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Celebrating the Model T in St. Louis Since 1963



Spenard's Taxi, first in Anchorage, Alaska, 1915

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The wonder and beauty of the Model T Ford is not only its durability, but also its longevity. Model T's can not only participate in MTFCA and MTFCI events and tours, but also the Glidden Tour, many AACA and VMCCA events, plus, if your T is old enough, the Horseless Carriage Club of America.

Take the Glidden Tour as a case in point. We recently participated in the Glidden Tour in Pennsylvania. Of the 112 Pre-War cars registered, 45 were Fords. And of those 45, 6 were model T's. To qualify for the Glidden Trophy, your car had to be 1913 or older, and complete the run every day. Of the 9 cars eligible for this great honor, 4 were Model T's! It rained every day of the tour, all week long! We got soaked in an open car. And by the end of the second day, only 2 cars were left qualified for the Glidden Trophy. By Friday, not a one was qualified - for the first time in the history of the Glidden Tour! So the representatives of the AAA, AACA, and VMCA put their heads together and awarded the trophy to the car that made it the farthest.



Car 80, pictured here, is a 1915 Model T Touring car driven by Randy Patterson of Galena, Ohio. I never could catch up with him to ask him about the license plate on the front of his car. It does give the appearance of having been registered and driven in Egypt! You just never know about the Model T!

Touring season is over, and its time not only to put them away, but to get them ready for next year. And I would encourage you to consider expanding your horizons beyond our local tours. There is a whole wide wonderful world out there just waiting to be explored in "the car that put America on wheels."

See you on the road! Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

This last issue of 2024 concludes ten years of Sherry and I producing *The Occasional* for the club. Our thanks to those people who contribute articles and especially photos for the publication. We could not do this without you, and you are appreciated!



I hope you don't mind all the "tidbits" I add, out of the several publications I have acquired over the years. I like to think that they add a bit of perspective to the ownership of our 100-plus year old cars. In our early 21st century lives, we frequently cannot understand what the automobile owners of the early 20th century lived through. Perhaps the ads and quotations enhance our understanding of their time. At any rate, I plan to continue that practice for several more years. – Steven G. Williams, steven1912@charter.net. 636-575-1469

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- November 8 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masoinic Lodge
- Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
11 - Veteran's Day Parade, downtown. Details will be emailed to participants when received.
28 - Thanks-for-Giving Parade, downtown. Details will be emailed to participants when received from parade organizers.
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- December 7 - Annual Meeting and Christmas Banquet. See page 3.
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

2025

- January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
10 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
- Membership Meeting, 8: PM Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
17-18 - Winter Clinic, McPherson, Kansas, see *Vintage Ford* for details.
- February 14 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
- Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- June 4-7 - 13th Annual Homecoming, Richmond, IN
- July 13-18 - MTFCA 2025 National Tour, Stettler, Alberta, Canada. Details in November/December *Vintage Ford* magazine.

OFFICERS ELECTED, 2025-2026 TERM OF OFFICE

At the October club meeting, the following people were elected by acclamation for the 2025-2026 term of office. They will be installed at the December Annual Meeting.

Vice-President: Kent Gilbane. Treasurer: Bonnie Dattoli. Directors: Sam Atkinson, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., Scott Francis, and Stephen Heatherly.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please add the following folks to your directory.

Char Mason. 8801 Julia Dent Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123. Cell: 314-401-2721.
Email: mason.charij@gmail.com She owns a 1925 Model T.

Jack Williams (Pat). 7417 Raleigh Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123. Cell: 314-303-2545.
Email: patjackhomespc@global.net. They own a 1925 Model T Coupe.

From *A Book of the Best Ford Jokes*, Girard, KS, Haldeman-Julius Publications, n.d.

“What little boy can tell me the difference between the ‘quick’ and the ‘dead’?” asked the Sunday School teacher. Willie waved his hand frantically.

“Well, Willie?”

“Please, ma’am, the ‘quick’ are the ones that get out of the way of automobiles; the ones that don’t are the ‘dead.’”



