

THE OCCASIONAL

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024

A PUBLICATION OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF
GREATER ST. LOUIS, INC.

**WINNER, MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA 2014 NEWSLETTER AWARD - THIRD PLACE ; 2016 & 2023
NEWSLETTER AWARD - FIRST PLACE; 2022 NEWSLETTER AWARD - SECOND PLACE.. THE 2014 - 2017, 2019
-2023 OLD CARS MAGAZINE GOLDEN QUILL AWARD**

Celebrating the Model T in St. Louis Since 1963



Our annual Overnight Tour

IN THIS ISSUE

ANNUAL PICNIC - 3
CALENDAR OF EVENTS- 2
CHILI COOK OFF - 2
CLUB INFORMATION - 14
EDITOR'S NOTES - 1
FUN OF DRIVING OLD CARS - 5
JULY 4 PARADE - 4

MEETING MINUTES - 9, 10, 11
NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 3
OCCASIONAL/DUES CHANGES - 12
OVERNIGHT TOUR - 6, 7
POST CARD HUMOR - 4
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - 1
RAPID ASSEMBLY TEAM - 8

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,



I've taken this photo, of a 1906 Ford Model N, off the internet. We recently participated in the 38th New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run in Minnesota. There were 36 entries, and two of them were the Ford Model N! And I neglected to get photos! The ACR has three days of pre-tours, then on Saturday the "Run" from New London to New Brighton, MN. 30 cars, including an 1899 steam car, successfully completed the 120 mile Run.

There were two Model T's on the pre-tours, but only 1 and 2 cylinder cars up through 1915, and all cars through 1908, could participate in the "Run". There were some beautiful brass cars to be seen, including the two Model N's. I mention this event because it is one of four we are doing this year. In years past we've done several national Model T Tours, and have found them to be wonderful experiences! As is the annual Glidden Tour which always has some Model T's participating. We plan to drive our T on a future Glidden Tour, because those tours are always great! You get to see a lot of different cars, and some magnificent car collections.

My point is, the T is made to drive! I know I'm preaching to the choir, so to speak. But don't limit yourself to our local tours. Branch out! Enjoy a MTFCA National Tour. Model T's prior to December 31, 1915 also qualify for the Horseless Carriage Club. And we joined the Antique Automobile Club of America so we could participate in the Glidden Tour, which is open to all cars prior to World War II.

Unfortunately, tour season is winding down. We still have our Fall Tour, which I hope you will drive in. Sherry and I will once again drive the Vulture Wagon. But I would encourage you to work on your T this fall and winter, and expand your touring horizon! There is a whole wide wonderful world of really old cars out there to be seen and appreciated!

We wouldn't have seen the beauty of Western Canada had it not been for the MTFCA National Tour in Cochrane a few years ago. I plan to take my own advice and get our T running again for next year...I want to get that car back on the road!

See you on the road! Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

This is the first issue of *The Occasional* that is not mailed out unless you subscribe. Those who desire print copies will find them at the Club Meetings with your name on the copy. Of course the issues are readily available on our website, and I will continue emailing it to everyone. But in view of declining swap meet revenue, the board decided to stop mailing them out. We regret the necessity, but hope you understand.



And I will continue producing the digital version in color, and the print version in black and white. To do each print version in color would cost us \$5 each, which is simply not cost-effective. And please, continue sending me your photos and articles, I will get them printed as soon as I can. Members enjoy reading about other member activities and seeing your car out in public. Also, some of the quotes I use in this publication dating from the 1900's through the 'twenties are rather obscure I realize. Just pause, and think about them as you try to put yourself back in that era, the dawn of the automobile age, and you'll eventually comprehend!

– Steven G. Williams, steven1912@charter.net. 636-575-1469

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

September 13 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
- Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
28- Oct. 2 - Covered Bridge Tour, see *Vintage Ford* for details.

October 11 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
12 - Fall Tour, to Pere Marquette State Park. Details to follow in email.
13 - Chili Cook-Off, Spring Forest Estates. See below.
16-19 - Kerrville, TX, 47th Annual Texas T Party, see *Vintage Ford* for details.

