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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

When I was a child, I was an avid reader of comic books. Not just any comics, but Disney comics! My favorites were the Uncle Scrooge comics. I don't remember the details of this particular one, except, once again, Scrooge's plans were messed up. The quote he used was: "The best laid schemes 'o mice an' men gang aft agley." It was a quote from the poet Robert Burns. Back then, even in comics, authors were not afraid of using archaic language, knowing that even children were (sometimes and somewhat) smart enough to figure it out.

Now of course we quote it thusly: The best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray. Consider how often that is true when you're working on your car. We make our plans, sketch our our work, and dive in, only to discover, for instance, that the 50-year-old tire you're removing from the '26 Tudor isn't a clincher after all, but some sort of, well, I don't have enough profanity to express my dismay when I discovered a nice strong wire bead in what I thought was the clincher. Hercules could not have pried that %@#\* tire off the rim!

Did you know that working on old cars is not only good for your body, but for your mind also? Gerontology has discovered that those senior citizens whose minds are challenged with something new have a lesser chance of developing dementia or Alzheimer's. As we learn new skills, and calculate ways to deal with the problems we always encounter, our minds get important exercise. Sure, our best laid plans oft go astray, but that's good for us! (Well, partially true... its also maddening!) While challenges at work were a pain in the keister, challenges in a past time we enjoy are enervating and the satisfaction we derive from resolving them is gratifying.

The reason why I got into Model T's, in addition to my attraction to really old cars, was their simplicity. I was not (and really still am not) a mechanic. But anyone can work on a Model T... with good books, back up advisors, patience and persistence. And tools! Mustn't forget all those tools we have to have! And the very great satisfaction of keeping a 100 plus or minus year old car on the road. Plus all the attention you and your car get!

So, when family and friends complain about the time you spend on your car, just remind them the Doctor told you it was good for you! Then take them for a ride. And when your plans go astray, its time for a chair, your favorite beverage, perhaps a snack, as you sit back and look at the problem and figure out a way to resolve it.

Keep the faith! Dr. Steven G. Williams (yes, its true, I have an earned Dr. Degree - that and a buck fifty will get me a large soda at McDonalds)

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

While some of my plans may go astray, the work Sherry and I put into this publication, along with the help of certain club members who submit photos and articles, pays off! We did it again! We were awarded *Old Cars Magazine's* Golden Quill Award again for 2023! And the icing on the cake? The Model T Ford Club of America presented us with the First Place Award for club newsletters!

I simply cannot overemphasize how crucial your input and involvement is in the success of this publication. I cannot take every photo nor write every word that appears in these pages. Nor can I plan every activity - it takes everyone to plan, help, photograph and participate for us to have the great club we have and this great publication. Thank you!

- Steven G. Williams, [steven1912@charter.net](mailto:steven1912@charter.net). 6326-575-1469



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2024

- May 5 - **Annual Swap Meet!**  
10 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis  
11 - Spring Tour, see page 8.  
19 - Early Ford Show, Museum of Transportation, 2933 Barrett Station Road, 10 AM - 2:30 PM.  
29 - June 1 - Homecoming at the Model T Museum, Richmond, IN See *Vintage Ford* for details.
- June 6 - 8 - Show-Me Tour, Neosho, MO. See *Vintage Ford* for details  
14 - Board Meeting? - watch for email.  
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis  
16-20 - San Diego, CA. MTFCA 2024 National Tour
- 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.
- 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.

## 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.

## IN SYMPATHY

Our condolences to Stephen Heatherly and his mother upon the sudden passing of his step-father, Gary Mittrucker, on February 19. Gary had been active in the club some years ago. We extend our best wishes to the family.

## Seen in *The Vintage Ford*, March/April issue

It's always nice to see our Club and members appear in the *Vintage Ford*. On page 8 was the heading "Golden Quill Awards. MTFCA and Greater St. Louis Chapter Win Old Cars' 2022 Golden Quill Awards." Thanks, *Vintage Ford* for the mention!

In the article on the Winter Clinic at McPherson College, p. 22ff., It was reported that Mike Flaherty "had a table of antique road maps and donated the collection to our MTFCA Museum. " Thanks Mike!

