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1963-2023 CELEBRATING OUR 60TH YEAR!



Lined up for the St. Patrick's Parade in downtown St. Louis. Steve Stevenson and Sam Atkinson in the foreground.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

At our last club meeting we had the first reading of a proposed amendment to our By-Laws. The second and final reading and vote to adopt will occur during our regularly scheduled May meeting.

The proposed amendment is a code of conduct, having been suggested by some of the members. The committee, Sam Atkinson, Paul Diebold, and me, worked on this for several weeks. Having been approved by the Board, it is submitted to the membership for approval.

Our club is like any other gathering of people - a mixture of many different types of personalities, beliefs, political views and attitudes. But as we focus on the Model T Ford, we strive to let none of this impact our fellowship.

The purpose of this amendment is to facilitate the smooth functioning of our club, and to remind everyone, new members especially, what our purpose and focus happens to be. It also gives some guidance regarding the buying and selling of Model T's and parts, as well as repairs and maintenance. We hope you will find this to be a welcome addition to our By-Laws.

Shifting gears - it is Swap Meet time again! The first Sunday in May happens to be the seventh this year. The few days preceding we will be busy setting up the grounds for the smooth running of the swap meet. Please make yourself available to help in this very important project of our club. The income derived from this project funds all of our activities, and keeps our dues from being astronomical. The added bonus is that, especially since our move, our net profit has increased, even though vendor count and attendance is down somewhat. And that seems to be true of all swap meets any more. Those of us who have been going to Chickasha for many years can attest to that reality. And because our net profit is up, folks who work the Swap Meet get a \$25 credit towards the cost of their meal at our annual meeting and Christmas Banquet.

The most important benefit of working the Swap Meet is the camaraderie of working together. For new members it is the chance to get acquainted and make new friends. All in all it is a very valuable experience. See you there!

Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

As you will read elsewhere in this issue, we were awarded Second Place in the MTFCA's Newsletter Award at the recent national meeting in Las Vegas. Which is a wonderful honor for our publication, and all you do to help Sherry and me to produce this publication. Since becoming Editor in 2014, we have won all three places in that award now!

And speaking of awards - it was an honor to be mentioned on page 8 of the March/April issue of *The Vintage Ford*. To quote: "We're also proud to congratulate the MTFCA's Greater St. Louis Chapter for winning a 2021 Regional Chapter Golden Quill Award for *The Occasional...*" We stand in very good company because *The Vintage Ford* was likewise honored with the Golden Quill Award in the Super Size Category by *Old Cars Weekly*.

If you are not a National Member (member of the Model T Ford Club of America) you are missing out on a great deal. *The Vintage Ford* is worth the annual membership fee alone. Plus the opportunity for some fantastic regional and national tours. By the way, can you recognize the two people bottom right of page 33 of the current issue of *The Vintage Ford*? ;-)

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

- 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
 21 - Vintage Ford Show, Museum of Transportation, 2933 Barrett Station Road, St. Louis
 10 AM - 3 PM
- 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
 18 - 23 - "Experience the Flint Hills" MTFCA 2023 National Tour. See *Vintage Ford* for details.
- July 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)
- 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.

New Members/Add to Directory

Corman, Jay. 6100 Braidwood Ct. NW; Acworth, GA 30101. 317-603-2276. Jaymcorman@gmail.com
Jay is in the military, currently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. He is a national member, and is attending our club.

Nordstrom, Dan. 1267 Running Waters Dr., St. Charles, MO 63304 612-239-5995.
Dannord4@yahoo.com. Dan has a 1913 Touring and a 1925 Roadster.

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

"I ran across an old friend of yours today," remarked the chauffeur.

"Will he recover?" asked the bartender.

"Mr. Cleaver, how do you account for the fact that I found a piece of rubber tire in one of the sausages I bought here last week?"

"My dear madam, that only goes to show that the motor-car is replacing the horse everywhere."

Our notion of tact is keeping a friend after said friend has purchased an automobile.

Murphy - "Thin 'tis a liberal policy the smooth jawed young man sold ye?"

Casey - "Yis. Shure, there are some viry attradctive indimnities if I git hurt playin' golf, polo, or drivin' me own aeroplane."

Charley - Did you see those autos skid?

Fair One - Sir, how dare you call me that?

CHICKASHA!

