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The annual Tour de Frost.
Foreground, Dave Sarniguet.
Rear, left to right, Berri West
and Mike Thum, Daniel
Mullis, Varon Fugman,

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Well folks, it's that time of the year again! **SWAP MEET!!!** The first Sunday in May will be here before we realize it. We have a problem this year however. I-255 is closed between IL 257 and IL 15, and the Grizzly ball park is right in the middle of that. At our last meeting the Board discussed this problem at length, and requested the opinion of the club - do we have the Meet, or cancel? After much discussion, the Club voted to have the Swap Meet. The Board immediately then voted on the question, and it was also unanimous, we are having the Swap Meet.

There will be difficulties, however. The weather is always an unknown...will this be the year it rains? God forbid! Will we lose vendors, or buyers, because of the I-255 closure? No one knows. Because vendor count has dropped each year since COVID, we no longer need or can afford the services of the Wheels in Motion folks to help us Sunday morning. That means more of our folks are going to have to step up to fill in.

So with all the work entailed, why do we do the Swap Meet? There are vendors and buyers who need us. In fact, we already have a registration check in hand, and have had several inquiries about the Meet. The suggestion was made a few years ago that we simply drop the Swap Meet. Analysis was made at that time regarding our club "life style" and we discovered that without the Swap Meet, our annual dues would have to be \$300 per member family.

We have meeting space rent, the annual meeting and banquet, insurance costs, refreshment costs, space rent at the Easter car show, and various and sundry odds and ends as simple as get well cards, funeral memorials, and so forth. It adds up quickly.

Kent Gilbane has chaired the Swap Meet for about 18 years now. Some of his teammates have worked the meet that long or longer. Some of us have worked the meet ever since joining the club. Yes, it is work, but it is also a bit of a good time as we pull together to make this happen. It is a good opportunity to really get acquainted with your fellow club members. And like it was mentioned at the recent meeting, workers get a free meal at the annual banquet, but that is not why we work the Swap Meet. We do it because it is crucial to the health and well being of our club, and because we enjoy the camaraderie of pulling together for this important task.

More information will be at the March and April meetings. And in blast emails. Hope to see you there!

See you on the road! Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

As the Scottish poet Robert Burns said, "The best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray." All my plans for this spring and summer have now been put on hold. My surgeon will operate on my lumbar spine March 31st. I'll know in mid-March what my limitations will be, but it doesn't look good for the near future. If the spinal decompression surgery is successful, it will eliminate the need for further surgery. Otherwise, another round some time in the future.

There isn't much occurring in our Club in these winter months. Thus there is a quantity of "filler" material in this issue. Material which I hope you will find interesting. I don't know about you, but I find the dawn of the automobile age, and the Model T in particular, fascinating.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

- March 14 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 15 - We applied and have been accepted, as usual, to the St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 15,
 downtown. A sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting.
- April 11 - Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis.
- May 4 - **SWAP MEET, GRIZZLIES BALL PARK**
 9 - Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 10 - Spring Tour, details to come.
 18 - All Ford Show, Museum of Transportation, 10 AM - 3 PM
- June 13 - Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 - Membership Meeting, 8:00 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis.
 4-7 - 13th Annual Homecoming, Richmond, IN



Model T taxis, date and city unknown. They appear to be towncars.

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

“There is one great advantage about the motor car,” said Ethel: “It doesn’t mistake the sound of a kiss for a chirrup to go faster, and compel the young man to grab the reins with both hands.”

“Now that so many automobiles are passing yur house,” said the visitor, “I should think you would keep your hens shut up.”

“What!” said the farmer. “And cut off my greatest income!”

ANNUAL TOUR DE FROST

FEBRUARY 15, THREE KINGS PUBLIC HOUSE

Those of us who gathered at the Three Kings Public House for our annual Tour de Frost had a great time. Not only was the food good, but the fellowship and visiting was great!



L to R: Gayle Ellerbeck,
Dave Sarniguet,



Jane Fody and Dick
Lodge



Scott and Jackie
Francis



Cindy and Sam Atkinson



Jerry and Gayle
Ellerbeck



Kent Gilbane and
Suzanne Pourcillie



Steven and Sherry
Williams



Jenny and Keith
Sanders



Pat Galaske and Jerry
Ellerbeck, Sr.



