

The Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

May 2024

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President	Wayne Orrison
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Secretary	Deb Werner
Treasurer	Jay Larson
President Emeritus	Aaron Crandall
Directors	Bill Werner
	Craig Sheridan
	Duane Bunton
	Dave Lantz
Newsletter Editor	Kurt Duesterhoeft
Little Hershey	
Swap Meet	Dave Lantz
Sunshine Persons	Duane & Cathy Bunton



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>
Sunday April 28	Noon	Annual Banquet	Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford
Wednesday May 1	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.
Saturday May 4	8:30 a.m.	Cars and Coffee	Katie's Cup, downtown Rockford
Thursday May 16	9 a.m.	Little Hershey Setup	Boone County Fairgrounds
Saturday May 18	All Day	Little Hershey	Boone County Fairgrounds
Monday May 27	8:30 a.m.	Rockford's Memorial Day Parade	Downtown Rockford

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 26 th – 27 th	Spring Jefferson Swap Meet and car show	Jefferson, WI Fairgrounds

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

Brian Fradkin	5/2
Sheryl Stier	5/5
Cathy Bunton	5/11

Anniveraries

Brian & Cam Fradkin	5/27
Craig & Rosie Sheridan	5/30



Sad News

Violet Zavagli, 95, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2024 at home with family. She was born in Rockford, IL. She was married to Veto Zavagli and together they had 3 children; 4 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Violet was predeceased by her son, Jay Zavagli and her husband of 72 years, Veto Zavagli. She is survived by her sons, Thomas (Marlene) and John Zavagli. VI and Veto were members of the club for well over 30 years.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Bridget's Catholic Church.

On the Road to Recovery



Sheryl Stier suffered some broken ribs and a mild concussion after having a mishap with some stairs. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Rockford Model T Club Wednesday, April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Club president Wayne Orrison welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at United Lutheran Church, Rockford. Officers, Board, and club members present included: Wayne and Phyllis Orrison, Austin Farmer, Deb Werner, Jay Larson, Bill Werner, Steve Kindell, Dave Lantz, Craig Sheridan, Gene Clifton, Larry Foht, Bill Duffee, Aaron Crandall, Duane and Cathy Bunton, Rick and Cheryl Heissler, Wayne Henson, Kurt Duesterhoeft, and Brian Fradkin, Secretary Deb Werner read the minutes of the March 2024 meeting. Brian Fradkin stated a correction needs to be amended in the March minutes: the last name of the Model T member seriously injured in an accident is Jelf, not Sell. Deb thanked Brian for the correction; the March minutes will be amended. Craig Sheridan moved to approve; seconded by Kurt Duesterhoeft.

Treasurer Jay Larson read the treasurer's report. \$3,779.20 is in the club account. Steve Kindell moved to approve, seconded by Cheryl Heissler.

Old Business: Wayne Orrison asked if any charitable donations thank you's have been received yet. Jay Larson said he will check the club's post office box; Dave Lantz said he has not yet received any thank you's yet.

New Business: Wayne stated the 2024 Rockford Model T Club membership books are available and said members should take 2 books – one book for home, one book for the car. Wayne also asked if any member knew of a cartoonist that would be interested in designing a fun cartoon for the new club Misfortune Award and the Naughty T Award.

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz stated set-up for the 2024 Little Hershey event will take place Thursday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Boone County Fairgrounds. Dave asked that club members please sign up to volunteer to help work the day of Little Hershey on Saturday, May 18. Dave also said he currently has received 35 vendor reservations. Dave set up Little Hershey flier and complimentary ticket packets to hand out to car parts stores in seven zones and requested that club members distribute the packets within the next couple weeks. Kurt Duesterhoeft asked club members if they knew anyone who has a lift for the DJ speakers; Rick Heissler stated he has a lift that will raise the speakers to whatever height is needed. Wayne Orrison said he has to confirm the golf carts rental.

Illnesses: Sheryl Stier recently fell on stairs and broke a couple ribs.