By Steven Williams

Like most swap meets, the Pre-War Swap Meet each March at Chickasha, OK has changed for the worst. Vendor count is down and buyer count is down. I took several items to sell, and make a couple of sales. Unfortunately I spent more than I made. Also there to sell were Sam Atkinson, Keith Sanders, Keevin Schier, Kent Gilbane, and Paul Diebold with his son Paul and friend Chris. But while Chickasha isn't what it once was, I enjoyed it and plan to return. There are still things to be seen, treasures to find, parts to buy, and friends and colleagues with whom to enjoy fellowship and good times. I plan to return next year.



Setting up Thursday in the rain and the mud.



A little bit of everything available at the St. Louis Model T members "compound." We were all clustered together.



Another view of our trailers.



Left to right: Keevin Schier, Kent Gilbane, and Keith Sanders.



Keith Sanders trying to convince Stephen Heatherly and two of his friends to buy something! The rain stopped Thursday night, and the field was drying out Friday. By 11 Saturday everyone was headed home.



Beautiful brass lamps for sale! Just some of the offerings at the swap meet.

Golden Quill Awards

The 2022 *Golden Quill Awards* were just announced in the April 15 issue of *Old Cars Weekly*. The *Golden Quill Award* is recognition for the published efforts of national, regional, and local car clubs, registries, associations, museums and related automotive organizations.

Researcher and OCW columnist Dr. Gerald Perschbacher serves as chief judge. He and OCW staff inspect and evaluate publications throughout the year. This year, as usual, the Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Ford Club International won the award in the National Super-Size category. Only one other Model T Club received the award - The Model T Ford Club of Milwaukee. So we stand in very good company! My thanks to my staff: Sherry Williams, Proof-reader, and all who submit photos, information, and articles for publication in *The Occasional*. Without your support and the backing of the Board, we couldn't have such a nice publication.



Now that warmer weather is here, and our thoughts turn to travels and tours, how about a running board baby bath for the family?



The back deck of this T indicates it is a salesman's roadster. He's changing a flat on non-demountable wheels. Always a pain in the kiester!

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



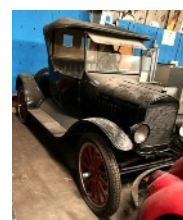
FOR SALE

Ed. Note: I've been contacted recently by some folks with T's for sale, so I'm putting here what information I can. I suggest you contact the selling party directly with your questions. We do not charge for these listings, as we want our club members to have every opportunity for new acquisitions, per their desires. The Club knows about Diann's car and everyone speaks highly of it.

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.

John Riehn has a 35 gallon Standard Oil lubester for sale. In good condition, with some oil in it. \$350.00. 314-504-5709 (Johnny's Rod Shop).

Mike Dixon, who some time back was a member of our club, has four T's for sale: a '25 Depot Hack, '25 Roadster, unknown to me date Roadster, and what appears to be a boattail speedster. See photos here. He's in Illinois, contact him at 618-401-5977. He wouldn't quote a price, just said make him a reasonable offer. They've been stored inside for years, and all will run with a little TLC.



The Capps family has a 1911 or 1912 Torpedo for sale. At this writing they are in the process of bringing it to the St. Louis area for sale, and are researching pricing. When they contact me after its arrival, I'll send out a blast email with their information. Pictured here for your information.



The Selden Patent No Longer A Menace

From *Cycle and Automotive Trade Journal*, February 1, 1911. Philadelphia: Chilton Company, p. 141.

The news of the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals against the Selden Patent, which has been in litigation for eight or nine years, was received with relief by the trade generally.

Even those concerns which had become members of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, which was upholding the Selden Patent, expressed their satisfaction with the decision, and the reported action of the executive committee of the A.L.A.M. to abandon further litigation, and to withdraw the stipulation in their agency contracts which prohibited agents for licensed cars handling unlicensed makes was received with a great amount of satisfaction, as this feature of the battle which was continually being waged between the members of A.L.A.M. and independent manufacturers was productive of more friction and trouble than any other feature of the fight against the patent.

Mr. Henry Ford (emphasis added) deserved great credit for carrying this fight to a finish as great pressure was brought to bear upon him to join forces with A.L.A.M., and it would have undoubtedly paid him well financially to have done so, and had he quit, an entirely different outcome would undoubtedly have been the result. It is safe to predict that with the Selden bugaboo out of the way, the trade will take on a new lease of life, and will expand considerably, but a word of caution is undoubtedly necessary against too rapid an increase in the manufacture of automobiles, as the trade had a foretaste of the results of overproduction during the past 6 or 8 months and should be wise enough to prevent a recurrence of this costly experience.

