

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

September 2023

MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:

President	Aaron Crandall
Vice President	Steve Kindell
Secretary	Deb Werner
Treasurer	Jay Larson
President Emeritus	Steve Kindell
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>
Wednesday September 6	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.
Sunday September 17		Beloit Autorama	Preservation Park Beloit, WI
Tue./Wed. September 26/27	8:30 a.m.	Overnight Tour	Blossingham Park Pecatonica
Sunday October 8	8:30 a.m.	Fall Tour	Clifton Residence 8664 Trudy Rd.

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 26	Model A and T swap meet	Ehrenhofers 13012 Route 176 Woodstock, IL
August 26	Marengo High School Car Show	110 Franks Road, Marengo

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

Cam Fradkin 9/1
Duane Bunton 9/14



Anniversaries

Steve & Cindy Kindell 9/29



New Members

Please welcome Rick and Cheryl Heissler to the Rockford Model T Club! They live in Oregon, IL and have two Model T's; a 1914 Touring and a 1925 Depot Hack, as well as a 1928 Nash two door. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them warmly at our next meeting or tour.

Rockford Model T Club August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Aaron Crandall.

Officers and members present included Aaron Crandall, Steve Kindell, Jay Larson, Dave Lantz, Craig Sheridan, Duane and Cathy Bunton, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Dean Wanfalt, Chuck and Betty Lesnewski, Joe Maurer, Austin Farmer, and Tim Wanfalt.

Dave Lantz read the minutes of the previous meeting in the absence of Secretary Deb Werner. Jay Larson moved for approval and Craig Sheridan seconded – approved on a voice vote.

Jay Larson gave the Treasurer's Report, showing a current balance in the general account of \$6,556.60. Dean Wanfalt moved for approval and Joe Mauer seconded – approved on a voice vote.

Dave Lantz reported that there is presently \$15,428.38 in the Little Hershey account. There are a few bills yet outstanding, but the goal once these are settled is to keep \$10,000 in the account and transfer the balance to the general account. It was also recommended that we seek to earn some interest on our deposits since rates have certainly increased. He also reported that the Belvidere American Legion will operate a food booth at Little Hershey next year.

At this point a charitable giving discussion popped up. The consensus (no vote) was to make decisions for 2023 charitable giving by the Club at the November 1, 2023 meeting, so be prepared to lobby for your favorites (old and new) at that time.

An entertaining report was given by several members on their experiences driving in the International's Summer Tour in Central Wisconsin. Tim Wanfalt, Steve and Cindy Kindell, Scott and Sheryl Stier, Scotty

Stier, Chuck and Betty Lesnewski, and Dave and Deena Lantz participated from our Club. Dean Wanfalt had to cancel at the last minute due to a friend's death. Members were very complimentary of the job the Stiers did laying out the daily drives.

Future Events

- Topsy History is this Saturday, August 5 at Midway Village
- Antique Tractor and Engine Show, August 6 in Freeport
- Sycamore Steam Show, August 12
- Marengo Comm. H.S. Car Show, August 26, 9-3
- Overnight Tour, Sept. 26-27 – if you have questions about this, call Joe Mauer at 815-541-9237

Illnesses and Deaths

- Deb Werner's sister, Carol Ann Chambers, recently passed
- Dean Wanfalt has a close friend, Anneta Moore - her daughter, Deborah Sparks, recently passed

Projects

- Joe Mauer has a 1929 Model A Speedster he is selling for the widow of a friend – and he's dealin'!

Call Joe

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Craig Sheridan and seconded by Kurt Duesterhoeft – approved on a voice vote.

Model T Ford Club of Rockford Overnight Tour Itinerary

Joe and Bean Maurer are busy planning an overnight tour for Tuesday/Wednesday, September 26 – 27th. This is a joint tour with the Model A club. Below is the itinerary:

Tuesday, September 26

- Leave Blassingham Park in Pecatonica, IL @ 9:00 a.m. sharp
- Apple orchard stop near Brodhead, WI
- Kelch Aviation Museum at Brodhead, WI
- Lunch at Knute's in Orfordville, WI
- Check into hotel, Sleep Inn & Suites, Oregon WI. Block of 15 rooms
- Dinner at Mulligan's Bar and Grill, Oregon
- Evening Get-together and drawing at hotel

Wednesday, September 27

- Hot Breakfast at Hotel
- Travel to Madison Zoo
- Lunch at Zoo
- Stop at Wisconsin Cheese Company
- Tour ends at Rockton, IL. Stop at Ice Cream Shop for Goodbyes.

Please make reservations at Sleep Inn & Suites, Call 608-291-2323. Request "Model T Ford Club of Rockford" for a special rate of \$99.

Please sign up or call Joe at 815-541-9237 so he can make reservations at Mulligan's.

