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Two of our member's cars at the Brass and Nickel Show, October 8. Sam Atkinson's and Keith Sanders' roadsters.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I remember fondly the time when I could pull into the service station, the attendant would start the gas, check the oil, clean the windshield, and gas was only 25 cents a gallon. And my first brand-new car was \$2,500. Of course I was lucky to make \$10,000 a year! Things change.

My first Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet was wall-to-wall vendors, and it took all day to walk through. And we used to have 900 vendors at our club's swap meet. Times change.

While at the Brass and Nickel Show at the Museum of Transportation, I was talking with Joe Yochim of the Horseless Carriage Club, and Keevin Schier of the HCCM and our club. Keevin had been to Hershey, and reported vendor count was down 40%. Joe indicated that all the car clubs he was aware of were having difficulties. Keevin also mentioned that some folks at Hershey indicated car clubs all across the nation are retrenching, having to adjust to changing membership, the times, and the economy. Times are changing.

We've seen this at our own Swap Meet. We also miss those active members who have passed, and those whose health has changed with their participation not what it used to be. To maintain our fiscal integrity, we've had to cut back on some things. But we are still financially strong - we're just being very frugal and careful with our finances. We're concerned about members we have lost, but yet, we continue to get new members. There's just something attractive about the Model T Ford!

As you all realize, I'm deeply into the Brass Era. Yet my first love continues to be the Model T. Whenever I visit with folks at car shows, the Glidden Tour, or during a Horseless Carriage Club Tour, I point out to folks that the Model T is the easiest, cheapest, and most dependable way to get into the old car hobby. This is true, even considering antique cars from the '40's, '50's, and '60's. Parts are readily accessible, relatively inexpensive, and anyone can work on a T, even with no prior mechanical experience.

I'm a case in point - while I helped my father work on our '56 Ford family station wagon, and other cars during my youth, I hated it. But dad was not to be disobeyed. My mechanical knowledge was nearly nil. And now I'm working on, maintaining, and repairing about a dozen cars. We Model T owners have something very special in our cars. Plus, they're fun!

To grow our club, all we have to do is drive our cars, show them off, talk about them, and invite folks to our club meetings. Even if you don't feel like going to a car show, do so, it will be rewarding to see folks admire the oldest car they've probably ever seen. And talk to them. Invite them to the club. That's how we grow the club, and make new friends.

Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

I was recently asked when we might return the print edition of The Occasional to color. I replied, "Probably never." As much as I would like to, in view of the economics of the changing Swap Meet culture in this country, and the rising costs of everything, in order for our Club to maintain its fiscal integrity, no color in the print edition.

However, the emailed edition will continue to be in color. As I mentioned in the last issue, this requires double the time to edit the photos, but it's worth it. And I still haven't been able to start on my 1911 Touring, though I finally got the rear wheels off. Next is to remove the axle and repair the damage in the differential.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

November 10 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM.
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
11 - Veteran's Day Parade, downtown, 10:30 AM kickoff. See article p.
23 - Christmas Parade, downtown. See article p. 4.

December 9 - Annual Christmas Banquet, see article p. 3.

2024

January 12 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
February 9 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
17 - Tour de Frost, place to be determined.
March 8 - Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
21-23 - 59th MTFCA Annual Meeting, Oklahoma. See the *Vintage Ford* for details.
June 1 - Homecoming at the Model T Museum, Richmond, IN
16-20 - San Diego, CA. MTFCA 2024 National Tour

NEW MEMBERS - PLEASE ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY

Barton, Steven. #7 Oakley Lane, Fenton, MO 63026. 636-541-2826, email:
sbgarton309@gmail.com. 1926 Touring car.

Koste, Linda A. (David). 5826 Telegraph Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129. 314-243-0767 (Flo Reichardt's daughter.)

Reichardt, Philip A., Jr. 1685 Meadow Lark Lane. High Ridge, MO 63049. 636-236-9542

Address change: Pourcille, Suzanne. 3402 Country Stone Manor Dr. #F, Manchester, MO 63088.
Email: spourcillie@yahoo.com.

