

# 2020 JUNE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

3 MEETING - HOST: STEVE KINDELL  
PHONE MEETING... SEE INSIDE  
FOR DETAILS

7 MODEL A DAYS - CANCELLED  
20 DAIRY BREAKFAST - CANCELLED

### JUL

4 JULY 4th PARADE, KIRKLAND -  
TBD  
19 SURPRISE TOUR - HOST: TBD

### AUG

5 MEETING - HOST: TBD  
15 SYCAMORE STEAM SHOW:  
HOST: TBD

### SEPT

1 PRESIDENTS TOUR - HOST:  
STEVE KINDELL  
2 MEETING - HOST - TBD  
20 AUTORAMA: BELOIT-TBD

### OCT

7 MEETING: HOST: TBD

### NOV

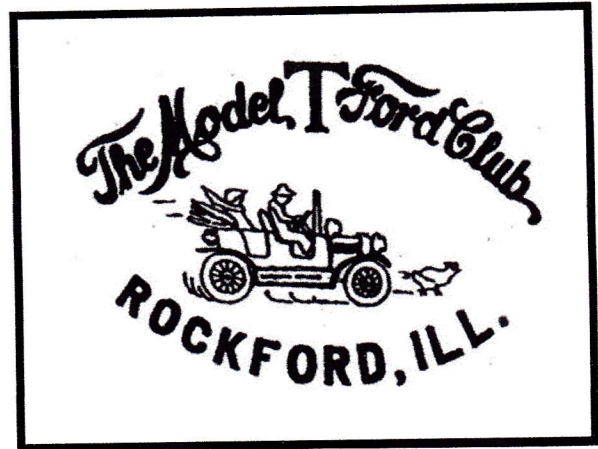
4 MEETING: TBD

### DEC

2 MEETING: TBD  
TBD CHRISTMAS PARTY: TBD

### JAN

1 NEW YEARS DAY TOUR  
HOST: TBD



## EVENTS & SHOW

### EDITORS COMMENTS:

We are all disappointed that so much of our club activities and events have been cancelled, not to mention all the other impacts on life as we know it. However, the important thing for all of us to focus on is to insure that our personal health and the health of our loved ones and friends remains the focus for the time being until this coronavirus is controlled. We can all do that by following all the guidelines our health officials and leaders are giving us and leading by example (regardless of our own political views). If we try to return to "normal" prematurely, we run the risk of having disastrous results that will not only be a setback, but threaten the very people we all love and respect and are trying to protect.

**Stay Home and Stay Well**

Wayne

## 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

DO YOU HAVE ANY CAR NEWS?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR THE CLUB?

WHAT CAR ACTIVITIES?PROJECTS ARE YOU ENGAGED IN?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE "CAR WORLD" THESE DAYS?

DO YOU WANT TO HELP THE CLUB AND BE AN OFFICER? We might have elections recruiting happening before this pandemic is over and the restrictions lifted. Step up and volunteer to help drive us forward.

HAVE YOU COMMUNICATED UPDATES TO THE CLUB REGARDING CHANGES OR UPDATES TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, CARS, PHONE NUMBERS, ETC? WHY NOT? DO IT TODAY

WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU ARE MOST EXCITED ABOUT DOING FOR THE NEXT MODEL T EVENT?

WHAT IS THE CRAZIEST THING YOU HAVE EVER DONE ON A MODEL T TOUR?

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



THE BELOW IS NOT TRUE NOW, BUT SOON WE HOPE.

There are numerous **Car Shows, Cruise In Events and Fun Car Activities** weekly in the tri-county area, even in the fall. Check out [hitsdj.com](http://hitsdj.com) for a list of what's out there and check out [rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com](http://rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com).

## **ROCKFORD MODEL T CLUB BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, MAY 6th**

President Steve Kindell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order via teleconference phone chat. Officers and Board members present included: Steve Kindell, Duane Bunton, Deb Werner, Bill Werner, Dave Lantz, Wayne Orrison, Curt Duesterhoeft, Yvonne Wilson, Gene Clifton, Dean Wanfalt, Cathie Bunton, and Craig Sheridan.

Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's April 2020 meeting. Duane Bunton moved to approve, seconded by Craig Sheridan; approved.

**Finance:** Duane Bunton read the treasurer's report. Craig Sheridan moved to approve, seconded by Deb Werner; approved.

**Old Business:** Steve Kindell said the Rockford Memorial Day Parade and Dairy Breakfast has been canceled due to the-19 virus pandemic. Duane said he would follow up on finding out if the 4th of July Parade in Rockford will still take place.