Christmas Banquet & Annual Meeting December 7th

This year our celebration will be at Gianino's, at Telegraph and Yaeger Roads, 4571 Chestnut Park Plaza, to be specific. This will not be a buffet meal this year. There were be a few choices for you, and servers will bring your food to you.

Festivities start at 12 noon, and will wind up by 4 PM. IF you worked TWO DAYS at the Swap Meet, your meal will be free. If you did not, your cost is \$30.

Payment instructions: Send a check paying for each person in your party who WORKED the swap meet for TWO DAYS, for \$30 per person. Send a SEPARATE check for each person in your party who DID NOT work the swap meet, also for \$30 per person. If your party attends the meal, your Swap Meet worker check will be returned. If you don't make the event and fail to cancel in time, your check will be cashed, as we will have to pay for your meal, even if you don't appear.

. Make checks payable to: Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis. Mail to: Bonnie Dattoli, Treasurer, P.O. Box 29196, St. Louis, MO 63126-0196.

Payment and reservation deadline is November 30. Email Dave Kuenzel (photo20@att.net) or call (636-230-5887) of the number coming so he can make reservations. Maps will be available at the November meeting.

There will be a cash bar. And don't forget to bring cash for raffle tickets and any other incidentals available. We also encourage folks to dress up in period attire for their Model T's.

2024 Brass and Nickel Show, Museum of Transportation



Dave O'Malley



Jerry Ellerbeck Sr.



Jerry Ellerbeck Jr.



John Michaelree



Laren Langguth



Larry Hassel

Sam Atkinson reports that we were well represented at this year's Brass and Nickel Show at the Museum of Transportation. We had a total of 8 cars. Not pictured are Dave Becherer and Dave Sarniguet.



1910 Model T with Troy windshield.



1911 Main Street, Eagle Bend, Minnesota

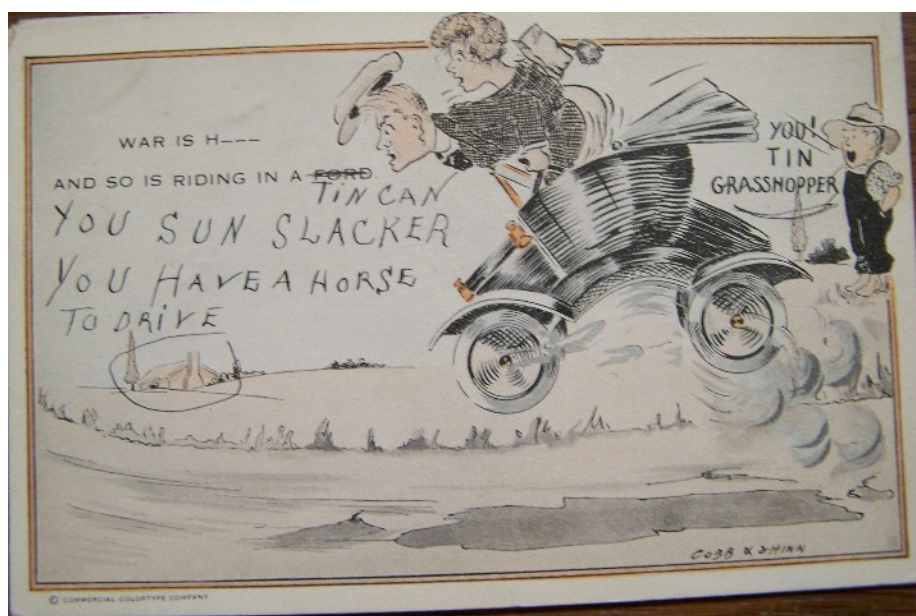


TT on railcar somewhere out west.



TT schoolbus, date and location unknown. Apparently members of one family, given the names.

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



The Fun of Driving an Old Car: License and Insurance, Please

By Scott Francis

After a long cold winter dreaming of getting my roadster out for a spin, I started working on a running issue that began plaguing me since last December, when out viewing Christmas lights. Loss of power was trying my patience and knowledge, so after exhausting my limited understanding of Henry's creation, I called Sam Atkinson. He brought Keith Sanders with him and the brain trust put our heads together checking and re-checking everything I had done plus a few more ideas. No luck was had, until Sam brought up he had an extra set of coils with him. As mine were recently rebuilt by Brett Mize, I couldn't see how that would change anything. When one is out of ideas though, why not try it.

