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Students at Westminster Christian Academy enjoying Sam Atkinson's Model T and Presentation

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I can't believe spring is already in full swing. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming and.....the old car hobby is ramping up. What a year it's gonna be!

By the time you read this our 57th annual swap meet will be over for another year and all the other activities will be coming at us rapid fire including the Vintage Ford Show at the Museum of Transport (May 17), the spring tour (Date TBD), the 4th of July parade downtown which you know will be huge and the annual Overnight Tour (August 8 and 9). We also have an opportunity to do a series of rapid assembly demos at a major car show in Nashville TN June 20 and 21. If you would like to be an 'assembler' in Nashville please let me know ASAP.

I read a magazine article recently that talked about the Model Ts that give rides at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. I think most of you already know about the Model Ts where visitors can get rides on an enclosed course around Greenfield Village driven by museum employees. While I had heard of the program I never knew much about it until this article gave some very interesting facts. I found out that they have 15 Model Ts in their fleet each of which is driven 260 consecutive days (April 15 thru January 1) and travels over 8,000 miles during that time. Each car is lubricated EVERY day, receives a new set of tires each year and carries over 16,000 Greenfield Village visitors each and every year. The Model T rides are one of the most popular things at the museum and have been the spark that caused many riders to go home and start looking for their own Model T to buy.

It's great that Greenfield Village, owned by Ford Motor Company, proudly upholds this connection to their roots. It is a tradition that I hope goes on for a long, long time.

Happy motoring.

Sam Atkinson

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

Unfortunately this issue is later than usual due to some unforeseen circumstances. First, my program froze, locked up, and evoked multiple colorful comments from me over the span of two days while I struggled with it. You know the phrase, "Get a bigger hammer?" I did. I ended up deleting the program and reinstalling it. Fortunately I did not lose much data. But I still had to reconstruct some.

Then, I had trouble processing some photos. Took me another 3 hours to resolve that issue. And finally, I corrected the incorrect dates in the previous issue's calendar for the Picnic and Chili Cook-Off. The #%^@&* gremlins have been active.

As you have discovered over the years I've been producing *The Occasional*, I use material from period publication. I do not always know what the quotations mean. For example, on page 14 from *The Auto Guest Book*... is this: "A fool and his tonneau are soon carted." In that era a tonneau was bolted onto the frame behind the front seat. Perhaps a foolish driver has an accident and the tonneau is ripped from the chassis, and both are "carted off", one to the salvage yard the other to the hospital. I don't know. Except sayings like that made sense to the drivers in that era. At any rate, I hope you enjoy these glimpses into a much different time from ours!

The touring season is upon us, and I hope you have a great time with your cars!

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026

- May 3 - Our annual **SWAP MEET**.
 8 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 16 - Annual Spring Tour, see article on page 6.
- June 12 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge 4557
 10-13 - 26th Annual Show Me Tour, Marshfield, MO See *Vintage Ford* for details.
 21-26 - MTFCA National/Regional Tour, Lake George, NY. Watch *Vintage Ford* for details.
- 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, details to be announced.
 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*.
- October 4 - Annual Chili Cook-off, noon, Spring Forest Estates

SWAP MEET, 2026 AND 2027

By Steven Williams

When you read this, the 2026 Swap Meet is over. The accounting *may* be completed by the May Board and Club meetings. Decisions or at least discussion will begin at the May Board and Membership meetings regarding our future plans. We had a decently good turnout of both vendors and buyers, even though counts were down.

Perhaps the most important task for us now is to find a new coordinator for the Swap Meet. Several tasks are fairly automatic, but we need an overall coordinator to fill the job Kent Gilbane has done for many years. Please give very serious consideration to stepping into this role.

We are committed to the Grizzly site for two more years. Even with their rent, there are key advantages. They provide us with golf carts, so we do not need to spend \$1200 or more renting them. We also only need to rent two porta-potties. And easy access to the site with plenty of buyer parking. But the key is, we need a new coordinator!

