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From the Spring, 2024 Tour

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

If you've not heard the news, the Pre-War Swap Meet at Chickasha, OK has been discontinued. They lost money on this year's meet, with both vendor and buyer attendance being WAY down. Reports from Hershey indicated a lot of vacant spots there, and buyer attendance down as well.

We too were hit hard this year. Our total income this year was down a bit over 1/3 compared to 2021. ONE THIRD! The good news is that we had new vendors appear, but not enough to replace those no longer coming. Our Swap Meet Team is working to ascertain ways to stabilize our meet. Expenses are being cut, advertising targeted a bit better, and other steps being considered.

What this means for us as a Club is that we're having to plan for the future. By taking steps now, the Board believes we can mitigate the long term implications for our finances and programming. The Board decided not to cut any programs, but to make a few key changes. One key change is to charge local dues, and put all dues payers on a fiscal year (July 1 through June 30 of each year). This aligns with our budget, as we are on a fiscal year.

Currently, National members pay no local dues. That changes immediately. Local dues to the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis by National Members is \$20 per year, effective July 1, 2024. Local dues for non-National members rises to \$35 per year. However, if you have paid local dues for 2023 (\$25) you only need to pay \$10 and this will carry you to July 1, 2025.

To recap: Members of the Model T Ford Club of America now pay \$20 per year to our Club. Non-members of the Model T Ford Club of America now pay \$35 per year to our Club, UNLESS you have already paid local only dues for 2024. In that case you owe \$10 which will cover you until July 1, 2025. You may want to go ahead and send your check to our Treasurer, Bonnie Dattoli: 9114 Park Haven Lane, St. Louis, MO 63126.

We would prefer not to have done this, but the Board felt it was important for us to take steps now to mitigate the changing swap meet climate and make our reserves last as long as possible. These moderate dues covers the various costs of our club: Rent on the meeting space, refreshments, Swap Meet expenses, taxes on the trailers, maintenance of trailers and Rapid Assembly car, rental of spaces at the Forest Park Easter car show, food and beverages provided at the picnic and chili cook-off, and so forth.

Thanks for understanding, Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

I don't know if I've mentioned this before, but forgive me if I have. Sherry and I have been producing *The Occasional* for ten years now for the Club. We have enjoyed doing this, though at times it has been quite a challenge. The changing economic times with the Covid pandemic in 2019-2020 necessitated some key changes. And our drastic Swap Meet income decline will necessitate more changes, we're just not sure what yet.

The one thing not changing is our Club's determination to maintain our level of programming and the involvement of our members. The meetings, picnics, tours, car shows we're involved in, everything we do is not only for our pleasure, but to introduce to and educate the public about the Model T Ford. Continue sending me your photos and articles, they'll make it here eventually! – Steven G. Williams, steven1912@charter.net. 636-575-1469



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- July 4 - America's Birthday Parade (ed. Note, at this writing their website is down.)
12 - No board meeting.
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis.
21 - Annual Picnic, Spring Forest Estates.
27 - Overnight Tour. See page 3.
- August 9 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
18 - DARE Car Show, Edwardsville, IL Registration 8:30 AM, closes at 1 PM, awards 4 PM.
- September 13 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
= Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- October 11 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
13 - Chili Cook-Off, Spring Forest Estates.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

As is true with any Directory, errors and omissions creep in, sometimes a typo, sometimes outdated information. Here are the corrections to our new membership directory. You may get a copy at the club meeting. Our thanks to Paul Diebold for his hard work in producing the new directory.

Lodge, Dick. ONLY phone- cell, 314-422-2171

Meyer, Charles. Address should be Eagle Fork Ln.

Michealve, John. Should be John Michaelree, johncmichaelree@gmail.

Stevenson, Steve & Mary Ellen. New address: 1271 Twin Rivers Rd., Greensboro GA 30642. Phone number unchanged.



Coca-Cola Model T's, no date.

FOR SALE:

1915 Ford Roadster. Very nicely restored by my Father. Everything correct. Award winner. Located in Granite City. Asking 20K but negotiable. Sandy Kovalik 314-941-7405

2024 Overnight Tour

The Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis has a very special, fun-filled mini-vacation planned that is sure to please one-and-all. What we have in mind is our annual overnight tour, this year to scenic and historic Fulton Missouri.