Well, you can guess the outcome. Back to running as it should and a large smile on my face I profusely thanked them for their knowledge and friendship, Looking forward to the next day's drive to ward off the winter blahs. St. Louis, being St. Louis, threw a winter storm at us that night with several inches of snow sidelining my anticipated dose vitamin T. Luckily, the snow didn't last long and a day or two later I was happy to go out and get the tires dirty on the snow slushed, muddy streets of Warren county, where I keep the car. Several miles of backroads were traversed as my mood improved with each passing mile. After about 45 minutes though, It was time to get back, rinse the accumulated mud off of it and bask in the happiness that driving it brings. I decided to go into Warrenton and top off the fuel tank, as I turned on to the two lane blacktop, one of Warrenton's finest started to follow me. As the car is legal, and I am well versed in hand signal usage, I had little concern to his presence. A mile or two, several turns and stop lights, imagine my surprise when his lights and sirens alerted me to pull over. (I knew I couldn't out run him...) I pulled into the nearest lot. Of course it was busy and there were lots of curious onlookers. As he walked up I wondered what this was about. After announcing who he was, he asked if I knew why he pulled me over. Not a clue, I know it wasn't for speeding, was my response, figuring he wanted to know about the car. He stated " the plates come back registered to a '22". As i stared at him, stating "yeah, so" he continued that it certainly was not a '22. Granted my title is a 1922 Model T, it is a '23-'25 body. I was impressed that I thought he recognized this. I was wrong. "That isn't a '22, is all he repeated. It was then it dawned on me what was going on. I wish I had my camera out as the color drained out of his face and his bluster faded when I looked him square in the eye and said "Dude, you are in the wrong century!"

He could not believe that I was driving a car that is well over 100 years old. So not only did he learn a bit of history, so did the other 3 police officers who showed up as back up to this wild law breaker. They all wanted photos of it and asked may questions of how it operates. I guess I should have offered rides.

So at the end of the day, the car runs well again, doing what it was built for, and Warrenton's police force now knows a bit more history, and I get a smile and a wave when they see me now.



An example of the typical automotive machine shop early in the automotive age. There was a central power source, usually steam or water wheel. That power source turned overhead shafts to which were connected belts which powered each machine.

Wheels in Motion Car Show

Once again our club presented the Wheels in Motion Club with a \$750 check for the National Children's Cancer Society. Members of the Wheels in Motion assisted us this year in our Swap Meet. As part of our involvement with their car show, our Rapid Assembly Team put on a demonstration of their prowess in assembling and driving a Model T.

However, their efforts were not crowned with success. After assembling the car, the team could not get it started! For the first time in the history of the Rapid Assembly Team, the car would not start. Thus after a time of 11:08, they surrendered to the inevitable. The car was ignominiously pushed into the trailer.

Team members were Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., Announcer; and Sam Atkinson, Paul Diebold, Scott Francis, Keith Sanders, and Michael Thum.



Left, left to right: Mike Thum; Scott Francis, Keith Sanders, Sam Atkinson, and Paul Diebold.



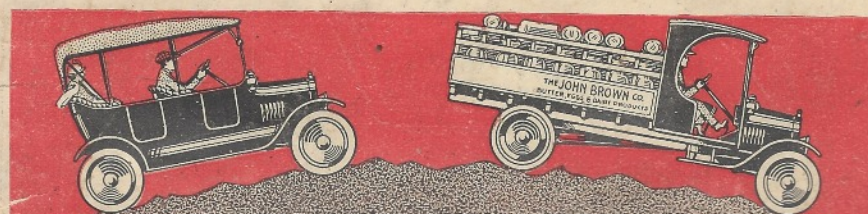
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MAY, 1919

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From A Book of the Best Ford Jokes, Girard, KS Haldeman-Julius Publications, n.d.

"What you want to do is to have that mud-hole in the road fixed," said the visitor.

