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The Ford Model K, manufactured 1907-1909, on display at the annual Homecoming, in Richmond, Indiana

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Another Swap Meet is accomplished. This was our second at the Grizzly Ball Park, and since we knew what we were doing this year, the setup went much quicker and easier. Thanks to all who helped each day! Your involvement and dedication is what makes this Club work, and our Swap Meet a success.

Unfortunately the vendor count was down, and buyer attendance seemed to be down slightly. We suspect it might have been because of the forecasted threat of rain. If you went to the Pre-War Swap Meet at Chickasha, you know how sparse both vendors and buyers were there. Our Swap Meet was better attended on both counts. This may be a sign of the times, or hopefully a one-year aberration.

Because we did not meet our financial goal for the Swap Meet, everyone will have to pay for their meal at the Annual Christmas Banquet. We have also tightened our Club belt, budget-wise for our new fiscal year, beginning July 1. Which means *The Occasional* is returning to black and white photos for the print edition. The online edition will continue to be in color. Just means more work for the Editor and the proof-reader, both of whom have requested a doubling in pay. But as President, on your behalf, I have rejected their requests. ;-)

Please be aware of the new car show at the Missouri History Museum! This is a new opportunity for us to display our cars, and to see if that Museum draws a nice crowd. The St. Louis Model A Club will be there on display also. It sure would be nice if we could have more cars than them on display for a change.

Because of scheduling issues the annual picnic has been moved up to the last Sunday in July, instead of the first Sunday in August. And if you've not yet booked your hotel room for the overnight tour, be sure to do so asap and let Sam Atkinson know, as he needs to book our dinner reservations.

It is another great summer together with our cars! See you down the road...

Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

The annual Swap Meet is now history, and we have approved our budget for the new fiscal year which begins July 1. Because we didn't meet our goals from the Swap Meet, adjustments are having to be made. One of those adjustments is that *The Occasional* is returning to black/white pictures in the print edition. The online edition will continue to be in color.

Our members are participating in various events around the country with their Model T's. In this issue you'll see several of those events reported. If you participate in something outside of the normal Club activities, send photos and a report, and I'll get it in an upcoming issue as soon as possible. It is always good to see how our members get before the public with their cars, and help educate folks about the Model T Ford.

I try to stay on top of things, but sometimes I inadvertently overlook something. If you are aware of something we've missed in *The Occasional*, please let me know so we can follow up and correct it. Meanwhile, have a great summer!

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

- July 6 - Missouri History Museum Car Show, see page 5.
8-9 - Over night tour, see p. 9
14 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
(No Board Meeting in July or August)
30 - Annual Picnic, Spring Forest Estates, see page 5.
- August 11 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- September 8 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
23-27 - Covered Bridge Tour, see *The Vintage Ford* for details.
- October 8 - Chili Cook-Off, Spring Forest Estates.
13 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
21 - Fall Tour
- November 10 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM.
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
23 - Christmas Parade, downtown
- December 9 - Annual Christmas Banquet

NEW MEMBERS - PLEASE ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY

Jack and Lynn Bollinger. 2200 Mastodon Ct., Imperial, MO 63052. Kringlesc@msn.com
Cell: 314-402-5670.

Tim Bollinger. 125 Blue Spruce Ct., Barnhart, MO 63012. Timbollinger@hotmail.com. Cell: 314-486-0705. Cars: 1926 Two door coupe, 19xx Model T truck.

Ken Rothschild. 109 Maupin, New Haven, MO 63068. Spikerkr1@yahoo.com. Cell: 573-690-2930.
Car: 1920 Touring.

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

"Heigho!" said Bildad as Jimpsonberry flashed by in his motor. "I wish I had an automobile." "Oh, nonsense, Bill," said Slathers. "What's the use? You couldn't afford to keep it." "No, by jiminy," said Bildad, "but I could afford to sell it."

"How ought I class in my accounts the money I have spent in automobile speeding fines?"
"I should put them under running expenses."

"I don't believe you have an enemy in the world."

"I used to think that myself, but now I fear I have an enemy in my own family."

"You surprise me!"

"Yes, my uncle made me a present of an auto the other day."

"What is the underworld?"

"The people you see underneath their balking automobiles."