The itinerary is as follows:

On July 27, 2024 at about 7:00 A.M. we will meet at the Sam's Club (Manchester Rd just west of I-270). We have permission from the manager to park trailers overnight on the Sam's Club lot. At 7:30 we will depart for Fulton on probably the most scenic route we have ever taken. If you liked last year's scenery you'll love this year. The route ranges from rolling hills to river bluffs but does have a few "low gear" hills. Everyone will be given a turn-by-turn route description to guide them along the way.

We will be staying at the Baymont by Wyndham, a highly-rated place on the north-west edge of town. The rooms are clean, there is an indoor pool, it's easy to find and provides convenient access to Fulton's cultural attractions. Rooms are \$110 per night and I have 'Blocked' 13 rooms in our name.

Upon arrival in Fulton we will go directly to the newly renovated Winston Churchill Museum which is housed in a church dismantled in London and rebuilt brick by brick in Fulton and also features a 32 foot actual piece of the Berlin wall.

At 5:30 we have a dinner reservation at Beks in the heart of Fulton's historic district. With brick streets in front and excellent food Beks is THE restaurant in Fulton and we have arranged for group seating in their dining room.

If you decide to go you must do two things; 1. Phone the Baymont by Wyndham (1-573-642-2600) to reserve your room and be sure to tell them you are with the Model T Club. 2. Phone Sam Atkinson (636-386-2088) and tell him how many are going because he needs an EXACT head count for the Saturday night dinner reservation..

Even though I'm late planning it this is still gonna be fun!!
Sam Atkinson

PARADE AWARDS

By Sam Atkinson

2018--St. Pat's Parade, Best Classic Unit, First Place

2019--St. Pat's Parade, Best Classic Unit, First Place

2020--Parade Canceled

2021--Parade Canceled

2022--No Award

2023--No Award

2024--St. Pat's Parade, Best Classic Motorized Unit, First Place

Out of the last 5 parades we have won First Place three times. We have a lot to be proud of!

From *Rattling Ford Jokes No. 40*, Philadelphia, Penna: Royal Publishing Company, 1914.

Last summer a smart innkeeper returned a number of broken beer bottles to his brewery, and asked to be allowed for them, as they had been "burst by the sun."

The manager examined the corks, and this is the copy of his reply:

"Dear Sir: We'll stand the loss if you'll tell us who lent Old Sol the corkscrew."

***IN MEMORIAM* - James J. Schild** **March 26, 1947 - June 14, 2024**

As most of us remember, Jim had been suffering from cancer for quite a while. He passed this life on June 14, 2024, in Columbia, Illinois. Born in St. Louis, he was the son of the late Joseph H. & Maracella, nee Bronzon, Schild.

He concluded his career in the United States Army as a Lt. Colonel, of the 1st Cavalry Division, 7th Cavalry. He served in Vietnam, and was an injured survivor of a Combat Infantry Air Mobile Platoon.

Jim had been the owner of three businesses: Schild Photography in High Ridge, MO; Antique Classics (25 years) and The Auto Review (40 years). An author of 30 historical books (some received national awards) and a top writer for Mecum Auctions on Motor Trend TV. He served as photographer for several books authored by his wife Myrna, and accompanying videos.

