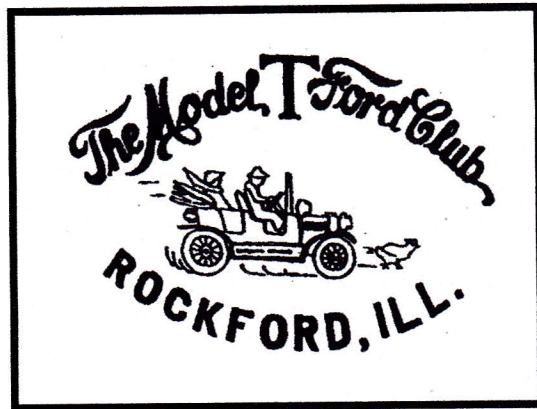


# 2020 DECEMBER

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEC  
2 MEETING: TELE CONVERENCE  
TBD CHRISTMAS PARTY - ????? TBD - I  
HOPE SO.  
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS



JAN  
1 NEW YEARS DAY TOUR: HOST:  
TBD  
6 MEETING - HOST: I HOPE SO.  
FEB NO MEETING  
MAR NO MEETING  
APR ALL DATES MOVING FORWARD -  
TBD

## EVENTS & SHOW DEC 2 MEETING; Will be by TELECONFERENCE.

Here is the procedure to call in:

- Between 6:50 and 7:00 PM, December 2nd, 2020, please call 551-258-6834
- You will be asked for your name, which will be announced to the rest of the participants as your call is joined to the group.
- Keep your phone muted while not talking, please

At 7:00 PM I will take a roll call to see who has called in.

## HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

## **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**

**THE RISE IN COVID 19 CASES IS TAKING A TOLL ON ALL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE OR PLAN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.**

**OUR BEST EFFORTS NOW WILL BE TO STAY SAFE, STAY VIGILANT AND STAY HEALTHY.**

**ONCE A VACCINE IS AVAILABLE AND THE VIRUS UNDER BETTER CONTROL, WE CAN AGAIN RESUME OUR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS.**

**PLEASE - WE SURE COULD USE YOUR INPUT, STORIES, THOUGHTS, ETC.**

**DUES, DUES, DUES, DUES,**

**DUES, \$\$\$\$, DUES, DUES,**

**DUES, DUES**

**YEP. It's time to pay dues again.** \$\$\$\$ OK, maybe it is a bit early, but why not get it over with now and be done with it. Please pay Duane with check, money order or cash. Otherwise, you'll have to work out some kind of trade with him and I don't want to know any details of that arrangement. It's a bargain at only **\$15.00.**

## **CLUB ELECTIONS**

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**WHAT YA GONNA DO? WE NEED FOLKS TO HELP "RUN" VARIOUS CLUB FUNCTIONS. WE NEED YOUR INPUTS AND IDEAS. WE NEED YOUR IMAGINATION.**

**WON'T YA HELP? 'COMON' IT'S EASY AND DOESN'T HURT. IT'S FUN. REALLY. CONTACT STEVE KINDALL TODAY.**



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## ROCKFORD MODEL T CLUB MEETING MINUTES, NOV 4, 2020

President Steve Kindell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at Duane and Cathy Bunton's home. Officers, board and club members present included Steve Kindell, Duane Bunton, Deb Werner, Dave Lantz, Gene Clifton, Dean Wanfalt, Tim Wanfalt, Cathy Bunton and Bill Duffee.

**Deb Werner read the minutes** of the Clubs October meeting. Duane moved to approve and Dave Lantz seconded, approved.

**Duane Bunton read the treasurers** report. Dave Lantz moved to approve and Gene Clifton seconded, approved.

**Old Business;** Dean Wanfalt asked about the status if Craig Sheridan is OK with the Club's items being stored in his barn until spring 2021 when club members can go through the items and was informed Craig is fine with the items being stored. Gene Clifton said the Fall Tour was a nice tour and members had a lot of fun on the tour.

**New Business:** So far, 17 club members have paid their dues. Steve said it's time for annual club elections and asked if club members will consider running for office for a vice president, which will be needed when Wayne Henson becomes president of the club. Deb said she will run as secretary again and Duane Bunton said he will run as treasurer again. Bill Werner said he will run for board member again. A letter was received from Dorothy Heltness saying she really enjoys reading the club's monthly newsletter.