Hazelwood West High School Show, May 17

By Sam Atkinson

In late April our club was contacted by Dina Patterson, an English Literature teacher at Hazelwood West High School. She wanted to do a Model T "Show and Tell" for her students. They were studying *The Great Gatsby* and she wanted to give her class a taste of the times in which Gatsby lived.

At 7:20 AM, May 17, the three people who responded to the blast email pulled around to the back side of the school building and waited for the classes to arrive. One by one three different classes came out and, although timid at first, eventually became very interested in our cars and asked lots of good questions about us, our cars, and the 1920's. In all we probably saw about 100 students and I hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

The three club members who participated were Jerry Ellerbeck Sr. ('24 Huckster), Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. ('24 Touring), and Sam Atkinson ('27 Roadster).



CAR SHOW WINNER!

Congratulations to Dave Groerich, who took his 1915 Touring to a car show in Ellisville Saturday, June 10, and won the "Most Unique Car" award. He drove about 50 miles round trip, and the award came with a \$100 gift card.



From *Rattling Ford Jokes*, No. 40, Philadelphia: Royal Publishing Co., 1915:

"Doesn't it give you a terrible feeling when you have run over a man?" they asked him.

"Yes, if he's a large man," replied the automobilist. "It gives me a pretty rough jolt sometimes."

"Dasher and his brother fell out the other day, and now they don't speak."

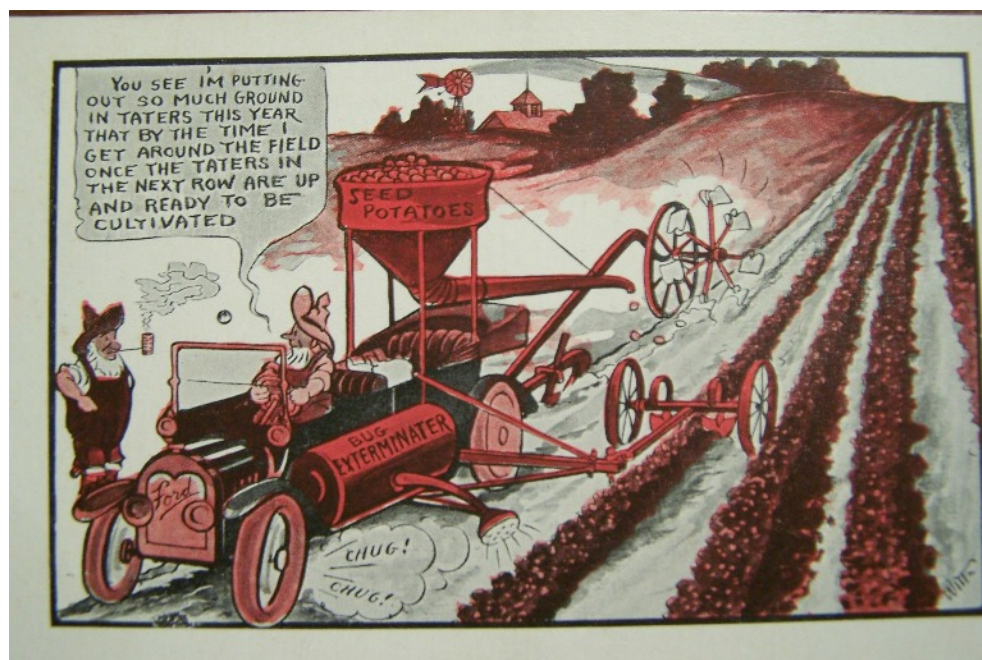
"You don't say?"

"Yes, they fell out of their automobile while going at the rate of eighty miles an hour."

"What makes you say she has everything to make a woman happy?"

"Her husband owns a millinery store and an automobile."

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



ANNUAL PICNIC, SUNDAY JULY 30 NOON

Our Annual Picnic will be Sunday, July 30th, beginning at noon. (The neighborhood pavilion was already booked for August 6th.) 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 if you wish. The meat will be cooked on-site. 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 road curves right (newly re-routed, new blacktop), 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 at 636-575-1469.

This is always a relaxing and enjoyable event, so plan to kick back, relax, and enjoy the afternoon with Model T friends. See you there!

MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM CAR SHOW

On Thursday, July 6th, the Missouri History Museum is having a Route 66 Celebration. There will be a "Happy Hour Program" from 5:00 to 6:30ish. Our plan is to arrive around 4:30, drive our cars and display them in the **North Circle Drive, facing the Museum.** This is the circle drive with the big fountain, and it will be closed to other traffic during this time. We can leave any time after 6:30, though we may want to stay until 7:00 for folks departing the "Happy Hour" to be able to view the cars.

If you are trailering your car, there is a large parking lot at the Forest Park Visitor's Center, just east of the Missouri History Museum, and I suggest you park your trailer there and unload.

The St. Louis Model A Ford Club will also be participating in this event. So let's try to have a real good turnout for this. This event may open the door for more such events at the Missouri History Museum for our car clubs. Hope to see you there!

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As you know, the Ford Motor Company advertised heavily the strength and durability of their vanadium steel frames in the Model T. I thought you might appreciate this ad from the February 1, 1911 issue of *Cycle and Automobile Trade Journal*.

Alphabet Fords!

Several of our members recently attended the annual Homecoming at the Model T Museum in Richmond, Indiana. Cindy Atkinson and Don Spaeth provided these photos of the “Alphabet Fords” on display there - the only complete display of the Models A through T that I’m aware of! None of the photos were captioned, so I hope I have the right name to each car.... If not, please forgive me. I will mention the Ford K - a very powerful car! A 1907, it qualifies for the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run, where I’ve seen one being driven several times. They are beasts! I have referred to *Pate’s Early Ford Automobile Encyclopedia* for assistance.



1903 Model A



Above, 1908 Model SR Roadster. Right, 1904 Model B Touring. We saw this car in St. Louis as it was passing through, towards Richmond.



1907-09 Model K



1906 Model N Runabout



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

“Cap’n suh,” explained the dusky motorcycle cop who had unsuccessfully attempted to overtake a speeding motorist on a country road, “everything was jest goin’ along fine, and Ah was about to ketch dat boy, and den Ah see mah chance to dodge in between two motorcycles.”

“Well, what happened then?”

“Dat’s all dey was to it, cap’n, suh. Dem two motorcycles was a truck.”

Alphabet Fords, continued

These cars were not at the Homecoming. I found the images on the internet, and wanted to have pictures of all the cars for your information.



