



# *Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter*

## *December 2022*



### MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:

<i>President</i>	<i>Steve Kindell</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Deb Werner</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Jay Larson</i>
<i>President Emeritus</i>	<i>Wayne Henson</i>
<i>Directors</i>	<i>Bill Werner</i>
	<i>Craig Sheridan</i>
	<i>Duane Bunton</i>
	<i>Dave Lantz</i>
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Kurt Duesterhoeft</i>
<i>Little Hershey</i>	
<i>Swap Meet</i>	<i>Dave Lantz</i>
<i>Sunshine Persons</i>	<i>Duane &amp; 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>
Wednesday Dec. 7	6:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Goodwill Industries Mtg. Rm. 3068 McFarland Rd., Rockford

### OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 26	Holiday Hot Rods and Classic Car Show	Part of Stroll on State Downtown Rockford

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

**Dues are coming up soon!** The deadline is January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't already paid, get your \$15 into Jay Larson at the December meeting or you can make out a check to **Rockford Model T Club** and mail it to:

**Jay Larson**  
**2103 Guilford Rd**  
**Rockford, IL 61107**

## **Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes, November 2nd, 2022**

President Steve Kindell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at the Goodwill facility, Rockford. Officers, Board, and club members present included: Steve Kindell, Jay Larson, Deb Werner, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Gene Clifton, Aaron Crandall, Wayne Orrison, Phyllis Orrison, and Wayne Henson, who was celebrating his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Secretary Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's October 2022 meeting. Duane Bunton moved to approve, seconded by Wayne Orrison, approved.

Treasurer Jay Larson read the treasurer's report. Wayne Orrison moved to approve, seconded by Duane Bunton; approved.

**Old Business:** Kurt Duesterhoeft said he spoke with Sheryl Stier about safety banners for the Model T's to use during tours and events. Kurt said Sheryl states she will talk with the International's other clubs.

**New Business:** Steve Kindell stated club dues are now due and numerous club members paid their dues to treasurer Jay Larson at tonight's meeting. Steve said Veto Zavagli's family donated Veto's Model T club attire to provide to the club's members who were very appreciative of Veto's family donation. Steve said Goodwill is ok with meeting times ending at 8:00 p.m. through 2022, but said meetings for 2023 will need to end by 7:30 pm. Discussion took place to possibly begin the club meetings at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. or having the meetings be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., or to consider a different location to hold the meetings.

**Little Hershey:** Dave Lantz said the next Little Hershey 2023 meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Goodwill facility. Dave said ideas for food vendors are needed and also said the food vendors need to be licensed through the Boone County Health Dept. Dave also said DJ Joe Locke has provided Dave with an estimate to provide DJ service for 2023 Little Hershey event. Dave said advertising for the event will be expanded and the event fliers be handed out at as many car events and places as possible.

**Past Club News:** Gene Clifton reported the Fall Tour was very enjoyable and a fun tour of the millionaire's homes in Crystal Lake area, lunch in Huntley, a stop at Papa's Garage, but states he was a bit disappointed there were numerous modern cars and only a couple Model T cars that participated for the tour.

**Future Club Events:** Nov. 13 –Volo Auto Museum, 10:00 a.m., Rockford Model T Club members please RSVP to Sheryl Stier. Nov. 15 – 6:00 p.m. Little Hershey committee meeting at Goodwill facility.

**Future Events:** Nov. 5 and 6 -- \$teels and Deals Swap Meet and Car Show at Rockford Speedway. Nov. 26 – 2 to 9 p.m., Holiday Hot Rods Classic Car Show at Stroll on State, downtown Rockford. Dave Lantz said he volunteered to give a ride in his Model T to the couple that donated the Christmas tree for the Stroll on State Parade.

**Non-Club News:** Bill Werner states he and Deb recently visited Edwards Apple Orchard in Poplar Grove and states they have a Model TT truck as part of their festive fall display inside the Apple Barn.

**Illnesses:** Sheryl and Scott Stier were unable to attend tonight's meeting due to testing positive for Covid. Steve Kindell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Duane Bunton seconded; approved

**Next Club Meeting: Wed, Dec. 7 at 6:30 pm.** – Goodwill facility, Rockford (please use the store's front doors). Wayne and Phyllis Orrison volunteered to bring treats.

