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On the road again! Some of our cars on the annual Fall Tour.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

2025 is coming to an end, and with it my tenure as your President. It has been my privilege and honor to serve you these past eight years. During that time we've dealt with Covid, declining swap meet income, and some turmoil. We have lost some good members, but we have also gained several great members. Our Club is by no means static, and we have met all of our challenges head on. Yes, it has been a challenging time, but...

But the future looks to be as great as our past. How can I say this? Because of the ideas our members are providing, regarding our future and our activities. For instance, Scott Francis is hosting Tech Sessions at his shop, utilizing equipment that four club members purchased with their own money for the benefit of the club. Sam Atkinson has suggested "garage tours" so we can see each other's car collections and garages/shops. Most of our members are into more than Model T's, and over the next year or so it will be interesting to see our various collections.

In addition, thought is being given to more social activities - tours, shows, just fun events. The ladies are planning another trip across the river to Alton and Josephine's.

Finances, due to what is historically happening to all swap meets, including Hershey, are a concern. Please review the article on page two: Financing Our Club's Operations, and consider the possibilities. If you've ever watched "Bar Rescue" on TV, you know John Taffer's mantra is "I don't embrace excuses, I embrace solutions." That's where we are, my friends. We have a bright and enjoyable future ahead of us!

See you on the road! Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

"When it rains, it pours!" Since the last issue I've had balloon treatment and a stent installed in my heart, and discovered that three small vessels have already built their own bypasses. The next, and hopefully last step, is ablation in the heart in December to fix a short circuit in the electrical system.

But my physical therapy has worked wonders, and I cannot wait to get started on repairing my 1911 T, because I AM GOING TO DRIVE THAT PUPPY IN 2026! What keeps a person going is having goals, something constructive to achieve. I've spoken of Don Boulton a few times. I first met him when he was 89, and he had 18 (I think!) Brass cars. When he passed at 93 he had 22! He never stopped. My kind of guy! And you look at several club members, they are like that. Our cars are our passion, along side our families.

That is one of the things I thoroughly enjoy about this hobby - our Club is like a family. We don't always agree on everything for the club or the cars, but we're focused on our future. We leave politics at the door, and our club and cars are a refuge, and respite, from the insanity of the world.

Other than the Brass and Nickel Show at the Museum of Transportation, the Veteran's and Thanks for Giving parades, the driving season is over. So its time to get out the catalogues, think about parts and supplies that need to be ordered, repairs to be made, tweaks to be tweaked, and get ready for next year.

2026 is going to be better than 2025!

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

- November 1 - Brass & Nickel Show, Museum of Transportation, 9 am - 4 pm.
 9 - Veteran's Parade, begins 10:30 AM downtown. Contact Sam Atkinson to sign up.
 14 - Board Meeting 6:30 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 22 - Thanks for Giving Parade, downtown. Contact Steven Williams to sign up. Information
 available as soon as he gets it. NOTE: IT IS **NOT** ON THANKSGIVING DAY!
 27 - Happy Thanksgiving!
- December 13 - Christmas Banquet. See Page 5.
 25 - Merry Christmas!!

2026

- January 1 - Happy New Year!
 9 - Board Meeting 6:30 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge
 Membership Meeting 8 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- June 21-26 - MTFCA National/Regional Tour, Lake George, NY. Watch *Vintage Ford* for details.
- September 9-12 - MTFCA National/Regional Tour, **MISSOURI!** Watch *Vintage Ford* for details.

Financing Our Club's Operations

By Steven Williams

At our last (October) meeting we set aside some time for members to brainstorm ways we can finance our Club's expenses to maintain our current level of programming, and rent our meeting location. The understanding is Swap Meets are declining, so what are we going to do to augment our income? Here are the suggestions:

Poker Run; Trivia Night; Charge for the Rapid Assembly Team; Contact local fairs to host our Rapid Assembly Team and charge for Model T rides; Provide rides at a fee through Holiday Lights; Sell raffle tickets for a weekend getaway, or gift certificates; Sell raffle tickets for a Model T - member who provides the car gets paid for the car, balance goes to the club.