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

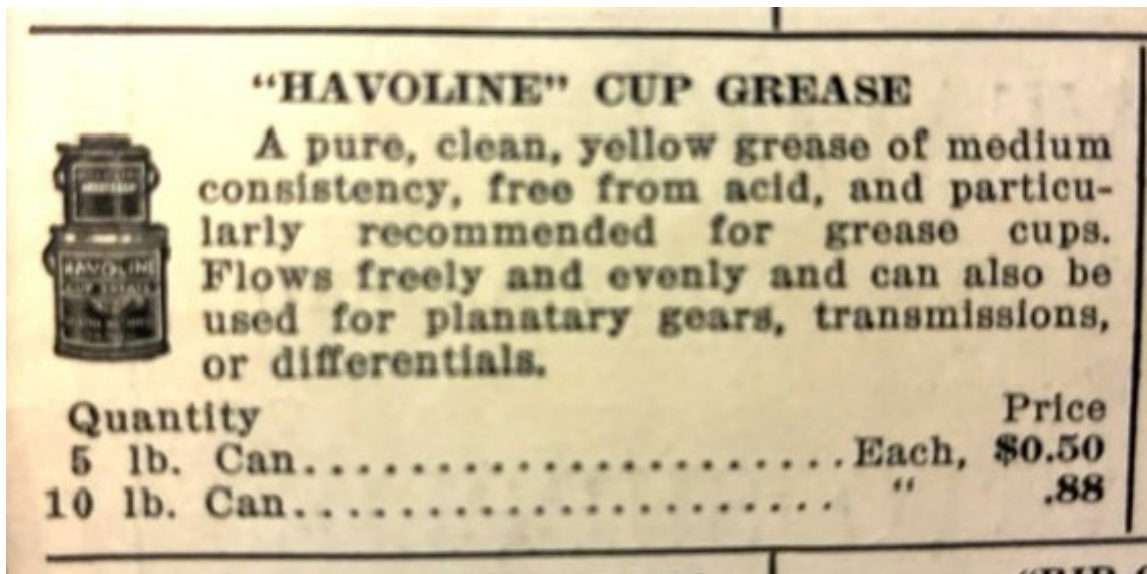
"I don't seem to be getting as great a mileage out of the gasoline as I used to get," said Mr. Mortoeigh. His wife blushed in a guilty manner.

"John," she confessed, "I've been cleaning your neckties in it." (*Ed. Note: In the beginning days of dry cleaning gasoline and kerosene were used as cleaning agents. And as this joke indicates, many households also used it as a clothes cleaning agent, particularly wool clothes, as it did not shrink them.*)

Old Bullion: Just got a telegram from Jane. She's eloped with the chauffeur.

Mrs. Bullion: What shall we do?

Old Bullion: Oh, I telegraphed the, "Come hoj and clean the car and all will be forgiven."



Listing in the back cover of the 1915 auto supply catalogue of the American Auto Supply Company

Varon Fugman wins Best in Class at Forest Park!



Our congratulations to Varon for winning Best In Class at the Easter Sunday Concours d'Elegance in Forest Park! His 1915 Model T was the Best Pre War Car.



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

Agnes: "I've got a fellow who owns a swell car. Do you love anyone who owns a car?"

Mabel: "Anyone."

The Man at the Wheel: "The engine seems to be missing, dear."

The Gal: "Never mind, darling, it doesn't show."

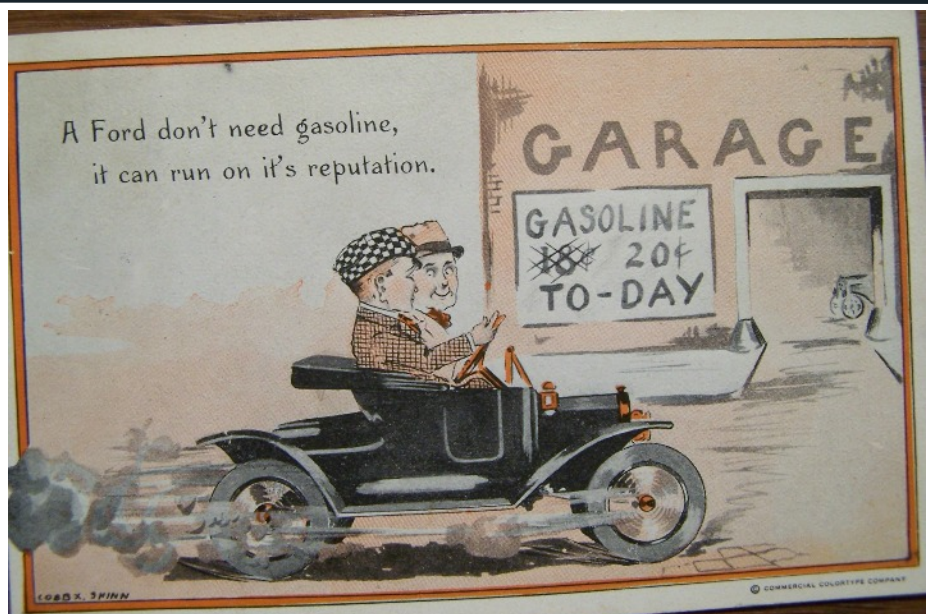
When an unlicensed driver with one arm around a girl drives a stolen flivver with no lights and no number plates the wrong way, on a one-way street, and after running past six policemen crashes into a police station – he's unlucky!

