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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

If you've been reading the Calendar of Events and the ads in *The Vintage Ford* and other auto magazines you might read, you know Touring Season is upon us! And that old adage is true: He who hesitates is lost! I cannot tell you how often I've dallied around and failed to obtain the necessary room in the host hotel, or even one close by. So I've been booking rooms, laying out itineraries, and making plans for our tours this year.

I started with Chickasha, which I actually booked before the first of the year. It took me three weeks with my cell phone gps, the Rand McNally *Best of the Road Atlas and Guide*, plus different colored highlighters to get all the routes laid out, and cities chosen for overnighting. Followed by computer work and phone calls to book the hotels. My credit card was sizzling! But it is finally done.

Now the real work begins - getting the cars ready! And I - we - have a very short time to get our cars ready for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, followed a few weeks later by the Forest Park Car Show. We plan to use four different cars this year, and I have a great deal of work to get done.

I just wish I had paid more attention when I had to help my father work on the family '56 Ford station wagon when I was young. That one and the others which followed. But no, I wasn't interested in learning auto mechanics. Silly me! Dear old dad is rolling over in his grave every time I crawl over or under one of my cars trying to figure it out and make the repairs.

It is a long and slower than I would wish process, but I am finally beginning to become an antique auto mechanic. There is much I cannot do, because of my lack of skills. But guidance from friends, referral to books and manuals (Dyke's is a big help!) and belonging to four forums on the internet is all a great help. In our hobby, it does not pay to be bashful when asking questions.

2023 is going to be a great year for our Club as we tour, party, show our cars, and simply enjoy the fellowship of like minded idiots. Or maybe there is a better descriptive word for folks who play around with hundred-year-old cars?

See you down the road! - Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

Error Correction! In the *Veteran's Parade* article in the last issue, I erroneously left out that Dick Lodge is a Veteran. Dick served four years as a member of the 825th Combat Support Group (SAC). Also I erroneously listed the lady with him as Jane Fody, when she is actually his daughter Elisabeth. My apologies Dick!



It took long enough, but this issue is brings us finally back to where we were pre-Covid! The "Member Profile" article is back! This issue features a new member, Keevin Schier. We have had several new folks join the club, and I'll try to get them all into the remaining issues for this year, then will return to "older" members. I commented to Keevin that many of our members have more than one antique, and some even have more modern cars. We even like those misguided souls who have GM products! While Chevy owners like to remind us FORD = Fix Or Repair Daily, far be it from us Ford-o-philes to remind Chevy owners that their cars are "crap" named after their founder's middle name - Crapo - William Crapo Durant. Now seriously, great minds and innovative thinkers drove the nascent automobile industry in its infancy, and we owe a debt to all of them. Steven G. Williams (email - steven1912@charter.net; cell 636-575-1469)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

- March 10 - Board meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
11 - St. Patrick's Parade, downtown St. Louis
13 - Ladies Getaway to Josephine's Tea Room, Godfrey, IL. See article page 3.
17-18 - Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK
24-25 - MTFCA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
- April 9 - Easter Sunday Concours d'Elegance, Forest Park. We have 15 spaces reserved
14 - Board meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- May 2-6 - 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
8-10 - 22nd Annual Show Me Tour, Southwest Missouri, see *Vintage Ford* for details.
9 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis

FOR SALE

Diann Rhoads has a 1925 Model T Coupe for sale. It is in very good condition, having been shown in many shows. The car has many extras that most Model T's do not have. Priced at \$15,000. Also some Model T parts (various prices, or make offer for all) , and a good wheel chair for \$90. Plus a chair lift for \$700. Call 314-481-0087.

Directory Change

Jerry Ellerbeck Sr. has moved. His new address is 228 Beth Drive, Festus, MO 63028. His cell phone number remains the same: 314-255-6973. Please make this change in your directory.

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

A big automobile truck and a trolley car are about an even match in a rough-house affair.

"My father has a horse and buggy." "Yes, but my father was run over by an automobile."

"Can you tell me the record made in the automobile race?" "This is the sporting editor. Call up the obituary department."

"Why do you call your auto 'she'?" "Because I can't find a man who understands her."