"That goes to show," replied Farmer Cornassel, "how little you reformers understand local conditions. I've purty near paid off on a mortgage with the money I made haulin' automobiles out o' that mud-hole."

In Memoriam

Steve Dodson's wife Sherrie passed this life Friday, October 18th after a long illness. The wake was held Wednesday, October 23rd from 4 to 8 PM at Hoffmeister South County, 1515 Lemay Ferry Road. It was followed by a short service Thursday, October 24 at 10 am, with interment at Jefferson Barracks.

Steve had been very active in the club for many years until the circumstances of his wife's health required him to stay close to home to care for her.

Dick Lodge's 43 year old son, Douglas M. Lodge passed as a result of an automobile accident Friday, October 18. Visitation was at Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road, Saturday, October 26, 4-8 PM. The funeral was Sunday, October 27th, 10 AM at Kutis. (Ed. Note: I first met Dick on a national tour through the Rocky Mountains years ago. When he heard I was retiring to St. Louis, he told me about the club and invited me to join.)

Our deepest regrets and condolences to the Dodson and Lodge families.

24 SUPPLIES FOR FORD CARS.

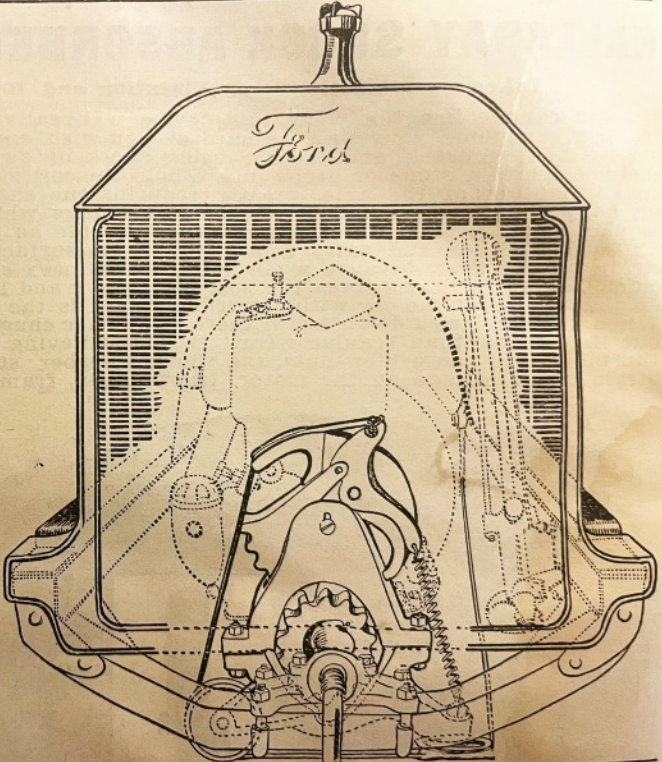
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From "Season 1914, Supplies for Ford Cars, Western Auto Agency, Kansas City, MO

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

The Ideal Girl

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Is built on these lines:

You ride in *her* auto,

And *she* pays the fines!

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Keith Sanders, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Don Spaeth, and Stephen Heatherly.

Minutes of the June 14, 2024 Directors Meeting were read. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave an update on the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year and stated that 85.82% of the 2023-2024 budget had been spent. Following is the update for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to date: Bonnie Dattoli stated that \$2,000.00 had been moved from the Checking Account to the Money Market Account. Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders and carried unanimously, with no objections.

President Steven Williams gave a review of the dues structure for this year. National members will begin paying \$20.00 in local dues, effective July 1. Local dues for non-national members will be \$35.00 per year. Local dues for those non-national members who have already paid the \$25.00 and now pay the remaining \$10.00 will be paid up until July 1, 2025.

There was a discussion about a request of Diann Rhoads who paid \$20.00 to have the Occasional printed and mailed to her in regard to the printing and postage expense in mailing the Occasional, and although the \$20.00 paid will not fully cover the costs, Kent Gilbane made a motion that the Club accept Diann's \$20.00 because of her long-time involvement. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders and carried unanimously.

