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What Model T items are in your wish list this Christmas?

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow club members!

Most of our members probably don't know that in the early days of our club we had 2 swap meets every year, one the last Sunday in April and another 2-DAY event the second weekend in June. The April meet was held at Lou Fusz Pontiac in Creve Coeur and the June event was always held in the center of Tower Grove Park. The June event, "Tower Grove" as it was called, was an enormous undertaking with swap vendors Saturday and Sunday, a judged car show on Sunday, food sales both days (including breakfast Sunday morning), a roaming security guard Saturday night and a band playing all day Sunday. It was exhausting! The large expenses and small profits were just too much to justify the huge amount of work so in about 1980 we dropped "Tower Grove" to concentrate all our efforts on our other swap meet.

The April event has made several moves since its' early days at Lou Fusz, the latest being to Gateway Motorsports Park in Madison, IL where, thanks to a dedicated hard working membership, it has become **THE** dominant swap meet in the region.

Happy Motoring!
Sam

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

We had our 1927 American LaFrance fire truck in the Arnold Days car show in Arnold, MO September 20, and I had a blast encouraging parents to take pictures of their children sitting in the open cab wearing one of my old fire helmets.



Frequently the conversation turned to cars, and I mentioned we owned some Model Ts. I told folks how much fun those old cars are, how parts are readily available, and how relatively inexpensive they are. I talked about our club, and suggested they check it out on the internet, as well as the Model T Ford Club of America.

Our hobby is one that can truly be enjoyed by families, even young families. So before you put your car away for winter, and as you participate in car shows, parades, or simply drive it to the grocery store, if anyone shows interest, engage them in conversation! We are custodians of a rich automotive history with our T's. If we don't encourage younger folks to get involved with these old cars, who will carry on when we are gone? Plus, it would be fun to have younger folks and families on tour with us. Remember, if we don't do it, who will?

Nothing like a T for fun!

Steven G. Williams (steven1912@att.net; cell 636-575-1469; home 636-548-8256)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 8 - Veteran's Day Parade.

14 - **Membership meeting, special starting time 7 PM**, Al Smith's Feasting Fox, 4200 S. Grand, St. Louis. A member of the US Secret Service has been scheduled to present a program on identity Theft, thus the special starting time. More details in the next issue. The regular business meeting will begin as soon as the agent's presentation is over, around 8 PM

27 - Christmas in St. Louis Parade

December 3 - **Deadline for the return of your ballot for club officers.**

13 - 2014 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party, at The Thaxton, 1009 Olive St., St. Louis.
See article on page 4.

15 - Deadline for the January/February OCCASIONAL.

25 - Merry Christmas!

January 1 - Happy New Year!

March 8-12, 2015 - Model T Ford Winter Tour, Gainesville, FL. See www.tinlizziefl.com for more information.

July 12-17, 2015 - MTFCA Jubilee National Model T Tour, Cochrane, Alberta, Canada. Hosted by the Foothills Model T Ford Club. Check *Vintage Ford* for more details as they become available.

NEW ARRIVAL!

Kathy and David Groerich are pleased to announce the arrival of their new granddaughter, Emma Louise McDermott. Emma arrived on Kathy's birthday, October 11, 2014. She weighed in at 6 lb. 8 oz. Her parents are Heather and Matt McDermott.

Helpful Tips

(Ed. Note - Each issue I'd like to include hints and tips here, so if you have any to suggest, email me - steven1912@att.net.)

I pulled the floor boards to work on my '14, and discovered one of the oil pan mounting bolts was missing, the other had the nut missing. Check your engine/oil pan mounting bolts. Steven Thum tells me (confirmed by Lang's catalogue) that those bolts are to be finger tight, then run a cotter pin thru the castle nut and bolt. This allows the engine to flex with the car.

Tires. It is recommended that tires be replaced every 6 years or so. Tires wear out by driving, but they also deteriorate over time. Inspect your tires regularly for cracking and checking, but keep track of their age. Also maintain proper pressure: 30" clinchers, 60 psi; 28" clinchers, 45 psi; 21" split rims 32 psi; 32 and 33" split rims, 55 psi. (Lang's 2014 catalogue)

TRADING POST

(If you have items "For Sale," "Wanted," or "To Trade," email the information to the Editor at steven1912@att.net. Items will be listed only once, so if you want it relisted, you must send it in again. Please include contact information.)