"Did you have a fine speeding automobile trip?" "It wasn't much else but a series of fines."

Ladies Getaway!

By Cindy Atkinson

Our last trip to Josephine's Tea Room (6901 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL) was well-attended and enjoyed by all. At the Tour de Frost several ladies mentioned we should do this again, so we are. Mark your calendars for Monday, March 13. Our *reservation* is for 11:30 AM, but we should probably gather 10 minutes early.

You need to sign up with me by **Wednesday, March 8**. Call or text me at 314-324-7663. The gift shop opens at 11 am so you can of course go earlier if you wish. If anyone wants to carpool, let me know when you call, and we will discuss arrangements.

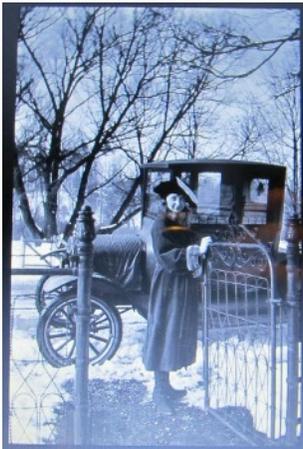
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please add the following new members to your membership directory:

Deniston, Jim and Mollie; 2696 Wild Plum Valley, Pacific, MO 63069. 636-223-3244.
Jimmollie@hotmail.com.

Michaelree, John. 4018-A Connecticut, St. Louis, MO 63116. 314-398-8374.
JohnCMichaelree@gmail.com

Taylor, Matt. 1408 Birchwood Cove Ct., Ballwin, MO 63021



Young lady on a winter drive

Winter isn't over yet, so here are some period photos...



I'd love to know this story!



Winterized Roadster



Model T snowmobile delivering oil in NY

FROM *A Chronicle of the Automobile Industry in America* Cleveland, OH: Eaton Manufacturing Co., 1936

This interesting book hits the highlights of the American automobile industry from 1892 through 1936. Here is the report from 1923 - 100 years ago:

Production for the year: 3,753,945 passenger cars, 426,505 trucks.

Alfred P. Sloan becomes president of General Motors Corporation.

Ford production exceed two million.

Four-wheel brakes are introduced.

Chrysler adopts the Purolator cartridge oil filter.

"Cannon Ball" Baker drives an Oldsmobile, with gears locked in high, from New York to Los Angeles in twelve and a half days.

The millionth Buick comes off the line.

The Oakland is finished in Duco.

The Standard Oil Company announces it will distribute Ethyl gasoline.

Roy D. Chapin retires as president at Hudson to become Board Chairman.

Ford announces a weekly purchase plan.

New cars and trucks announced this year: Barbarino, Cardway, Clinton, Crusader, D.A.C. Dagmar, Deemotor, Deemster, Detroit Steamer, Diehl, Flint, Fremont, Grass-Premier, Harris Six, Hawkeye, Long, Mel Special, Princeton, Rollin, Sekine, Static Super-Cooled, Stratton, Transport.

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MEMBER PROFILE - KEEVIN SCHIER

Like most of us, Keevin Schier owns more than one antique car. Though he only has one T. Keevin's story begins when, as a boy, he knew every car on the road. He found an old lawn mower which he took home and successfully rebuilt. His father was so impressed that his father let him buy a '55 Coupe de Ville when he was 13. He tinkered with that car, and started buying and selling cars and restoring them. He's owned a total of 75 over the years.

In high school he took vocational auto shop and learned how to paint cars. In his early years he buys, restores, and sells the cars...they were simply old cars back then. Of course now he wished he had kept several. What started him in collecting was a 1966 Mustang he bought in 1980, which he still has. Mustangs and Cougars were his main interest.

He was living in Evanston, IL and working for Sun Electric when he went to California. While there a mutual friend introduced him to Kathleen, whom he married in 1982. They have three daughters and 5 grandchildren, all who live in the St. Louis area. They moved to St. Louis in 2007 pursuing educational opportunities for the children. They hadn't planned on staying, but obviously they have.

Keevin is self-employed, part time in real estate and construction management. The rest of the time he spends in his shop working on restoring his cars, as well as family time. Kathleen is an accountant and bookkeeper, also taking care of the grandkids when they get out of school. While she isn't interested in the cars like Keevin, she encourages him to enjoy them. And he does, as you can tell from the photos.

