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Left to right: President Steven Williams with the newly installed officers. Vice-President Kent Gilbane; Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli; Directors Dave Groerich, Jerry L. Ellerbeck; Stephen Heatherly, and Paul Diebold.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

This coming June will mark ten years since I retired. I cannot believe how much more busy I am now than when I was working! I just cannot seem to find the time to get everything done I need to accomplish! I finally got the new tires installed on the 1912 Torpedo, but have to diagnose a starting problem before Spring. And before touring season begins, I also have to remove the Ruxtell axle from my 1926 Tudor and install it in my 1911 Touring car. The 1911 will go on many more tours than the '26. I bought the '26 so Sherry would quit complaining about the cold Thanksgiving Day parade!

But then it is going to be several years before I get the Tudor in running condition. I have three cars ahead of that one. Plus I have to help my son-in-law and daughter finish the restoration and reassembly of our 1914 Touring that they are purchasing from us. Easy terms, on time....a loooong time!

It's rather humorous - when touring season ends, I'm glad it's over. I get to stay home and rest a bit. We do travel a lot while we're still young and healthy. And maintaining cars does get tiresome. But after a few weeks... well, I'm ready to spend time in the shop listening to some cool tunes from my youth and work on a car that doesn't talk back to me. Even if it does frustrate me at times! In getting ready for a tour there is the time pressure of the deadline - the tour is fast approaching! But this time of year, there are no deadlines, no time constraints, no pressure.

Am I weird, or do you also find it rather therapeutic to be out working on your car, hands greasy, solving problems and getting the car up to snuff? There is that sense of accomplishment in being able to repair and maintain a vehicle that is 110 years old, and by rights should be in a museum somewhere.

I think the most pleasurable experiences I have with the cars is when people come up to me, asking "How old?" "You DROVE that here?" And so forth. Not only are we stewards of Automotive History, we get to have fun at the same time!

See you down the road! - Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

December was a frustrating month! My computer gave up the ghost. Fortunately I was able to have files copied from the hard drive to my new computer, but not everything transferred. I've had to reload the program that I use to produce The Occasional, and type fonts and pictures.... Very exasperating!

However, I am pleased to announce that this year begins Sherry and my 9th year of producing this publication for you. I suspect the Board would approve a motion to double our salary.

On a more realistic note, in light of the success of our last Swap Meet, the Board did approve returning The Occasional to its pre-Covid size and color. We will now have not only the Club meeting minutes, but also Board meeting minutes in The Occasional. In addition, I intend to resume the Member Profile articles. Of course any other suggestions are always welcome!

I've been using the *Auto Joke Book* for interesting filler. See the article on page three for what the publishers had to say about this new book. I've been using this one, and others of like vintage because I find them interesting, sometimes even humorous. And they simply demonstrate how much things have changed since our cars were new.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

- January 13 - Board meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- February 10 - Board meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
18 - Tour de Frost, 11:00 AM. **See Below.**
- March 10 - Board meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
17-18 - Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK
24-25 - MTFCA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
- April 14 - Board meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- May 2-5 - Dates TBA, set up for Swap Meet!
7 - **Swap Meet**
12 - Board meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- June 3 - Homecoming at the Model T Museum, Richmond, IN
18 - 23 - "Experience the Flint Hills" MTFCA 2023 National Tour. See *Vintage Ford* for details.

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

"I'd buy a car if it weren't for one thing." "What is that?" "Having to look out for the other fellow."
"But if you had a car, the other fellow would have to look out for you, also." "Gee! I never thought of that! I'll buy one!"

It's time once again for our annual mid-winter attitude
adjustment—

"The Tour de Frost."

By Sam Atkinson

The Tour de Frost was started in 2017 to perk things up a little during the most boring time of the year—and it always does! I invite everyone to come, have a good meal (perhaps even an adult beverage), chit-chat with your fellow members and get ready for the upcoming touring season. We'd love to see you drive an old car but the weather can sometimes be prohibitive so drive whatever you feel comfortable driving, T or modern—just be there!! This is gonna be fun!