1923 Roadster for sale, \$9,000 to club members, great condition.
Call Bob Heida, 636-458-2855.



PARADES!

By Sam Atkinson

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE, NOVEMBER 8

Again this year the Model T Ford Club has been invited to the Veteran's Day Parade in Downtown St. Louis and I'd like you to consider representing our club in it.

The Veteran's Parade is designed to honor veterans and promote patriotism and it does both very well. There are quite a few floats representing various military and non-military organizations as well as several old car clubs. I would like to make our entry more than just "old cars driving down the street". I would like to let the spectators know that many of our cars are actually driven by veterans. For that reason I have asked the announcer to make this announcement as we pass the reviewing stand: "Most of the cars you see today are proudly driven by Viet Nam and Korean veterans."

I want to underscore, EVERYONE (veteran or not) with a Model T Ford is welcome and encouraged to participate but if you are a veteran we want to let the crowd know it. If you served in our nation's Armed Forces why not make a sign for the side of your car telling something about when you were in, where you were and what you did. Brag a little! Mine is a magnetic sign that tells where I was and what I did. If you are not a veteran you might consider a sign saying "WELCOME HOME" or possibly "GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS", or no sign at all. The choice is yours.

The date is Saturday, November 8 and if you would like to participate call Sam Atkinson, 636-386-2088.



CHRISTMAS IN ST. LOUIS PARADE

NOVEMBER 27

Again this year The Model T Ford Club has been invited to participate in the Christmas in St. Louis Parade. A 25 or 30 year tradition in St. Louis, our club has driven in this parade every year since its' inception. The parade always takes place on Thanksgiving morning, which is November 27 this year, and is heavily televised on Channel 4.

Participants in this parade are usually home well before noon. If you have a Model T Ford and would like to join your fellow-club members in this parade, call either Flo Reichardt (314-723-0456) or Sam Atkinson (636-386-2088)



Speaking about parades, here's a couple of early parade pictures.





2014 Annual Meeting & Christmas Party

December 13, 2014

The Thaxton

1009 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63101

You are cordially invited to

The Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis

Annual Meeting and Christmas Party.

Noon to 4:00 PM

A Fantastic Holiday Feast!

Valet Parking (Tipping is encouraged)

RSVP

Please fill out and return the form below no later than **NOVEMBER 24, 2014!** If we do not receive your RSVP form and payment by November 24th, we will assume you will not be attending.

Unfortunately we cannot accept payment at the event. ***Please make checks payable to the Model T Ford Club.***



2014 Annual Meeting and Holiday Party RSVP Form

Name/s _____
(Please include all names in your party)

Number of Members @ \$30 _____

Number of Non-Member guests @ \$40 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Detach and mail to: Mary Ellen Stevenson, 9182 Arrow Drive, Affton, MO 63123
Make checks payable to the Model T Ford Club

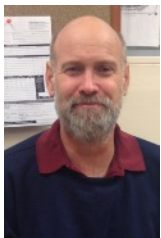
Candidates for Club Office - Election at the November Meeting



Louis Allen: I am a retired construction maintenance mechanic at McDonnell Douglas (36 years). I have been a member of the Model T Ford Club for the past twelve years. I have served on the audit committee several times and worked at the Swap Meet for all twelve years. I look forward to becoming a board member and doing my best for the club and it's members.



Kent Gilbane: I first joined the St. Louis Model T Club in 1972 at the age of 19, and was with the club till the early '80's when I was transferred by the company I was working for. In that time I assisted with the swap meet and was on the board for 3 terms. I rejoined the club in 1998 and have worked with the club in a number of areas. Helping with the Quick Assembly show, displaying my cars at club shows, Occasional editor for four years, on the board from 1998 to 2010 and swap meet chairman for 2 years at Fairmont and again at Gateway in 2014 and will be again in '15. I would much appreciate your vote to return to the board for another two years.



Don Spaeth: Well its election time again and I am seeking re-election for a board member position. The model T club has become a big part of my life. Membership and the Social Aspect as well as all the activities are very enjoyable for me. I would be honored to continue to serve the club and help make any improvements and contribute in any capacity possible. Thank You Very Kindly for your consideration for re-election.