What is happening right now? A team is working on the Rapid Assembly and sale of Model T rides at local fairs. Researching insurance implications. We have had a car committed to the "Raffle a Model T", if we decide to do that.

Next steps: At the next Board Meeting these will be discussed, and a plan of action developed which will be presented to the club.

Also mentioned was that every member family once a year kick in \$100 to the budget, which would solve our financial difficulties. This met with a great deal of opposition, but perhaps it needs further consideration.

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

"Well, Jimpson," said Wimpleton, "I understand the stork has visited your garage."

"Yes, my chauffeur has a fine, bouncing baby – wonderful case of heredity, too, Wimp. I wen in to see the little beggar last night and he honks like a horn and spends most of his time lying on his back blowing automobubbles."

Fall Tour

By Scott Francis

Saturday started off cool and foggy, we were able to get going shortly before 9:00A.M. Scott Francis brought his 1925 Roadster p/u, Steve Duga brought his touring car, as did John Michaelree, and Sam and Cindy brought their venerable '27 Roadster. Dick Lodge and Jane Fody also joined us, driving modern, as did Varon Fugman.

After a quick stop to fuel up and take a necessary break, we headed off into the fog. Enough time was in the schedule to have a few stops, the first was at the St. Charles County park at New Melle Lakes. The park overlooks a large lake with a fountain and we tried to get some photos of the group there while answering questions from fellow park visitors.

We looped around through Warren county, stopping at Harmonie Church, a 200 year old house of worship. We learned that the first pastor, Stracks, lent his name to the road it is located on. Stracks Church road is also where my shop is located, so we stopped in there as well to swap a few more stories, and point out where the first tech session will be held about pan straightening. The sun burned off the mist and the temperature rose into the 70's, glorious driving weather for us to enjoy.

We then headed north of highway 70 to get to the restaurant in Flint Hill, Mo. Fiesta on the Hill, a family owned Mexican restaurant had a table reserved for us on the patio, and the owner and staff enjoyed having our cars in the parking lot.

Mike Thum joined us there, as did Jackie Holloman. Great food and drink, topped off our tanks, and after we finished, we topped off the T's tanks as well. We then headed back to the starting point. The tour was about 70 miles and we were out for about 8 hours.



Arriving at the departure point.

Cindy & Sam Atkinson



Left to right: Scott Francis, Stephen Duga, Cindy & Sam Atkinson, Varon Fugman, John Michaelree.



- Above right: Jane Fody & Dick Lodge.
- Left: Scott Francis & Stephen Duga.
- Right: Varon Fugman & John Michaelree.