Future Club Events: Saturday, April 6 - Cars & Coffee at Katie's Cup, 7th St., Rockford, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Sunday, April 21 – Dust-Off Tour, meet at 9:30 a.m., Farm & Fleet - Riverside location, leave at 10:00 a.m.; touring to Clinton, Wisc., stopping for lunch at the Sun Down Restaurant in Clinton, then touring again with an ice cream stop in Cherry Valley at Cattle and Cream; Sunday, April 28 – Model T Club annual banquet, at Thunder Bay Restaurant in Rockford, starting at 12 noon. Please remember to bring a car-related item to be raffled off after the meal. Saturday, May 4 – Cars & Coffee at Katie's Cup, 7th St., Rockford, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, but Dave stated club members need to be there at 8:30 a.m. Dave Lantz stated the Model T Club will be the sponsors and asked if the club can again purchase ten \$10 gift cards to give away during the event. Steve Kindell made a motion to approve purchase of the gift cards, Craig Sheridan seconded; approved. Saturday, May 11 – Maggio's Truck & Towing, 4752 Baxter Road, Rockford, will be displaying trucks with a request for cars be on display as well. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 2 – Model A Days, Clinton, Wisc.; Saturday, June 29 – Nash Club will be displaying cars, including NASCAR and AMC cars, at Stronghold in Oregon.

Non-Club News: Cathy and Duane Bunton will be traveling in May to participate in this year's Vets Roll event.

Member's Projects: Craig Sheridan said he removed the exhaust manifold from his Model T. Brian Fradkin states the rear end blew up on his 1927 Model T which turned into quite the job to repair.

Kurt Duesterhoeft made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Craig Sheridan seconded; approved.

Next Club Meeting: Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at United Lutheran Church, Rockford.

CARS AND COFFEE ROCKFORD IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN

ROCKFORD, IL AREA CAR SHOWS & CRUISES



FACEBOOK PAGE

Katie's CUP

Cars and Coffee Rockford

The Model T club will be hosting the Saturday May 4th Cars and Coffee event in downtown Rockford. This is a great way to introduce people to the Model T and promote our upcoming Little Hershey Swap Meet to like-minded car people. Plan to be there with your T at 8:30 a.m. Things usually wrap up around noon. The car show is held in the parking lots of the Rockford Public Schools Administration Building (formerly AmCore Bank) on 7th Street, across from Katie's Cup.

All Hands on Deck for Little Hershey!

Little Hershey is Saturday, May 18th and we need everyone's help to make it a great event. This is our only fund-raiser of the year so we want it to be a BIG success! Dave has done a fantastic job of organizing, but he can't do it all by himself. We'll need help setting up on Thursday, staffing the front gate on Saturday, parking the show cars, helping vendors find their swap spot, and packing things up at day's end. Be sure to wear your yellow club shirt or jacket. Many hands make light work!

Rockford's Memorial Day Parade

Once again we'll be participating in Rockford's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27th. This is an opportunity to honor those who served and sacrificed for this county. [Steve Kindell](#) is coordinating this event. Sign up at the May meeting or give him a call at 815/721-4700.



Rockford Chapter Model T Ford Club

Annual Banquet

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Brunch - Noon



7652 Potawatomi Trail

Rockford, IL

\$25.00 per person plus tax & gratuity

Private room, all you can eat, modern take on rustic

American cuisine, handcrafted & authentic!

Yum.....Delicious!

