



Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

November 2022



MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:

President	Steve Kindell
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Deb Werner
Treasurer	Jay Larson
President Emeritus	Wayne Henson
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>
Wednesday Nov. 2	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 5/6	Steal\$ and Deal\$ Swap Meet	Rockford Speedway
November 13	Volo Car Museum Tour hosted by the Midwest Chapter	27582 Volo Village Rd, Volo, IL

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! The deadline is January 1st. Why wait until the last minute? Get your \$15 into Jay Larson at the November meeting or you can make out a check to *Rockford Model T Club* and mail it to Jay at:

Jay Larson
2103 Guilford Rd
Rockford, IL 61107

Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes, October 5th, 2022

President Steve Kindell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at Goodwill facility, Rockford. Officers, Board and club members present included: Duane Bunton, Deb Werner, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Sheryl Stier, Scott Stier, Brian Fradkin, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Dean Wanfalt, Gene Clifton, Aaron Crandall, and Bill Duffee.

Secretary Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's September 2022 meeting. Duane Bunton moved to approved, seconded by Sheryl Stier.

Steve Kindell read the treasurer's report, due to treasurer Jay Larson being in Florida assisting his brother clean up after the hurricane. Kurt Duesterhoeft moved to approve, seconded by Bill Werner; approved.

Old Business: Dean Wanfalt said the 2-day overnight tour of the Model A Club and Model T Club members was a great trip and was approximately a 200-mile tour. Dean said host Joe Maurer did an amazing job of organizing and planning the trip. Kurt Duesterhoeft reported the tour participants met at Blassingham Park and the tour included Cuba City, Dubuque, Lena, and Galena. Photo ops included an 1880's elevator and a beautiful waterfall and an old stone church. Overnight accommodations were at the Grand Harbor Resort and Casino. The tour included 2 Model T's, 7 or 8 Model A's, modern cars – and no breakdowns for anyone! Kurt suggested a motion be made that the club reimburse Joe Maurer an additional \$50 due to Joe's extensive work on planning and organizing the tour. Dean Wanfalt moved to approve, seconded by Sheryl Stier, approved. Bill Werner stated Dave Lantz and Kurt Duesterhoeft and their cars have been on TV news recently due to being at local car show and cruise night events. Discussion took place about the annual Auto Rama event and Bill said Dave had the only Model T car present at the Christian Central Church car show annual event. Several Model A's were there and Al Pedersen showed off his Model A with air conditioning and other modifications.

New Business: Steve Kindell stated if club members would like to bring snacks to the club meetings, reimbursement is available, just turn the receipt into Treasurer Jay Larson. Steve also stated Goodwill has OK'd club meetings be held through 2023. Dave Lantz suggested the Model T Club make a donation to Goodwill. Model T Club International Director Sheryl Stier asked if any club members had concerns about any issues and said she would address any concerns or questions. Sheryl provided a lot of input concerning the International and clubs. Sheryl also stated the International appreciates being sent the Rockford Model T Club newsletter. The 2023 International tour event will take place at Devil's Head Resort in Baraboo, Wisc. Event dates are July 16 through 23. Question was raised if there is interest in setting a date for the club's annual banquet. Sheryl states she would host the event on April 23, 2023. Dean stated he could reserve the banquet date with Thunder Bay. Dave discussed the "Caution" signs – magnetic or cloth, and provided an example of a cloth "Caution" sign. Craig Sheridan brought a tote with Rockford Model T Club wear for members to purchase.

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz said a Little Hershey special meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 6 at the Goodwill facility to discuss and plan for Little Hershey 2023.

Past Club News: Bill Werner provided an interesting and amusing story about one of the past Rockford Model T Club banquet's centerpiece – a wine bottle decorated with Model T paper. Bill said he acquired a much-needed Ford Model T roadster trunk key. The key was attached to the centerpiece wine bottle that members received at a club banquet numerous years ago. Bill said the centerpiece sat on the Werner's fireplace mantel, until one day recently Bill noticed the key. Bill stated he'd been searching for a trunk key for his Model T. Bill said so far, he's been unable to find the club member who made that centerpiece!

Future Club Events: Saturday, Oct. 9 – Fall Tour, hosted by Gene and Betty Clifton.

Steve Kindell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Craig Sheridan seconded; approved.

Next Club Meeting: Wed, Nov. 2 – Goodwill facility, Rockford (please use the store's front doors).

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Wayne Henson 11/11

Helen Anglemire 11/12



November Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Goodwill has asked us to be done by 7:30, so we need to respect their wishes and be mindful of the time as the meeting progresses.