This is a rain or shine tour. Model T Ford Club and Rock-Ford A's members and guests are invited. We don't care what you drive as long as it can tear down the road at least 35 mph.

Here's a list of the remaining planned club activities for 2023.

Date	Event	Host/Chair	Event Location or Meeting Place
Sunday September 17th	Beloit Autorama Car Show	Kurt Duesterhoeft	Preservation Park Beloit, WI
Tuesday September 26th - Wednesday 27th	Overnight Tour	Joe Maurer	Blossingham Park Pecatonica, IL
October 8th	Fall Tour	Gene Clifton	Clifton Residence
TBD	Potluck Christmas Party	Sheryl Stier	United Lutheran Church

Model T Ford Club International Meet July 16 -22– Baraboo WI

Devil's Head Resort served as the host location for the 2023 MTFCI International meet. Club members in attendance included Dave and Deena Lantz, Steve and Cindy Kindell, Scott and Sheryl Stier, Scotty Stier, Chuck and Betty Lesnewski, and Tim Wanfalt. Dave's parents, Conrad and Linda, also joined in on the fun of exploring the hills and valleys of Wisconsin's unglaciated area. Everyone reported a great time and enjoyed the many activities and tours that were available. A special recognition to Scott and Sheryl for organizing the tours and to Scotty for laying out each day's tour signs. You can check out the many pictures of the event at these two websites:



Dave gives Tim a hand tightening up "Rusty" while Linda supervises!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZsQQgGKXUD2D6j6V8>

<https://sshotwell.com/23mtfci/>

Plans are already underway for next year's event which will be held in Cadillac, Michigan July 13 - 20, 2024. More information can be found here: <https://cadillacmichigan.com/ModelT/>



Quite the collection of Model T's were on display at the 2023 International

Tipsy History at Midway Village Museum August 5, 2023

The Roaring 20's came roaring back to life at Midway Village for their Tipsy History event. This is a fun, yet educational look at one of the most interesting periods in American history - Prohibition. Activities included a silent movie, a vintage baseball game, talks on Prohibition, Women's Suffrage and moonshine, a raid on a speakeasy, and a bank heist. Both the Model T and Model A clubs brought cars to help set the scene. The cars, along with the re-



A nice array of vintage Fords graced the grounds of Midway Village Museum for Tipsy History



Steve and Cindy Kindell dressed the part for Tipsy History

enactors and vintage buildings, transformed the village back about 100 years. Dave Lantz brought his Tudor, Steve and Cindy Kindell came in their Touring, Chuck and Betty Lesnewski trailered in their '27 Roadster Pickup from Wisconsin, and Kurt Duesterhoeft drove his Model A Coupe. The Rock-Ford A's contributed three more Model A's along with a Model A police car that was used in the raid and the bank heist. The spectators, many of them in vintage garb, enjoyed getting their pictures taken with the cars and a few even got a ride when the cars took



Chuck and Betty Lesnewski make a lap around Midway Village in their sharp '27 T Roadster Pickup

laps around the grounds. Pig Minds Brewing provided “contraband” drinks and Mary’s Market had wine and snacks. The museum provided a complimentary lunch for the car clubs which was appreciated. Dave Lantz says he can’t wait for the next one!

Sycamore Steam Show August 6, 2023 - By Steve Kindell

It was a perfect day for a Model T Tour. Tim Wanfalt hosted the event, he was accompanied by Dave Hanson a coworker from Emery, also Steve Kindell and his Daughter Nancy Kindell and her son Christifer, Austin Farmer, and Rick & Cheryl Heissler were in attendance. We met up at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley and departed right around 8:30 a.m. We all toured the grounds purchasing things we couldn’t live without. The Steam Show Parade started at 1:30 and we headed out about 2:30. We concluded the tour with an ice-cream stop in



Cherry Valley at the Cattle & Cream ice cream shop which was located in Don Nelson’s (past member and club President 1969) old shop. From there we went our own ways and headed home.

Brian Fradkin invites everyone to check out the Marengo community high school car show.

MARENGO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

110 Franks Road, Marengo, IL 60152

August 26, 2023 PRESENTS
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 ANNUAL Hot Rod High School Car Show

- Food & DJ
- Event T-Shirts for Sale
- Raffles & 50/50
- Best of show
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Auto and Cycle
- Student Picks

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MARENGO HIGH SCHOOL SKILLS USA

Come out to see Classics, Hot Rods, Gassers, Survivors, Trucks, Muscle Cars,
Motorcycles and More

For further information, call 815-540-7470

The Model A and Model T Swap Meet

Save the Date

SATURDAY, August 26, 2023



LOTS OF SWAP MEET SPACES

TOMMY'S FOOD EMPORIUM WILL BE OPEN

Technical "How to" talks

Make your plans NOW!

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