Jerry Ellerbeck Sr., and Don Spaeth



Daniel Mullis and Varon
Fugman



Imbibing in some liquid refreshment at the Tour de Frost. Left to right: Suzanne Pourcillie, Scott and Jackie Francis, and Cindy Atkinson.

*Excerpted from **A Chronicle of the Automotive Industry in America**
1892-1936*

c. 1936, Eaton Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio

1914

- Production for the year: 543,679 passenger cars, 25,375 trucks.
- Chevrolet discontinues its six and goes to a four.
- Cadillac builds the first eight cylinder, V-type high speed automobile power plant.
- Thomas H. White, founder of The White Company, dies.
- The spiral bevel gear is developed by Packard engineers.
- The headlamps on the Pierce-Arrow are located in the fenders.
- **A publication named "Ford Owner" makes its appearance.** (Emphasis added)
- Horace and John Dodge start production on the Dodge car.
- Alfred Reeves becomes general manager of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Samuel Miles who takes on the management of the Automobile Show.
- **Mr. Ford raises the pay of fifteen thousand employees to \$5.00 a day.**
- An ordinance in Detroit prohibits the curb gasoline pump.
- Those who make their first appearance this year are: Allen, Argo, Armleder, Briscoe, Brighton, Clydesdale, Cricket, Dile, Dodge, Empire, F.R.P, Hahn, Harvey, Herff Brooks, Kerns, Lyon-Atlas, Lyons-Knight, Maccar, Mt. Pleasant, New England, Saxon, Scripps-Booth, Sphynx, Traffic, Trumbull, Twombly, Vixen.

**MODEL
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POSTCARD
HUMOR**



HELPFUL TOOL SAFETY TIPS

When working on our cars, we use a variety of tools, with varying degrees of success. I ran across this list of helpful tips and thought you might find it helpful... or at least a minor diversion.

1. DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your coffee across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted part you were drying.
2. WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "SH**!!!"
3. ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.
4. PLIERS: Used to round off hexagonal bolt heads.
5. HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle: It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.
6. VISE GRIP PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.
7. OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for setting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a wheel hub you're trying to get the bearing race out of.
8. WHITWORTH SOCKETS: Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16 or 1/2 socket you've been searching for the last 15 minutes.
9. HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new disk brake pads, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.
10. EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 4X4: Used to attempt to lever an automobile upward off a hydraulic jack handle.
11. TWEEZERS: A tool for removing splinters of wood, especially Douglas fir.
12. TELEPHONE: Tool for calling your neighbor to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.
13. SNAP-ON GASKET SCRAPER: Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for removing dog feces from your boots.
14. E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.
15. TWO-TON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST: A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of bolts and fuel lines you forgot to disconnect.
16. CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 16-INCH SCREWDRIVER: A large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.
17. AVIATION METAL SNIPS: See hacksaw.

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Tool tips, continued

18. TROUBLE LIGHT: The home mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.
19. PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and squirt oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off the interiors of Phillips screw heads.
20. AIR COMPRESSOR: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to an Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 80 years ago by someone at Ford, and rounds them off.
21. PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.
22. HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to cut hoses 1/2 inch too short.
23. HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer now-a-days is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.
24. MECHANIC'S KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing upholstered items, chrome-plated metal, plastic parts and the other hand not holding the knife.
25. PAINT GUN: An expensive quart can with some kind of mechanism on the top that used to come off easily in order to fill the can with paint. Now used to store old hardened paint from the last time you used the spray gun and never cleaned it.
26. IMPACT WRENCH: Air driven tool used to twist off eighty year old bolts in the expensive and rare engine block you just bought on ebay. An alternative use is to twist off wheel studs when putting wire wheels on your car.
27. WIRE FEED WELDER: A huge, expensive machine that uses a bottle of gas that will all leak away if you do not shut the bottle off after using the welder once every 6-12 months.

From *A Book of the Best Ford Jokes*, Girard, KS, Haldeman-Julius Publications, n.d.

