

Rockford Model T Ford Club Newsletter

July 2022

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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>
Saturday July 2	1 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Byron Museum 110 N. Union Street
Monday July 4	9 a.m.	Kirkland July 4 th Parade	Baumann Park, Cherry Valley

OTHER LOCAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 11-14	Sycamore Steam Show	27707 Lukens Rd., Sycamore IL
August 13	Summer Parts Swap & Car Show	Friendly Ford in Roselle, IL 333 E. Irving Park Road
August 27	Ehrenhofer's Model T and Model A Swap Meet	13012 IL-176 Woodstock, IL

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

Wayne Orrison 7/11
 Scotty Stier 7/11
 Vera Belpedio 7/31

Anniversaries

Duane & Cathy Bunton 7/18



Here’s a list of remaining club activities for the year. We still have a few open items so please consider hosting one of these events.

Date	Event	Host/Chair
Monday, July 4, 2022	Kirkland 4 th of July Parade	Duane Bunton
TBD	Surprise Tour	
11-14 August, 2022	Sycamore Steam Show	Tim Wanfalt?
TBD	Overnight Tour	Joe Maurer?
TBD	President’s Tour	
Sunday, October 9 th , 2022	Fall Tour	Gene Clifton
TBD	Annual Banquet	
TBD	Christmas Party	

What’s Happening?

Our **July meeting** will be on Saturday afternoon, July 2nd at 1 p.m., at the Byron museum, 110 N. Union St, Byron, IL. The museum is kind enough to let us use their facilities for free so be sure to come and check the place out. For those wanting to tour there, meet at the **Indian Hill Forest Preserve** at the intersection of Kishwaukee Road and South Bend Road on the south side of Rockford Airport. Meet there at noon and we’ll tour down to the museum.

Once again we will be participating in the **Kirkland 4th of July parade**. This is an annual tradition and the parade committee pays us a stipend for attending. Meet up at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley by 9 a.m. on Monday, July 4th. Let Duane Bunton (815/543-4935) know if you’ll be attending.

A **Model A and Model T swap meet** will be held at Ken and Helen Ehrenhofers on August 27th, starting at 8 a.m. The location is 13012 IL-176 in Woodstock. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Admission is \$5.

Rockford Model T Club Board/General Meeting Minutes, June 1, 2022

Duane Bunton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at Gene and Betty Clifton's home. Officers, Board and club members present included: Duane Bunton, Deb Werner, Craig Sheridan, Steve Kindell, Dave Lantz, Gene Clifton, Bill Werner, Wayne Orrison, Bill Duffee, Dean Wanfalt, Aaron Crandall, Jay Larson, and Kurt Duesterhoeft.

Deb Werner read the minutes of the club's May 2022 meeting. Wayne Orrison moved to approve, seconded by Craig Sheridan; motion approved.

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

Old Business: A question was raised asking if the donations to area charities have been fulfilled. Duane Bunton stated yes, all donations have been fulfilled and Duane also stated Miss Carly's staff very much appreciated the donation. Duane stated he received a couple Thank You notes but forgot to bring the notes to tonight's meeting. Duane also stated he will update the Calling Tree list and info.

New Business: Kurt Duesterhoeft passed around info regarding the Midway Village "Technology in the Victorian Era—Celebration of Innovation", which takes place June 4 and 5 and also info regarding the TriMotor event June 8 and 9 at Rockford Airport. Discussion took place stating June 4 is Mary Sheley's birthday party, from 1 to 5 p.m., at Mary's home. It was also noted Tom Nightingale passed away and visitation service will be Thursday, June 2 at Beloit Funeral Home on Cranston Road, Beloit, with the funeral service on Friday, June 3 at the church on Shopiere Road, Beloit.

Little Hershey: Dave Lantz stated this year's Little Hershey event did not bring in as much income as 2021, due to rainy weather. Dave said last-minute vendor did not show up and car show people also did not show up. Dave also said numerous costs this year were higher than last year, including advertising and golf cart rental. Total income was \$5,002, \$2,673 in expenses, income: approx. \$2,300. Dave said he feels the club needs to do some things differently for the 2023 Little Hershey event: promote our car show event, offer the same cost to inside and outside vendors, the food trucks need to be closer proximity to attendees traffic, the DJ needs to make more announcements throughout the event. Dave also said Urban Farm Girl will continue paying our fairgrounds rental cost for next year's event.

Visitors: Al Cousineau, owner of Mud Pit motor carriage company in Midlothian, attended the meeting tonight as well as Brian Fradkin of Papa's Vintage Garage in Marengo. Duane Bunton provided a new member form.