St. Patrick's Parade

By Steven Williams, photos by Daniel Mullis

The weather cooperated, though it was cold. We had a great turnout! 9 cars in all: Sam & Cindy Atkinson; Dave Becherer; Paul Diebold; Scott Francis & daughter Alyssa; Kent Gilbane & Suzanne Pourcillie; Keevin Schier; Steve Stevenson & Daniel Mullis; Mike Thum & Berri West; and Steven & Diana Thum.



Suzanne Pourcillie & Cindy Atkinson



Steve Stevenson



Right - the parade is getting underway.



Above: Scott Francis' daughter Alyssa, Daniel Mullis, & Suzanne Pourcillie

Right: Cindy & Sam Atkinson
Far right: Suzanne Pourcillie with Cindy Atkinson & Kent Gilbane in the background getting their respective cars ready.



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

"He drove straight to his goal," said the orator. "He looked neither to the right nor to the left, but pressed forward, moved by a definite purpose. Neither friend nor foe could delay him nor turn him from his course. All who crossed his path did so at their own peril? What would you call such a man?"

"A flivver driver!" shouted someone in the audience.

Easter Sunday Car Show, Forest Park

By Steven Williams, Photos by Cindy Atkinson, Carol Teaney, & Steven Williams

We had a great turnout - 11 cars on display with a great many people asking lots of questions. Two rapid assembly teams demonstrated the Model T. The first show was at 11, the second at 1 pm. The first team assembled the car in 7:35; the 1:00 team accomplished the feat in 6:44.



Left to right: Kent Gilbane's 1911 and 1926 touring cars.

Steve Stevenson's 1923 touring



Steven Thum's 1925 touring



Mike Thum & Diana Thum next to his 1925 Fordor



Jerry Ellerbeck Jr's 1923 touring



Above: Jerry Ellerbeck Sr. with his 1923 Huckster. Below: April Diebold in her & Paul's 1921 touring.



Above: Jerry Ellerbeck Jr's 1923 touring. Below: Don Spaeth's 1924 touring.



Above: Dave Becherer with his 1925 touring. Below: Jerry Ellerbeck Jr with Stephen Heatherly's roadster



Easter Sunday Car Show, continued



The first team assembled the car in 7 minutes, 35 seconds. Left to right: Steve Stevenson, Ron McLean, Paul Diebold, Kent Gilbane, & Sam Atkinson. Steven Thum (not pictured) was the M.C.



The engine being installed.



Left: The finishing touches.
Right: Sam starts her up and drives off.



Below: The second team hard at work. Consisting of Sam Atkinson, Kent Gilbane, Paul Diebold, Keevin Schier, Steve Stevenson, & Steven Williams, this team assembled the car in 6 minutes 44 seconds.



Above: Second assembly team, l to r, top: Sam Atkinson, Paul Diebold, Keevin Schier, Ron McLean, Steven Thum. Bottom: Steven Williams, Steve Stevenson, Kent Gilbane



Left: The first assembly team, plus (l to r) Suzanne Pouricllie, Cindy Atkinson, Gayle Ellerbeck, Mary Ellen Stevenson, and April Diebold

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, March 10, 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, Secretary Ruth Baker, and Directors Daniel Mullis, Paul Diebold, Keith Sanders, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Dave Groerich, Steven Thum and Stephen Heatherly.

Minutes of the February 10, 2023 Directors Meeting were read. Steven Thum made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously, with no objections.

With Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli out of town, Secretary Ruth Baker gave the treasurer's report. Keith Sanders made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously.

Steven Williams stated that there is a sign-up sheet at the meeting tonight for the Easter Concourse. There are 15 spots available. Steven Williams stated that the Club received the \$325.00 bill from the Model T Ford Club of America which covers officers and directors. He also advised that the insurance agent found a policy of lesser cost for the Club and the Swap Meet, involving the savings of approximately \$700.00 per year. The loss payable clause has been changed to the GCS Ballpark.

Steven Williams informed the Board that Suzanne Pourcillie and Kent Gilbane have done some research and found a place where the car magnets can be purchased for about \$16.00 each. He suggested saving the car magnets that the Club has in case new members want to buy them. He said there is a sign-up

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sheet available tonight and again next month for members to order car magnets. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. suggested ordering an additional ten magnets for the future; a decision will be made before the order is placed.

