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BIRD DROPPINGS

# MODEL T MUSEUM REDUX



## Join Us Sat. the 20th

**MAY 18th**

**Join Us for An Exciting Look At the  
World Of "O" Gage (Remember your  
Lionel Train) Model Railroading**

**We visit the Muffin Train Museum  
Atlanta, Indiana**

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## *A Late Start is Better Than No Start*

April showers may bring May flowers, but they make it tough for vintage car owners. The weather has delayed the beginning of the driving season for many of us and has made it difficult to find dry time for those spring tune-ups and clean-ups. When you figure in the time it takes to mow the rapidly-growing grass, it makes for a tight schedule – I don't know what I would do if I still had to fit it a job! It's funny how retirement changes your perspective; I used to think that rainy weeks followed by sunny weekends were ideal! I hope that you are finding time for all of your spring projects, car-related or not.

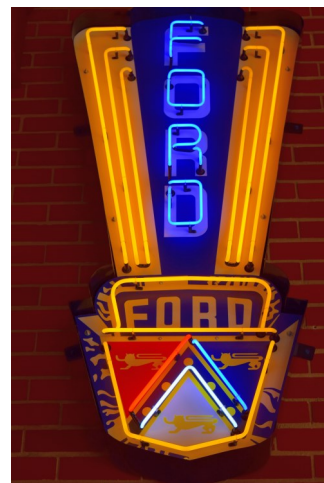
Our March meeting was a pleasant visit to Cammack Station restaurant outside of Muncie, Indiana. The drive up was sunny and scenic, and the restaurant itself was incredible. It was filled with vintage gas globes and pumps, neon signs, juke boxes, and all other types of automobilia. It was quite a bit to take in! The food was just as good; it was amazing how quiet the table got when the food appeared. We had a terrific turnout, as 14 members attended. There were also two Thunderbirds, piloted by Mike Sercher and Roger Noll. Jeff Alden also drove his "highly modified" Thunderbird, just ask him about it when you next see him!

April will bring another attempt to visit the Model T Museum in Richmond, Indiana. Many of you will remember that our visit last year had to be canceled because of the aftereffects of a terrible fire in downtown Richmond which resulted in lingering toxic smoke. We can be fairly certain that this year's visit will be a "breath of fresh air" as we visit the museum dedicated to the incredible and versatile Ford Model T, the car that positioned the Ford Motor Company as the leader in the American automobile industry and made it possible for Thunderbirds to exist. The details are included elsewhere in this **award-winning newsletter**. I will probably send an email in the next week to get some idea of the number of members planning to attend so that we can give the Museum and restaurant a rough idea of how many to expect.

I hope to see you all there, so get the grass cut early and polish up the T-Bird!

Thanks for reading,

*Dan*



*“Presidents Message”*

*April, 2024*

*By Dan Clark*





## Cammack Station Visit

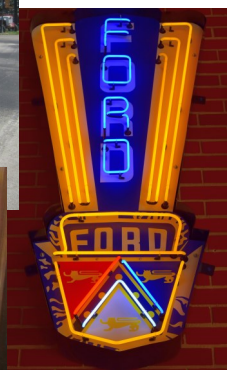


Photo Gallery

## MODEL T MUSEUM ROAD TRIP REDUX

This month we will try once again to head to Richmond and a return visit to the model T museum. Hopefully they won't try to burn down the city again. It's been a number of years since we were last there and they have greatly expanded their collection. As you can see from the facility layout, they now have 2 buildings and several themed displays. The Model T Ford Club of America was organized in late 1965 for the purpose of bringing together people who are interested in the Model T Ford, its history, its evolution, and its place in the American scene. The Model T Ford Club of America is the largest Model T club in the world. Over one hundred chapters have been formed in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and South America providing activities and fellowship for Model T enthusiasts on the local level. We have a tour scheduled by their staff at 11 a.m.

We will gather at the south end of the Home Depot parking lot at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday the 20th. There will be ample space available if you do not want to drive yourself. We'll travel over on I-70 and should be there by 10:45, if you would want to meet us there. After the tour, we will have lunch at the Firehouse BBQ restaurant across the street from the museum. If it's a nice day, why not get the 'Bird out and give it a run.