**Little Hershey** Dave Lantz said he will update the date on the Little Hershey event for 2021 for the flier and passed out 220 fliers to member to review for any corrections needed. Dave also said the Boone County Fairgrounds will send the contract info in January.

**Guests:** Anita Moore, lady friend of Dean Wanfalt is visiting from Florida and Amy, Cathy Bunton's daughter is visiting from California and provided a lovely club meeting snack buffet for members.

**Future Club Events:** Dave Lantz said he received a flier from the Rockford Speedway for the November 1 & 8 Steel\$ and Deal\$ Swap Met and Car Show, Loves Park. Dave passed out fliers to club member if they would be interested in judging at the car show. Duane said he would be willing to be a judge. Members stalled about the upcoming New Years Day club tour, but states members will have to 'wait and see' what's open due to the pandemic.

**Non Club News:** Deb will correct the October Club minutes to stating that Dave Lantz won the Adam Kinzinger award recently at the Belvidere Moose car show (not Dean Wanfalt), as previously stated. Bill Werner bought a new modern car; 2019 Ford Eco-Sport. Gene Clifton said he and Kurt Duesterhoeft have really had a lot of fun working on the Midway Village vintage vehicle and states he is very impressed by Kurts workmanship and how he pays attention to detail. Gene said the car will be on display once Midway Village opens up in the Spring of 2021. Bill Werner made a suggestion that maybe members could tour Midway Village.

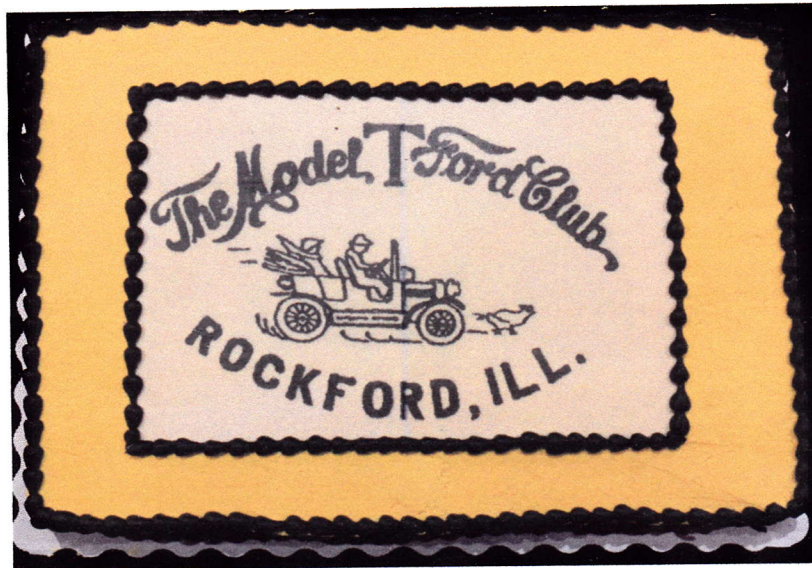
**Illnesses:** Gene Clifton said Betty will be talking with a surgeon later this month regarding her ongoing back pain issue.

**Club Member Projects;** Duane said he is still working on his car and stated the paint is really expensive and doesn't cover well. Duane showed the car to the club members after the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Club Meeting:** Dec 2, 2020, 7 PM. Teleconference.

Duane Bunton made a motion to adjourn, Bill Werner seconded, approved.

Respectfully Submitted: Deb Werner, Secretary.



## **MODEL T CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET, OCTOBER 25th.**

We met at Thunder Bay Bar and Grill for our annual banquet and had fair turnout. Attending were: Dean Wanfalt and his daughter and son-in-law, Tim Wanfalt, Dave and Deena Lantz, Gene and Betty Clifton, Vito and Vi Zavagli and Ann Ferrell, Lylia Stull and Mary Sheley, Wayne Henson, Bill Duffee, Duane and Kathy Bunton, Steve and Cindy Kindell, Bill and Deb Werner and Wayne and Phyllis Orrison.