Kent Gilbane reported on the upcoming Swap Meet. He stated that so far, approximately \$7,500 in space registration has been collected. He discussed the new map prepared by Joe Trehwella. Kent stated that the super premium spots sold out in two days, and because of need for more, the Club will be offering some additional super premium spaces. He stated there is a sign-up sheet for team leaders, and volunteers will be needed for the event. Steven Williams stated he is going to call the Police Department and talk with the Chief about booting cars. He questioned if he should get another boot if there is one on E-bay. Steven Thum stated that the Police Department is limited on what they can do about trespassing. A decision about buying another boot will be made after Steven Williams talks with the Police Chief.

Diann Rhoads donated a complete set of the Vintage Ford on DVD and there are three DVD's covering Vintage Ford Tips available for purchase by members.

Dave Groerich stated that he had also brought some items from George Paugh's collection. After discussion, the consensus was to see if any of the books are needed by the Club for the library, and to sell tickets for \$1 each, with a one-ticket limit each person for a drawing for the rest of the items.

There being no further business, at 7:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. President Steven Williams reminded members about the 50/50 tickets. He stated there will also be white tickets, one for \$1, limited to one each person for a drawing for items donated from George Paugh's estate.

Steven Williams stated that Karl Abe is going to have surgery on Monday; he believes it is for his heart. Sam Vitale has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, and it has metastasized into his bones. Diana Thum had double pneumonia in February, but she is at the meeting tonight. Don Spaeth hurt his knee from a slip on the ice recently, and he is going to have surgery next week. Steven advised that he had seen Sherry Dodson recently, and they talked.

Keith Sanders introduced new member, Dan Nordstrom, who has a 1925 Roadster and a 1913 Touring.

Minutes were read from the February 10, 2023 meeting. Dave Becker made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously.

With Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli out of town, Secretary Ruth Baker gave the treasurer's report. Dave Groerich made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold, and carried unanimously.

Don Spaeth stated that all the books are available, and members can see him if they want to check out anything. He will check the books donated by George Paugh's estate to see if the Club's library needs anything from the collection. Dave O'Malley stated that the video library is available and to let him know if someone wants something. He said that he has a new DVD, thanks to George Paugh's estate. Steven Williams stated the deadline for the next Occasional will be April 15, and he has resumed the member profile.

Steven Williams stated that the Board had discussed getting new car magnets. He said there is a sign-up sheet available tonight and again next month for members to order car magnets for approximately \$16.00 each. The Club currently has five magnets which will be kept in reserve if someone joins the Club and wants to buy one.

Steven Williams stated that the Club received the \$325.00 insurance bill from the Model T Ford Club of America which covers officers and directors. He also advised that the Board has decided to accept a recommendation from the insurance agent who found a policy of lesser cost for the Club and the Swap Meet, involving the savings of approximately \$700.00 per year. The loss payable clause for the Swap Meet has

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been changed to the GCS Ballpark.

Steven Williams reminded members that local dues of \$25.00 are due now. He reminded that national members do not need to pay local dues.

Kent Gilbane reported on the upcoming Swap Meet. He stated that so far, approximately \$7,500 in space registration has been collected. He discussed the new map prepared by Joe Trehwella. Kent stated that the super premium spots sold out in two days, and because of need for more, the Club will be offering some additional super premium spaces. He stated there are sign-up sheets for the layout on Wednesday and a sign-up sheet for team leaders, and volunteers will be needed for the event.

Steven Williams stated that working the Swap Meet is a good experience. He suggested members sign up and enjoy. He stated that it is work, but if the Club makes over \$30,000, the workers will receive a benefit toward the cost of the Christmas Banquet and Meeting.

Sam Atkinson stated that the St. Patrick's parade will be tomorrow, March 11. The Club will be in spot # 76, and cars need to be lined up between 10:40 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. He said the parade is about 140 units long and it is the largest gathering of the year downtown. He said there are thirteen cars registered. He advised that Steven Thum is going to be the first one down there.

Steven Williams stated that the Club will be participating in the Easter Concourse. There are to be no "for sale" signs, no portable heaters or tents, and every vehicle must have a fire extinguisher. He said entry is by the Jewel Box and participants will drive into the Muny. The location is at the top of the ridge where the Rapid Assembly Team will be located. There is a maximum of 15 cars. He asked that participants sign up tonight. Sam Atkinson stated that this is the first Rapid Assembly event of the year, and he needs volunteers to sign up. Keevin Schier said he needs the names of the people planning to be in the Easter Show.

