

2020 SEPTEMBER

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT	
1	PRESIDENTS TOUR - CANCELLED
2	MEETING - DUANE BUNTON
7	BREAKFAST TOUR: HOST: STEVE KINDELL
20	BREAKFAST TOUR - TIM WANFALT
OCT	
7	MEETING: HOST: TBD
NOV	
4	MEETING: TBD
DEC	
2	MEETING: TBD
TBD	CHRISTMAS PARTY: TBD - I HOPE SO.
JAN	
1	NEW YEARS DAY TOUR: HOST: TBD
6	MEETING - HOST: I HOPE SO.
FEB	NO MEETING
MAR	NO MEETING

EVENTS & SHOW

CANCELLED.... Sept 1st
President's Tour.

NEXT MEETING, Sept. 2nd,
7:00 PM at Duane's house.

BREAKFAST TOURS that
the club agreed to do:
September 7th, meet at
Jessica's, Roscoe at 8:30, tour to
Road Dog, Beloit (Steve Kindell)
September 20th, Meet at Farm &
Fleet, 8:30, then tour to Sunrise or
meet there at 9:00 AM in Loves
Park, short tour after (Tim Wanfalt)

SIRENS & LIGHTS
PARADE, TUESDAY, OCT 6
See inside.

MEMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PRESIDENT	STEVE KENDELL
VICE PRES.	WAYNE HENSON
SECRETARY	DEB WERNER
TREASURER	DUANE BUNTON
EMERITUS	WAYNE ORRISON
DIRECTORS	BILL WERNER
	WAYNE HENSON
	KURT DUESTERHOEFT
	DAVE LANTZ
NEWSLETTER	
EDITOR	WAYNE ORRISON
LITTLE HERSHEY/ SWAP MEET	DAVE LANTZ
SUNSHINE	
PERSON'S	DUANE & KATHY BUNTON

Purpose of the Club

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the interests of the public in the preservation and restorations of antique autos, particularly the Model T Fords, their accessories, lore and literature.

EVENTS & SHOWS CONTINUED

AS WE ATTEMPT TO PICK UP THE PIECES OF THE 2020 TOURING SEASON AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS, WE NEED YOUR INPUTS TO HELP US DEFINE HOW WE WILL GO FORWARD. AT THE LEAST, WE NEED TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO FOR 2021

- > What would you like to see us doing?
- > Where would you like to have a tour?
- > What activity would you like to be involved with?
- > What are you willing to do for an event?
- > When is the best time to do an activity?
- > What project should we be thinking about?
- > Is there a charity or "cause" we should, as a car club, be supporting or involved with?
- > Should we be having some kind of car event to raise money for donation purposes?
- > What would that look like?
- > Should we look for a long term activity or charity or "endeavor: to support?
- > What are your suggestions for keeping the future of this club going?

**PLEASE - WE SURE COULD USE YOUR
INPUT, STORIES, THOUGHTS, ETC.**

THERE ARE A FEW STILL HAPPENING.....

There are numerous **Car Shows, Cruise In Events and Fun Car Activities** weekly in the Tricounty area, even in the fall. Check out hitsdj.com for a list of what's out there and check out rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com.

CURT MOEN July 5, 1936 - July 26, 2020

It is with great sadness that we learned about the passing of our beloved club member Curt Moen, Sunday, July 26th, after his long battle with Parkinson's. Curt was born in Madison, WI, but grew up on a farm in Blanchardville, WI.

After high school, he proudly served in the US Army in the early 50's and after his service, he did a number of things, like working at the GM plant in Janesville for a time, but eventually, he settled on becoming a Barber and attended Barber School. He cut hair for many years and eventually owned and operated the East State Barber Shop, which he operated for decades before finally retiring.

Curt was a long time member of the Alpine Kiwanis' Club, holding several offices and was a "renowned" Brat Cook for years at the annual Kiwanis Brat Days. He once said "he has cooked more Brats than anyone alive" He has been a Rockford Model T Ford Club member for over 57 years, joining in June '63. He has held every office the club has over the years, being club president twice and has been a stout supporter of all the club activities and functions. He was the chairman of our first Little Hershey.

Curt was a real car buff. He says he owned more cars than he can remember because he used to buy them, fix them up and sell them and then get another one and do the same thing all over again, always making a few dollars to help support his car collecting passion. He had many, many cars over the years, but those most recently in his collection were his '65 Chevelle Convertible, his '51 Ford Convertible, his '64 1/2 Mustang, his '04 Mustang GT Convertible and his cherished '21 Model T Touring, which he owned for over 53 years and rebuilt "just a few times." Curt drove that old '21 Touring in the Kirkland 4th of July Parade for all of those 53 years consecutively.