1904 Model AC,



1904 Model C, Rear Entrance Tonneau



1906 Ford Model F



1907 Ford Model R

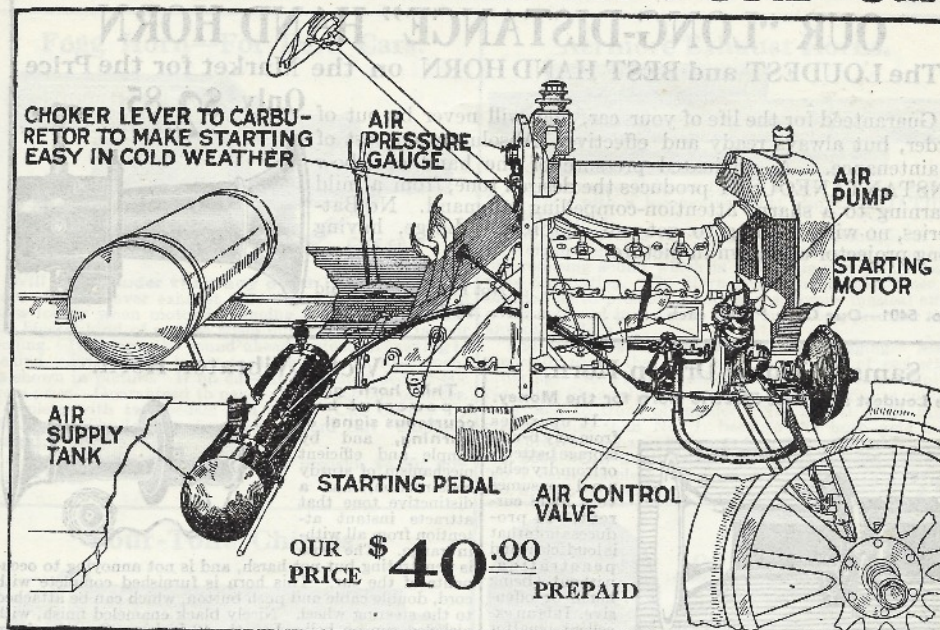


1908 Ford Model S



1911 Ford Model T

The *Stewart* Starter for FORD Cars



A Self-Starter gives you greater luxury and convenience than any other part of the equipment of your car. **With this starter you simply touch the foot pedal and the motor starts, instantly and without fail.** You no longer have to get out in mud or rain to crank up; you take no chances of getting a broken arm by the motor kicking and you suffer no accident by delay if your engine stops while crossing a railroad track before an approaching train. The starter is always ready to spin your motor in half a second's time. The Stewart compressed Air Starter is far superior to any other make or style of starter for Ford Cars. The Stewart spins the motor and keeps it spinning until the motor starts. It cannot be compared with mechanical starters that only give the engine one or two turns by hand power or foot power. When your motor is cold or is hard to start from any other cause, a starter is of no value unless it will spin the motor. With this starter you have no Storage Battery or Generator trouble like many of the electric starters give.

This starter is not a makeshift, but is mechanically perfect and will do all that is required

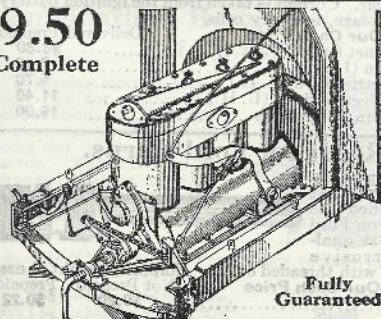
of a self-starter. It consists of four units, (all shown in illustration). The **air pump** is attached to the cam shaft by special gears.

This pump keeps a high pressure at all times in the **Air Supply Tank**. The air pressure from the tank is controlled by a **Regulating Valve** attached to a foot pedal. The **Starting Motor**, which is operated by this air pressure, is located in front of the radiator in place of the crank. When operated the shaft engages the front end of crank shaft and spins the motor rapidly.

You take absolutely no chances when buying this starter. We guarantee it to do everything claimed for it; to give you perfect satisfaction in every way and to last as long as your car. **We give 30 days free trial with the understanding that we will return your money if the starter does not fully please you.**

This is the greatest value we have ever been able to offer in a starter. In addition to being a perfect starter, it furnishes air pressure for your tires, which is better than a hand pump and handier than a power pump, and with no additional expense. **PREPAID** \$40

\$9.50
Complete



Hunter Ford Starter.

You Can Start Your Car in Winter or Summer with this Starter.

A new principle applied to a mechanical starter to turn a motor easier from the seat than at the crank. Keep out of the rain, mud and snow. Start your car from the seat. Saves time and insures greater pleasure and safety in driving. Makes your car easy for the ladies to drive. Think of all the convenience you can buy for this small sum.

The illustration gives you a fair conception of its simplicity. Immediately after each pull the rotating lever is returned to its original position by the aid of a torsion spring which is attached to the spring bracket at the left. The long leverage makes the Hunter Starter very easy to operate. Nickel plated. Will be an ornament to any car. Very easy to attach, only one hole to drill through the dash. Complete instructions with every starter. No. 5302--Price, not prepaid, \$9.50; prepaid, \$9.87.

Two ads for accessory starters for the Model T. There was quite an aftermarket for accessories and parts for the Model T during its lifetime. *Ford Owners Supply Book* was one such source. This ad is from the 1916 edition of the Western Auto Supply Agency's "supply book." The paper they used was very thin, almost as thin as Bible paper.

2023 Overnight Tour to St. James

By Sam Atkinson

Are you ready for a mini-vacation? Are you anxious to do something fun with your Model T? Would you like to be a tourist in your home state? If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions you should **save the dates of July 8 and 9!** That is the date of our annual Overnight Tour - this year to the town of St. James in Missouri's wine country.

Here are the plans we've made so far: At 8:00 AM Saturday, July 8th we will meet in the Walgreens parking lot on Highway 109 just south of I-44. Walgreens shares a parking lot with QT (which means bathrooms) but is less busy and has more space for us to meet. We plan to leave at 8:30 or before if everyone is ready. The 100 mile route to St. James has lots of scenic countryside, several small towns and quite a few Ozark hills. Before departure everyone will be given a turn-by-turn copy of the route to insure no one gets lost. If you love Americana you'll love this route!