Saturday, February 18, 2023

11:00 am

Sports Café 3579 Pennridge

Bridgeton, MO

IN MEMORIAM - FLORA REICHARDT

Services for Flo Reichardt (January 13, 1933 - November 30, 2022), one of the stalwarts of our club for many years, were held in Arnold, MO at Heiligttag-Lang-Fendler Funeral Home. She was born in St. Louis to George and Flora Ray. She married Philip Reichardt, and both joined our club prior to 1988. Phil was club President from 1988 - 1997. They were Model T Ford Club of America Rosenthal Award winners some years ago.

Flo was the mother of Philip A. (the late Brenda) Reichardt and Linda A (David) Koste. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday, December 7, 2022, with services Thursday, December 8 at the funeral home. Interment followed at SS Peter and Paul Cemetery, 7030 Gravois Ave., St. Louis.

Flo contributed so much to our club. In recent years she took care of games and prizes at our annual Picnic and Chili-Cookoff. She (with helpers) took care of the lunch/refreshment room at the Swap Meet, and slept in the chairs there overnight Saturday night before the Sunday event. She will be missed.

WILLETE "WILLIE" WEBER

Willete "Willie" Weber, wife of long time, but no longer active, member Fred Weber died December 17 at the nursing home where she resided. Services were December 22.

FROM THE TITLE PAGE OF THE *AUTOMOBILE JOKE BOOK*

AUTOMOBILE
JOKES, JESTS AND JOSHES
A Literary Joy Ride

Originated, Gleaned, Garnered and Compiled
By

"James The Chauffeur."
High Geared to the Speed Limit of Fun.
I. & M. Ottenheimer,
321 W. Baltimore St.,
Baltimore, MD.

Copyright, 1913

Preface:

"The Automobile Joke Book is a real innovation in the field of jective literature of the day, and affords the humorist and cartoonist new scope in which to display his versatile capabilities. In view of vast popularity of motoring and the fact that one million or more cars are now in use in the United States alone, an almost unlimited fund of humor must necessarily associate itself with this new variety of business and pleasure travel. It bears the Ottenheimer brand of wit and originality. Our various publications depicting the humor of travel by train have been received so gladly by the traveling public—every edition of same having to be reissued again and again to meet popular demand—that we feel sufficiently encouraged to launch this, the latest of our "Travel Series," on the sea of public approval.

It will be our earnest endeavor to have the Automobile Joke Book on sale wherever gasoline is to be had, so that both may be simultaneously procured. It will be found a real literary joy ride, high-g geared to the speed limit of fun, with a full quota of sixty laughs a minute, which is certainly going some.

THE PUBLISHERS"

From page 21: "A big automobile truck and a trolley car are about an even match in a rough-house affair.

"What made Mr. Chuggins buy an automobile?"

"His wife persuaded him by calling his attention to the economy of having gasoline on hand to clean gloves with." (*Ed. Note* - Yes they actually did that - gasoline in those days was used as a cleaning agent.)

