



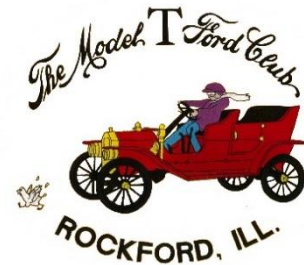
Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

October 2023



MEMBERS WORKING FOR YOU:

President	Aaron Crandall
Vice President	Steve Kindell
Secretary	Deb Werner
Treasurer	Jay Larson
President Emeritus	Steve Kindell
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>
Tue./Wed. September 26/27	8:30 a.m.	Overnight Tour	Blossingham Park Pecatonica
Wednesday October 4	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.
Sunday October 8	8:30 a.m.	Fall Tour	Clifton Residence 8664 Trudy Rd.
Saturday December 2	Noon – 3 p.m.	Club Christmas Luncheon Potluck	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 4/5	Steels and Deals	Rockford Speedway
November 12	Model A Club Fall Banquet	Thunder Bay Grill

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

Bean Maurer 10/23

Anniversaries

Dave & Deena Lantz 10/22



New Member

Please welcome Larry Foht to the Rockford Model T Club! He lives in Rockford and has a '24 Model T roadster, a '31 Model A coupe, and a '55 Chevy Stepside pickup. Be sure to introduce yourself to Larry at our next meeting or tour.

Rockford Model T Club September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Club president Aaron Crandall welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at United Lutheran Church, Rockford. Officers, Board and club members present included: Aaron Crandall, Jay Larson, Deb Werner, Steve Kindell, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Craig Sheridan, Wayne and Phyllis Orrison, Scott and Sheryl Stier, Dean Wanfalt, Tim Wanfalt, Duane and Cathy Bunton, and Austin Farmer.

Secretary Deb Werner read the minutes of the August 2023 meeting. Jay Larson moved to approve, seconded by Dean Wanfalt, approved.

Treasurer Jay Larson read the treasurer's report, \$6,524.00 in the account. Wayne Orrison moved to approve, seconded by Duane Bunton, approved.

New Members – Welcome to new members Rick and Cheryl Heissler, and Larry Foht.

Old Business: Steve Kindell opened discussion regarding updating the club directories and asked club members if they felt new directory booklets should be printed or if the updated directory pages should just be printed out. Discussion also took place asking if the by-laws should be reviewed by board members and directors. It was decided club board members and directors will meet at 6:00 p.m., one hour prior to the start of next month's Wed. Oct. 4 club meeting to review and update, if needed, the club by-laws. Updating or eliminating the Calling Tree was also discussed. Dave Lantz made a motion to print new club directories, Wayne Orrison seconded; approved.

New Business: Craig Sheridan displayed Rockford Model T Club apparel: polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets, available in various sizes. Dave Lantz suggested a donation be considered to United Lutheran Church (where the club has been holding monthly meetings) when it's time to discuss the club's annual donations to charities.

Little Hershey – Dave Lantz said club members can review the 2023 Little Hershey fliers and make any changes which will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

Illnesses –Austin Farmer reported Joe Maurer is currently hospitalized but states Joe is feeling better and said everything is ready to go for the Overnight Tour. Sheryl Stier said she has been experiencing knee pain. Craig Sheridan said his brother, Ernie, broke and shattered his leg and had to have surgery and is unable to put any weight on the leg for 3 months.

Past Club Events – Marengo High School show had over 100 cars on display at their annual event. Bill Werner said the Sept. 3 cruise event at M&M Dari Ripple in South Beloit was a big success.

Future Club Events – Sunday, Sept. 17 – Beloit AutoRama; Dave Lantz distributed info concerning the event. Sept. 26-27 – Overnight Tour; if any questions, call Joe Maurer at 815-541-9237. Sunday, Oct. 8 – Fall Tour, hosted by Gene and Betty Clifton. Nov. 4 and 5 -- \$teels and Deal\$ at Rockford Speedway. Saturday, Dec. 2 – Christmas Party - Sheryl Stier talked about some details for the party, which will be a potluck (club will provide the chicken). Sheryl also said there will be a Christmas hat contest, and also asked that members bring a car-related item to donate to the raffle.

Member’s Projects – Wayne Orrison said he got his car issue taken care of and also said his ‘47 Dodge is still up for sale. Austin Farmer said his work has been slow on his car, due to other commitments, and said he thinks the car will be his winter project. Dean Wanfalt said he was told to expect his car’s Stutz work will be done in about 6 weeks. It was also noted that Bill Duffee may possibly move to Texas and will be selling his car and trailer.

Craig Sheridan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Duane Bunton seconded; approved.