After arrival in St. James we will be free to roam but most people will want to have lunch and libations at Public House Brewing Co. After lunch you can go to St. James Winery to purchase some of their award winning wine or take a tour. That evening we have a reservation at "Sybill's." Famous throughout the region, Sybill's is undoubtedly one of the finest restaurants in the state and after eating there you'll know why.

We will be staying at The Greenlight Inn and Suites where I have blocked 14 rooms in our name at a negotiated rate of \$65.00 per night. The Greenlight is conveniently located right in the middle of town and is complete with an indoor swimming pool.

Sunday morning after breakfast (which is included in the cost of the room) we will drive home via Historic Route 66 and you should be home by early afternoon.

I urge everyone to consider going on this fun annual event no matter what you drive, (T or 'modern') but if you decide to go you must do two things: 1) Call Greenlight Inn (573-265-2900) to reserve your room for the night of July 8 and be sure to tell them you are with the Model T Ford Club. 2) Call Sam Atkinson (636-386-2088) so he can get an accurate head count for the Saturday night dinner reservation.

This is gonna be fun!

Sam

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Kent Gilbane, who announced that President Steven Williams had been detained and would arrive shortly. Members present were Vice President Kent Gilbane, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, and Directors Daniel Mullis, Paul Diebold, Keith Sanders, Steven Thum, Dave Groerich and Stephen Heatherly. Also in attendance were Jenny Sanders, Nick Dattoli, Suzanne Pourcillie, Dave Kuenzel, Ken Baker and Diana Thum. President Steven Williams and Sherry Williams arrived.

Minutes of the April 14, 2023 Directors Meeting were read. Dave Groerich made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 79% of the budget has been spent to date. Daniel Mullis made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders and carried unanimously.

Kent Gilbane reported on the Swap Meet held May 7. He stated that the striping project went well on Wednesday, and there was a good turnout of volunteers from Wheels of Motion. He mentioned that the gross income was down about \$7,000.00 from last year, and he's cutting 20% out of the Swap Meet budget. Ken Baker reported that this year there were a total of 144 vendors who rented 337 spaces; 36 of those vendors came in Saturday night and Sunday. He stated that there had been 218 vendors in 2022. Kent Gilbane stated that the vendor mailing list is going to be cut, he is going to eliminate security positions and vendor placement volunteers will convert to security. He said there will be four or five less carts rented.

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Board meeting minutes continued:

He stated that the ballpark rental is \$4,500.00 for the next two years. He mentioned cutting back on food, cutting \$1,000.00 out of radio ads. He said he plans to bring back the “buy three, get one free” rentals for past vendors only, and to bring the spot sizes back to 17 feet by 18 feet next year. Steven Williams stated that there was a complaint that there was no coffee available at the ballpark; the consensus was that the Club would sell coffee and donuts next year.

Steven Williams stated that at the last meeting, the membership received a proposed amendment to the By-Laws. The final version was reviewed and will be presented to the general membership this evening for approval. The 2023-2024 budget was reviewed and updated. A motion was made by Steven Thum, seconded by Bonnie Dattoli to continue to donate \$250.00 to the Shriner’s Hospital; motion carried. A motion was made by Kent Gilbane, seconded by Paul Diebold to approve the budget; motion carried.

There being no further business, at 7:55 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
OF FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Minutes were read from the April 14, 2023 meeting. Keith Sanders made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Paul Diebold, and carried unanimously.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer’s report, and stated that 79% of the budget has been spent to date. Dave Kuenzel made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Kent Gilbane, and carried unanimously.

Sam Atkinson reported that Karl Abe had open heart surgery; and is in rehab, progressing well. Steven read a thank you card from Joe Trehwella. Daniel Mullis reported that Sherry Dodson’s memory is getting worse. Steven Thum reported that Sam Vitale is receiving experimental drugs for lung cancer

New members Tim Bollinger and Jack Bollinger were at the meeting. They own a 1926 Tudor coupe and a Model T Ton Truck, recently purchased. Ken Rothschild is going to be returning as a member.

Michael Thum reported that he is uploading the new Occasional to the website. Dave O’Malley reported that all videos are available. Don Spaeth stated that the library is available, and added that there are several books that have been checked out, but he has no record who has them. He asked that when someone checks out a book that they place their name on the card. Steven Williams stated that the deadline for the next Occasional is June 10.