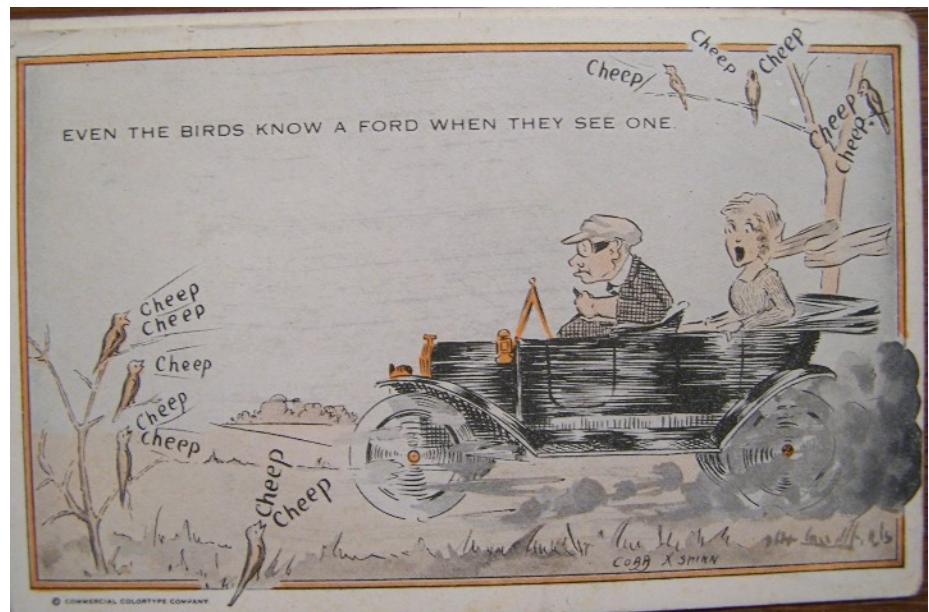


Fall Tour, continued



Left to right: Sam Atkinson, Stephen Duga, Varon Fugman, John Michaelree, Scott Francis, Mike Thum, and Dick Lodge.

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



New Officers

Our nominating committee, consisting of Sam Atkinson, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., and Scott Francis have completed their work. The slate of candidates was presented at the October club meeting. Positions to be filled are: President, Secretary, and 4 members of the Board of Directors.

The following officers were elected by acclamation, there being no other candidates:

President, Sam Atkinson. Secretary: Ruth Baker. Directors: Daniel Mullis, Keith Sanders, Don Spaeth, and John Michaelree. Steven Williams was elected as a Director for 2026 only, filling Sam Atkinson's unexpired term. Officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting in December.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Our Christmas Banquet and Annual Meeting will be held December 13, noon to three. Our celebration will once again be at Gianino's, Telegraph and Yaeger Roads, 4571 Chestnut Park Plaza, to be exact. There will be a few choices for you, and servers will bring the food to you.

Festivities will begin at noon, and conclude by three pm. (The restaurant opens to the public at three and they need the space.) There will be a cash bar.

Payment Instructions: Reservations and checks are due by November 30. Make checks payable to: Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis, and mail to Bonnie Dattoli, Treasurer, PO Box 29196, St. Louis, MO 63126-0196.

The cost of the meal is \$35 per person

From the May, 1919 issue of Fordowner, For Ford Dealers and Owners

I thought you might enjoy these ads from the above-mentioned publication.

Two Devices Every Ford Owner Wants



**GEMCO BASKET TYPE
TIRE CARRIER**

For every Ford model, including Sedan. Does not interfere with Spring action. Triple suspension. Carries two tires or one wire wheel. Has locking device and three web straps. Provides for lock, tail lamp and license plate. List price, for use without Bumper, \$5.80; when used on Bumper, \$4.30.

GEMCO MANUFACTURING COMPANY
750 SOUTH PIERCE ST. MILWAUKEE, WIS.

When writing advertisers—Just say FORDOWNER

The GEMCO line for years has added to the enjoyment of Ford owners. This year, in addition to the sterling old GEMCO accessories, we have provided this pair of inexpensive conveniences that are being received with great enthusiasm.

Dealers: You need the 1919 GEMCO Catalog in your business. A request will bring one.



**METAL STRAP
TOP HOLDER**

Replaces flimsy web or leather straps on a Ford and will last as long as the car. No obstruction to view. Gives neat appearance. Attaches to windshield hinges of all Fords made since 1914 in less than five minutes. Holds top absolutely secure, yet is quickly disengaged for lowering of top. List, per pair, \$1.50.



Sleep in your Car

Don't
Carry a
Tent

Convert your Ford into a sleeper and rest on a spring mattress.

Do the work yourself, easily and at small expense. Our plan and instruction sheet tells you how. What to do and how to do it clearly explained by twenty-two photographs and drawings. Hundreds of outers on the Pacific Coast have discarded their tents. Price of plan complete only \$1. Send for it today and be ready for spring outings.

AUTO BED SHOP, Box 247B, Lakeview, Ore.

2025 HILLBILLY TOUR PARTICIPANTS



Left to right: Kent Gilbane & Suzanne Pourcille; Scott Francis; John Michaelree.

Your Dues are Now Past Due!!

