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The 2022 Spring Tour to Alton, Illinois, and Lock and Dam 26. Approaching the bridge across the Missouri River on US 67.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The last two months have certainly been interesting around the Williams household! The therapy sessions have done wonders for my back. But Sherry fell and sprained her knee a couple of weeks before our scheduled three week trip west to and through Colorado and Utah. We went, and had a good time touring 12 National Parks plus the Durango to Silverton steam train.

When we returned home I had to play catch up with a LOT of projects. Coming in one night exhausted, SWMBO (for those who don't know: She Who Must Be Obeyed) said, to paraphrase: What part of retired do you not understand? You're supposed to be able to take it easy, and take care of yourself! So, what do you want to give up, so you have time to relax?

I pondered her question for a moment, and replied: "Mowing the yard." I think she wanted to hit me. I think Henry Ford put it best when he said "The unhappiest man on earth is the one who has nothing to do." I am going to try to be a better steward of my time and health though. I'm depending more upon labor saving devices, even went so far as to hire the church youth group to do a yard project for me. That will become an annual event!

Meanwhile, I'm still working on the cars - have to change the tires on the 1912 Torpedo, and have to rebuild the rear end on the 1911 Touring Car. I'm researching a special heating tool that will help me loosen nuts that are so tight I cannot remove them. Plus saving up to install a Ruxtell when I do get the axle out. Because of the car situation, I'm having to readjust car show and tour plans. Oh well, such is life.

You know how that goes! We make plans, and then have to adjust them. But the thing is, we still plan and dream and work to complete plans and fulfill dreams. To have hope and purpose in life, one must continue to plan and dream. That gives us something to live for. And to accomplish. In fact, I suggest that we become living examples for our children and grandchildren regarding how to grow old and live life to the fullest. See you down the road!

- Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

I am very happy to announce, to those who haven't yet heard the news, that Ruth and Ken Baker have volunteered to do registration for the Swap Meet next year. Sam Atkinson and Joe Trehwella have graciously volunteered to work with them as they "learn the ropes". And that means you're stuck with me as Editor of this publication!

We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated people in our club - they're the ones who make us a success!

And speaking of dedication, our Swap Meet was a success, and I'm going out on a limb here... In this issue I've returned to color for the print edition. I intend to thus get a firm price comparison between the black and white versus the color editions, so the Board can decide whether to keep The Occasional black and white, or return to color. We still aren't quite out of the woods yet, financially, but we are so much better off than last year. And it is all thanks to you, who worked hard at this year's swap meet. Plus our cost savings by relocating the swap meet to the Grizzly Ball Park. While vendor count and attendance seemed to be down a little bit, price adjustments plus the cheaper venue meant we had a very successful swap meet! Congratulations!

Steven G. Williams (email - steven1912@charter.net; cell 636-575-1469)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

Considering the uncertainties caused by the Coronavirus, verify any national or regional events before going.

- July 2 - America's Birthday Parade, 10 AM, downtown St. Louis. Details were emailed.
 8 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- August 7 - Annual picnic. Spring Forest Estates Pavilion, noon. See below for details.
 12 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 21 - DARE Car Show, Edwardsville
- September 9 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 11 - Brass & Nickel Show, Museum of Transportation
- October 9 - Chili Cook-Off, Spring Forest Estates Pavilion, noon
 12 - Board Meeting, 7 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 14 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Flo Reichardt has a new telephone number: 314-651-4782. She would appreciate hearing from fellow club members! She continues to reside at Big River Nursing Home and Rehab in Cedar Hill, MO.

ANNUAL PICNIC, SUNDAY AUGUST 7, NOON

Our Annual Picnic will be Sunday, August 7, beginning at noon. Once again the club will furnish the meat and soda. We ask members to bring a pot luck dish or dessert to share. Bring your swimsuits to enjoy the pool. The meat will be cooked on-site. Please call **Daniel Mullis, 314-416-4954 to let him know you're coming, so meat can be purchased.**

Use Steven Williams' address, 2830 Spring Meadow Drive, Imperial, for your GPS to locate the neighborhood. Take I-55 to the Richardson Road/Vogel Road Arnold exit. Go west on Vogel Road, to Old Lemay Ferry Road (downhill past the school on your left). Turn left onto Old Lemay Ferry Road. When that turns hard right with the warning arrows, turn LEFT onto Spring Forest Road. At the top of the hill right after Spring Forest turns left, turn right onto Spring Meadow Drive and descend the hill into our neighborhood. If you have problems, call me, 636-575-1469.