November 8 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
- Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
11 - Veteran's Day Parade, downtown.
28 - Thanks-for-Giving Parade, downtown

December 7 - Annual Meeting and Christmas Banquet

From the February 1, 1911 issue of *Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal*, p. 275:

HORSES EXCLUDED IN FAVOR OF TRUCKS

A solution for the problem of relieving the congestion of some of Boston's streets is to be found in the proposal to close these streets to all but motor vehicles. Washington and Winter streets, Temple Place and other much traveled thoroughfares will in all probability be given over to the motor truck. It is the contention that the use of draft animals is largely responsible for the congestion in these thoroughfares, and that the motor truck is the only possible solution.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

This year's Chili Cook-off will be Sunday, October 13, at the Spring Forest Estates Pavilion. Festivities begin at noon, and once again the club is furnishing beverages. Please bring a dish of chili to share, and a dessert. Please call **Daniel Mullis, 314-416-4954 to let him know you're coming.**

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.

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

When a young woman who was burning up the road on the boulevard was overtaken by a motorcycle officer and motioned to stop, she indignantly asked:

"What do you want with me?"

"You were making forty-five miles an hour," answered the traffic officer.

"Forty-five miles an hour? Why... officer, I haven't been out an hour," said the lady.

ANNUAL PICNIC

We had another good turnout for our picnic at the Spring Forest Estates pavilion. Best of all the weather cooperated. Good food and good fellowship, what more could a person ask? Check the Calendar of Events for the Chili Cookoff!



Once again Daniel Mullis brought the "goods" and "Chef" Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. did the honors of cooking the meat.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The annual election of officers is quickly approaching. Positions open are Vice-President, Treasurer, and four members of the Board of Directors (the four members going off the Board are: Paul Diebold, Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Dave Groerich, and Stephen Heatherly.) Term of Office for all positions is 2025-2026. If you are interested in running for office, you need to contact one of the members of the nominating committee by our next regular meeting on September 13. They need to have their work done soon so information can be put in the November/December *Occasional*. If you wish to run for office, let one of them know!

The Nominating Committee is: Bob Grincewich, 636-452-3910; Daniel Mullis, 314-416-4954; and Jenny Sanders, 314-401-9047.

JULY 4th CELEBRATE AMERICA PARADE



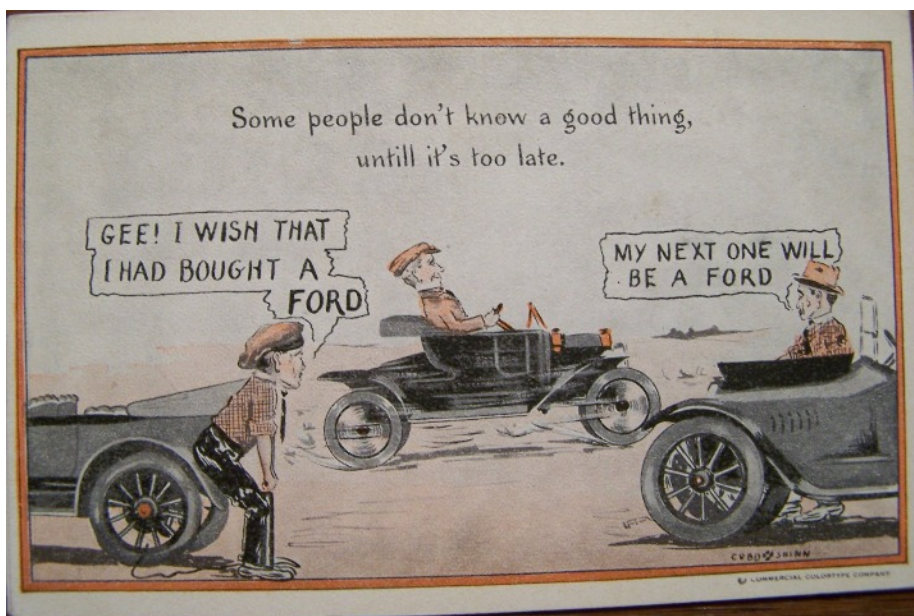
'Above, Scott Francis and Sam Atkinson.

