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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all club members!

This is an exciting time of year to be an old car hobbyist. Outside activities are in full swing and the list of things to do is nearly endless. A full list of our club's opportunities can be found later in this edition of "The Occasional."

Once again The Greater St. Louis Chapter of MTFCA has won a national award. Our website, with Mike Thum as webmaster, has been awarded second place among all other MTFCA websites. We are fortunate to have such a talented tech guy as Mike be our webmaster. Thanks Mike!!

As most of you already know the Rapid Assembly team's trip to Nashville is canceled. The proposed trip was to an exclusive, high-end car show held on the grounds of The Cheekwood Botanical Garden where most of the cars are displayed on the well-manicured grass. When I said we require a paved area for our demo they could only offer a "tarp over grass." That simply would not work for our jack stands and 2-wheeler. Despite this setback we have 3 remaining Rapid Assembly demos on the books this year all in the immediate area.

I hope to see you down the road.

Sam Atkinson, President

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

When I first began editing this publication, I asked why it was called *The Occasional* and I was told because it came out 'occasionally.' My goal over the years has been to get it into your hands by the first of the month of the issue date. Didn't do that last summer because of my 'summer from hell.' And this summer I fear it may be late. My blood infection last summer settled into my right artificial shoulder. The infected parts have been removed and replaced and the infection cleaned out. I'm in the midst of six weeks of iv antibiotics 24/7. Really cannot use either arm for six weeks. But surgeon said I could type. So I hope to soon be back to my regular schedule.

If you read *Old Cars* magazine, perhaps you saw Dr. Gerald Perschbacher's comments on p. 16 of the June 16th issue: "Club editor Steven Williams brims with creative ideas and poured those forth recently in *The Occasional* (Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis...). His salute referenced Andrew Lee Dyke's early influence on motoring, circa its beginning and up to 1910. The coverage covers three pages. It's grand to recall Dyke and his influence on the first generation of auto enthusiasts. It's beneficial to "rock that infant cradle" for the car hobby and auto industry. It seems a worthy goal for car collectors too." Thank you Dr. Perschbacher!

Most of us use Dyke's publication as we service our cars. The Model T Ford did not emerge from a vacuum, but from a very tumultuous and creative period in the birth of the automobile industry, of which Henry Ford was an integral part.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026

- July 10 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 (if the Board meets, special notice via email will be sent to Board members)
 26 - Annual Club Picnic, noon, Spring Forest Estates
- August 5-8 - 14th Homecoming Celebration, Richmond, Indiana. See *Vintage Ford* for details.
 8-9 - Annual Overnight Tour, see page three.
 14 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- September 9-12 - MTFCA National/Regional Tour, **MISSOURI!** Watch *Vintage Ford* for details.
 26-30 - Model T Covered Bridge Tour, Parke County, Indiana. See the *Vintage Ford*.
- August 8 - Annual Homecoming, Richmond, Indiana. See the *Vintage Ford* for details.
- September 8-12 - Joplin, MO. **Model T's, the Mother Road, & More - 2026 Western Region National Tour, MTFCA** See the *Vintage Ford* for details!
- October 4 - Annual Chili Cook-off, noon, Spring Forest Estates
- December 12 - Annual Christmas Banquet, noon to 3, Helen Fitzgerald's, near Lindbergh & Watson Rds.

IMPORTANT MODEL T AUCTION!

By Steven Williams

In the July 1, 2026 issue of *Old Cars* is an ad on page 11 from Van der Brink Auctions, Inc. (www.vanderbrinkauctions.com) I do not usually tout businesses or auctions, but this may be of some interest to our club members. It is The Jim Finney Model T Collection Auction, October 24th, 2026, 9:00 AM at the Crawford County Fairgrounds in Oblong, IL. (108 Legion Parkway, Oblong, IL) "This truly is an amazing opportunity to bid on RARE and EARLY Ford Model T Cars & Parts. This collection has approx. 14 Ford Model T's including multiple RARE 1912-1916 Ford Model T Town Cars, Coupelette, and many early 1909-1915 Motors, and hard to find Parts."

If interested, check out their website for more information.

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

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"

"I'm going a-motoring, sir," she said;

"May I go with you, my pretty maid?"

"You may if you pay for the car," she said.

"Your Honor," said the arrested chauffeur, "I tried to warn the man, but the horn would not work."

"Then why did you slacken speed rather than run him down?"