Curt talked one time about driving over to Michigan many years ago with several other club members to visit the Gilmore Museum. He said it was fun and no problem, though a Highway Patrolman did stop them on their return as they drove down the Interstate west of Chicago. Curt asked what the problem was, "aren't we going fast enough?" The officer answered that they were maintaining the minimum speed limit of 45 MPH plus a bit, but he (the officer) just wanted to know what the heck was going on, seeing a bunch of Model T's on the Interstate. Curt explained they were just heading home. Curt said that old Model T performed just fine like that most of the time.

There are so many stories and memories. Five decades of impromptu family tours, games, overnights and more. Nothing I write here can do true justice to the character of this man. His stories, his leadership, his work ethic and his friendship and spirit will be greatly missed. He was a hard working man and an example for all. He was a true friend, a great family man and valued member of our club; a sweet man in every sense of the word and we are all much better off having known him. Let's all pause a moment and say a prayer for him and his family and give thanks for his bringing such a positive light into our lives. We will miss him greatly.

ROCKFORD MODEL T CLUB BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 5, 2020

President Steve Kindell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at Gene and Betty Clifton's home. Officers and Board and club members present included: Steve Kindell, Duane Bunton, Deb Werner, Wayne Henson, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Tim Wanfalt, Dean Wanfalt, Vito Zavagli, Vi Zavagli, Cathy Bunton, and Bill Duffee.

Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's July 2020 meeting. Duane Bunton moved to approve, seconded by Wayne Henson; approved.

Duane Bunton read the treasurer's report. Vito Zavagli moved to approve, seconded by Dave Lantz; approved.

Old Business: no Old Business at this time.

New Business: Duane said he went to the SM&SF car show on Sunday, Aug. 2 and mentioned he saw Kurt Duesterhoeft's car there and admired it and said Kurt should get that car out to show it off. Duane said approximately 150 people were at the car show. Bill Werner said Cars & Coffee took place Sat., Aug. 1 and there were approximately 75 people in attendance. Tim Wanfalt said cars need to get out to tour and Vito Zavagli suggested club members meet for breakfast and tour on Sunday, Aug. 16. Members thought that was a great idea! Suggestions were made for breakfast venues and it was suggested club members meet at Stockholm Inn at 9:00 a.m., then tour to Sharon, Wisconsin. Dave Lantz presented a list of the late Dr Werckle's cars that his widow is selling.

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz said there is no Little Hershey news at this time.

Non-Club Events: Bill Werner said Coop's BBQ in Belvidere is having cruise nights on Wednesday evenings.

Future Club Events: Suggestion was made that club members plan on meeting for a breakfast or lunch and maybe a short tour. Suggested places to meet included Machine Shed, Pizza Ranch, Road Dog in Beloit, and Sunrise Restaurant at Windsor and N. Alpine. Mon. Sept. 7 (Labor Day) – Road Dog in Beloit – meet at Jessica's Restaurant in Roscoe at 8:30 a.m., then tour to Road Dog. Sept. 20 – meet at Farm & Fleet (Riverside Blvd) at 8:30, then tour to Sunrise breakfast (meet there at 9:00 a.m.) and then a short tour. Oct. 6 – Sirens & Lights Parade at Del Webb in Huntley – to honor First Responders, with vintage vehicles, ambulances, and fire trucks.

Illnesses/Deaths: Deb Werner read the obituary for Curt Moen and Steve Kindell asked for a moment of silence to honor Curt. Betty Clifton has been experiencing back pain issues and is now hopefully feeling better.

Club Member's Projects: Duane Bunton says the tires are mounted on his car. He said the spokes were powder coated in white, and the snap-on rings in red. He said the engine is ready to go back in. Bill Duffee said his old Chevy is dismantled and says he is working on it. Next Club Meeting: Sept. 2, 7:00 p.m. - at Duane and Cathy Bunton's home. Duane Bunton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Wayne Henson seconded; approved.

Respectively submitted, Deb Werner, secretary

VITO'S TOUR

We all met August 16th, at the Stockholm Inn at 9:00 am, organized and planned by Vito Zavagli. Participants included: Vito and Vi Zavagli, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Aaron Crandall, Bill Duffee, Wayne Henson, Bill and Deb Werner, Dean Wanfalt, Duane Bunton, Dave Lantz, Tim Wanfalt and Steve Kindell. After enjoying morning breakfast, the weather was perfect for a short tour. Vito lead us on a countryside 30-mile tour which ended up at the Loves Park Farm and Fleet, no break downs except for Kurt in his slightly newer Ford needing a jump start prior to departing the Farm and Fleet parking lot. A good time was had by all. Thanks Vito.