And last, but certainly not least, in the Technical Q&A on p. 34, Sam Atkinson had a great question on recharging magnetos while in the car. You many want to copy and save this article for future reference.

# ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S PARADE, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>

Photos by Cindy Atkinson

It was another beautiful day in downtown St. Louis for the annual St. Patrick's Parade. Large crowds as usual were boisterously enjoying the day. We had a great group of cars, as the photos attest.



Left: Kent Gilbane and Suzanne Pourcille



Right: Sam Atkinson



Left, left to right: Cindy Atkinson, Berri West, Suzanne Pourcille and Jenny Sanders.



Right, Dave Becherer



Left: Keith and Jenny Sanders



Right: Mike Thum and Berri West



Left: Sam and Cindy Atkinson



Right: Don Spaeth

## More St. Patrick's Parade Photos



Left to right: Keith Sanders, Don Spaeth, Sam Atkinson, Dave Becherer, Kent Gilbane, & Mike Thum



## *Shriner's Hospitals for Children Donation*

For several years we have been making a donation to the local Shriner's Hospital for Children. President Steven Williams is presenting the \$250 check to Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. Jerry is a member of the local Shrine Club and an active supporter of the hospital. He will deliver the check to the appropriate person at the hospital.

## MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



# The Evergreen Historic Automobile Collection

Several area car clubs were invited to travel to Lebanon, MO to tour Steven Plaster's Evergreen Historic Automobile Collection. Some of our members went, and enjoyed the 300-400 different automobiles, from the Brass Era to very modern collectibles. Here are a few photos submitted by various members of their experience.



Everyone who has drive I-44 west knows of t his tourist trap! After decades of driving past, we finally stopped one time. Their fudge is actually quite good! As Don Spaeth and Mike Thum probably discovered. The employees' bantering with the customers is rather, umm different



Mike Thum is the only one who sent a photo with cars in it... cars, Mike, cars!

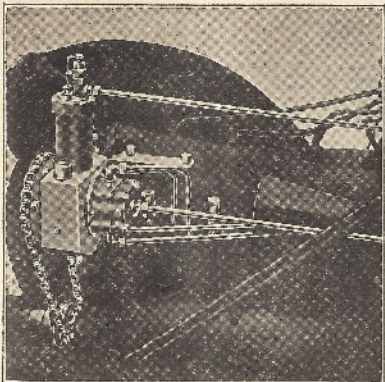
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From:  
*Fordowner - For Ford Dealers and Owners.*  
 May, 1919.  
 10 cents a copy.

# HIGH SCHOOL SHOW AND TELL

By Dave Kuenzel

My grandson's history class at Westminster Christian Academy High School is studying Henry Ford so Sam Atkinson and Keith Sanders brought their T's to class today for show and tell. Lots of good questions about the Model T's were answered by Keith, Sam, and me. My grandson, Daniel Coco, is a junior this year.



Sam Atkinson with his '27 Roadster



Dave Kuenzel and his grandson Daniel Coco.



# ANNUAL EASTER SUNDAY FOREST PARK CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

We had a good turnout for this annual event, that pretty much kicks off the show and touring season. Our Rapid Assembly Teams performed twice. The 11AM team assembled the car in 9:43. The 1 PM team was timed by a bystander, registering 6:28, which is questionable. Sorry guys, but....



Left to right: Sam Atkinson, Gary McClain, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., Paul Diebold, John Michaelree, and Mike Thum.







Above, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. announcing.



Right, our line up of cars, photo courtesy of Gayle Ellerbeck.



# SPRING FLING

From Scott Francis

Our Annual Spring Tour will be Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet between 8:45 and 9:15 at Sunset Overlook Grille, 11604 Bluff Road, Columbia, IL 62236. There is plenty of trailer parking. It is a roughly 45-50 mile tour of the backroads and fields of Columbia Bottoms ending up back at our starting point for lunch at Sunset Overlook Grille.