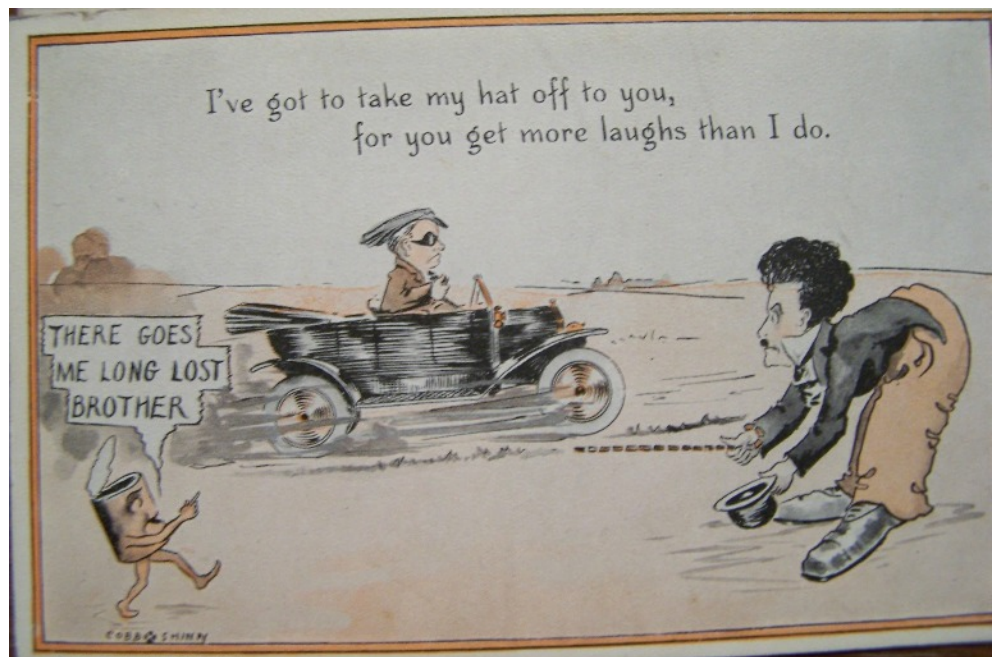
Jim and Myrna met as contestants at a Dallas Texas National Meet for the Imperial Dance Club of St. Louis and were both members of USBDA and NDA. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Myrna Smith Martin Schild; daughter, Lisa Rodgers; granddaughters Briana Trager (Keaton), and Lindsey LaSalda (Michael); with two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Marla Smith Luehder, and many nieces and nephews.

Jim and Myrna were active in several local and national automobile clubs, among them our Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Owners; Cadillac'LaSalle; Horseless Carriage Club, St. Louis Model A Club; Packard Club; Rolls-Royce Owners, et cetera.

Services were Thursday morning, June 20, at Leesman Funeral Home, 218 S. Metter Ave., Columbia, IL., followed by internment with full military honors at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be directed to the Millstadt VFW Post 7980 or Daughters of the American Revolution - Cahokia Mound Chapter..

**MODEL
T
POSTCARD
HUMOR**



Mike Flaherty has organized this tour, and has invited our members to participate. Thanks Mike!



AACA MVR Summer Tour Saturday August 24th Scott County, Iowa



65 mile Tour on paved rural roads
Model T and Pre War Car Friendly Tour
Newer antique cars are encouraged!

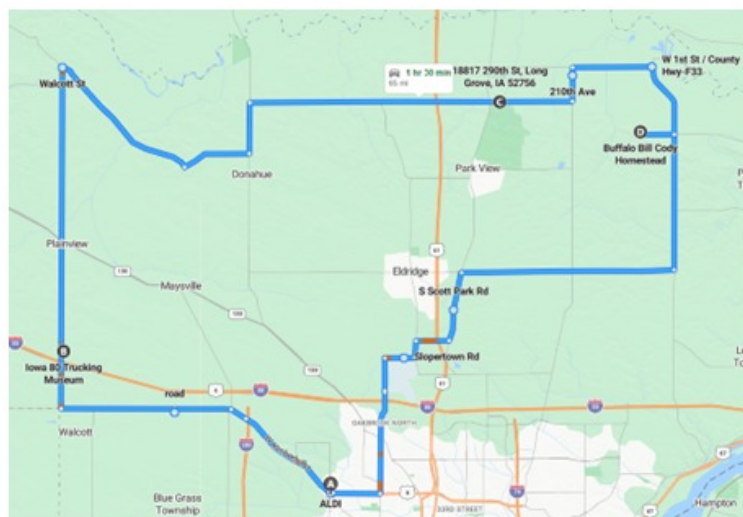
Stops Include:

- Iowa 80 Trucking Museum
- Don Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village (Soda Fountain will be open for tourists)
- Buffalo Bill Cody Homestead

Suggested \$2.00 admission for each location



Meet at West Kimberly Aldi Parking lot
at 9:00 AM Saturday August 24th
3643 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA
52806



Bing Maps Route URL:

<https://www.bing.com/maps?osid=249780b1-6438-4065-8e05-212cddc53099&cp=41.674525~-90.600229&lvl=11.751917&pi=0&v=2&sV=2&form=S00027>

For questions call Mike Flaherty 314-968-8574

ANNUAL SPRING TOUR

By Scott Francis

We had a nice turnout for the spring tour this year.

