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2024 Fall Tour, in old town St. Charles

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

In one of the *Star Trek* movies, Captain Kirk asks Scottie, the engineer, if he can cause a “problem” in the engine room to buy them some time. Scottie replies, “Aye, Capt’n, the more they add to these things, the easier it is to bollix it up.” Or words to that effect - it’s been several years since I’ve seen that particular movie.

That’s appropriate for our cars today. Not only does my car tell me when the tires are low on air, it will tell me *which* tire is low. Last summer I had a problem with the GPS not functioning correctly - it had me driving through a lake when I was on a four-lane highway! Next time I stopped the car, the system rebooted and all was well. I’ve discovered a couple of other instances where I simply had to shut the &^# car down, turn it off, let the systems reboot, and all was well. Hello Scottie! And my two modern vehicles are ten and 6 years old, respectively. I hate to think what newer cars are like. And Chilton’s, bless their hearts!, don’t have manuals for my two vehicles. Sheesh!

So I retire to my shop, take out my Dyke’s and the Ford Service Manual, and go to work on my 110-year-old Model T. Can you imagine when your 2022 driver is an antique, and you’re trying to keep it on the road? Yeah, good luck with that! What are the odds of computer chips and electronic parts being available for our cars in 25, 30, or 50 years? My old cars are looking better all the time!

I was in the elevator at my shoulder surgeon’s office building following my 5-year check up, when an older man followed me in and commented on my Model T Club jacket. He had a national Model A magazine in his hands. He made parts for the Model A Ford. I commented to him that guys like him in the cottage industry are what keeps our cars on the road. He agreed, mentioning how it is a means of additional income in his retirement. And my mechanic is talking about reducing his workload leading up to retiring in a few years.

We’ve already discovered certain parts no longer available from the Model T parts suppliers, because their sources are drying up. People retire or pass on, and no one is there to pick up the niche market they filled. The good news is there are several institutions like McPherson College who are training the next generation of old car experts. Plus businesses that do internships and apprenticeships. We need more though.

Meanwhile, I have my copy of Dyke’s, several other old books for my old cars, and a growing vocabulary appropriate for my old cars and their problems.

See you on the road! Steven

EDITOR’S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

As many of you know, I’ve had lower spine issues for about three years now. It has kept getting worse, and last March I had my first spinal injection. It helped, a little bit. Four months later I had my second, and December 17th I had my third. But this time they changed the location, and injected on both sides of

my spine. This one was terrible. I’m one of the 5% that had a negative reaction. I cannot walk without assistance - walker, and every step is painful. Climbing stairs is next to impossible, and of course my computer on which I produce *The Occasional* is downstairs. That is why this issue is later than I had wanted. I am anticipating surgery some time this spring if all goes well.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
15 - The annual "Tour de Frost" at Three Kings Public House (Same place as last year) 12 Noon to 3:30
- March 14 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
- Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
15 - We applied and have been accepted, as usual, to the St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 15, downtown. A sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting.
- June 4-7 - 13th Annual Homecoming, Richmond, IN
- July 13-18 - MTFCA 2025 National Tour, Stettler, Alberta, Canada.

2024 Fall Tour to Grafton and Alton, Illinois

By Scott Francis

We had 4 cars join us for this years drive to Grafton Illinois. The weather was a bit cool to start with but it turned into a glorious fall day.

This year cars were brought out by Scott Francis, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. and his wife Gayle, John Michealree, and Don Spaeth.

We met south of St. Charles and then headed up to old town to grab a few pictures before the streets got crowded. A short drive up highway 94 led us to Grafton Ferry road and a stop at Smartt Field. The B-24 was not available to visit, as they had had their big open house the day before, but we enjoyed looking around at the outdoor display. Several bicycle riders stopped by and chatted with us about our cars and we were happy to share our love and knowledge of our cars with them. A mile or two up the road we boarded the ferry for the short trip over the mighty Mississippi to the river town of Grafton, Illinois. We secured a table I thought was large enough for us at The Loading Dock, with a nice view of the river. I was pleasantly surprised when our table was quickly found out to be too small. Sam and Cindy Atkinson, Suzanne Pourcillie, Dave and Kathy Groerich joined us for lunch.

After lunch we took a short drive down the river road and visited the Piasa Bird, where local legend says that in 1673, explorer, Jacques Marquette, discovered the painting of this terrifying monster on the bluffs - a fun legend that survived into modern times. A few pictures later and we headed back. Reversing our route we made it back over the river and thru the woods to our starting place without a single problem.