Please RSVP to me ASAP at 636-544-7750 or [Scott.francis@att.net](mailto:Scott.francis@att.net) by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Reservations have to be made for lunch. This is going to be a relaxing, scenic tour, in addition to the wonderful fellowship we enjoy. See you there! But call or email!

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

First Motorist - My new machine is sixty horsepower.

Second Motorist - Isn't that stretching it a bit? Why, only yesterday I saw two horses hauling it along the avenue!

First Literary Hack – I've got literary recognition at last.

Second Literary Hack – You have?

First Literary Hack – You bet. My publisher let me hold his toneau yesterday while he went to lunch!

Come into the garden, Maud,  
The chauffeur he has flown;  
I'll treat you to a dandy spin –  
The car's at last my own!

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS  
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024**

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

Minutes of the January 12, 2024 Directors Meeting were read. Keith Sanders 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 19% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Daniel Mullis, and carried unanimously, with no objections. Bonnie Dattoli stated that the Club's Certificate of Deposit had matured, and the 1099 for the year showed quite an increase in interest during 2023. She stated that Midland Bank's current rate is about half of the rate available a year ago, but the Midwest Regional Bank has a six-month CD with an annual yield of 5.65% or a twelve-month CD with an annual yield of 5.50%. With the current volatility in interest rates, Bonnie Dattoli made the motion to transfer the (reserve fund) to a 12-month CD at Midwest Regional Bank. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried unanimously. Steven Williams stated that he had proof from the post office that Steven Thum had received the letter sent to him on January 20.

Steven Williams read a letter from the Model T Ford Club of America acknowledging receipt of the letter sent, and notification that this will be discussed at their upcoming meeting in Oklahoma City.

In response to a request for an announcer for the Quick Assembly show at the Easter Show, Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. volunteered.

Sam Atkinson had submitted the application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and he is waiting for a response.

Upcoming events include: The Tour de Frost on February 17; the Easter Concourse on March 31, and the upcoming Swap Meet on May 5. Steven Williams stated that for the Easter Show, if you have a car to be judged, the car can be parked in the Club section and the judges will come there to judge it. Proper paperwork and fee must be taken care of.

Steven Williams stated that Keevin Schier had mentioned that the Horseless Carriage Club would be inviting the Model T Ford Club to join them at the Evergreen Car Collection in Lebanon, MO. He said that \$40 would cover the cost to see the many cars and to cover lunch.

There was discussion about the liability insurance premium for the Club in light that the recent premium was based on 46 members, and now there are 61 members.

There being no further business, at 7:12 p.m., Keith Sanders made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 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, MARCH 8, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: Ken Baker will have a procedure on Monday, and that same day, Steven Williams will have a spinal injection. Gary Mittrucker, one of the Club's members, passed away on February 19, at the age of 69.

Rich Rottnek, was a guest of Karl Abe. He owned a Model T at one time. Juliet, granddaughter of Mary Lou Ammann was also a guest.

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Minutes were read from the February 9, 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 23.63% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth, and carried unanimously, without objection.

Don Spaeth reported that all books are available, and he will be glad to assist members who want to check one out. Michael Thum reported that the new Occasional is on the website. Steven Williams stated that the Occasional is out, and if anyone has not been receiving the Occasional, he would appreciate it if they would send him their e-mail address.

Steven Williams reported that a gracious, kind, and well thought out letter has been received from the Model T Ford Club of America, addressing the Club's concerns about the hot rod, acknowledging that this is part of the history of the Model T, and the person exhibiting the hot rod is a solid Model T man, not a hot rodder, and an active member of the Museum. There will be another response after the meeting in Oklahoma City later this month.

Bonnie Dattoli suggested that a separate award for hot rod Model T's be considered. Bill Tabor mentioned his 1923 Model T hot rod pickup.

Steven Williams said that suggestions are still appreciated for the venue for the Christmas banquet. Any suggestions may be made to Jenny Sanders or Cindy Atchison. Suzanne Pourcillie suggested Bill Gianino's on Telegraph; she said it is about 30 to 40% larger than what we have had.

Sam Atchison reminded members of the Easter Show on March 31. The Evergreen Tour is on April 13, and for those wanting to go, they need to let them know they plan to attend, and to pay the \$40 each person. More information is in the Occasional.