John Michaelree, and his friend Patric, Kent Gilbane and Suzanne Pourcillie, Dave and Cathy Groelrich and their granddaughter, Scott Francis, Hailey and Dusty Harris, London Allen, Don Spaeth, Sam and Cindy Atkinson, Myrna and Jim Schild, Steven Heatherly and Stephan Noll were spread out amongst 6 Model T's one '68 Mustang convertible and a sprinkling of moderns.

Other than the Porsche club being there again and one of them being snooty to Kent, we had a great day. We put 48 miles over 2 hours and 44 minutes on our cars.

We began and concluded at Sunset Overlook in Columbia Illinois. Lunch was filled with some of the old stories and some new ones. I'm sure that tales from today will become the tales of our next adventure

Annual Picnic - July 21

Once again our Annual Picnic will be in the pavilion at Spring Forest Estates. Festivities begin at noon, and once again the Club is furnishing the meat and soda. We ask members to bring a pot luck dish or dessert to share. Bring your swimsuits to enjoy the pool. The meat will be cooked on-site. Please call **Daniel Mullis, 314-416-4954 to let him know you're coming, so meat can be purchased.**

Use Steven Williams' address for your GPS: 2830 Spring Meadow Drive, Imperial. Take I-55 to the Richardson Road/Vogel Road Arnold exit. Go west on Vogel Road to Old Lemay Ferry Road (downhill past the school on your left.) Turn left onto Old Lemay Ferry Road. When that turns hard right with the warning arrows, turn LEFT onto Spring Forest Road. At the top of the hill right after Spring Forest turns left, turn right onto Spring Meadow Drive and descend the hill into our neighborhood. If you have problems, call Steven at 636-575-1469.

If you are coming from the south on I-55, **DO NOT TAKE THE IMPERIAL MAIN STREET EXIT.** Seckman road is closed and you cannot get to the neighborhood that way.

OCCASIONAL AND DUES CHANGES!

As reported in The President's column, the more than 30 per cent decline in our Swap Meet income necessitates a change in our dues situation. These changes become effective July 1, 2024. If you are a member of the Model T Ford Club of America, effective July 1 your dues to our Club will be \$20.00. If you are NOT a member of the MTFCA, your local dues are \$35.00. However, if you've already paid local dues for this year, you will owe only \$10 July 1, and that will carry you over to July 1, 2025.

Because our insurance premiums are based on our membership levels, persons who have not paid their local dues by September 1, 2024, will be dropped from membership in the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis, irrespective of their membership in the MTFCA.

Regarding the *Occasional*, for those of you who receive a "hard copy" by mail, it costs more to mail than it does to print. The Board has decided to no longer mail them out, but they will be at the club meeting following publication, with your name on your copy. IF, however, you prefer to continue having the publication mailed to you, effective August 1, it will cost you \$10 per year. Please mail your check to our treasurer, Bonnie Dattoli, 9114 Park Haven Lane, St. Louis, MO 63126 with a note that the check is for the *Occasional* mailing. Those who do not send her a check may pick up the September/October issue at the September club meeting. The *Occasional* will still be emailed to everyone for whom the Editor has a email address, or you can find it on our website.

MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION ALL FORD SHOW AND OUR RAPID ASSEMBLY TEAM

The team always starts the car when they first remove it from the trailer. As you can see from the photos, the battery was dead! Just needed a jump. Dave Groerich mc'd the event this time, and the team consisted of Keevin Schier, Stephen Heatherly, Mike Thum, Bob Grincewich, and Don Spaeth. Exact time unknown at this point, but the editor was told it was over ten minutes.