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

The Stages of Life:

First Stage – Perambulator, velocipede, bicycle.

Second Stage – Tandem motor, baby carrier attachment, runabout.

Third Stage – Touring car.

Fourth Stage – Hearse.

“Your new automobile seems to be thoroughly up to date in every particular.”

“Yes; I’ve got everything that goes with a first class machine except a receipt in full from the dealer.”

“This car,” said the demonstrator, “is almost human. Perhaps you have noticed—”

“Yes, I have,” said Binks dryly. It reminds me of several men I know – been smoking ever since it left the garage, and the last hill we climbed it pulled like a porpoise. Haven’t you something that is less human and more generally satisfactory?”

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ballots went out in the mail, and everyone should have received one. Deadline for return of completed ballot is/was November 1. The Nominating Committee will be counting the ballots, and will report the results at the November Board and Membership Meeting.



Christmas Banquet & Annual Meeting December 9th

This year we are returning to Crusoe's Restaurant South again - 5591 Oakville Shopping Center, Oakville, MO 63129. Located at the intersection of Telegraph and Baumgartner Roads.

Festivities start at 12 noon, and will wind up by 4 PM. Cost for the meal, for all attendees, is \$25.00. (We did not net enough at the Swap Meet to underwrite costs this year.)

Payment instructions: Make checks payable to: Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis.

Mail to: Bonnie Dattoli, Treasurer, P.O. Box 29196, St. Louis, MO 63126-0196.

Payment and reservation deadline is November 30. Email Dave Kuenzel (photo20@att.net) of the number coming so he can make reservations. Maps will be available at the November meeting.

There will be a cash bar. And don't forget to bring cash for raffle tickets and any other incidentals available.



Street scene, San Benito,
Texas, October 1911



2023 Thanks-for-Giving Parade

Thursday, November 23rd, beginning at 9 AM

Once again we will be participating in this parade. Details will be emailed out to the club as soon as we receive them. Be aware! Drivers will need **proof of insurance with you that day!** There are several other rules we need to be aware of: Alcohol in the Assembly area and on the parade route is prohibited. Participants shall engage in appropriate behavior, language, and signage. Smoking is prohibited on the parade route. Drivers cannot talk, text, or take photos on their phones while driving. No items may be thrown from the vehicles. Pre-approved items can be given out along the route. No political signage of any kind. No Santa or similarity in any unit of the parade except the parade Santa at the end. You should also have a fire extinguisher in your car.

A sign-up sheet will be at the November club meeting. Get your cars ready!

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

Passer-by – Is that your pork down ther on the road, guv'nor?
Farmer - Pork! What d'ye mean? There's a pig o' mine out there.
Passer-by - Ah, but there's an automobile just went by!

Redd - Does he go to work in his automobile every day?
Greene - Well, frequently he goes to work under it.

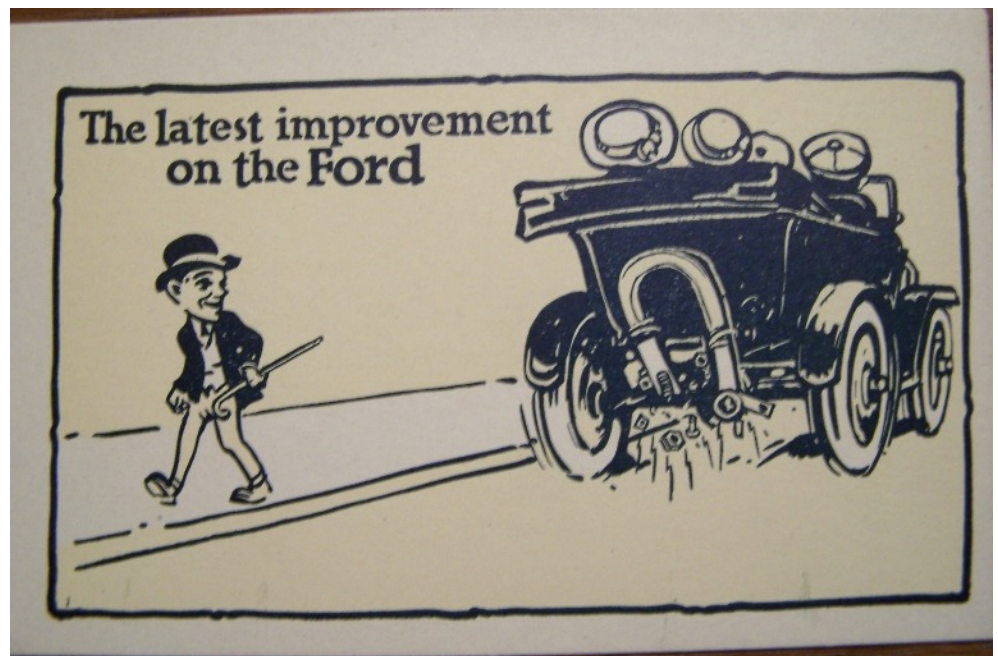
If you hear a man bragging that he never got rattled ask him if he ever rode in a Ford.