A light seemed to dawn upon the prisoner. "That's one on me. I never thought of that."

Satan - What are those two automobile fellows fighting about?

Assistant - They've just got into an argument over whether this place ought to be air-cooled or water-cooled.

"Who gets custody of the automobile?"

"I told my wife she might have it. I can't keep up a machine and pay alimony too."

2026 OVERNIGHT TOUR

By Sam Atkinson

Its time once again to make your reservation for our annual overnight tour. This is our 34th year doing these fun-filled mini-vacations and they have become one of our most popular and anticipated club events.

Here are the plans we've made so far:

At 7 AM, Saturday August 8th, we will meet at the vacant "Weekends Only" parking lot, 14205 Manchester Rd (same place as last year) and after a brief driver's meeting leave around 7:30. The 100-plus mile route to Litchfield will include crossing the Mississippi River on a ferry, several miles on the "Great River Road" a few small towns, plenty of straight flat seldom-traveled back roads and as much of original Route 66 as possible. We should arrive in Litchfield around lunch time.

After arriving and having lunch, you are free to roam the town, there is a Route 66 museum, an antique mall and quite a number of interesting shops to choose from.

That evening we will have dinner at "Ariston's Cafe" a Route 66 legend for 100 miles in every direction. Established in 1924, Ariston's is an institution among Route 66 devotees because not only does the front door open up to "Old Route 66" but the back door is on "Historic Route 66." At some point in the '30's the designated road moved one single block east as it passed through Litchfield. Very unique!

We will be staying at the HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, a bright new hotel which is locally owned, boasts sky-high reviews, an indoor swimming pool and convenient location. I have blocked 14 rooms in our name at the negotiated rate of \$129+tax but you must reserve your room by July 18 to get that rate.

After breakfast Sunday morning (which is included in the cost of the room) we will go to the "Picker's Market" a flea market held in the streets of downtown Litchfield where dozens of vendors from throughout the Midwest set up booths to sell antiques and oddities of all descriptions to the hordes of buyers who flood the street. This is the sort of thing we have never done before and it sounds like fun.

I encourage everyone to consider going no matter what you drive, but if you decide to go you **must** do 2 things: **1. Call Holiday Inn Express direct**, 217-324-4556 (NOT the 800 number or one of the travel sites) to reserve your room and be sure to tell them you are with the Model T Ford Club so you get the special rate. **2 Call or text Sam Atkinson** 636-346-7910 to tell him you are going so he can get an accurate head count for the Saturday night dinner reservation.

This is gonna be fun!

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

"What are you doing there?" demanded a policeman sternly of a woman who had stopped her Ford near a street corner and was preparing to alight.

"Parking my car," she replied. "I thought this would be a good place. The sign there reads 'Safety Zone.'"

Ed (at the phone): "Say, Edna, will you go on a picnic with me Sunday?"

Edna (likewise): "I'd just love to, Ed. I'll put up a lunch and let's take my car. Shall we?"

Ed (as before) "No, call the ambulance and tell them to bring a pulmotor (Ed. Note: invented in 1907, a device for pumping air into and out of the lungs of a person needing it.) I'll be lying on the floor beside the telephone"

"This can't go on," said the farmer as he surveyed his sick flivver in disgust.

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR

I've been using these Cobb Shinn and Witt postcards from the early 1910's almost since the beginning of my editorship. I simply find them fascinating!

Phil Skinner had an interesting article in the May 15, 2026 issue of *Old Cars Weekly*.



His article, titled *Model T: The Hero of Early Postcards*, informs us that as the Model T was gaining popularity, so was the ability to send postcards for a penny to friends and family in the next county or across the country. "According to noted Ford historian Tim O'Callaghan, there are about 100 known examples of Model T-related postcards having fun with these cars." I have found two major producers of such cards: Cobb Shinn, and Witt. There were also a number of unsigned cards out there.

We know our Model T's were cheap, and they certainly are quirky. But they are easily mastered, easy to drive and maintain, and easy to repair. Back in their heyday these were important factors for the automobilist of modest means! Plus, with their three-point suspension, they could go darn nearly anywhere. The period postcards poked fun at the Model T and its idiosyncrasies, but many also extolled its virtues. Model T owners took pride in their cars and their capabilities.

Cobb Shinn from Indianapolis produced a total of 36 postcards, while Witt produced three sets of ten cards. I have managed to collect 28 of Cobb Shinn's 36, and 19 of Witt's 30, plus 9 that have no identifiable creator. I guess I'm going to have to start looking again!