Steve Stevenson: I have been a member of the Model T Ford club since 1991. My wife Mary Ellen and I have owned a 1923 touring since 1990. I have attended most all of the summer overnight tours, I am the Fall tour coordinator. We drove to and attended the Ford 100th anniversary in Dearborn Mi. in 2003 and the 100th Model T anniversary in Richmond In. We have driven our car in many structured Model T tours. I have been an officer or on the board since 1996 and have been involved in many important decisions for the betterment of the club. I believe not only the car, but the club and its members has help make me the man I am today. I am the Operations Supervisor at Spectrum Ecycle Solutions.



Steven Thum: Since my wife and I have joined this club in late 2006 we have become very active members. We host and lead the spring tour. We currently own two Model T's. I am the club's video librarian, the sound technician and announcer at most of the clubs quick assembly shows. I help others keep their Model T running by advice, coil repair or actually working on their Model T. I have gone to new members home to view and give advice about their Model T's. I actively search out new members for our club. I look for ways to help this club and I am a constant volunteer when the club needs help. I have enjoyed the camaraderie with the membership and the goal of promoting the Model T. I hope to continue to promote the openness that the board needs to show the membership, and to promote the fun that the club members can have together. I do not hesitate to show my Model T's or the work I am doing on other Model T's to any one that has an interest. In my belief that the board is here to serve you, the membership, I am seeking reelection to the position of vice-president and thank you whether you support me in this endeavor or not.

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Candidates for Club Office

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Joe Trehwella: As a ten year member of the Model T club, I have served on the Board of Directors since 2008 including two terms as Secretary. I chaired the By-laws committee during its last review and update in 2009. For the last seven years I have been the team leader for Swap Meet registration. From a paper-based process in 2007, I have transitioned swap meet records to computer databases. The office of Treasurer carries enormous responsibility. Alice has been dedicated for two terms and deserves a break. I believe I'm up for the challenge.



Steven Williams: I am a retired parish minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). My wife Sherry and I have owned Model T's since 2002, and when we retired to Imperial, we joined the Club, and have enjoyed our experiences here. We have been on several tours with our T, and have driven it to the top of Pike's Peak. You perhaps know me best as Editor of "The Occasional." I have served on and chaired numerous state committees over the years. In addition, I have served on the Regional Board of the Christian Church in Oklahoma; two terms on the Regional Board of the Christian Church in Mid-America (Missouri); one term on the General Board of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada; two terms on the Board of Directors of Christian Manor Senior Housing in West Palm Beach, FL; three terms on the board of the Southeast Gateway Area of the Christian Church (St. Louis and SE Missouri); and currently serve on the Board of Trustees for the Permanent Endowment Fund of the Southeast Gateway Area. I would be honored to serve our club as a member of the Board of Directors.

Sample Ballot

Soon you will receive the official ballot in the mail, along with a return envelope. Please mark your ballot and return your ballot to be received NO LATER THAN December 3, 2014 in order for your vote to count.

MODEL T FORD CLUB GREATER ST. LOUIS 2014 VOTING BALLOT

VICE PRESIDENT:

- ☐ STEVE THUM
☐ WRITE IN _____

TREASURER:

- ☐ JOE TREWHELLA
☐ WRITE IN _____

BOARD MEMBER: PLEASE CHOOSE 4

- ☐ LOU ALLEN
☐ KENT GILBANE
☐ DON SPAETH
☐ STEVE STEVENSON
☐ STEVEN WILLIAMS
☐ WRITE IN _____

Some pictures you might enjoy!



Borger, Texas, 1926 Boomtown, probably oil related



Fuller Brush salesman and his Model T, date and location unknown

2014 CHILI COOK OFF

by Cindy Atkinson



L to R: Keith Sanders, Alice Hezel, Ray Czeschin



October 19 found our club at the home of Bob & Janet Heida for our annual "Chili Cook Off". Our group of around 40 club members enjoyed a beautiful sunny and warm day. We tried and tested 7 different types of chili and after a vote, the winner of the cook off this year was Ray and Doris Czeschin. All contestants had delicious recipes and it was hard to choose. We filled our stomachs with chili, hot dogs, pork steaks (made by Janet Heida) and all kinds of appetizers, breads and my favorite- DESSERTS!! All in all, it was a spectacular day with good friends eating, eating, eating. THANKS TO BOB & JANET.



Flo Reichardt and Janet Heida



Bob Heida, Pat and Nelson Itterly

Do We Have A Winner??



Kent and friends diagnosing the problem - lost carburetor top!!



On the Trouble Trailer, almost ready for the return trip.