Participants were Sam Atkinson, Dave Becherer, and Scott Francis.

Photos by Dave Becherer and Scott Francis.



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.

2024 OVERNIGHT TOUR

By Sam Atkinson. Photos by Cindy Atkinson, Gayle Ellerbeck, & Steven Williams

Our club's annual overnight tour to Fulton MO was July 27 & 28 and those who went had a great time.

The weather was a near perfect 77 degrees as 5 cars left the meeting spot in Eureka. After a 45 minute scenic drive west we made a scheduled 'comfort' stop at a gas station in Washington where we picked up 3 more of our cars. At about 9:30, with our 8-car convoy complete, we took off for Fulton. The 110 mile route had a huge variety of landscapes; flat-as-a-pancake river bottom, a gravel road, gently rolling hills, a few small towns and lots of long and steep low-gear hills. The only two constants in our route were the scenic beauty and the lack of other vehicular traffic.

Immediately upon arriving in Fulton we had a scheduled tour of the Winston Churchill Museum. The largest museum of its' kind in the USA, it is housed in a church built in London in 1677 which was disassembled and rebuilt brick by brick in Fulton during the 60s. The museum was comprehensive and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

That evening we had dinner at Bek's, the best restaurant in town and everyone came away satisfied. The trip back home Sunday morning was uneventful.....except for the rain! It was never a drenching downpour but an on-again-off-again nagging nuisance rain. After a lunch stop at the Tin Mill in Hermann everyone was home by 4.

The following people were on the tour: Don Spaeth '14 Roadster, Steve Heatherly '23 Roadster, John Michaelree '26 Touring, Scott Francis '22 Roadster, Jerry Ellerbeck '23 Touring, Hailey Harris '25 Touring, Kent Gilbane '26 Touring and Sam Atkinson driving Don Spaeth's '24 Touring. Steven Williams graciously volunteered to pull the trouble trailer (ed note: and hauled Don Spaeth home!). If you didn't go I hope you can go next time.



Gayle & Jerry Ellerbeck



John Michaelree



Mostly sun, but also some showers.



Don Spaeth & the pulpit in the chapel.



Parking for our tour of the Church and Churchill Museum.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, designed by Sir Christopher Wren and built in London in 1666, was destroyed during WW2. It was moved to Fulton, MO stone by stone, and is the site of Winston Churchill's famous "Iron Curtain" speech.



Don Spaeth & Stephen Heatherly



London Allen & Hailey Harris



Above, interior of church.
Right, Scott Francis.



Left and above, attempting repairs on Don Spaeth's car before loading it into the Vulture Wagon.

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

"Hey! Where yer going? Don't you know this is a one-way street?" The angry officer bawled.
"Vell, vat's de mattuh vit you – ain'd I only going vun way?"

That new flivver song: "Oh, I Wish I Had Someone To Shove Me!"

Rapid Assembly Team Performing at the Edwardsville D.A.R.E. Car Show



Left to right: Paul Diebold, John DeLeonypena (member of DARE), Don Spaeth, Stephen Heatherly, and Scott Francis. Not pictured: Sam Atkinson and Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., Announcer. Mike Thum was the time keeper.



Left, abandoned Talbot's Hippodrome on Sixth Street, St. Louis.

Right: 5:10 PM July 25, 1925, Grand and Morgan Streets.



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

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Steven Williams stated that Dave Groerich has been in the hospital for three weeks. Mr. Brian Engel was visiting the meeting tonight. He has a 1926 Model T and a Model A.

Minutes were read from the June 14, 2024 meeting. Bill Tabor made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth 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. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Sam Atkinson and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Steven Williams stated that over the past few years, the Club has lost 1/3 of the income from the Swap Meet. Therefore, there has been a change with dues. If you are a national member, local dues are \$20.00 now; the local dues are \$35.00 if you are not a national member. For the individuals who are not national members, if you have already paid \$25.00, you owe \$10.00 right now, and this is until July 1, 2025.