MY PROBLEM

From Sam Atkinson

This is on the back of Jim Finney's business card

I have 2 brothers. One collects antique cars. The other brother was just sentenced to death by lethal injection for murder. My mother died from insanity when I was 3 years old. My 2 drug-addicted sisters are prostitutes and my father sells narcotics. Recently, I met a girl who was just released from a reformatory where she served time for smothering her illegitimate child to death and I want to marry her.

MY PROBLEM IS:

If I marry this girl should I tell her about my brother who collects antique cars??

POP-UP TOUR TO SEE "BIG BOY!"

By Sam Atkinson

Sorry for the short notice everyone, but as part of the nations 250 birthday, the Union Pacific Railroad is crossing the country with their iconic steam locomotive Big Boy 4014. It will be in downtown St. Louis on Sunday, July 19. Traveling west on Monday the 20th, it will be stopping in Pacific, Mo at 11:30 AM.

I planned a short trip down to see it. We will leave from 15911 Manchester Rd Ellisville, MO 63011 (northwest corner of Manchester and Clarkson roads, Aldi's parking lot). Meet around 8:30 AM for a 9:00 AM departure. That gives us plenty of time to get there. We will also travel over part of Route 66 to help commemorate the 100 year anniversary of The Mother Road. We can make a stop at Red Cedar Inn, a famous Route 66 attraction that is now a museum and visitors center. There are plenty of places to grab a bite to eat, so nothing is planned and can be discussed as we go. This is an opportunity for us to get the cars out to continue our nations birthday and see the worlds largest operating steam locomotive with its matched train set and maybe gin up some interest in our club.

Webmaster Mike Thum Wins Again!

By Sam Atkinson

Once again our club has been recognized for excellence by the MTFCA. At the National Meeting/Awards Banquet in New York this weekend our chapter with Mike Thum, as webmaster, won 2nd place in the website category. The competition in this category is fierce as there are dozens of excellent sites for chapters around the globe and our chapter consistently finishes in the top 3. Congratulations Mike!!

THE GREYSTONE

By Scott Francis

President Atkinson was contacted by a representative of "The Greystone" condo association about a celebration they were having for their centennial anniversary. It seems as though a photo hanging in their lobby depicted what they thought were Ford Model T's from the buildings early days, and they wanted to recreate it along with the celebration they had planned. We had seen the photo they wanted to duplicate, and it is safe to say there isn't a Model T in it, but who were we to point that out? They asked for a couple of cars and we mustered up 4 for them. After we finished with the rapid assembly demonstration at the National Museum of Transport, John Michaelree, Don Spaeth, Dave Sarniguet, and I headed down to the Central West End.

It turned out to be quite a shindig they were throwing, and they were waiting on us to get the party started. As we pulled up, the residents could be heard expressing that sentiment. We were very warmly greeted and they had the front of the building blocked off waiting for us to line up. Dozens of residents came down to view the cars and lots of hands were shaken! They read a proclamation from the Mayor of Saint Louis and unveiled a plaque affixed to the wall by the staircase.

We were invited to join the party with a birthday cake and drinks, all the while the friendly folks that live there were snapping pictures of our cars. A professional photographer was there as well to get "the shot" they wanted. We were told that once they get it, that it will hang in the lobby as a companion to the original. We had a great day, the weather was perfect, and now part of our clubs fabric will be on display for people to enjoy as they enter "The Greystone"



The Greystone



Bottom left: our cars lined up for the photo.
Bottom right: the original photo the folks at The Greystone wanted to reproduce for their



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

"Is your chauffeur an expert?"

"Yes, indeed," replied Mr. Chuggins. "He can explain in a most interesting way exactly why the car isn't running most of the time."

Gent, (engaging new chauffeur) - And have you any references from your last employer?

Applicant - No, but I can get some in about a month.

Gent - Why the delay?

Applicant - He's in the hospital.

2026 SPRING TOUR

By Scott Francis

The weather for this years spring tour seemed as though it might be a bit dicey, but as it was famously stated by an un-named club member, "it isn't battery acid" so off we went.

This years tour started in Columbia, Illinois and took us on a meandering trip to Breeze, Illinois. Three cars were in attendance this trip, myself and my navigator, London Allen in my '25 roadster p/u, Sam and Cindy Atkinson, in their '27 roadster, and John Michaelree and Patrick Lang in his 26 touring car.