MODEL T DEMO AT WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, TOWN AND COUNTRY

This school wanted a display of a Model T, with a question and answer period. Dave Kuenzel was involved in setting this up and Sam Atkinson along with Cindy, took his Model T for "show and tell!" The photos tell the story.



MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE, DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS

A great time was had by our participants in the annual St. Patrick's Parade. And as Sam Atkinson reports, David Sarniguet has participated in every single parade since it's inception in 1969.



Dave Sarniguet



Stephen Heatherly riding with Don Spaeth



Stephen Duga and Tammy Calloway



Stephen Heatherly and Don Spaeth



Kent Gilbane and Suzanne Pourcillie



Scott Francis



Cindy and Sam Atkinson



Scott Francis



Scott Francis, Cindy & Sam Atkinson
Sam, the world wants to know, (not really!) WHERE did you get that blazer???

ANNUAL SPRING TOUR

By Scott Francis

Our annual Spring Tour will be Saturday May 16 in Columbia IL.

We will meet around 8:00 in the parking lot at the corner of South Rapp and West Cedar, downtown Columbia, and leave at 8:30-ish. We were told trailer parking is permitted on this lot.

The 42 mile route will take us to Breeze IL where we will visit Excel Bottling works and have lunch before we drive back to our starting point in Columbia.

We urge everyone to consider going on this tour no matter what you drive but especially those with Model T Fords. If you choose to go please call or text Scott Francis (636-544-7750) so he can get an accurate head-count for the lunch reservation.

CRUISIN' LINDBERGH

By Steven Williams

At our April club meeting Dave Sarniguet told us about the Cruisin' Lindbergh event which occurs three times each year - April, July, and October. Sounded like a good idea to me! As I did not have a Model T to drive, I took another of our cars, along with spouse Sherry and cousin Carol. We had a great time and the crowds were large and enthusiastic. A passel of photos were taken by the bystanders and posted on Facebook. True to form, Dave drove his 1927 Model T Tudor, along with his daughter Aimee. Enjoy the photos of his car, Cruisin' Lindbergh.



"INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUNNING AUTOMOBILES Manufactured By The Victor Mfg. Co. St. Louis, U.S.A."

By Steven Williams

I don't remember where I found this little 25 cent booklet (original publishing price!), but I found it very interesting, giving insight into the early auto industry in St. Louis. I am presenting here the first page for your enjoyment.

"Before automobiles came into general use, when a man decided to purchase a machine, he either went to the factory himself or sent a man to the factory to learn how to run it. In this he showed wisdom. Today, however, it is different. It is a rare exception to have a man come to the factory. Why? Simply because he sees his neighbors, Jones and Smith, run their autos without any trouble, and he is sure he knows more about everything than Jones and Smith put together, and why should he bother himself about it. This is a mistake that causes more trouble to the manufacturer today than all his other troubles combined.

The Victor Automobile Mfg. Company appreciate your business. You have favored us with your order when you could have given it to some one else, so we would not for the world run the risk of incurring your displeasure by even hinting that you are one of these know-it-alls. However, there is one thing you may be sure of. If you never ran a Victor before, you have something to learn. A man may be thoroughly familiar with a certain make of automobiles; the mechanism of another automobile is altogether different and it is almost like beginning over again. If you are familiar with water-cooled engines you are very apt to overlook your air-cooled engine the first time you run it, unless you are careful, because you will treat it as if it were a water-cooled engine. We have known people to cripple their engine before they ran it 25 miles. Therefore the following instructions are given with the most urgent request that you familiarize yourself with them, and you will save yourself trouble and expense, and relieve us of considerable annoyance."