From *The Fordowner, for Ford Dealers and Owners*, May, 1919. Page 164.

“*What ‘Fording’ Means*: Maybe you have tried to give expression to the pleasure of driving a Ford, commonly spoken of as Z”Fording,” and have found words all too inadequate. If such is the case, here is offered for consideration the expression of a certain enthusiast as it appears in a recent article in a contemporary publication: “The free, wild, delirious gaiety which Fording should inspire.”

This very expressive, but probably refers to the variety of Fording which will not be in vogue in the arid days following July 1st, next.

Then we find in an English publication a typical pun which is said to cause our British brothers to chuckle over their afternoon cup of Lipton’s. It reads: “The joy of Fording may be described as ‘fe-Lizzie’ety’.”

With a little thought you probably will get the subtle humor and will shriek with laughter - or something.”

Answers All Needs

“I want a car to ravel far
And carry me abroad.”

“Just hitch your chariot to the star
The dealers call a FORD.”

“I want to use less gasoline
And thus my bills reduce.”

“The car just named is justly famed
For squeezing most from juice!”

“I want to ride and not be tired
By racking nerves awry.”

“The FORD I name with great acclaim
Does almost seem to fly!”

“I want a car and want it cheap –
I want it perfect too.”

“O BOY, your wish is not too steep,
A FORD will answer you.”

Quite Gallant

Gals, of gas and gals, of oil
Are less, I’m glad to say,
In FORDS to take “Gals” riding out
Upon earth’s primrose way.

(Ed. Note: Hyperbole in advertising is nothing new)

From *My Auto Book*, Walter Pulitzer. New York: The Outing Publishing Co. 1908

Titled “Not Taking Any Chances” (use your imagination)

“No, Nora,” said the mistress, “I’m willing to extend you almost any privilege, but I really must draw the line at allowing you the use of my ‘landaulet’ on your day out.!”

“And whoy, mum?” Asked Nora.

“It’s too great a risk,” replied the lady.

First Motorist – Did your brother get his \$8,000 machine after all?

Second Motorist – No; he had to be content with a \$2,000 one after his wife presented him with a list of the things she intended to wear in it!

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Steven Williams. Members present were President Steven Williams, Vice President Kent Gilbane, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, Directors Daniel Mullis, Paul Diebold, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Don Spaeth, Dave Groerich and Stephen Heatherly.

Minutes of the April 12, 2024 Directors Meeting were read. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Paul Diebold, and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 84.23% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Bonnie Dattoli stated that \$5,000.00 had been moved from the Money Market Account to the Checking Account to pay for expenses for the Swap Meet. Daniel Mullis made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Kent Gilbane stated that he would like to keep the Swap Meet viable, and he is looking at cuts in Swap Meet expenses for next year. He stated that he may renegotiate with Grizzly on Swap Meet charges. Kent Gilbane made the motion to drop the service and payment of Wheels in Motion. The motion was seconded by Dave Groerich and carried unanimously. Kent mentioned that this year, some workers were not available at the prescribed times, so if workers want credit for the banquet, they must be at the location at times indicated. Steven Williams suggested Club members pick up the trash instead of the Boy Scouts, and therefore paying \$250.00 instead of \$500.00 to the Boy Scouts. This was tabled for further discussion based on an analysis of tax ramifications.

Bonnie Dattoli announced that, as originally planned to change accountants, this is probably not a good time, as the proposed new accountant is retiring in one year.

There was a discussion about the national dues and local dues to the Club. Kent Gilbane made the motion that National members begin paying \$20.00 in local dues, effective July 1. Paul Diebold amended the motion, which was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. that local dues for non-national members be \$25.00 per year. After further discussion, Don Spaeth amended the original motion, which was seconded by Kent Gilbane, that local dues go to \$35.00 for non-national members. Motion passed. There was a consensus that local dues be prorated at \$10.00 for members who have already paid until July 1, 2025.

