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1963-2023 CELEBRATING OUR 60TH YEAR!



An unknown shopkeeper
in an unknown locale, date
unknown. A simpler time.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

When I started pulling the rear axle out of my 1911 Touring car, I made several discoveries. First, my copy of Dyke's is a better help in this project than one of the Ford repair books. That was a surprise. The other surprise was the lack of wire and cotter pins where there was supposed to be wire or cotter pins!

Let me tell you the story of a \$3,000 tire repair. And that was not a typo! On the first tour with our 1911 Franklin, the right rear tire began making the kind of noise our bicycle tires used to make when we clothes-pinned a card to it. Pulling over, I discovered several spokes were chewed up by the brake shoe. I discovered that Harold Coker (whose estate we bought the car from) did not cotter pin the castle nut holding the brake shoe in place. I made a roadside repair so we could limp back to the hotel. Our tour was over.

When we got home, I went over the car installing pins or wire where they were required. Then I shipped the wheel off to a wheel shop to get spokes made to match, and installed. When the wheel was returned about a year later, I then took it to a body shop, to get the paint matched on the new spokes. When all was said and done, you couldn't tell new spoke from old. Good job!

So, by the time shipping, spoke replacement, and paint job was done, the lack of a ten cent cotter pin cost me \$3,000. And that, my friends, is why I am obsessive about cotter pins and wire! What is frustrating to me is discovering the lack of said parts on my 1911. I'll be going over the car very carefully.

Unfortunately, because of my back issues, I've had to stop work on my cars until I see a surgeon and we come up with a plan of action to fix my back. So I won't have a car at Forest Park, and probably not the spring tour.

For our local members, if you've not yet paid your local dues for 2024, they are overdue. If you pay national dues to the Model T Ford Club of America, keep up to date with those, and you don't have to pay local dues.

Get those projects done! Touring season is upon us!

Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

I had great plans for this spring, all of which have been placed on hold. I've had an MRI, x-rays, and CT scan on my spine as two specialists seek to ascertain the best course of action to treat my collapsed discs. Most of my day is spent laying in the fetal position on the floor trying to ease the pain. For this reason, this issue of The Occasional has been cut 4 pages.

Usually the email edition is sent out about the same time as the print edition. But not this issue. There are important events and deadlines of which you need to be aware so you can act on them. So the email edition is going out earlier, as soon as it is completed, and about the same time as the print edition goes to the printer.

– Steven G. Williams, steven1912@charter.net. 636-575-1469



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- 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 City. See the *Vintage Ford* for details.
31 - Easter Concours d'Elegance, Forest Park.
- April 12 - Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
13 - Evergreen Historic Automobile Collection tour, see page 4.
- May 5 - **Annual Swap Meet!**
 10 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
19 - All-Ford Show, Museum of Transportation, 10 AM - 2:30 PM.
29 - June 1 - Homecoming at the Model T Museum, Richmond, IN
- June 6 - 8 - Show-Me Tour, Neosho, MO. See *Vintage Ford* for details
 14 - Board meeting?
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
16-20 - San Diego, CA. MTFCA 2024 National Tour
- Sept. 4-7 - 2024 Hillbilly Tour, Stockton, MO. See *Vintage Ford* for details.

COVER PHOTO

by Steven Williams

Just as the cover photo brought back memories to me, the story I'm about to tell will surely bring back some memories for some of you. My paternal grandfather, Posey Williams, was a grocer in Tulsa, OK. The last store he owned was similar to the cover photo - downstairs store, upstairs residence. It was the Archer Park Grocery. The building had his store and a barber shop downstairs. Upstairs were two apartments, the larger my grandparents lived in. In his case it was a nice brick building, with a single car garage attached to the back, and a bit of a back and side yard.

My younger brother and I had to mow their yard a couple of times that I recall. Fortunately the grass was thin, because the lawnmower was that manual "reel" type - when you pushed it, the reel spun and cut the grass. After our grandparents died, dad kept the building, renting out the apartments and store. Every time a tenant moved out, we got to repaint the apartment. And there were those times we spent the night with our grandparents, and Grandmother (a very prim and proper lady who was "Grandmother," nothing else) smoked using one of those cigarette holders. Anyway, she'd show us how to fix popcorn - take the metal box with the screened lid and long handle, put oil in the box, pour in some popcorn, close the lid, and shake it over one of the stove top burners.