## Those celebrating this month:

### Birthdays

Deena Lantz	12/8
Yvonne Wilson	12/14
Bill Werner	12/14



## Annual Banquet

At the October meeting it was decided to move the banquet from fall to spring. The annual banquet is being planned for Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023. This will kick off our 2023 season prior to Little Hershey in May. Sheryl Stier has volunteered to coordinate the banquet, but more helpers are always welcome! Look for more details to come in future newsletters.

## 2023 International Meet

“Beer, Cheese, and Model T’s” is the theme of the International Meet scheduled for July 16 – 21, 2023 at Devil’s Head Resort near Baraboo, WI. The Meet is not likely to be this close again for many years. So start thinking about attending! For more information or to get email updates, go to the tour website:

<https://www.2023modelttour.com/>



## Monthly Meetings

We will be electing officers at our December monthly meeting so be sure to attend. Then we’ll be taking January and February off, so our first meeting of the new year will be Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.



## Improved Logo

Which came first, the chicken or the Model T? Well it appears to be the chicken, but the Model T is gaining ground! A big thanks to Steve Kindell for spending a lot of time on our club logo. No one is sure what happened to the original graphics file, but Steve took a scanned image and did a really nice job of cleaning it up. This saved the club many hundreds of dollars by not having to hire a graphic artist. Thanks, Steve! If you know who originally created the logo, please let Steve or Kurt know.

## Fall Color Tour – Sunday, October 9, 2022

Seventeen folks participated in the fall color tour. Steve and Cindy Kindell, Dean Wanfalt, Dave and Deena Lantz, Duane and Cathy Bunton, Jim Martin and Alice, Scott, Sheryl, and Scotty Stier, Bill Duffee, and Craig Sheridan along with his brother, Ernie, met at the Cliftons. Wayne Henson was planning to attend, but his son was in the hospital for heart surgery. Leaving the Clifton residence, the group headed southeast with the first stop at Kingston Park, east of Kirkland. From there, easterly travels on country roads led through the town of Hampshire and then northeast to Huntley for lunch at Papa G's. The restaurant did a good job of putting everyone together. The manager got all this done and was helping the staff with serving us. We had one waitress who did a good job waiting on us and the cooks had the food ready in no time. After lunch the group headed northeast into Crystal Lake and took a tour of the homes along the lake.



Highway 14 provided the route out of town to a thrift shop, where everyone could re-group. The tour continued northwest to Collins Road, then westerly to the town of Marengo where we stopped at the home of Brian and Cam Fradkin for ice cream.



Brian and Cam are our newest members. Cam made a delicious cake and banana bread.



This was a “secret stop” the Cliftons and Fradkins had worked out in advance. From there, the group continued west to the final destination, Farm and Fleet on Riverside. Some folks dropped off along the way to head home. Overall it was a nice tour with great weather, no break downs, and no one got lost. A big thanks to Gene and Betty for planning and leading the tour and to Brian and Cam for hosting the all-important ice cream stop!

## Volo Auto Museum tour – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Midwest Chapter invited the Rockford Chapter to join them on a tour of the Volo Auto Museum in Volo, IL. The museum includes five showrooms of cars including many TV and movie cars such as the Batmobile, Herbie the Love Bug, the Bluesmobile, and the General Lee along with a large number of collector cars that are for sale on consignment. Additionally there is a military display, a history of transportation, antique tractors, a train, and a collection of antique music machines. There's also a very large antique mall with hundreds of vendors spread across several barns. Scott and Sheryl Stier, Scotty Stier, the Cliftons, the Kindells, Dave Lantz, and Kurt Duesterhoeft attended the event along with a good turnout from the Midwest Chapter. After the museum we had a delicious buffet lunch at Diamond Deli & Wine Restaurant in Fox Lake, which is owned by Sheryl's sister, Ruth. And for dessert there were homemade pumpkin spice cookies (thanks Sheryl!).

## Non-club News – Vets Roll to Washington D.C.

Gene Clifton was honored to be part of the Vets Roll trip this year. He was one of 95 veterans from the area that traveled on a convoy of five buses to Washington D.C. Each veteran was assigned a personal crew member to help with logistics. Stops during the four days included the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, the monuments and memorials in Washington, and the Cleveland Browns stadium. The convoy had a motorcycle escort the entire way, even through the snow in Pennsylvania.



*Gene with Aaron Wilson from WIFR Channel 23*

Gene served in the Navy from 1961 – 1965 during the Cold War era, the Cuban missile crisis, and the assassination of President Kennedy.

Gene said it was an honor to be chosen to participate in this very special event. We thank Gene and all the vets for their service to our country!



*Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*