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE, NOVEMBER 5, 2022



Paul Diebold & Paul Jr., Isaac Rommerskirchen, 1921 Touring



Dick Lodge & Jane Fody, 1924 Touring



Mike Thum & Berri West, 1926 Fordor



Steven & Diana Thum, 1925 Touring



Dave Becherer, 1925 Touring



Dave Sarniguet & daughter Christine

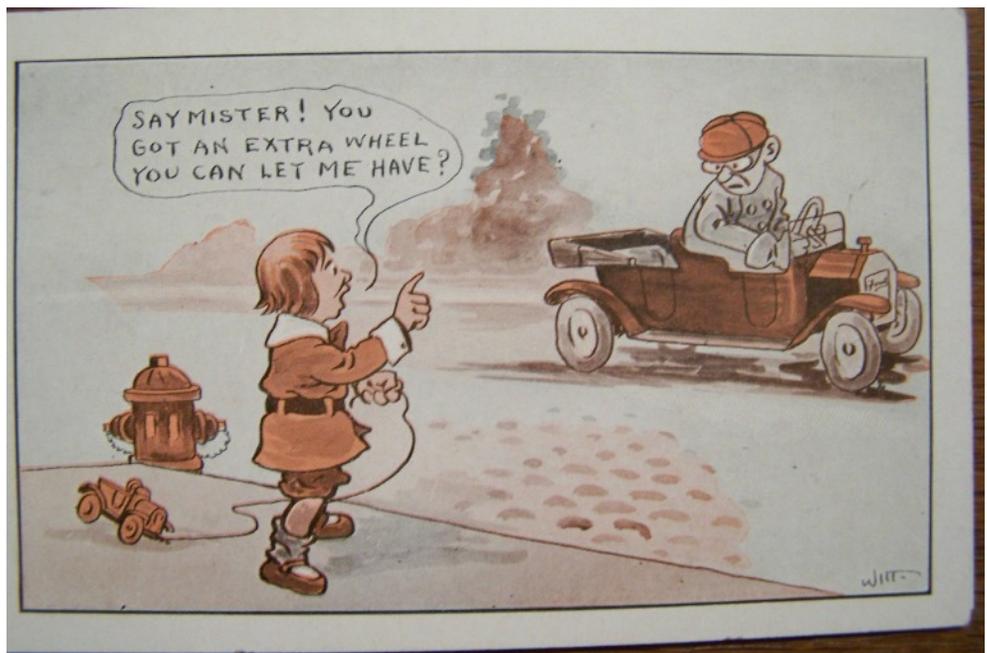


Left, Cindy & Sam Atkinson, 1927 Roadster



L to R: Sam Atkinson, Dick Lodge, Paul Diebold

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE, Thanksgiving Day

Photos by Steve Stevenson



We had several cars scheduled to drive in the parade, but the weather was terrible, the forecast proclaimed the same, so most decided to stay home. These hardy souls brought out their T's: Dave Becherer in his 1925 Touring; Jerry E. Ellerbeck in his 1923 Touring, driven by his son Jerry L. Ellerbeck; and Steve Stevenson in his 1923 Touring.

Pictured, left to right: Jeff Stewart, Jerry E. Ellerbeck's nephew, retired Navy Chief; Jerry E. Ellerbeck; Dave Becherer; Jerry L. Ellerbeck; and Steve Stevenson



Ice driving, no date.



1910 Des Moines, Iowa, sledding.



THAT MOST IDIOSYNCRATIC AUTOMOBILE, HENRY FORD'S MODEL T

I like to collect old books about old cars. This article and the next page are from *Behind The Wheel - The Magic and Manners of Early Motoring*, by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Paddington Press Ltd: New York and London, 1977. It's interesting reading about our cars from an English perspective.

"Some cars called for special attention, and it goes without saying that they included that most idiosyncratic automobile, Henry Ford's Model T. One of the homeliest-looking vehicles ever made and assuredly the most exasperating, the Model T was the car that really turned America into a nation of motorists, and well over fifteen million of these minimum-priced masterpieces were built between 1908 and 1927. There is something about the appearance of the Model T, a cross between Mack Sennett and Early Perpendicular, that is inescapably comic, and it remained funny even when it was working extremely hard and performing the most Herculean tasks. It was given to strange whimsies. For instance, the early examples were not normally fitted with a battery at all, their sole source of electricity was a low-tension magneto incorporated in the engine flywheel. At low speeds this was barely adequate, so there was some danger of stopping the engine if you blew the electric horn at the wrong moment. Another curious side effect was that the note of the horn and brightness of the lights both varied with the speed of the engine. This allowed the skilled Model T driver to produce some remarkable effects in *son et lumiere*.