While old photographs tell stories of their own, and jog memories, we have stories to tell with our cars. There are a great many family stories that need to be told to children and grandchildren to keep those intergenerational ties intact. By getting our children and/or grandchildren involved in our old car hobby, we have no idea what memories they will have of those times spent together with the Old Model T.

2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE

We had an intrepid group of 9 people driving six cars for this cold day. Participants were: London Allen; Sam & Cindy Atkinson; David Becherer; Scott Francis; Dusty & Hailey Harris; John Michaelree; and Mike Thum.



Mike Thum, 1925 Canadian Fordor



Dave Becherer, 1925 Touring



L to R: Sam Atkinson, Mike Thum, Dave Becherer



Sam & Cindy Atkinson, 1926 Roadster

TOUR DE FROST

By Sam Atkinson

Our annual mid-winter get-together (AKA The Tour de Frost) was held at 3 Kings Public House Saturday February 17 and all who attended had plenty of good food, good drink and good conversation. This event is called a 'tour' hoping the weather is good enough to drive our beloved Ts but that is seldom the case. The week leading up to our 'tour' this year saw temps in the 50s and 60s but an unexpected 5-inch snowstorm hit Friday making the roads unsafe for our old cars. We'll remain optimistic and try again next year.

I asked our server where "Three Kings Public House" got its name. She replied "Elvis Presley" (the 'king' of Rock n Roll), "King Kong" and "King Louie"—apparently the owner is named Louie. This is an event we do every February. We had 24 members this year and we'd love to have more next year.

THE EVERGREEN HISTORIC AUTOMOBILES COLLECTION

If you fancy old cars, you're going to love the Evergreen. The owner, Steve Plaster, will give us a personal tour of his facility. Steve owns Passport Transportation, I'm sure you have all seen his trucks. Steve buys, sells, and trades every day. Even if you have been to the Evergreen before, this visit will contain different vehicles.

You will see 300-400 cars in several interconnected buildings. He employs a restoration staff including one person who is charged with starting the cars. Yes, they all run! And they are all for sale, except one.

Join the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri on Saturday, April 13th for the Evergreen Experience. Lunch in the Dogwood Room and personal tour is \$40 per person. Mr. Plaster won't allow individuals to tour, only groups.

To join the tour, fill out the form below and send it with your payment and e-mail address to: HCCM, c/o John Hartmann, 1908 Bennington Common Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146-2555. Questions call John at 314-3133-0305.

Directions will be e-mailed in early April. Join our caravan at Wally's located at 950 Assembly Parkway, Fenton, MO. Gather at 8:30 on the west lot by the Tesla chargers. Plan on leaving at 8:45 and making one rest stop along the way. Drive is 2.5 hours plus the rest stop. For more information: www.Evergreenhistoricautomobiles.com.

Sign me up for the Evergreen Experience on April 13th. Please make checks payable to HCCM.

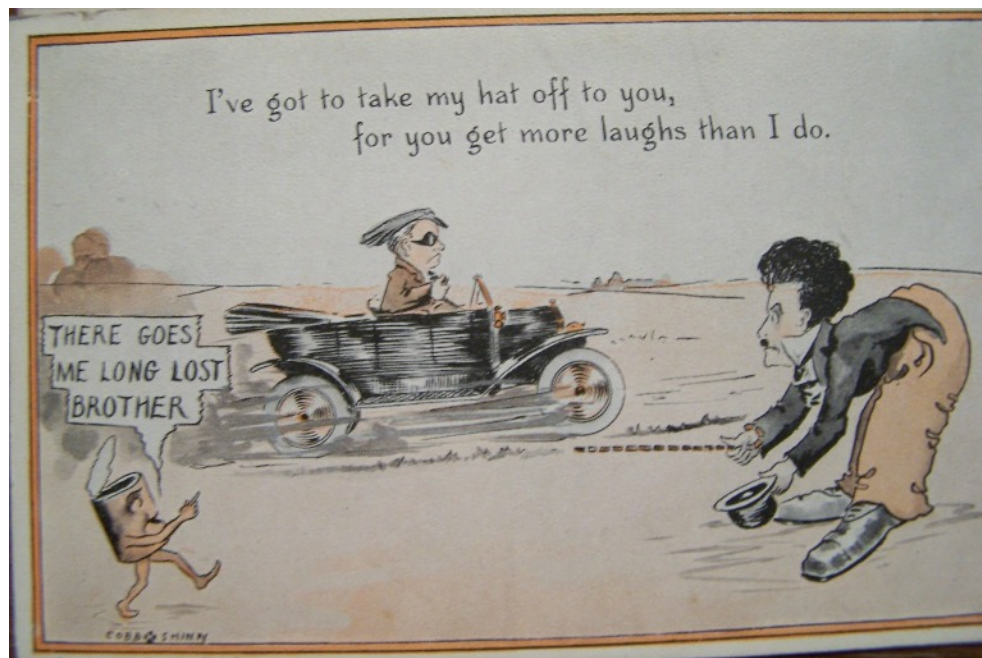
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Club Affiliation: _____

