

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

May 2022

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<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Deb Werner</i>
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	<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 May 4	7 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Duane & Cathy Bunton's home 13298 Promontory Trail Roscoe, IL 61073
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
Fri May 20	10 a.m.	Little Hershey Vendor Setup	Boone County
Sat May 21	6 a.m.	*Little Hershey Swap Meet	Fairgrounds (South Side)
Mon May 30	8:30 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade	Downtown Rockford

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jun 4 – 5	Celebration of Innovation	Midway Village Museum
Jun 5	Model A Day	Downtown Sharon, WI
Jun 9	*Ford Tri-Motor Aircraft Exhibition	5121 Falcon Road, Rockford Airport, (2 – 4 p.m.)
June 11	June Dairy (Farm) Breakfast	Friendly Franseen Acres 22799 Hwy 76, Poplar Grove

**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>.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Sheryl Stier 5/5
Cathy Bunton 5/11

Anniversaries

Craig & Rosie Sheridan 5/30



Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes April 6, 2022

Wayne Orrison welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at Duane and Cathy Bunton's home. Officers, Board and club members present included: Duane Bunton, Craig Sheridan, Deb Werner, Len Belpedio, and Steve Kindell, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Wayne Orrison, Phyllis Orrison, Cathy Bunton, Bill Duffee, past member and current guest Dennis McLaughlin.

Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's March 2022 meeting. Wayne Henson moved to approve, seconded by Dave Lantz; motion approved.

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

Old Business: no old business at this time.

New Business: Duane Bunton said he invited Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara to ride with him in Duane's Model T in the Memorial Day Parade. The Mayor told Duane he would, if at all possible. Steve Kindell said the club should discuss door prizes for the Cars & Coffee event, Saturday, May 7. Dave Lantz made a motion the club get \$100 in gift cards – ten \$10 gift cards – for door prizes, and to also donate \$100 to Katie's Cup; Steve Kindell seconded, and motion approved. Wayne Henson said the Model A Club invited the Rockford Model T Club to their meeting and car games event at Blandingham Park in Pecatonica, but Wayne said he will need to check on the date and advise members.

Little Hershey – Dave Lantz said he has lots to report on the upcoming Little Hershey event. Dave said he still has pads of fliers available for members to distribute. Discussion took place about the yard signs reuse, as well as discussion regarding stall signs and arrows to clarify stalls. Dave reported vendor J & S will offer ice cream and coffee for attendees to purchase and More To Life ministries will offer coffee and sandwiches available for purchase. Club members discussed inviting other clubs to the event and offer free admission for the cruise-in. Craig Sheridan brought up the possibility of buying new tables as the old tables are becoming worn and in disrepair. Club members can meet Thurs. May 19 at Craig Sheridan's home to load up Little Hershey items to get to the fairgrounds for set-up. The golf carts will be delivered Fri. May 20.

Club members please meet at Boone County Fairgrounds on Fri. May 20 for Little Hershey set-up.

New Members: Wayne Orrison made a motion to accept reinstate Dennis McLaughlin into the Rockford Model T Club; seconded by Dave Lantz; approved.

Club Member's Projects – Duane said he was making progress on his GPS speedometer. Dennis McLaughlin said he purchased a 1927 Deluxe Touring car.

Tech Seminar -- Sat. April 23 – Tech Seminar – coil seminar, 2:00 p.m., hosted by Kurt Duesterhoeft at Kurt's home, 3783 Falling Leaf Dr., Rockford.

Future Club Events – Sat. May 7 – Cars and Coffee, hosted by Steve Kindell, at Katie's Cup, 7th St., Rockford. Sat. May 21 – Little Hershey swap meet and cruise-in, hosted by Dave Lantz. Sat. and Sun. June 4 and 5 – Midway Village Museum. Sun. June 5 – Ford Model A Day at Sharon, Wis. Mon. July 4 – Kirkland 4th of July Parade, hosted by Duane Bunton.

Future Events: April 9 and 10 – Rockford Speedway Steal\$ and Deal\$; June 4 – Midway Village. Len Belpedio discussed possibly having a meeting at the Byron Museum, sometime during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 9 to 12 – Ford Tri-Motor event at Rockford Airport.

