

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

November 2021

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<i>Swap Meet</i>	<i>Dave Lantz</i>
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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>
Wed Nov 3	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Tim Dickson's Restoration Shop 571 Park Ave. Unit B, Beloit, WI. Phone: 815-978-7873
Wed Dec 1	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	TBD
Dec ?	?	Christmas Party	TBD

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat Nov 6	Fall Back swap meet	Rockford Speedway 9572 Forest Hills Road, Rockford
Sun Nov 7	Fall Back car show/swap meet	Rockford Speedway 9572 Forest Hills Road, Rockford

Dues: Have you paid your dues for 2022 yet? It's only \$15 and Duane is always happy to take your money! Why wait until the last minute. Catch Duane at the November or December meeting, or you can mail your dues to him.

A big thanks to...

Wayne Orrison for his many years of editing the club newsletter and keeping us all informed on what's going on. Thanks Wayne, we really appreciate it. Your service is an inspiration!

...and to club member Len Belpedio who successfully recharged the magneto on Gene Clifton's coupe. Len found the procedure online and also used it on his own car before bringing Gene's magneto back to life. Look for more details on this technique in the December newsletter.

...and to Tim Dickson for hosting the November meeting at his restoration shop in Beloit. If you haven't been there before, the address is 571 Park Ave. Unit B, Beloit, WI. His shop is located in the back of the building (behind the cell tower). Always neat to see what projects he's working on.

Opportunities to serve

Time to start thinking about election of officers. If you've never served on the Board, please consider doing so. If it's been a while since you've served, consider serving another term.

Would you like to have a Christmas party this year? Volunteers are always welcome!

We also need a location for the December meeting.

Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes October 6th

In attendance: Dave Lantz, Dean Wanfalt, Gene Clifton, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Phyllis and Wayne Orrison, Cathy and Duane Bunton, Craig Sheridan, Wayne Henson, and Steve Kindell.

Meeting minutes from September read by Dave Lantz, motion by Craig Sheridan to approve seconded by Duane Bunton, approved. Treasurer's report read by Duane Bunton. Motion to approve by Wayne Orrison, seconded by Steve Kindell, approved.

No old business.

Past club events: Dave reported on Overnight tour

New business - Future club events:

Pumpkin tour is Oct. 9th, meet at riverside Farm and Fleet at 9 a.m. for 9:30 departure.

Model A club event - Oct 19th; meet at McDonalds in Byron, cruise is going to Dixon and back.

Banquet has been moved to Saturday, October 24th, at Thunder Bay.

Illnesses - none reported

Member projects: Both Dean Wanfalt and Wayne Hansen had radiator issues. Dean had his repaired and Wayne ended up buying a new one.

Little Hershey: Dave will contact new ice cream vendor J+S Old Fashioned Ice Cream

Next event: November club meeting at Tim Dickson's shop in Beloit, Wednesday, November 3rd.

Kurt spoke about his good trip to Beloit Autorama. Close to 1250 cars were on display. This is where his speedster won Best of class trophy. He had the trophy on display.

Kurt agreed to send the newsletter in November.

In closing Wayne Orrison reminded us we need to start sending in our dues of \$15. Wayne Henson reminded us elections are coming up. We need to fill the top two officer's positions. Dave will contact Arron Crandall about possibly filling one of them.

Motion to adjourn by Craig Sheridan, 2nd by Kurt Duesterhoeft, approved.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Wayne Henson	11/11
Helen Anglemire	11/12
Vito Zavagli	11/17



Car Show News

Despite temps in the low 90's, 1,241 show cars were on display at Beloit Autorama on Sunday, September 19th at Preservation Park along the Rock River in Beloit. The Antique Class had about 20 entries and included numerous Model A's from the Rockford club as well as a several other 30's and 40's cars. Kurt's 1917 Speedster was the only Model T at the show and picked up a Best in Class trophy. Bill Werner was also in attendance as was Yvonne Wilson.