E-mail address: _____

Total included @ \$40.00 per person: _____

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Steven Williams. Members present were President Steven Williams, Vice President Kent Gilbane, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, Directors Daniel Mullis, Keith Sanders, and Paul Diebold. It was determined a quorum was present. Also in attendance were Nick Dattoli, Ken Baker, Jenny Sanders, April Diebold and Suzanne Pourcillie.

Minutes of the November 10, 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 17.5% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Daniel Mullis, and carried unanimously, with no objections. Steven Williams stated that Sam Atkinson had submitted the application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and he is waiting for a response.

There was a discussion about a venue for next year's Annual Club Meeting and Banquet. Suggestions were made to consider Candicci's in Ballwin, Bartolino's on Lindbergh, or Gianino's on Telegraph.

The members of the Board reviewed the final draft of the letter to be sent to the Model T Ford Club of America regarding altering Model T's. The letter stated that the purpose of the Club is "to preserve and promote the Model T Ford for future generations". The concern was expressed that the annual Homecoming in Richmond last summer included displaying a vehicle, a hot rod, that advocates "not the preservation, but the destruction of the Ford Model T", and requesting that hot rods be banned in future events. There was also a discussion about the history of the Model T and the 70 years of "alphabet" cars. The motion was made by Kent Gilbane, and seconded by Keith Sanders that the letter be sent. The motion carried, and the letter was signed by the members of the Board of Directors in attendance at the meeting.

Upcoming events include: The Tour de Frost on February 17; the Easter Concourse on March 31, and the upcoming Swap Meet which will be advertised in the last three publications before the Swap Meet in the Old Cars Weekly.

Kent Gilbane discussed the upcoming Swap Meet and stated that last year was disappointingly down 20% in vendors and buyers. He said that there seems to be a lack of vendors and buyers at these swap meets. Kent stated that the Club has fixed costs, but there are certain things that are flexible. He said he is going to cut the number of golf carts from twelve to six, and the food can be scaled back, not being as elaborate. He plans to bring back the "buy three, get one free" swap meet space rentals. On Sunday, the Club will be selling coffee and donuts. For vendors who pre-register, coffee and donuts will be given free. He talked about giving away two free spaces, trying to get vendors to commit early. He said he is going to look at promoting to vendors coming in on Saturday afternoon. He is contemplating selling hamburgers, chips and soda on Saturday afternoon, and he would like to be able to bring back having an appreciation dinner for workers. Sign-up sheets will be available in March and April.

Discussion then focused on the incident at last year's St. Patrick's Parade, and concern that we might not be invited back. A motion was made, seconded and passed, dealing with the issue.

There was a discussion about members of the Model T Club having alcohol at events. It was clarified that Clubs cannot purchase alcohol for members, but members can bring their own.

There being no further business, at 7:35 p.m., Keith Sanders made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kent Gilbane and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF
THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: Dave Kuenzel has Covid. Steve Dodson's son stated that Sherrie Dodson is losing a little more memory.

Minutes were read from the December 9, 2023 meeting. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jenny Sanders, and carried unanimously, without objection.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 17.5% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Keith Sanders made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold, and carried unanimously, without objection.