"What broke off the engagement between Archie and the girl with the auburn hair?"
"Jealousy."

"On whose part?"
"Hers. She said he was too fond of his new automobile."

Automobilist - Well, how much do you consider yourself damaged?
Farmer Brown - Wa-al, two hundred dollars is my upset price.

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BRASS AND NICKEL SHOW, MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 8

We had a nice turnout for this show. There were several other cars, different makes, for folks to enjoy. Unfortunately the visiting crowd was less than overwhelming. But an enjoyable time was had by those who were there.



Keevin Scheir in his 1918 Roadster



Clark Deeken's 1909 Touring. Clark is a member of the Horseless Carriage Club, sponsors of this event. Included because it isn't often you get to see a 1909 car!



Dave O'Malley's 1925 Coupe & his family, L to R: Tom & Sissy O'Malley, Luke O'Malley (Dave's grandsons.)



Keith and Jenny Sanders with their 1926 Coupe



David Sarniguet's 1927 Tudor



Langguth family's 1921 Touring



Some of the participants, left to right: Sissy O'Malley and her husband Tom (standing); Luke O'Malley; Dave O'Malley, Tom and Luke's grandfather; Keith and Jenny Sanders.



Sam & Cindy Atkinson, and their '27 Roadster



Jenny Sanders (left) and Cindy Atkinson

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

By Sam Atkinson

Again this year the Model T Club has been invited to be in the Veteran's Day Parade in Downtown St. Louis and I'd like you to consider being in it to help represent our club.

The Veteran's Day Parade is designed to honor veterans and promote patriotism and it does both very well. There are quite a few floats representing various military and non-military organizations as well as several old car clubs. I would like to make our entry stand out and be more than just "old cars driving down the street", I would like to let the spectators know that many of our cars are actually driven by veterans. For that reason I have asked the announcer to make this announcement as we pass the reviewing stand: "Most of the cars you see today were made by returning World War I Veterans and are proudly driven by veterans."

I want to underscore, EVERYONE (veteran or not) with a Model T Ford is welcome and encouraged to participate but if you are a veteran we want to let the crowd know it. If you served in our nation's armed forces try to make a sign for the side of your car telling something about when you were in, where you were and what you did. Brag a little! Mine is a magnetic sign that tells when I was in and what I did. If you are not a veteran you might consider a sign saying "WELCOME HOME" or possibly "GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS" or no sign at all. The choice is yours.

The parade is at 10:30 on Saturday, November 11 and if you choose to be in it please give Sam Atkinson a call (636-386-2088).



20 Horsepower, 20 people. No date.



Band playing at an auto-camp, unknown location, unknown date.

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."

A MOST UNUSUAL MODEL T - 1916 SEMI-TRUCK

Mark Hyman and Shawn Dougan (Hyman Classic Cars Ltd., here in St. Louis) went to Hershey as usual this year. We were in their facility recently, and Shawn invited me to see something “I think you’ll find this interesting.” An understatement! They were shopping for cars for Mark’s business on the show field.