"Hey! Where yer going? Don't you know this is a one-way street?" the angry officer bawled.

"Vell, vat's de mattuh vit you – ain'd I only going vun way?"

In the old days the young fellow who went courting turned down the gas. Now he steps on it. (Ed. Note: You know a joke that has to be explained isn't much of a joke. But early homes in St. Louis has gas lights. So the fellow would "turn down the gas" to dim the lights as he was courting. But with the car, he was anxious to get to the "parking" spot.)

\ "Cousin Henry," gasped the country visitor from Woodpecker Flats, "you just barely missed that man."

"Can't help it," bellowed his city relative, throwing the old Lizzie open another notch. "Haven't time to go back and try again."

Motorist: "Its preposterous. I'm an expert driver. What I know about driving would fill a book."

Motorcycle cop: "And what you don't know would fill a hospital. Give me your name and address."



Model T era, dates unknown.

Left, moonshiners meet the law, law wins.

Below, garage/repair shop.



From *A Book of the Best Ford Jokes*, Girard, KS Haldeman-Julius Publications, n.d.

A flivver came clattering along a country road. Turning a curve, it came suddenly upon a man with a shotgun on his shoulder and a weak, sick-looking dog beside him. The dog was directly in the path of the Ford. The driver honked his horn, but the dog did not move until he was struck. After that he could not move.

The Ford pulled up and the driver got out and came forward. He asked warily: "Was that your dog?"

"Yes"

"Looks as if we'd killed him?"

"Certainly looks so."

"Very valuable dog?"

"Well, not so very."

"Will five dollars satisfy you?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, here you are." He handed a five-dollar bill to the man with the gun, and added pleasantly: "I'm sorry to have broken up your hunt."

"I wasn't going hunting," replied the other as he pocketed the bill.

"Not going hunting? Then what were you doing with the dog and gun?"

"Going to the woods to shoot the dog."



This is the 8th edition, 1924, of the Franklin Institute's booklet advertising their correspondence school. They advertised a money back guarantee.

"Look again and see if you can discover a new business, or an old business either, for which the future looks brighter or which is growing faster than the automobile business. The growth of the automobile business is phenomenal."

They have a chart showing income over five years. It costs a person \$2,000 to learn to become a physician or lawyer, and they would make \$7,000 over five years. For \$45 you could become an "Expert Chauffeur or Expert Repairman" and make \$12,000 a year.

Dyke's, in St. Louis, likewise had a correspondence course, amazingly with working cardboard models of engines and parts!

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

First Negro – I heah that Andrew Jackson Jones am run over by an automobile. Did he get any satisfaction?

Second Negro – He suttinly did. He took de machine's number, played policy wif it, an' won ten dollars!

Anglo-Maniac – My present racing car was imported from London.

New Yorker – Now I understand wh you're always running down Americans!



1925 street scene, Washington, D.C. Ton Truck delivering coal.



Above and left, 1925, Model T's in Belgium



From *A Book of the Best Ford Jokes*, Girard, KS, 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."

When a young woman who was burning up the road on the boulevard was overtaken by a motorcycle officer and motioned to stop, she indignantly asked:

"What do you want with me?"

"You were making forty-five miles an hour," answered the traffic officer.

"Forty-five miles an hour? Why, officer, I haven't been out an hour," said the lady.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005**

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 Don Spaeth, Daniel Mullis, Stephen Heatherly, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., Scott Francis and Sam Atkinson.

Minutes of the meeting of Friday, November 8, 2024 were read. Sam Atkinson 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. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth, and carried unanimously, with no objections. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli stated that she has the bill from Steve Dodson for the annual fee for storage of the trailers. A discussion ensued about where to store the trailers to save money for the Club. Locations offered for storage are: Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr.'s property in Hillsboro, Paul Diebold's property in DeSoto and property of Scott Francis in the O'Fallon area. After discussion, the consensus was that President Steven Williams would contact Steve Dodson and report to Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr.