Michael Thum reported that he is working on the website. He wants to redo the menu selections on the top of the pages. The most current Occasional has been uploaded, and events, including the Swap Meet, have been updated. Steven Williams showed the 2022 Golden Quill Award Certificate which has been received recently.

The 2023 Annual Meeting information submitted by Dave Kuenzel was reviewed. There were 41 paid guests. Total receivables were more than the total expenses. Steven Williams stated Dave Kuenzel had requested recommendations for next year's venue. Recommendations from members include Candicci's in Ballwin, Bartolino's on Lindbergh, and Gianino's on Telegraph.

Steven Williams administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Director Daniel Mullis.

Steven Williams stated that at the annual meeting, there was a discussion about the annual Model T Ford Club of America Homecoming in Richmond last summer which included display of a Model T Hot Rod. He stated that the Board of Directors had recommended that he write a letter to the 11 people of the Model T Ford Club of America in regard to the local club's concern about a hot rod being included, as that advocates "not the preservation, but the destruction of the Ford Model T", and requesting that hot rods be banned in future events. He stated that the final draft of this letter has been presented to the members of the Board of Directors, and members attending the January 12 meeting signed it.

Kent Gilbane discussed the upcoming Swap Meet and stated that last year was disappointingly down 20% in vendors and buyers. He said that there seems to be a lack of vendors and buyers at many of these swap meets. Kent stated that the Club has fixed costs, but there are certain things that are flexible. He said he is going to cut the number of golf carts from twelve to six, and the food can be scaled back, not being as elaborate. He plans to bring back the "buy three, get one free" swap meet space rentals. On Sunday, the Club will be selling coffee and donuts. For vendors who pre-register, coffee and donuts will be given free. He talked about giving away two free spaces, trying to get vendors to commit early. He said he is going to look at promoting vendors coming in on Saturday afternoon. He is contemplating selling hamburgers, chips and soda on Saturday afternoon, and he would like to be able to bring back having an appreciation dinner for workers. Sign-up sheets will be available in March and April. Kent stated he had talked with Joe Trewhella about going through the active vendors for the past six or seven years, and deleting from the mailing list those not participating. He said the mailing list has been cut considerably. The comment was made that the Grizzlies have a home game on May 4, but the calendar is clear on Sunday. Kent said he will e-mail his contact about the Club's concerns. Paul Diebold questioned how the free coffee and donuts would be provided to vendors. He suggested that there be one coupon per vendor, regardless of the number of spots. There was discussion about giving away two swap spaces in a drawing for next year's event. Kent stated he plans to cut back the number of people participating from Wheels of Motion, and also paying \$750 instead of \$1,000 to them. Cindy Atkinson suggested making phone calls and reaching out to previous vendors who have been cut from the current mailing list. Scott Francis asked that he might have some of the Swap Meet flyers to give to a financial planner who has ongoing car shows.

Sam Atkinson stated that the Tour de Frost is February 17 at the Three Kings Public House in Ronnie's Plaza. He stated that the Club is registered for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16.

Sam Atkinson informed the Club members of Fred Weber who was an old car hobbist and longtime member of the Club. Fred Weber was Vice President of the Club in 1978, and he was the first to receive the

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President's Trophy. He said that Fred Weber died last week at age 99. He said Fred Weber's first car was a Model T Roadster, which Sam now owns.

There was discussion about the Easter Concourse and the Club's Rapid Assembly team on March 31 at Forest Park. Scott Francis volunteered to conduct and plan this year's Spring Tour. Paul Diebold stated that he has a trailer that can be pulled behind a Model T for sale. Dave Sarniguet has miscellaneous parts for 1950, 1960, and 1970 cars for sale.

The 50/50 drawing was \$23.00 each to April Diebold and Ken Baker.

The individuals chosen for tonight's clean up are John, Michael, and Scott.

There being no further business, at 8:55 p.m., Kent Gilbane made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, 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 ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Steven Williams. Members present were President Steven Williams, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker, Directors Daniel Mullis, Keith Sanders, Paul Diebold, Dave Groerich, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. Don Spaeth, and Stephen Heatherly. Minutes of the January 12, 2024 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 treasurer's report, and stated that 19% 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 Daniel Mullis, and carried unanimously, with no objections. Bonnie Dattoli stated that the Club's Certificate of Deposit had matured, and the 1099 for the year showed interest earned of \$1,062.92 during 2023. She stated that Midland Bank's current rate is about half of the rate available a year ago, but the Midwest Regional Bank has a six-month CD with an annual yield of 5.65% or a twelve-month CD with an annual yield of 5.50%. With the current volatility in interest rates, Bonnie Dattoli made the motion to transfer the \$15,000.00 to a 12-month CD at Midwest Regional Bank. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried unanimously.