VICTOR HAND-FORGED AUTOMOBILE


Either Water or Air-Cooled,
14 to 24 H. P. Solid or
Pneumatic Tires. Strong-
est Machine Built.
PRICE \$500 TO \$900

"It can move mountains, in fact there are no mountains any
more for me since I got my Victor. I go up 40% grade as though
it were level land." DR. E. L. HAFNER, Hermann, Mo.

WRITE FOR 4TH ANNUAL CATALOG

Victor Automobile Mfg. Co., 3933 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The Victor company's first vehicle was a high-wheeler, built in 1905, with a friction transmission. In 1909 they came out with a larger auto, with a 14/20 hp air-cooled engine, and an increased price. In 1911 the Victor became bigger yet with a 40 hp engine and losing the "buggy" look. The car was more expensive yet. However, the firm failed that year due to the death of its founder and president, Joseph F. Harrington, in May of that year.

Over its short life-span the company produced 7 different models. The final, Victor 4-40, had four cylinders, 40 hp on a 112" wheelbase - a vestibule touring, touring, and runabout.

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.

For Sale

Dave Groerich has a non-starter transmission and cast iron Hogs Head for a T for sale. Also a 5'x10' single axle trailer for which he is asking \$800, or best offer. Contact him about the parts and trailer: 314-607-7071.



SANTA FE TRAIL TOUR

Dear Model T Chapter,

My name is Les Vilda of Wilber, NE (<http://havedonkeywilltravel.com/>). I am a member of the Nebraskaland Model T Club based out of Lincoln, Nebraska.

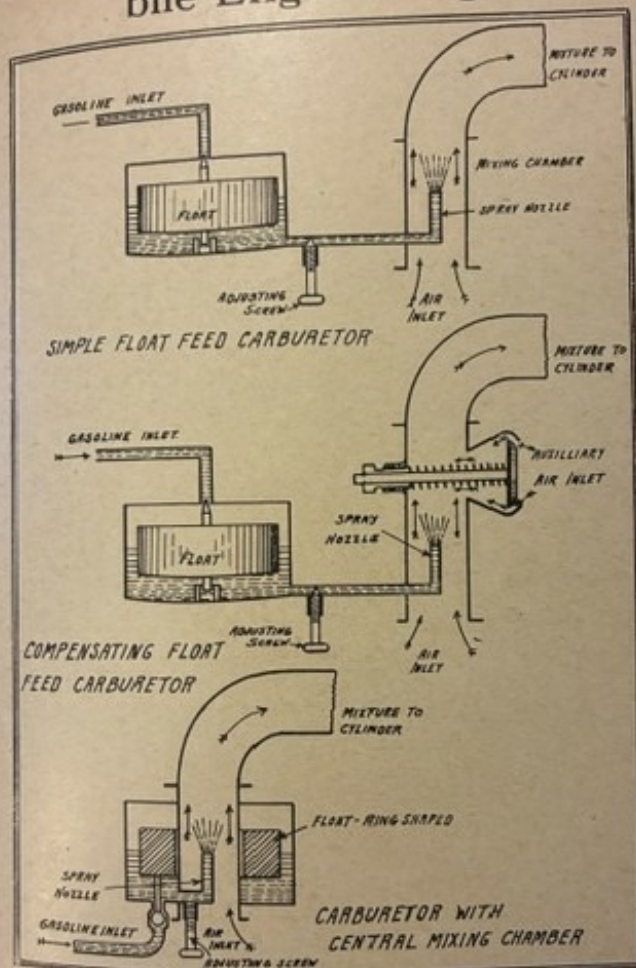
I have been asked to lead a Model T driving tour of the Santa Fe Trail in September of 2026 as part of the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Santa Fe Trail Association (<https://santafetrail.org/>). We will be starting in Gardner, KS on September 15 and driving down the Cimarron Cut-Off of the trail (panhandle of Oklahoma) to Santa Fe and then returning by way of the Mountain Branch of the trail (Raton Pass and Trinidad, CO) to end where we started, in Gardner, KS on September 29.. The full tour is 14 driving days and 1 day exploration in Santa Fe with a total of about 1676 driving miles. I have attached an itinerary of the tour to this email. It contains the dates, towns, and approximate miles to drive each day. We will be exploring historic sites, trail ruts, markers and monuments that help mark and explain the Santa Fe Trail today. Since the vast majority of the old trail is on private property today, we will be driving the nearest roads to where the trail used to be. We will be on numerous dirt and gravel roads – highways where we need to be. This tour will be taking place during the 250th Anniversary of the United States, the 150th Anniversary of Colorado becoming a state, the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 (we will be traveling some of the Original Route 66 in NM), and the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Santa Fe Trail Association. Lots of things to celebrate – I hope you can join us!

