

The Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

July 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>
Thursday July 4	8:30 a.m.	Kirkland Parade	Baumann Park, Cherry Valley
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

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 29	Belvidere Heritage Days	Downtown Belvidere
July 20/21	Mopar Happening	Boone County Fairgrounds
August 16	Heaven on Wheels	Holy Family Catholic Church
August 24	Ehrenhofer Model A/T Swap Meet	See flyer on page 10

You can find all the local car shows and cruise nights at Bill Werner's website by clicking <https://rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com/events.html>.

Important note: We will not have a normal monthly meeting in July. There will be a brief meeting at Baumann Park before we head to the Kirkland parade.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Wayne Orrison 7/11
Scotty Stier 7/11
Vera Belpedio 7/31

Anniveraries

Duane & Cathy Bunton 7/18



The Prez Sez (Monthly Musings and Random Ramblings)

It's hot. Summer is here and we have some touring to do, so I want to remind everyone that the old cars need a lot of love in hot weather. I speak from experience, as some of you know, and most of you know the agony of overheating in your Model T. So, be sure to top off those radiators and carry some extra water for the car and yourselves.

We've got the Kirkland Parade coming up Thursday, July 4th, and it is always a packed parade with hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of kids, all expecting some candy. Just as a reminder, we can and do make lots of noise and throw a lot of treats in the Kirkland Parade, as well as decorate the cars in some festive July 4th colors. Be sure to read your newsletter to see where and when we are meeting for this parade [editor's note: Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley, leave at 9 a.m.].

Remember, we will finish at the park in Kirkland to enjoy some great pork chop sandwiches, etc.

Wayne

Welcome New Members!

At the June meeting we welcomed several new members into the club. George and Sue Brunson live in Beloit and have a '29 and '30 Model A. George is currently president of the Rock-Ford A's club. Floyd and Carol Hacker are from Janesville and have a '26 Model T Coupe. Terry and Melanie Franklin reside in Rockford and own a '24 Model T Touring. **Be sure to welcome them and introduce yourself at the next club event!**

Rockford Model T Club Wednesday, June 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Club president Wayne Orrison called the meeting to order at Dickson's Restoration in Beloit, Wisc. Board and club members present included: Wayne and Phyllis Orrison, Austin Farmer, Jay Larson, Deb Werner, Dave Lantz, Craig Sheridan, Bill Werner, Steve Kindell, Tim Dickson, Aaron Crandall, Dean Wanfalt, Scott and Sheryl Stier, Gene Clifton, Chuck and Betty Lesnewski, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Larry Foht, Yvonne Wilson, Brian Fradkin, Rick Heissler, and Duane and Cathy Bunton.

Secretary Deb Werner read the minutes of the May 2024 meeting. Jay Larson moved to approve; seconded by Larry Foht.

Treasurer Jay Larson read the treasurer's report. Jay stated the club's current balance is \$3,693.35. Jay suggested the club's president plus one or two other club members be listed on the club's accounts and the club's Little Hershey account, in the event of Jay or Dave's absences. Dave Lantz agreed this suggestion is a good idea. Club members Larry Foht and Craig Sheridan volunteered to be Administrators on the accounts.

New Members and/or Guests: The club welcomed guests Roland Crandall (a past club member), George Brunson, Floyd Hacker, Terry and Melanie Franklin, and Aneeta Moore, friend of Dean Wanfalt. Wayne Orrison made a motion to accept the request for club membership of: George Brunson, Floyd Hacker, and Terry and Melanie Franklin; approved unanimously.

Old Business: Bill Werner stated the May 4th club hosting of the downtown Rockford Cars 'n Coffee event was attended by approximately 400 cars. Bill also noted that Aaron Crandall's 1912 Overland 60T won Best In Show.

New Business: Austin Farmer presented the club's fun Mistakes Award to Wayne Orrison for incorrect directions on a recent club tour. Austin then presented the Misfortune Award to Dean Wanfalt due to the issue of Dean's car failing to start on a recent tour. The club also discussed eliminating club dues if new members are requesting to join the club half-year into that present year (noting that the International dues would need to be paid). Kurt Duesterhoeft made a motion to give free local club dues to new members; seconded by Floyd Hacker; approved. Austin Farmer stated the Model T forum site states there are updates on the Model T coast-to-coast drive which will be going through the Rochelle/Ashton area on June 6. Austin states he will email further info as it updates. Wayne Orrison stated he would like to get a club member to volunteer to recruit new club members, calling past members and talking to them about the current club's tours and activities, and asking if they would be interested in joining the club. Larry Foht volunteered; Wayne gave Larry a list of past members and their contact info.

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz gave a re-cap of the 2024 Little Hershey event and provided financial report copies to club members. Dave stated the club saw an increased profit of approx. \$400-ish from last year's event. Dave stated some issues with this year's event and made some suggestions for future Little Hershey events: the Welcome/Hospitality Tent seemed to be located too close to the Hit and Miss Tent; another wireless microphone needs to be ordered -- Kurt Duesterhoeft has ordered a microphone which he will use for DJ'ing; the event needs an ice cream vendor; additional handicap parking spaces are needed; and additional signs are needed to discern from the Urban Farm Girl event at the Boone County Fairgrounds also going on the same day as Little Hershey. Dave also noted the free Model T rides were very popular this year, as was the Hit and Miss display.

