

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

October 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>
Mon./Tues. Sept. 26/27	8:00 a.m.	Overnight Tour	Blossingham Park, Pecatonica
Wednesday Oct. 5	6:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Goodwill Industries Mtg. Rm. 3068 McFarland Rd., Rockford
Sunday Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.	Fall Color Tour	Clifton Residence 8664 Trudy Rd., Rockford

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 23 – 25	Fall Jefferson Swap Meet	Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI
October 1	Katie's Cup Car Show	Downtown Rockford
October 2	Rockton Lions Last Roar Car Show	Settler's Park, Rockton
October 8	Rock n Bowl Car Show	Don Carter Lanes, Rockford
November 5	Steal\$ and Deal\$ Swap Meet	Rockford Speedway

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, September 7th, 2022

Steve Kindell called the meeting to order.

Officers, Board and club members present included: Steve Kindell, Bill Werner, Duane Bunton, Dave Lantz, Jay Larson, Kurt Duesterhoeft, Gene Clifton, Dean Wanfalt, Aaron Crandall, Wayne Henson, and Brian Fradkin.

Bill Werner read the minutes of the club's August 2022 meeting. Duane Bunton moved to approve, seconded by Dean Wanfalt; motion approved.

Jay Larson read the treasurer's report. Dean Wanfalt moved to approve, seconded by Wayne Henson; approved.

Old Business: Jay Larson asked if there were any club shirts available, several members said they would be interested in getting new shirts also, Dave Lantz texted Craig Sheridan, and Craig responded and said he would put together a list of shirts that he still had for the next meeting.

New Business: A discussion took place about having a special meeting about Little Hershey, it was agreed to that there will be a Special Meeting, date to be determined, in the Goodwill meeting room.

Past Club Events: The Midway Village event took place Saturday, Aug. 13. Weather was bad so there was a low crowd turnout but twelve Model T's and Model A's were present.

Future Club Events: Monday, Sept. 26 and Tuesday, Sept. 27 – Overnight Tour hosted by Joe Maurer, Sunday, October 9th – Fall Tour hosted by Gene Clifton.

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz stated this year's Little Hershey event made \$2,258 profit, Dave past out last year's Little Hershey Flyers so we could make changes for next year's Flyer.

Illnesses: Wayne and Phillis Orrison have come down with Covid and are isolating at home. Duane Bunton is still recovering from his broken foot.

Next Club Meeting: October 5th, Goodwill Industries Mtg. Rm. 3068 McFarland Rd., Rockford.

Adjourn: Dean Wanfalt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kurt Duesterhoeft seconded, approved.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

Bean Maurer 10/23

Anniversaries

Dave & Deena Lantz 10/22



What's Happening?

Joe Maurer has volunteered to host an **Overnight Tour** on Monday and Tuesday, September 26th/27th. This tour is being sponsored by the Rockford Model T Club but members from the Model A Club are invited, and modern cars will be allowed. This Tour will be a back roads tour to Dubuque, Iowa, and activities will include the Mississippi River Museum, the Dubuque Tram, and a Casino visit. Meet in Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 8 a.m. on Monday the 26th. We'll leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. There will be a "sweep" vehicle with a trailer in case any car has an issue. The tour will cover approximately 100 miles each day.

Please call Joe (815-541-9237) to reserve your spot.

The Cliftons will once again be hosting the annual **Fall Color Tour** on Sunday, October 9th. With cooler weather and colorful trees this tour is a favorite of many. The tour will start at the Clifton residence, 8664 Trudy Rd., Rockford. Meet there at 9 a.m. The tour will start at 9:30. It will be approximately 100 miles long and will end at the Farm and Fleet on Riverside. Gene promises it will be "interesting"!

Contact Gene to reserve your spot: (815)/332-4238 or gcbc2001@frontier.com

Tipsy History at Midway Village August 13th, 2022

Midway Village Museum invited the Model T and Model A clubs to display their antique cars for the Tipsy History event. Gene Clifton, Dave Lantz, Steve Kindell, and Duane Bunton brought Model T's while Wayne Henson and Kurt Duesterhoeft brought Model A's. The event is a light-hearted look at one of the most interesting social experiments in American history. Activities included an explanation of the moonshine process, a historical look at the temperance movement and its ties to women's right to vote, and a "raid" on a local speakeasy. A local author described the violence of the Chicago mobs that spilled over to Rockford, resulting in several unsolved murders. Former club member Keith Iverson had a beautiful display of wind-up Victrolas playing 78's and wax cylinders from this bygone era. The cars took laps around the grounds periodically and even took a few folks for a ride. The museum was very grateful for our participation and Laura Furman, curator at the museum, had the following to say:

What a thrill it was to see Midway Village filled with vintage cars. I greatly appreciate all the time and effort the Model T Club offered the museum and our visitors. I hope there will be other occasions when we can work together in the future. Please convey my thanks to the whole club for sharing their enthusiasm as well as their time and – best of all—their fabulous cars!



A nice selection of Model T's and Model A's graced the grounds of the Midway Village Museum for their Tippy History event.



Duane Buntun and his Speedster pose in front of the old Bethel Community church, built in 1883 between Durand and Harrison. Duane's parents were the last couple to be married in the church in 1945 when it was at that location.



Gene Clifton checks out an impressive array of vintage Victrolas at the Village that former club member, Keith Iverson, had on display. Some were even for sale.



The "cops" raided the speakeasy at the local hotel, much to the chagrin of the crowd!

The following is from a collection of photos from around the world in the late 1800s/early 1900s.



The Streets of New York City in 1908