There is a convoluted story about his 1918 Model T Roadster. He first saw the car in his in-law's barn in 1982, where it had been parked for more than 30 years....with a sheet of visqueen over it. You can imagine that did not help its preservation! His father-in-law's brother bought it for his father-in-law as a birthday present/joke because the man had been born in 1918. Keevin tried to buy the car for years, but the in-laws didn't want to part with it. After both had passed, Keevin bought it out of the estate, and brought it home to begin the restoration process. The grandkids love riding in the roadster with him.

"When I got into the T, I became very impressed. It is very primitive, but it is engineered quite well." While working on and driving the T he is currently restoring a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Aire. He currently has seven cars in his collection, with no plans to expand until after he has all these running - and can figure out where to put another one. (I forgot to suggest that he do what I do - park the modern drivers outside and put the antiques in the garage...that ought to get him room for another one or two!)



Above, Keevin with his 1918 Roadster



Left, a view of a project under wraps and one wall of his shop.



Below, another view of the Roadster.

LIFE AND DEATH WITH A MODEL T

By Steven Williams

To paraphrase the old *Dragnet* TV show intro - What you are about to read are opinions, opinions based in life. I've wanted an old car from my teen years on, but wasn't able to fulfill that desire until 2002. I bought my 1914 T from a man who dealt in T's and T parts based in Midland, TX. He shall remain nameless because he told me I only had to run 35 lbs. pressure in clincher tires! Over the next few years between Chickasha, the Covered Bridge and other tours I met many interesting Model T folks. Among the notables were Dick and Anya Lodge, John Danuser and Ken Meeks. John helped me get a 1914 engine for my chain drive truck conversion, and Ken gave me a good deal on a new Brassworks radiator. And Dick, hearing we planned to retire to St. Louis, encouraged me to join the Model T Club.

I was always concerned about safety in my Model T. Thus when I read on the MTFCA forum about Ken Meek's fatal accident, I read everything posted about it. And the reason for this column is two-fold: We have some new members who may or may not be new to the "real old car" hobby, and in a recent issue of *Old Cars Weekly* was a report about a modern car driver in Southwest Missouri failing to yield while making a left turn causing an accident that killed the Model T driver.

Hopefully you have learned by now to drive very defensively. When it comes to our T's (and other very early cars), many of those driving modern cars are idiots. Unfortunately a few T drivers likewise fit into that category. We want to make our T's safe to drive, so some of us think we should "upgrade" them with modern accessories. The problem is, when we add modern items it gives us a sense of safety that really doesn't exist. And because we feel safer, we don't drive as defensively. Some T folks want to make their cars go faster, which puts more stress on the machine, the brakes, the axles and wheels, etc. For those who want to go fast, safely, you need to join Secrets of Speed (find them in *Vintage Ford* or online). But the charm of driving a 100-year-old car is enjoying "Life in the slow lane" and that primitive technology. So I'm going to comment on four areas where we can make our T's safer.

Here's a must accessory for early T owners: the early Wishbone Support. For the early cars where the wishbone bolts *above* the axle, the support wishbone bolts *below* the axle, thus sandwiching the axle between the two wishbones. This prevents the axle from "rolling" if something happens to the front end. When the axle rolls, things can break, and one can lose control leading to very bad consequences.

Brakes. As one of my other early acquaintances, Stan Howe, once said, if you modernize one part of a T, you transfer the problem you hope to solve to a different location. The brakes on the T are lousy, to put it mildly. We have to drive as if there are no brakes, which enables us in fact to stop safely. The best upgrades are period accessories like Rocky Mountain Brakes and the A C Braking system. If you improve the brake beyond that, you increase stress somewhere else, which can result in a catastrophic failure. Disc brakes might be able to stop a T on a dime, but all that momentum and stress is thus very quickly transferred to the front axle and wheels. Plus a skid could result with disastrous consequences. Knowing our brakes are lousy makes us drive more carefully and anticipate and slow when necessary before applying them.