Past Club Events: Sunday, June 1 -- Model T Days at Clinton, Wisc.

Future Club Events: Thursday, July 4 -- Kirkland 4th of July Parade, themed "Freedom To Soar" -- meet at 8:30 a.m. at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley for a short meeting, then tour to Kirkland. July 13-20 -- MTFCI International Tour in Cadillac, Michigan. Sunday, July 28 (in place of the Landmark Tour) -- Progressive Tour, starting at Duane and Cathy Bunton's home in Roscoe for appetizers or salad, then to Wayne and Phyllis Orrison's in Rockton for the entree, then to Tim and Lisa Dickson's in Beloit for dessert. Wednesday, Aug. 7 -- Rockford Model T Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. at United Lutheran Church, 3630 N. Rockton in Rockford.

Non-Club News: Saturday, June 15 -- Starved Rock Pre-War Car Show in Ottawa, IL; Saturday, June 29 -- Nash Club will be displaying cars, including NASCAR and AMC cars, at Stronghold in Oregon. Saturday, Aug. 3 -- Topsy History at Midway Village, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., Rockford.

Tim Dickson gave a talk about the various projects he is currently working on at his shop.

Craig Sheridan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Larry Foht seconded; approved.

Next Club Meeting -- Wednesday, Aug. 7 -- at 7:00 p.m. at United Lutheran Church, 3630 N. Rockton in Rockford. (no July club meeting due to a short meeting will take place prior to the 4th of July Parade tour).

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS BY MONTH

Date	Event	Time	Location	Chair/Host
July 4 th	Kirkland Independence Day Parade	8:30 a.m.	Baumann Park Cherry Valley	Dave Lantz
July 13 th – 20 th	MTFCI International Tour		Cadillac, Michigan	
July 28 th	Progressive Picnic Tour	8:30 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	TBD	Sycamore, IL	Tim Wanfalt
August 25 th	Surprise Tour	TBD	TBD	All
September 2 nd	President's Tour	TBD	TBD	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	TBD
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
Sept. 25/26	Fall Tour	TBD	TBD	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

Newsletter Archive

Can't find your newsletter? Accidentally deleted it or threw it out? Did you know that past newsletters are posted on the International's website? Just click here to find newsletters from the past four years or so:

<https://www.modelt.org/chapter-newsletters.html>

Rock-Ford A's team up with Clinton High School

Members of the Rock-Ford A's have been working with the Clinton High School shop class to resurrect a Model A that hadn't run in some 60 years. The students do all the work with guidance from the club members. This has been a very positive experience for the students, parents, teachers, and club members. And the kids got the car running and had it on display at Model A Day! This was particularly gratifying for the seniors, who graduated that very same day. It's great to see a project like this bridge the gap between generations.

Click [here](#) to read the full story in the Beloit Daily News.



Picture courtesy of Al Pedersen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kirkland Independence Day Parade – July 4th

This is an annual club event and the parade committee pays us a stipend for attending, so we want to have a great turnout. This year's theme is "Freedom to Soar". Meet at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley at 8:30 a.m. and we'll leave about 9. From there we'll tour down to Kirkland to get staged. There will be plenty of time to decorate your car so be sure to bring some flags, banners, etc. for this festive occasion. And don't forget the candy! At the conclusion of the parade we'll head to the Kirkland city park for lunch, where the specialty is the pork chop sandwich. [Dave Lantz](#) is leading the tour so if you haven't already signed up, let him know that you'll be attending.

Progressive Picnic Tour – July 28th

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. The event ends at 7 p.m., but you can leave earlier if you like. Contact [Kurt Duesterhoeft](#) if you plan to participate.



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 a call at 815/234-8967.

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.

Call Joe with questions. 815-541-9237.

PAST EVENTS:

Little Hershey – May 18th, 2024 (Pictures by Steve Kindell and Kurt Duesterhoeft)



A big THANKS to Steve and Dave who spent some LONG hours at Little Hershey



A very special THANK YOU to Rick Heissler for providing the trailer and lift for the sound system. It sounded awesome!



A nice trio of T's: Aaron's 1910 Tourabout, Stiers' 1912 Touring, and Roland's 1926 Speedster

A picture perfect day greeted vendors, spectators, and show cars for the 59th annual Little Hershey Swap Meet and Cruise-In. The swap meet field had approximately 93 vendors while about 100 cars showed up for the cruise-in and car corral. A

steady stream of spectators poured through the gate starting at 6 a.m. and lasted well into the afternoon. New this year was our “tower of sound”. Rick Heissler provided a trailer and scissor lift allowing us to take our sound system to new heights! Dave reports a final profit of \$3502, which is about \$325 more than last year.