Suzanne Pourcillie stated that the magnets have been ordered and when they arrive, members who ordered them may pay the Club \$19.00 each.

Sam Atkinson reported that the overnight tour will be July 8 and 9 to St. James. He talked about the route crossing the Gasconade River where there is no bridge. He asked that participating members make their room reservations and then let him know they are going. The group will be meeting in Eureka at the Walgreens and Quik Trip on Highway 109 south of Interstate 44 at 8:00 a.m. There will be winery visits, and a great dinner, with a return trip on the 9th via Highway 66.

Kent Gilbane reported on the Swap Meet, which he said was operated by 11 less people than last year. He said that thankfully nobody was injured, and there were no problems with security. He thanked the crew who striped on Wednesday. He said the gross income is down about 20%, so there will have to be some budget belt tightening. He is cutting back 15 – 20% on Swap Meet expenses. Steven Williams stated that since the gross income from the Swap Meet was below the threshold for workers to receive a portion off their banquet cost, this year, workers would not receive this benefit.

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Dave Kuenzel asked that members turn in their old issues of the Occasional and Vintage Ford to hand out to visitors. The Vintage Ford Show is May 21 at the Transportation Museum. Sam Atkinson stated he needs volunteers for the rapid assembly car show at 1:00 p.m.

The Horseless Carriage Club Swap Meet will be in September in Chesterfield. The Pumpers and Pistons event will be on May 20 at the Museum of Transportation.

Steven Williams reviewed the Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws pertaining to the Code of Conduct, copies which he distributed to the membership. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the Proposed Amendment. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth, and carried unanimously.

Steven Williams reviewed the 2023-2024 budget which has been approved by the Board. He said there is about a 20% cut across the board to have a balanced budget.

Dave Groerich stated that George Paugh's 1926 coupe did not sell at the Swap Meet. He said if the car is purchased by someone in St. Louis, the family has agreed to a price less than the \$14,000.00 being asked.

Steven Williams stated he will have a 1926 Tudor and a 1912 Torpedo for sale. Dave Sarniguet said he has trailer lights for anyone who needs them.

The 50/50 drawing was \$38.00 each, with both tickets held by Paul Diebold.

There being no further business, at 8:50 p.m., Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dave O'Malley, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Baker, Secretary



***Death Valley Touring
in the 1920's***



**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
OF FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Minutes were read from the May 12, 2023 meeting. Don Spaeth made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Daniel Mullis, and carried unanimously. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Dave Groerich, and carried unanimously.

Joe Trehwella has recuperated and he and Diana are back at the meeting tonight. Karl Abe was in rehab for 21 days and is at home now. Dave Kuenzel's wife has broken vertebrae and has a back brace. Keith Sanders introduced Jim Washeck, who is a visitor at tonight's meeting. New members Tim Bollinger and Jack Bollinger were at the meeting.

Dave O'Malley reported that all videos are available. Don Spaeth reported that the library is available. Steven Williams stated that the deadline for the next Occasional is Monday. He said it will be e-mailed in color, and printed in black and white. It was announced that postage is going up July 9 from 63 cents to 66 cents.

Sam Atkinson reported that the overnight tour will be July 8 and 9 to St. James. He talked about the route crossing the Gasconade River where there is no bridge. He asked that participating members make their room reservations and then let him know they are going. The group will be meeting in Eureka at the Walgreens and Quik Trip on Highway 109 south of Interstate 44 at 8:00 a.m. There will be winery visits, and a great dinner, with a return trip on the 9th via Highway 66. Steven Williams will be driving the trouble trailer.

The Club is going to be in the Celebrate America, July 4, Parade.

Steven Williams reviewed the Swap Meet income, and stated that the income was less this year than hoped. Discussion ensued about difficulties with advertising with the Transportation Museum. The discussion included the hope that advertising through the Missouri History Museum would be better.

An announcement was made about the Missouri History Museum's "Show Me 66, Main Street through Missouri" event on Thursday, July 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Museum. A sign-up sheet is available. Keevin Schier reminded the membership of the Horseless Carriage Club Father's Day Show on June 18, the Swap Meet and Car Show in Chesterfield on September 17, and the Brass and Nickel and Pre-World War II event at the Museum of Transportation on October 8.