There was a question about a venue for the Christmas Banquet to be held on December 14, as some venues are already booked for dates in December. Kent Gilbane made the motion that the Committee be given two dates, December 7 and December 14, with two locations to choose from, and that the location should be decided on today. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously.

The proposed upcoming budget for 2024-2025 was reviewed, changes, mostly reductions, were made, and Kent Gilbane made the motion to accept the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, at 7:40 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

From *Rattling Ford Jokes No. 40*, Philadelphia, Penna: Royal Publishing Company, 1914.

Customer - I tell you frankly that I cannot pay for this suit until next year."

Tailor - All right, sir.

Customer - When will it be finished?

Tailor - Next year, sir.

Summer boarder: If there anything out of the ordinary to see in this village?

Native - Yes, there's a lot of city folks stopping here.

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
OF FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: Steven Williams stated there were get well cards being circulated for Rhonda Ford, Ken Baker, Jim Schild and Sam Atkinson. A thank-you letter was received from the Shriners Hospital for Children for the recent donation.

Minutes were read from the April 12, 2024 meeting. Paul Diebold made a correction that the new member's last name is Duga, not Dugan. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded by Hailey Harris and carried unanimously, without objection.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 84.23% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Bonnie Dattoli stated that \$5,000 had been moved from the Money Market Account to the Checking Account to pay for expenses of the Swap Meet. Bill Tabor made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Dave Kuenzel and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Don Spaeth reported that the library is available. He said if anyone wants to check anything out to see him. Michael Thum stated that the web page has been updated. Steven Williams stated that the Board made the decision to go e-mail only with the Occasional, but that has to be checked out with the Model T Ford Club of America and Old Cars Weekly.

May 11 is the Spring Tour. Scott Francis said everyone should arrive at Sunset Overlook in Columbia, Illinois between 8:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m., with plans to leave at 9:45 a.m. He said the tour is a 50-mile trip down and back, with a planned return to Sunset Overlook at 11:30 or noon. Members planning to participate need to sign up tonight.

Steven Williams announced that May 19 is the Early Ford Show at the Museum of Transport. Sam Atkinson stated that Dave Groerich will do the announcing for the Rapid Assembly demonstration which will be at 1:00 p.m. Sam stated that he needs a rapid assembly team.

Steven Williams announced that the Club is signed up for the Celebrate America Parade.

Kent Gilbane reported that this year's Swap Meet was down on both vendors and buyers. He talked about possible changes for the 2025 Swap Meet. Kent stated that the Swap Meet dropped 1/3 in income from 2021 until 2024. He stated that for volunteers who worked all day one day, their Christmas banquet will be paid for. Steven Williams recapped the income and expenses from 2022 through 2024. He said the Club is going to part ways with Wheels of Motion, and that will save \$1,000 in expenses. There was also a discussion about the donuts.

Dave Kuenzel said he has the list of people who worked the Swap Meet, and members should make sure their name is on it. He reported that he is checking with Pietros, Orlando Gardens and will be checking on the Orleans Banquet Hall on Telegraph for the Banquet. Steven Williams stated that the Board had approved dates of December 7 or December 14 for the event.

Steven Williams advised that the Board had reviewed the upcoming budget, and the good news is that none of our programs will be cut. He said a \$4,500 deficit is anticipated, after the Board reviewed each line item. It was determined that the amount budgeted for the website is low. Michael Thum will be checking with Go Daddy about e-mails. The budget has been approved by the Board for 2024-2025. To save some money in the budget, Scott Francis volunteered no-charge parking for the two trailers on property he owns.

Steven Williams stated that the Club is taxed by National by the number of members being carried on the books. It was announced that the Board approved \$20 local dues for National members; if the member is not a National member, their local dues will be \$35, effective July 1. If members have paid the \$25 for this year the extra \$10 will prorated until July 1. To save some insurance expenses; he acknowledged that the Club is going to lose some National members who are inactive.

Sam Atkinson stated that there was a lady from Granite City, Illinois who had Model T parts at the Swap Meet, and she inherited a 1915 Roadster which she has for sale for \$20,000, negotiable. Sam stated he has her contact information.