Steven Thum stated that the Spring Tour will be the third Sunday in May. More information will follow.

Sam Atkinson stated that the overnight tour will be July 8 and 9. Participants will drive out south of Highway 44 to Rolla, spend the night there, go to a play at a live theater and come back Route 66.

Cindy Atkinson stated that the ladies will be going this coming Monday on a trip to Josephine's in Godfrey, Illinois. The group will meet at West County Center in the upper parking lot by Macy's at 10:00 a.m. Reservations at Josephine's have been made for 11:30 a.m. The group can't be seated until everyone is there.

Steven Williams presented to Shriner Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. a donation check of \$250.00 to Shriner's Hospital. 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. He said he also has three DVD's of T Tips which are available at \$10.00 each.

Stephen Noll stated that he has a valve grinder for \$30.00. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. said he has a 22 foot, 8 ½ foot wide 2021 car hauler for sale without the winch for \$5,500.00; with the winch for \$7,000.00. Steven Thum stated that Sam Vitale has a motor home for sale.

Bill Tabor discussed repairing motometers, and if anyone needs help, he has supplies that he will sell to members at cost.

Steven Williams read the correspondence which included a thank you from the Alzheimers Association for the \$100.00 donation in memory of George Paugh. Sharon and Russ Frailey sent a card thanking the Club for kindness and support. Sign-up sheets are available for the purchase of the magnets, the Easter Show, the Rapid Assembly Team, and the Swap Meet.

The 50/50 drawing was \$34.00 each to Sam Atkinson and Suzanne Pourcillie.

There being no further business, at 8:55 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Tabor and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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, April 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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., Steven Thum and Stephen Heatherly.

Minutes of the March 10, 2023 Directors Meeting were read. Keith Sanders made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Kent Gilbane and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 45% of the budget has been spent to date. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Daniel Mullis and carried unanimously.

Steven Williams reviewed a Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws regarding Article II, Section 11: Code of Conduct. Kent Gilbane suggested that there also be something included to cover members who handle money. Steven Williams added a new Section to cover that issue. Kent Gilbane made the motion that the Board adopt this amendment for presentation to the Club. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously. President Steven Williams stated this would be presented to the membership this evening, but no vote would be taken until the May meeting after this is presented to the membership again at that meeting

Kent Gilbane reported on the upcoming Swap Meet. Radio ads were discussed. Steven Williams is taking care of the golf carts and there will be one additional port-a-potty. Kent explained where the port-a-potties will be located. Ken Baker reported that so far there are 109 registered vendors for 260 vendor spots. There are 23 new vendors this year. He said that last year's records indicate that there were 52 – 54 vendors who registered on Sunday last year. Kent Gilbane stated that Steven Williams and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. will be handling security. Vendor placement will be covered by Keith Sanders and Sam Atkinson. In regard to carts, only National members will be allowed to drive them. Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. will be operating the Club's swap space. Steven Williams reported that the Police Department will not allow the Club to boot cars. There will be two off-duty officers on the grounds; they can ticket and tow misplaced cars.

Steven Williams stated that at the National meeting, George Randal announced that the Club's website won first place and the Occasional won second place. He presented the website award to Michael Thum.

Bonnie Dattoli stated that Midland Bank has a nine-month Certificate of Deposit with a yield of 4.32 annual percentage yield. Keith Sanders made the motion that the Club invest \$15,000 into a Certificate of Deposit to take advantage of the higher interest rate. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, at 7:20 p.m., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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

Teacher: "If a man saves \$2 a week, how long will it take him to save a thousand?"

The Boy at the Head of the Class: "He never would, ma'am. Afer he got \$200 he'd buy a flivver."

Village Constable: (to villager who has been knocked down by passing flivver): "You didn't see the number, but could you swear to the man?"

Villager: "I did, but I don't think he heard me."

"He drove straight to his goal," said the orator. "He looked neither to the right nor to the left, but pressed forward, moved by a definite purpose. Neither friend nor foe could delay him nor turn him from his course. All who crossed his path did so at their own peril! What would you call such a man?"

"A flivver driver!" shouted someone in the audience.