**New Business:** no New Business at this time.

**Little Hershey:** Dave Lantz said 25 vendors that had sent in their money for reserving vendor spots for 2020 Little Hershey have stated to just hold on to their money and vendor spot in anticipation of the 2021 Little Hershey event. Dave said the club is only out approximately \$200 for printing of the fliers. Wayne Orrison said he took care of canceling the food truck and golf carts.

**Future Club Events:** Club members discussed possibly having a tour/cruise to area nursing homes. Bill Werner said nursing home patients are being confined to their rooms at this time due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic and most wouldn't be able to see the cars. Discussion took place about possibly having a club potluck around the end of July/first part of August.

**Next Club Meeting:** June 3, 6:30 p.m. - Teleconference phone chat.

Respectively submitted, Deb Werner, Secretary

## **TELECONFERENCE UPDATE**

On Thursday, May 14, Steve Kindell had a conversation with the FreeConferenceCall.com people and let them know of the problem we had calling in on our club teleconference. They said to prevent this in the future we should hold our Teleconference at **7:30 PM** and if people are still not able to call into the one number: (551) 258-6834, to have them call (209) 399-9015 and then they will be asked for the original one number (551) 258-6834. They said this should get everyone in, we will see.

## Directions for the next Model T Club Teleconference:

At 7:30 PM, Wednesday, May 6th, Call (551) 258-6834. (If you can't get connected call (209) 399-9015 and they will ask for the number you were trying to call, put in (551) 258-6834 again, this should get you to the conference).

Steve will send out a notice reminding all of us about the meeting time and date.

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, BIRTHDAY PARADE**

Helen "Sis" Waddell celebrated her 90th Birthday Saturday with a huge fan base who visited her via a car parade. This coronavirus pandemic couldn't stop over 400 fans in over two hundred freshly decorated automobiles with balloons, posters and all manor of "stuff" taped to the cars. This automatically created the social distancing we are now living with.

The Model T Club was represented by: Dave Lantz in his '26 Tudor, Bill Duffee in his '26 Coupe, Joe Maurer and Sam Parks in Joe's '21 Model A, Wayne and Phyllis Orrison in their '22 Touring, Steve and Cindy Kindell in a modern car and Kurt Duesterhoeft in a modern car were part of the parade festivities. Some cars had balloons and flags to add to the fun. It was overcast, raining, windy and a cold 35 degrees when the parade finally started. We were lined up for a few blocks near the Assisted Living Home Sis lives in, but it worked out quite well. She had numerous friends and family helping direct traffic and coordinate the 40 minute plus parade and everything went very smoothly.

There were a couple of TV news station trucks with camera crews there and if you watched the news that night, you got a micro second glance at a couple our members cars flash across the TV screen. What fun. Of course we were all making noise, honking horns and having a good time in spite of the weather, all in the effort to help "Sis" celebrate her 90th birthday. She stood by her apartment window on the first floor waving as the cars paraded by. There was also a card box drop for those who brought birthday cards. We had a card that those of us who were there had signed on behalf to the Model T Club and we put that in the box.

Some history about "Sis" follows. Her name is one that most of us don't recognize today, but if you were around Rockford in in the mid '40's though 1954, or you were or are a fan of baseball's legendary Rockford Peaches, then you recognize the name. She was a star right handed hitter who played both outfield and infield in the 1950's, but mostly 2nd base. She was part of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, (AAGPBL) which was formed in 1943 by Philip Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley's Chewing Gum. Mr. Wrigley looked around and realized that most of the great baseball players were in the service now supporting WW II and because the farm teams lacked real talent, he created the American All Girls Professional Base Ball League. The AAGPBL was concentrated in the midwest region of the country. The Rockford Peaches team was one of the first four teams in the league. By 1948, the league had 10 teams across the Midwest.

The 1992 movie "A League of Their Own," showcases the first year of the Rockford Peaches season starring Tom Hanks, Geena Davis and Rosie O'Donnell and several more stars we recognize today.



As a AAGPBL player, the players had to adhere to a long list of rules that included having chaperones. They were usually older women, and they handled the players' paychecks and housing. They also made sure that the league's rules such as wearing lipstick, playing in skirts and attending charm school were carried out. These young players could well have been your neighbor or even your boarder and someone you shared meals with or went to church with.