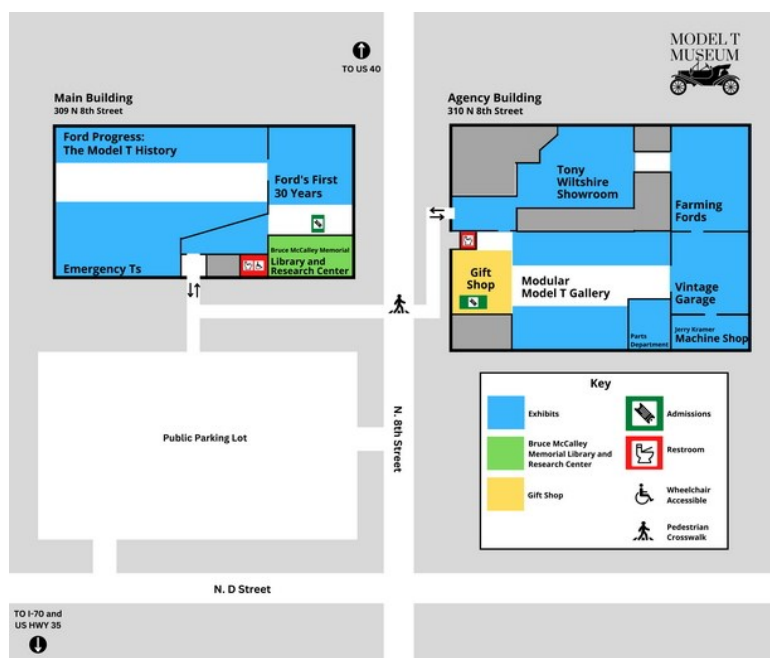
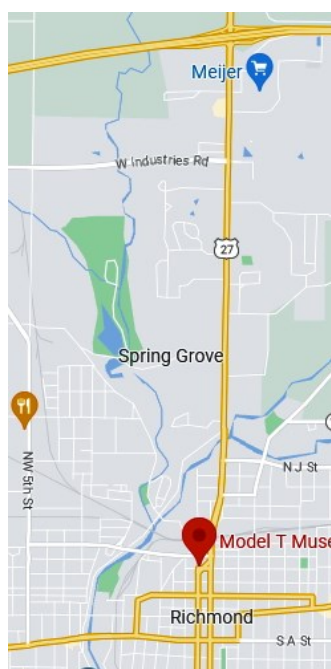
Here are directions to their museum:

### From I-70 and US HWY 35

Take exit 151 southbound for US 27/Chester Blvd. Drive 2.6 miles south to North D Street. Immediately after the bridge, turn right on North D Street. Turn left into the public parking lot.

### From US Route 40

Turn north onto US 27/N. 9th St. Immediately before the bridge, turn left on North D Street. Turn left into the public parking lot.





# Club Calendar 2024

**APR 20 .... MODEL T MUSEUM.** We will meet at the Home Depot parking lot at 21st and Post Road just south of the I70 Interchange at 9:45 a.m. If you don't want To drive, we will have space available in several cars.

**MAY 18 ....MUFFIN MODEL TRAIN MUSEUM.** A large, private, "O" gage collection in Atlanta, In. at 165 E. Main St. Plan to meet there at 10 a.m. Full details next month.

**JUNE 8 ....** Carmel American Legion car show. Details coming.

**JUN 15 .... Columbe all ford outing.** Near S. Milroy, In. Join us for a fun day with Lincoln & T-bird owners. This will be our club activity for the month.

**JUL 20 .... MUSTANG & ALL FORD SHOW.** Hosted by the Mustang Club of Indy during the Hendricks County Fair this year. See the show and the fair! Details soon.

**AUG 7-11 .. VTCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** held in Grand Rapids, Mi. Activities include Gilmore Car Museum and President Ford museum. Reserve your Room NOW. See application in this newsletter.