(Ed. Note - If you are interested, contact me and I'll forward his entire email to you. Also looking for vulture wagons.)

Here's an interesting tip, from *Instructions for Running Automobiles manufactured by the Victor Auto Mfg. Co, St. Louis, U.S.A.* Published by Skinner and Kennedy Stationery Co, 312 N. Broadway, n.d.

“Gasoline. Use No. 74 or 76 gasoline. Never put gasoline in your tank without straining it through a chamois skin. Don't use cloth or common strainer as all gasoline contains more or less water, which will not pass through chamois skin. If this water gets into carburetor it will cause trouble. Chamois skin can be gotten at any drug store.” (Ed. Note - I doubt that!) *See article on page 7.*

Take Dyke's Course of Automobile Engineering.



Above illustration is one of the 34 charts included with our 24 lessons. Each lesson treats on different subjects. Lesson No. 7 takes up the carburetor and there are 3 charts like the above on the carburetor subject alone. Our course is the best yet.

**Dyke's Correspondence School of Motoring,
St. Louis.**

An ad in one of Dyke's books dated 1909.

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



She - If I could only be sure that Reggie loves me for myself alone and not just because father owns an automobile!

NO BOARD MEETING IN MARCH

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by President Sam Atkinson. President Sam Atkinson welcomed guests Ken and Leng Harrison who have a 1923 Roadster, Tom Fischer, and Don Huster from Ranken Technical College.

Minutes from the February 13, 2026 Regular Meeting were read. Dave Sarniguet corrected the minutes by stating that his "Old Blue" is a 1973 Dodge. The motion was made by Steven Williams, and seconded by Scott Francis to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Motion was made by Steven Williams, seconded by Keevin Schier to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Upcoming Events: The Easter Show will be April 5, with the official start at 11:00 a.m. Participants must sign up tonight. Judges will come to the Club's site. There will be two rapid assembly presentations, one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 1:00 p.m. Keevin Schier notified the members that if anyone wants their car judged it is required that they have their form in by March 29.

A Rapid Assembly demonstration will be held at the Ranken Technical College open house. There will be two shows, probably at 8:30 am and 1:00 pm. on a date to be determined. Ranken will donate \$300 to the Club.

March 14 is the St. Patrick's Parade. There was a charge for each unit of \$125, which the Club paid. Participants will be requested to pay \$15 per car, and a "Release of Liability" needs to be signed. The Club's spot is number 111. It is requested that participants be there 11:30 am. Insurance cards, drivers licenses and signed liability forms are required.

The Swap Meet will be on May 3, and things are going well.

The Hillbilly Tour will be in September, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Route 66. The Joplin, Missouri Model T Ford Club National Tour will be September 7 – 12.

Dave Kuenzel stated that a teacher at Westminster High School is teaching two classes, one on Henry Ford and one on the Model T on March 23. There will be approximately 50 students. He said the Club needs to notify Westminster by Monday if there is anyone who will be going. Sam Atchison will follow up with Westminster.

Paul Diebold stated that Joe Duecker's grandson, Gary, who got Joe's car, passed away.

Kent Gilbane advised that there are sign-up sheets tonight for the Swap Meet. Layout and set-up will be at 8:00 am Saturday, May 2. The rest of the Club members should be there by 10:00 am. Suzanne will have a lunch available midday. Grizzly will have a gator and three golf carts available. Last year, the Club made \$950 at the Swap Meet.