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Keevin Schier stated that he has a red and white 1957 Ford Fairlane Retractable Hardtop for sale. He stated that the engine and transmission have been rebuilt; it is a project car. He advised that he has \$30,000 in it. Bill Tabor said he has a Model T spotlight for sale for \$45.

Scott Francis brought a magneto recharger for "Show and Tell".

Bill Tabor asked that members continue to donate magazines for him to supply to the Veterans.

The 50/50 drawing was \$44, which was won by Dave Groerich. The additional \$44 will be for the Club.

There being no further business, at 9:03 p.m., Paul Diebold made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Tabor and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Steven Williams. Members present were President Steven Williams, Vice President Kent Gilbane, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, Directors Daniel Mullis, Keith Sanders, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Don Spaeth, and Paul Diebold.

There was a discussion about printing and mailing the Occasional. and the expense involved. Bonnie Dattoli suggested having a printed copy for people wanting it with their name on it and they could pick it up at the meeting. Don Spaeth made the motion to continue printing the issues in Black and White as they are being done now, with a notice that if members want a copy mailed out to them, there will be an annual charge of \$10 for postage. For members who want to pick up their copy at the meetings, their name will be on the issue. A copy would continue to be furnished to National. The motion was seconded by Daniel Mullis and carried unanimously.

A discussion ensued in regard to the annual payment of \$700 for parking the trailer. Several members offered to store the trailer on their property at no charge. No decision was made on this topic.

Kent Gilbane stated that at this time, no arrangements have yet been made for the Christmas Banquet. He said that it is imperative to have the location identified and reserved, so he and Suzanne have booked Bill Gianino's on Telegraph, and that he and Suzanne will take over this duty for the foreseeable future as far as the rental, but they will not be responsible for decorations, raffles, etc. He stated that Bill Gianino's will have their normal holiday decorations up and they will have several entrée choices for attendees to choose from for table service. The date is December 7 at 12:00 noon. Also, a separate table will be set up for raffle items.

here being no further business, at 7:55 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
OF FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Minutes were read from the May 10, 2024 meeting. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Keevin Schier and carried unanimously, without objection.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 84.53% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Bonnie stated that \$5,000 had been moved from the Money Market Account to the Checking Account to pay for expenses of the Swap Meet, and quarterly interest for last three months has been added to the Certificate of Deposit.

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minutes continued:

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Pourcillie and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. reported that the video library is available and to see him if anyone wants to check out anything. Don Spaeth reported that the library is available. He said if anyone wants to check anything out to see him. Michael Thum stated that the web site has not been updated since the last meeting, but he will get the new issue of the Occasional on as soon as possible. Steven Williams asked that his personal e-mail address be added to the website. Steven Williams reported that the new issue of the Occasional will come out the end of the month. He stated that the Board changed their decision from the last month, and it will be noted in the next Occasional that if you currently receive a print issue of the Occasional and want it to be mailed, it will cost \$10 a year. If you want to pick it up at the club meeting, there will be no charge, and your name will be on the front of the issue. One copy of each issue will be provided to National.

Kent Gilbane and Suzanne Pourcillie reported that the Spring Tour was very nice.

Steven Williams advised that the Club has been accepted to be a part of the Celebrate America Parade on July 4. He read some of the regulations for participants, and he asked for members to sign up on the sheet tonight. As soon as he receives detailed information, he will forward it to those signed up.

Kent Gilbane and Suzanne Pourcillie have booked Bill Gianino's on Telegraph for the Christmas Banquet, and they will take over this duty for the foreseeable future as far as the rental, but they will not be responsible for decorations, raffles, etc. Bill Gianino's will have their normal holiday decorations up and they will have several entrée choices for attendees to choose from for table service. The date is December 7 at 12:00 noon. Also, a separate table will be set up for raffle items.

Steven Williams reported that an e-mail has been received from Sam Atkinson that the Club has received the Best Classic Motorized Unit for 2024 for the St. Patrick's Parade. The Club has won first place three times in the last five parades.

Upcoming events are: The Club Picnic on July 21 at noon and the Chili Cookoff on October 13, both at the same location as last year. Sam Atkinson is planning the overnight tour which will be July 27 and 28.

