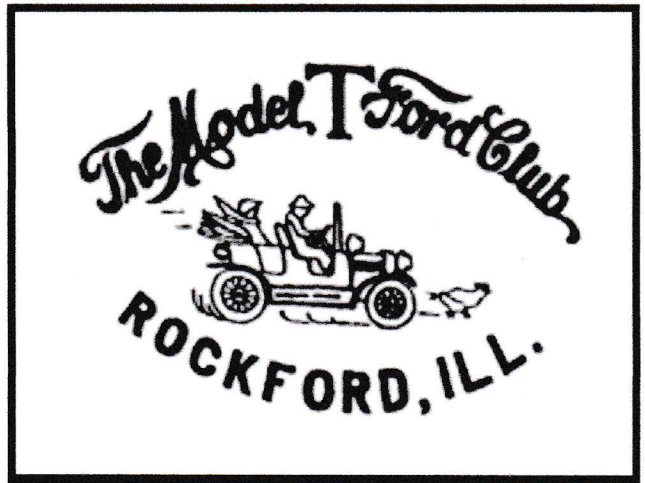


# APRIL 2020



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Because we are remaining alert and vigilant concerning the National Emergency and the developing Coronavirus Pandemic, all scheduled club events are subject to cancellation and change. We hope our daily activities and lives can return to normal very soon. Stay Well.

#### APRIL

- 1 MEETING - HOST: DUANE BUNTON
- 4 CARS & COFFEE - STEVE KINDELL
- 25 LADIES DAY OUT - HOST: SHERYL STIER and ROSIE SHERIDAN
- 18 SHED CLEAN OUT - HOST: CRAIG SHERIDAN - SHED CLEAN OUT.
- 26 DUST OFF TOUR - CHAIR: CRAIG SHERIDAN

#### MAY

- 6 MEETING - HOST: DUANE BUNTO
- 14 LITTLE HERSHEY SET UP - STEVE KINDELL
- 16 LITTLE HERSHEY - STEVE KINDELL
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - STEVE KINDELL

### EVENTS & SHOW

#### LADIES DAY OUT.

SEE INSIDE

Call Rosie for more details

#### SHED CLEAN OUT

Saturday, April 18... 9:00

Meet at Craig Sheridan's..

Please call and let him know you are planning to help with this important event.

#### DUST OFF TOUR, SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Yea. Finally. Whoopee

Host: Craig Sheridan

See inside for details....

## MEMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PRESIDENT	STEVE KENDELL
VICE PRES.	WAYNE HENSON
SECRETARY	DEB WERNER
TREASURER	DUANE BUNTON
EMERITUS	WAYNE ORRISON
DIRECTORS	BILL WERNER
	WAYNE HENSON
	KURT DUESTERHOEFT
	DAVE LANTZ
NEWSLETTER	
EDITOR	WAYNE ORRISON
LITTLE HERSHEY/ SWAP MEET	DAVE LANTZ
SUNSHINE PERSON'S	DUANE & KATHY BUNTON

### Purpose of the Club

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the interests of the public in the preservation and restorations of antique autos, particularly the Model T Fords, their accessories, lore and literature.

## EVENTS & SHOWS CONTINUED

### NOTE: CHANGE

**DATE CHANGE IN LADIES DAY OUT and TECH SEMINAR FROM APRIL 11th TO APR 25th. See inside.**

### GET THE CARS OUT !!!!!!!

**April 4th is Cars & Coffee event across from Katie's Cup, 7th St.**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25th LADIES DAY OUT

**Be sure to RSVP Rosie Sheridan well in advance of the date. See inside for details.**

### **SOPHIA'S CRUISE NIGHT**

Sponsored by BLACK SHEEP COFFEE CLUB. DJ, 50/50 Drawing, Family Fun Starts around 5:00 PM ish

May 7th  
June 4th  
July 2nd  
Aug. 6th  
Sept. 3rd

**HEY...** WE SURE COULD USE YOUR INPUT; STORIES, THOUGHTS, JOKES, HELP

There are numerous **Car Shows, Cruise In Events and Fun Car Activities** weekly in the tri-county area, even in the fall. Check out [hitsdj.com](http://hitsdj.com) for a list of what's out there and check out [rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com](http://rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com).

## ROCKFORD MODEL T CLUB BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 4th

Acting President Wayne Orrison welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at Christ United Methodist Church, Rockford. Officers and Board members present included: Wayne Orrison, Steve Kindell (via phone), Duane Bunton, Deb Werner, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Craig Sheridan, and Wayne Henson. Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's December 2019 meeting. Vito Zavagli moved to approve, seconded by Wayne Henson; approved.

