

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

April 2023

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<i>President</i>	<i>Aaron Crandall</i>
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	<i>Craig Sheridan</i>
	<i>Duane Bunton</i>
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<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>
Wednesday April 5	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	United Lutheran Church 3630 N. Rockton Ave.
Sunday April 23	11:30 a.m.	Annual Banquet	Thunder Bay Grill Rockford
Thursday May 18		Little Hershey Setup	Boone County Fairgrounds
Saturday May 20	All day	Little Hershey Swap Meet	Boone County Fairgrounds

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 1	Cars and Coffee	Katie's Cup, Rockford
April 29-30	The Great War WWI Re-enactment	Midway Village, Rockford

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

April's monthly meeting will again be held at United Lutheran Church, 3630 N. Rockton Avenue.

Those celebrating this month:

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Len & Vera Belpedio	4/19
Gene & Betty Clifton	4/23
Bill & Deb Werner	4/23



Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2023

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, Duane Bunton, Dave Lantz, Bill Werner, Craig Sheridan, Wayne and Phyllis Orrison, Joe Maurer, Scott and Sheryl Stier, and Steve Kindell via telephone.

Guests: Alan Pedersen, friend of Joe Maurer (and tour assistant) and a member of the Model A Club, attended the meeting and to assist Joe concerning the upcoming Overnight Tour event.

Secretary Deb Werner read the minutes of the December 2022 meeting. Wayne Orrison moved to approve, seconded by Craig Sheridan.

Jay Larson read the treasurer's report. Jay provided a copy of the treasurer's report to each member and provided an overview, including a list of the club member dues paid and a list of the charities the club donated to in December 2021. Dave Lantz moved to approve, seconded by Craig Sheridan; approved.

Old Business: Discussion took place regarding donations of the charities the club donates to each year. Joe Maurer suggested raising the donation amount to \$125 per charity, due to inflation and rising costs for the charities. Duane Bunton suggested waiting until next year to discuss raising the donation amount. Sheryl Stier suggested adding a donation to the Piquette Plant to the club's list of charities. Craig Sheridan suggested waiting to donate to the charities until after the Little Hershey 2023 event. Steve Kindell also stated Dave Lantz donated \$100 to Goodwill last year since the club was allowed to hold our monthly meetings for free at Goodwill – N. Perryville Road location. Club members decided to table the discussion of the charities donations until after Little Hershey 2023.

New Business: Sheryl Stier informed club members of the upcoming annual club banquet, scheduled for April 23. Sheryl states after calling numerous local restaurants, Thunder Bay Restaurant provided the best deal. Club members decided on the brunch buffet at 11:30 a.m. Club members will be celebrating Helen Anglemire's 100th birthday at the banquet. Sheryl also suggested selling raffle tickets for a give-away gift (something from club member's home, such as a car-related item) but no "white elephant" gifts. Sheryl also informed members of the Jordan Beller Museum event on Sunday, March 12, from 12noon to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. The museum is located in Romeoville, IL

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz said Gene Clifton will be putting on a demonstration at Little Hershey this year. Scott Stier states he will bring an engine. Dave also reported 24 vendors have signed up so far. Dave also

stated the contract has been signed with the Boone County Fairgrounds. Urban Farmgirl will once again pay the rent for the club's spot. Steve Kindell is working on revamping the signs – no dates will be printed on the signs which will be bright yellow and signs will be an A-frame design. Dave said he will be contacting possible food vendors this week. Dave said the bids are approximately the same cost as 3-D Sound and states Kurt Duesterhoeft is working on a set-up for announcements (instead of using a DJ service). Wayne Orrison states he will contact the golf carts person. Dave stated Little Hershey set-up is scheduled for Thursday, May 18.

Past Club Events: Joe Maurer discussed the 2022 Overnight Tour and stated it was a lot of fun and a big success as attendees enjoyed a good time during the tour. Joe and club members decided the Overnight Tour dates for 2023 are Sept. 26 to 27. Joe states meet at Pecatonica Park and states the tour will head northwest into the hills.