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From *The Auto Joke Book*, Baltimore, MD I. & M. Ottenheimer, 1913.

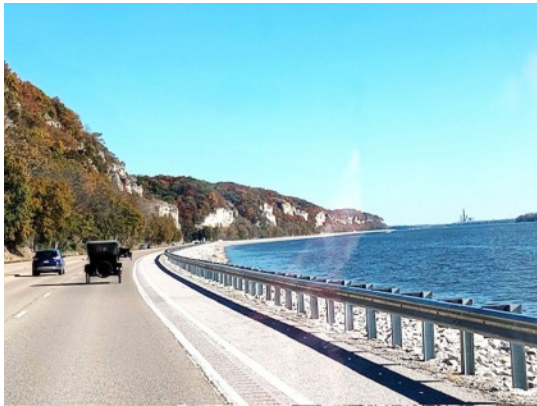
"This car," said the demonstrator, "is almost human. Perhaps you have noticed?"

"Yes, I have," said Binks dryly. "It reminds me of several men I know - been smoking ever since we left the garage, and the last hill we climbed it puffed like a porpoise. Haven't you something that is less human and more generally satisfactory?"

Fall Tour, continued from previous page



Left: cars waiting to board the Grafton Ferry to cross the Missouri River. Center and right, boarding the ferry.



Headed from Grafton to the Piasa Bird. Our cars got a LOT of attention on the highway.

It was a beautiful day for a drive. Bald Eagles were to be seen also.



The Piasa Bird. Left to right: Don Spaeth with friends Michael Wade and Aila Cogswell; Mike Thum; Gayle & Jerry Ellerbeck; and John Michaelree

2024 Veteran's Day Parade

The weather did not cooperate this year - cool and raining. The number of units in the parade was down, as were the spectators. But our four intrepid cars had a good time celebrating those men and women who have served in our armed forces. Our drivers were: Sam Atkinson, Stephen Duga, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., and Mike Thum. The photo of the lone spectator sums up the meaning of this parade for spectators and participants. The "Greatest Generation" is fast fading.



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ANNUAL MEETING, CHRISTMAS BANQUET, DECEMBER 7

Our Annual Meeting and Christmas Banquet was held at Gianino's Restaurant, on Telegraph Road. For details of the meeting, see Minutes, page 12. Here are photos of the event.



President Williams opening and conducting the meeting.



Sam Atkinson (right) presenting Hard Luck Award to Don Spaeth.



Steven Williams presenting 2023 President's Trophy plaque to Mike Thum.



Steven Williams presenting President's Trophy to 2024 awardee, Scott Francis

Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. made a surprise appearance as Santa Clause. Cindy Atkinson photo'd attendees with



L to R: Sarah Smith; Sherry Williams; Santa; Carol Teaney; Steven Williams



Above, Nick and Bonnie Dattoli. Right, London Allen



Bob Grincewich



Kent Gilbane & Suzanne Pourcillie



Left, Daniel Mullis



Right, Keith and Jenny Sanders



ANNUAL MEETING, CONTINUED



Keevin Schier & Varon Fugman



Mike Thum & Berri West



Stephen Duga & Tammy Callaway



Stephen Heatherly & Don Spaeth



Linda Koste



Pat, Jerry's date; Jerry Ellerbeck Sr.; Jen, our waitress; Pat's sister.



Dusty & Hailey Harris; foreground, London Allen



Cindy & Sam Atkinson



Dave & Kathy Groerich



Scott & Jackie Francis



Jen, our waitress



Paul Diebold

ANNUAL MEETING, CONCLUDED



The dessert cake and some of the raffle prizes. Below Cindy Atkinson and Santa (Jerry Ellerbeck Jr.), giving away the raffle prizes.



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

“Does your fiancée know anything about automobiles?”

“Not much. She asked me why I didn’t strip the gears when the engine got hot.”

“In the old days the young fellow who went courting turned down the gas. Now he steps on it.”

2024 Thanks-for-Giving Christmas Parade

It was a brisk morning, but we had a good time!



Sam & Cindy Atkinson



L to R: Sam Atkinson, Stephen Duga, Steve Dodson, Dave Becherer



Dave Becherer



Above, Cindy Atkinson and unknown mascot

Left, Stephen Duga

Chili Cook-Off

Some views from our Annual Chili Cook-Off. A good time was had by all, visiting and sharing tall tales, and thoughts of future tours, events, and car repairs.



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

The Cat - Wha's the matter, Mr. Horse? You look downcast.

The Horse - Well, haven't I cause? Since these blamed auto things have come into fashion, I feel that very soon I shall be put out of commission altogether.

