

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

July 2023

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<i>Little Hershey</i>	
<i>Swap Meet</i>	<i>Dave Lantz</i>
<i>Sunshine Persons</i>	<i>Duane & 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>
Tuesday	July	4	9:00 a.m.	Independence Day Parade	Baumann Park Cherry Valley
Wednesday	July	5	7:00 p.m.	Little Hershey Meeting	Bunton Residence 13298 Promontory Trail Roscoe
Saturday	August	5	12:30 p.m.	Tipsy History	Midway Village Rockford
Sunday	August	6	9:00 a.m.	Freeport Steam Show	Culvers Winnebago

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>		<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
July	16-22	Model T International	Devil's Head Resort Merrimac, WI

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

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Duane & Cathy Bunton	7/18
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Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes, June 7, 2023

Club president Aaron Crandall welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at United Lutheran Church, Rockford. Officers, Board and club members present included: Aaron Crandall, Jay Larson, Deb Werner, Steve and Cindy Kindell, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Craig Sheridan, Wayne and Phyllis Orrison, Wayne Henson, Gene Clifton, Joe Maurer, Dean Wanfalt, Tim Wanfalt, Duane and Cathy Bunton, and Dave Lantz via conference call, and new member Austin Farmer.

Secretary Deb Werner read the minutes of the May 2023 meeting. Jay Larson moved to approve, seconded by Dean Wanfalt, approved.

Treasurer Jay Larson read the treasurer’s report. Craig Sheridan moved to approve, seconded by Wayne Henson, approved. Jay also said the club will decide on the charities donation after Little Hershey wrap-up meeting on July 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Duane and Cathy Bunton’s home in Roscoe.

Guests: Al Pedersen, guest of Joe Maurer and Model A club member; Donna, sister of Phyllis Orrison, who is visiting from Missouri; and Austin Farmer, grandson of Wayne Cross and brother of Keith Cross. Austin recently graduated from high school and Austin informed club members that his graduation gift was a 1922 Model T Touring car which has been in Austin’s family. Others in the family include a 1924 Touring, 1923 Fire Truck, 1925 Touring and a 1920 center door.

Old Business: Motion was made to re-instate payment of \$500 per year, from January 1st to December 31st, to Craig Sheridan for storage for the club’s Little Hershey items being stored in Craig’s barn. Wayne Orrison moved to approve, seconded by Joe Maurer, approved. Dave Lantz said he would pay Craig from the Little Hershey account.

New Business: No New Business at this time.

Little Hershey – Dave Lantz provided some 2023 Little Hershey info: \$3,300 profit this year which is \$1,000 more than last year. Dave said he received numerous compliments on this year’s event, including the great weather, great sound system and DJ’ing, the food vendors were happy with sales and requested they be called again for next year. Dave said advertising costs were considerably more this year. Little Hershey wrap-up meeting is scheduled for July 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Duane and Cathy Bunton’s home in Roscoe.

Past Club Events – Bill Werner stated Cars and Coffee event on June 3 had over 300 attendees.

Future Club Events – Sat. July 1 – Katie’s Cup Cars and Coffee – 7th St., Rockford; July 4th – tour, hosted by Dave Lantz, to the 4th of July Day Parade in Kirkland – meet at 9:00 at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley, leave at 9:30 to tour to Kirkland. Duane Bunton provided the contact info for the person who provides the payment for the Model T Club to be in the parade. July 16 begins the International. Aug. 6 – Stephenson County Engine Club – Al Pederson handed out info and spoke about the Model A Club tour, also open to the Model T Club. Aug. 26 – Marengo Car Show. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 26 to 27 – Ford Model T Club Overnight Tour – Joe Maurer handed out the Overnight Tour itinerary and spoke about the events planned. The tour will leave Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 9:00 a.m. sharp on Tues. Sept. 26.

“Thank You” – Dean Wanfalt states he wants to thank Kurt Duesterhoeft for the great job done each month on the club’s newsletter.

Wayne Orrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Craig Sheridan seconded; approved.

Next Club Meeting/Little Hershey Wrap-up – Wed, July 5 at 7:00 p.m. – at Duane and Cathy Bunton’s home in Roscoe.



New Members

Please welcome our newest members to the club! Chuck and Betty Lesnewski live in Williams Bay WI and have a '16 Touring, a '24 Tudor, and '27 roadster pickup. You may have met them at the annual banquet.