President Williams read a letter from Dave Kuenzel about scheduling the 2025 Annual Meeting and Banquet on the second Saturday of December at Gianino's. Suzanne Pourcillie stated that the restaurant is already booked for December 13 from noon until 3:00 p.m. It was mentioned that at the 2024 Annual Meeting and Banquet there was only one server and one busboy for the entire group. Suzanne Pourcillie gave the server an extra \$25 cash, and Kathy Groerich gave an extra \$20 cash gratuity. There was a consensus to reimburse Suzanne and Kathy for their additional gratuities paid. There was a discussion about the Annual Meeting and Banquet expenses as to whether those expenses should be under the Swap Meet.

Vice President Kent Gilbane stated that there is a need for good routes to get to the Swap Meet with the highway closed in that area. Kent stated that the Club would be spending \$10,000 to \$11,000 up front, and spaces would need to be sold. He said that 245 spaces need to be sold at a minimum, and approximately 450 spaces were sold last year. He talked about early registrations and stated that on Saturday evening, the vendors who are there buy from each other.

There was a discussion about cutting down the size of the Swap Meet, having a different location, or moving the date. Kent Gilbane stated that there are lots of events in the Fall which might conflict with a changed date. There was a question whether we should have the Swap Meet this year or not. Kent is thinking that the membership needs to be involved in making an advisory decision, but that the Board needs to make the final decision. The consensus was to present the issue to the members at the meeting to follow, and after their recommendation, the members of the Board make the decision how the Club will proceed.

Mike Thum joined the Board meeting with a concern about the website. He explained secured versus unsecured websites, and stated that, although no money is collected on the Club's website, it might be wise to have a secured website, because if someone tries to access the website, they will likely get a warning notice that the website is not safe due to an untrusted security certificate. He is concerned that this may discourage some people from accessing their website. Mike advised that Go Daddy has a charge of \$350 for five years to have a secured website. The Club has a yearly domain charge of \$69.51 for three years. Including the web posting charge, with this addition, the Club would be spending \$250 annually versus \$180 now. Sam Atkinson made the motion to proceed with getting the secured website. Ruth Baker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Dattoli stated that the Certificate of Deposit is maturing. She stated that a twelve month CD now is at 4.15%; a nine-month CD is now at 4.3% and a six-month CD is now at 4.4% interest. After some discussion, Bonnie made the motion that the Club renew the Certificate of Deposit for twelve-months. Kent Gilbane seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Dattoli stated that the Liberty Mutual insurance premium for Swap Meet insurance is currently \$626; but the renewal rate is \$875. After some discussion, it was decided that Steven Williams will call the National Office to find out if there is liability insurance available through them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Member concerns: President Williams read a letter from Dave Kuenzel in regard to his health circumstances. Secretary Ruth Baker gave an update on Ken Baker's lung and pancreatic cancer. Bill Tabor stated that on February 27, he will have a pacemaker implanted.

Secretary Ruth Baker read the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Saturday, December 7, 2024, and thanked Hailey Harris for taking the minutes in her absence. After a motion and second, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the Treasurer's Report. After a motion and second, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. stated that the video library is available. If anyone wants a video, they should check with him. Don Spaeth stated that the library is at the back table, and if anyone wants to check out something, they should see him. Mike Thum stated that the website is being updated with Swap Meet information. He advised that the Board approved having a secured website which he will be pursuing. President Williams stated that the next Occasional will be out on time.

It was reported that the Annual Meeting and Banquet was a success. The restaurant is very good, and this December's banquet is planned for December 13, 2025 at the same restaurant.

Sam Atkinson stated that Club short sleeve shirts would cost \$24 and long sleeve shirts would cost \$30. He said the amount for the jackets is being researched.

Sam Atkinson reported that the Tour de Frost will be tomorrow, February 15 at the Three Kings Public House on Lindbergh from noon until 3:30 pm.

Sam Atkinson stated that the St. Patrick's Day parade will be on March 15 downtown. He has a sign-up list and he will need cell phone numbers included on the list. He will also have the list available for the March meeting. The parade starts at noon. As he becomes aware of when the cars need to be there and exactly where, he will advise participants.

President Williams stated that on March 6, for the History Museum's Great Big Transportation Showdown event, they have requested at least two or three cars by 4:30 pm and to stay for the event.