The Cat - Oh, don't you worry. The mouse-trap didn't put me out of business, did it?

If you contemplate spending your honeymoon in a touring car you need no other chauffeur than - Cupid!

EARLY 20TH CENTURY ST. LOUIS STREET SCENES



1926, Lindell west from Grand



Mid-teens, 26 Portland Place



1925, Third & Washington



Model T, 18th & Locust Streets.
Gas headlamps, brass/black cowl lamps.



Street paving, granite paving stones.

Far right: July 1925 12th & Locust.

Near right: Street repairs on Tucker.



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

“Cap’n, suh,” explained the dusky motorcycle cop who had unsuccessfully attempted to overtake a speeding motorist on a country road, “everything was jest goin’ along fine, and Ah was about to ketch dat boy, and den Ah see mah chance to dodge in between two motorcycles.”

“Well, what happened then?”

“Dat’s all dey was to it, cap’n suh. Dem two motorcycles was a truck.”

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.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Steven Williams. Secretary Ruth Baker was not present due to her husband Ken receiving word that he might have pancreatic cancer, in addition to lung cancer. Ken will be having more tests.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bonnie Dattoli. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the report.

Discussion then focused on our membership, and who has paid or not paid local club dues. 86 families are currently on the roster, for whom we pay insurance for our national coverage. Only 43 members have paid their local dues. Members need to be current on both local and national dues to be officers of our club. Paul Diebold due to his new work schedule will be going off the board the end of this year. It was confirmed that members who are delinquent on their local dues will be removed from our membership roll. This policy was announced in the last two *Occasionals*, and President Williams sent an email to all who are delinquent informing them of the need to get current or they would be dropped.

Thank you letters were received from the Model T Ford Museum for memorial donations in memory of Sherrie Dodson and Sam Vitale.

New Business: Our cost of floral arrangements has gone up. Sherry Williams has been taking care of this, and trying to use coupons to reduce the costs.

The club is allowed one free membership in the MTFCA each year as a means of encouraging people to join the national organization. The Board decided to award this membership to Bill Tabor for his years of work on behalf of the club, and his current program of receiving magazines from us and sending them to veteran's homes at his expense.

The Boy Scouts still have not cashed their Swap Meet check, just like last year. And they have requested a replacement check. Kent Gilbane moved, and Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. Seconded that our treasurer send them a replacement cashier's check and deduct the stop payment fee on the other check from this replacement check. Bonnie was the only no vote, motion passed.

Regarding Wheels in Motion workers at our swap meet, the decision was made to no longer use them as they are really not needed. That will save us \$750. Discussion ensued, and it was decided that President Williams will send a letter to that club to that effect.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Pourcillie, acting secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: Keith Sanders is improving following his fall through his garage ceiling. He is now in a brace due to a chipped vertebrae. Secretary Ruth Baker is absent, due to the report from husband Ken's doctor that Ken has lung cancer and will be undergoing further tests regarding his pancreas. Due to her absence, we did not read the minutes of the last meeting.

Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report. We have spent 14% of the budget so far. Don Spaeth moved approval of the treasurer's report. Scott Francis seconded the motion, which was passed.

Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. is now the video librarian, and reports videos are available. Don Spaeth reported the books are available. Mike Thum reported that the web site is up to date. Steven Williams reminded everyone that the deadline for the next *Occasional* is December 10th.

Christmas Banquet - Cindy Atkinson asked everyone not to arrive before 11:45 as the committee has to set up the room. The deadline for reservations and checks is November 30th. Person had to work two days to qualify for the free meal. Kent Gilbane reported that since we are losing 8 workers from Wheels in Motion next year, a person will need to work two days, one of those days must be Sunday.

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Sam Atkinson reported on shirts and jackets. He said he doesn't have a price on the jackets yet as our current provider no longer does the embroidery. The long sleeve club shirt is \$30 and the short sleeve shirt polo shirt is \$24.

Sam reported on the Veteran's Parade tomorrow, November 9th. We have six cars signed up, more are welcome. We are number 43, and to meet at 9:15, with the parade starting at 10:30.

Steven Williams reported that we have been accepted for the Christmas Parade, but no further information at this time. He will email the information when he gets it. A sign up sheet is on the table.

Scott Francis reported on the fall tour - a good time was had by all! It was a very nice day, we had 12 at lunch. As we were driving the River Road in Illinois many other drivers were taking our pictures or making videos.