After trying out for the AAGPBL in 1949, "Sis" was assigned to spring training for the South Bend Blue Sox. She never played for South Bend, being traded to the Rockford Peaches just before the start of the 1950 season. She played with the Springfield Sallies (1949), the Rockford Peaches (1950, 1951) and the Battle Creek Belles (1951). When she played for the Rockford Peaches, the team was managed by Bill Allington. She played second base for the Peaches when they won the All-American Girls Professional Baseball title in 1951, something they did a total of four times in the short history of the league.

The Peaches played at Beyer Stadium, home of the Rockford Peaches from 1943-54, until the league folded. It was a community venue that, by virtue of being the first lighted stadium in the area, became the premiere location for sporting events in the post-Depression era. In addition to baseball, the stadium hosted football and track events. In the 1960s, four high schools used Beyer for its home football games, but with so much use over a generation that by the 1980s, Beyer Stadium had deteriorated and eventually the school district turned over the stadium to the city's park district. Unsafe conditions led to the demolition of the original Beyer Stadium in the 1990s. But a ticket booth remained, and in 1998, the Friends of Beyer Stadium was formed and helped in the efforts to restore the site to the park that it is today. The ticket booth was renovated and had a sign atop it designating it as the home of the Rockford Peaches and you can see it today if you drive by.

"Sis" retired from baseball at the end of the 1951 season and married Neil Wyatt. They were married for 53 years and had two sons. She worked at National Lock Co. for decades. National Lock was Rockford's largest employer at the time. She worked there when she wasn't playing baseball in those early years and for years thereafter. She says, "I walked in there in the afternoon and they would have started me that day. "Sis" said. "That's the way it was back then, with big factory on every corner."

We had a fine time during this parade and after we made our drive by her window and waved, we ended our parade and headed home. It felt good to get out our home after so many weeks of Coronavirus confinement and driving the old T again, even on a blustery, cold wet day. It was great fun. Hopefully, we will be touring again in mass soon.

## **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.html>

## 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

Mary Sheley	6 - 2
Tim Wanfalt	6 - 7
Cindy Kindell	6 - 13
Craig Sheridan	6 - 13
Rosie Sheridan	6 - 13
Deb Werner	6 - 29

### ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Sheryl Stier	6 - 10 - 78
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**ON THE MEND** and Folks we want to think the good thoughts for and keep in our prayers: As no one has been "reported," but perhaps this is a good time to remember club members, friends and family and give them a call and just keep communications open.

## 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

My name is Dale Mura and I have a Model T for sale (a '20 or '21).

I would like \$3,000 - OBO. My cell is 618-514-1196, the car is in the Mackinaw, IL. area.

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

## PICTURES COMMITTEE - DATE TBD

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, but we really need some other folks to lend a hand as well. Please call Steve Kindell or Wayne Orrison.



## **CAR NEWS**

\*Volo Car Museum has sold Curt Moen's '21 Model T and he is very happy about that.

Below is more news about Volo.

\*Bill Grams, co-owner of Volo Car Museum and Sales died very recently and all of the Pre War cars at Volo need to be out or sold as soon as possible. He hadn't planned to die; had no business plan so his brother is taking over and wants all old pre war cars sold as soon as possible because Bill was the "old car" expert and his brother does not have the expertise to deal with them. The museum will continue at present dealing with post war cars and operate the museum.

\*Wayne Orrison recently had Tim Dickson rebuild the front steering system on his 22 Model T Touring. The car no longer steers all over the place. Great job Tim, thanks.

\*NOTE: Tim is back in the car restoration business and is working that business from his home. He will very soon be building a new huge shop. Pass the word.

## **JOKES - RANDOM BITS - QUOTES, JOKES, ETC.**

Lena was so proud of Ole when he finally figured out he could also turn right on green.

Ole was very ill and only given six months to live.  
The doctor suggested he move in with his mother-in-law and it could be longest six months of his live.

Do you know why Lars is always smiles during a lightning storm?  
He thinks he is getting his picture taken.

In my sociology class, we were instructed to write down answers to some questions the teacher was asking.  
"Next question," announced the instructor. "How would you like to be seen by the opposite sex?" I was thinking about my answer when the young woman next to me turned and asked, "How do you spell 'intellectual?'"

Dentist: "I have to pull the aching tooth, but don't worry - it will take just five minutes".  
Patient: "And how much will it cost?" Dentist: "It's \$90.00".  
Patient: "\$90.00 for just a few minutes of work?"  
Dentist: "I can extract it very slowly if you like."

A 97-year-old man goes into his doctor's office and says "Doc, I want my sex drive lowered".  
"Sir" replied the doctor "You're 97. Don't you think your sex drive is all in your head?" "You're darned right it is!" replied the old man. "That's why I want it lowered!"

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.