May 19 is the All-Ford Show at the Museum of Transportation, sponsored by the Model A Club; there will be Model A's and Model T's there. The Spring Tour will be on May 11, and hopefully Scott Francis will have more information at the next meeting.

Steven Williams announced that those members who pay only local dues, those dues are past due now.

Kent Gilbane stated that he will not be at the meeting in April, but he has flyers available for people to hand out. He stated that he is disappointed that last year, the Club had 20% less vendors and buyers. He also spoke about two well established swap meets that were down considerably. He said he plans to do some things differently this year, and he is looking at next year. Kent stated that this is the third year at Grizzly, with a seven-year contract. He is bringing back the buy three, get one free plan, so if six spots are bought, the vendor gets two free spots; if nine spots are bought, the vendor gets three free spots. Coffee and donuts will be sold by the Club, and coffee and donuts will be provided free to pre-registered vendors. Also, there will be a raffle to give away two free spaces to people who pre-registered. He described jobs to sign up for at the Swap Meet. He said he has sign-up sheets available at tonight's meeting. Kent stated that if members have items to be sold in the Club Vendor space, they should mark it with their name, and price it.

Kent spoke about the layout day being on Wednesday, unless weather causes a delay. Saturday is the set-up day and the Swap Meet is Sunday, May 5. He mentioned the people he recommends to be in charge of each locality. Kent stated that last year's budget for this event was \$19,000 and the 2024 budget is \$16,000, but he plans to come in at \$14,000. He stated he has cut 12 carts for the Swap Meet down to five, but Grizzly is giving the Club a Gator and three carts. There is a pre-season game Saturday night; parking for that event will be on the gravel area away from the Swap Meet spots. Food expenses will be cut back, and the flyer mailing has been cut back from 1,450 to 550 pieces, with a cut in postage from \$2,500 last year to \$860 this year. Kent suggested that participants bring flashlights Sunday morning, and to arrive at 8:00 or 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The Swap Meet will open at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. If workers want to bring their RV's and stay overnight Saturday, there are electrical hookups; generators are not to be used overnight. He wants all participants to wear one of the vests that will be in the trailer. He stated that no buyers can drive into the Swap Meet before 1:00 p.m. Sunday; the Boy Scouts, for a donation, can move anything. Vendors can come in at any time, but vendors cannot leave until 1:00 p.m. He said

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he would like to turn this event into 1 ½ days, opening vendors up at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, as vendors often buy from each other. Kent stated he will have available 300 free tickets for the police officers who line the St. Patrick's parade route. Kent stated that last year, he lost about 25% of the workers, so there is a smaller group sharing a larger workload; a small group does 80% of the work. He said if members work two workdays, they will receive a free banquet meal out of his approved budget.

John Michaelree stated that he is aware of a 1930 Model A in Springfield, Illinois for sale for \$12,000.

Sam Atkinson showed an oil can from the late teens or early 1920's that was Ford specified high grade oil.

Bill Tabor supplied two straps with rachets for auction for benefit of the Club at the meeting. They were sold to Ron McLean for \$6.00.

Bonnie Dattoli asked for assistance in getting more of the Model T address labels, and she is almost out of them, and doesn't know where they came from.

The 50/50 drawing was \$47.00 each, with both tickets held by Gayle Ellerbeck.

The individuals volunteering for tonight's cleanup are Ron McLean, Keevin Schier, and Stephen Heatherly.

There being no further business, at 9:08 p.m., Paul Diebold made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 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, APRIL 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Steven Williams. Members present were President Steven Williams, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, Directors Daniel Mullis, Keith Sanders, Paul Diebold, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and Don Spaeth.

Minutes of the March 8, 2024 Directors Meeting were read. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Don Spaeth, and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 39.74% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Daniel Mullis made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously, with no objections.

In Kent Gilbane's absence, Steven Williams spoke about the upcoming Swap Meet. He said the layout day would be on Wednesday, unless weather causes a delay. Saturday is the set-up day and the Swap Meet is Sunday, May 5. He stated that volunteers should arrive around 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday to lay out the parking lot and to arrive at 9:00 a.m. Saturday to set up. There was a discussion and consensus about coffee and the quantity of donuts being sold by the Club, and coffee and two donuts will be provided free to pre-registered vendors.