Please contact me with your RSVP

Sheryl Stier / 847-669-3848 / 815-375-8945 / sastier@prodigy.net

ALSO - Don't forget your prize for our Annual Raffle

2024 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS BY MONTH

Date	Event	Time	Location	Chair/Host
April 28 th	Annual Banquet	Noon	Thunder Bay Grille, Rockford	Sheryl Stier
May 1 st	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
May 4 th	Cars & Coffee Car Show	8:30 a.m.	Katie's Cup, Rockford	Need a Volunteer!
May 16 th	Little Hershey Setup	9 a.m.	Boone County Fairgrounds	Dave Lantz
May 18 th	Little Hershey Swap Meet/Car Cruise-In	TBD	Boone County Fairgrounds	All hands!
May 27 th	Rockford Memorial Day Parade	8:30 a.m.	Downtown Rockford	Steve Kindell
June 2 nd	Model A Day	TBD	Clinton, WI	Dean Wanfalt
June 5 th	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Dickson Restoration 2571 Park Ave, Beloit, WI	Tim Dickson
June 23 rd	Progressive Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
July 4 th	Independence Day Parade	TBD	Kirkland, IL	Your Name Here
July 13 th – 20 th	MTFCI International Tour		Cadillac, Michigan	
July 28 th	Landmark Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
August 3 rd	Tipsy History	1 - 7 p.m.	Midway Village Museum, Rockford	Kurt Duesterhoeft
August 7 th	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
August 10 th	Sycamore Steam Show	TBD	Sycamore, IL	Tim Wanfalt
August 25 th	Surprise Tour	TBD	TBD	All
September 2 nd	President's Tour	TBD	TBD	Wayne Orrison
September 4 th	Meeting (Brat Night)	6:00 p.m.	13678 Sundance Tr, Rockton, IL	Wayne Orrison
September 15 th	Beloit Autorama Car Show	TBD	Preservation Park, Beloit, WI	Your Name Here
Sept. 25/26	Overnight Tour	TBD	TBD	Joe Maurer
October 2 nd	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
TBD	Fall Tour	TBD	TBD	Gene Clifton
November 6 th	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Craig Sheridan
December 7 th	Club Christmas Party and meeting	noon	United Lutheran Church 3630 N Rockton Rd	Sheryl Stier
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day Tour	TBD	TBD	Your Name Here

MTFCI 67th Annual Tour

Have you made your reservation yet? This year's event is titled Great Lakes, Great Times and will be held in Cadillac, Michigan July 15th – 19th. You can find all the details in your latest issue of the *Model T Times*.



Cadillac and Henry Ford



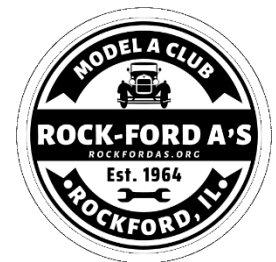
1903 Ford Model A Runabout
(photo courtesy of the Henry Ford Museum)

Did you know there's a historic connection between Cadillac and Henry Ford? Before he started today's Ford Motor Company, Henry started a car company called the Henry Ford Company in 1901 after his first attempt, The Detroit Automobile Company failed. Henry had this vision of building an inexpensive car for the masses. Up to this point automobiles were a plaything only for the wealthy. The investors didn't share Henry's vision and he left the company in 1902. The company re-organized itself and changed the name to Cadillac. It continued the pursuit of building a car for the wealthy, not the masses, and became part of the fledgling General Motors Corporation in 1909. Cadillac continues as General Motors' flagship brand to this day. It is interesting that the early Cadillacs were nearly identical to Ford's 1903 Model A, except with a different engine.

Two Separate Clubs, but a Similar Vision



Inspired by the Model T club, the Rockford Model A club recently adopted a couple of our practices and policies. They have extended free membership to members 85+ years of age and they are also going to start donating a portion of their profits to local charities. It's nice to see that an interest in old Fords isn't the only thing the two clubs have in common.



They're Ba-a-ack



After an absence of a few years, the local Hudson club will be back at Little Hershey this year. They use Little Hershey as their regional meeting and expect to bring about ten cars. Hudson, along with other independents like Packard, Studebaker, and Nash made well-engineered cars, but didn't have the marketing budget to compete against the Big Three, leading to their eventual demise. Be sure to check out these neat and rarely seen cars and thank the owners for bringing them out.

Rockford Model T Club Is Proud To Announce Our 59th Annual

Little Hershey Swap Meet & Cruise In

Saturday May 18th, 2024

Boone County Fairgrounds -- Belvidere, IL

Enter @ Gate 3 -- South Entrance

Gates Open Saturday at 6a.m.