Joe Maurer put a lot of smiles on people's faces giving them free T rides



There were horns aplenty at this vendor's table

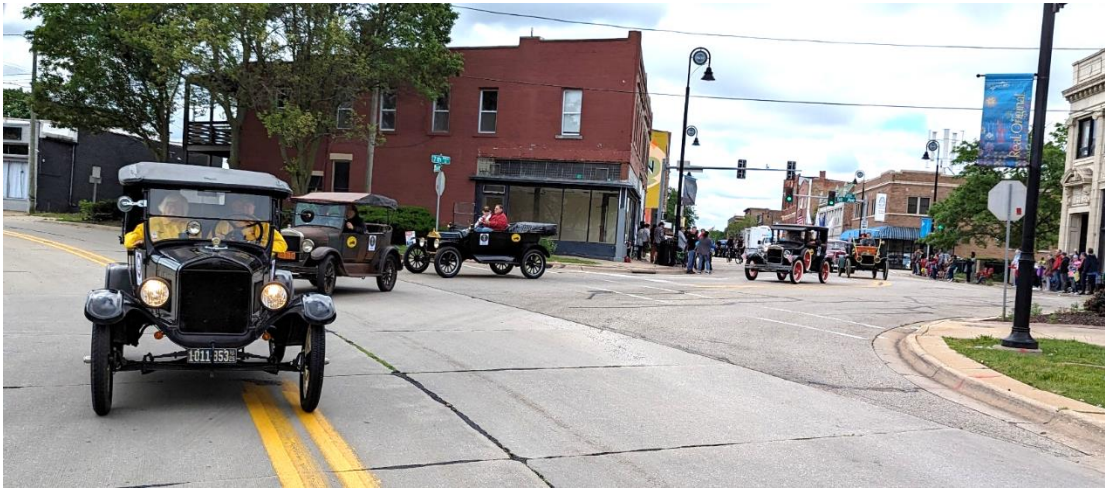
Rockford's Memorial Day Parade – May 27th

(By Steve Kindell and Wayne Orrison, pictures by Steve Kindell and Dave Lantz)

Rockford's Memorial Day Parade started off with our club members meeting at the new starting position in Division #1 on Seventh. We were behind a marching drum core and basically the first group in the parade. The weather was perfect and the parade route was lined with spectators, which was really nice to see. Attending were: Steve & Cindy in their '24 Touring with Gary & Renee Haun, Gene & Betty in their '41 Chrysler, Dave & Deena in their '26 Tudor, Aaron Crandall in his '10 Tourabout, Tim Wanfalt in his '27 Touring with Tom Johnson & Kent Anderson, Dean Wanfalt with his guest Aneeta Moore in his '15 Touring, and Wayne & Phyllis Orrison in their '26 Touring.



The parade started at 9:00 a.m., proceeding north on 7th St. (Mid Town) and then east on State St, over the River and north again on Wyman St. past Memorial Hall where the parade announcer and some dignitaries were located. That was about where the parade ended and dispersed. We gathered at the Discovery Center parking lot to remove magnetic signs and regroup.



We then headed as a group to the Stockholm Inn for breakfast/brunch and were met there by Andrew Lantz and his girlfriend Allison Barlapiano. The meal was quite good and the fellowship was enjoyed by all. It was a nice parade and the only issue was Dean Wanfalt's car would not start (hand cranked) when we left the Stockholm Inn and he had to have it tow started. (He has been able to 'fix' the car with some adjustments). It was a great day to be out in the old cars and a big thank you to Steve Kindell for again chairing this event.



Does the sign mean you should be patient when parking a Model T?



Model A Day (and a few T's, too), Clinton, WI – Sunday June 2nd

Club members gathered at Farm & Fleet on Riverside - Tim Wanfalt in a beautiful '29 Model A, Wayne and Phyllis Orrison in their newly acquired '31 Model A, Steve and Cindy Kindell in their '24 T Touring, and Dave Lantz in his '22 T pickup. Craig Sheridan and Kurt Duesterhoeft drove modern as did Dean Wanfalt and Aneeta who led the convoy to Clinton. Dean picked some great back roads that wound through the countryside along some slightly rolling hills that that revealed some gorgeous horse farms. Meeting us in Clinton were Bill Werner, Yvonne Wilson and Bruce, Tim and Lisa Dickson, Larry Foht, Joe Maurer, and Wayne Henson. Larry, Joe, Wayne, and Kurt were helping out with the event as they are also members of the Model A club.

It seems every body style of Model A was on display - Roadsters, Coupes, Tudors, Fordors, Phaetons, and Roadster Pickups lined the downtown and some of the side streets, around 120 in total. They were lots of arts and crafts vendors at the south end of town along with a parts swap meet that included both Model A and Model T parts, and even a few complete cars for sale. In addition to the local eateries, there were additional food vendors set up with the smells of baked goods, freshly popped kettle corn, and hickory-smoked ribs wafting through the air. And you could top all that off with a free ice cream float, courtesy of a local church group.



Our club members discussed the idea of putting up a booth next year to help promote the Model T Club and recruit prospective new members, since there are so many antique car buffs at this event. Profits from the event were earmarked for Vets Roll, which seems very appropriate since, since the D-Day invasion at Normandy occurred almost eighty years ago to the day.



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