President Williams informed the membership that the Annual Easter Concourse is scheduled for April 20. He said participants will need to be there with their Model T's by 8:00 or 8:30 am.

President Williams stated the All Ford Show will be at the Museum of Transportation on May 18 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Rapid Assembly team will be there if a team can be put together.

Swap Meet: There was a discussion about the annual Swap Meet. The concern is that Interstate 55 is closed in the area until the end of July. Kent, Suzanne, Sam, Keith, and Steven have driven to the site recently to check the routes available, and now there needs to be a decision whether to cancel this year's Swap Meet or to go ahead and have it. At the Director's meeting, it was decided that this question be posed to the members who would make an advisory decision to be submitted to the Board for final approval. The Club needs to sell at least 245 spaces to vendors prior to the Swap Meet; last year about 450 total spaces were sold, and it is important for buyers to show up. Kent Gilbane stated that there has been a 20% decline for the past two years in both vendors and buyers. If vendors don't make money, they will not want to come back. He advised the amount that the Club spends to put the event on. Of course, there is also the concern of rain. There have already been several contacts to find out what the Club is doing. The flyers were done in January, and if we go ahead with the Swap Meet, these flyers need to be sent out with route information to get there. The routes will also be on Facebook. President Williams stated that without the Swap Meet, dues would need to be \$300 per family. Bill Tabor spoke about the viability of swap meets. He said it is a gamble if we decide to cancel out at this time. There was a question if the Club would still need to pay the rent to Grizzly if we cancel. Kent said he will check with the Grizzlies Ballpark about that. He stated that the Grizzlies have no desire to put up signage, and it is too late to find an alternate site.

Bill Tabor made the motion that the Club hold the annual Swap Meet to the best of our ability. Keevin Schier seconded the motion. The motion carried. At this point, the membership's advice was considered by the members of the Board, and the Board members voted unanimously to proceed with the Swap Meet.

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President Williams stated that we all need to pull together and work hard to make this work. He said members will be required to work two days, including Sunday to get their meal paid for the Banquet. Kent Gilbane stated that all members will need to be flexible in regard to where they will be working. Wednesday's layout will be at 8:00 or 8:30 am or Thursday if there is rain. Saturday, members will need to be ready to work at 8:30 am, and Sunday, members will need to be there by 5:00 am and plan to be there until 4:30 pm. He stated that the Swap Meet is basically done by 2:00 pm. He said this year, the buy three spaces, get one free will be offered, and there will be free coffee and donuts.

Correspondence: President Steven Williams stated that a "thank you" had been received from Ken Baker for the flowers, cards and calls. There was a "thank you" from Sam Vitale's family for the donation to the Model T Museum. A Christmas card was received from the accountant. Linda Koste has cancer in the brain. Daniel Mullis stated that Linda has been in the hospital twice lately.

Bill Tabor said he still needs donations of automotive magazines.

Sam Atkinson stated that the classic car "Great Race" will be stopping in Effingham, Illinois on June 24. The plan is to go to Illinois late afternoon on June 23 and stay overnight in Illinois. He said it would be nice to have a couple Model T's there.

Scott Francis discussed the Ranken students putting together a car for the Great Race. He is going to get information on it.

Paul Diebold's son said Paul has six motors to sell, and interested individuals should contact Paul.

Sam Atkinson won the 50/50 prize of \$25.

At 9:20 pm, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary



I picked up this die-cut 1912 Ford brochure, First Edition, December 1911. "Every third car sold in America in 1912 will be a Model T" In the booklet Ford lists the reasons one should buy the car:

Axles of Vanadium, tried
And tempered to every road
ride,
To willing wheels give strength
and stride

Brakes, a dual system, serve
To stop you safe on slope
and curve
Without a single switch or
swerve.

Control that's instant to the touch,
And perfect COOLING (famed as
such)
Combine with certainty of
CLUTCH.

Differential, soft and fine,
Runs velvet-voiced in rain or shine
Thro' varying lands of palm and
pine!

Efficiency makes every part,
Equipped with rare, mechanic art,
Pride of the motor-maker's heart.

Fordcrafter-build is this *Ford* car
By aptest artisans that are,
Who never flaw, mis-shape or mar!