Our Club's year runs July 1 through June 30. If you have not paid your dues, please do so asap. Members who also belong to the Model T Ford Club of America, your LOCAL dues are a mere \$20. If you are NOT a member of the MTFCA, your local dues are \$35. Please make your check out to the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis, and mail to the club at P.O. Box 29196, St. Louis, MO 63126-0196.

Your dues helps us meet our annual expense - meeting rent, certain foods at the picnic and chili cook off, and so forth. Thank you for helping the Club thrive!

A Book of the Best Ford Jokes, by George Milburn. Girard, KS: Haldeman-Julius Publications, nd.

Nervous Passenger: (As flivver taxi skids from one side of the road to the other, with increasing speed): "I say driver – not so fast there; this is my first trip in a taxi."

Recently Employed Driver: "It's mine, too, so you ain't got nothin' on me brother."

The horseman who says, "A car doesn't quiver with affection under the touch of your hand," doesn't know anything about flivvers.

Man in Flivver (slightly slopped): "Whoever's pushin' them–er–hic–telephone poles pasht me is a wonder!"

She (playfully): "Starlight, star bright, first star I've seen tonight."

He: "What was it, a sedan?"

More Ads from the *Fordowner*

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Gorman Quick-Change Wheel



The Best By Test

Outfit complete includes 4 wheel changes with Inside Flanges, extra 30x3½ inch Ford Wheel, Wheel Carrier and Socket Wrench.

Price \$15.00

Any Ford owner can attach set to his car without special tools in an hour.

A wheel change with inflated tire ready for use can then be made in 3 minutes. So easy and simple a woman or boy can make the change.

GUARANTEED TO SATISFY OR MONEY REFUNDED

Gorman Auto Equipment Co., 696 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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START YOUR FORD WITH YOUR FINGER-TIPS

TEN EYCK

COMPRESSED AIR STARTING SYSTEM

For Ford Cars



A CHILD CAN OPERATE

At last, a Ford Starter that starts your car surely, quickly and with no little caution that a four-year-old child can operate it. The Ten Eyck is a compressed air starter built on the principle of the railway air brake and it works with the same pressure and certainty. It will positively start your Ford instantly in any kind of weather, summer and winter. It is so powerful that it will start your car even if the engine is so hot that it will burn your hand without the engine running. And best of all THERE IS NO OIL ON IT. The first cost is the last cost.

PUMPS YOUR TIRES

The Ten Eyck also pumps your tires and all with no more effort to you than finger pressure.

FULLY GUARANTEED

We guarantee the Ten Eyck Compressed Air Starting System to give efficient and satisfactory service for a period of one year without added expense to you. We stand back of it to the hilt.

PRICE \$75—INSTALLED

F.O.R. Chicago, Plus \$2 War Tax

Send for the Ten Eyck Today and drive your Ford with ease and comfort. It will prove to be the best automobile investment you have ever made. Write us NOW.

AIR DEVICE COMPANY

2977 COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE, CHICAGO

DEALERS—Send for our proposition at once. We will make you a cooperative offer that will surprise you.

THE SIMPLICITY ATTACHMENTS make all of the wheels on your Ford Car demountable. A change can be made in less than four minutes. Removes the fear of tire troubles. No more temper trying job than changing tires in cold, wet, or inclement weather.

They save the price of themselves, several times a season. Outfit, complete, with spare wheel and carrier installed, only

\$25.00

A Postal Card will bring detailed description.

Simplicity Wheel Co.

40 Ottawa Ave.
Grand Rapids, Mich.




MEN WANTED WITH FORD CARS

Earn \$60 to \$100 a week selling the Adapto. We circularize your territory and give you full sales assistance..

THE GENEVA TRACTOR CO.

Dept. 5 Geneva, Ohio

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

Tommy – Pop, what is meant by horse sense?

Tommy's Pop – Horse sense, my son, is that quality in a man which prevents him from mortgaging his home to buy an automobile.

"Who is the gentleman seated in the large touring car?"