SIRENS & LIGHTS PARADE

TUESDAY, (yes, Tuesday) October 6 - to honor our Police, Fire, Emergency, Medical and other dedicated First Responders in a "Sirens & Lights" parade, sponsored by Sun City Neighborhood Watch/Neighbors Helping Neighbors! The parade lines up at 4:00 PM and kicks off at 4:30 PM from the Prairie Lodge parking lot. It will follow the same route as the June 2020 Sun City Golf Cart Parade. Scheduled participants include police and fire vehicles, antique fire trucks, decorated golf carts and classic cars. So please come out and gather along the route to say "Thank You" to our brave and dedicated First Responders!

There is adequate parking should you wish to trailer your car there. The parade should last about 1 1/2 hours and you should be home by dark. Call Steve Kindell for questions, or Jim Uszler for information on his at 224 392-3140

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GUESS WHAT? It's time to pay dues again. \$\$\$\$ OK, maybe it is a bit early, but why not get it over with now and be done with it. Please pay Duane with check, money order or cash. Otherwise, you'll have to work out some kind of trade with him and I don't want to know any details of that arrangement.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - GREAT NEWS

Hey Everyone, the Rockford Chapter Model T Club, web page has been updated, it now contains copies of past and our current monthly newsletters, pictures and so much more. You really must take a look. Steve Kindell has done a fabulous job updating our web page and it now includes our newsletters

Here is the web page: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/rockfordmtfca/index.ht>

REMINDER — PLEASE

Chairpersons... It would help if you would provide a write up of your event/tour. What it was. Who attended. What cars were driven by whom? Passengers. What problems were encountered if any? Side stories. Etc. Please help me out with your input. Thanks

IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND DATES:

BIRTHDAYS

Duane Bunton
Jeff Kennedy

9 - 14
9 - 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Cindy Kindell

9 - 29 - 07

ON THE MEND and Folks we want to think the good thoughts for and keep in our prayers: At this time, Betty Clifton has been experiencing some back pain, so let's hope she can be rid of that asap.

At the last club meeting, Bill Werner mentioned to a couple of folks that he had recently contacted COVID 19 and been off work for a couple of weeks to recover. He would be willing to share that experience at the next meeting and let us all know what the various systems are all about and some facts about what has happened here in Winnebago County. We can all learn some valuable information.

This is also a good time to give a prayer for our veterans and for that matter, this nation.

CLUB EVENTS

It is a good time to think about our next events... We typically would be thinking about a **Pumpkin/Fall Color Tour** in mid October and maybe we can do that, but. we need someone to step up and take this one on. We also have had a **Banquet** in late October the last few years and we need to think about that. Perhaps a pot luck kind of dinner somewhere. Christmas is going to be here before we know it and we need to decide if we will have a **Christmas Party** in December and who will host and where. It would sure be wonderful if we can get back into some of these fun events.

CLUB ADS:

FOR SALE

NEW

CARS. 1908 Rio Runabout and 1911 Hupmobile cars for sale – contact Joe Maurer at 815-443-2223, if interested.

NEW

1926 Ford Model T Touring (This was Tom Baehler's old car.) Current owner says the car is in Fine Condition. All original Ford Steel, Stewart Speedometer, Turn Signals, Side Curtains, Tonneau Cover, Top Boot and New Wood Spoke Wheels.

Asking \$16,500 Patti Werckle 815-222-3349



OTHER CARS FOR SALE FROM THE WERCKLE'S ESTATE INCLUDE:

- 1929 Model A Special Coupe - \$ 16,995.
- 1941 Packard One-Eighty LaBaron - \$49,900.
- 1954 Hudson Jet Coupe - \$16,900.
- 1956 Ford Thunderbird Convertible with Hardtop - \$34,000.
- 1963 Corvair Spyder Convertible - \$14,000.
- 1974 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible - \$10,900.
- 1978 Cadillac Eldorado Barritz - \$24,900.
- 1988 Rolls Royce Silver Spur - \$27,900.

NOTE: All of these cars are in fine condition and appear to be well priced. Call the number above for more details about the specific car of interest.

WANTED Wayne Henson is always looking for "Gulf Oil" items; oil cans, signs, etc. contact Wayne.

OF INTEREST: THIS LETTER WAS RECEIVED EARLIER THIS MONTH. PLEASE CONTACT STEVE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND ABLE TO HELP.

Mr. Steven Kindell
President Rockford Model T Club

Good afternoon sir,

I am Douglas Pherigo and I work at Midway Village Museum in the Site and Operations Department. We currently have a Model T Ford pickup truck in covered storage that appears to have run at some point in the past and had some association with your

organization.

It has not operated in the 3 years I have been associated with the museum, but it has been garaged on site and protected from weathering. It does have a very recent restoration. All the parts appear to be in place, gas tank is empty, engine compartment appears complete, tires are inflated and critter nests under the seat have been removed. I have included a couple of pictures and can obtain additional shots if you like.