Seatbelts. I've followed the discussion about seat belts for a long time, and there are pros and cons on both sides. You make your choice, and take your chances. The 1911 Cadillac we bought has seat belts in it. I *absolutely refuse to use seatbelts in my antiques!* Lets face it - these cars in many respects are glorified tin cans. Can you imagine being belted into your fragile car in a roll-over? I would rather take my chances being thrown out, than being crushed in an accident. Either way is going to be bad, but I might survive being thrown out. What about a collision? Front, side, or rear end? I suspect a modern 3,000 pound plus car or pickup hitting our 1,000 pound cars would crumple the body very quickly. Belted in, not much chance? No belt? Perhaps thrown in such a way as to survive. But bad nevertheless. Its almost a coin flip - either way, it will be bad.

Speed. I touched on this earlier. Why some folks want their T's to go 50 or even 60 mph I don't understand. They weren't designed for that. If you want to go that fast, get a Model A or a V-8. The T is a well-engineered car *for its time and roads*. And it is a joy to drive on our modern paved roads. But the machine, taken as a whole (chassis, brakes, engine, steering, transmission, wheels) is designed to cruise safely between 30 and 40 mph. I have other cars that will go faster, but even there, I find the safe cruising speed, and stay with that. I just don't feel safe in these old cars going faster than 45 mph. That speed gives me time to enjoy the drive, be aware of other drivers around me, and buy me a bit more time to react to unforeseen circumstances.

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It's safer, and much more enjoyable that way. And besides, it sure feels like I'm going 50-60 in an open 100-year-old car, with the wind blowing in my face and things shaking and rattling and the engine ticking along as I feel every bump in the road!

Signals and lights. I have seen different types of turn signals and lights advertised. But perhaps the neatest and most functional is a setup on Scott Francis' 1922 Roadster. He has a set of bicycle turn signals. Each light is glued to a rare earth magnet which holds the light on the fender. They are remote controlled, and rechargeable. Best part of it is that if you have more than one car, you can easily move them from one car to another. You might want to check out what's available out there.

Opinions are like noses, everyone has one. My purpose here is not to offend, but to remind us - driving a 100-year-old car is an art. It takes skill to master the driving - steering, gear shifting, braking, even turning safely. It takes awareness to try to anticipate what the drivers in their modern cars around us are thinking about doing. We simply need to be aware of what is in front, behind, and beside us. Even then, we may have to do a panic stop - both feel slammed down on any two pedals! Yes, that kills the engine, but it has saved me from the idiot in front stopping unexpectedly to take a photo of my car!

I've driven on many different types of roads in the US and Canada. I stay off of interstate highways, with the exception in Canada when our tour forced us onto 20 miles of one of their "interstates." Then I drove on the shoulder. Much safer that way as cars and semis sped past as we ticked along at 35 mph. I suggest that our T's are safe to drive, because *we drive them defensively and are aware of our surroundings!* We are more aware, driving our T's, than we are in our modern cars. And if you have an early T, be sure you have that wishbone support. Otherwise, be sure everything is sound, working correctly, and get out there and drive! Safely. Show off your pride and joy!. And be prepared for people to ask you about it.... I always tell them the crank in front is to wind up the massive rubber band.

IN MEMORIAM - GEORGE PAUGH

June 18, 1929 - January 7, 2023

Visitation was held at Kutis Funeral Home South County, in Mehlville, on Wednesday, January 11. Family only funeral service was held Thursday, January 12.

George had been an active member of our club since ca. 2000, and a National Member since 2001. Many of us remember him for his cheerful attitude, and the way he always hosted our annual picnic at his house and swimming pool for many years. George's wife of 62 years, Audrey, predeceased him in 2015.

George is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Russ Frailey, who are members of our club. Also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He will be missed.

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

Flivver Driver: "Do you know which road goes to Chicago?"

Country Boy: "No."

Flivver Driver: "Do you know which road goes to Joliet?"

Country Boy: "No."

Flivver Driver: "Do you know which road goes to Wheaton?"

Country Boy: "No."

Flivver Driver: "You don't know anything, do you?"

Country Boy: "I know I'm not lost."

"Does your wife drive the car?"

"Only when I'm at the wheel."