President Steven Williams reminded that the Christmas Banquet will be on December 7 at Gianino's on Telegraph.

There was a comment that because of the number of new members in the Club, perhaps these new members should have a chance to buy Club jackets. Sam Atkinson will be asked if there is a minimum requirement.

This year the October Director's meeting and Membership meeting will be held on October 11. The Fall tour will be on October 12, and the Chili Cookoff will be on the 13th. There was discussion about going forward if this will be acceptable, and the consensus was to leave these dates as scheduled.

Bonnie Dattoli discussed the payment of income taxes for the year, and she explained income tax credits, net operating losses, and payments due to Missouri and Illinois.

President Steven Williams read a thank you from Myrna Schild for the support and donation to the VFW. There was a thank you from the Model T Museum in memory of David Koste, Sr. and a nice note from Linda Koste, Flo Reichardt's daughter. A thank you was received from St. Jude for the \$50.00 donation in memory of Steven Thum's mother, Marlis Thum.

It was announced that an Audit Committee needs to be appointed to review the records of the fiscal 2023 2024 year.

The Nomination Committee is comprised of Bob Grincewich, Daniel Mullis and Jenny Sanders. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. said he will be a candidate for election for another term.

There being no further business, at 7:08 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

From *A Book of the Best Ford Jokes*, Girard, KS, Haldeman-Julius Publications, n.d.

Two Fords banged into each other on a city street, and one of them, in an effort to avoid the collision, ran over a man.

A woman descended from the least damaged car and reached his side.

"Poor man!" She said, stooping over the victim, who had been dragged out from under the flivver.

"Have you a wife?"

"No," he groaned. "This is the worst thing that has ever happened to me."

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by President Steven Williams. New members, Jack Williams and Pat who own a 1925 Model T coupe and Char Mason who owns a 1925 Model T were introduced. Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. also introduced his friend, Pat.

Minutes were read from the August 9, 2024 meeting. Bill Tabor made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott Francis and carried unanimously, without objection. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders 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. There was no website report. President Steven Williams stated that this is the first issue of the Occasional that will not be mailed out, except for those members who want a print copy mailed to them and have paid \$10.00 toward the cost of postage. Copies will be emailed to all members for whom he has e-mail addresses, and print copies will be available at the meetings for pickup by those individuals who have requested them. Those print copies will have the names of the requesting members on the right side of the front cover. President Williams discussed the budget and monetary concerns for the Club. President Williams announced that October 15 is the deadline for the November/December issue of the Occasional.

Regarding the annual meeting and Christmas banquet to be held on December 7, reservations will be \$25.00 each person. If you appear and have worked the Swap Meet, your meal will be paid for and your check will be returned, but if you do not show up, your check will be cashed.

The Nomination Committee is comprised of Bob Grincewich, Daniel Mullis and Jenny Sanders. Members were reminded that if they would like to be on the ballot for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, or one of the director's positions to contact a committee member as soon as possible.

President Williams reviewed the dues requirement for membership. He said if you are a national member, the local dues will be \$20.00; if you are not a national member, your local dues will be \$35.00 a year. If non-national members have already paid \$25.00 for this year, the \$10.00 is payable now and will cover dues payments until July, 2025. He reminded the members that the annual Swap Meet is the lifeline of the Club, and recently income from this event has decreased.

In response to a request for information about getting Club jackets for members, Sam Atkinson stated that it has been three or four years since Club jackets were purchased. He said there is a price for a minimum order and he will have the information by the next meeting. It was requested that anyone who has one of the Club jackets, they bring it to the next meeting so new members can see what they look like.

President Williams reminded members of upcoming October events of the Club: October 11 is the membership meeting; October 12 is the Fall tour and October 13 is the Chili Cookoff.

Scott Francis stated that for the upcoming Fall tour to Pere Marquette State Park on October 12 that no meeting spot or time has been determined yet. He said for the dinner, he will need reservations made a couple days ahead of time; the restaurant has a fine chicken dinner.

Upcoming parades are the Veterans Parade on November 9 which has been arranged by Sam Atkinson, and the Thanks for-Giving parade on Thanksgiving Day which Steven Williams is arranging.