Chris Cross of McConnell, IL has several Model T’s that have been in his family.

His nephew, Austin Farmer of Freeport, has a '22 Touring and a '25 Touring. He’s pictured here in his '25. It’s great to see the next generation taking an interest in these historic vehicles.

Be sure to introduce yourself to our new members at the next meeting or event.

Kirkland Independence Day Parade

Once again we’ll be participating in Kirkland’s 4th of July parade. This is an annual tradition for the club and the parade committee pays us a stipend for participating. So break out the red, white, and blue and get those cars decorated as we celebrate America’s 247th birthday! We’ll meet at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley at 9 a.m. for coffee and donuts and leave around 9:30. After the parade there’s a swap meet, music, and pork chop sandwiches. If you haven’t already signed up, contact Dave Lantz at daveblantz@gmail.com or 815/979-4544.



Tipsy History – Midway Village Museum

Midway Village will be hosting Tipsy History on Saturday, August 5th from 1 – 9 p.m. This is a fun and light-hearted look at Prohibition. Step back in time and look at life in America between the 18th and 21st

amendments. There will be re-enactors playing the roles of bootleggers, revenuers, flappers, and dapper gentlemen. And if you look around, you may just find some “contraband” beverages available! Period dress is encouraged, but not required. Plan to arrive at 12:30 at the water tower (west) entrance, just off the jogging path. The Museum will provide lunch for us. If you want to leave before dusk, that’s okay. Contact Kurt Duesterhoeft, at kduest64@frontier.com or 815/874-5102 to sign up or for more information.

Freeport Steam Show

The Stephenson County Engine Club will be having their annual Antique Tractor & Gas Engine Show on August 5th & 6th 2023. Al Pedersen from the Model A club will be leading a tour on Sunday August 6th and the Model T club has been invited to join them. There is much to do and see - Antique Tractors, Gas Engines and Automobiles some made in Freeport, Fire Engine Collection, The Cooper Corliss (25’ flywheel) will be operating, Flea Market, Museum Tours and Train Rides. The Engine Club is offering the Museum and Train ride for \$5.00 and admission to the grounds is Free. What a great place to visit and do a back road tour to get there! There will be special parking for our cars and a grassy, shaded area to sit and tell stories. An indoor country lunch will provide eats (usually sloppy Joe, ham salad sandwiches, chips, pie, and drink for about \$5.00) or you can bring a picnic lunch.

We will meet in Winnebago on the street in front of Culver’s at 9 a.m. with the tour departing at 9:30 a.m. There is good street parking, coffee, and restrooms. This will be a slow, zig zag back road tour to the Engine Show with a rest stop at about the halfway point. We will depart the Show around 3:30 or 4 p.m. and head to The Union Dairy in Freeport for ice cream, from there we will back road to Blassingham Park in Pecatonica for a rest stop, say our goodbyes and head home.

Let’s drive those A’s and T’s or your more modern car and have some family fun, perhaps we will learn some Stephenson County History. If you haven’t already signed up, you can contact Al Pedersen at acool29a@gmail.com or 815/291-2526.

Model T Ford Club of Rockford Overnight Tour Itinerary

Joe and Bean Maurer are busy planning an overnight tour for Tuesday/Wednesday, September 26 – 27th. This is a joint tour with the Model A club. Below is the itinerary:

Tuesday, September 26

- Leave Blassingham Park in Pecatonica, IL @ 9:00 a.m. sharp
- Apple orchard stop near Brodhead, WI
- Kelch Aviation Museum at Brodhead, WI
- Lunch at Knute’s in Orfordville, WI
- Check into hotel, Sleep Inn & Suites, Oregon WI. Block of 15 rooms
- Dinner at Mulligan’s Bar and Grill, Oregon
- Evening Get-together and drawing at hotel

Wednesday, September 27

- Hot Breakfast at Hotel
- Travel to Madison Zoo
- Lunch at Zoo
- Stop at Wisconsin Cheese Company

- Tour ends at Rockton, IL. Stop at Ice Cream Shop for Goodbyes.

Please make reservations at Sleep Inn & Suites, Call 608-291-2323. Request "Model T Ford Club of Rockford" for a special rate of \$99.

Please sign up or call Joe at 815-541-9237 so he can make reservations at Mulligan's.