President Williams mentioned the Board's decision to purge non-dues paying members from our membership roster. This will save us some insurance money with national. It had been announced in the last two Occasionals and a special email was sent out. The list of non-payers was read in case anyone was here tonight and could get caught up.

Sam Atkinson announced that Dave Kuenzel has made the dvd copies of the movie *Charge of the Model T's* for members. He's donating a copy to our video library, and anyone who wants a copy needs to pay only \$2.00.

Thank you notes were received from Keith Sanders for the flowers; the First Cap[itol Auto Club for the \$750 donation to their charitable work; and from the National Children's Cancer Society for our \$750 donation. Also from Linda Koste and the Vitale family for our donations to the Model T Museum.

President Williams will be writing the First Capitol Auto Club telling them their services are no longer needed at our swap meet.

Some of our blue car magnets are still available for \$18 each.

Sam Atkinson announced that a recent issue of Hagerty's Driver's Club magazine reported that of the over 15 million Model T Fords manufactured 10-15 thousand are still on the road. He mentioned that Model T information has it at 50 thousand, with more being found every year.

Bill Tabor announced that, thanks to help from Sam Atkinson, he is back in business of shipping magazines to veteran's homes.

Steven Williams mentioned that on the recent Glidden Tour he saw a Model T Ford with licence plates from Egypt. Discussion ensued regarding Model Ts and parts being bought at Chickasha and shipped to England by the container full. Sam Atkinson mentioned that a man from England bought his car.

President Williams announced the Board's decision to award the MTFCA membership to Bill Tabor.

Scott Francis won the 50/50 prize, \$30.50.

Clean-up volunteers are Don Spaeth, Keevin Schier, and Stephen Duga.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Pourcillie, acting secretary

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?"

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS, Saturday, December 7, 2024

The Annual Meeting/Christmas Banquet was held at Bill Gianino's Restaurant on Telegraph Road in Oakville. In view of the time constraints on the rental of the facility, President Steven Williams called the meeting to order at 12:34, after food orders had been placed with the servers.

President Williams mentioned those club members who passed during 2024: Fred Weber, Jim Schild, Sherrie Dodson, and Douglas Lodge, son of Dick Lodge.

He then mentioned those who had joined the club in 2024: Dusty and Hailey Harris; Char Mason; and Jack and Pat Williams.

President Williams then thanked everyone who set up and assisted in preparations for the Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Sam Atkinson then presented the Hard Luck Award to Don Spaeth who had the most hard luck on the overnight tour. President Williams then presented the plaque for the 2023 President's Trophy to Mike Thum, who was given the award last year for the web site work. The 2024 Presidents' Award/Trophy was given to Scott Francis for his work in assuming the responsibilities for the Spring and Fall Tours.

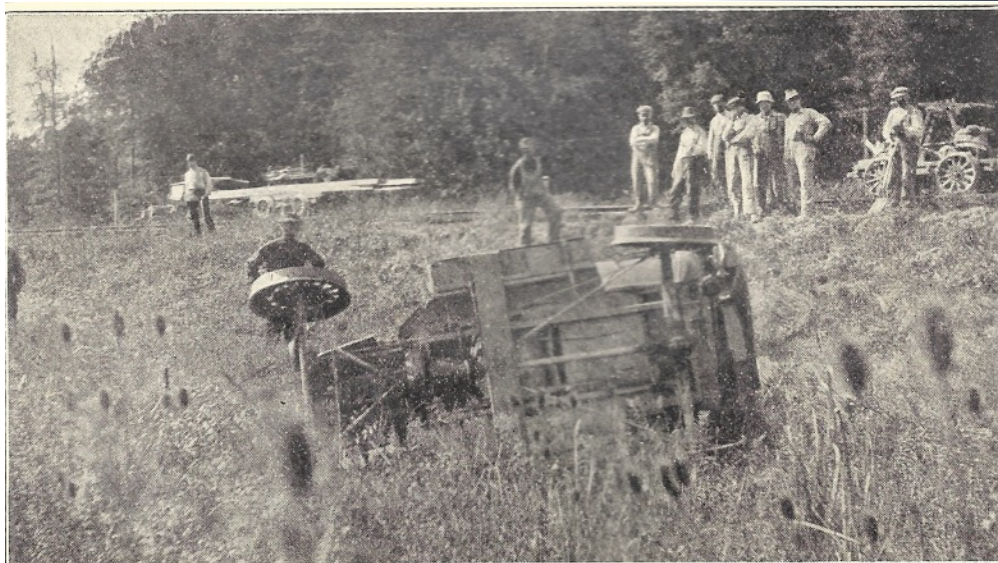
The new officers were presented: Kent Gilbane, Vice-President; Bonnie Dattoli, Treasurer; and Directors Sam Atkinson, Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Scott Francis, and Stephen Heatherly. President Williams administered the Oath of Office and they were duly installed.