Adjourn – Bill Werner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Lantz seconded, approved.

Next Club Meeting – Wed, May 4 – Duane and Cathy Bunton's home in Roscoe.

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The Kuempel Co., Design Dept. 3 Dubuque, Iowa

Vintage ad courtesy of Wayne Orrison. Looks like prices have gone up a tad.

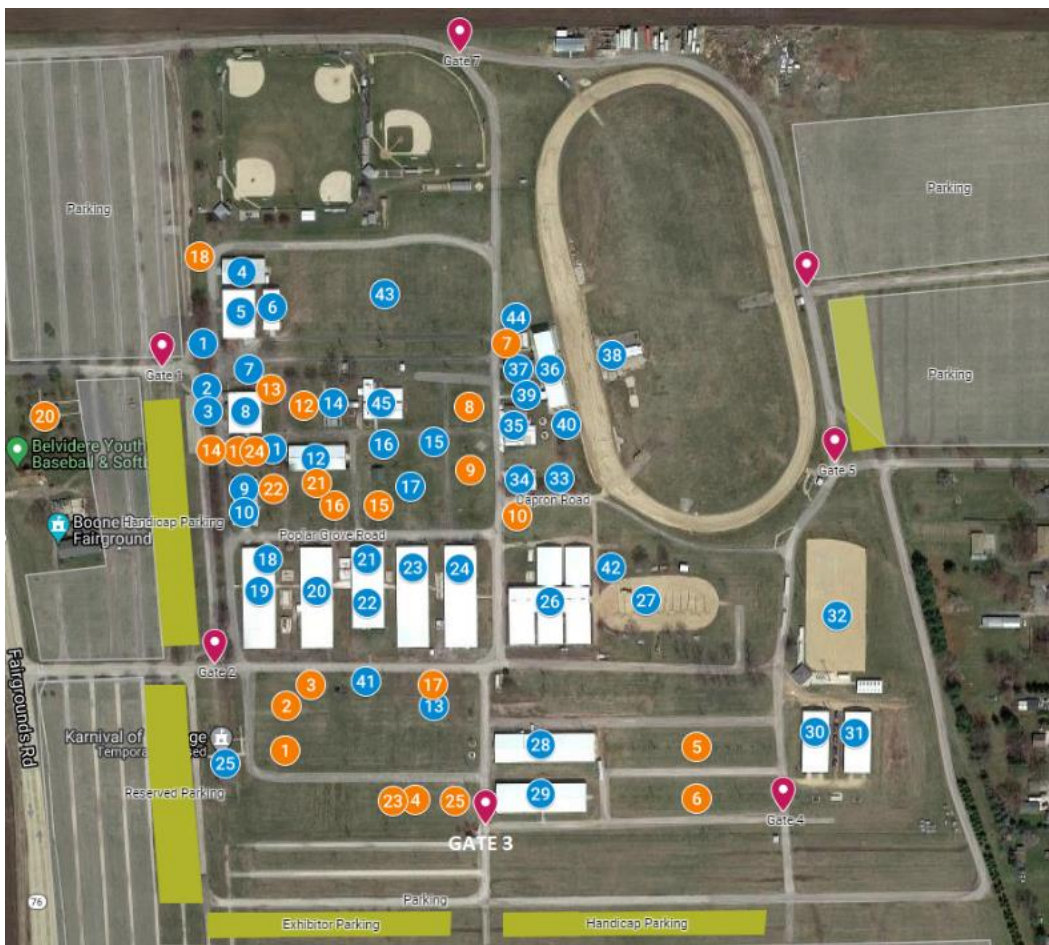
Here's a list of club activities for the year. We still have a few open items so please consider hosting one of these events.