Gasoline – if driver must –
Runs every *Ford* thro' dew or dust
Full 25 miles – a gallon, just

Heat, born in crucibles, intense,
Re-shapes the crude steel's element
To yield utmost resilience.

Ignition's subtle threads of fire
Strike life thro' each connection wire
Swift as your suddenest desire.

Joyance of speed, the "open road,"
Sweet sound of streams, fain song-
bird's ode,
Are raptures by the *Ford* bestowed.

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"King of the Hills," it still attains
The tallest peaks, the sandiest plains,
Or "Fords" swift streams, thro' storms and
rains.

Lubrication, without a doubt,
Is life of "Town" and "Runabout,"
Hence *Fords* are doubly oiled throughout.

Magneto, in the motor set,
The simplest mechanism yet,
Is each chauffeur's particular pet.

Nnatty—Neat—and Nobby: these
Are by-words sure to ease and please
The owners of *Ford* Model T's.

Output fourscore thousand cars
Organized like regulars –
Shows we've hitched up to the stars!

Power and Price – two more
"sweet P's"
Within the garden of *Ford* T's,
Exist, the people's purse to please

Q stands for QUALITY of work:
No faults or defects ever lurk
In *Fords* to indicate a shirk..

Reliability sums all
Ford excellencies, great and small,
That autoists so oft recall.

Steering gear thro' all the year,
Your road career is safely steer,
Acts evenly at front and rear.

Tops waterproof and adequate –
THREE-POINT SUSPENSION
bears all weight –
TRANSMISSIONS never hesitate!

U stands for UNITS four that make
A car of ease from whence to take
Or reinsert, if aught should break.

Vanadium's vital, virile ore
Gives doubled strength and power, and more.
To steel that was but steel before.

Weight plays its part in every *Ford*,
Nor can its virtues be ignored
With half a score of friends on board.

X-ceptional they all agree,
Who to believe have but to see
Our showing of the Model T.

Y stands for one we're anxious to
Please and impress with what we do
More than all others – and that's YOU.

Zeal of workman, zest of owner,
Make both recipient and donor
Equal in the Eyes of Honor

And so forth goes our car of fame
To bear abroad to duke and dame
A world-wide knowledge of our name!.

From *A Book of the Best Ford Jokes*, Girard, KS, Haldeman-Julius Publications, n.d. Replace this joke

"There is an awful rumbling in my stomach – like a cart going over a cobblestone street."
"Its probably that truck you ate for dinner."

"I can't even afford a flivver."
"But I thought you had one."
"I have. That's how I discovered that I can't afford one."

Filling station man: "Well, how's the ole bus runnin' these days, Henry?"
Henry: "She's going good, Eddie. Howsa Missus?"

Two Fords banged into each other on a city street, and one of them, in an effort to avoid the collision, ran over a man. A woman descended from the least damaged car and reached his side.
"Poor man!" She said, stooping over the victim, who had been dragged out from under the flivver. "Have you a wife?"
"No," he groaned. "This is the worst thing that has ever happened to me."

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

"Been torrid hot!
Been horrid cold!
Been coppered by the cop!
Ten bones! Sold!

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

Ford: "Time and money spent in helping men to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving."

"You can do anything if you have enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes rise to the stars."

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 July 1st each year) are \$35, \$20 for members of the MTFCA. Dues help pay the rent, cost of *The Occasional*, and refreshments, among other expenses.

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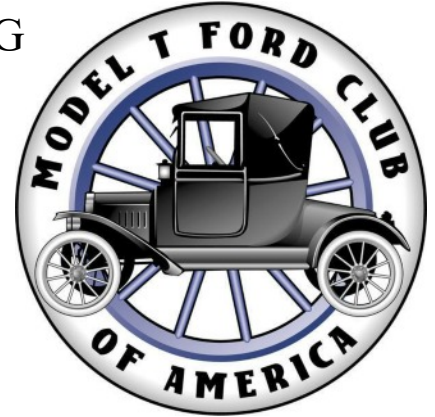
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Looking south on Broadway Street, Lorraine, Ohio, 1924 following a tornado

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