Mark was at one end, apparently an entrance, when he caught a glimpse of this truck driving onto the field. He could not get to it, so he called Shawn, instructing him to be on the lookout for the truck. Shawn told me he stepped out into the roadway, and waited and watched. He saw the truck approaching, stepped into the middle of the road, blocking the vehicle’s path. “I waved the driver down and as I approached the cab he stepped out. I asked him if it was for sale. Yes it was. I asked how much? He replied, and I made an offer to which he said ‘Firm’” Shawn relates he offered his hand, they shook, the deal was made.

To add insult to injury to us Model T folks here, it has already been sold. Shawn contacted a client they had in Germany, who had a collection of around 100 Model T’s, and told the gentleman he needed this vehicle for his collection. So at some point soon the truck is going to a massive Model T collection in Germany!



From *The Edison & Ford Quote Book*, 2004, The Edison & Ford Winter Estates, FL

“The competitor to be feared is one who never bothers about you at all, but goes on making his own business better all the time.”

Annual Chili Cook-Off, Sunday October 15

While the weather was cool, it was not unbearably so, and everyone had a good time. Once again held at the pavilion in Spring Forest Estates, Daniel Mullis brought hot dogs, trimmings, soda and water. Several members brought chili. Sherry Williams, Jenny Sanders, and Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. took honors for their chili.



L to R: Don Spaeth, Sam Atkinson, Daniel Mullis.



L to R: Jenny Sanders, Sherry Williams, Gayle Ellerbeck.



L to R: Bill Mikko and Keith Sanders.



L to R Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., Dave Groerich, Steven Williams:



Steven and Sherry Williams



Dave Groerich and his grandson, Jackson McDermott.

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

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

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

"Well, I suppose you'll be glad when you can get your automobile out again?"

"Yes. There are several dogs and one or two boys in this neighborhood that I have an earnest desire to get even with."

Bacon – They say balloons will soon take the place of automobiles for traveling.

Egbert – We won't care then if they do go over us.

Motorist (whose motor has thrown elderly villager into horse-pond) – Come along, my man, I'll take you home to get dry.

Elderly Villager – No, yer don't! I've got yer number, an' 'ere I stays till a hinderdependent witness comes along.

She (sentimentally) – "Did you ever hear 'The Call of the Wild'?"

He – "Well, I've heard the 'honk' of the forty-mile-an-hour auto."

Chili Cook-off, continued:



Above, Keith and Jenny Sanders.



Above, Sam Atkinson and Keevin Schier.



Above, L to R: Gayle Ellerbeck, Jenny Sanders, Cindy Atkinson.



Gayle and Jerry Ellerbeck



Bob Grincewich with his nephews, Josh and Sam Roedner



Bob Grincewich checking out the serving table.

From *My Auto Book*, Walter Pulitzer. New York: The Outing Publishing Co.1908

A BORE is a man who persists in talking about his own machine when you want to talk about yours.

In The Garden of Eden: Adam had just purchased one of the first automobiles, and was in great glee.

Suddenly a shadow crossed his face, as looking at his wife, he said: "My dear, I'm afraid you are scarcely sufficiently clad to accompany me on my first spin."

"All right," returned Eve with a pout, "I'll go to the opera instead."

"Take care of the pennies. The garage will take care of the dollars." (Ed. Note - Isn't that the truth!)

"Give not thine auto a name; thy neighbors will name it for thee."

"If possession be nine points of the law, self-possession is the tenth."

"In thy speed, mock not the gentle cow; the cow-catcher may catch thee." (Ed: an on-coming train?)

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

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

Members present were President Steven Williams, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, and Directors Daniel Mullis, Paul Diebold, Keith Sanders, Steven Thum, and Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. Also in attendance were Sherry Williams, Jenny Sanders, April Diebold, Nick Dattoli, Ken Baker and Diana Thum.