\$7 Entry For Spectators - Children Under 12 Free Food Available On The Grounds

Rain or Shine Free Parking

**Vintage Car Cruise In
For Makes 1999 & Older
Car Gets In Free**



**Free Model T Rides
Hit & Miss Engine Demo**

**Cars For Sale
Over 300 Swap Spaces
Available Inside & Out**

Vendor Gate Open For Setup 10am - 6pm on Friday

Portion Of Proceeds Go To Local Charities

Any Questions Please: Call Dave (815) 979-4544 or Email: littlehershey1@gmail.com

Chili Cook-Off – March 23rd, 2024 (Pictures by Craig Sheridan)

The Chili Cook-off returned this year to see who the champion chili chef would be. The kitchen of United Lutheran Church was a hub of activity with six different chilies competing for top dog (or is that top bean??). Folks had a chance to sample each one and add the fixings of their choice – onions, crackers, cheese, etc. When all the votes were tallied, Rosie Sheridan took runner-up and once again Duane and Cathy Bunton's entry received the most votes. Well done everyone! The meal was even topped off with Ice cream – you just can't beat that! The Buntons received a kitchen apron declaring them the Model T Chili Champions. Thanks to everyone who brought chili and fixings, to Wayne and Phyllis Orrison for hosting this fun event, and to Craig Sheridan for providing a great venue.



Dust-Off Tour – April 21st, 2024 (by Wayne Orrison, pictures by Steve Kindell and Joe Maurer)

We met at 9:30 a.m. and left at 10:00 a.m. on a beautiful Sunday morning in the parking lot and enjoyed some coffee and donuts and fellowship prior to embarking on our tour from Farm & Fleet on Riverside in Rockford. The Model A Club was



invited and they turned out in force making for a good size tour group and great fun. We had a good turn out including: (Model T) Steve & Cindy Kindell, Craig & Rosie Sheridan, Yvonne Wilson and Bruce, Wayne & Phyllis Orrison, Tim Wanfalt, Bill & Deb Werner, Aaron Crandall, Austin Farmer, Dave Lantz, Joe Maurer & Chuck and Jim Martin with Alice Finch. The Model A Club included: Larry and Loretta Anderson, Jim Morley with 2 guests - Jason & Jacob (Clinton high school shop students working on a Model A project),

George & Sue Brunson, Bill Johnson, Al & Karen Pedersen, Dave & Pauline Clark, Ron Lanquist and Ann Laviolette with Brandon Pedersen. I must have missed someone because we had 35 at lunch.

We left Farm & Fleet and toured north and east over the interstate and then north crawling our way to Clinton, WI, back over the interstate, through Rock Cut



State Park. The skies were clear and blue, though it was a bit cool with the wind, but the park was beautiful and after a quick potty stop, we left the park and continued north, again crossing over the interstate. We had a bit of a breakdown in our lineup and a couple of folks missed a turn (we just spread out too far), but we eventually all got back together and after one turn around up near Sharon, WI. (Wayne's fault) we finally made it to our lunch stop (Sun Down Cafe) in Clinton.



The food was good, but the service was slow (one of the wait staff did not show up) and that was disappointing. A lesson learned for future tours.

After lunch, a few folks broke away and that left 26 of us to head south to enjoy some ice cream. We made our way south the Cherry Valley - in Don Nelson's old shop - now a local neighborhood market and ice cream shop.

Our tour ended there and folks made their way home. Most said it was a good tour and had fun. I hope so. Two Model A's said they were on some new roads and I'm happy they got to see something different, as we all like new scenery.

I guess the "Naughty T - Mistake Award" will have to be awarded to Wayne Orrison for missing a turn. Wayne... it was your tour... you laid it out!? He will get that later.

ROCK-FORD A'S PROUDLY PRESENT



35TH ANNUAL



MODEL A DAY

Auto Show



YOU'RE INVITED

THE SHOW WILL BE HELD IN
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CLINTON, WI 53525

★ *MODEL A'S*

★ *SWAP MEET*

★ *MUSIC*

★ *TIME ERA FASHION SHOW*

SUNDAY

JUNE **02** 2024

9AM-2PM

★ *CRAFTERS*

★ *VENDORS*

★ *GREAT FOOD*

★ *COME FOR BREAKFAST*



All proceeds benefit Vets Roll
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