"That is the poet laureate of a well-known biscuit factory."

"Exceeding the limit?" Cried Dawson. "Why judge, your roads around here are so rotten that a man couldn't go faster than ten miles an hour without endangering his life."

"That's the p'int," said the justice of the peace. "You was exceedin' the limit o' safety, and we find ye guilty of attempting suicide. Ten dollars, if you please."

Dink – Has Jack had any accidents since he bought his automobile?

Kink – Naw; the only thing he has run into is debt.

From *The Fordowner*, May 1919

What "Fording" Means

Maybe you have tried to give expression to the pleasure of driving a Ford, commonly spoken of as "Fording," and have found words all too inadequate. If such is the case, here is offered for consideration the expression of a certain enthusiast as it appears in a recent article in a contemporary publication:

'The free, wild, delirious gaiety which Fording should inspire.'

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

Then we find in an English publication a typical pun which is said to cause our British brothers to chuckle over their afternoon cup of Lipton's. It reads:

'The joy of Fording may be described as "fe-Lizzie-ety."

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

Answers All Needs

"I want a car to travel far
And carry me abroad.
Just hitch your chariot to the star
The dealers call a FORD.
I want to use less gasoline
And thus my bills reduce.
The car just named is justly famed
For squeezing most from juice!
I want to ride and not be tired
By wracking nerves awry.
The FORD I name with great acclaim,
Does almost seem to fly.
I want a car and want it cheap –
I want it perfect too.
O BOY, your wish is not too steep,
A FORD will answer you."

Quite Gallant

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

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

"Put a beggar on an automobile and he'll run down the first thing in sight just to be fashionable."

"I hear that you're going to motor all the way to South Dakota," said the first young woman.

"I am," replied the other.

"Divorce, I suppose?"

"Right again."

"I wonder what your husband will do?"

"Oh, I'm taking him along to run the machine."

Of beauty's gifts he has but few for his features are not mates and his manner won't impress you for his egotism grates, yet the girls call him a wonder or a chance without a par, and they overlook each blunder for – he owns a motorcar.

The horsepower of an automobile may sometimes be judged by the number of horses required to haul it to the repair shop.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Members present were: President Steven Williams, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker and Directors Daniel Mullis, Scott Francis, Sam Atkinson, Keith Sanders, Don Spaeth, Stephen Heatherly and Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr.

Brief updates were given regarding the health of Steven Williams and Ken Baker. Minutes of the meeting of Friday, July 11, 2025 were read. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott Francis, and carried unanimously.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the Treasurer's Report, and stated that 9.55% of the budget has been used so far. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously. The Audit Team of Sam Atkinson and Keith and Jenny Sanders met on July 24 and 25, and gave their full seal of approval.

A nominating Committee of Sam Atkinson, Scott Francis, and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. was appointed. There will be four director's positions available, as well as President and Secretary. Anyone interested in any of these positions should contact a member of the Committee before the end of September. A slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting.

The members of the Board agreed that they want each member to know that they can address concerns or ideas with the Board. Members are encouraged to have more of a voice in the Club.

President Steven Williams stated that the 50% of the 50/50 draw which goes into the Club's treasury has already been allocated, so that negates the plan to use the money for desserts. He stated that since the membership wants the budget to fund desserts for the meetings, he is looking at attendance at the picnic and the chili cookoff. After being informed that there were only 16 people at the most recent picnic, he suggested discontinuing the picnic and just having the chili cookoff to fund the desserts. It was the consensus of the Board to do so.

There were discussions regarding finding a different venue for the meetings and finding other ways to make some money for the Club and also to conserve expenditures. One venue mentioned was Wesley Roger's Buffet in Arnold, another suggested was the Sport's Café in Bridgeton, and the M-1 Bank which has a room available at no charge.