Various club members were concerned no one had qualified yet for the "Hard Luck Award" this year. Your editor understands Kent Gilbane has unusually good luck, especially with the monthly 50/50 drawings. But on our Fall Tour, his luck ran out! Kent's 1911 Touring somehow popped the lid off the carburetor which was lost somewhere on the street. Several of us pushed his car onto the Trouble Trailer, and all agreed, it could not have happened to a better man!

Ed. Note - I made a serious mistake in copying Laren's article from email to The Occasional last month. So here is the correct version in its entirety.

TRIP TO ST. JAMES (ANNUAL OVERNIGHTER)

by Laren Langguth

As a pessimist and driving my '21 Touring on its first overnighiter, I feel I owe it to Sam Atkinson to say a few things...THANKS FOR SUCH A WELL PLANNED TRIP. My trust in Sam and Cindy to have it thoroughly planned out was well placed. I know some must get tired of me saying I feel best about my "T" when I get it back into the garage. It's just my pessimistic attitude and lack of mechanical skills. Knowing that Joe and Diana Trehwella were somewhere behind me with the trouble trailer and that the other drivers not only had tools but the skill to use them helped ease my mind. The fact that during the stops different people would ask how it was going was reassuring.

Now let's talk weather. The entire preceding week, Joyce and I watched the evening weather reports...going to be "beautiful," "going to be hot and sticky," "going to have sprinkles," "going to be storms" and "even a chance of severe storms." What do we do? What do we do? We decided that there wasn't anything we could do about the weather but try to be prepared so we packed both sunscreen and rain suits all in plastic bags. I am not sure who was in charge of the weather but it wasn't too hot and we didn't get a drop of rain.

On the trip to St. James there were wonderful things to see, beautiful homes, farms, wildlife and old motels along old Route 66 as a reminder that change is inevitable. I even enjoyed seeing a John Deere tractor pulling the piece of farm equipment that spits out those round bales of hay. I know—I am easily impressed.

One of my favorite parts of the trip was the section of gravel road. A little slipping, sliding and lots of dust...but I enjoyed letting my mind wander to thinking about those farm families in the early days driving their very first car to town, church or just a neighboring farm to show it off. A little dusty but still something to have great pride in. After all, our cars were new at one time!

We got into St. James about 1 pm, ate and checked into the motel and rested a bit before going to the Vacuum Museum. Before the trip Joyce and I enjoyed telling friends and relatives we were going to take our "T" over 100 miles to St. James, MO and see a vacuum museum. You can imagine the rolled eyes, snickers and general looks of "it takes all kinds." I think most found the museum really interesting. The lady that gave the tour was very knowledgeable. The museum had a great variety and was set up with examples from different decades. I cannot imagine anyone getting through the museum without at least once saying "Oh yes, my family used one of those."

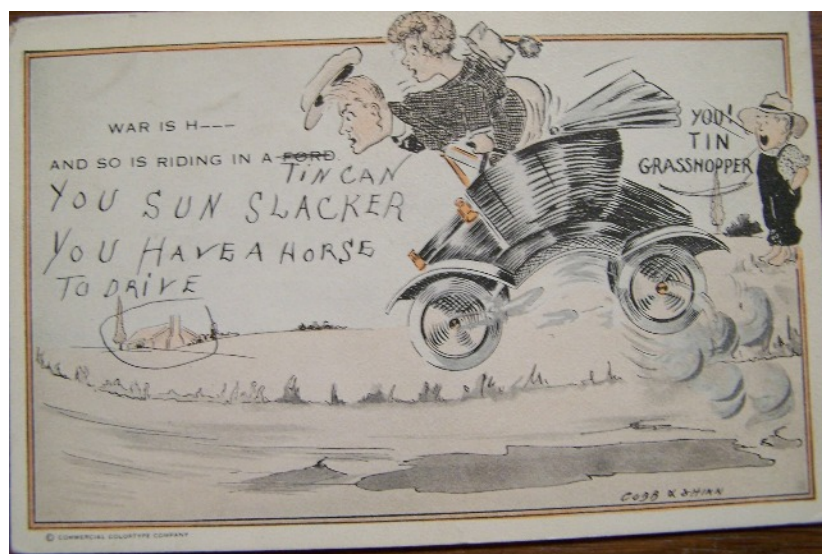
An interesting moment happened when we were about to turn into the Vacuum Museum parking lot...a car pulled beside our touring car, a Chinese man asked in broken English if he could take our pictures and seemed pleased when I said sure. He then asked if he could interview us and I again said yes, but we would have to pull into the lot. Most everyone had gone into the museum so the Sanders, Thums, Joyce and I tried answering their questions. Turns out that the two women and two men were traveling across the country following old Route 66, videotaping their adventure for a Chinese TV station. I took one of the ladies for a Model T ride in the parking lot and she seemed quite pleased. I didn't understand what she said to the cameraman but I believe that what she was saying was something like "How lucky I am to be getting a ride in such a fabulous car driven by such a generous and handsome American." After talking with us I took them into the Museum and introduced them to Sam. You will have to ask Sam if it's true that they offered to fly him to China to start a Model T club there?

