

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

April 2022

MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:

<i>President</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Deb Werner</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Duane Bunton</i>
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<i>Directors</i>	<i>Bill Werner</i>
	<i>Kurt Duesterhoeft</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 & 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>
Wed Apr 6	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Duane & Cathy Bunton's home 13298 Promontory Trail Roscoe, IL 61073
Sat Apr 23	2 p.m.	Tech Seminar	Kurt Duesterhoeft's home 3783 Falling Leaf Dr., Rockford
Sat May 7	9 a.m.	*Cars and Coffee	502 7 th Street, Rockford
Thur May 19	9 a.m.	Little Hershey Grnds Setup	Gate 3, Boone Cnty Fairgrounds
Fri May 20	10 a.m.	Little Hershey Vendor Setup	Gate 3, Boone Cnty Fairgrounds
Sat May 21	6 a.m.	*Little Hershey Swap Meet	Gate 3, Boone Cnty Fairgrounds
Mon May 30	TBD	Memorial Day Parade	Downtown Rockford

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Apr 9	Paulson Ag Museum Open House	6590 Belvidere Rd, Caledonia IL
Apr 9 – 10	*Steals & Deals Swap Meet and Car Show (10th)	Rockford Speedway
Apr 22 – 24	*Spring Swap Meet / Car Show	Jefferson, WI Fairgrounds

**Click on the above links for more info....*

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

Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes March 2, 2022

Club members welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at Duane and Cathy Bunton's home. Officers, Board and club members present included: Duane Bunton, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Craig Sheridan, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Scott and Sheryl Stier, Aaron, Crandall, Len Belpedio, and Steve and Cindy Kindell via telephone.

Due to secretary Deb Werner being absent from meeting, the minutes of the December 2021 meeting were not able to be read. Bill Werner wrote the minutes for this March meeting in secretary Deb's absence.

Duane Bunton read the treasurer's report. Bill Werner moved to approve, seconded by Craig Sheridan; approved.

Old Business: Sheryl Stier states she and Scott found the original Rockford Ford Model T Club charter from 1961, which validated the club as an actual club by the State of Illinois and passed it around for all the club members to see.

New Business: April 9 and 10 – Rockford Speedway Steel\$ and Deal\$. Sat. May 7 -- Cars and Coffee at Katie's Cup, 7th St., Rockford. Club members agreed 10 spaces will be reserved for Rockford Model T Club members. Sat. May 21 – Little Hershey, Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere. Mon. May 30 – Memorial Day Parade. Discussion took place regarding upcoming The Great Race that will be passing through this area.

Little Hershey – Dave Lantz reported space set-up date is Thurs., May 19. All fliers are printed and mailed out to vendors and available for members to distribute. All contracts have been signed and an ice cream vendor has been arranged. Dave said he is currently working on securing food vendors.

Club Member's Projects – Duane said he bought a GPS speedometer for his speedster.

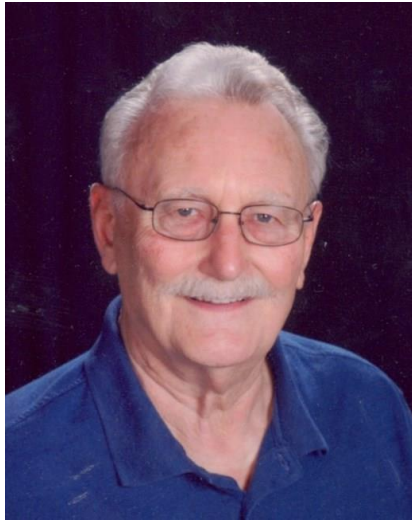
Future Club Events – Discussion took place regarding the Tech Seminar but no decisions or topics have been finalized. Discussion also took place about meeting at Midway Village's event on June 4 and 5 but no decisions were finalized due to cost factors.

Deaths and Illnesses – It was with sadness that members were informed of the passing of Ron Niday.

Sheryl Stier made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kurt Duesterhoeft seconded; approved

Next Club Meeting – Wed, April 6 – Duane and Cathy Bunton's home in Roscoe.