Steven Williams stated that he had proof from the post office that Steven Thum had received the letter sent to him on January 20. Steven Williams read a letter from the Model T Ford Club of America acknowledging receipt of the letter sent, and notification that this will be discussed at their upcoming meeting in Oklahoma City.

In response to a request for an announcer for the Quick Assembly show at the Easter Show, Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. volunteered. Sam Atkinson had submitted the application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and he is waiting for a response.

Upcoming events include: The Tour de Frost on February 17; the Easter Concourse on March 31, and the upcoming Swap Meet on May 5. Steven Williams stated that for the Easter Show, if you have a car to be judged, the car can be parked in the Club section and the judges will come there to judge it. Proper paperwork and fee must be taken care of.

Steven Williams stated that Keevin Schier had mentioned that the Horseless Carriage Club would be inviting the Model T Ford Club to join them at the Evergreen Car Collection in Lebanon, MO. He said that \$40 would cover the cost to see the many cars and to cover lunch.

There was discussion about the liability insurance premium for the Club in light that the recent premium was based on 46 members, and now there are 61 members. There being no further business, at 7:12 p.m., Keith Sanders made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold 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 OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: Steven Williams acknowledged that Karl Abe was in attendance at the meeting. Dave Kuenzel has recuperated from Covid. Sherrie Dodson is doing about the same. The family is hoping that Jim Schild will keep improving. Cards are appreciated. Minutes were read from the January 12, 2024 meeting. Sam Atkinson made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dave Groerich, and carried unanimously, without objection.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer's report, and stated that 19% of the 2023-2024 budget has been spent to date. Kathy Groerich made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul Diebold, and carried unanimously, without objection. Dave O'Malley stated that four videos have been out since last August. Don Spaeth reported that all books are available, and he will be glad to assist members who want to check one out. Michael Thum reported that he is working on the website. He advised that the 2024 Swap Meet information is up to date. Steven Williams stated that the Occasional will be out the end of February or first part of March. He said if anyone has not been receiving the Occasional, he would appreciate it if they would send him their e-mail address.

Steven Williams commented about his remarks about the Horseless Carriage Club at the Christmas banquet and apologized to Keevin Schier and Bill Tabor. He said the fear was that our Club might decide to expand beyond the Model T's. He said the Horseless Carriage Club doesn't do tours, etc. for brass. Steven discussed the Horseless Carriage Club sponsoring the Easter Show, the Brass and Nickel Show, and the Father's Day Car Show, as well as the Swap Meet and Show. In response to the concern about needing a bigger space, Steven Williams suggested Fairmont. Bill Tabor responded that Steven is forgiven, and they would like the Model T Fords to participate in the Easter Show and other Horseless Carriage Club events. Keevin Schier advised that the Horseless Carriage Club is going to visit the Evergreen Historic Collection in Lebanon, Missouri on Saturday, April 13. He said the collection includes 300 – 400 cars. He said the group will meet at Wally's in Fenton at 8:30 a.m. for a 2 ½ hour drive in modern vehicles. For \$40 each person, lunch will be provided and individuals may take the tour. He said there are famous cars included, and all cars there are for sale. Bill Tabor added that some of the cars have been in the collection for many years. Steven Williams stated that he and Sherry had bought a Cadillac from them. He did caution everyone that before you buy a car, drive it and look it over carefully. Steven Williams stated that the letter our Club sent to the Model T Ford Club of America in regard to hot rods will be discussed at the meeting in Oklahoma City.

Steven Williams stated that suggestions for a venue for the Christmas banquet would be appreciated. He stated that suggestions could be made to Dave Kuenzel, Jenny Sanders, Cindy Atkinson, or himself. Sam Atkinson stated that the Tour de Frost is Saturday, February 17 from noon until 3:30 at Three Kings in Ronnie's Plaza.