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

**Old Business:** All club membership dues are paid except for one member.

**New Business:** Wayne Orrison presented Dave Lantz with the Attendance Award for attending the most club events and tours throughout the year 2019. Wayne Henson has agreed to be the Rockford Model T vice president for the next year. Joe Maurer made a motion to elect Wayne Henson for vice president; seconded by Duane Bunton; approved. Discussion took place concerning garage clean-out of club items, scheduled for April 18, at 9:00 a.m., location at Craig Sheridan's house. Steve Kindell stated he will updating the website soon.

**Little Hershey:** Dave Lantz said he spoke with the Schwann's driver who said he would be able to have his truck at Little Hershey and would have a variety of food options - whatever the club would like to offer for food, but Dave said the price list was not available. Dave said so far there are 25 vendors signed up for Little Hershey. Dave mentioned numerous publications that will publish the Little Hershey event info for free. Duane said he contacted Andy Gannon concerning mentioning the Little Hershey event on the Morning Show with Andy & Aaron.

**Future Club Events:** April 4 – Cars & Coffee, lot across from Katie's Cup, 7th St., Rockford, co-sponsored with Crank Car Club. Dave said the club can promote Little Hershey 2020 event and the Model T driving lessons at Little Hershey event. Joe Maurer asked if club members would be interested in an overnight tour again for 2020. Joe said he would host the tour, unless someone would like to host the tour this year.

Sat. April 18 at 9:00 a.m. – Garage clean-out of Model T Club items at Craig Sheridan's house.

Sat., April 25 – Ladies Day Out – starts at 10:30 a.m., luncheon 12 noon, hosted by Rosie Sheridan & Sheryl Stier, at Rosie Sheridan's home. RSVP to Rosie at 815-978-4779 no later than April 17.

Sun., April 26 – Dust Off Tour – hosted by Craig Sheridan.

**Club Member's Projects:** Duane Bunton said he finally got his motor. Joe Maurer said he bought a 1912 Buick Touring car. Joe said the car is white in color and has the original upholstery and top. Next Club Meeting: Duane & Cathie Bunton will host the April 1 meeting at their home in Roscoe. Craig Sheridan moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Wayne Henson; motion carried.

Respectively submitted, **Deb Werner, Secretary**

**CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE HENSON FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE THE CLUBS VICE PRESIDENT. THANKS WAYNE FOR STEPPING UP.**

**NOW...** We need someone to volunteer to fill the Board of Directors 'seat' that Wayne vacated when he became VP. Please volunteer to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the year. Thank you.

**Ladies Day Out**

**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**Join us for a *Salad Luncheon* catered by ABC Catering**

**Rosie Sheridan's House  
7020 Clikeman Road**

**\$8.00 Per Person**

**10:30 am** - Springtime Craft Project

**12:00 pm** Luncheon

*Please RSVP to Rosie Sheridan @ (815) 978-4779 or sheridanrosie@yahoo.com*

*NO LATER than Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.*

*(Your RSVP is for the catering order!)*

*Call, text or email if you have questions!*

**SHED CLEAN OUT. SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 9:00 AM**

There is a lot of "Stuff" to be looked at and decisions to be made as to the 'disposition' of it. Please come and help and give Craig a call to let him know you will be there to help.

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**DUST OFF TOUR, Sunday, April 2**

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It's our first tour of the season, so lets have a great time and everyone show up. Start getting your cars ready now so you can join fun.

**Host:** Craig Sheridan

**Meet:** Farm & Fleet on West State St. Rockford.

**Time:** 10:00

**Leave:** 10:30

## **KLAIMONT KOLLECTION**

We met at Saturday, Feb. 29th in the parking lot at Schunk's in Roscoe. Attending were: Bruce Marshal and Yvonne Wilson, Duane Bunton, Joe Maurer, Bill Duffee, Sam Parks, Craig Sheridan and Wayne Orrison. It was about an hour and a half drive into the Chicago area to get to this location and we soon discovered that it was worth the time and drive.

We first met at the Cozy Corner restaurant, joining a group of Model A Club members that Ron Ehrenhofer had persuaded to come and also a large group of Buick Club members. It was one of the Buick Club members, Norm Kortus, who had contacted us and invited us to join the Buick Club for this tour. It was at the restaurant that we met Melanie from the Buick Club, who was responsible for setting up this tour.

First, this private car collection is owned by Larry Klaimont, a retired gentleman and WW11 veteran who made his fortune in the laundry and dry cleaning industry, sold his business and then followed that up by making another fortune in real estate in the Chicago area. With his fortune he has been able to acquire one of the most unique classic car collections in the world. It has been a private collections until only recently, but plans are now being put forth to open this collection to the public. He has taken all the right steps to insure that there will be a smooth transition from a private collection to one that will be open for the public at an affordable price for hopefully generations to come.

As you can imagine, this little known collection has many things yet to do in order to make it something the public and automobile enthusiasts/collectors is even aware of. The Board of Directors that has been put in place to professionally manage this process and it seems to be on pace for a seamless transition to achieve this goal.