After the vacuum museum we had time to return to the motel and rest up a bit before dinner. We had reservations at Sybill's, a beautiful old home set up as a restaurant and judging by the number of people and the nearly full parking lot a very popular place. There was no question as to why the popularity once we began eating...the food was fantastic. Back to the motel just as it got dark. A little more fun talk (No—Don Spaeth won't trade any of his good stuff for an old radiator I have). It was time for a well deserved good night's sleep.

Sunday morning after breakfast we headed home, more interesting scenery plus a unique very large rocking chair...but no gravel roads. I will admit that on Sunday as we approached Eureka, there was a moment when my pessimistic attitude really ballooned. My T began to bounce around and make terrible noises...oh, so close but not home yet...it will be me on the trouble trailer. I was sure someone would be saying "Well, Laren, the entire rear end has fallen out of your car." You cannot imagine my relief when things smoothed out and I realized it was just the fact that I had allowed the "T" to drift over on the road "rumble strips." Once we got to Eureka we did lunch then broke up our caravan and headed to our respective homes, the end of a fun couple of days. But you are right if you guessed that my smile was the biggest as I backed the "T" into our garage. Nothing like a successful adventure with friends and a "T"!

Lutheran South High School Homecoming

Jenny and Keith Sanders were asked to bring their 1926 Touring car as a prop at Lutheran South High School Homecoming dance. The theme was "The Timeless Twenties". The joys of an old car!



MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR

It seems the sender of this card thought his friend, the recipient, ought to stick with his horse instead of a "horseless carriage."

Model T Ford Club of Greater St Louis
Membership Meeting of September 12, 2014
Location: Feasting Fox

President Sam Atkinson called the September meeting to order at 8:10 PM. Minutes from the August meeting were read. Motion to approve was made by Bob Heida and seconded by Wally Dittrich. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Alice Hezel, reported on the health of our finances. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Rhodes and seconded by Daniel Mullis. The treasurer's report was approved.

Sam reported a thank you letter was received from Mid-America Transplant following the \$50 donation in honor of Diane Smith. Wendell Smith also sent a thank you noting his wife, Diane, had received a liver transplant several years ago.

Jerry Ellerbeck advised Walt Kleinhans is rehabbing at Sherbrooke Village trying to rebuild his upper body strength. He may be there a month or two, but hopes to eventually be back home; however he can no longer drive and is planning to sell his Model T Depot Hack. Jerry noted the car is like new and Walt is asking \$9000 for it.

Sam reported on Dave Kuenzel who has had a bad year starting with a routine kidney stone procedure that evolved into a heart attack and bypass surgery. While well on to recovering at home, Dave had a mishap falling on his back off a nine foot ladder. A broken arm that required surgery to repair and also prevented him from driving.

Steve Thum thanked those that expressed thoughts and condolences following the death of Diana and Steve's adult daughter.

Flo Reichardt reminded everyone the chili cook off is October 19th at Janet and Bob Heida's. Bring lawn chairs, chili, or something else.

Steve Stevenson noted the October 26th fall tour to Mastodon State Park will start from the Burger King at Lindbergh and Baptist Church Road. Plan to meet at 9:30 AM to depart at 10 AM. We will lunch at Scotties in Imperial and also stop at Sherry and Steven Williams home. Advise Steve if you plan to attend so he can provide a head count for lunch reservations. George Paugh said anyone that wanted to trailer their car to the tour departure spot could park at his place on Forder Road which is a short drive to the Burger King.

Sam reported four cars drove in the Labor Day parade. There were more people participating in the parade than there were spectators watching. Being at the front of the parade they started at 9 AM and were finished at 9:13AM.