As much as a larger group is always a good time, having a smaller number of cars allows for us to make stops for photos and it is easier to keep the group together. 2-lane blacktops are great for us, but the hustle and bustle of modern life kept a line of modern cars behind us on the way to our first stop.

The Excel bottling works in Breeze was recently featured in the paper. They make many flavors refreshing drinks, all with pure cane sugar. They also, are one of two bottling plants that accept bottles back for re-use. The tour that they spoke of turned out to be a glitchy video, but we all got a beverage and then headed off to the local diner for lunch. Wally's Drive in, a walk up order with picnic tables serves up typical diner food, burgers, fries, and shakes.

To avoid some of the traffic on the return, My trusty navigator got the map out and found us a slightly different route back that took us through the fields of western central Illinois.

After our last stop to top off the fuel tanks, the threatening skies finally decided to give us about 10 minutes of a drive thru car wash. Seven hours and 96 miles later and no candidates for the "Hard Luck Award" we returned to our starting place and declared it a good day.



London Allen loading up Lucky Club beverages in granddad's T



L to R: Sam Atkinson, Scott Francis, John Michaelree, and Patrick Lang.



St. Louis City Photos



Washington Square, 1920's, behind City Hall.



Washington from 7th St. During rush hour, August 1925.



4th and Washington

2026 VINTAGE FORD SHOW

By Sam Atkinson

The Vintage Ford Show was held May 17 at the National Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood and our members who attended had a fun day. This show only allows Ford vehicles made between 1903 and 1953 so it squarely targets our Model T's. As usual Model A's outnumbered us 2 to 1 but we still had a good showing of 6 cars. Our members who displayed their Model Ts were John Michaelree, Stephen Noll, Don Spaeth, Dave Sarniguet, Scott Francis and Steve Heatherly. Maybe we can get more T's there next year. We did our Take-a-Part car in 8 minutes 39 seconds in front of a fairly large crowd of mostly Model A owners because most of the Model T owners were on the rapid assembly team.



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

Friend – Come quick! Your husband is under the sofa doing the queerest stunts and swearing awfully
Wife – That's nothing! Johns going to get an automobile next week, and he's just practicing up so that he won't feel awkward!.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Sam Atkinson. Members present were: President Sam Atkinson, Vice President Scott Francis, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, and Directors Don Spaeth, Michael Thum, John Michaelree, Daniel Mullis, and Dave Groerich.

Minutes from the April 10, 2026 meeting were read. Dave Groerich made motion to accept, Scott Francis seconded. Minutes approved. The Treasurer's Report was given. The Swap Meet financials report was given by Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli. We made a profit! Since the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2026, Bonnie requested that any further expenses be turned in to her before that date. Answering Don Spaeth's inquiry, Bonnie clarified that the Club is not non-profit. Don Spaeth made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Scott Francis, and carried unanimously.

Sam proposed that the Club pay \$300.00 to the Boy Scouts for their work at the Swap Meet. A motion was made by Dave Groerich to pay the Scouts the \$300.00 and it was seconded by John Michaelree. The motion was approved. There being no further business, Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Daniel Mullis, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Atkinson, Acting Secretary

Edited by Ruth Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, May 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Sam Atkinson. Minutes from the April 10, 2026 meeting were read. Dave Sarniguet made mo on to accept, Mike Thum seconded. Minutes approved. The Treasurer's Report was given. As of May 8, 2026: Since the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2026, Bonnie requested that any further expenses be turned in to her before that date. Scott Francis made the motion to accept. The mo on was seconded by Dave Kuenzel and passed.

Paul Diebold reported that he was recently in the hospital for five days and is now wearing a heart monitor. Varon Fugman proudly displayed the trophy he received at the 2026 Easter Show for "Best Pre War" car. He also showed his newly assembled LEGO Model T.

Sam Atkinson handed out an eight-page tech report, "Power, Torque, and Model T Performance". Don Spaeth reported he has the book library available tonight.

Kent Gilbane gave a report on the 2026 Swap Meet. He said this year we had great weather for the two day vs three-day event. There was better vendor turnout this year, and due to the cuts in our expenses (food, carts, Boy Scouts, outdoor porta potties) we had significant savings. After all the turned in bills were paid, we made a decent profit.