My goal at the moment is to determine if the vehicle is still functional and if so, determine if a return to running condition is feasible. Not being familiar with this era of vehicle, I was wondering if some of your club members were looking for a project. It could be a very short term project if the vehicle is not operable. After that, funds and volunteer help available would drive the next steps.

I would very much appreciate you letting me know if there is any interest from your club in working on this project. We can set up a time to actually view the vehicle, it can be pushed out of the garage and electric is available for lights and tools.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards,

Douglas Pherigo

815/323-9572 mobile

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: I AM UNABLE TO COPY THE PICTURES PROVIDED. HOWEVER, I WILL EMAIL COPIES TO ANYONE INTERESTED. THIS IS A FINE LOOKING MODEL T "TRUCK" AND IT LOOKS LIKE ALL THE PARTS ARE THERE. KURT DUESTERHOEFT AND DUANE BUNTON HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO TACKLE THIS PROJECT AND IF YOU WANT TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THEM OR STEVE KINDELL.

PICTURES COMMITTEE - DATE..... WHO KNOWS???????

We will **eventually** clean out the storage shed and among that 'stuff' are some club pictures. We are asking for volunteers to help make some sense of these historical club memories. A small committee to help identify and sort these pictures so that they can be put on our web site is what this task is about. Yvonne Wilson has volunteered to help, as well as Dean Wanfalt, but we really need some other folks to lend a hand as well. Please call Steve Kindell or Wayne Orrison.

JOKES - RANDOM BITS - QUOTES, JOKES, ETC.

SOMETIMES...

Sometimes... when you cry, no one sees your tears.

Sometimes... when you are in pain, no one sees your hurt.

Sometimes... when you are worried, no one sees your stress.
Sometimes... when you are happy, no one sees your smile.
But fart just ONE TIME!

MESS WITH SENIORS

I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me honked at me; very upset because I was taking too long to pay.
Wow. "Take the high road," I thought to myself. So, I paid for her food.
As I moved up and she leaned out the window looking all crazy at me, then the cashier told her I paid for her food. She looked quite embarrassed by the look on her face.
When I got to the second window to get my food, I showed them both receipts and took her food too. I paid for it, it was mine!
Now she has to wait even longer. She learned today you just don't mess with us old people.

My co-worker was recently crushed by a stack of falling chickpeas. The police suspect hummuside.

A real woman is a man's best friend. She will never stand him up and never let him down. She will reassure him when he feels insecure and comfort him after a bad day. She will inspire him to do things he never thought he could do; to live without fear and forget regret. She will enable him to express his deepest emotions and give in to his most intimate desires. She will make sure he always feels as though he's the most handsome man in the room and will enable him to be the most confident, sexy, seductive and invincible man alive.
No wait...sorry. I am thinking of scotch. It's scotch that does all that.

Guaranteed to Roll Your Eyes

One friend complained to another, "All my husband and I do anymore is fight. I've been so upset, I've lost 20 pounds."
"If it's that bad, why don't you just leave him?" asked the second friend.
"I'm seriously considering it, but I'd like to lose another 10 pounds first."

Guaranteed to Roll Your Eyes - The Modern Explanation

A little boy goes to his father and asks, "Daddy, how was I born?"
The father answers, "Well son, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway! Your Mom and I first got together in a chat room on Yahoo. Then I set up a date via e-mail with your Mom and we met at a cyber-cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room, and googled each other. There your mother agreed to a download from my hard drive. As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall, and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later a little Pop-Up appeared that said: "You got male!"

Alcohol...Because sometimes the truth needs a laxative.

Useless Information: Four times as many people are killed by ants every year than are killed by sharks.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

- #1 - Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
 - #2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
 - #3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
 - #4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
 - #5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
 - #6 - "On time" is when you get there.
 - #7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
 - #8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
 - #9 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
 - #10 - Growing old should have taken longer.
 - #11 - Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
 - #12 - You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.
- And one more: "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.
OK, so there are more than 10. So what? You want to make something of it?

My friend keeps telling me, "Cheer up, man. It could be worse. You could be stuck underground in a hole full of water." And I know he means well, but...

I hope when I die it's early in the morning, so I don't go to work that day for no reason.

MORE If you're really bored, think about a few things ...like;

1. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
2. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?
3. Wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?
4. Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?
5. How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?
6. If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?
7. How do you get off a non-stop Flight?
8. Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Two aliens are flying near Earth. The first one says "The dominant life form here have developed satellite based nuclear weapons". The second one says "Are they an emerging intelligence?" The first one says "I don't think so, they have it aimed at themselves".

WIFE: A mate who is forever complaining about not having anything to wear at the very same time that she complains about not having enough room in the closet.

The Last Word: Do clouds ever look down on us and say 'That one is shaped like an idiot?'