Sam also advised the Model T club has been invited to drive in the Christmas parade that occurs on Thanksgiving day. Let Sam know if you want to enter.

Another planned parade is the Veteran's Day parade, Saturday, November 8th. This parade usually features a lot of old cars and veteran's are encouraged to participate and display their service connection.

On Saturday, September 27th, the Museum of Transport hosts its annual Brass & Nickel Show. It welcomes any antique vehicle not newer than 1931. Pre-registration is not required, just show up between 8 and 10 AM. There is no judging. The cars are only on display.

Sam reminded everyone the election committee is chaired by Marty Luepker. There will be four board of director positions and the vice-president and treasurer positions on this year's ballot. Anyone interested in becoming a board member should let Marty, Keith Sanders, or Nick Dattoli know. Marty also said he had a call today from a World's Fair committee at Forest Park looking for a couple Model T's to display at the Art Museum as part of the World's Fair exhibit. It was very short notice since the cars were requested for this weekend.

Lou Allen informed that the Horseless Carriage Club swap meet and car show is also this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, at the Hollywood Casino.

Cars and/or parts for sale:

Bob Heida has an acquaintance that has a '31 Model A pickup for sale. He's not certain, but he believes the asking price is \$40K.

Jerry Ellerbeck provided details on Walt Kleinhans '23 Depot Hack, including new tires, new babbitt, hydraulic brakes, excellent paint and woodwork. Jerry displayed a photo and list of the features.

Flo Reichardt has a '71 Cadillac 2-door for sale.

Gary Micanek advised he will order two books for the publications library; one on tune ups for driving or touring, and another detailing transmission bands. Gary described the book on judging guidelines currently in the library. This guide which includes pictures is essential to determine authenticity of parts and assembly. Gary noted he will have the library at the chili cook off.

Steve Thum reported nothing new with the video library.

Sam reported the Rapid Assembly Team performed at the Wheels In Motion show last Sunday and another demonstration is scheduled for Sunday in St Charles, the last for this year.

Marty Luepker said his son has acquired about 50 magneto magnets if anyone is interested.

The meeting concluded with the 50/50 drawing. Bill Rhodes and Karl Abe each won \$47.50

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM on a motion by Bill Tabor & seconded by Steve Thum.

Respectively submitted,
Joe Trehwella, Acting Secretary

Model T Ford Club of Greater St Louis
Membership Meeting of October 10, 2014
Location: Feasting Fox

President Sam Atkinson called the October meeting to order at 8:15 PM. Minutes from the September meeting were read. Motion to approve was made by Karl Abe and seconded by Bill Rhodes. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Alice Hezel, reported on the health of our finances. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Marlin Wagner and seconded by Steve Stevenson. The treasurer's report was approved.

Flo Reichardt advised anyone that wants to drive in the Christmas parade that occurs on Thanksgiving day to let her know. Normally six cars are allowed but eight wouldn't be a problem. If the weather is cold, Mary Ellen Stevenson said she saw hand or foot warmers at Target for \$1 each.

Sam promoted the Veteran's Day parade, Saturday, November 8th. A lot of military equipment is on display for this high spirited event. Veteran's driving or riding in old cars are encouraged to display their service connection. Let Sam know if you want to participate.

Gary Micanek advised he has ordered two Milton Webb books for the publications library; one on restoring the Ruckstell axle, and another on relining transmission bands. Gary also described a compilation of articles from every other Model T club on a set of DVD's. The set covers years 2010 through 2014.

Keith Sanders had his car at the Lutheran South High School homecoming. The homecoming theme was 1920's era and they requested Keith's old fashion car for display.

Keith also reported the election committee is making calls to members for nominations. The committee wants to have the ballots printed in a week or two.

Cindy Atkinson reported the annual meeting/Christmas party registration information will be in the next *Occasional*. The banquet will be on December 13th from noon until 4PM at the Thaxton. Registrations need to be received no later than the Monday before Thanksgiving to provide an accurate head count. Cindy noted the food tasting was excellent. The buffet will feature a plated salad. There will be a cash bar at the lower level Speakeasy but drinks can also be ordered at the table.