We had the place to ourselves as the Covid mandates restricted the number of patrons the restaurant could accommodate.

We gathered in the large dining room and had some time to visit and enjoy a pre dinner drink before the waiter came around to confirm our orders and then we were able to chat and mill about. There were cute little mason jars filled with snacks (nuts and halloween candy corn) for everyone and that was fun. Of course, we started off with the Covid protocols and the tables were spaced such that we met that requirement. Still, we were able to socialize and have a good time. Everyone was in fine health and good spirits and that helped ease the tension that was initially present regarding masks and socializing. Perhaps it was risky, but we did relax the mask business (but not the restaurant staff) and things felt for a time normal.

Dinner was served and we had a great time enjoying a great meal and the fellowship it provides. After the dinner, we had drawing for table decorations (all fall/halloween themed and really nice). Unlike previous years because of our budget, we did not have a bunch of prizes for everyone to choose from and that was just fine. Also, we paid for our own meals. Overall, I think folks found this arrangement OK.

We eventually had dessert. See picture below of the wonderful cake Steve and Cindy had made for our banquet. It was not only pretty to look at, it tasted great. We even had some left over for folks to take home a piece in take-out boxes the restaurant provided.

It was a fine evening and everyone seemed to have a good time. It seems like a good precedence or model to follow in the future.

Hopefully, the Covid 19 pandemic will soon pass and a vaccine found that will enable all of us to resume some of our preferred life styles and again engage in the club activities we so enjoy.

Thank you Steve and Cindy Kindall for putting this together.

## GOINGS ON?????? MAYBE

Check [hitsdj.com](http://hitsdj.com) for a list of what's out there and also [rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com](http://rockfordcruisenights.weebly.com).

## MIDWAY VILLAGE - THE REST OF THE STORY

Since the 1970's, the Midway Village Museum in Rockford, Illinois has been collecting artifacts and buildings to preserve and interpret the history of the Rockford region. Over the years the 148-acre campus has grown to include 26 period-correct original buildings and replicas, including a historic church, mill, and blacksmith shop, as well as a modern Museum Center filled with additional artifacts and displays showcasing Rockford's history.

One of the treasures of the Midway collection is a Model T C-cab truck, donated in 1982. It was used for many years at the museum for history education programs. At some point (no one is exactly sure when), the truck was put into storage where it sat for many more years. "One of our Site and Operations guys has an interest in older vehicles and thought it would be cool to see if the truck was in operating condition or could easily be made operational," said Doug Pherigo, a staff member on the site operations crew at the museum. But no one on the staff had any first-hand experience with a vehicle from that era.

When Doug noticed a decal on the truck's windshield for the Rockford chapter of the MTFCl, he found the club's website and sent a note to chapter president Steve Kindell asking if anyone from the club might be interested in helping. Members Gene Clifton and Kurt Duesterhoeft volunteered to assess the truck's condition.

From the pictures provided, the truck appeared to be mostly complete other than a missing ignition key. The men agreed on a time to meet at the museum to have a closer look at the truck. Gene arrived in his '26 Model T coupe with a trunk-load of tools, and Kurt brought his Ford dealer master keys – a set of four keys that fit any Model T ignition switch. A visual inspection of the truck confirmed it to be as complete as the photos suggested. The engine's serial number of 5089739 identified it as a 1921 model, which matched the year on the truck's title. A quick check of the upper and lower petcocks showed the engine had oil, so Gene grabbed the crank, gave it a tug, and the engine turned over, which was very good news.

But the truck did need some attention. One of the rear tires didn't hold air. The radiator was dry and the fuel tank had just a puddle of gas in the bottom. When the float bowl was removed from the carburetor, it released an awful-smelling fluid, but fortunately the float and needle moved freely. With the bowl cleaned and re-attached, fresh gas was added and no leaks were observed. The electrical system was not as quickly repaired. Some of the wiring was loose at the firewall terminal block and further inspection revealed the harness to the ignition switch was badly frayed with exposed wires. The group removed the coils, one by one, testing each for spark in Clifton's coupe. Each coil produced a good white spark at the plug, which was promising. But with a dead battery and frayed wiring, the truck wasn't going to run this day, so the trio agreed to a second work session the following week.