The facility itself is a massive old two story building that once housed a publishing/printing company and has been wonderfully decorated to accommodate and enhance this fabulous collection. The walls are festooned with all kinds of auto related neon signage and there are tons of automobilia here and there that lend just the right atmosphere to this collection. It must be seen to understand the scope of this collection and the setting.

The cars!!! Well, that is why we went and it is more than just a collection. You have to understand that there is a passion and a theme that is a bit different with the choice of cars seen here. First, the one thing that stands out is that there are really no "muscle" cars here. This is predominately a Classic Car collection and I must emphasize that. Cadillacs, Pierce

Arrow, Rolls Royce, Buick's and automobiles of that nature are what you find here. Yes, there is a section with some cars and oddities of unusual interest like micro cars, some motor scooters, European racing cars and such, but the collections "meat and potatoes" is all about the classic automobile found in the era when elegant cars were a statement.

Many, many cars from the late 30's, 40's and 50's permeate the building. There are plenty of more modern classics as well with Rolls Royce and Cadillac, even some Model T's and Model A's, but the bulk of the collection is of a time that meant lots of chrome and polish, not to mention the big money these cars cost then and now.

There is a Tucker on display and several celebrity cars, like a limousine that once belonged to movie star Mae West. That car cost \$20,000.00 at a time when most cars would have cost only \$600 or less. There are many one of a kind special creations for celebrities and many that have been awarded 1st place in various upscale car shows and venues.

We toured around until we ran out of steam and then headed back to the freeway for the drive home. Everyone had a grand time and we all think a return trip is something worth doing.

## **LITTLE HERSHEY**

It's right around the corner and we will need to think about our set up requirements and manning the gates again.

Set up will be Thursday, May 14th at 9:00 AM. Craig Sheridan is in charge, but needs help. Please call him and let him know you will be there or sign up at the next meeting.

We also need to man the two gates on Saturday, May 16th. We will work 2 hour shifts starting at 6:00 AM on the vendor gate and the general admission gate. Please sign up at the next meeting at Duane's home, April 1st. or call Wayne Orrison.

## **FOUNDERS AWARD**

It's that time again to submit nominees for the Founders Award. We will discuss the award at the April meeting and hopefully make some recommendations. We hope to have a committee make the final nominations. Look on line to see the description of this award. Or, you can ask Mary Sheley, Craig Sheridan, Gene Clifton, Duane Bunton or Sheryl Stier about this fabulous honor. They have all won this award.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - GREAT NEWS**

Hey Everyone, the Rockford Chapter Model T Club, web page has been updated, it now contains copies of past and our current monthly newsletters, pictures and so much more. You really must take a look. Steve Kindell has done a fabulous job updating our web page and it now includes our newsletters

Here is the web page: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/rockfordmtfca/index.html>

## **REMINDER --- PLEASE**

Chairpersons... It would help if you would provide a write up of your event/tour. What it was. Who attended. What cars were driven by whom? Passengers. What problems were encountered if any? Side stories. Etc. Please help me out with your input. Thanks

## **IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND DATES:**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**OOPS. Dean Wanfalt had a birthday Feb 24th. I'm Sorry I missed you last month**  
Betty Clifton 4 - 7  
Kurt Duesterhoeft 4 - 7  
Steve Kindell 4 - 28

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Jeff & Patsy Kennedy 4 - 10 - 65  
Gene & Betty Clifton 4 - 23 - 66  
Bill & Deb Werner 4 - 23 - 77

**ON THE MEND** and Folks we want to think the good thoughts for and keep in our prayers: No One mentioned.

## **CLUB ADS:**

### **FOR SALE**

#### **NEW**

**CARS. 1908 Rio Runabout and 1911 Hupmobile cars for sale –**  
contact Joe Maurer at 815-443-2223, if interested.

**FILE CABINETS - 2 drawer file cabinets \$20 each, 4 drawer file cabinets \$65 each, 3 drawer laterals \$125 each, all are in good condition. Going fast; only a few left. Call Craig Sheridan at 815-975-7887**

**1926 MODEL T ROADSTER** is still available. Call Wayne Henson.

### **WANTED**

Wayne Henson is always looking for "Gulf Oil" items; oil cans, signs, etc. contact Wayne.

## **PICTURES COMMITTEE**

We will soon clean out the storage shed and among that 'stuff' are some club pictures. We are asking for volunteers to help make some sense of these historical club memories. A small committee to help identify and sort these pictures so that they can be put on our web site is what this task is about. Yvonne Wilson has volunteered to help, but we really need some other folks to lend a hand as well. Please call Steve Kindell or Wayne Orrison.

## **JOKES - RANDOM BITS - QUOTES, JOKES, ETC.**

> I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.