Cindy Atkinson suggested having a car show, charging for entries and giving awards. Cindy also questioned if the raffle prizes at the annual banquet should be eliminated to save money. She said she shops sales, and now is getting to be a good time to find bargains. The consensus was that the money for the prizes was in the 2025-2026 budget, so prizes could be purchased for this year's event.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli made the motion that the Board bring to the membership concerns about the budget and ask them to come back next month with ideas regarding housing of meetings or funding for discussions at the next meeting about budget problems. The motion was seconded by Scott Francis and carried unanimously.

President Steven Williams stated that the deadline for the next Occasional will be October 15. Scott Francis stated that the Fall Tour will be October 11. Final arrangements are pending. A "Tech Day" was discussed, with the first session to be for an oil pan straightening. A date for this event needs to be picked.

A comment was made about the Hillbilly Tour and the visibility of cars increasing interest. Scott Francis stated that six tours a year should generate interest. President Steven Williams suggested having a Model T Drive-in at Ted Drewes on Chippewa. The comment was made that a good time would be around 5:00 p.m. when it is not as busy and parking would be available.

Sam Atkinson suggested having business cards for the Club; he showed a sample. These cards could be distributed at Tours, Swap Meets, and other events. The consensus was to proceed with getting the business cards.

There being no further business at 7:42 p.m., Keith Sanders made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Daniel Mullis and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: Brief updates were given regarding the health of Ken Baker and Steven Williams.

Minutes of the August 8, 2025 meeting were read. Keevin Schier had a correction to the date of the Brass and Nickel Show as stated in the minutes. He stated it is on Saturday, November 1. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the minutes, as corrected. Bill Tabor seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the Treasurer's Report, and stated that 9.55% of the budget has been used so far. Don Spaeth made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Stephen Heatherly, and carried unanimously. The Audit Team of Sam Atkinson and Keith and Jenny Sanders met on July 24 and 25, and gave their full seal of approval. Club dues are delinquent for National and also local.

Mike Thum reported that all Occasionals and minutes have been uploaded to the website. President Williams stated he had been unable to open the minutes; Mike will check on that. Don Spaeth stated that if anyone wants a copy of one of the Club's books to let him know. President Steven Williams stated that the deadline for the November/December Occasional will be October 15.

President Steven Williams stated that the budget decision to use 50% of the 50/50 money to fund desserts cannot be done, because the money is already allocated to go to the Club Treasury. A decision was made by the Board to discontinue the annual picnic since there were only 16 attendees at the last one, and use that money for desserts.

President Steven Williams discussed the Swap Meet and stated that different groups are trying to solve the issues in different ways. He stated that Kent Gilbane will be resigning as the Chair for the Swap Meet after the 2026 event, so the Club needs to find someone to coordinate the 2027 Swap Meet.

President Steven Williams asked for members to be prepared with comments to be discussed at the next meeting regarding venues for the meetings that are either at no charge or don't cost as much. He said he would request looking at neighborhoods where there are places where the Club can use the meeting room free of charge. He also asked if members would bring ideas to the next meeting about other things the Club can do to raise money. He said that the Swap Meet appreciation dinner has been given up and the Christmas banquet now has a charge for attendees. He asked that if anyone is not going to be at the next meeting, to please e-mail him with their ideas.

Don Spaeth will work up a catalog of the publications the Club has to avoid bringing everything out for each meeting. Members can request a book, and he will bring it to the meeting.

Keevin Schier suggested the Club members try to work out something with state or local fairs to have an exhibit and give rides in a Model T for \$20.00 a ride. Paul Diebold questioned about insurance requirements. Mike Thum and Steven Noll will work on that.

Sam Atkinson stated that the Veteran's Parade is November 8. President Steven Williams stated that the Club is registered for the Christmas parade.

Scott Francis stated that the Fall Tour will be October 11; he is working on the map now. The group will meet at Highway 94 and 40 (I-64). More information will be forthcoming. Scott Francis and Sam Atkinson discussed plans to have "Tech Day" three or four times a year. The first one will cover oil pan straightening. A date will be determined shortly.

The Nominating Committee of Sam Atkinson, Scott Francis, and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. will be presenting a slate of officers at the October meeting. There are four director positions open, as well as President and Secretary. If anyone is interested in one of these positions, please contact a member of the Committee.