Kent Gilbane discussed the upcoming Swap Meet and the fact that our income has declined so much since Covid. In May Kent began negotiations with Grizzly to change our contract. He was happy to report that the 2025 rent will be only \$3,000. He is reallocating advertising money to try to target our customer base better. Since we have a reduced number of visitors and reduced income, we are no longer going to have help from the Wheels in Motion folks. Thus more of our members will need to step up. To obtain the annual meeting banquet meal free, members will need to work Sunday, and one other day for the swap meet.

Note: the meeting was interrupted for salads, and then for the main course.

At 1:59 London Allen made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Thum. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hailey Harris, acting secretary



From the 1916 issue of *The Fordowner*

A Continued Story.

In a recent issue of FORDOWNER was printed a photograph of a Ford car running on the tracks of the Lorain Ashland & Southern railroad in Ohio. This photograph shows the same car at the end of the last trip, having jumped a seven-foot embankment. None of the three occupants was injured. This photograph is presented by courtesy of W. A. Pilland, resident engineer of that road, who drove this unique car.

Our Trip to Ranken

By Scott Francis

I am a Ranken graduate, class of 1984, from the auto body program. I am also fortunate that my instructor, Don Huster, who some of you know through other car club associations and I have stayed in touch and become life long friends. He has been a supporter of the school for years and found out that the current class is building a Model T to enter in The Great American Race 2025 X-Cup Division, a class for high school and tech school students that build cars inside their programs. He mentioned my involvement and membership in our club and the next thing I know, an invitation is in my inbox inviting me and any other members down to see their progress. We met on the last day of classes before he holiday break.

They are building a '26 2-door coupe. It was found locally, and Keith Sanders told us he had the opportunity to buy that car before. They are making some changes to the car to ensure that it will complete the race and also for safety concerns. They sourced a 60 horsepower flathead Ford V-8, a 1934 Ford rear axle, and a lowered front axle. To accommodate the drivetrain they extended the frame by 4 inches. They also added a bench seat from a modern car that incorporates lap and shoulder belts.

They are on a tight schedule and have 18 students working on it along with the normal class schedule. We were impressed with the enthusiasm and progress they are making. A concern for parts was presented to us, as they are having trouble sourcing a set of 1934 16 inch Ford spoke wheels for it. Luckily, I was able to find 5 wheels for them with one phone call and quite a bit cheaper than the other set that someone locally had for them, that stopped responding to their calls.

The Great Race will pass through Springfield, Illinois, at its closest to us. Sam Atkinson has a route that gets us there and I suggest we, as a club, parade our cars there to show our support.



Rob Gibbons explains the work done so far on the car to Sam Atkinson, Keith Sanders, Dave Groerich, Scott Francis, and Don Huster.



Ranken students showing off their work to this point, with instructor Rob Gibbons.

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

“Squire,” asked Constable Slackputter, the well-known sleuth of Petunia, “what would you do to a feller that confessed he was driving his Ford at the rate of forty-five miles an hour?”

“Fine him for exaggeration!” Snapped old Squire Peavy.

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

“A necessary repair is like a needle in a haystack. Pay up stoically, but do not hope to find it.”

MARCH/APRIL DEADLINE

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

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

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

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

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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: “I have no patience with professional charity or with any sort of commercialized humanitarianism. The moment human helpfulness is systematized, organized, commercialized and professionalized, the heart of it is extinguished, and it becomes a cold and clammy thing.”

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.

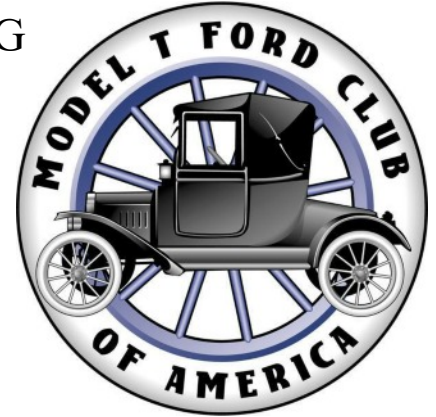


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Newly elected officers installed, left to right: Kent Gilbane, Vice President; Santa Claus, guest; Stephen Heatherly and Sam Atkinson, Board members; Bonnie Dattoli, Treasurer; Scott Frances, Board; and President Steven Williams.

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.

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