Correspondence

Dear Steven and Greater St. Louis Club Members:

On behalf of the officers, directors, and staff of the Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Museum, I'm writing to say thank you for your donation which we received May 6, 2022 in the amount of \$100.00. This gift was noted as given in memory of Marty Luepker.

Your generosity is especially appreciated during these difficult times. COVID-19 restrictions in 2020, coupled with a continued lower attendance rate in 2021 and lower-than-normal sales in the gift shop have meant fewer dollars raised for the Museum's budget. Your gift helps to off-set those losses and keep the Museum thriving as we work to fulfill our mission of preserving the history of the little car that put the world on wheels. ...

While some things had to be put 'on hold' because of COVID, we are committed to starting with a fresh perspective in 2022 and making the Museum even more informative, interesting, and committed to our Mission. We can do that because of thoughtful people like you who remember us through your gifts.

With sincere appreciation, Rachel H. Hughes, Executive Director

2022 SPRING TOUR

On a beautiful and comfortably warm spring day, we started at the old Northwest Plaza sight and drove to Lock and Dam 26 for a special tour. Following lunch we returned to our starting point. We were fortunate to have some time to tour the museum, and we also enjoyed seeing a tow locked through headed downstream.



A nice scenic drive without a lot of traffic.



A refueling stop before we leave Missouri.



A good time was had by all at lunch.

Spring Tour, continued



The intrepid tourists



A tow entering and departing the lock.

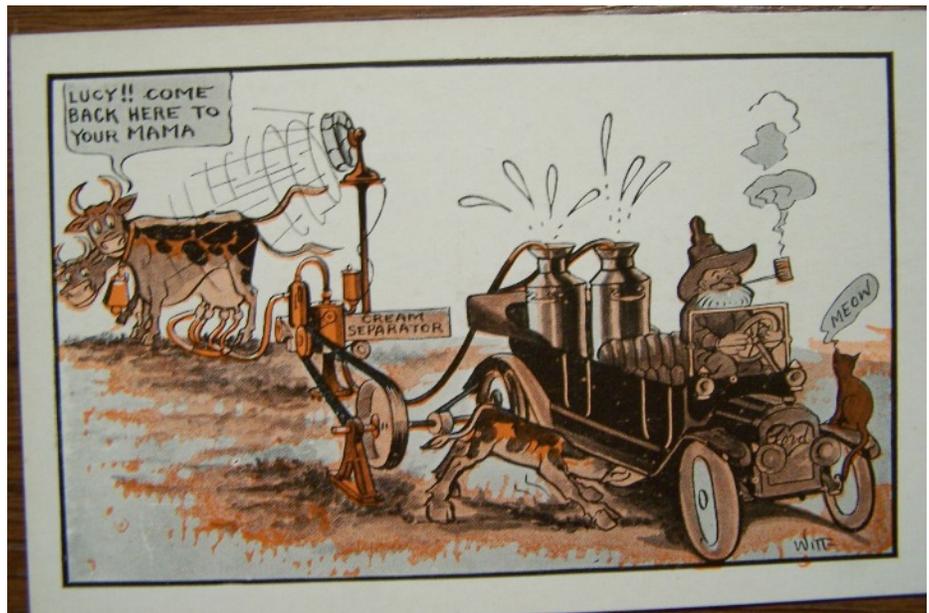


From *The Edison & Ford Quote Book*, c. 2004, Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Henry Ford:

“All that I personally own of any value is my experience, and that cannot be taken away. One should not complain of having one’s fund of experience added to.”

“If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person’s point of view and see things from that person’s angle as well as from your own.”

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



2022 SWAP MEET

Our annual Swap Meet was a success! Of course there were some hitches in our new location, but that is only to be expected. Everything was successfully dealt with and we're looking forward to an even better Swap Meet next year!