Minutes of the May 12, 2023 Directors Meeting were read. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Steven Thum, and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 5.14% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date, and also mentioned that Midland Bank now charges for print statements, so she is getting them online. Keith Sanders made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Ken Baker reported that Ruth and he had performed the audit of the Club's financials for the 2022-2023 fiscal budget, and that everything was well organized and well documented. It was a clean audit.

Steven Williams stated that Keith and Jenny Sanders had informed the Club that they would resign as membership chairs; however, Keith has recently stated that he will continue, if someone does the computer work to prepare the directory.

Steven Williams mentioned that the membership directory has been updated every two years. For budgetary considerations, he asked about continuing the print version or whether the directory should be printed out on 8 ½ x 11 paper, stapled and then distributed to the membership. There was also discussion about updating the By-Laws, since the last print update was 2009. Paul Diebold made the motion to print on 8 ½ x 11 paper and staple the membership directories, and have them available at the meetings, and to mail the directories to those not attending meetings. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders and carried unanimously. Keith Sanders made the motion to print the By-Laws on 8 ½ x 11 paper, staple them, and mail them out to members. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously.

Bonnie Dattoli commented about trying to find a CPA locally. She said she mails the documents to the CPA by secured mail. She would like to avoid the 90-mile trip to Godfrey, Illinois, and back to sign the papers. Diana Thum suggested asking members to recommend CPA firms. Steven Williams also mentioned questioning the age of the CPA. The consensus was for Bonnie to proceed to search for a local CPA firm.

Steven Williams stated that there is a conflict with the Club's chili cookoff and the Brass and Nickel Show on October 8. Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. advised that there were seven Club participants at last year's Brass and Nickel Show. The consensus was to discuss this at the membership meeting and let the members decide if they would like to move the chili cookoff date to October 1 or October 15.

There was a reminder that the Wheels in Motion event is Sunday, September 10.

There being no further business, at 7:02 p.m., Keith Sanders made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Daniel Mullis, and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. President Steven Williams stated that Bill Tabor's granddaughter has a current health concern. Gayle Ellerbeck is getting a new pacemaker on the 18th.

Guests and new members introduced by Paul Diebold are Steve and Suzette Barton who purchased his 1926 Touring.

Minutes were read from the August 11, 2023 meeting. Keith Sanders made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously. *(Continued next page)*

September 8 minutes continued -

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 5.14% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Don Spaeth made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously, without objection.

Dave O'Malley reported that the videos are available, except for one. Don Spaeth advised that the books are available, and to contact him if someone wants to check out something. Michael Thum reported that he updated the website today. Steven Williams advised that the current Occasional has been e-mailed to members. The printer's equipment has broken, so the September/October print edition will be available as soon as possible.

Steven Williams stated that there are still car magnets available at \$19.00 each for members who want them. A reminder was given to members to bring in their old magazines to be donated to veterans' homes.

Ken Baker reported that Ruth and he had performed the audit of the Club's financials for the 2022-2023 fiscal budget, and that everything was well organized and well documented. It was a clean audit.

Steven Williams stated that Keith and Jenny Sanders had informed the Club that they would resign as membership chairs; however, Keith has recently stated that he will continue, if someone does the computer work to prepare the directory. He added that because of the cost of having the roster updated every two years, the Board decided that it will now be printed on 8 ½ x 11 paper and stapled. The print By-Laws, which has not been updated since 2009, will also be printed on 8 ½ x 11 paper and stapled. The By-Laws will also be on the website.

Sam Atkinson and Scott Francis are working on the fall tour; with a target date sometime the second half of October; more information will follow.

There was discussion about the date for the Chili Cookoff, which is planned for October 8. There is a conflict on that date with the Transportation Museum Brass and Nickel Show. Last year, there were seven of the Club members who participated. The question was posed whether October 1 or October 15 would be good alternate dates for the Chili Cookoff. Bob Grincewich made the motion that the Chili Cookoff date be changed to October 15. The motion was seconded by Jenny Sanders and carried unanimously, without objection.

