

# *Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter*

## *January 2022*

### **MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:**

<i>President</i>	<i>Open</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>Wayne Henson</i>
<i>Directors</i>	<i>Bill Werner</i>
	<i>Kurt Duesterhoeft</i>
	<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 &amp; 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>
Jan		No meeting	
Feb		No meeting	
Wed Mar 2	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Duane and Cathy Bunton 13298 Promontory Trail Roscoe, IL 61073

**Dues:** If you haven't already paid your membership for 2022, January 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline. You can send \$15 to:

Duane Bunton  
13298 Promontory Trail  
Roscoe, IL 61073

### **Opportunities to serve:**

We closed out 2021 without officer elections. This will be the first order of business in March. Duane and Deb are willing to continue in their current positions, but President and Vice President are both currently open. Please consider your talents and what role or roles you can fill in the club. A big thanks to Wayne, Deb, and Duane for serving on the Board this past year.

## **Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes December 3rd, 2021**

President Wayne Henson welcomed club officers, board members and club members, and called the meeting to order at Duane and Cathy Bunton's home in Roscoe.

Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's November 2021 meeting. Wayne Orrison moved to approve, seconded by Kurt Duesterhoeft; approved.

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

**Old Business:** Dave Lantz has acquired the Fat Man Steering Wheel to donate to the International tour site for the Youth Foundation.

**New Business:** Annual donations to area charities were discussed and the following charities were named for donation of \$100 each: Special Olympics, Miss Carly's, Milestone, Walter Lawson Children's Home, Carpenter's Place, MELD, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Rock River Food Pantry, Goldie Floberg Home, Brave Hearts, Lifescape. Len Belpidio made a motion to donate \$100 each for the 10 charities; Duane Bunton seconded; approved. Discussion took place that the Calling Tree and the club's membership book needs to be updated.

**New Members:** New member Jay Larson was present at the meeting – welcome Jay!

**Little Hershey:** Dave Lantz has ordered the paper for the fliers, Kurt Duesterhoeft has proofread the fliers, and the Little Hershey 2022 fliers are in progress.

**Future Club Events:** Discussion took place regarding upcoming 2022 club tours, including the New Year's Day Tour – no tour is planned at this time; and suggestions for a Progressive Picnic, Surprise Tour, and other ideas for 2022 club tours.

**Non-Club Events:** Wayne Henson had a radiator leak of the overflow tube. Duane Bunton said he put a speedometer on his speedster.

**Adjourn:** Duane Bunton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Craig Sheridan seconded; approved.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 2 at Duane and Cathy Bunton's home in Roscoe.

*Respectively submitted, Deb Werner, secretary*

## Looking ahead to 2022...

There will not be a New Year's Day tour this year as no one volunteered to host it. We won't have any meetings in January or February as we take a winter break and let our snowbirds enjoy the warmer climes. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. We'll have a lot to discuss at that meeting. We need to elect officers and start planning the activities for the year. The following table is a list of "typical" events we've had in past years. Some are more popular than others. Which of these events do you want to keep? Should some be dropped? Are there some new ones you'd like to add, such as a progressive picnic? What about the International Day of Touring? Would you like to have a joint activity with the Model A club? Several members already belong to both clubs. Would you like more activities that are primarily social occasions? The annual banquet was very well-attended. We haven't had a tech seminar in quite a few years. Are there some topics you'd like to learn more about? Kurt has a computerized coil tester if you have coils that need testing. Len's magneto recharge method was highlighted in last month's newsletter and has proven very effective in bringing magnetos back to life. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the March meeting! We need and want your input.

<b>List of Annual Club Activities</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Event</b>
April	Ladies Day Out
April	Tech Seminar
April	Dust Off Tour
May	Little Hershey Set Up
May	Little Hershey
May	Memorial Day Parade
June	Dairy Breakfast
July	Kirkland 4th of July Parade
July	Surprise Tour
August	Sycamore Steam Show
September	President's Tour
September	Meeting/Brat Night
September	Overnight Tour
October	Fall Tour
October	Annual Banquet
December	Christmas Party
January	New Year's Day Tour

## Those celebrating this month:

### Birthdays

Dorothy Heltness 1/1  
Ron Ehrenhofer 1/3

### Anniversaries

Vito and Vi Zavagli 1/28



## 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](mailto:daveblantz@gmail.com).

Do you have items you'd like to buy or sell? Advertise in the newsletter! Contact Kurt at 815/874-5102 or you can email him at [kduet64@frontier.com](mailto:kduet64@frontier.com).



*In 1912 Model T's came in three color variations; blue, black, or blue bodies with black fenders. This two-tone combination became the standard in 1913.*





Wayne Orrison spotted this neat vintage ad:

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**We Tell You How!**



**PRICES GREATLY REDUCED**

**Massive tractor wheels give firm footing on spongy soil**

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**Prices Greatly Reduced to meet present conditions. But subject to change any day. Act quickly! Write for details, Reduced Price, Easy Payment Plan, 10-day Trial Offer! Free Literature—Gives full information on SHAW Tractor Equipment—tells how SHAW Tractorized Car has made more money for hundreds.**

**SHAW MANUFACTURING CO.**  
Dept. MM2, Galesburg, Kans.

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Here's a picture of Kurt's car with his parents on board (long before it was a Speedster). The photo was taken in the 1950's on his grandparents' central Wisconsin farm. It doesn't have the tractor tires, but otherwise is remarkably similar to the "tractor" shown in the ad. Farmers tend to be very practical and undoubtedly a lot of T's got converted to utilitarian use after they were no longer used as daily drivers.



*Wishing everyone a very merry  
Christmas and a healthy and happy  
New Year.*