Don Spaeth reported on his trip to Richmond last week, and offered to share pictures he has. Sam Atkinson stated that on May 17, he, along with Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. went to Hazelwood West High School and did a presentation.

Dave Groerich stated that from George Paugh's collection, there is a Model T golf cart for sale for \$1,500.00. Paul Diebold reported that a lady in Festus has a 1926/27 Model T Roadster for sale; she thinks it is worth \$25,000.00. Steven Williams stated that he has a 1926 Tudor and a 1912 Torpedo for sale.

Bill Tabor discussed taking the Veterans' flight to Washington, D.C. on April 4.,

A thank-you letter was received from the Shriner's Hospital for Children for the \$250.00 donation. In the letter, it was noted that 82 cents from each dollar is used to provide important care.

The 50/50 drawing was \$40.50 each to Dave Groerich and Ken Rothschild. Additional numbers were called for miscellaneous items donated to the club for the drawings. Cindy Atkinson stated she had some hats available for purchase from her collection.

There being no further business, at 8:51 p.m., Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sam Atkinson, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED

At the May club meeting, a proposed amendment to our By-Laws was presented for the second reading, and was adopted by the club membership. This Code of Conduct appears as part of Section II of our By-Laws:

Article II

Section 11 - Code of Conduct

A. The purpose of this club being the congenial enjoyment, display, repair, restoration, showing and touring of the Model T Ford automobile, all non-Model T personal business shall be kept out of club meetings. Private interactions not related to Model T's shall be kept private.

B. The sale, exchange, or repair of Model T's and/or parts shall be done in an honest, professional, and ethical manner among Club members. The expectation is that fair market value or less shall be charged where money changes hands.

C. Discussions at meetings shall be done in a respectful manner. No raised voices or intemperate remarks, including name-calling or insults will be tolerated.

D. Behavior during public events (e.g. shows, demonstrations, tours, parades, swap meet, etc) that calls negative attention to the Club or is a public display of ill temper, anger, foul or obscene language will not be tolerated.

E. (1) The policies, procedures, rules and regulations of organizations that sponsor public events (parades, car shows, etc.) shall be adhered to in every respect. Failure to do so will be considered a violation and dealt with according to sub-section G below.

(2) The use of alcohol while driving on a club tour shall be prohibited. Such use is in violation of the law and may put the Club at risk in case of accident.

F. Handling money. At any event in which money is handled by any member, such funds shall be turned in to the treasurer as soon as possible, or within 30 days, with a full accounting. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation and dealt with according to sub-section G below.

G., Violations of the aforementioned subsections shall be discussed at the next Board meeting (or special called meeting) following the event in which the violation occurred. If the Board, by simple majority vote, determines a violation has occurred, depending upon the severity of the violation, one of the following shall apply: A) Censure; B) Censure with some sort of punishment determined by the Board; or C) said violator's membership in the Club shall be terminated immediately, and said person/s shall be permanently banned from the Club, irrespective of membership in the Model T Ford Club of America.



An articulated bus, 1921.



Gas station in the 1920's.

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

"Though a man's word of honour be very precious unto him, his word to his Honour is not worth the \$10.00."

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER OCCASIONAL 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!

TEAM LEADERS

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From *The Automobile Magazine*, September 1903:

"'Festina lente' is a law term, isn't it?" "Not at all. It means 'Make haste slowly.' Where did you get the impression that it was a law term?" "Well, its what the judge said to me when he fined me \$10 for scorching."

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.

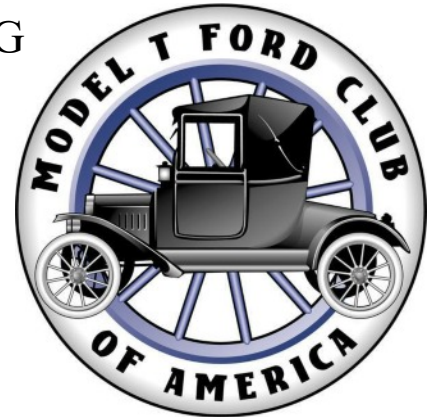
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A replica of Henry Ford's first car - the 1896 Quadricycle.
See the article for the alphabet cars on pages 6 and 7.

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