Steven Williams stated that the Nominating Committee for this year's election are Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., the Chair, and Dave Groerich and Paul Diebold. The positions available are President, Secretary, and four directors. Candidates must be national members. He encouraged members to consider running for office.

Upcoming events include: Wheels in Motion on September 10; the Horseless Carriage Club Swap Meet and Car Show on September 17, and the Brass and Nickel and Pre-War Car Show on October 8. The Thanksgiving Day parade is also coming up. Members were encouraged to participate.

Steven Williams stated that the Club is searching for a local CPA. He asked members to let Bonnie Dattoli know if they have any recommendations.

Steven Williams stated that he has a 1926 Tudor for sale for \$6,500, or \$6,000 to a Club member.

Steven Thum advised that Steve Jett, who has "How to" videos, was broadsided recently and is in the hospital.

Steven Williams discussed some of the current scams.

There was a discussion about the pros and cons of having seat belts in a Model T.

The 50/50 drawing was \$31.50 each to Don Spaeth and April Diebold.

There being no further business, at 8:47 p.m., Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 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, Keith Sanders, Dave Groerich, Stephen Heatherly, and Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. Also in attendance were Sherry Williams, Jenny Sanders, Suzanne Pourcillie, Nick Dattoli, Ken Baker and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr.

Minutes of the September 8, 2023 Directors Meeting were read. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously, with no objections. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 10.83% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Kent Gilbane and carried unanimously, with no objections.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. reported that the candidates for the upcoming election are: President: Steven Williams; Secretary: Ruth Baker; Directors: Don Spaeth, Steven Thum, Mike Thum, Keith Sanders, Daniel Mullis, and Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. It was determined that ballots and a return envelope needing postage will be mailed out Monday. All responses must be postmarked November 1 or before. A notation will be on the ballot to vote for a maximum of four directors. There was discussion regarding the new Code of Conduct.

Steven Williams reminded that the Chili Cookoff is Sunday at 12 noon at the pavilion where it has been lately. Steven Williams reported that the Brass and Nickel Show went well. The museum charged \$15.00 for the museum tour and the car show. With planning beginning for the 2024 Swap Meet, it was determined that the Board meetings will start at 6:00 p.m., beginning in February, 2024. Also, Kent Gilbane stated that Grizzly needs to give the Club permission in October for the May Swap Meet; he has been calling them.

Because of vendor and buyer attendance being down lately, car clubs are struggling. This is a changing hobby. A local car club has inquired about combining with the Model T Club for upcoming Swap Meets. A discussion ensued about this rapidly changing environment. It was mentioned that if the Model T Club combines with another club, gate and vendor fees would be divided. Dave Groerich made the motion that the Model T Club will continue Swap Meets solo. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold and carried unanimously. Steven Williams discussed issues that can arise when selling a vehicle. There being no further business, at 7:12 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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

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

Member concerns: Dave Kuenzel's wife has back fractures and with physical therapy is doing well now. Bill Tabor's eleven year-old granddaughter is doing well. Karl Abe is back at work. There is no update on James Schild.

Minutes were read from the September 8, 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 10.83% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Daniel Mullis made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Kent Gilbane and carried unanimously, without objection.

Dave O'Malley reported that the videos are available, except for four. Don Spaeth advised that the books are available, and to contact him if someone wants to check out something. Michael Thum stated that there have been no changes to the website since last month. Steven Williams asked that any articles for the current Occasional be sent to him by Saturday night, October 14. The deadline for the January/February issue will be December 10.

Scott Francis and Sam Atkinson reported on the fall tour of October 21. Participants will meet at 9:30

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Meeting Minutes continued from previous page:

a.m. at the west commuter parking lot at the intersection of 40 and 94, and police have agreed to monitor the lot. There are seven low-water crossings on the chosen route. In Augusta, there will be a stop, and then the tour will continue on 94 to 47 to Washington for dinner.