Steve Stevenson noted the October 26th fall tour to Mastodon State Park will start from the Burger King at Lindbergh and Baptist Church Road. Plan to meet at 9:30 AM to depart at 10 AM. We will lunch at Scotties in Imperial and also stop at Sherry and Steven Williams home. Advise Steve by Sunday if you plan to attend so he can provide a head count for lunch reservations. The tour is short with some hills that might require low gear. The return route will be on route 67.

Flo Reichardt reminded everyone the chili cook off is October 19th at Janet and Bob Heida's. Bring lawn chairs, chili, or a side dish. She also has maps if anyone needs directions.

Sam commented on the current issue of *the Vintage Ford* that featured Steve Thum's multi-page article about the Muny Opera experience. Steve had submitted the article two years ago.

Cars and/or parts for sale: Bob Heida's '23 roadster is still available. Bill Tabor reported his '27 pickup may be going to Maryland if he accepts an offer. Bill would prefer to sell locally to keep it in the area. He said the restore shop has refinished and detailed the paint. Bill continues to drive it every week. Marlin Wagner added that he went to see Bill's pickup and noted it would appraise between \$18-20,000K. Marlin reported on an auction of Model T's and Model T parts in Pierron, IL. He was disappointed when he learned the three Model T's were assembled from parts with no titles. The vehicles hadn't been driven in over 15 years. Be that as it may, the speedster with a 1921 engine sold for \$1000. A '26 roadster sold for \$4950, and a '26 truck sold for \$5100. Several gas tanks among the parts were rusted through. Nelson Jones' center door is still available. Jim Haslop is the contact.

Sam reported the 2015 swap meet date, May 3rd, has been confirmed by Gateway.

Earl Yaeger advised Walt Kleinhans is still rehabbing at Sherbrooke Village and seems to be doing well getting around. His Model T Depot Hack has been sold to Ron Karb.

Steven Williams noted input for the next *Occasional* is due by next Wednesday. There will be a short delay so the Fall tour can be included in this issue. The plan is to have it out by November 1st.

Bob Heida added two items he plans to sell. A barge towboat spotlight for \$300 and 2-cycle AC and DC generator for \$75.

The September 27 to October 1st covered bridge tour was attended by several club members. Jackie and Lou Allen, Steve and Mary Ellen Stevenson, and Cindy and Sam Atkinson all reported a fun filled experience touring dusty roads, some 30 covered bridges, and fording creeks over four days in the Amish country of Parke County, Indiana. An indication of the popularity of this tour is Lou and Jackie's daughter driving their Model T all the way from southern Texas to participate with about 80 other Model T's.

The meeting concluded with the 50/50 drawing. Don Spaeth and Marlin Wagner each won \$35.50. Steven Williams donated a 3 Stooges Model T sign that was won by Joe Trehwella.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM on a motion by Don Spaeth and seconded by Steve Stevenson.

Respectively submitted,
Joe Trehwella
Acting-Secretary

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY OCCASIONAL DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the January/February issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is December 15th. Please submit any information to Steven Williams, steven1912@att.net, or call 636-575-1469.

Pictures and articles are wanted, but we need names with photos please.

Thanks!



BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month, 8 PM, at Al Smith's Feasting Fox Restaurant (exterior banquet hall), 4200 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO.

Membership: Keith Sanders is the membership chairman, and you may contact him regarding membership in both the Model T Club of Greater St. Louis, and our parent organization, the Model T Ford Club of America. Contact information: Telephone: 314-329-6377. Email: jenkeith4@att.net.

We strongly encourage national membership. Dues are only \$40 which includes automatic Local Membership. In other words, join MTFCA and your membership in the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis is free!!! Otherwise, dues to the St. Louis club are \$20 per year.

The advantage of belonging to the national organization is a bi-monthly award-winning publication - *The Vintage Ford*. It is a great publication, full of valuable information for Model T owners. Also, check out the national club's website at www.mtfca.com and especially the forum which is full of great information.



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A beautiful Fall day for a drive in northeastern Jefferson County, the 2014 Annual Fall Tour.
Photo by Cindy Atkinson

The Model T Ford Club of America was formed to encourage and promote active interest in the Model T Ford and its history by membership unrestricted as to location. It is non-profit and non-discriminatory, and is dedicated to widening the base of the hobby by providing information, assistance, and direction to interested parties. Active touring chapters are encouraged, in order to spread interest and participation events. Regional and national activities are provided by the chapters. Members of the MTFCA may be members of the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis with no additional dues or payment. For further information on joining, see inside the back cover.

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