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 was out of the country on vacation, so there was no website report.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. stated that recently he was at the Applebee's in Arnold, and he met someone who has Model T's, Model A's, a Camaro, and other cars that were in his uncle's collection in St. Louis Hills. He wants to know the value of the cars, and he invited members to assist in determining value.

Steven Williams stated that the current Occasional has been mailed out, and it is the last issue that will be handled this way. He said for those receiving hard copies of the Occasional, they will be brought to the meetings with your name on them. If you want them mailed, there will be a change of \$10.00 a year for postage.

There was discussion about arrangements having not been made for the Christmas Banquet, and it was announced that Kent Gilbane and Suzanne Pourcillie had made arrangements at Gianino's on Telegraph on December 7 at 12 noon. Cindy Atkinson is working on getting raffle items.

Sam Atkinson stated that the annual overnight tour is planned for July 27 and 28. There are 13 rooms blocked, and members planning to participate need to call the hotel no later than tomorrow. He said the tour will start out at Sam's Club on Manchester Road for the tour to Fulton, Missouri. He said the group will tour the Winston Churchill Museum and have a nice dinner in Fulton.

Sam Atkinson stated that he needs a team of five or six people for the Rapid Assembly Car in Edwardsville, Illinois at the high school on Route 157 on Sunday, August 18. Sam stated that he also needs a team for the Wheels-in-Motion Show which will be at the Elks Lodge on Ladue Road on Sunday, September 8. At this show, if the Rapid Assembly car can't be on asphalt, the Club cannot do it.

Sam Atkinson reported that for the July 4 Celebrate America parade, three cars showed up. He explained the inclement weather conditions which cleared up in time for the group to go to the parade. He expressed gratitude for involvement of Scott Francis and Dave Becherer who joined him for the parade.

It was announced that the Club won first place for the third time out of five years at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

There was a comment about a VHS movie "In Charge of the Model T". If anyone wants a DVD copy of this movie, Dave Kuenzel is going to be making them for the cost of supplies. Steven Williams stated that upcoming events include the annual picnic which will be held August 4, and the Chili Cookoff which will be held October 13 at the same pavilion where they have been held for the past few years.

Sam Atkinson stated that Dick Lodge's car, a nice 1924 Touring, is for sale. The price has not yet been determined. Steven Williams reminded the members that there are still some car magnets available for \$18.00 each.

Steven Williams read a card from VFW Post 7980 in Illinois thanking the Club for the \$100.00 donation in memory of Jim Schild

Continued next page.

Minutes continued from previous page:

Bill Tabor asked that members continue bringing in magazines for the veterans. Don Spaeth mentioned that Mike Flaherty is having a tour in Davenport.

Scott Francis and Sam Atkinson talked about their trip to a San Diego park where the Model T was driven. The park ranger was excited to see a running Model T in the park. Sam Atkinson talked about an organizer from California whose uncle arranged taking a wedding party from a wedding to the reception in Model T's. They also said that when in Chula Vista at the U. S. Training Center, there were 60-75 cars that showed up.

The 50/50 drawing was \$22.50 which was won by Sam Atkinson.

There being no further business, at 8:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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, AUGUST 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:59 p.m. by Vice President Kent Gilbane. Varon Fugman visited the club after joining the National club in April. He has an interest in Model T's and antique Ford tractors.

Minutes were read from the July 12, 2024 meeting. A correction was noted to the minutes to amend the hospitalization period Dave Groerich from 3 weeks to 3 days. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Tabor and carried unanimously, without objection.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 5.31% of the 2024-2025 budget has been spent to date. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Kent Gilbane reported that over the past few years, the Club has lost 1/3 of the income from the Swap Meet. Therefore, there has been a change with dues. If you are a national member, local dues are \$20.00 now; the local dues are \$35.00 if you are not a national member. For the individuals who are not national members, if you have already paid \$25.00, you owe \$10.00 right now.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. reported that the video library is available and to see him if anyone wants to check out anything. Suggested the "How to Drive a Model T" as a great resource.

Don Spaeth reported that the library is available. He said if anyone wants to check anything out to see him. Michael Thum reported no updates on the website.