Bill Tabor asked for members to keep donating magazines for the veterans. He has been supplying them now for 18 months, and the postage he and his wife are paying is going to double from about \$50 a month to \$100 a month, but they are going to continue mailing the magazines to the veterans who appreciate them. Then, Bill led the members in a motometer quiz.

Bill Tabor stated that he has a new winch for sale. He would like to auction it off, and any amount over the \$5 he wants for it would be donated to the Club. The winch sold for \$40, and \$35 was donated to the Club.

Bonnie Dattoli stated that local dues are being accepted tonight. The dues are \$20 for National members and \$35 for local members only.

Keevin Schier stated that there will be a Car Show on Father's Day Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Transportation Museum for all cars 25 years or older. He said if you bring a child along, fathers get in free. The 50/50 drawing was \$28, which was won by Don Spaeth. The additional \$28 will be for the Club.

There being no further business, at 8:53 p.m., Paul Diebold made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

From *The Edison and Ford Quote Book*, 2004, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers, FL

Edison: "As a cure for worrying, work is far better than whiskey. I always found that, if I began to worry, the best thing I could do was focus on something useful and then work very hard at it."

THE ADVENTURES OF SAM AND SCOTT

By Steven G. Williams

Of course you've heard of Laurel and Hardy, Abbot and Cosello, Beevis and Butthead. The Editorial Board of the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis is happy to present to you - Sam and Scott! Sam Atkinson and Scott Francis, that is. Our intrepid duo set off for the Promised Land in the West, for the Model T Ford Club of America's National Tour in San Diego.

The event ran from Sunday June 16 through Thursday, June 20. Sam and Scott have sent me emails periodically, which describe some of their adventures... Sightseeing along the way, and they talked about driving their T to the top of Pike's Peak, but I have no confirmation of that yet. I'm sharing with you what little I know, and you can anticipate more information in the next *Occasional*.



Our Dynamic Duo...have you ever seen such a dapper looking pair of gentlemen?



The award presented by the Model T Ford Club of San Diego for the car that traveled the longest distance to the tour. Congratulations men!



Logging without chain saws! Notice the length of the saws in two of the photos.

Ed note: I was looking for some period Model T photos, and I ran across these logging photos from 1910. Thought you might enjoy them as a change of pace.

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From *The Auto Guest Book of Mobile Maxims*, pub. 1906:

“Little ditches cause big fears.”

“Broker, see that thy brake break not, lest thou be broken.”

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER OCCASIONAL DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the September/October issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is *July 10th*. Please submit any information to Steven Williams, steven1912@charter.net or call 636-575-1469. Pictures and articles are wanted, but we need names with photos please. Thanks!

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From *The Edison & Ford Quote Book*, 2004, Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

Ford: “Education is not something to prepare you for life; it is a continuous part of life.”

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

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month, 8 PM, at the Freedom Masonic Temple, 4557 Lemay Ferry Road, south St. Louis County. 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: 314-722-0042. Email: jenkeith4@att.net. Annual dues (due January 15th each year) are \$25, no cost for members of the MTFCA. Dues help pay the rent, cost of *The Occasional*, and refreshments, among other expenses.

We also strongly encourage national membership. Dues are only \$40 to the Model T Ford Club of America (P.O. Box 996; Richmond, IN 47375-0996).

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.

Our website is www.stlmodeltclub.org.

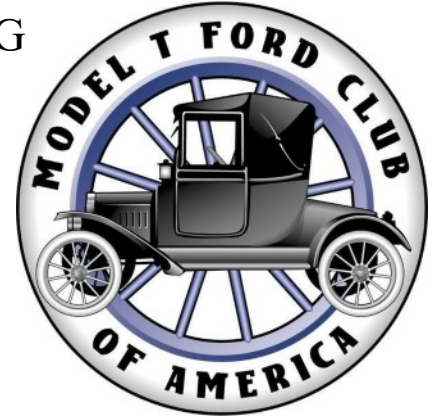


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A 1914 Model T touring in front of the Ford Dealer in Adams, Minnesota

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