Little Hershey Committee

A committee has been formed to look at ways to improve the event and boost attendance. Committee members include Dave Lantz, Steve Kindell, Bill Werner, Duane Bunton, Dean Wanfalt, Craig Sheridan, Brian Fradkin, and Kurt Duesterhoeft. The group will be meeting to discuss ideas and bring proposals to the club. The next committee meeting is Thursday, October 27th, at 6 p.m. Location is being determined.

Annual Banquet

At the October meeting it was decided to move the banquet from fall to next spring. The banquet is being planned for Sunday, April 23rd 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 website:

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



2022 Overnight Tour, September 26th/27th 2022

Joe and Bean Maurer put together an outstanding overnight tour for the Rockford Model A and Model T clubs. The Maurers drove a Model A as did Dean Wanfalt. The Kindells and the Cliftons brought their Model T's. The Model A club added five more Model A's, an early Mustang, and a couple of modern cars to the group. Kurt Duesterhoeft was the "sweeper" following the group with a truck and trailer, "just in case". Fortunately, his services weren't needed by anyone. A few folks from each club did a partial tour the first day, including Jim Martin and Alice.

Day 1: We met at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica for coffee and donuts which were provided by the Model T club. Joe gave a brief driver's meeting and we were off, heading west through Cedarville and stopping in Lena for our first pit stop. From there we continued west through Warren, IL and Gratiot, WI stopping at the old Stone Church in Jenkynsville, WI for our first photo op. The church is a historic primitive Methodist church built in 1861. The church is located close to the homestead of Alexander Hamilton Willard who was a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition.



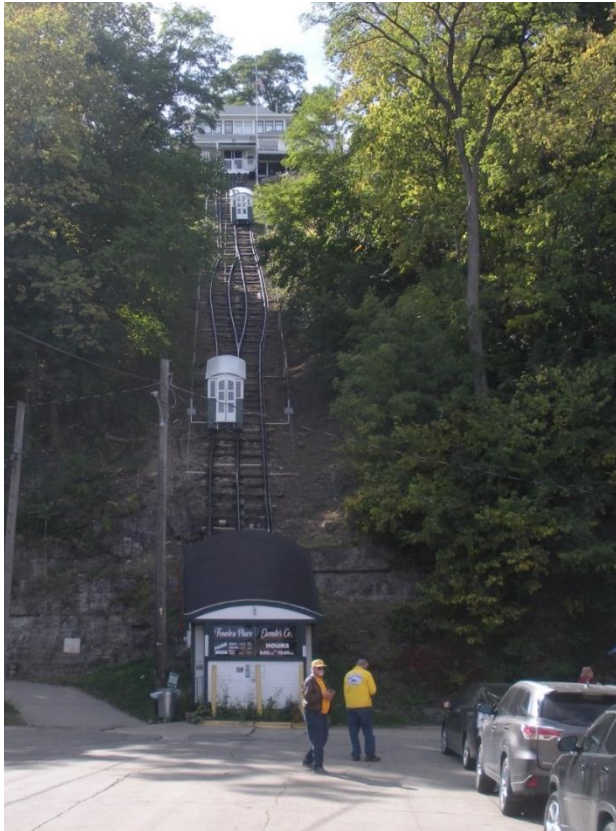
Cars pose for pictures in front of the historic Jenkynsville Stone Church

Leaving the church we headed toward Cuba City. As we got closer to the Mississippi River, the hills got steeper and the valleys deeper. A few of the hills even required low gear. At Cuba City we stopped at



the park for a picnic lunch. The wind was a bit breezy, but ample sunshine helped to compensate. After lunch we hit the road again crossing into Iowa and making our way into downtown Dubuque. There we took the 4th Street Elevator up to get a bird's eye view of the city. From that vantage point you could see across the river into both Illinois and Wisconsin.

The tour stopped in Cuba City for lunch on Day 1



The Historic 4th Street Elevator



View from the top of the elevator. Iowa is in the foreground, Illinois and Wisconsin are across the river

The elevator was originally installed in 1882 by a local banker who liked to go home for lunch, but was looking for a shortcut to get to his home which was at the top of a nearly 200' bluff. The elevator has been re-built several times over the years. The current configuration uses a 3-rail system with two cars that act as counterweights. When one car goes up, the other comes down. There is a 4th rail in the middle of the track that allows the two cars to pass each other. After touring the elevator, we headed to the Grand Harbor resort to get checked into our rooms.