Future Club Events: Sun. March 12 – Jordan Beller Museum – Romeoville, IL, noon to 3:00 p.m.; Sat. April 1 – Cars & Coffee – Katie's Cup, 7th St., Rockford; Sat. and Sun. April 1 and 2 -- \$steels and Deal\$ – Rockford Speedway, swap meet held Sat. and Sun., car show held on Sun.; May 7 – Monticello; Sunday, June 4 – Model A Day - ****new location**** in Clinton, Wisc. (due to lack of volunteers in Sharon, Wisc.)

Non-Club News: Craig Sheridan announced the St. Joseph's Altar event will take place on Sunday, March 19 at Craig and Rosie Sheridan's home, 7020 Clikeman Road, Rockford. Craig and Rosie's family will be serving pasta at noon until 6:00 p.m. Open House is Sat., March 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Joe Maurer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Craig Sheridan seconded; approved

Next Club Meeting – Wed, April 5 – it was not discussed where the meeting will take place.

Little Hershey Volunteers Needed!

It's that time again for us to think Little Hershey. This is our big event and we need everyone to pitch in and help. The swap meet and car cruise-in will be on Saturday, May 20th. Please contact Wayne Orrison at 815-624-2152 and let him know which shift you want to work at the gate. Shifts will be 2 hours each, starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending with the last shift starting at 2:00 p.m.

The Little Hershey Committee has identified 55 businesses in the greater Rockford area where we can put up Little Hershey Flyers. These locations (mostly auto parts stores) have been grouped into six geographical regions:

- Rockford East
- Rockford West
- Rockford South
- Rockford North/Loves Park/Machesney Park
- Rockton/Roscoe/Poplar Grove
- Belvidere/Marengo

We need at least six volunteers to put up flyers in the coming weeks. Chances are you already live in one of those regions! Can you put up some flyers in your neighborhood? Each volunteer will be given a list with five to eleven business names and addresses along with a supply of flyers. Please consider helping out. It won't take much of your time and the more volunteers we have, the quicker it will go. This is a great way to promote Little Hershey to "car people" in our area without spending a lot of advertising dollars. Our goal is to build the event by increasing the number of vendors as well as spectators.

**Rockford Model T Club Is Proud To Announce Our 58th Annual
Little Hershey
Swap Meet & Cruise In**

Saturday May 20th, 2023

Boone County Fairgrounds -- Belvidere, IL

**Enter @ Gate 3 -- South Entrance
Gates Open Saturday at 6a.m.**

**\$7 Entry For Spectators - Children Under 12 Free Food Available On The Grounds
Rain or Shine Free Parking**

*Vintage Car Cruise In
For Makes 1998 & Older
Car & Driver Get In Free*



Free Model T Rides

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

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

Portion Of Proceeds Go To Local Charities

Any Questions Please: Call Dave (815) 979-4544 or Email: littlehershey1@gmail.com

2023 Rockford Model T Ford Club Banquet
Sunday, April, 23rd
Hosted by Scott & Sheryl Stier

Thunder Bay Grill Restaurant
7652 Potawatomi Trail, Rockford

Sunday Brunch – 11:30am - \$25.00 per person

Made to Order – Omelettes & Waffles
Biscuits & Gravy
French Toast
Bacon & Sausage
Cheddar Hash Browns
Scrambled Eggs
Fresh Fruit
Fried Chicken
Baby Back Ribs
Carved Prime Rib
Carved Ham
Salmon
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Full Salad Bar
Assorted Desserts, Pastries & Breads

Something for Everyone!

Something New for this year.....

Please bring an auto related raffle item from home or something new. You are not required to bring one, but it's great fun. Clean the garage, basement or house of the extra items you may have duplicates of, or something you are not interested in anymore. As they say: "your junk is someone else's treasure". You don't need to wrap them and raffle tickets will be sold – 7/\$5.00

Please RSVP to Sheryl Stier -

sastier@prodigy.net / 847-669-3848 / 815-375-8945

Don't forget to RSVP to Sheryl and bring an item for the raffle!



Here's a list of club activities for 2023. Some folks have already stepped up and volunteered to host an event, but we still have lots of opportunities. When is the last time you hosted an event? It's only through volunteering that the club can continue to keep our hobby active. So take a look at the list and find one that fits your schedule.