Tourist (in village 5 & 10 store): "What'dya got in the shape of automobile tires?"

Saleslady (promptly): "Funeral wreaths, life preservers, invalid cushions, and doughnuts."

TOUR DE FROST - FEBRUARY 18, 2023

We had a very good turnout for our Seventh Annual Tour de Frost. And this year the weather was such that two Model T's were driven to the event! As everyone realizes, the Stevenson's are moving to Georgia - Steve was able to be here, but Mary Ellen couldn't. He thanked us "for the memories" and they will both be missed.



The ladies bidding farewell. Left to right: Diana Trehwella, Cindy Atkinson, Gayle Ellerbeck, Steve Stevenson, Sherry Williams, Bonnie Dattoli, and Jenny Sanders.



Clockwise, from lower left: Keith Sanders, Daniel Mullis, Sam Atkinson, Dave Sarniguet, Keevin Schier, and Steve Stevenson.



Left to right: Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., Nick and Bonnie Dattoli.



Left to right: Steven & Sherry Williams, Gayle Ellerbeck.



Left to right: Dave Sarniguet, Keevin Schier, Steve Stevenson.



Left to right: Diana & Joe Trehwella, Dave Groerich.

From *The Edison & Ford Quote Book*, Fort Myers, FL: Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2004. Henry Ford:

"Wealth, like happiness, is never attained when sought after directly. It comes as a by-product of providing a useful service."

"Beauty appeals to most people. Beauty begins in design. To me a good piece of machinery is beautiful. But when most people speak of beauty they do not think of quality and fitness of design, they think of color."

TOUR DE FROST, CONTINUED



Jenny & Keith Sanders



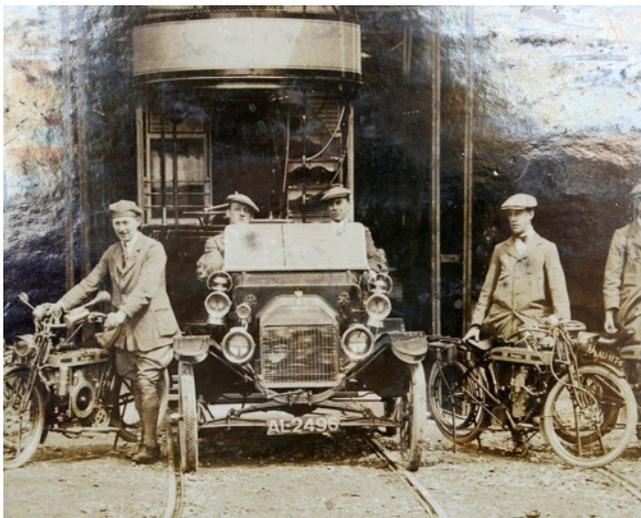
Left to right: Cindy Atkinson, Gayle Ellerbeck, Bonnie Dattoli.



Getting ready to order. The meals at The Sports Cafe are bountiful and good!



Clockwise from lower left: Daniel Mullis, Keith Sanders, Sam Atkinson, Don Spaeth.



Brass Era, English Ford



Brass Era, family posing on a muddy street.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, January 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Members present were President Steven Williams, Vice President Kent Gilbane, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, and Directors Daniel Mullis, Paul Diebold, Steven Thum, Keith Sanders, Dave Groerich, Jerry Ellerbeck Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., and Stephen Heatherly. Also in attendance were Sam Atkinson, Nick Dattoli, Ken Baker, Diana Thum, Sherry Williams, Suzanne Pourcillie, and Jenny Sanders.

President Williams introduced Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., and Stephen Heatherly as new Board members. Minutes of the November 11, 2022 Directors Meeting were read. Keith Sanders 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 November and December treasurer's reports. Bonnie also reviewed the second quarter 2022 – 2023 financial report. Keith Sanders made the motion to approve the Treasurer's reports. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck Sr. and carried unanimously.

Sam Atkinson reported that the Club is registered for the St. Patrick's Parade.

Jenny Sanders reported that the December banquet and meeting at Crusoe's was a good event.

Steven Williams stated that the insurance agent is working on the insurance coverage and updated the Swap Meet location to the Grizzly's Ballpark and removed the previous location. He said he believes the current insurance carrier is the most reasonable, and he will report back on his final findings.