**AUG 17 ....** Open at this time

**SEP 21 ....ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC.**

**OCT 6 ..... PERU CAR SHOW** Details to follow

**NOV 9 .... YEAR END LUNCHEON**





## **CRUISE-IN'S**

**Monticello** - Every Tuesday nite on the square. 5-9 p.m.

**Avon** - At Frostbite Custard S. of 36 on 267- Every Thursday 5 - 9 p.m. - Apr. to Sept.

**Frankfort** - 1st & 3rd Thursday - Around Courthouse - 5 to 8 p.m. - May thru Sept.

### **Friday Nights:**

Greenfield - 2nd Friday nite, April - Oct. Jim Dandy restaurant Hwy 9 & McKenzie

Danville, 1st Friday, May - Oct., on the square, 5 to 9 p.m.

Mooresville - Kroger Parking Lot, April - Sept 6-?pm

Lawrence - Pendleton Pike & Oaklandon Rd. in Family Leisure lot. Apr. thru Oct.

### **CAR'S-N-COFFEE**

**IMS Museum - 2nd Saturday each month (except May) 9 to noon across from track.**

**Gateway Classic Cars - Last Saturday of the month - 9 to noon**

### **Saturday nights**

Downtown Noblesville Courthouse Square 5-9pm May thru Oct

Bedford K-Mart 5 to 10 p.m. all summer

Bloomington- Marsh West lot. 6 - 9:30 p.m.



## **CAR SHOWS** (for a complete list, visit [www.oldcarsonly.com](http://www.oldcarsonly.com))

April 27, 2024 - ([Plainfield, IN 46168](#)) 13th Annual Cruisin for a Cure show to be held at the Charleston Pavilion in Plainfield's Guilford Township Hummel Park 5373 S. County Rd 700 East (also known as Sugar Grove Rd). Registration begins at 11:00-2:00p with Awards Presentation at 4:00p.

May 4, 2024 - ([Martinsville, IN](#)) Join us for our 4th annual car and motorcycle show held at Singer-Hobbies, 2072 Burton Ln, Martinsville, IN. Dash Plaques for first 100 entered. Entry cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the day of the show. Register here: <https://forms.gle/XVidNCZUB3WakNjh7>.

May 11, 2024 - ([Mooresville, IN. 46158](#)) Mooresville Cars & Coffee. Come join us for some fresh donuts, hot coffee and cool cars. Located at FireWire LED's / Dailey's Detailing & Coatings. Starts at 9am. Address: 1281 Old State Rd 67Mooresville, IN. 46158

May 11, 2024 - ([Franklin, IN 46131](#)) Amity Baptist Church Cruise-In with no fees or awards, from 10am - 3pm. Donations are welcome to the 'Fire Fund for Displaced Families' administered by the Amity Volunteer Fire Department. Event located at the Amity Baptist Church, 3597 S. US Hwy 31, Franklin, IN 46131

May 27, 2024 - ([Indianapolis, IN. 46237](#)) Memorial Day Open Car, Truck, Bike Show. All Makes, Models And Years Welcome. Show is Being Held At RITTER'S Frozen Custard 4949 East Stop 11 Just West Of Emerson Ave. Registration 9:30am Till 1pm, (**OR TILL LOT IS FULL**) Fee Is \$20.00. Dash Plaques . Awards At Apx 1;30 to 1;45pm. Top 30 Awards And Best Of Show. Plus Special Pick Awards .

*Cruise-in's & Shows*

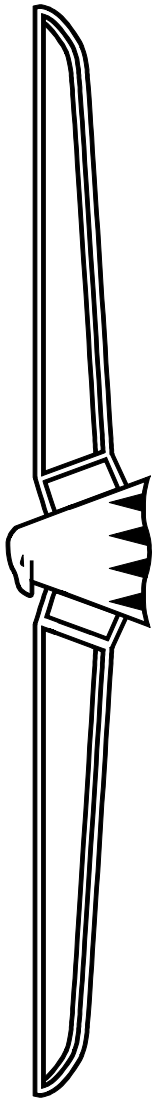
## A NEW CLUB ITEM FOR YOUR CAR

Our club Secretary / Treasurer, Jeff Alden has had some club front license plates with our club logo made. They are aluminum and will not rust or break (see photo at right.)

They are available to all club members for \$10 each. If you would like one or more, contact Jeff by email or phone to place your order. You will pick them up and pay for them at the next club meeting. Jeff's contact info is on the last page of each newsletter.