A busy place!



Vendor check in. Diana & Joe Trewhella; Sam & Cindy Atkinson



Buyer entrance staff, L to R: Gayle Ellerbeck, Bonnie Dattoli, Mary Lou Amman; Rhonda Ford, Ruth & Ken Baker



Lunch time! Steven Williams, Suzanne Pourcille



L to R: Gayle Ellerbeck, Dave Groerich, Kent Gilbane, Kathy Groerich



Sherry Williams, Cindy Atkinson



Jerry Ellerbeck Sr. & Jr.



Jerry & Gayle Ellerbeck, top Kent Gilbane



L to R: Michael Flaherty, Paul Diebold, Ken Baker, Nick Dattoli, Ruth Baker, Bonnie Dattoli



Swap Meet, continued



Front: Daniel Mullis, Mary Lou Amman;
Rear: Joe & Diana Trehwella



Bob Grincewich, seated. Nephews
Josh (left) & Sam Roedner

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Friends in St. Louis:

On behalf of the officers, directors, and staff of the Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Museum, I'm writing to say thank you for your gift of the Annual Meeting monies which we received May 17, 2022.

I know hosting the Annual Meeting was a lot of hard work - especially when you had to postpone it for a year and redo everything and I want you to know how much your efforts are appreciated. The event was a great success and so much fun! Your careful planning and attention to detail was evident in everything we did while visiting your wonderful city.

The Club is alive and well because of folks like you and, with support from Clubs like yours, the Museum continues it's climb back from the hit we took because of COVID. Things that had to be put 'on hold' are beginning to back in the works and good things are happening here in Richmond. We have a fresh perspective for 2022 and are making the Museum even more informative, interesting, and are recommitted to our Mission. We can do that because of great people like you who support us.

With sincere appreciation,
Rachel H. Hughes
Executive Director

GASOLINE TIPS

Summarized from "Understanding Gasoline" by David Conwill,
Hemmings Motor News, June 2021

Gasoline has changed dramatically since 1900, and the gas in 1940 was different from the earlier fuel, as is our contemporary gas different from that used in 1940 and 1950. Vapor lock is a problem because of the higher volatility of modern gasoline, but with our gravity fed systems and slow driving, I don't know if that is a problem or not. I've never experienced it, but that doesn't mean it hasn't occurred.

We don't need to concern ourselves about octane, because fuel in the teens and 20's was much lower in octane than today's fuel. Up to about 1913 octane averaged between 30 and 50. In the 1920's tetraethyl lead began to be used as an anti-knock compound. So for our T's lead free gas is no problem.

Ethanol, however, is a big problem. E85 should be avoided, period. E10 has been shown to degrade natural rubber components in the fuel system. Some owners re-jet their carburetors to compensate for the different energy density of E10 gasoline. The biggest problem with ethanol fuel is phase separation, where the lighter elements separate from the heavier, leaving two different octanes layered atop one another. Sta-Bil and other stabilizers keep fuel fresh for up to 24 months. (Ed. Note: Better yet, I've read, the marine version of Sta-Bil, while it keeps fuel fresh for only 12 months, helps prevent ethanol problems. I have started using the marine version. I hope you have found these notes beneficial.)



Two chickens, a horse, and a Ford!



1915 - a Ford in New York City



1915 on the U.S. - Mexico border - much different then compared to now!



1915 or '16 Touring Car. The driver looks somewhat like the Wicked Witch from the Wizard of Oz

MINUTES OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS OF FRIDAY, May 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams.

President Williams stated that Jenny Sanders is recuperating at home and Flo Reichardt is convalescing. He stated that Keith Sanders is having foot surgery on Tuesday, and his wife, Sherry, fell on her right shoulder and also has a sprained knee.

Minutes were read from the April 8, 2022 meeting. Mike Flaherty made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried unanimously.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report and also stated that 96.22% of the budget has been expended so far. The July report will be the year-end report. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Sam Atkinson and carried unanimously.

Mike Flaherty stated that he had not made any edits to the website since the last meeting, and the duties will be transferred to Michael Thum. Steven Williams stated that June 15 will be the deadline for the July/August issue of the Occasional. He said the September issue will be expanded four pages because of the Indiana State Fair event.