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FRIDAY, April 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Steven Williams stated that Karl Abe is going to have open heart surgery. Daniel Mullis was released from the hospital on Monday. Joe Trehwella had kidney surgery Thursday. Keith Sanders introduced new member, Jay Corman, currently a soldier at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Minutes were read from the March 10, 2023 meeting. Don Spaeth made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Steve Stevenson, and carried unanimously. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 45% of the budget has been spent to date. Steve Stevenson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Kent Gilbane, and carried unanimously.

Steven Williams stated that previously George Randall was a member of the Club. He said at the National Club Meeting recently, he announced that this Club had received the 2022 Golden Mouse webmaster award. The Club received the 2022 second place newsletter award. Steven Williams stated that he has been doing the newsletter since 2014, and since then, the Club has won the first, second, and third place awards. Steven Williams stated that the deadline for the next Occasional is June 10.

Steven Williams reported that there were twelve cars at the Easter Show, and the Rapid Assembly team quickly assembled the Model T before spectators.

There is a sign-up sheet available for members who want to order the Club magnets at approximately \$16.00 each. Extra magnets will be ordered in case future members want them, and currently there are five in stock. Don Spaeth stated that there are two books signed out from the library currently, but the records do not show who signed out the books. He asked that if someone wants to check out a book, he would like them to sign out with their name.

Kent Gilbane reported on the upcoming Swap Meet, May 6 and 7. He announced that workers are needed. He stated that this event pays for the Club's expenses for the year, and if a certain amount of money is made, the workers will receive a \$25.00 discount toward the annual meeting and banquet. He advised that the Boy Scouts will again be available to take purchases out for the buyers. He said set-up will begin on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Atkinson reported that the overnight tour will be July 8 and 9 to St. James. He talked about winery visits, and a great dinner with a return trip on the 9th via Highway 66. He said the participants could meet July 8 at the Walgreens on Highway 109 south of Interstate 44 at 8:00 a.m.

At this time, the Spring Tour has been cancelled.

The Ford Show is May 21 at the Transportation Museum. There was a discussion about having joint participation with the Model T Club and the Model A Club at some Missouri Historical Museum events. Keevin Schier stated that the Brass and Nickel Show, sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club is coming up; he will have more information soon.

Steven Williams reviewed the Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws pertaining to the Code of Conduct, copies which he distributed to the membership. He said there will be an additional Section regarding the handling of Club money by members. He stated this would be presented to the membership again at the next meeting for possible adoption.

Keevin Schier stated that someone asked about a 1925 Touring previously owned by Jay Canada. He asked if anyone in the Club knows the whereabouts of the vehicle.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. suggested that after the Swap Meet, the Rapid Assembly trailer be labeled. It is currently unmarked. There was a discussion about a wrap-around versus vinyl. Steven Williams asked that at the June meeting, this topic be brought up after Paul Diebold and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. do some research.

Kent Gilbane mentioned getting a call from the Model A Club about 10% off list price of tires from Coker Tire. He said there is no shipping. He has a phone number. Steven Williams recommended against buying "no skid", because they wear out fast.

Paul Diebold said he will probably be selling his 1927 Touring for about \$5,000. It could use a paint job. The comment was made that there are several cars in the Occasional for sale.

The 50/50 drawing was \$35.50 each, with both tickets held by Mary Ellen Stevenson.

There being no further business, at 9:00 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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."

JULY/AUGUST OCCASIONAL DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the July/August issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is **June 10th**. Please submit any information to Steven Williams, steven1912@charter.net or call 636-575-1469.

Pictures and articles are wanted, but we need names with photos please. Thanks!

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From *The 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).

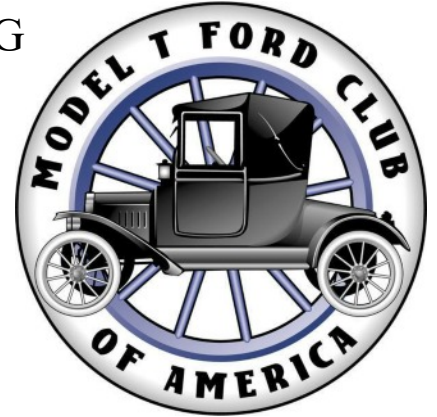
The advantage of belonging to the national organization is a bi-monthly award-winning publication - *The Vintage Ford*. It is a great publication, full of valuable information for Model T owners. Also, check out the national club's website at www.mtfca.com and especially the forum which is full of great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

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One of the many families taking photos with our cars as background. So many folks enjoyed our cars and a lot of questions were asked and answered.

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