

Spring 2025 Franklin Club Midwest Region Meet

Rockford IL. May 15-17, 2025. (Check-in May 14). Tom & Ann Kleinschmidt 847-946-7701

The May 2025 Spring Franklin Midwest tour will be held in the Rockford, Illinois area. Rockford is in North central Illinois about an hour west of the Chicago Metropolitan area. The terrain and traffic are very vintage car friendly. While the city of Rockford itself is a metropolitan area, we'll be traveling mostly through scenic farm country that surrounds the beautiful Rock River. Join us for the fun and comradery!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday

- We will visit the expansive general interest museum [Historic Attractions](#) in Rosco IL. Enjoy your pre-ordered lunch at the museum.
- At the lovely [Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens](#) along the picturesque Rock River, we will see formal gardens and the May featured butterfly exhibit.
- Lastly, we'll get a factory tour of [Accelerated Machine Design](#), a maker of custom manufacturing and test equipment.

Friday

- A three-for-one at the Poplar Grove Airport! Private tour of the [Airmotive engine rebuild shop](#) and visit the [Wings and Wheels Museum](#). We will have lunch at the museum.
- Stop at the [Midway Village](#), it is the Rockford historical living history village and museum. *Like a smaller version of Greenfield Village.*

Saturday

- Start the day with an optional visit to the 60th annual [Little Hershey Swap Meet and Car Show](#) – details in registration form.
- Tour route continues to the [Illinois Railway Museum](#). The largest of its kind in the US for exhibits, train and trolley rides.
- Saturday evening buffet banquet is at [Thunder Bay Grill](#), right next door to the hotel!

HOTEL

Courtyard Rockford by Marriott
7676 E State St
Rockford, IL 61108

Check-in on Wednesday May 14 and check-out on Sunday May 18.

Call Marriott Reservations at 1 (800) 321-2211 or our hotel (815) 397-6222

[click this link to book online:](#)

Make your reservation on *or before Monday, April 14, 2025 to get the \$119 / night room rate.*

Group name for special rate: ***Franklin Club***

GATHERING: We may gather in the evening in the sunken portion of hotel lobby and the outdoor courtyard where you may bring your own snacks and refreshments to consume and share. We can expand into the adjacent lobby restaurant area where no outside food or drink is allowed. Note: there is a bar and restaurant at the hotel.

PARKING: Trucks and trailers can park behind the hotel in marked spaces. Overflow Truck and trailer parking is behind the Thunder Bay Grille located directly next to the hotel.

MEET CHECK-IN: Participant packets will be available in the lobby May 14 from 3 PM to 9 PM minus a possible dinner break.