In warm weather, starting the engine was just a matter of setting the hand brake, opening the throttle lever slightly, putting the ignition timing lever on 'full retard,' and closing the carburetor choke. If all the settings were exactly right, the engine would start on the third pull of the starting handle, and it was only necessary to rush for the driving seat before the engine died again – although this also called for a certain knack; there was no door to the driver's compartment, so the quickest way in was to vault nimbly over the side.

Too little choke or too little throttle, and the engine would not start. Too much choke and the engine would flood with petrol, putting the spark plugs completely out of action. Too much throttle, and it would start with a roar that branded the driver as a novice. A little too much ignition advance, and the starting handle would probably break his arm. The engine was by European standards a big one, almost three litres in capacity, so the winding (ed. Note - "cranking") process demanded muscle power. Not many women were capable of starting a Model T, and fewer still were foolish enough to try.

In cold weather even the menfolk approached the job with some trepidation. A Model T owner knew that unless he observed the correct ritual his Ford would be highly unlikely to start at all, but if it did start it would probably chase him down the road and run him over. This was because the cold oil gave rise to considerable drag in the epicyclic gearbox, and there was no point in writing an aggrieved letter to Henry Ford about it because the other 14,999,999 Model Ts suffered from exactly the same fault. So the first step in the starting procedure was to jack up one rear wheel, chock one of the other wheels, and let off the hand brake so that the jacked-up wheel could spin when the engine started. Next, a kettle of boiling water was poured over the inlet manifold to help vaporize the petrol. If these preparations were followed, it was quite possible the engine would start on the handle. ...

Once started, the Model T was renowned for its reliability and the indomitable way it dealt with all obstacles. Many a more sophisticated and expensive car of the early days gave its owner far more trouble. But the problems that beset motorists in those days were accepted with a fair amount of good-humoured resignation."

"The motorist of earlier times expected trouble." (From pages 60 and 62)

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

Press dispatch reports that a "jinxed" flivver in Newton, Kansas, broke the arms of four persons who attempted to crank it, all within one week. That's what comes of crossing a bicycle with a mule.

When you feel all shaken up, it's probably flivver complaint.

Some girls are like sport model flivvers. Good lines, but not much under the hood.

The Model T Ford's greatest merit was its near-indestructibility. This English-assembled (right-hand-drive) example of Henry Ford's masterpiece went off the road at Stonor, in the Chiltern Hills of Oxfordshire, in 1925, and landed at the bottom of a deep, tree-lined hollow. Yet it was hauled out again, little the worse, without so much as a broken windscreen.



ES HULTON PICTURE LIBRARY

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

An old country woman and her small son were driving to town when a clanking flivver bore down upon them. The horse was badly frightened and began to prance, whereupon the old lady leaped down and waved wildly to the flivver driver, screaming at the top of her voice.

The driver stopped his Ford and offered to help get the horse past.

"That's all right," said the boy, who remained composedly in the carriage. "I can manage the horse. You just lead Maw past."

CHRISTMAS BANQUET AND ANNUAL MEETING, DECEMBER 10, 2022

By Steven Williams,
Photos by Cindy Atkinson and Dave Kuenzel



Various gifts for the drawings.



We had a great time at Crusoe's South, on Telegraph Road in South County. Folks enjoyed the visiting prior to the meal and meeting. The food was delicious! The venue was cozy, but not uncomfortably so. Folks who worked the Swap Meet had their meals comped by the Club...made all those hours at the Swap Meet worth it. The business meeting was short, as usual. Presentations were made, see photos and captions. Tall tales and stories were shared, Several folks were missed due to illness. Flo Reichardt, who had passed a short time before, was sorely missed.



Left: Judy & Dave Kuenzel, who did a great job planning the event.



Right: Kent Gilbane & Suzanne Pourcillie.