Steven Williams stated he talked to the Fraileys after George Paugh's passing. They requested the donation in his memory be presented to the Alzheimer's Association.

Steven Williams stated that he received a publication from McPherson College that they have a \$500 million commitment that for each \$1.00 donated, there will be a \$2.00 match for the Auto Restoration Technology Program. He said the College has a Rapid Assembly Team and a Model T Program. There would be more opportunity for internships and interns might find out that there is a good opportunity in working on Model T's. Donations need to be made by June 30. Kent Gilbane made the motion that the Club delay any decision on a donation until the results of the May Swap Meet are available. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck Sr., and carried unanimously.

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

A number of model cars from George Paugh's collection were presented to the Club, and there was a discussion whether these model cars should be included with the 50/50 raffle tickets or separate tickets. A motion was made by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. that there be separate tickets for \$5.00 each, one ticket per person. After a second, the motion passed by a vote of 6 – 3. Paul Diebold made the motion to amend the original motion to allow people to buy as many \$5.00 tickets as they want to. After a second, the amendment motion passed 7 – 2. Steven Thum stated he also had some cooler bags which could be offered in the raffle.

Kent Gilbane reported that Ken and Ruth Baker will be handling registration this year, and Paul Diebold and Don Spaeth will be handling the parking. Kent said the goal for this year will be to streamline events and hopefully extract more cash. He discussed a difference in Swap Meet space costs. He said the single space would be increased to \$45.00; end caps would be \$55.00; premium parking would be \$65.00. He said there would also be four super premium 20 x 65 foot spaces for possibly \$95.00 to \$105.00 each. He discussed having more porta potties for Saturday night and stated there would be no generators allowed to run Saturday night.

Steven Williams added that there would be advertising placed in Old Cars Weekly, Vintage, Horseless Carriage, and the National Model T Ford Club.

There were comments about not having received a billing recently from the Lodge and no notification from Steve Dodson about rent.

There was discussion about flowers having been purchased for Flo Reichardt's visitation and funeral and whether the Club should make a donation to the Model T Museum. Kent Gilbane made the motion to donate \$100.00 to the Model T Museum in Flo's memory. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders and carried unanimously.

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Bonnie Dattoli made the motion that a donation of \$100.00 be made to Samaritan's Purse in memory of Willette (Willie) Weber who passed away in December. The motion was seconded by Kent Gilbane and carried.

Steven Williams read correspondence. There was a Christmas card from the accountant. Wheels in Motion thanked the Club for participation in the car show in September. They also thanked the Club for the \$1,000.00 provided to them for donation to the National Children's Cancer Society, and stated that they would have the promised number of workers at the Club's 2023 Swap Meet.

There being no further business, at 7:45 p.m., Keith Sanders made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, January 13, 2023**

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

President Steven Williams reminded the membership of Club members who passed during 2022: Flo Reichardt, George Paugh, and Willette (Willie) Weber.

Keith Sanders stated that Jim Dennison and Molly Dennison are joining the Club. They own a Model T and a Model A.

Minutes were read from the December 10, 2022 meeting. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Jerry L. Ellerbeck and carried unanimously.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report. Don Spaeth made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Sam Atkinson, and carried unanimously.

Michael Thum reported that he is keeping the website up to date with the new information.

Dave O'Malley stated that the video library is available and to let him know if someone wants something. Don Spaeth stated that all the books are available, and members can see him if they want to check out anything.

Steven Williams stated that the November/December Occasional is available. If anyone is not receiving the e-mails, please let him know.

Dave Kuenzel reported on the Annual Banquet and meeting. The question was presented whether the Club members want to go there again in December, 2023, because if so, a deposit of \$50.00 is required, the sooner, the better. Kent Gilbane made the motion to book Crusoe's for December. The motion was seconded by Jerry E. Ellerbeck and carried unanimously.

Steven Williams stated that the Swap Meet ads will be going out next week.