Keevin Schier stated that this Sunday, September 15, the Horseless Carriage Club has a Swap Meet and Car Show which opens at 7:00 a.m. at the Fox School District Service Center. The cost is \$20.00 to show your car. Also, October 6 is the Brass and Nickel Show at the Museum of Transportation.

President Steven Williams reiterated that the Pre-War Swap Meet in Chickasha, Oklahoma is no longer, but they now have a Fall Auto Swap Meet planned.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. stated that at the Wheels-in-Motion Show last week, the Rapid Assembly team had a time of 11:08, and never got the Model T started.

For sale: Diann Rhoads still has Bill's 1925 Model T for sale. Cindy Atkinson offered a ladies' shirt for sale. Model T Car Club of St. Louis car magnets are for sale for \$18.00 each. Paul Diebold has six or seven engines for sale.

Kent Gilbane asked members to make sure they are getting credit for working the Swap Meet or their check for the Christmas Banquet will be cashed. He said that next year, members will have to work two of the three days to receive their free meal. Sunday will be mandatory, but they can either work Saturday for set-up or the previous Wednesday for marking. He said he is going to be eight workers short. **Next page**

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Bill Tabor announced that he needs help in mailing magazines to veterans. He said he has been spending about \$600.00 yearly mailing magazines, and he believes it will soon be \$2,500.00. He said at this time he is putting the magazine collection on hold. He still will deliver local magazines personally.

Correspondence: Diann Rhoads sent in a check to receive the Occasional. She still has the 1925 Model T Coupe for sale. Myrna Schild sent a thank you for the support and donation made to the VFW in memory of Jim. Linda Koste, Flo Reichardt's daughter, thanked for the contribution of \$100.00 to the Model T Museum in memory of her husband, David. A thank you was received from St. Jude Children's Society for the \$50.00 donation in memory of Marlis Thum, Steven Thum's mother.

Daniel Mullis and Dusty Harris were appointed to be this year's Audit Committee. The 50/50 drawing was \$46.00, which was won by Dave Kuenzel. There being no further business, at 8:47 p.m., Keith Sanders made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Tabor and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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, Don Spaeth and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the September 13, 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 to date, 12.96% of the current budget has been spent. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth, and carried unanimously, with no objections.

There was a discussion about the non-payment of local dues to date. President Steven Williams stated that local dues were supposed to be paid by September 1. He said that, if he has e-mail addresses for those individuals who have not paid, he will e-mail those people and tell them they have until November 1 to pay local dues, or they will be dropped from membership.

Dusty Harris gave the audit report and stated that everything looks good, all was well organized.

President Steven Williams reminded that the Christmas Banquet will be on December 7 at Gianino's on Telegraph. There was a question about who is in charge of the banquet this year. Kent Gilbane had made arrangements for the location, but the rest of the event responsibility is under question.

The Chili Cookoff is this Sunday. Daniel Mullis stated that so far there are 15 people expected.

Sam Vitale, a member of the Club, passed away on October 6. Visitation will be on October 13 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. and on October 14 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral at 11:00 a.m. at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion that the Club make a donation of \$100.00 to the Museum. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold, and carried unanimously.

The Nomination Committee announced the following candidates: Kent Gilbane for Vice President; Bonnie Dattoli for Treasurer, and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Sam Atkinson, Scott Francis and Stephen Heatherly as directors. Stephen Noll had expressed interest in being a director, but since his local and national dues are unpaid to date, Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion that he be removed from the candidate list. The motion was unanimously seconded and passed. The consensus was for the officers to be elected by acclamation at the General Membership Meeting.

There being no further business, at 7:16 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

OCCASIONAL AND DUES CHANGES!

As previously reported, the more than 30 per cent decline in our Swap Meet income necessitates a change in our dues situation. These changes became 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, P.O. Box 29196 St. Louis, MO 63126-0196 with a note that the check is for the *Occasional* mailing. Those who do not send her a check may pick up future issues (beginning with the September/October issue) at the next club meeting following publication. The *Occasional* will still be emailed to everyone for whom the Editor has a email address, or you can find it on our website.