Far right: Rhonda & Aaron Ford



Left, from L to R: Sarah Smith, Jennifer Atkinson, and parents Steven & Sherry Williams



Right, L to R: Sam & Cindy Atkinson, Keevin Schier.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET, CONTINUED



Linda Kosta & Philip Reichardt
(Flo Reichardt's children)



Daniel Mullis & Bob Grincewich



Bonnie & Nick Dattoli



Dave Groerich & Steve Stevenson



Steven & Diana Thum



Keith & Jenny Sanders



Sarah Smith, Carol Teaney,
& Jennifer Atkinson



Don Spaeth & Stephen Heatherly



Damon, Ken, Ruth, & Buffy Baker



Jerry & Gayle Ellerbeck



Mike Thum & Berri West



Paul & April Diebold

CHRISTMAS BANQUET, CONCLUDED



Sam Atkinson presenting the Hard Luck Award to Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr.



Steven Williams presenting the President's Trophy to Ruth Baker.



President Steven Williams administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected officers. L to R: Kent Gilbane, Vice-President; Bonnie Dattoli, Treasurer; Directors, Dave Groerich, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., Stephen Heatherly, and Paul Diebold.



Young ladies and their Model T snowmobiles, no date

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Steven Williams.

Members present were President Steven Willams, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Directors Sam Atkinson, Keith Sanders, Daniel Mullis, Paul Diebold, Don Spaeth and Steven Thum.

Minutes of the October 14, 2022 Directors meeting were read and Steven Thum made the motion to approve the minutes, motion seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously with no objections.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report. Bonnie did not have bank statement figures. She will amend when she get the statement. Her quarterly report will be given at the January 2023 meeting. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Daniel Mullis and seconded by Don Spaeth. Motion carried unanimously without objection.

General liability insurance was discussed. Bonnie stated the insurance is due in March 2023 and is \$938.00. The insurance for Officers and Directors is \$325.90 and handled by the Model T Ford Club of America.

Nomination Committee: Keith Sanders gave names of people on the ballot for election: Vice President: Kent Gilbane and Stephen Noll; Treasurer: Bonnie Dattoli: for the four Directors positions: Paul Diebold, Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Stephen Heatherly, Dave Groerich, Don Spaeth, Sam Atkinson. During discussion, it was determined that Stephen Noll does not qualify since he is not a National member. Both Don Spaeth and Sam Atkinson advised they would drop out to give other club members opportunity to serve on the board. All above nominees were approved by acclamation. Swearing in of all officers and directors will be at the Annual Christmas Party/Meeting on December 10, 2022.

Discussion regarding the gasoline bills of the Rapid Assembly Team members for the Indiana State Fair demo: Each team member was to turn in his gas receipts to club for reimbursement. Keevin Schier had not turned in any receipts but had told Sam, Paul and Steve Thum that he wanted to donate his share to the club. His share being \$84.70 (the lowest receipt that had been turned in). Paul Diebold also declared that he would like to donate his receipts of \$84.70 to the club treasury. Bonnie suggested that if Keevin and Paul wish to be paid in the future, they need to be paid in this fiscal year. Everyone agreed.

Sam announced the date for the Tour de Frost is Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Parades: Veteran's Parade on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Cars and occupants: Paul Diebold & son Paul Jr & Isaac, Sam & Cindy Atkinson, Steve & Diana Thum, Mike Thum & girlfriend Berri, Dick Lodge & daughter Elisabeth, Dave Becherer. St. Pat's Parade 2023- Sam has registered the club.

Thanksgiving Parade St. Louis 2022- Steven Williams has applied and had to email three times before he got confirmation that the parade chairman said he'd received. Have no other info yet.

Annual Christmas Party/ Meeting on Dec. 10, 2022, noon to 4 pm -

Will be held at Crusoe's on Telegraph. Dave Kuenzel is chairman. Bonnie said she has only 3 checks to date. Daniel said that in honor of Flo Reichardt's 90th birthday, her daughter, Linda and son, Phil would like to do a party after the club party. They will bring a birthday cake and members of our club are invited to stay to celebrate. It was suggested that the club comps Flo's meal at the club party and all agreed. Daniel said he will call Linda and tell her Flo's party can begin at 3:30pm.

