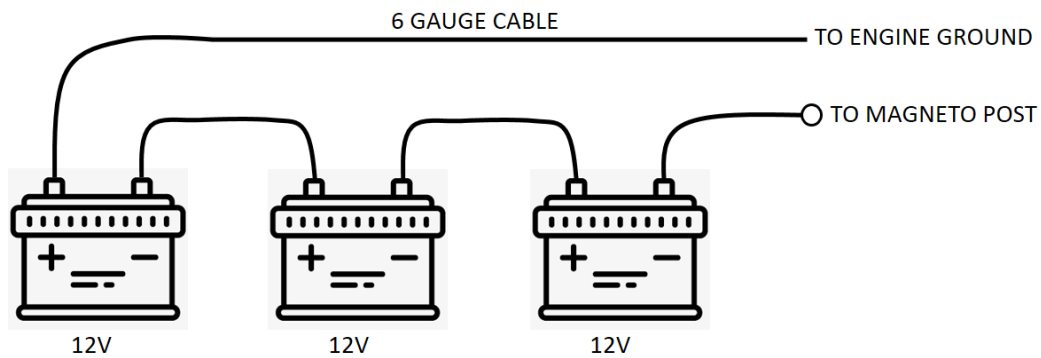
Tech Talk:

Club Member Len Belpedio has successfully recharged the magneto in his car as well Gene Clifton's. His procedure is outlined here:

In-Car Magneto Recharge Procedure

The following is an overview of the procedure to recharge the magneto while it is installed in the car. You will need either a battery bank (I used the 36 Vdc bank in my boat) or another suitable DC power supply, and a compass. It was suggested to me to use a welder, but I couldn't bring myself to try this!

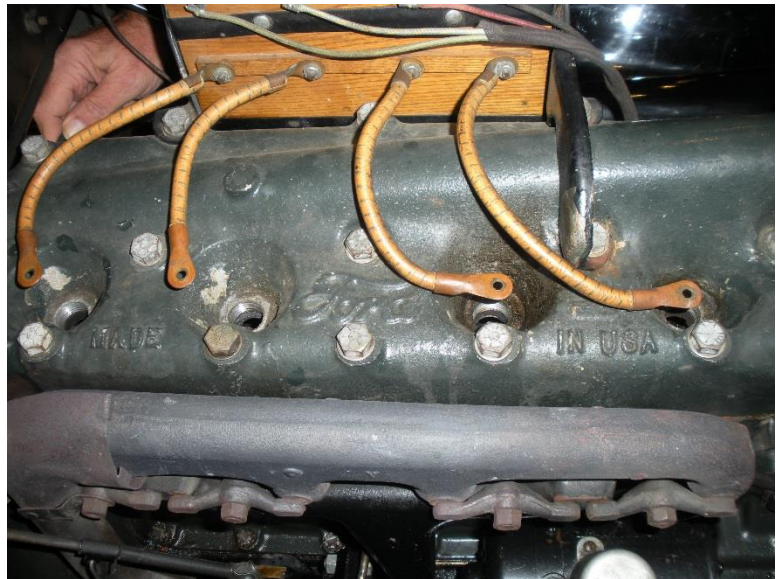
The battery bank that I used is three 12 Vdc, 850 CCA batteries wired in series. I also used some #6 wire for the jumpers.



The first thing you need to do is check the output from the magneto with the car running on battery. Measure AC voltage from the magneto contact (on the hog's head) to ground. When I did mine it was ~2 Vac before recharging.

Park the car facing either east or west. I know this sounds silly but it will make sense soon.

Remove the spark plugs and floorboards. Disconnect the magneto output wire.



Spark plugs are removed to make it easier to turn over the engine manually to align the magneto.

Place a compass on the hog's head next to the magneto output pin and have someone manually turn the engine over until the compass points exactly parallel to the engine crankshaft. This will ensure that the north pole of a pair of magnets is under the output post.

Now comes the fun part! Please be careful with this step!!!! In my setup, we were using 36 Vdc with a potential of 850 amps! This is not something to be careless with!

Remove the Compass. Connect the jumper to the battery bank or power supply, and connect the negative (-) to the magneto output pin.

"Spark" the positive (+) to a solid ground on the car (The water pump bolts or block work) 5 – 7 times fairly quickly. You should notice the magnitude of the spark decrease with every spark.

Remove the jumpers, reinstall the spark plugs, and reconnect the magneto output wire. Start the car and re-measure AC voltage from the magneto output post to ground. I ended up with ~25 Vac at idle, and I believe that Gene's was the same or better!



Compass is pointing to zero degrees, indicating magneto is aligned to a north magnet pole.

One word of caution; the cause of my particular failure was a "loose" ignition switch that allowed 6 Vdc from the battery / generator to hit the magneto. This killed the magnets! Check your switch to ensure that this will not happen after recharging.

Happy Motoring!

I Spy....

...pictures of some of our members in the November – December issue of the *Model T Times*. Tim Wanfalt is checking out Fall Hershey on page 19 and Scott and Sheryl Stier are showing their 1911 Touring at the Geneva Concours d'Elegance on page 27. Nice to see our members actively participating in the hobby at these special events.

The Marketplace

Dave Lantz is looking for a license plate bracket like this one he spotted on Scott and Sheryl Stiers' Touring. If you have one to sell, or know someone who might, let Dave know. You can contact him at 815/979-4544 or daveblantz@gmail.com.

Do you have items you'd like to advertise in the newsletter? Let Kurt know. His number is 815/874-5102 or you can email him at kduet64@frontier.com.



*Fun
Ford
facts*

The first Model T's built in 1908/09 had only two foot pedals. Reverse was operated with a floor-mounted lever instead of a pedal. Ford later offered a \$15 upgrade to convert those cars to three floor pedals. The Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI has a two-pedal T on display. You can read more about the museum and their Model T driving school in the latest issue of the Model T Times.



Early Model T with two foot pedals. Picture courtesy of MTFCA.