Steven Williams stated that he attended the Wheels in Motion event and gave them the \$1,000.00 check in appreciation of the help at the Swap Meet. A thank you letter has been received from the First Capitol Auto Club advising that the check will be forwarded to the National Children's Cancer Society.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. reported that the candidates for the upcoming election are: President: Steven Williams; Secretary: Ruth Baker; Directors: Don Spaeth, Steven Thum, Mike Thum, Keith Sanders, Daniel Mullis, and Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr. It was determined that ballots and a return envelope needing postage will be mailed out Monday. All responses must be postmarked November 1 or before. A notation will be on the ballot to vote for a maximum of four directors. Between November 1 and the next Board meeting, the Committee will open and tally the votes and report at the next meeting.

Steven Williams reminded attendees of the Chili Cookoff Sunday at noon at the pavilion where it has been held recently.

Steven Williams reported that the Brass and Nickel show was nice. There were six or seven Model T's there, and all together there were 21 cars and antique bikes that showed up. Keevin Schier reported on the pin-up contest with ladies in period outfits, with first, second and third place prizes. He also reported that a 1909 Model T, one of the last that was hand built, was there. A picture will be in the Occasional.

Keevin Schier reported that he went to Hershey, Pennsylvania to the eastern area antique car show and swap meet, and realizes that the hobby is in trouble throughout the country. He stated that the Horseless Carriage Car Club is interested in combining swap meets, and there are many competing car shows. He acknowledged that the Board has decided to go solo with the Model T Car Club swap meets. Steven Williams stated that the Model T Club only allows genuine Model T's, not modified vehicles. He said it is important to actively drive, own and maintain the Model T's; that is the only way the younger people see these cars. The purpose is to show these cars and generate interest.

Dave Kuenzel stated that the Christmas Banquet will be on December 9 at Caruso's from noon until 4:00 p.m. He said the menu will be the same as last year, and the Club will supply a dessert. He said the cost is \$25 each person, and checks may be mailed to the Club's post office box on or before December 1.

Sam Atkinson reported on the Veteran's Parade to be held on November 11. He said information is in the Occasional. It is not required to be a veteran to be in the parade. A car display will be held after the parade. He has a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

Steven Williams commented about the "Thanks for Giving" parade (the Christmas parade), and said there will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting.

Steven Williams read the note from Peace Lutheran Church thanking for the \$100 gift in memory of Earl Yaeger.

Dave Groerich stated he has available some more items for sale from George Paugh's estate. Please contact him for more information.

Bill Tabor thanked for the donation of magazines which he is providing to veteran homes, and said to keep them coming. He said there is also interest in hot rod magazines, other collector car magazines, and paperback books.

Dave Kuenzel also suggested that members supply copies of the Occasional and the national magazine to hand out at the Swap Meet.

Sam Atkinson held a small auction of some of his specialty items and donated the \$114.00 collected to the Club.

The 50/50 drawing was \$46.00 each to Paul Diebold and Don Spaeth.

After the meeting, Dave Sarniguet is offering some items free to members.

There being no further business, at 9:05 p.m., Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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

"Hamper not thy hampers with a beer; behold, thy bier awaiteth thee!"

JANUARY/FEBRUARY OCCASIONAL DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the January/February issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is **December 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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"Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently."

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).

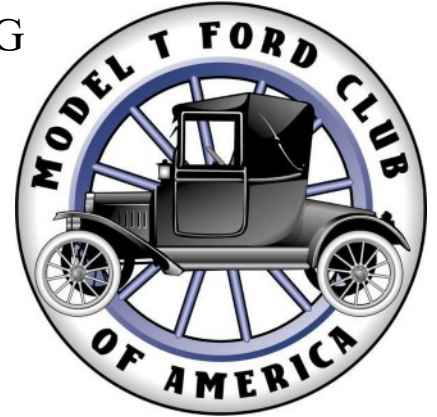
The advantage of belonging to the national organization is a bi-monthly award-winning publication - *The Vintage Ford*. It is a great publication, full of valuable information for Model T owners. Also, check out the national club's website at www.mtfca.com and especially the forum which is full of great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

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