Sam Atkinson reported that the overnight tour July 27th-28th to Fulton Missouri had a great turn out with 8 cars representing the club and 13 people attending. The tour stopped for lunch in Hermann, and proceeded to Fulton for a tour of the Winston Churchill museum where the famous "Iron Curtain" speech was carried out.

There was discussion about arrangements being made for the Christmas Banquet at Gianino's on Telegraph on December 7 at 12 noon. Cindy Atkinson is working on getting raffle items. The meal will be a sit down setting versus the buffet style previously. All checks will be cashed if you are not able to attend, so please contact the club ahead of time if you are not able to attend as planned.

A reminder was given that all Occasional submission are due for review of submission by August 16th.

It was suggested that everyone who worked the Annual Swap Meet check in with Bonnie to ensure that they received credit for their 2 days worked in order to be covered for the Christmas Banquet meal.

Kent Gilbane gave a reminder of the upcoming events starting with rapid assembly demo August 18th at Edwardsville High School. Participants should arrive at 9:45 am and lunch will be provided.

The fall tour which will be October 12th with route details to be announced in the next meeting by Scott Francis. The Chili Cookoff which will be held October 13 at the same pavilion where they have been held for the past few years.

Continued Next Page

(Continued from previous page)

Kent Gilbane reviewed changes that will be coming in next years Swap Meet to include the discontinuance of Wheels In Motion which will result in a \$750 dollar savings for the club. Participation is vital to the success and strong backs are needed for contribution.

It was announced that the club has recruited 2 new members, Larry Summers and Varon Fugman.

Paul Diebold stated that he has a running 26 Model T Touring for sale with an included top listed at \$5,900.00 if anyone is interested they should see him for details. He also has roughly 7 engine blocks and 2 frames if anyone is interested. Keevin Schier is selling a 2018 (blue) Ford Transit listing at \$26,000-\$27,000 with 70,000 miles on it as well as new brakes and new tires. See him if you are interested.

The 50/50 drawing was \$30.00 which was won by Steve Douga.

There being no further business, at 8:44 p.m. Stephen Heatherly made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck Sr., and carried unanimously, with no objection. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hailey Harris, Acting Secretary



We all know that Henry Ford fought the Selden Patent for years, before emerging victorious. This photo, from the February 1, 1911 issue of *Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal*, is of the Annual Banquet of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers. The photo is of interest to us because this "meeting was made noteworthy by the presence of Henry Ford, head of the 'independents' and the smoking of a 'pipe of peace.'" (Page 145)

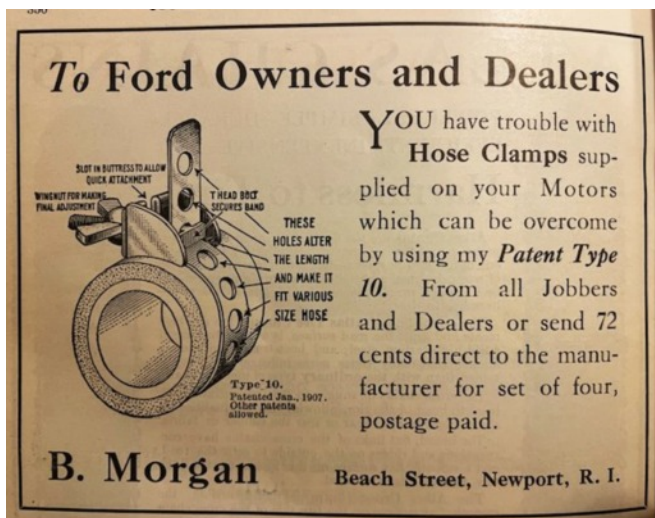
From page 199: Accessories shown at the Madison Square Garden Trade Show. "The Michelin Tire Co., Of Milltown, J.J., had a comprehensive exhibit of their well known Michelin tires. The newest tire with the company is a twin, designed especially for the heavy touring car as well as the commercial car. The outfit includes the special wheel, which is in a new special construction, two detachable expanding rims, and two tires fitted with bolt valve."

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, 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 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.



Parked at the farm house. No date.

Ad from the February 1, 1911 *Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal*, p. 350.

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

Edison: "I shall make an electric light so cheap that only the rich will be able to burn candles."

"Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration!"

"A good idea is never lost. Even though its originator or possessor may die, it will someday be reborn in the mind of another. ... Accordingly, my principal business is giving commercial value to the brilliant but misdirected ideas of others."

Kelly-Springfield

Automobile Tires



The name "Kelly-Springfield" has identified the best in tires since rubber was first applied to wheels.

The automobile called for a different tire, but not for a different standard of quality. You can depend upon the Kelly-Springfield for your car just as drivers have depended upon it for their carriages during the past fourteen years.

*Specify Kelly-Springfield
Tires on your automobile.
They cost no more than any
first-class tire and are better.*

Consolidated Rubber Tire Co.

20 Vesey Street, New York

BRANCH OFFICES:

New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis,
Detroit, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Los Angeles and
Akron, Ohio

February 1, 1911 issue, *Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal*, p 75

OFFICERS

President - Steven G. Williams
(2024-2025) 636-575-1469

Vice President - Kent Gilbane
(2023-2024) 573-424-2599

Treasurer - Bonnie Dattoli (2023-2024)
314-849-0906

Secretary - Ruth Baker (2024-2025)
636-282-1810

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023-2024:

Paul Diebold, 314-210-7778

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., 314-393-7032

Dave Groerich, 314-607-7071

Stephen Heatherly, 314-805-1390

2024-2025:

Gerald Ellerbeck, Sr., 314-255-6973

Daniel Mullis, 314-416-4954

Keith Sanders, 314-722-0042

Don Spaeth, 636-346-3798

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

"The chauffeur's maxim: Better never than late!"

"Uneasy flies the head at which swears a town."

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER OCCASIONAL DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the September/October issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is **October 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 - Jenny Sanders (314-401-9047) and Dave Kuenzel (636-489-8248)

Calling Chain - Buffy Baker (636-577-3220) and Gayle Ellerbeck (636-337-5584).

Flowers and Cards - Sherry Williams (636-548-8256)

Membership - Keith Sanders, (314-722-0042)

Parades - Sam Atkinson, (636-346-7910)

Picnics and chili cookoff - Daniel Mullis (314-416-4954)

Rapid Assembly Teams - Sam Atkinson (636-346-7910)

Refreshments - Daniel Mullis (314-416-4954)

Swap Meet - Director - Kent Gilbane (573-424-2599)

Registration - Ruth & Ken Baker (636-282-1810)

The Occasional - Editor - Steven Williams (636-575-1469)

Proof-reader - Sherry Williams (636-548-8256)

Photographer - Cindy Atkinson (636-386-2088)

Tours - Spring -

Overnight - Sam Atkinson (636-346-7910)

Fall - Scott Francis (636-544-7750)

Tour de Frost - Sam Atkinson (636-346-7910)

Webmaster - Mike Thum (314-718-9155)

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

Ford: "Opportunities will not overlook you because you are wearing overalls."

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.

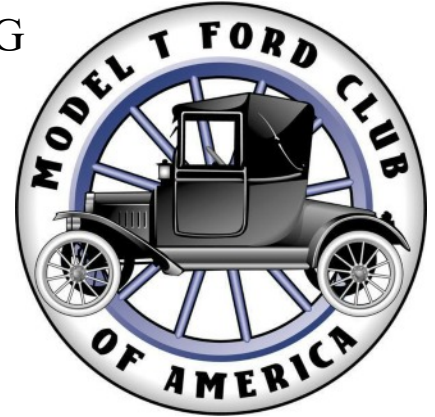
Our website is www.stlmodeltclub.org.



WWW.STLMODELTCLUB.ORG

**MODEL T FORD CLUB
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS, INC.**

**P.O. 29196
ST. LOUIS, MO 63126-0196**



And who could resist two photos of Kent Gilbane having to stop on a steep hill to adjust his low speed band? Some of the hills on the Overnight Tour were a ... challenge.



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.

"THE OCCASIONAL" is a bi-monthly publication of the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis, Inc., a chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. Copyright 2024, all rights reserved. Material from this newsletter may be reprinted or shared by our club members with proper citation.