Kent Gilbane stated the Swap Meet will be on Sunday, May 7, 2023, with set-up on Saturday, May 6. He said that this year, Ken and Ruth Baker will be handling the registration. He advised that the lettering and number of spots for vendors will change. He discussed increasing the prices for vendor spaces and several other changes. Sign-up sheets will be available next month.

Sam Atkinson reported that the Club is registered for the St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held on March 11. Sign-up sheets will be available next month.

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

The Easter Concourse was discussed. It was stated that the minimum number of spaces is ten at \$15.00 each. In 2022, the Club had 15 spots. Jerry L. Ellerbeck made the motion to contact the Horseless Carriage Club about taking 50% off the rental of the spots in exchange for two Rapid Assembly shows. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried. Keevin Schier stated that he is on the Easter Concourse committee for the Horseless Carriage Club and he will propose this possibility and report back to the Club.

Items for sale: Bill Tabor has big heavy duty tie down strap for a trailer to give away. Nick Dattoli said he has a complete 1923 four-door Model T for sale, price negotiable. George Paugh's Model T is for sale, if interested, contact the Fraileys. Diann Rhoads still has the Model T for sale. Keith Sanders added that Diann also has lots of parts for sale. Karl Abe is selling his vehicles. Keevin Schier has a wheel for sale.

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Minutes, January 13 meeting, continued:

Correspondence: A Christmas card was received from the accountant. Wheels in Motion thanked for the \$1,000.00 donation to the National Children's Cancer Society.

Don Spaeth thanked the Club for the flowers and calls. Steven Thum reported that his mother had a stroke.

Bill Tabor stated he is taking the Veteran's flight in April. He also displayed a motometer with an airplane that he had attached.

Dave Sarniguet stated that in 1966, Ford Motor Company had a prototype for a mustang station wagon.

The 50/50 drawing was \$36.00 each to Dave Kuenzel and Ken Baker. There was also a separate drawing for a number of model cars from George Paugh's collection which were presented to the Club and some cooler bags donated by Steven Thum. Winners included Paul Diebold, Jerry L. Ellerbeck, Steven Williams, Jerry E. Ellerbeck, Dave Groerich, Daniel Mullis and Dave Sarniguet.

There being no further business, at 9:07 p.m., Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keevin Schier and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Members present were President Steven Williams, Vice President Kent Gilbane, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, and Directors Daniel Mullis, Paul Diebold, Keith Sanders, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and Stephen Heatherly. Also in attendance were Suzanne Pourcillie, Sherry Williams, Jenny Sanders, Gayle Ellerbeck, and Ken Baker.

Minutes of the January 13, 2023 Directors Meeting were read. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report: Bonnie noted that the bill for the lease from the Temple and the Wi-Fi bill haven't been received yet. Daniel Mullis stated he would remind them again.

Steven Williams stated that Sam Atkinson will have the sign-up sheet for the St. Patrick's Day Parade available tonight. He also stated that there are 15 spots for the Easter Concourse for which the Club will be paying half price in return for having the Rapid Assembly at the event. He said if there are any questions to talk with Keevin Schier.

There was discussion about the updated guidelines for Model T member illness or funeral. The consensus was to have a \$75.00 limit for a fruit basket, flowers, or a meal gift card for a member's hospitalization.

Steven Williams stated that the Club needs to choose the individual who will receive the annual free membership to the National Model T Club. After discussion, Keith Sanders made the motion to give the membership to Suzanne Pourcillie. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried, with an abstention from Kent Gilbane.

Kent Gilbane updated the Board on the number of premium spaces and super premium spaces and reviewed the Swap Meet map. He stated that prices would be increased slightly. He said this year, there would be no buy three, get one free. Fencing for the event was discussed to avoid participants from encroaching onto the business areas. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and Paul Diebold volunteered to check about having a sign advertising the Swap Meet on the first Sunday in May, and to report back at the next Board meeting.

There was a discussion about when to issue the donation check to Shriner's, and the consensus was to go ahead and issue the check this month.

Diann Rhoads donated a complete set of the Vintage Ford on DVD. The consensus was to see what out of the set the Club needs for the library, and to sell the rest to members at \$10.00 each.