"Captain" Joe checks out the bridge controls of a steam-powered dredge boat

Day 2: After enjoying a continental breakfast, we headed over to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. The museum complex houses numerous aquariums, several old boats, displays of local history and industry, and a re-creation of a period-correct machine shop from the early 1900's. You can even pet a stingray (the fish, not the Corvette!). The machine shop operates from an overhead line shaft, powering lathes, drill presses, a planer, and other machines with flat belts. One of the drill presses was made by the Rockford Tool Company in 1910 and is still operational. In 1926 that company merged with Rockford Milling Machine forming the Sundstrand Machine Tool Company (currently known as Collins Aerospace). We had lunch at the museum and then it was time to get back on the road.

We crossed the bridge into Illinois and headed east on Highway 20 into Galena. As we wound our way through the twisty downtown streets, folks stopped on the sidewalk to enjoy this impromptu parade. It's great to see that others appreciate our antique vehicles. Outside of Galena we made a pit stop at a



A 1910 drill press made by the Rockford Tool Company

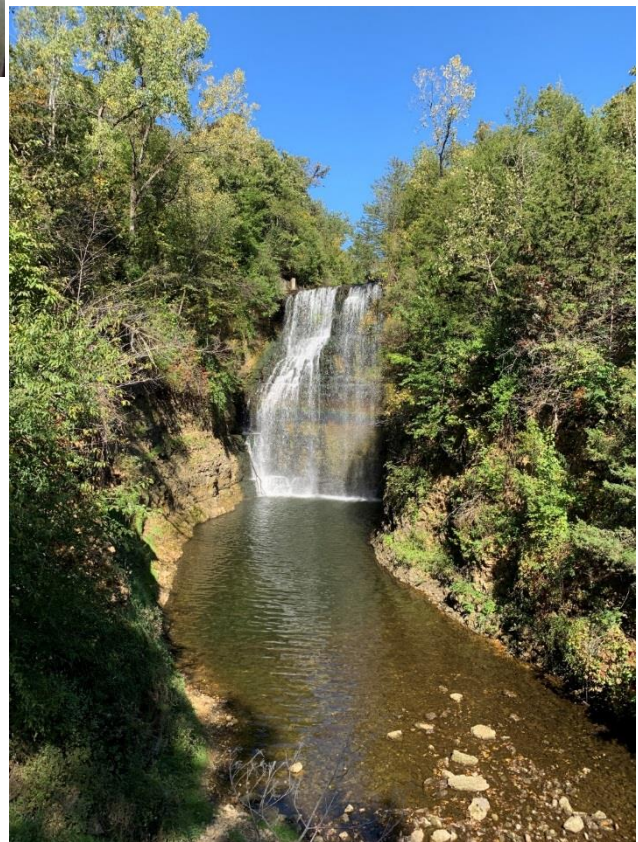


Can you spot the spelling error on the drill press?

local park. We then continued our eastward trek to the Apple Canyon Lake waterfall. This is truly a hidden gem and made a beautiful backdrop for our second photo op.

After pictures, we headed east making our way to the Lena Drive-in for the obligatory ice cream stop. This was the final stop of the tour. From there folks headed out various directions to their home destinations.

A huge thanks to Joe and Bean for putting together this fantastic tour and finding some great back roads to see the countryside. The tour was very well-planned, the route was both enjoyable and educational, and the driving instructions were so professionally done. Plus it was a great opportunity to make some memories with the Model A club.



The Apple Canyon Lake Waterfall is off the beaten path, but worth the drive

Not Your Father's Auto Museum



Please join us, **Sunday, November 13th** for a visit to the Volo Car Museum!

27582 Volo Village Road, Volo, IL

Meet at 10am Sharp – everyone must enter at the same time.

Wrist bands will be provided

Discover thousands of Vintage Exhibits from the first motorcycle to a self-playing orchestra. Whether you're taking a stroll down memory lane or experiencing it for the first time, you will enjoy the 33 + exhibits, they will leave you in awe! Multi-million dollar collections, TV & Movie cars, snowmobiles, antique campers, Duesenberg room, music machines, vintage scooters, specialty interest cars, vintage cars, tractors, Batmobiles, and much more!

Also, 4 antique malls – 300 dealers – 100,000 sq. ft. shopping, antiques & gifts to visit. Lunch will be at the "Show Biz Pizza" right inside the museum! Nachos, Hot dogs w/chips, Pizza by the slice and beverages. Lunch on your own.

Discounted tickets =

Adults: 13 – 64 = \$17.95

Seniors: 65+ = \$16.95

Kids: 5 – 12 = \$11.95

PLEASE RSVP if you are planning on joining us. I need to let the museum and café know.

We're looking forward to a fun day!

Scott & Sheryl Stier

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