Kent Gilbane thanked the workers who help with the Swap Meet, and then he reported on the Swap Meet.

May meeting minutes, continued:

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He said there were 455 vendors, but more premium spaces were needed. Those spaces will be increased by about 41 or 42 spaces for next year. There will also be four super-premium spaces. Since there have been no rate increases since 2012 or 2013, vendor space rates will be increased for next year. Rent three, get one free only be for the standard spaces. He said he received good feedback from vendors and buyers. Kent stated that the GCS Ballpark closed up Saturday night, causing a problem for overnight vendors. A suggestion was made about moving the car corral to allow for port-a-potties. Also, at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday, the Ballpark ran out of breakfast sandwiches; this will be rectified for next year. He commented that the chair of the GCS Ballpark is more accommodating than the chair of WorldWide Technologies.

There was a discussion about needing to eliminate the illegal parking of vendors in spaces paid for by other vendors. A comment was made that the Illinois Highway Patrol could give recommendations about booting cars. Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. suggested having a reusable sign or banner at the GCS Ballpark next year that advertises the Swap Meet to be held on the first Sunday of May.

Steven Williams stated that at Wednesday night's meeting, the Board approved \$25 to be comped for the Christmas Banquet for each Swap Meet worker.

Sam Atkinson reported that for the Indiana State Fair, he has eight people on the team for the Rapid Assembly Car demonstration. He said they will be driving up and spending the night on Friday. They will have three demonstrations on Saturday, July 30 and two on Sunday, July 31. He said they are supposed to be located on the busiest street in the center of the fair. A donation of \$1,000 will be made to the Club. He said the theme of the fair is "Evolution of the Automobile". He said that Richmond will supply a car for display, too.

Steven Thum discussed the upcoming Spring Tour to be held on May 15. He said the participants are to meet at Northwest Plaza by the Jack-in-the Box at 9:00 a.m., and then they will leave at 9:15 or 9:30 a.m. There is an appointment at 11:30 a.m. for a tour of Lock and Dam 26 in Alton, to be followed at 1:00 p.m. with lunch at the Bluff City Grill in Alton. He discussed the special chicken and meatloaf lunches being offered, but participants can also order off the full menu.

Sam Atkinson discussed the Overnight Tour to be June 25 and 26. He said the trip will be to Springfield, Illinois where members will be able to tour the Illinois State Capitol.

Bill Tabor recommended that if anything needs to be resurfaced in chrome or nickel, don't do it yourself; take it to a shop. He showed several different products he had tried and none of them were acceptable.

Michael Thum stated he had some items that were given to the Club at Forest Park, and they are available on the table for members to take.

Steven Williams stated that several members have not paid their 2022 local dues yet. The names of people who had not paid their dues were read.

The 50/50 drawing was \$36.00 each for Dave Sarniguet and Sam Atkinson.

There being no further business, at 9:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
OF FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Acting President/Secretary Ruth Baker. (President Steven Williams and Vice President Kent Gilbane were out of town.). Daniel Mullis stated that Flo Reichardt has a new phone number, and she is a resident of Big River Nursing and Rehab, Cedar Hill, MO. Cindy Atkinson stated that Jenny and Keith Sanders are recuperating at home. Don Spaeth informed that Bill Mikko had surgery on his spinal column and is recuperating at home.

Minutes were read from the May 13, 2022 meeting. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Sam Atkinson and carried unanimously. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli

June meeting minutes, continued:

gave the treasurer's report and also stated that 96.96% of the budget has been expended so far. The July report will be the year-end report. Don Spaeth made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried unanimously.

Mike Flaherty stated that he and Michael Thum had made some updates to the website since the last meeting, and the duties will be transferred to Michael Thum, likely in July. Dave O'Malley stated that just about everything is available in the video library. Don Spaeth stated that there are no additions to the library, and members can see him after the meeting if they want to check out anything. Ruth Baker stated that June 15 will be the deadline for submission of articles to Steven Williams for the July/August issue of the Occasional.