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by President Steven Williams. President Steven Williams announced that Steve and Mary Ellen Stevenson, as well as Michael Flaherty, were in town and at the meeting. Minutes were read from the September 13, 2024 meeting. Bill Tabor made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Sam Atkinson, and carried unanimously, without objection.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the Treasurer's Report, and stated that to date, 12.96% of the current budget has been spent. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders 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 he will update the website with the new Occasionals when he gets them. A supply of copies of the previous Occasional that members had not picked up were available. The plan is to take these to the Forest Park Car Show in hopes of recruiting new members. President Steven Williams stated that the deadline for the next Occasional is Monday, October 14.

The Chili Cookoff is this Sunday at the same pavilion where it has been held for the last number of years. If you have not yet notified Daniel Mullis that you are coming, please tell him this evening.

President Steven Williams gave a review of the dues structure for this year. National members have begun paying \$20.00 in local dues, effective July 1. Local dues for non-national members will be \$35.00 per year. Local dues for those non-national members who have already paid the \$25.00 and now pay the remaining \$10.00 will be paid up until July 1, 2025. He will send e-mail messages to those for whom he has e-mail addresses, who have not yet paid their local dues for this year, informing them if they have not paid by November 1, they will be dropped from the membership list.

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President Williams announced that Dusty Harris had given the audit report during the Director's Meeting, and he had said that everything was great.

The Fall Tour will now be held on October 27, as indicated in the recent e-mail blast. The restaurant will be the Loading Dock.

President Steven Williams displayed a spring compressor that he found at an antique mall during the Glidden Tour. Bill Tabor said that he and the Post Office have come back to a reasonable shipping cost for sending magazines to the veterans, so he would like everyone to keep the magazines coming. He also displayed a box of merchandise he has for sale.

Sam Atkinson spoke about the 2003 trip from St. Louis to Dearborn, Michigan for the Ford Motor Company 100th Anniversary. He said it took three days to get there with the Model T's, and it rained every day. He spoke about the Centennial Circle with 101 cars from 1903 to 2003. He spoke about the Heart and Soul Display, and then stated that Steve Stevenson's 1923 Model T Ford was chosen for the Centennial Circle.

It was announced that Sherrie Dodson is on Hospice.

Kent Gilbane stated that on October 20 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., the KSHE Gateway Grizzlies Klassic Car Show will be held at the Grizzlies Stadium.

Mike Flaherty stated he has a 1986 Mercy Cougar for sale for \$5,000.00.

50/50 was \$33.50, which was won by Dave Groerich.

There being no further business, at 9:15 p.m., Cindy Atkinson made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sam Atkinson and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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

"Spare the oil and spoil the ride."

"An auto-mobile is the irony of etymology."

JANUARY/FEBRUARY DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the January/February issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is **December 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!

TEAM LEADERS

Annual Meeting - Cindy Atkinson (636-386-2088) and Dave Kuenzel (636-489-8248.)

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

Ford: "I am looking for a lot of men who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done."

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 July 1st each year) are \$35, \$20 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 \$50 to the Model T Ford Club of America (P.O. Box 996; Richmond, IN 47375-0996).

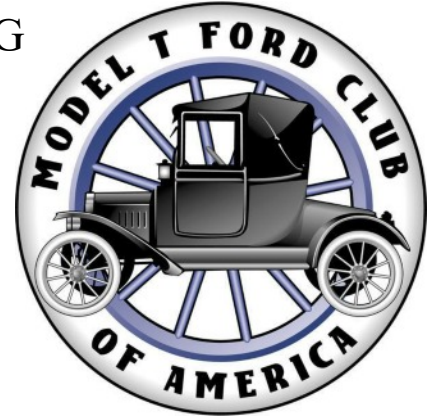
The advantage of belonging to the national organization is a bi-monthly award-winning publication - *The Vintage Ford*. It is a great publication, full of valuable information for Model T owners. Also, check out the national club's website at www.mtfca.com and especially the forum which is full of great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

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Rapid Assembly Team at the Wheels in Motion Show, September 8, 2024

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