A comment was made to increase visibility of Model T's by having "Driving Days". A suggestion was to go to Ted Drews around 5:00 p.m. before they are completely crowded.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli stated she has financial records with her for 2002 and 2003. If anyone wants to see them, please see Bonnie, as these records will be shredded.

Keevin Schier informed the membership of the Swap Meet and Car Show to be held this Sunday,

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September 14 at the Fox Service Center on Jeffco in Arnold. Vendors will be arriving at 6:30 a.m., and the event will open at 7:00 a.m.

Sam Atkinson stated that a nursing home in St. Charles County is interested in having a Model T display next June. The question was asked regarding having them pay the Club for the event. Sam Atkinson said he had a short audio of interviews of Club members during the 2003 drive to Ford Motor Company in Detroit which was aired on National Public Radio. He played the audio for all to enjoy.

Dave Groerich stated that he has an open 16-foot trailer for sale for \$2,000.00, or best offer. Dave Sarniguet offered two pair of gloves to interested members. Bill Tabor stated that he now has 450 Motor Meters.

Dave Sarniguet won the 50/50 prize of \$20.00.

At 8:58 pm, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Members present were: President Steven Williams, Vice President Kent Gilbane, Secretary Ruth Baker and Directors Daniel Mullis, Sco Francis, Sam Atkinson, Keith Sanders, Don Spaeth, Stephen Heatherly, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. Also present were Sherry Williams, Jenny Sanders, Cindy Atkinson, Suzanne Pourcillie, and Gayle Ellerbeck.

Minutes of the meeting of Friday, September 12, 2025 were read. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Scott Francis, and carried unanimously. The Treasurer's Report was given. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously.

Mike Thum stated that he understands that if individual drivers give rides, the National Club Insurance will cover the Model T's for the rides. Stephen Heatherly stated that his insurance won't cover giving people rides. Steven Williams spoke about fair grounds and other venues where there are circle tracks. Sam Atkinson stated that this issue needs to be pursued.

Sam Atkinson announced that the nominating committee has a slate of officers seeking election/re-election for 2026-2027 as follows: President: Sam Atkinson; Secretary: Ruth Baker; Directors: Daniel Mullis, Keith Sanders, Don Spaeth, and John Michaelree. Steven Williams is seeking election as a Director for 2026 only, to fill Sam's unexpired term.

Following last month's meeting discussion regarding business cards, Scott Francis stated that to have 500 printed, the charge is \$76.00, and to have 1,000 cards printed, the charge is \$96.00. After discussion, Scott will have 1,000 cards printed and ready by the next meeting.

Cindy Atkinson stated that on Monday, November 17, she is making arrangements for the ladies of the Club to go to Josephine's for lunch. Departure will be at 10:00 a.m., and the reservation will be at 11:00 a.m.

Vice President Kent Gilbane questioned the funding of desserts for the meetings. He said that when he was the Acting President during which time the budget was determined, the desserts were eliminated. He asked if the Board decided to include funding for the desserts since that time, as no expenditures over \$250.00 are to be approved without the consent of the Board. He discussed his cuts to the Swap Meet budget, and meeting with Grizzly to renegotiate the amount they charge the Club. Jerry Ellerbeck stated that swap meets are dead. President Steven Williams commented that members need to have an assemblance of control. The Board needs to take care of the membership.

Daniel Mullis will ask the Lodge about reducing the amount the Club pays to use the Lodge for the meetings. Daniel also stated that the dessert budget line item also pays for coffee, tea, plates, plasticware, etc.

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Board Meeting minutes continued

After further discussion, the consensus was that a selection of cookies would be purchased for the desserts. Left over desserts that the Club has already paid for will be used first.

Sam Atkinson discussed having a garage tour in January. The comment was made that President Steven Williams has the best one to tour.