Date	Event	Host/Chair
Saturday, April 23, 2022	Tech Seminar	Kurt Duesterhoeft
Saturday, May 7th, 2022	Cars & Coffee	Steve Kindell
Thursday, May 19, 2022	Little Hershey Field Set Up	Dave Lantz
Friday, May 20, 2022	Little Hershey Vendor Set Up	Dave Lantz
Saturday, May 21, 2022	Little Hershey	Dave Lantz
Monday, May 30, 2022	Memorial Day Parade	Steve Kindell
Sat/Sun June 4-5, 2022	Midway Village Museum	Kurt Duesterhoeft
Sunday, June 5, 2022	Model A Day, Sharon, Wis	Dean Wanfalt?
Sunday, June 11, 2022	Dairy (Farm) Breakfast	
Monday, July 4, 2022	Kirkland 4 th of July Parade	Duane Bunton
TBD	Surprise Tour	
Thur/Sun August 11-14, 2022	Sycamore Steam Show	Tim Wanfalt?
TBD	Overnight Tour	
TBD	President's Tour	
TBD	Fall Pumpkin Tour	
TBD	Annual Banquet	
TBD	Christmas Party	

What's Happening?

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.

[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 please plan on attending and lending a hand. Many hands make light work, as they say. Like last year, we'll be on the south side of the fairgrounds using Gate 3. This is the club's only fund-raising event for the year so we want it to be a BIG success!



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.

Midway Village is hosting a **Celebration of Innovation (1860 – 1910)** on Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be an opportunity to have up to four Model T's on display. Advances in technology developed in the Victorian period significantly changed the day-to-day lives of the people who lived during this time. Program theme: Help visitors understand the way that work changed for a number of different people as new technologies were developed such as farming, hand knitting to machines including spinning wheels and knitting machines, food preservation, woodworking, machine shops, linotype machines, flue plates, nursing, wagons to automobiles, forensics, housekeeping technology such as washing machines and vacuums, and the first female lawyers. Please let Kurt Duesterhoeft know if you would like to display your Model T so we get a headcount. You can display either day or both. This is a unique way to engage the public and foster interest in our Model T's.

The annual **Model A Day** will be held in Sharon, WI on Sunday June 5th from 9 a.m – 3 p.m. More information can be found at <http://www.historicdowntownsharon.com/model-a-day.html>.

Ford isn't known just for its cars. The **Ford Tri-Motor** aircraft exhibition is scheduled to arrive at 2 p.m. June 9th, at the Rockford Airport Chronos Aviation Facility, 5121 Falcon Road. There will be a welcoming reception and news media and photo opportunities. It is a fund-raising event for the sponsoring local EAA Chapter 22 as rides on the plane will be sold. Seats can be advance purchased on the web site and there are group rates if you fill a plane.

Local contact is Bruce Jacobsen at 815-877-2874.

Ford Tri-Motor info can be found here:

<https://www.eaa.org/shop/Flights/FlyTheFord.aspx>



The 23rd Annual Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation **Farm Breakfast** will be held June 11, at Friendly Franseen Acres, the goat farm we visited last fall, located at 22799 Hwy 76, Poplar Grove, IL. Breakfast consisting of all-you-can-eat pancakes, whole hog sausage, applesauce, ice cream, milk, and coffee will be served from 6:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Activities include goat milking (approximately 6:30-8 a.m.) horse drawn wagon rides (weather permitting), children's games, petting zoo, 50/50 raffle, antique tractor display, the [Matthew Wundrow Band](#), and more. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 children ages 6-10, and children under 5 are free. All proceeds go to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation to support education.

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.

Tech Seminar

Club members got a chance to learn more about the operation and adjustment of Model T coils at the Coil Tech Seminar on Saturday, April 23rd. Members gathered in Kurt's garage and brought nearly 30 coils with them to see how good (or bad!) they were. Coils were tested with an electronic test system and an average current meter to compare results. Gene Clifton demonstrated his artful skill of adjusting the coils with a small brass hammer until they were "just right". Everyone agreed it was worthwhile and more tech seminars are needed in the future. If there's a topic you'd like to see covered, please bring that idea to the next meeting.





As we all know, the Model T was often adapted for other uses. Here's an "all-terrain" Model T with tracks, which looks small compared to the tank behind it. Can anyone identify the model year of this "car"? Looks like a 1920 – something? Or what about those military uniforms? Any ideas on where or when this photo may have been taken? Since the front wheels can't pivot, doesn't the steering wheel seem kind of pointless?