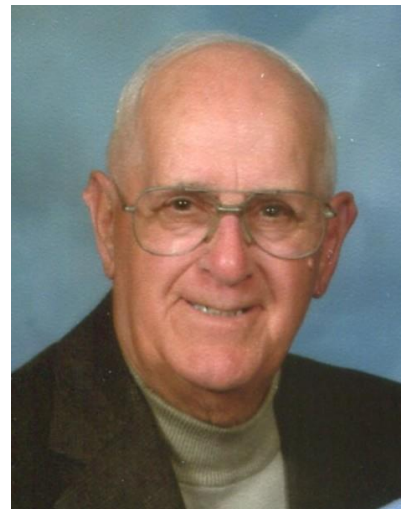
In Memoriam



Ronald E. Niday, 85, of Rockford, IL passed away peacefully in his home with his loving wife at his side on March 2, 2022. He was born in Rockford, IL on April 13, 1936. Ronald married Anne Allen Alldritt on May 10, 1980. Ronald proudly served in the US Army for 3 years. He was a Master Mason of the Cherry Valley Lodge 173 A.F & A.M. He was also a member of the American Legion post 1207 and Aldersgate Methodist Church. Ronald was a former member of the Rockford Model T Club and Tebala Shrine. He enjoyed driving Model T's and visiting every antique shop. Ronald loved re-enacting the Civil War at different locations around the area. He and his wife Anne traveled all around the world, visiting places such as Europe, Alaska, and the Caribbean. Ronald will be greatly missed by all

that knew and loved him.

Veto P. Zavagli, with his beloved wife, Violet, by his side, went to be with the Lord on March 4, 2022 at the age of 96. Veto was a bright spark in this world and will be deeply missed by many. Before graduating from Rockford East High School in 1946, Veto enlisted in the United States Navy during the height of World War II. He proudly served his country as a Navy corpsman from 1944 to 1946. Veto spent his 40-year career working as a production coordinator for Barber-Colman. In his free time, Veto also enjoyed being active in his community and volunteering for various organizations. He was an active member of the Model T Ford Club, the VFW, and served on the supervisory board at Rock Valley Credit Union for 52 years. But most importantly, he was a devoted member of St. Bridget Catholic Church for 62 years. Veto had an infectious zest for life, making sure to enjoy every living moment. He never knew a stranger and would always make you feel welcome with his big hello. He would do anything for a laugh and always enjoyed a good joke. Anyone that truly knew him knew he had such a big, giving heart. We lost a special one with Veto. He saw the magic in all things. His warm demeanor and his infectious smile will be greatly missed.



Note: Obituaries compiled from online sources.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Betty Clifton 4/7
 Kurt Duesterhoeft 4/7
 Steve Kindell 4/28

Anniversaries

Jeff & Patsy Kennedy 4/10
 Len & Vera Belpedio 4/19
 Gene & Betty Clifton 4/23
 Bill & Debbie Werner 4/23



Tech Seminar

Ever wonder if your Model T coils are operating optimally? How do you know if a coil has a bad condenser? Is the timing properly set? How consistent is the firing? How much energy is being delivered to the spark plug? All those questions and more will be answered if you bring your coils to the **April 23rd Tech Seminar**. You'll have an opportunity to get your coils tested using an Electronically Cranked Coil Tester (ECCT). This device can simulate the engine running at different speeds and measures a number of coil parameters as shown below. Make plans to attend on April 23rd at 2 p.m. Location is 3783 Falling Leaf Drive, Rockford. Bring a chair and some coils!

Electronically Cranked Coil Tester (ECCT) - Advanced Features Control Panel

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What's Happening?

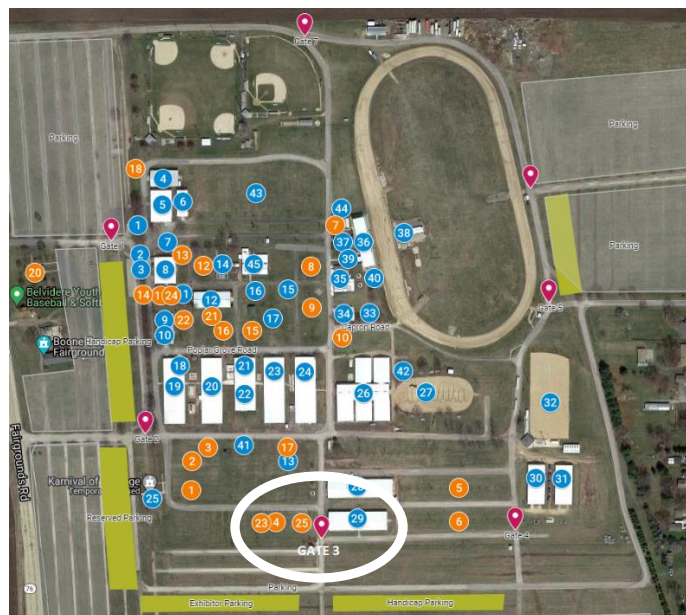
[The Paulson Agriculture Museum of Argyle](#) is having an open house on Saturday, April 9th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum is dedicated to the farm equipment of yesteryear, including over 50 tractors and an extensive collection of Emerson Brantingham equipment manufactured in Rockford. The museum is located at 6950 Belvidere Road, Caledonia, IL and has been featured on the TV show *American Pickers*. A donation of \$7 is suggested by the museum.