At 7:10 pm Paul Diebold made the motion to adjourn, Don Spaeth seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Atkinson (filling in for Ruth Baker).

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

Many things in this world seem very strange to us until we know why they are done.

"Why do you look under the bed at night?" Asked a woman who was visiting a friend.

"You never guess," was the reply, "but since my husband has taken to motoring I often find that he has crawled underneath."

**MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE
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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by President Steven Williams.

Minutes were read from the October 14, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes, seconded and carried unanimously. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report. Bonnie did not have bank statement figures. She will amend when she gets the statement. Her quarterly report will be given at the January, 2023 meeting. Motion to accept made by Bill Tabor, seconded by Steve Stevenson. Approved without objection.

Dave O'Malley stated that the video library is available for checkout. Don Spaeth stated the book library is available for checkout.

Steven Williams announced the following club members are on the ballot for election: Vice President: Kent Gilbane; Treasurer: Bonnie Dattoli; for the four Directors positions: Paul Diebold, Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Stephen Heatherly, Dave Groerich, Don Spaeth, Sam Atkinson. Both Don Spaeth and Sam Atkinson have withdrawn their names for the elected director positions. With no contested races, all other nominees are elected by acclamation. Motion to approve made by Daniel Mullis and seconded by Bill Tabor. Carried unanimously by club members. Swearing in of all officers and directors will be at the Christmas Party/Annual Meeting on December 10, 2022.

Tours: Steve Stevenson reported that the Fall Tour on October 30, 2022 had been cancelled due to extensive rain that day but 25 club members met for a delicious lunch at Café Telegraph. Diana Thum presented Steve and Mary Ellen Stevenson with two photo albums that she had made. They contained pictures and information of many events, tours, and parties with the club. Wonderful job Diana. It was much appreciated by Steve and Mary Ellen.

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BIG THANK YOU TO OUR OWN VETERANS: Dave O'Malley: US Air Force ; Bill Tabor: US Army; Paul Diebold: US Army; Keith Sanders: US Army; Sam Atkinson: US Air Force; Ken Baker: U. S. Army.

Steven Williams brought to show his "Golden Quill Award Certificate" that our club newsletter "The Occasional" had won.

FOR SALE: Stephen Noll has a box of "all kinds of junk" for sale!! Bill Tabor brought a SEALED box of Model T parts for bidding- \$ to be donated our club treasury. Paul Diebold won the auction by bidding his \$84.70 due him from the club for his gas receipts going to the IN State Fair – Rapid Assembly Team demo.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS FOR: Henry Desroches (friend of Don Spaeth) is in his last days battling Liver cancer. Flo Reichardt; Karl Abe;

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Minutes, Nov. 11 meeting, continued:

COMING UP IN 2023!!!

Sam announced the date for the Tour de Frost is Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Sam has registered the club for the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 11, 2023.

50/50 DRAWING: \$20.50- Steven Williams, \$20.50- April Diebold

At 8:35 pm Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn, Paul Diebold seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Acting Secretary, Cindy Atkinson

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
OF SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**

After members enjoyed the dinner prepared by Crusoe's Restaurant, in Oakville, Missouri, the Annual Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams.

President Williams discussed the Rosenthal Awards. He said the awards are about what happens as a group dedicated to the Model T. President Williams discussed the upcoming 2023 Swap Meet and stated that it will be held at the Grizzly's Ballpark. Kent Gilbane discussed the event.

President Williams stated that National Model T Club members are not required to pay local dues this year.

Dave and Judy Kuenzel were thanked for finding this new site for the Annual Meeting and Banquet. Sam Atkinson then presented the Hard Luck Award to Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. who had the most hard luck on tour. President Steven Williams presented the plaque for the 2022 President's Trophy to Ruth Baker for serving as Secretary, now in the fourth year, as well as Ruth and Ken agreeing to handle the registration for the upcoming Swap Meet.