Sam Atkinson stated that the Club has been accepted for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16. He asked that members planning to participate sign up on the list, and also sign the waiver which is required to participate. Keevin Schier stated that the Easter Concourse is March 31, and the Club will have 15 spots. He said if members want to have their car judged, they need to pre-register by completing the application and sending the check for the fee. This year, cars to be judged may stay with their Club. Scott Francis gave an update on the Spring Tour which will be held on Saturday, May 11. He said he is still looking at a couple locations.

Paul Diebold is updating the membership directory. Membership has increased from 46 to 61. If a member is not a national member, local dues are due now. If you pay national dues, you don't need to pay local dues. Hailey Harris discussed a weird e-mail supposedly received from Steven Williams, but the e-mail address was not his. She said if someone presents themselves as a Club member and asks for money or assistance, don't respond. Thieves are getting very creative. Bill Tabor expressed thanks to the members for donating automotive magazines, except for Hemmings, for veterans. He said he and his wife are mailing out more than 80 issues a month to the veteran's homes in Missouri, and they are hand delivering to the closest one.

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Sam Atkinson stated that he needs volunteers for the Rapid Assembly Team. He said a minimum of five, preferably six, people are needed for the Easter Show for the 11 am and the 1 pm presentations. He said the show is in the upper Muny parking lot in Forest Park.

Jim and Myrna Schild expressed thanks for the Christmas card and for the continued support. Jim is slowly progressing. A note from David Weber thanked for the cards, etc. in memory of his father. He said the Model T Ford Club was a large part of his father's life. A thank you was received from Rock Steady Boxing for the support of "Box Back Parkinsons" in memory of Fred Weber.

The 50/50 drawing was \$34.00 each, with both tickets held by Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr.

The individuals chosen for tonight's clean up are Paul, Keith, and Dave Groerich.

There being no further business, at 8:52 p.m., Paul Diebold made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

ALL FORD SHOW - MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION ***SUNDAY MAY 19, 10 AM - 2:30 PM***

The Model A Ford club is working hard to help make this year's show more of a success than year's past. There will be three Ford clubs involved - our Model T Club, the St. Louis Model A Ford Club, and another early Ford club. I've been told that the Model A Club will have hot dogs available for all for lunch. As more news becomes available closer to the date, we will share what we know.

Our Rapid Assembly Team has been invited to participate again, so we will be looking for volunteers! Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this event! It is always fun to share these times together.



Street work, Utica, Ohio, 1908



Seattle police, 1920's.



Family reunion? Church outing?

OFFICERS

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314-849-0906

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636-282-1810

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2024-2025:

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Daniel Mullis, 314-416-4954

Keith Sanders, 314-722-0042

Don Spaeth, 636-346-3798

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

"Broker, see that thy brake break
not, lest thou be broken."."

MAY/JUNE OCCASIONAL DEADLINE

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

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

TEAM LEADERS

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

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

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

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

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

Ford: "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month, 8 PM, at the Freedom Masonic Temple, 4557 Lemay Ferry Road, south St. Louis County. Membership: Keith Sanders is the membership chairman, and you may contact him regarding membership in both the Model T Club of Greater St. Louis, and our parent organization, the Model T Ford Club of America. Contact information: Telephone: 314-722-0042. Email: jenkeith4@att.net. Annual dues (due January 15th each year) are \$25, no cost for members of the MTFCA. Dues help pay the rent, cost of *The Occasional*, and refreshments, among other expenses.

We also strongly encourage national membership. Dues are only \$40 to the Model T Ford Club of America (P.O. Box 996; Richmond, IN 47375-0996).

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

Our website is www.stlmodeltclub.org.

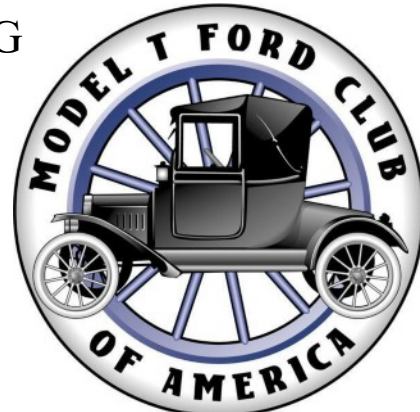


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