Steven Williams stated that May 11 would be the Spring Tour and May 19 is the Museum of Transportation Early Ford Show. Paul Diebold mentioned that he had been having some correspondence with Rachel in Richmond, and several people, whose names he read, haven't paid their national dues for the year. Keith Sanders suggested taking some money out of the Club's account to prop up the Swap Meet.

There was discussion about swap meets in general, and it was mentioned that the Chickasha swap meet is being discontinued, and others are having fewer vendors and buyers.

Bonnie Dattoli asked about the Shriners Hospital donation. Paul Diebold made the motion to go ahead and make the donation and make a presentation at the regular meeting tonight. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Bonnie Dattoli stated that the budget discussions are upcoming, and that we should begin thinking about the budget so everyone is prepared for the discussions. There was a discussion about the price of postage stamps going up to 73 cents on July 14. The consensus was for Bonnie to buy a number of stamps for the Club before the price increase.

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***Board minutes continued:***

In response to a question about radio advertising for the Swap Meet, Steven Williams phoned Kent Gilbane who stated he is going to be talking with the radio stations. There being no further business, at 7:31 p.m., Keith Sanders made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Baker, Secretary.

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE  
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS OF FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: It's good to see Karl Abe at the meeting. Ken Baker is having treatments, and Steven Williams is standing up straighter after a spinal injection and therapy. Jim Schild is dealing with his cancer and not doing so well. Stephen Dugan was introduced as a new member. He has a 1923 Roadster, and in attendance also is his friend, Tammy. Brian Chinn, a visitor, was introduced.

Minutes were read from the March 8, 2024 meeting. Bill Tabor made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously, without objection. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 39.74% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Keith Sanders made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Dave O'Malley and carried unanimously, with no objections.

After some discussion, Keevin Schier made a motion that the 50/50 drawing be revised to give a ticket winner 50% of the total with the other 50% going to the Club, beginning with the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold, and passed with 17 votes for the motion and three votes against the motion.

Dave O'Malley asked that someone replace him to be in charge of the Club's video library. He said everything is up to date. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. volunteered to take over the job. Don Spaeth reported that the library is available. He said if anyone wants to check anything out to see him. In response to a question, Don replied that the library does include some Dykes Model T repair publications. Steven Williams stated that he would donate his 1920 Dykes to the library.

Michael Thum asked about the Club's Facebook page. He and Dave Kuenzel agreed to meet to update the Facebook page. Steven Williams stated that the new Occasional will be out the end of the month.

Discussion ensued regarding the Club's Swap Meet. Ken Baker reported that to date, there are 86 vendors and 201 spaces that have been rented out. The comment was made that the Chickasha Swap Meet has been cancelled, and the Hershey Swap Meet has also experienced lower numbers of vendors and buyers.

Volunteers are needed for the Buyer's Gate. Volunteers should be at the site at 8:30 Wednesday to layout the parking lot, and back-up dates were given in the event of inclement weather. The Saturday set up will begin at 9:00 a.m. It was mentioned that for volunteers working one day of the Swap Meet, those individuals will receive a \$25.00 credit toward the Banquet in December. For those working two days, their cost of the Banquet will be completely paid.

Dave Kuenzel is soliciting recommendations of a venue for the Christmas Banquet.

Paul Diebold received and read a list of members delinquent on their national dues. He said the Club has a total of 73 national members.

Keevin Schier thanked Model T Club members for their participation in the Easter Show. He said it was a great show. It was announced that the Rapid Assembly Team did a very fast job.

The Evergreen Tour is tomorrow. Steven Williams asked that participants send him pictures.

Scott Francis reported on the May 11 Spring Tour. He said the tour will go through Illinois cornfields; there won't be hills. He said there are two or three places that could allow trailer parking.

Scott Francis shared an interesting story. While driving his Model T, he was stopped by an officer who stated that the license plate was for a '22 vehicle. Scott informed him that he was driving a '22 vehicle, and that the officer was in the wrong century!