*What a great way to show your support of our club!*



***Get the 'Bird out  
and show the world!***



The VTCI International convention is in Grand Rapids, Mi. this year. It's as close to us as it will be for some time. Everyone should attend at least one of these. You won't be disappointed! Here is the registration form if you are a member. We will have the non-member form next month.

## Convention Registration Form

2024 VTCI International

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

August 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

Name				Phone Number		
Spouse/Family						
Mailing Address				City State Zip		
E-Mail Address						
VTCI Number	VTCI Chapter Affiliation					
1 <sup>st</sup> Entry	Year		Color		Trailered	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	VIN		Division		Senior Status / Year Awarded	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Entry	Year		Color		Trailered	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	VIN		Division		Senior Status / Year Awarded	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____

Are you willing to serve as a judge? ☐ Yes ☐ NoAre you willing to work in the Tally Room? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Event Membership Form: for Non-VTCI Members Wishing to be Judged &gt; Available on VTCI Website

Non-Judged Divisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Participation:	T-Birds having received 1 <sup>st</sup> Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Display:	Open to all years	
	Judged Divisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior:	T-Birds having received 1 <sup>st</sup> Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention and eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" award.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Primary:	Eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" award: 1955-1979. Path to obtain Senior status.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Driver:	1955-1979 only. Engine compartment, trunk & undercarriage not judged.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Late Model:	1980-1997 300-point system; all areas judged.
	VTCI Membership Required (See Volume 1 of the Concours Rules on the VTCI Website)	<input type="checkbox"/> Modified:	1955-1997 300-point system; all areas judged.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Touring:	1955-1997 only, Undercarriage not judged; modifications for safety, reliability & comfort allowed. See Volume 1 Concours Rules
<input type="checkbox"/> 2002-2005:		100-point system; undercarriage not judged.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2002-2005 Modified:		100-point system, undercarriage not judged.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wixom Preservation & Authenticity Awards		Advance notice / separate application required; minimum 30 days in advance	

Event		Qty	Cost	Total Cost
Registration Fee	Single / Family (1 Car)		\$45.00	
	Additional Car(s) Each		\$35.00	
Wednesday August 7th	Gerald R Ford Presidential Museum Tour ... includes bus and admission		\$25.00	
	VTCI Welcome Reception ... Hors d'Oeuvres with Cash Bar		\$15.00	
Thursday August 8th	Gilmore Car Museum ... includes bus and admission; lunch on your own onsite		\$60.00	
	"Birds, BBQ & Beer Buffet" ... with Cash Bar		\$50.00	
Friday August 9th	Board of Directors Meeting / General Membership Meeting		-	
	Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park ... includes bus, admission & tram tour		\$30.00	
	"Michigan's Backyard Buffet" ... with Cash Bar		\$52.00	
Saturday August 10th	VTCI Annual Awards Banquet ... Plated Entree with Cash Bar			
	Steak AuPoivre ... Beef Tenderloin w/Brandy Peppercorn Sauce		\$55.00	
	Chicken Marsala ... Pan Seared w/Marsala Mushroom Sauce		\$48.00	
	Salmon ... Maple Glazing		\$48.00	
	Dietary: Cheese Tortellini ... Wild Mushrooms, Spinach, Garlic & Parmesan		\$45.00	

Merchandise											Qty	Cost	Total Cost	
Polo / Golf Shirts ... features GR 2024 Logo														
S		M		L		XL		XXL		XXXL			\$35.00	
T-Shirts ... features GR 2024 Logo														
S		M		L		XL		XXL		XXXL			\$20.00	
GR 2024 Baseball Hats ... adjustable												\$15.00		

Make Check Payable to &gt; VTCI (Vintage Thunderbird Club International)

Cutoff Date for Mail Registrations: July 12, 2024

SEND to: VTCI c/o Robert McNeill, 3650 Ronald Road, Crete IL 60417-1606 [bobmcneill.vtci@gmail.com](mailto:bobmcneill.vtci@gmail.com)Download Fillable Registration Form Posted on VTCI Website: [www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net](http://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net)

### Hotel Information

DoubleTree by Hilton, Grand Rapids Airport Rate: \$105 per night

4747 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49512-1915 (616) 957-0100

Reservation Link: Posted on VTCI Website: Cutoff Date: July 17, 2024, &gt; Group Code &gt; XVI

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