Overnight Tour by Joe Maurer and Dave Lantz

Attendees: Steve and Cindy Kindell in a Model T, Dean Wanfalt in a Model A, Joe and Bean Mauer in a 1931 Chevy, Dave and Deena Lantz in a Mustang, and Katie Sinderman and Raymond Munchie in a Model A. We met at Blessingham Park in Pecatonica and took back roads over to Freeport where we visited the



sights in Krape Park including stops of interest and necessity. We next drove through Pearl City and then west on scenic Loran Rd. to Mr. Carroll for lunch and shopping. Had a good meal at the Mt. Carroll restaurant. We had a little extra treat with the Farmer's Market and a Festival going on. Mt. Carroll is quite scenic with a beautiful court house and brick streets. Good antique shops, friendly folks, and ice cream. Leaving Mt. Carroll, we took scenic roads south to Fulton IL. One of the Model A Fords slowed our trip by launching its fan blade, which qualifies it for the Rockford A's rubber chicken award. We had a truck and trailer on call

for this situation so our tour carried on. Get a T! Next was a photo op. at the Dutch Windmill in Fulton. It's a full size copy of an ancient windmill used for grinding feed. The windmill was built in Holland and assembled on site. If you haven't visited it, put it on your list. We then crossed the Mississippi river into Iowa and drove to our hotel in Clinton. After refreshing, we ate an overpriced meal at a Japanese restaurant. It was very difficult to get reservations anywhere down there because of the Casino and covid.

The next morning we had a good hot breakfast at the hotel. Since it rained overnight, we dried our cars off and headed north along the Iowa side of the river. We crossed back east into Illinois at Sabula. This crossing is very scenic with miles of water on both sides of the road. After a photo op. on a little island on the Iowa side causeway, we crossed over to Savannah and went north to Palisades Park to test how well our cars could handle a really steep (80% ? ha ha) hill. Took another photo op and pit stop at Look Out point with fantastic views of the river. We then tested our brakes coming down out of the Palisades. Going north on highway 84 we jumped onto Black Jack Road at Hanover. As most of you probably know, this is one of the most scenic and challenging paved roads in Illinois. We stopped for a good lunch in Galena. From there we headed southeast out of Galena on Stagecoach Trail with a stop in Warren. From Warren we went cross country to Winslow with a stop at the famous artesian well and park for another photo op. From Winslow, we took scenic roads to Cedarville where we parted ways.



All in all, it was a good trip with hot, but good weather, good company, good food, and some nice scenery. Sorry we had such short notice for the tour which probably reduced the number of cars.

Thanks, Joe and Bean, for putting together this great tour.

Pumpkin Tour

The annual Pumpkin Tour was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 10th, but got bumped up to Saturday the 9th, instead. This proved fortuitous as Sunday was a gloomy, cloudy, and rainy day, but Saturday was picture perfect. The Cliftons always do a great job of putting together the Pumpkin Tour and this year was no exception. A good turnout of T's and modern cars showed up at the Riverside Farm and Fleet on a warm, sun-soaked fall day. After morning coffee and snacks, we headed generally east and north on a scenic selection of back roads, meandering our way through the countryside along harvested fields and tree-lined roads. The Friendly Franseen Acres farm near the state line, west of Sharon, was our first stop where they don't milk cows, but rather goats. Owner Rick Franseen gave a brief explanation of their decision to switch from cows to goats and gave us a great tour of the facility. All of their goat milk gets made into cheese in



Belmont, WI. The herd of about 120 proved to be curious, but friendly. They seemed particularly interested in sniffing and licking your fingers. A few of us left with some goat “residue” on our shoes, but hey, that’s just part of the farm experience.

From the farm we continued east into Harvard for our lunch stop. The restaurant was ready for us and provided excellent service and food. After lunch we headed west to continue our pumpkin quest. Along



the way Duane lost the license plate off his speedster, but it was retrieved and returned to him when we stopped for pumpkins. There was a large selection of pumpkins and other gourds to choose from so everyone could find something unique to take home. No tour is complete without ice cream, so we made the short trip west to Culver’s in Roscoe, only to find that the inside seating was closed. A few took the drive-through option while others headed south back to Rockford,

ending the tour at Dairy Queen on Riverside. It was the perfect ending to a great tour on a wonderful fall day.

The Marketplace

Do you have items you’d like to advertise in the newsletter? Let Kurt know. His number is 815/874-5102 or you can email him at kduet64@frontier.com.



Contrary to popular belief, not all Model Ts were painted black at the factory. Colors were available up until 1914 and then again in 1926 and 1927. But the vast majority of cars were in fact black.