Steven Williams stated that May 19 is the Museum of Transportation Early Ford Show. He said there is conflict in the times on the website. Steven said that Larry Shepard with the Model A Club said they will have lunch for Model A Club members and Model T Club members also. *Continued next page*

**Meeting Minutes continued:**

April 27 and 28 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, the 120th anniversary of the World's Fair will be celebrated at the Missouri History Museum. The organizers have asked that as many Model T's as possible should be there Saturday morning. Steven Williams stated that there is a search for 1904 cars that were at the World's Fair. About 10,000 people are expected. There will be food trucks and a guard to watch the cars. A sign-up sheet is available.

Steven Williams presented the annual donation check of \$250.00 for the Shriner's Hospital for Children to Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr.

Steven Williams announced that the Club received confirmation of winning the Golden Quill Award again. Sam Atkinson reported that he had attended the Model T Ford Club of America meeting, and the Club won the 2023 Newsletter award.

Bill Tabor asked for magazine donations for the Veterans.

The updated membership roster is available, and members are to check for accuracy of their information.

The 50/50 drawing was \$37.00, with Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. and Tammy, a friend of Stephen Dugan, a new member.

The individuals volunteering for tonight's cleanup are Paul Diebold, Keevin Schier, and John Michaelree. There being no further business, at 8:58 p.m., Paul Diebold made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

## PUBLICATION AWARDS



Sam Atkinson recently attended the National Meeting of the Model T Ford Club of America in Oklahoma City. At the annual meeting the MTFCA, in addition to business, presents awards for the Best Chapter Publications and Web Sites. On behalf of our Club, Far right, Sam accepted the First Place Award for Chapter Publications for our *Occasional!* Upon returning home, he presented it to our Editor at the April Club meeting.

Once again *Old Cars* magazine honored us with their Golden Quill Award for the quality of our publication! We fall within the Regional and Chapter Publications, Intermediate Size. This is quite an honor, and it is due to the involvement of our members in the publication. Keep submitting photos, articles and ideas.



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

Ford: "Competition is the keen cutting edge of business, always shaving away at costs."  
"Don't find fault, find a remedy."

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

“A pleasant ride is termed a spin, and not infrequently if a yarn attached thereto.”

**MARCH/APRIL OCCASIONAL DEADLINE**

The deadline for news and items for the March/April issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is *February 10th*. Please submit any information to Steven Williams, [steven1912@charter.net](mailto: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: “Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this.”

**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](mailto:jenkeith4@att.net). Annual dues (due January 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mtfca.com) and especially the forum which is full of great information.

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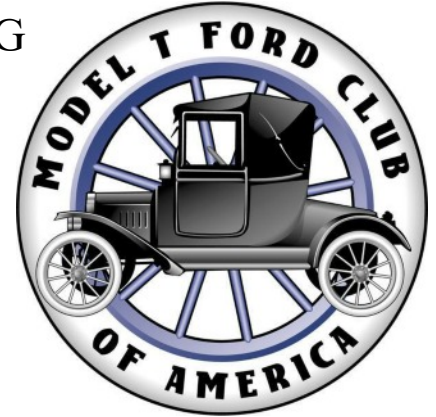


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This year's participants in the Annual St. Patrick's Parade, left to right: Keith Sanders, Mike Thum, Jenny Sanders, Berri West, Sam Atkinson, Cindy Atkinson, Don Spaeth, Suzanne Pourcille (front) Dave Becherer (rear) and Kent Gilbane.

The Model T Ford Club of America (P.O. Box 996; Richmond, IN 47375-0996) 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. Sample copies of their magnificent magazine, *The Vintage Ford*, are available free upon request at the above address. Active touring chapters are encouraged, in order to spread interest and participation events. Regional and national activities are provided by the chapters. Annual dues to the MTFCA are \$50.00. Members of the MTFCA may be members of the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis with discounted local dues. For further information on joining, see inside the back cover. Also check out our website: [www.stlmodeltclub.org](http://www.stlmodeltclub.org).

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