



Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter



January 2024

MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:

President	Wayne Orrison
Vice President	Steve Kindell
Secretary	Deb Werner
Treasurer	Jay Larson
President Emeritus	Aaron Crandall
Directors	Bill Werner
	Craig Sheridan
	Duane Bunton
	Dave Lantz
Newsletter Editor	Kurt Duesterhoeft
Little Hershey	
Swap Meet	Dave Lantz
Sunshine Persons	Duane & Cathy Bunton



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>
Saturday January 20	12 p.m.	Model T University	Vrana Frame & Body Shop 1405 N. Main Street West Bend, WI
Wednesday March 6	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.
Sunday April 28	Noon	Annual Banquet	Thunder Bay Grille

Note: We will be taking the months of January and February off while the snowbirds retreat to the warmer climes and the rest of us hunker down and “hibernate”. Our regular monthly meetings will resume starting Wednesday, March 6th.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Dorothy Heltness (95 years!)	1/1
Ron Ehrenhofer	1/3



Club Elections were held at the regular November monthly meeting. Aaron Crandall takes over the President Emeritus position while Wayne Orrison was unanimously approved as club President. All other officers and directors agreed to serve another term. We thank Aaron for serving as president this past year (joining his father and brother who were also past presidents). And a big thank you to Wayne for stepping up and volunteering to take on the presidency again, having served at least twice in the past. And let's not forget the rest of the officers and directors, some of whom have been serving their respective roles for a number of years. You can always find a list of those folks on the front page of each newsletter.



Rockford Model T Club Christmas Party December 2, 2023

President Wayne Orrison welcomed club members Joe and Bean Maurer, Duane and Cathy Bunton, Phyllis Orrison, Austin Farmer, Deb and Bill Werner, Rick and Cheryl Heissler, Wayne Henson, Larry Foht, Scott and Sheryl Stier (hosts), Craig Sheridan, and Kurt Duesterhoeft to the final club event for 2023. Wayne gave a preview of club events for 2024, including the return of Brat Night and a "Cooker" tour, which we haven't done in quite some time. Joe and Bean volunteered to once again host the fall Overnight Tour. The church hall was decked out for the occasion, including decorative center pieces which the women took home as door prizes. Everyone brought a gift for the raffle/auction which raised over \$130 for the club. Members enjoyed the potluck luncheon with the club providing the chicken. The festive hat contest was a big hit and highlighted some truly amazing creativity. The club also signed birthday cards for Dorothy Heltness who turns 95 on January 1st. Congratulations Dorothy! Thank you Scott, Sheryl, and Craig for providing a wonderful party.



Don we now our gay apparel, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la! The festive hat contest was quite the hit. The top prize was awarded to Wayne and Phyllis Orrison (okay, mostly Phyllis).



Bill Werner took home one of the more interesting items from the raffle/auction. No one was sure what kind of car these headlights came off of. Can you identify them? If so, let Bill know.



Ever wear a pine tree? Many parts are fashionable!

WANTED

Wayne Orrison is looking for a Model T manifold cooker for our upcoming Cooker Tour. If you have an extra, please contact him at 815-624-2152.



The Prez Sez (Monthly Musings and Random Ramblings)

It's a new year and I'm excited and looking forward to this year's Model T doings and serving as your club president and working with the board and all of you. I want to sincerely thank Aaron Crandall for his leadership and patience with us this last year serving as our president and I look forward to his inputs as we move forward in 2024. I am also happy to have one of our newest members - Austin Farmer - volunteer to take on the VP role. More about that later.

To start, I want to thank Sheryl and Scott Stier and Craig Sheridan for all their work in helping bring 2023 to a fun conclusion with a super club Christmas Party. For all those who were able to attend, I know they too appreciate their efforts and the fellowship we were all able to enjoy. So much yummy food, wonderfully decorated tables and center pieces, so many wonderful fund raising/auction items, give-away items and background music made the party just wonderful. For those who were unable to attend, I hope you will be able to join us next year and enjoy the fun.

2024 has great promise to be a fun year as we hope and attempt to bring back some of the favorite tours and events you have mentioned that we enjoyed in past years, but have lost somehow over time.

I would love to see our club membership grow and to see some of you that have been unable to participate in tours and events in the past, break out the old cars and come have some fun. But remember, you are always encouraged to join in and have fun. You don't need to drive an old car to have some fun participating.