Sam Atkinson discussed the Tour de Frost on February 18, with lunch at the Sports Café in Bridgeton at 11:00 a.m.

The new officers were presented, and the Oath of Office was administered by President Steven Williams. The officers taking the oath were:

Vice President: Kent Gilbane;

Treasurer: Bonnie Dattoli;

for the four Directors positions: Paul Diebold, Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Stephen Heatherly, and Dave Groerich.

At 2:18 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. Keith Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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

Freshleigh winked at the girls as his car drew up at the rural garage, and the usual bewhiskered reuben sallied forth. "Got any gasoline?" He asked.

"I callate I hev," said the countryman.

"How do you sell it, by the glass or spoonful?" Asked Freshleigh.

"Wa-al," said the countryman, "thet all depends, mister. Mostly I sells it by the day, but when some goldered jackass from the city comes along and wants it by the glass I generally accommodate him. How many glasses do ye want."

OFFICERS

President - Steven G. Williams
(2022-2023) 636-575-1469

Vice President - Kent Gilbane
(2023-2024) 573-424-2599

Treasurer - Bonnie Dattoli (2023-2024)
314-849-0906

Secretary - Ruth Baker (2022-2023)
636-282-1810

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023-2024:

Paul Diebold, 314-210-7778

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., 314-393-7032

Dave Groerich, 314-607-7071

Stephen Heatherly, 314-805-1390

2022-2023:

Gerald Ellerbeck, Sr., 314-255-6973

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:

“Though thine auto show the strength of two-score horse, keep one more in they stalls.” (Proof positive that early on it was known we need more than one antique car in our possession!)

MARCH/APRIL OCCASIONAL DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the March/April issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is February 10th. Please submit any information to Steven Williams, steven1912@charter.net or call 636-575-1469. Pictures and articles are wanted, but we need names with photos please. Thanks!

TEAM LEADERS

Annual Meeting - Jenny Sanders (314-401-9047) and Dave Kuenzel (636-489-8248)

Calling Chain - Buffy Baker (636-577-3220) and Gayle Ellerbeck (636-337-5584).

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

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

Parades - Sam Atkinson, (636-346-7910)

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

Promotional Appearances - Steven Thum (314-374-7005)

Rapid Assembly Teams - Sam Atkinson (636-346-7910)

Refreshments - Daniel Mullis (314-416-4954)

Swap Meet - Director - Kent Gilbane (573-424-2599)

Registration - Ruth & Ken Baker (636-282-1810)

The Occasional - Editor - Steven Williams (636-575-1469)

Proof-reader - Sherry Williams (636-548-8256)

Photographer - Cindy Atkinson (636-386-2088)

Tours - Spring - Steven Thum (314-374-7005)

Overnight - Sam Atkinson (636-346-7910)

Fall - Steve Stevenson (314-640-0048)

Tour de Frost - Sam Atkinson (636-346-7910)

Webmaster - Mike Thum (314-718-9155)

From *The Automobile Magazine*, September 1903:

“It is an error to allow automobiles to whirr along faster than a railroad train.”

“Sure! Still, to whirr is human.”

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, no cost 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.

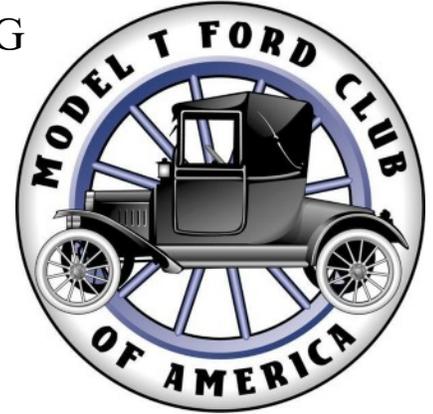


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Our member's cars lined up for the start of the Veteran's Day Parade
in downtown St. Louis, November 5, 2022

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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