Dave Groerich won the 50/50 prize of \$37.

At this point, the auction of various donated items was held, with proceeds going to the Club.

At 10:00 pm, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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

"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.'"

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026**

The meeting was opened at 6:45 by President Sam Atkinson. We had a quorum of 7. Bonnie Dattoli made the treasurer's report. We have spent 42.94% of the budget. Steven Williams made, and Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, Mike Thum made the motion to approve, seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, passed.

A particular building in the Central West End is having its centennial celebration May 17. They have a photo from 1926 with three cars in front, and want a T or two in order to reenact that photo. Consensus was that we charge \$200 for two cars, and Sam will take care of this.

Sam reminded us of the Rapid Assembly at Hamel, IL, Oct. 10, for which we will receive \$300. Discussion ensued regarding our rates for future shows. We will charge \$300 for one show, \$400 for two shows, and rates to increase as distance from St. Louis increases. Steven Williams moved, Jerry Ellerbeck seconded, that the distance fee goes to the drivers for their fuel costs. Passed unanimously.

We have been asked to do a show in Nashville on the Father's Day weekend. They want six shows over two days. Discussion ensued. Steven Williams moved, and Jerry Ellerbeck seconded, that we charge \$2,000 for the six shows PLUS they provide seven hotel rooms at their expense. Fuel costs to drivers will be reimbursed out of the \$2,000. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Williams, acting secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026**

The meeting was opened at 7:59 by President Sam Atkinson. He announced that Ken Baker was in hospice care at home. He is off chemo, conversational, looked good, but was in living room in a hospital bed. Paul Diebold went in for a colonoscopy, passed out before and after the test. Then they discovered he had pneumonia, so they kept him overnight for observation.

Bonnie Dattoli made the treasurer's report. She reported swap meet income and expenses are coming in. We've used 42.94% of the budget. The club netted \$894 from the auction last month. Scott Francis moved, Dave Sarniguet seconded, that the report be accepted. Motion passed. President Atkinson read the minutes of the last meeting in the absence of the secretary, Ruth Baker. Motion by Steven Williams, seconded by Kathy Groerich that the minutes be approved as read. Motion passed.

President Atkinson showed a copy of a west county newspaper with a photo of his car in it at an educational event he attended.

SWAP MEET - Kent Gilbane has sign up sheets ready. Due to declining vendor count spaces are being rearranged. We have about 129 vendors so far. We are now at the break-even point. No one has stepped up to co-ordinate this event in the future. We could possibly go to a smaller venue, but there are serious advantages to Grizzly - food service, golf carts, restrooms, and plenty of buyer parking. But our rental cost needs to be at \$1500-\$2000 for it to work for us. He has eliminated payment to the Boy Scouts, they will work for tips only, reduced number of porta-potties, eliminated rental golf carts. A few workers need to show up at 8 Saturday for preliminary layout, everyone else at 10 am. Workers need to be there by 5 am Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Swap Meet May 3rd. Vintage Ford Show May 17 with Rapid Assembly show. Two cars needed for a photo event at a condo in the Central West End, contact Sam Atkinson for details, club will receive \$200. We have been invited to do 6 shows at an event in Nashville Father's Day Weekend. We will do it for \$2,000 plus the sponsors providing 7 hotel rooms for 3 nights. *Continued*

Meeting minutes continued from previous page:

Contact Sam if interested in participating. July 4th is the America's Birthday Parade, 250 years. President Atkinson will sign us up for 8 cars.

Overnight Tour will be August 8 & 9. We will be going to Litchfield, IL.

Spring Tour, date to be determined.

Picnic is July 26, Chili Cook-off is October 4.

Nothing for sale.