There being no further business, at 7:30 p.m., Keith Sanders made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kent Gilbane and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. President Steven Williams expressed condolences to the Ellerbeck family on the loss of Matt. He said there is no change in the Dodson situation. He asked the membership to keep Joe Trehwella in their prayers regarding some recent medical tests, and for Diana Thum who has pneumonia. Stephen Heatherly informed the membership that Don Spaeth slipped on the ice recently and hurt his knee.

New members Jim Dennison and John Michaelree were welcomed. Jim has a Model T and a Model A. John has a 1926 Touring, and had a 1927. Minutes were read from the January 13, 2023 meeting. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Bill Tabor and carried unanimously. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report. Keevin Schier made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold, and carried unanimously.

Michael Thum reported that he is keeping the website up to date with the new information, but he does need a new map for the Swap Meet. Dave O'Malley stated that the video library is available and to let him know if someone wants something. Steven Williams stated that hopefully the next Occasional will be available March 1. Steven Williams informed the members that the Board had adopted a policy regarding flowers and donations for members who are hospitalized or who pass. Steven Williams reminded members that local dues should be paid by now. He reminded that national members do not need to pay local dues.

Sam Atkinson stated that the St. Patrick's parade will be on March 11. He has a sign-up sheet. He said the Release of Liability form must be in by March 4. He also discussed the upcoming Tour de Frost on February 18 at 11:00 with lunch at the Sports Café in Bridgeton.

Steven Williams stated he will have the Easter car show sign-up sheet next month.

Kent Gilbane discussed the Swap Meet. He stated that there will be more premium spaces this year, and increased prices. There will also be several super premium spaces. He said layout day will hopefully be Wednesday, weather permitting. Suzanne takes care of the food, so volunteers will be needed to help her. Volunteers will also be needed for security and vendor placement. The Board will need to have a discussion next month about the Christmas banquet costs for Swap Meet workers. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March and April meetings.

Keevin Schier stated that the Horseless Carriage Club approved 50% off on spots for the Easter Show, with the Rapid Assembly displays to be provided by our Club. He also said the Horseless Carriage Club needs volunteers to assist. Sam Atkinson stated that he has a sign-up sheet for the first Rapid Assembly at the Easter Show on April 9.

Bill Tabor stated that he has an old three-ton floor jack for sale for \$30.00. Steven Williams discussed the whole set of Vintage Ford DVD's from March, 1966 through November/December 2000. He said the whole set would be \$50.00, or members could purchase the DVDs separately for \$10.00. Steven Williams stated there is a book, a Tin Lizzie Troop novel for \$10.00. Steven Williams stated that later this year, he will be selling a 1912 Torpedo, completely restored in 2009. Paul Diebold said he is thinking about selling his Model A. Sam Atkinson stated that outside he has some accordion luggage racks for \$5.00 each. Dave O'Malley said someone he knows has a new T radiator for sale. Diann Rhoads still has the Model T and parts for sale. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. said he has a behind-motorcycle trailer for sale for \$450.00.

Bill Tabor stated that he and his wife are celebrating their 60th anniversary, and unfortunately, at last month's meeting, he lost his wedding band. Steven Williams stated that the Club has received a thank you from the Model T Ford Club of America for the \$100.00 donation in memory of Flo Reichardt and a thank you for the donation of \$100.00 made to Samaritan's Purse in memory of Willette (Willie) Weber.

The 50/50 drawing was \$37.00 each to Suzanne Pourcillie and Dave Sarniguet.

There being no further business, at 8:40 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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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.”

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!

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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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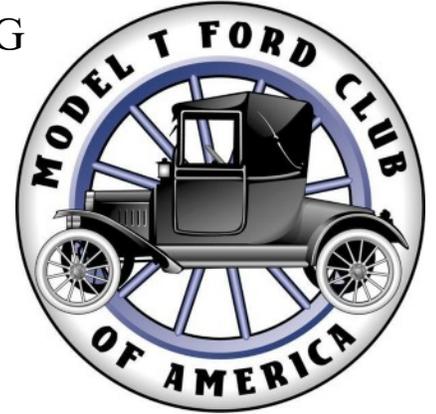


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At the Tour d'Frost, February 18. Left, Sam & Cindy Atkinson's 1927; right, Scott Francis' 1922 Roadster.

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