Ruth Baker stated that Steven Williams has received acceptance to an application for the America's Birthday Parade which will be downtown on Saturday, July 2. Please sign up tonight if you plan to participate. Parade rules state that there is to be no alcohol consumption before or during the parade, and no smoking on the parade route. Steven will send out more information via e-mail when it is available. If you are not currently receiving e-mails from Steven, when you sign up for the parade, please include your e-mail address.

Sam Atkinson discussed the Overnight Tour to be June 25 and 26. He said the trip will be to Springfield, Illinois where members will be able to tour the Illinois State Capitol. Participants will meet at the Sam's Club off Manchester Road at 7:00 a.m. and travel some scenic back-country roads. The hotel in Springfield has good reviews and location, and dinner will be at an Italian Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

Sam Atkinson reported that for the Indiana State Fair, he has eight people on the team for the Rapid Assembly Car demonstration, and these members will be provided rooms. Prior to the event, there will be a "work day" on the car, and the participants will have a "practice day". Sam stated there will be a banner to hang on the side of the pop-up. He said they will be driving up and spending the night on Friday, July 29. They will have three demonstrations on Saturday, July 30 and two on Sunday, July 31. He said they are supposed to be located on the busiest street in the center of the fair, and a big crowd is expected. There was discussion about the \$1,000 being donated to the Club, and the question was asked if that would be used to help pay for gas. It was determined that would be an issue to be decided by the Board, possibly at a special meeting, if necessary.

Steve Stevenson reported that he and Mary Ellen are planning the Fall Tour for the last Sunday in October, which will be an in-town event to St. Louis City and St. Louis County parks and include the cemetery at Jefferson Barracks. Dinner will be at Café Telegraph.

Steven Thum discussed the Spring Tour held on May 15. He said the participants met at Northwest Plaza and drove to Alton Lock and Dam 26. He explained that, unexpectedly, during the tour, the group even observed a barge going through the locks. He said that after the tour, the group went to the Bluff City Grill in Alton and had a nice lunch.

Don Spaeth reported on the June 4 Homecoming in Richmond, Indiana. He said they had a tour of the museum on Friday. There is also a Mill built in 1849 which is still operating today. Everything original is still there, and they continue to sell grain out of it. There were two rapid assembly car events, and even one of the ladies from the museum helped out.

Bill Tabor gave an update on plating, stating that he has found no plating materials acceptable for his requirements, although there is a man in town who does good chrome plating.

Bonnie Dattoli stated that currently, there are 57 members in the Club.

Cindy Atkinson announced that the 50/50 drawing would be \$18.50 each. Interestingly, Ken Baker had both winning tickets.

There being no further business, at 8:45 p.m., Steven Thum made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cindy Atkinson and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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2022-2023:

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Daniel Mullis, 314-416-4954

Keith Sanders, 314-722-0042

Steven Thum, 314-374-7005

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

“Approach railroads warily, lest they lead thee to heaven.”

“Wiser than his own generation is he who knoweth his auto. He IS a prophet”

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER OCCASIONAL DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the September/October issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is August 5th. Please submit any information to Steven Williams, steven1912@charter.net or call 636-575-1469. Pictures and articles are wanted, but we need names with photos please. Thanks!

TEAM LEADERS

Annual Meeting - Jenny Sanders (314-401-9047) and Dave Kuenzel (636-230-5887)

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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 January 15th each year) are \$25, \$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 \$40 to the Model T Ford Club of America (P.O. Box 996; Richmond, IN 47375-0996).

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

Our website is www.stlmodeltclub.org.



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Most of the workers for the 2022 Swap Meet.

The Model T Ford Club of America (P.O. Box 996; Richmond, IN 47375-0996) was formed to encourage and promote active interest in the Model T Ford and its history by membership unrestricted as to location. It is non-profit and non-discriminatory, and is dedicated to widening the base of the hobby by providing information, assistance, and direction to interested parties. Sample copies of their magnificent magazine, *The Vintage Ford*, are available free upon request at the above address. Active touring chapters are encouraged, in order to spread interest and participation events. Regional and national activities are provided by the chapters. Members of the MTFCA may be members of the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis with discounted local dues. For further information on joining, see inside the back cover. Also check out our website: www.stlmodeltclub.org.

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