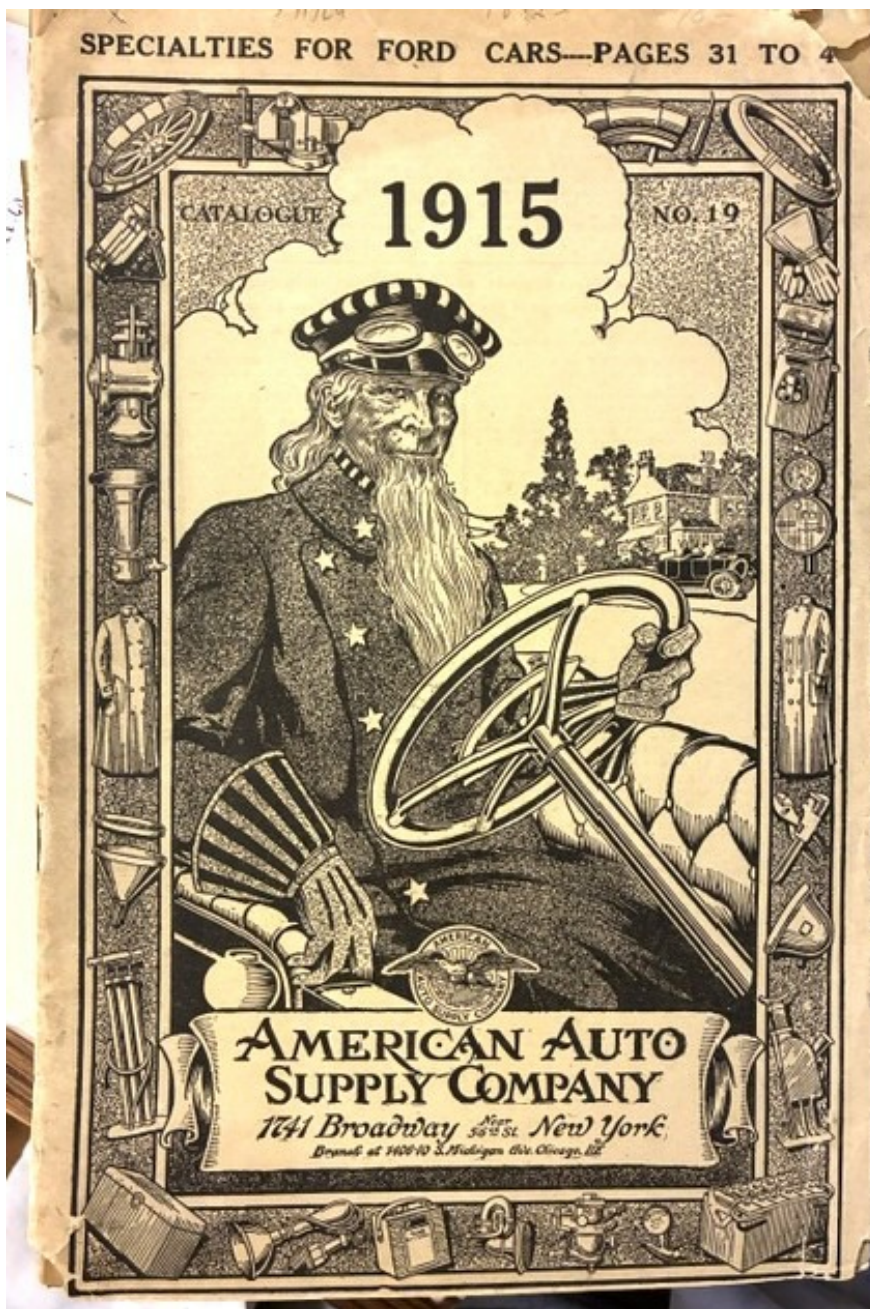
Varon Fugman showed us the trophy he won at the Concours d'Elegance at Forest Park on Easter Sunday. Best in class!

The 50/50 was won by Sam Atkinson, \$32.50.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