The May 7th [Cars and Coffee](#) car show is being co-sponsored by the Rockford Model T Club and the Camaro Club. This is a great way to promote our cars, our club, and our swap meet to the local community. We will have reserved parking for our T's at the front of the show. The event is held at the RPS 205 administration building, (formerly Amcore bank) at 502 7th Street. Please plan to be there by 9 a.m. The show runs through noon. Let Steve Kindell (815/721-4700) skindell@gmail.com know if you'll be attending so we have a headcount.

Monday May 30th is **Rockford's Memorial Day Parade**. This is an opportunity to honor all those who have served our country and protected our freedoms. Please let Steve Kindell know if you can attend with your Model T.

The 65th **MTFCI Annual Tour** is July 17th – 22nd in Hamilton, Ohio. Hotel reservations must be made before May 31st. Refer to your latest issue of the *Model T Times* for all the details.

[Little Hershey](#) swap meet and cruise-in is Saturday, May 21st. We will setup the grounds on Thursday, May 19th starting at 9 a.m. Vendor setup will be Friday the 20th starting at 6 a.m. This is an "all hands on deck" event, so mark your calendar now. Like last year, we'll be on the south side of the fairgrounds using Gate 3 (see map). This is the club's only fund-raising event for the year so we want it to be a BIG success!



Rockford Model T Club Is Proud To Announce Our 57th Annual

Little Hershey Swap Meet & Cruise In



**South Entrance --- Gate 3
One Day Only -- Saturday May 21st, 2022
Boone County Fairgrounds -- Belvidere, IL**

Rain or Shine \$7 Entry For Spectators Free Parking

Food Available On The Grounds 3-D sound company

*Vintage Car Cruise In
\$10 Entry For Driver & Passenger*



Free Model T Rides

*Swap Meet & Cars For Sale
Over 300 Swap Spaces Available*

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

Portion Of Proceeds Go To Local Charities

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Name _____

12x30 Outside Space 2for1 until April 30th \$20_____

Address _____

Indoor Space \$30_____ Car Corral Space \$10_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make Check Payable To: *Rockford Model T Club*

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$_____

Send To:
Dave Lantz
P.O. Box 2561
Loves Park, IL 61132

Email _____

Call Dave with Questions (815) 979-4544

Club Email Address: littlehershey1@gmail.com

The Marketplace

For Sale: Beautiful mahogany T steering wheel. Brand new. 14.5" I.D. \$100. Kurt: 815/874-5102

Got some parts you don't need anymore? Advertise in the newsletter! Contact Kurt at 815/874-5102 or you can email him at kduest64@frontier.com.



In 1916 Ford produced over 20,000 Model T ambulances, even though Henry Ford was personally opposed to American involvement in World War I.



Artist Ensemble Theater – Live Studio Performances

The Artist Ensemble Theater in Rockford is offering discount tickets to members of the Model T club. The discount is for any performance this May of ***Murder on the Air***. Members of veterans' posts, Navy Club, EAA members, Ford Model "A" or "T" clubs and guests they are getting tickets for get the discount if they use the password **EAA22**.



It is 1938 and station WBFR has got troubles. The musicians are picketing the station, half the regular staff is out sick, and the leading lady has been murdered. Or maybe not. That part is a little confusing as the corpse seems to have vanished. Meanwhile, the beleaguered staff is soldiering on, broadcasting serials, quiz shows,

*and soap operas live on the air, while trying to unravel a mystery. **Murder On the Air** opens May 12.*

Thu.	12	7:30	OPENING NIGHT-- Model "A" Day
Fri.	13	7:30	Performance
Sat.	14	4:00	Performance
		7:30	Performance -- EAA Day
Sun.	15	2:00	Performance -- Navy Day
Thu.	19	7:30	Performance
Fri.	20	7:30	Performance
Sat.	21	4:00	Performance
		7:30	Performance
Sun.	22	2:00	Performance

Performances are at Rockford University - Cheek Theater. That is the lower level accessed from the back or west side of the Maddox Theater in the Clark Arts Center. The Cheek Theater is most easily accessed turning east off Alpine Road onto Turner Street and then instead of going around the curve on the east end of Turner St., you turn left onto the access road to Rockford University.

Box office hours:

Monday – Friday: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., also open one hour prior to performance start times.

Website: <https://artistsensemble.org/season> Email: boxoffice@artistsensemble.org

Box office: (815) 394-5004 (Laurie)

Send mail to: Artist Ensemble Theater, P.O. Box 1684, Rockford, IL 61110-0184

Group rate of \$22 per ticket - that is \$6 off the single ticket price. Thursdays \$19.00. Students \$10.00

PASSWORD for Discount: EAA22

Firm Cut-Off: April 29, 2022 if there are seats available