Future Club Events: Sat. June 4 – Cars & Coffee, Katie's Cup, 7th St., Rockford. Sat. June 4 -- Mary Sheley's birthday party, from 1 to 5 p.m., at Mary's home; Sun. June 5 – Sharon (Wisc.) Model A Days – tour host is Dean Wanfalt, meet at Farm & Fleet – Riverside location at 8:30 a.m.; Fri. and Sat. June 8 and 9 –Dairy Breakfast, at Fransen's Goat Farm, Clinton, Wisc.; Sat., July 2 -- July club meeting at Byron Museum, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., hosted by Len Belpedio. July 4 – 9:00 a.m., meet at Bauman Park – Cherry Valley and tour to Kirkland for the annual 4th of July Parade. There will be a short club meeting prior to leaving for the tour to Kirkland; Sun. Oct 9 – Overnight and Fall Tour – more info to follow.

Future Events: Ford Trimotor – Rockford Airport; Sat. June 11 – Scrap Drive at Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere.

Adjourn: Duane Bunton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Craig Sheridan seconded, approved.

Next Club Meeting: Saturday, July 2– Byron Museum, 1 p.m.

Little Hershey May 21, 2022

Some early morning sunshine eventually gave way to clouds and rain which probably deterred some vendors and spectators from this year's Little Hershey. But there was still a decent turnout and folks seemed happy to be out and about. The club made a net profit of about \$2500 from the meet this year.



Vendors arrived bright and early

A big thanks to everyone who helped setup the grounds, staff the front gate, and cleanup afterwards. A special thanks goes out to Dave Lantz for his tireless efforts, Steve Kindell for providing overnight security, and Craig Sheridan for storing and hauling all of the club's supplies and equipment.



What kind of "information" do you think this group has?



Cathy, Wayne, and Betty at the club swap table

Rockford's Memorial Day Parade, May 30, 2022



Warm and windy weather welcomed folks to Rockford's Memorial Day parade. In attendance were Steve & Cindy Kindell with Gary Haun, Duane & Cathy Bunton, Dean Wanfalt, Aaron Crandall, and Dave Lantz with his folks Conrad & Linda, as well as his son, Andrew. The high winds caused some damage to Steve Kindell's touring top and Duane's speedster had some battery issues but the group soldiered on through downtown Rockford and enjoyed lunch at Stockholm Inn after the parade.



Midway Village Celebration of Innovation, June 4, 2022



Visitors to Midway Village's Celebration of Innovation were treated to four different Model T body styles including:

- Kurt's '17 Speedster,
- Steve and Cindy's '24 Touring,
- Gene's '26 Coupe,
- and Dave's '26 Tudor.

The drivers dressed in period garb to help set the stage. Dave's car even had a sign for Al's Used Furniture Store in Chicago, which was Al Capone's "legitimate" business. Damp weather kept the crowd down, but those that did venture out thoroughly enjoyed the cars. Some of the staff even got to ride



along when we took laps around the grounds. There were also demonstrations of antique farm equipment and a group riding high-wheeled antique bicycles. Channel 17 and Channel 23 news covered the event and even chose the Model T's as the backdrop when interviewing the museum's executive director, Patrick O'Keefe. The old Rotary Road water tower stands in the background. The museum was very happy that we brought the cars out and is very interested in doing more events with antique cars in the future.

Village of Sharon Model A Day, June 5, 2022

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the annual Model A day in Sharon, WI. Dave Lantz, Steve and Cindy Kindell, and Kurt Duesterhoeft brought their T's while Dean Wanfalt drove his Model A. Other members who were present included James Martin, Bill Werner, and Joe Maurer. Flappers and dapper gentlemen roamed the downtown streets as many people showed up in period attire. Several bands played old time music while dancers and re-enactors entertained the crowd. A swap meet was setup on the south side of town for those looking for new treasures to acquire.



Ford Tri-Motor at Rockford Airport, June 9, 2022



The Rockford Model A and Model T clubs had a unique opportunity to be part of the Ford Tri-Motor aircraft exhibition when it visited the Rockford airport. One of less than 200 built, this 1928 Ford aircraft was part of the Transcontinental Air Transport (TAT) fleet which later became part of Trans World Airlines (TWA) which was owned by Howard Hughes. The plane is powered by a trio of Pratt & Whitney 9-cylinder

radial engines. That's 27 spark plugs to change! After the publicity photos, folks had a chance to check out the inside of the plane and even go for a ride. Aaron Crandall, Dave and Deena Lantz, and Kurt Duesterhoeft brought their T's to the event while the Model A club had ten cars on display.

There was some great camaraderie between the two clubs and several members of the Model A club commented how much they enjoy the pace of the Model T tours when they've accompanied us.



Ford cars from 1915 to 1931 were staged under the plane's wings



The plane's controls are a little more complicated than your average Model T!



Dave Lantz checks out the interior. Every seat is a window seat and an aisle seat.