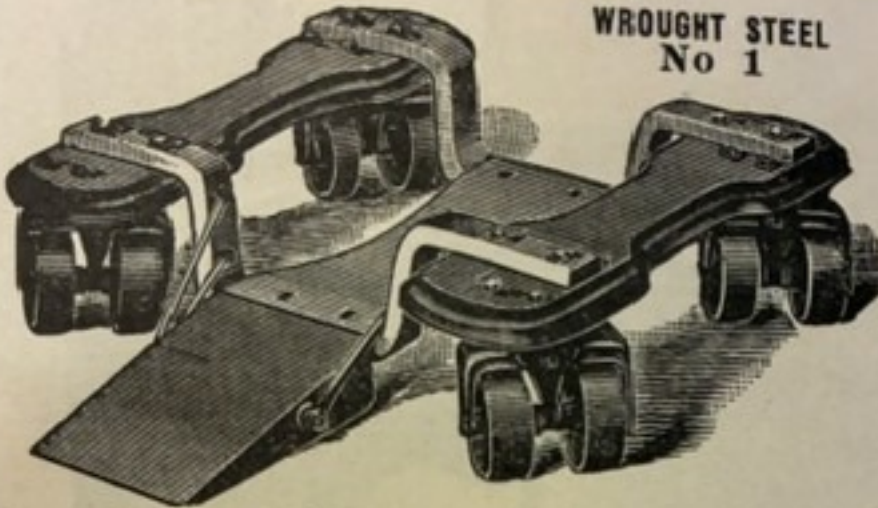
Steven Williams, acting secretary



By 1915 auto supply companies were pretty much nation wide, and most sold mail order and published catalogues for their customers. Note the listing "Specialties for Ford cars, pages 31 to 46."

According to the *Standard Catalogue of American Cars*, by the end of 1914 (when this catalogue was produced) Ford had produced 508,589 Model T's, which accounts for the catalogues and pages in catalogues dedicated to Ford cars. And as we know, with each passing year the numbers produced simply kept increasing.

WROUGHT STEEL
No 1



Patented Sept. 28, '04; Oct. 11, '04; Jan. 17, '05; Feb. 16, '05. Re-issued No. 12430, January 2, 1906.



MALLEABLE IRON
Nos. 2 and 3

Patent No. 863122, Aug. 13, 1907; 369810, Sept. 17, 1906; 20619, Dec. 31, 1906.

No. 1—20 inches square, 3-inch wheel, 1½-inch face; weight, 70 pounds per pair. Price, \$20.00 per pair.

No. 2—27 inches long, 3-inch wheel, 1½-inch face; weight, 60 pounds per pair. Price, \$15.00 per pair.

No. 3—31 inches long, 3½-inch wheels, 1½-inch face; weight, 75 or 80 pounds per pair. Price, \$20.00 per pair. Will take all size cars, especially for large cars.

The U. S. Court has just declared our Patent good and valid in suit against the Pikes Peak Manufacturing Co. We have started suit against "Norwood" for infringing. The only sure way of buying an Auto Turn-Table or Truck is to see that they are branded "The Weber Portable Turn-Table Truck." Factory, Muncie, Ind. For sale by all jobbers. All orders to be sent to headquarters.

THE WEBER CYCLE & SUPPLY CO., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Priced any Go-Jaks lately? The old saying goes, "there is nothing new under the sun." These were invented in 1904, and this ad is from 1911.

Note how they've fought patent infringements. And the prices! Low for us, but, \$15 in 1911 is worth \$521.39 today.

From the February 1, 1911 issue of *Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal*, by the Chilton Company, Philadelphia.

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JULY/AUGUST DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the July/August issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is June **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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From *The Auto Guest Book of Mobile Maxims*, pub. 1906:

"An auto is not without odour save in its own front seat."

"A fool and his tonneau are soon carted."

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

Ford: "There are two fools in this world. One is the millionaire who thinks that by hoarding money he can somehow accumulate real power, and the other is the penniless reformer who thinks that if only he can take the money from one class and give it to another, all the world's ills will be cured."

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.

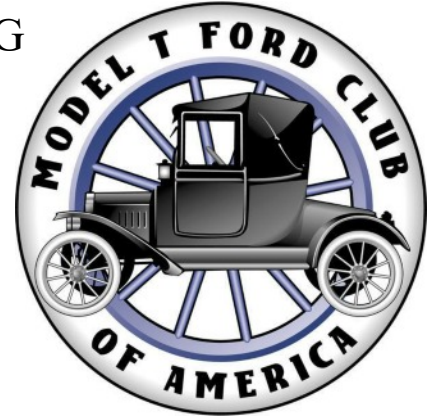
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Our participants in the 2026 St. Patrick's Parade: left to right: Kent Gilbane, (front) Tammy Calloway, Sam Atkinson, Stephen Heatherly, Stephen Duga, Scott Francis, Don Spaeth, and Suzanne Pourcillie.

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