For that gathering, Pherigo brought a new battery and a #59 ignition key sourced from Bob's Antique Auto in nearby Loves Park. The men installed the battery and rewired the ignition/light switch. Then it was time to check compression. After removing the spark plugs,

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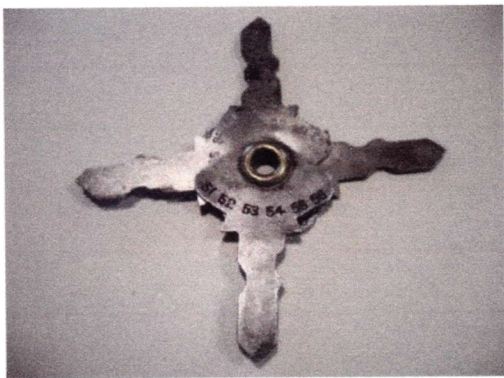
each cylinder was tested and showed a consistent 40 – 45 psi. They then replaced the flat tire with the demountable spare and filled the radiator with water. The moment of truth had arrived. Would it run?

Kurt hopped in the cab to operate the controls while Gene manned the carburetor's choke lever. Engaging the starter turned the engine over with no complaint. It sputtered a few times and then... it started. Everyone eyes lit up. Not only was it running, but it sounded pretty good! Releasing the parking brake, Kurt eased the clutch into first gear with a little apprehension. But his trepidation was unfounded – the truck moved smoothly forward and was soon making laps around one of the ground's storage building. Success! After its long hiatus, the Model T was moving once again under its own power. After a few driving lessons, Doug Pherigo is now familiar with the operations of the 99-year-old truck. Plans are for the truck to enhance a number of public events including Midway Museum's annual The Great War: WW I, World War 2 Days, and Prohibition/Tipsy History. At these and other events, the truck will be showcased to visitors.

Many thanks and gratitude to Kurt Duesterhoeft and Gene Clifton from the Rockford Chapter of MTFCI for their time and expertise in getting the truck running and surviving the driving lessons.

Story compiled by Doug Pherigo and Kurt Duesterhoeft.

- 1st picture: Kurts Ford dealer master keys – a set of four keys that fit any Model T ignition switch.
- 2nd picture: 1921 Model T C-cab pickup with the historic Midway Village mill pond in the background.
- 3rd picture: Left to right: Doug Pherigo, Midway Village Operations staff; Kurt Duesterhoeft and Gene Clifton.
- 4th picture: Doug Pherigo in the C Cab.





## 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.ht>

## 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

Deen Lantz	12 - 8
Yvonne Wilson	12 - 14
Bill Werner	12 - 14

### ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

**ON THE MEND** and Folks we want to think the good thoughts for and keep in our prayers. This is also a good time to give a prayer for our veterans and for that matter, this nation.

## CLUB ADS:

**FOR SALE**      **Nothing new.**



## **WANTED**

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

## **PICTURES COMMITTEE - DATE..... WHO KNOWS??????**

We will **eventually** 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, as well as Dean Wanfalt, 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.**

When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

I had my patience tested. I'm negative.

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.

I run like the winded.

I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

I still can't believe that people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

I was at the store this morning and there was a big 'X' on the floor for me to stand on. Right – I've seen too many Roadrunner cartoons to fall for that one!

They said a mask and gloves were all I needed to get into the grocery store. They lied. Everyone else had clothes on.

Keep in mind that even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the new year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

If I had only known March was going to be my last time in a restaurant I would have ordered dessert.

The devil whispered to me, "I'm coming for you!" I whispered back, "Bring pizza."

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

*It's weird being the same age as old people.*

When I was a kid I wanted to be older...this is not what I expected.

Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby.

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember...Don't sing

Paddy is doing some roofing work for Murphy. He nears the top of the ladder and starts shaking and going dizzy. He calls down to Murphy and says "I tink I will 'ave to go home, I've come all over giddy and feel sick. "Murphy asks "Ave yer got vertigo?" Paddy replies "No I only live round the corner."

After 100 years lying on the sea bed, Irish divers were amazed to find that the Titanic's swimming Pool was still full.

**The Last Word:** If you can't say something nice, become a reporter.