Date	Event	Host/Chair	Event Location or Meeting Place
April 23rd	Annual Banquet	Sheryl Stier	Hoffman House, Rockford
May 18th	Little Hershey Set Up	Dave Lantz	Boone County Fairgrounds
May 20th	Little Hershey	Dave Lantz	Boone County Fairgrounds
May 29th	Memorial Day Parade	Steve Kindell	Downtown Rockford
June 4th	Model A Day	Dean Wanfalt??	Clinton, WI
June	Dairy Breakfast	Duane Bunton	
July 4th	Kirkland 4th of July Parade	Duane Bunton	Baumann Park Cherry Valley
July 16th - 22nd	International Tour Devil's Head Resort		Merrimac, WI (608) 493-2204
July	Surprise Tour		
August 5th	Tipsy History		Midway Village Musuem, Rockford
August 10th - 13th	Sycamore Steam Show		
September 26th - 27th	Overnight Tour	Joe Maurer	To Be Determined
October	Fall Tour		
TBD	Christmas Party		

2023 International Meet

“Beer, Cheese, and Model T’s” is the theme of the International Meet scheduled for July 16 – 21, 2023 at Devil’s Head Resort in Merrimac, WI. The Meet is not likely to be this close again for many years. So start thinking about attending! Here is a high level summary of events for the week:

Sunday, July 16 – Registration open all day/self-guided tour of the area/kick-off gathering in the evening

Monday, July 17 – Car show and judging/supper club/railway museum/big cat rescue

Tuesday, July 18 – Delaney’s Salvage/Dr. Evermore metal sculptures/cheese factory/vintage fashion show

Wednesday, July 19 – long tour day/Amish settlement/Portage WI/”T”-eter-totter and car games

Thursday, July 20 – tour of Wisconsin River valley and driftless areas/car show awards/Youth Foundation auction

Friday, July 21 – Circus World museum/Closing dinner/car show awards/youth foundation auction

Sign up by using the form that came with your latest edition of the *Model T Times*. Or you can download the form and get email updates at the tour website:

<https://www.2023modelttour.com/>

You can book a hotel room using the link below. Use Group Code **71623MTF** when you register to get the special rate. Lodge/Inn/Premier Rooms should be \$119 per night plus tax. Suites should be \$139 per night plus tax.

<https://www.devilsheadresort.com/lodging-condos-resort-sauk-merrimac-wi-wisconsin/>

Alternatively, you can call (608) 493-2204 and press 1 to get reservations. Ask for the Model T Ford block of rooms.

Rockford’s Model T Connection – Part IV

In this series we’ve been looking at the contributions Rockford made to the Model T industry. So far we’ve looked at companies that supplied aftermarket parts such as auxiliary transmissions, shock absorbers, spark plugs, and timers. Now we’ll start looking at OEM parts that were supplied directly to Ford.

Rockford Drop Forge provided components to a number of auto manufacturers, including Peerless, Dart, Cleveland, and Pierce Arrow, according to a local newspaper clipping from March of 1962. They also supplied Ford with Model T crankshafts. Given the sheer volume of cars Ford was producing, it seems likely that Drop Forge was probably one of many crankshaft suppliers. But that Model T in your garage may just have a crankshaft that was forged right here in Rockford. The company is still in business today and continues to occupy the factory at 2011 10th Street.





THE ROCKFORD DROP FORGE COMPANY

The Rockford Drop Forge Company was incorporated in 1911. Their principle business is making drop forging for automobiles.

In this undated photo, it appears the building may be under construction and nearing completion.



*Today, the brick and glass have been covered by a metal exterior, but the building's original shape is clearly visible.
Note: The lightpole in the photographs appears to be in nearly the same spot. Some things don't change!*

Non-Club News

Craig and Rosie Sheridan hosted the altar of St. Joseph at their home on Sunday, March 19th with a fabulous spread of delicious food. Thank you for including the Model T club!



WWI Days at Midway Village

Midway Village Museum will be hosting WWI days April 29-30. Many Model T's were converted to military use during the war. Additionally the museum will have a Russian armored car from WWI coming. For more details, visit the museum's website: <https://www.midwayvillage.com/>