I hope we can work on the membership together and encourage potential members to join our ranks and enjoy our hobby. I plan to have some Model T Club business cards printed up to give to everyone (spouses too), so we can give one to potential members.

I hope that you agree that it would be fun to see our club mix with more of the fun Model A Club activities and for them to mix more with our fun times. We've done this a few times and it has been very successful. The Model A Club faces many of the same challenges we do getting folks "off the couch" and involved in club activities and have seriously expressed similar thoughts about our clubs mixing more.

Some of those events I hope we can re-establish are:

1. Chili Shoot Out - used to do in March
2. Progressive Picnic - used to do in June
3. Picnic & Car Games - used to do in June
4. Landmark Tour - used to do in July
5. Brat Night - used to do in September
6. Pot Luck Tour - used to do in September

These are just a few of the tours and events we used to do. Maybe we don't have to try to do them all, but why not?

DO YOU have a favorite you would like to see on the schedule of events? If you remember, there was something happening every month and usually more than one event. It was always very busy and it might be overly ambitious to add more, especially if we mix with more Model A Club activities. However, one question to consider is; "Why have an old car if we're not going to enjoy it?"

I welcome and I'm asking for your inputs and suggestions to help make our club more exciting and fun for everyone.

Here's to a great 2024 and many fun miles and times to you all.

Thank You. Have a great day.

Wayne Orrison

Save the Date

Our **annual banquet** for 2024 will be a buffet brunch at Thunder Bay Grille in Rockford on **Sunday, April 28th**. You won't want to miss it. More details to follow.

Midway Village Museum's Model T Victim of Vandals

Midway Village reports that the building where their Model T was being stored was recently broken in to. The miscreants made off with the motometer and the ignition switch/ammeter panel. No other damage has been identified so far. You may recall that Gene Clifton and Kurt Duesterhoeft got the museum's T running back in 2020 after it had sat for many years. The club has developed a good working relationship with the museum over the last few years, lending expertise and help where we can and participating in fun events such as Topsy History.

Model T University – Saturday, January 20th

The Milwaukee area Dairyland T's are once again hosting their Model T University day. This event typically features a couple of expert speakers and a small, indoor swap meet (5 – 20 vendors). The topics for this year's University day had not yet been selected, as of this writing. The event will be held at Vrana Frame and Body Shop, 1405 N Main Street, West Bend, Wisconsin. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dave Lantz at 815/979-4544 for car pool arrangements.

Calling all Cooks!

We are planning a "Cooker" tour this year. Unlike most tours where we go somewhere to eat, on this tour we bring the eats along and cook as we drive using manifold cookers, just like they did back in the day. If you have a manifold cooker, start digging through those recipes to see what suits your fancy. Here's something to whet your appetite, courtesy of the Casual T's club:

Planetary Potato Casserole

- 4 tbs. olive oil
- 2 lbs. frozen hash brown potatoes [let thaw for 30 minutes] or 2 lbs. fresh russet potatoes, diced small
- 1 cup onions, chopped
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 6oz. sour cream
- 1 stick butter
- 8oz. shredded sharp cheese
- salt & pepper, to taste
- 2 tbs. chives

Fill bottom of cooker with crumpled foil. Line cooker with foil and spray with Pam. Add olive oil, potatoes and onions and run down the road for 20 minutes or 11 miles. Add remaining ingredients and cook for 40 minutes or 20 miles.

Last Call for Membership Dues!

Almost everyone has renewed their membership, but if you haven't, it's not too late. We are planning on updating our club roster books for next year. We haven't done this for several years and some of our information is no longer current, so we're asking everyone to fill out a membership renewal form so we get all of our records up to date. You'll find the form on the next page. Please mail the filled out form, along with your \$15 renewal check to our club Treasurer at:

Jay Larson
2103 Guilford Rd
Rockford, IL 61107

Membership Renewal

Rockford Chapter Model T Ford Club



Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell
 Landline

Email Address: _____

Name of Spouse: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell
 Landline

MTFCI Member Number _____ Best way to reach me is:

Email
 Phone
 Text

Antique Cars Owned

Year	Make	Body Type
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Antique Car Clubs Belonged To:

Antique Car Interests:

Signature

Date