Next Club Meeting – Wed, Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m. (Club board members and directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.) – United Lutheran Church, Rockford.

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Overnight Tour September 26/27

If you’re signed up for the Overnight Tour September 26/27, meet at Blassingham Park in Pecatonica at 8:30 a.m. for the driver’s meeting. Not sure your car is up to the challenge? We’ll have a “sweeper” truck and trailer just in case.

Fall Tour is October 8th

Our annual Fall Tour is scheduled for Sunday October 8th. Gene and Betty Clifton always do a great job putting together this tour. Meet at their home at 8664 Trudy Road in Rockford at 8:30 a.m. Gene promises it will be “interesting”. What exactly does that mean? Well there’s only one way to find out! Mark your calendar now.

Party time!

It’s a party (or two) and you’re invited! Our **Christmas Potluck Luncheon** will be on Saturday, December 2nd at United Lutheran church. Scott and Sheryl Stier are hosting the event so it’s sure to be a fun and entertaining time. Be sure to don your best Christmas hat and bring a car-related item to donate to the raffle!

Event: Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: Noon - 3pm

Where: United Lutheran Church, 3630 N. Rockton Ave, Rockford

Something new - Best Christmas Hat contest - Prize for the winner!

Hosted by Scott & Sheryl Stier

More details to follow

And this year, in the spirit of fellowship and our common interest in antique cars, the Model A club has invited us to join them for the **Rock-Ford A's Fall Banquet** on Sunday, November 12th. Some folks are already members of both clubs, but you do NOT have to be a member of that club to attend the banquet. Come and join the fun! You can find all the details and registration form on Page 6.

Model T wins best of show at Beloit Autorama

The Model T and Model A clubs joined forces at Beloit Autorama on September 17th. The two groups met at Neli's Restaurant in South Beloit for a quick breakfast before heading to the car show. The restaurant did a great job of getting everyone served quickly. Dave Lantz, Steve Kindell, his daughter Nancy Kindell and her two sons Ethan and Christifer, and Kurt Duesterhoeft represented the Model T club while the Model A club had about a dozen participants. Overcast skies and a light rain in the early morning eventually gave way to blue skies and sunshine and it turned out to be a beautiful late summer day. The A's and T's were in the Antique Class which was located right at the entrance to the show field, giving us a great view of all the cars coming into the show. 671 show cars were on the field and there was also a swap meet if you were in a shopping mood. Ryan Evans, the lead painter from the TV show *Counting Cars*, was on hand to meet fans and sign autographs. He also selected three cars for special awards. A Nash and a REO picked up awards in the Antique Class and Kurt's 1917 T Speedster received Best of Show honors. One of the organizers said he believes it's the first time a car in the Antique Class won Best of Show in their 47-year history. It was refreshing to see the antique cars being recognized and appreciated.





This 1924 REO was nicely displayed with period accessories and tools. It picked up a Best of Class trophy.



Ryan Evans from Count's Kustoms in Las Vegas was on hand for a meet and greet.



Kurt's Speedster was honored with the Best of Show award. The trophy was made from a pair of engine valves.

Rock-Ford A's Annual Fall Banquet
Sunday, November 12, 2023 5:00 cocktails 6:00 dinner

Thunder Bay Grill and Restaurant
7652 Potawatomi Trail
Rockford, Illinois 61108

Enjoy a delightful evening of delicious food, great friends, and warm memories of another year of Model A touring! Raffle prizes will be awarded!

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Menu choice of Prime Rib, Cedar Planked Salmon, or Chicken Bruschetta
(Cost includes meal, salad, focaccia bread, non-alcoholic beverage)

**Prices increased again from last year; the Club will pick up \$5.00 of the cost of each meal (last year was \$4).*

The Club will pay tax, gratuity, and coffee/pop. Cash bar available.

Please complete the registration form below. Enclose your check made payable to: Rock-Ford A's

Mail by no later than Friday, October 20 to:

Greg McQueary
7490 Ryebrook Road
Rockford, IL 61114-5636
(608) 290-4429

Enclosed is my/our check # _____ for \$ _____ for the following Banquet meal(s) and dues:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Dues</i>
_____	<i>10 oz. Prime Rib</i>	<i>\$33.00</i>	<i>\$28.00</i>
_____	<i>Cedar Planked Salmon</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
_____	<i>Chicken Bruschetta</i>	<i>\$22.00</i>	<i>\$17.00</i>
_____	<i>I am including my 2024 dues of \$20.00</i>		<u><i>\$20.00</i></u>
		<i>Total</i>	_____

Name(s) _____
Address _____
Phone _____