This is a rain or shine tour. Model T Ford Club and Rock-Ford As members and guests are invited. We don't care what you drive as long as it can tear down the road at least 35 mph.

Here's a list of the remaining planned club activities for 2023.

Date	Event	Host/Chair	Event Location or Meeting Place
Tuesday July 4th	Kirkland 4th of July Parade	Dave Lantz	Baumann Park Cherry Valley
Sunday July 16th - Saturday 22nd	International Tour Devil's Head Resort		Merrimac, WI (608) 493-2204
Saturday August 5th	Tipsy History	Kurt Duesterhoeft	Midway Village Musuem, Rockford
Sunday August 6th	Freeport Steam Show	Al Pedersen Model A Club	Culvers Winnebago, IL
Saturday August 12th	Sycamore Steam Show	Tim Wanfalt	27707 Lukens Road Sycamore, IL
Sunday September 17th	Beloit Autorama Car Show	Kurt Duesterhoeft	Preservation Park Beloit, WI
Tuesday September 26th - Wednesday 27th	Overnight Tour	Joe Maurer	Blassingham Park Pecatonica, IL
October	Fall Tour	Gene Clifton	To Be Determined
TBD	Potluck Christmas Party	Sheryl Stier	United Lutheran Church

Little Hershey - Saturday May 20th, 2023

After several years of rain (and even snow!), this year's Little Hershey event was treated to cloudless blue skies and abundant sunshine. With around 750 people attending, there was an energy in the air. Free Model T rides were provided by Joe Maurer, Steve Kindell, Dave Lantz, and Scott Stier. The cruise-in for cars 25 years or older had quite a varied display of vehicles. The Stiers and Cliftons put together a great display of antique hit-and-miss engines. Nik's Wish, a non-profit that raises money for juveniles that have terminal illnesses, had a display set up. This year the club did its own DJ-ing which saved about \$600. The club made around \$3300 after all the bills were paid, which was about a \$1000 more than last year. And we picked up two new members; Chris Cross and his nephew Austin Farmer. Both live in the Freeport area. Welcome to the club Chris and Austin!!

Thanks to everyone who helped out that day, but a very special thanks to Dave Lantz for his extraordinary efforts, to Steve Kindell for providing overnight security, and to Craig Sheridan for storing and transporting the club's equipment to and from the show.

We will have a special meeting to recap and review Little Hershey at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5th, at the home of Duane and Cathy Bunton, 13298 Promontory Trail, Roscoe IL. Bring your comments and ideas for next year!



The main gate was a busy place on a beautiful day in May. Attendance was more than doubled from last year.



Scott Stier tends to one of the hit-and-miss engines that were on display; the Stiers' 1912 Touring is in the background. It was the oldest car at Little Hershey.

This vendor had a nice display of headlights and taillights for cars of the 30's and 40's.



Model A Day Clinton WI – Sunday June 4th, 2023

Over 150 Model A's descended on the village of Clinton along with a handful of Model T's and various other cars to celebrate Model A Day. Dean Wanfalt, Tim Wanfalt, and Joe Maurer brought Model A's while Dave and Deena Lantz, Wayne and Phyllis Orrison, and Kurt Dueterhoeft brought Model T's. Other folks there included Bill and Deb Werner, Steve and Cindy Kindell, Jim Martin and Alice, Tim and Lisa Dickson, and Yvonne Wilson and Bruce. Craig Sheridan's T had a dead battery that morning, so he drove modern. Wayne Henson was busy helping the Rock-Ford A's run the event. One of the standout cars at the show was a fabulous 1931 REO Model 8-35, one of nine in existence. A '26 Model T coupe, which was driven in from Oconomowoc WI, was sporting a set of Rockford-made hubcaps.

The Rock-Ford A's put on a very nice event in Clinton after 25 years at Sharon. The Rockford Photo Club was on hand taking pictures and you can check out their website to see some of the images they captured at <https://www.rockfordphotoclub.org/ford-model-a-car-show-6-4-2023>. Thanks to Dean for leading the tour from Rockford to Clinton.





This gorgeous '31 REO 8-35 is one of only nine known to exist in the world.



The '26 Model T Coupe next to Kurt's Speedster had hubcaps made in Rockford (note the "R" below "MADE IN U.S.A.")



Dave takes a bite out of a Model A cookie! The detail in the frosting was amazing.