Sam Atkinson reported that he got a call from a man who lives in a central west end condo. This man asked if we could provide a few of our T's for a photo in front of the building on May 17th from 2-4 pm. The tenants are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the building. Sam agreed as they will pay our club \$200.00. Scott Francis, Dave Sarniguet, and Don Spaeth volunteered.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16- SPRING TOUR to Breese, IL. Organized by Scott Francis. Talk to Scott for all details and sign up.

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Meeting minutes continued from previous page:

May 17- VINTAGE FORD SHOW (Museum of Transport). Sam encouraged as many T's as possible to show up. Sam also has the sign-up sheet for the Rapid Assembly Team which will be performed that day at noon.

June 20, 21 is Father's Day weekend. Our Rapid Assembly Team has been asked to perform at an exclusive car show in Cheekwood Estates Botanical Gardens (Nashville, TN) (two shows each day). Sam negotiated that they donate \$2000.00 to club for the show and also provide seven hotel rooms for the team members going. Those team members are Gerry Ellerbeck Jr (announcer), Sam Atkinson, Varon Fugman, Don Spaeth, Dave Sarniguet, Paul Diebold, Sco Francis.

June 21- Car show at the Museum of Transport, sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club. \$20.00 entry fee. Keevin Schier requested pre-registration. He will have forms at June meeting.

July 4- 250th Celebration of USA Parade, downtown St. Louis. Our club has been invited, Sam has applied and has not heard back yet.

July 11- Tech session led by Steve Heatherly will be at Steven Williams garage. Topic is "Rebuilding Rear Axles".

July 26- Club picnic at the neighborhood picnic pavilion in Steven Williams subdivision.

August 8 & 9- Overnight Tour to Litchfield, IL. Organized by Sam Atkinson. On Sunday morning we will go to the Picker's Market in Litchfield. Details and sign up at June meeting.

Scott Francis mentioned he was contacted by a man in Edwardsville, IL who has a 1922 Roadster (red w/ black top) for sale. Car is in barn and in fine condition.

Steve Dodson donated two Pilsner glasses with club logo. For auction, proceeds to go to club treasury. Cindy Atkinson won the auction and paid \$12.00.

Steve Dodson won the 50/50 drawing and donated the \$30.00 back to the club.

Cindy Atkinson provided the evening dessert which was a cake celebrating the 99th birthday of Sam's '27 Roadster. At 9:00 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Atkinson, Acting Secretary

Edited by Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Sam Atkinson at 6:40 pm. Items for the budget were discussed and decisions made to either change or keep same the amount given to each item. Possible sources of income using the take apart car were discussed. It was decided to dedicate \$100 for the printing of new club member rosters. These will be printed by a club member at home to save printing costs. The money will be used to cover the cost of paper and ink. Vice president Scott Francis suggested paying \$1500 for rent to the Masonic lodge, slightly more than our current rate, in the hopes that the lodge will not raise the rent further in the future.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli commented that our current subscription to "Go Daddy" for the club website is valid until 1/2030. Options for memorials and get-well gifts to sick members were discussed. The specifics will be decided at a later date. Bonnie Dattoli commented that the cost of the club's insurance is likely to increase. Vice President Scott Francis asked if we are shopping for other insurance options to which Bonnie responded "no."

President Sam Atkinson commented that the Club will pay Jerry Ellerbeck's gas expenses to haul the take

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apart car to the Old Threshers Show. It was commented that the Horseless Carriage Club gave us 10 spots for display cars at the Easter Show in exchange for our members doing a quick assembly demonstration.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. and seconded by Scott Francis at 7:37 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Heatherly, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

President Sam Atkinson called meeting to order at 8:00 PM, and he read the minutes from the May meeting. Motion for approval of minutes made by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr and seconded by Bill Tabor. Motion passed. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report. Motion to approve made by Kathy Groerich and seconded by Paul Diebold, motion passed.

Don Spaeth reported the Book Library is available for check out. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. reported the Video Library is also available for check out. Sam Atkinson showed a copy of the "Old Cars" June 15, 2026 issue which mentioned Steven Williams, Editor of the "Occasional".

Sam Atkinson reported that the Nashville trip for the Rapid Assembly Team, which was scheduled for June 20 and 21 has been canceled. Sam had received news from the show committee in Nashville that they could not accommodate the space needed to do our show. It was disappointing for all on the team, but maybe next year!