Tech Day is October 18 at his Shop, per Scott Francis.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. suggested that in January, everyone who owns a car in the Club would pay \$100.00 annually to the Club. No decision was made after discussion.

There being no further business at 7:42 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: Brief updates were given regarding the health of Ken Baker, Mike Thum, Dave Kuenzel, and Steven Williams.

Minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting were read. Keith Sanders made the mo on to approve the minutes. Daniel Mullis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The Treasurer's Report was given. Dave Becherer made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously.

Mike Thum reported that the Club's website has been updated with the latest Occasional, and minutes. Don Spaeth reported that all the Club's books are available, and to see him if any member wants to check out one. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. stated that he has the Club's videos with him. The next deadline for items to be included in the upcoming Occasional is October 15.

National and Local Dues are due and payable now. Sam Atkinson reported on the request of the St. Charles County Nursing Home is still interested in having a Model T Display in June, 2026 on Father's Day. He asked that anyone who is interested to please let him know.

President Steven Williams stated that the Chili Cookoff is this Sunday from Noon until 3:00 at the same location as last year. Scott Francis stated that the Fall Tour is tomorrow, and participants should meet between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. with plans to leave the meeting location at the west commuter lot at Highways 94 and 40 at 8:45 a.m. He said the route will be through St. Charles County, Warren County, and Lincoln County, and he has picked out a location for lunch.

Tech Day is planned for October 18 at Scott's Shop. He said tomorrow's tour will drive by his shop.

The Brass and Nickel Show is November 1 at the Transportation Museum. Please contact Sam Atkinson about participating in the Rapid Assembly Show.

November 8 is the Veterans Parade, a sign-up sheet is available tonight.

Cindy Atkinson stated that on Monday, November 17, she is making arrangements for the ladies of the Club to go to Josephine's for lunch. Departure will be at 10:0 a.m., and the reservation will be at 11:00 a.m.

Sam Atkinson announced that the nominating committee has a slate of officers seeking election/reelection for 2026-2027 as follows: President: Sam Atkinson; Secretary: Ruth Baker; Directors: Daniel Mullis, Keith Sanders, Don Spaeth, and John Michaelree. Steven Williams is seeking election as a Director for 2026 only, filling Sam Atkinson's unexpired term. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to elect the officers by acclimation. The motion was seconded by Jenny Sanders and carried unanimously.

At this point, the members broke up into small groups for a brainstorming session in regard to ideas for making money for the Club. The resulting suggestions included: A Poker Run; Trivia Night; a Car Show at the Church in Twin Oaks; Charging \$300.00 for the Rapid Assembly Car Team Show if requests are made; a Raffle for a trip; Model T rides through the Christmas lights at Tilles Park; Having a Rapid Assembly Car Show at fairs and other events; Donations for the raffle for the Christmas party; Raffle off a Model T, with

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tickets of \$50.00 - \$100.00 (to be determined), with the owner being compensated for the amount desired for the Model T, and the excess to go to the Club treasury; Rental of a Model T and driver for transportation of a Bride and Groom after the wedding from the Church to the reception; also rental of a Model T and driver for other events. There will be further discussion regarding these ideas.

At 9:00 p.m., there being no further business, Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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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!

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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).

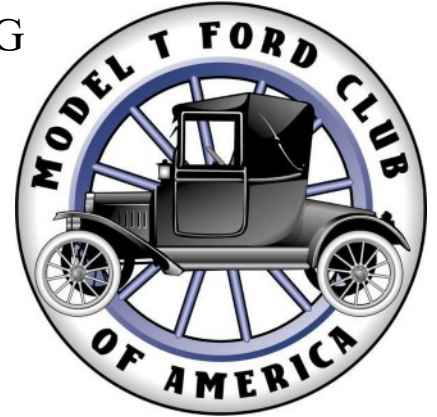
The advantage of belonging to the national organization is a bi-monthly award-winning publication - *The Vintage Ford*. It is a great publication, full of valuable information for Model T owners. Also, check out the national club's website at www.mtfca.com and especially the forum which is full of great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

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