Daniel Mullis reported that he spent a couple of days in the hospital but is doing better now. Paul Diebold reported that he had a large stent placed while in the hospital for heart issues. He is still having chest pains and will need to have a cardiac catheter soon. Steven Williams had surgery today, June 12th. His surgery was to replace his previous shoulder replacement that had become infected. He will be in hospital for several days and on antibiotics "the rest of his life."

Scott Francis gave a report on the May 17 Central West End photo shoot. The purpose of the event was to duplicate a photo of the building taken in 1926 on its opening day showing Model Ts parked in front. He said four cars participated and residents of the building took many hundreds of pictures. The entire event was fun and well-received. The four participating cars were Dave Sarniguet, John Michaelree, Don Spaeth and Scott Francis.

The Vintage Ford Show was held May 17 at the Museum of Transport in Kirkwood and we had six Model Ts on display. Although the Model As outnumbered us 2 to 1, we still impressed the onlookers with the age and condition of our cars. Our Rapid Assembly Car was done in 8 minutes and 39 seconds. Those who displayed their Model Ts that day were Scott Francis, Don Spaeth, John Michaelree, Dave Sarniguet, Stephen Noll and Steven Heatherly.

A discussion was started about which July 4th parade to be in. The downtown parade should be fun with huge crowds of revelers, but the 4:00 PM starting time gets us home too late for family activities and fireworks. The St. Charles parade, with its 10:00 am starting time, is a better fit for our club so it was decided to participate as a club in St. Charles.

Bill Tabor said he celebrated his 93rd birthday on June 5 and he is looking for someone to take over his shipping of car magazines to Veteran's homes around the state. He said it usually costs about \$70 for postage. If interested contact Bill.

Scott Francis thanked us for the donation the club made in honor of his Mother-in-law who died in May. Scott Francis gave a report on the Spring Tour to Breese, IL. The tour went to the Breese Bottling plant where they saw a movie about how the bottling process works and they were able to buy samples of that product. He said three cars participated: John Michaelree, Sam Atkinson and Scott Francis.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sam announced that the July 11th Tech Session to be led by Steven Heatherly will not be held at Steven Williams house. Another location needs to be determined with the date still July 11th. Our annual overnight tour will be August 8 and 9 to Litchfield IL. Sam urged everyone to consider going. Details can be found later in the newsletter.

Our annual club picnic will be Sunday, July 21 at the pavilion in Steven Williams' neighborhood. A car show sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club will be held on June 21, Father's Day, at the Museum of Transport in Kirkwood. Keevin said that because our Nashville event was cancelled, we could have more Ts participate.

We have three Rapid Assembly demos scheduled: The DARE show in Edwardsville IL August 16, The Old Threshers Reunion in Montgomery City MO on August 22, and The Community Festival in Hamel IL on October 10. Sam said we need 'assemblers' for each of these events.

FOR SALE:

Dave Sarniguet reported that he saw on Facebook a guy selling three Model Ts one of which is a '22 Huckster.

Scott Francis won the 50/50, \$22.50.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50, motion made by Kthy Groerich and seconded by Don Spaeth..

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Atchison, Acting Secretary



12th and Chouteau, St. Louis,
July 1925.

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

Tom – “My brother’s just had a new attachment put on his flivver.”

Dick – “That so? What’s it for?”

Tom – “Debt.”

“Them guys soitenly has got a noive, Mame, askn’ us to go ridn’ wit em!”

“Yeah, dey must t’ink we;re a coupla them ‘ere collitch gulls.”;:

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the September/October issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is August **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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Annual Meeting - Cindy Atkinson (314-324-7663)

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

"None are so fined as those who don't flee"

"Where law ends, speeding really begins.."

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

Edison: "You will have many opportunities in life to keep your mouth shut; You should take advantage of every one of them"

"Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits."

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 information is on our website and 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.

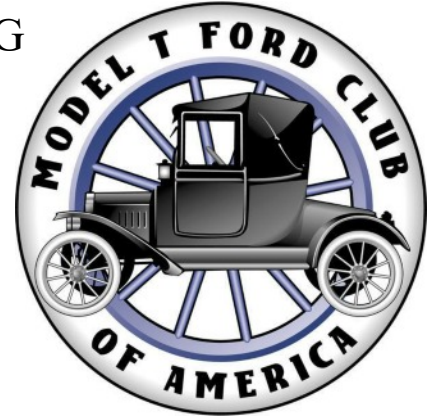
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Our participants lining up at The Greystone in the central west end for a photo op for the building's centennial.

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