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Celebrating the Model T in St. Louis Since 1963



Our Rapid Assembly Team demonstrating at the Easter Sunday Concours d'Elegance in Forest Park. Left to right: Don Spaeth, Mike Thum, Keevin Schier, Sam Atkinson, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., and Varon Fugman.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Spring is finally here, and we have our first big event under our belts - the Easter Sunday Concours d'Elegance at Forest Park, sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri. As usual, we were well represented.

As most of you know, we have several brass era cars, including our Model T's. In addition to Model T events through the years, we also participate in other car tours and shows. People are always amazed that we drive our beauties, and ask many questions. I always tell them about the car they are seeing, and in addition I extol the virtues of the Model T: It is the easiest way to get into the old car hobby. Even Jay Leno owns and drives a Model T, affirming the pleasure of owning and driving such a car.

Periodically I also drive a car to lunch, or the store, just to get it out and show it off. There is nothing quite like pulling into a Sonic for a cherry limeade in a hundred year old car to attract attention!

Let's face it - anyone can own a car from the '50's or later. It takes a special kind of nut, er, person, to own a car 100 years old (or older!). You know the old saying: When I'm driving, its a parade. When I'm parked, its a car show. Get out and drive this spring and summer. Show off your pride and joy! And when someone stops to look at it, engage them in conversation. Explain how easy it is to get parts, and how (relatively) inexpensive the cars are.

Tell them about our website. Invite them to a club meeting. And if possible, give them a ride, explaining how to drive the car. This is how we grow our club and the really old car hobby. Besides, doing such things is simply plain old fun!

Isn't that why we do all the work to maintain and service our cars? And go to the expense necessary to keep them on the road? Because they are pure and simple, fun.

See you on the road! Steven

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

Wow! We did it again! With your help we have once again been honored with the Golden Quill Award from *Old Cars* magazine! See the article on page 5. Sherry and I work hard to make this a good publication, but we could not do this without your help - the photos, articles, suggestions and ideas.

We can be justifiably proud of the efforts of our club, and the willingness of our Board, to support this publication. When we took over the editorship, we decided to process it for mailing ourselves, instead of hiring someone to do so as in the past. We used the monetary savings to go to color photos instead of black and white. Then Covid hit, our income shrank, and we had to return to black and white for economic reasons. Those reasons still exist. And it is a major headache to process the color photos to black and white so they will reproduce nicely in the print edition. But it is nice having color in the digital version which is emailed to our members and posted on our club's website. Meanwhile, suggestions are always welcome!

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

- May 4 - **SWAP MEET, GRIZZLIES BALL PARK**
 9 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 17 - Spring Tour, see below.
 18 - All Ford Show, Museum of Transportation, 10 AM - 3 PM
- June 4-7 - 13th Annual Homecoming, Richmond, IN
 13 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 - Membership Meeting, 8:00 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis.
- July 11 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 (No Board meetings in July and August)
 13-18 - MTFCA 2025 National Tour, Stettler, Alberta, Canada.
 30 - Club picnic, Spring Forest Estates pavilion, Noon to 3 PM.
- October 12 - Chili Cook-off, Spring Forest Estates pavilion, Noon to 3 PM.

SPRING TOUR - SATURDAY, MAY 17TH **FROM SCOTT FRANCIS**

This years tour will begin at Manchester Road and Highway 141. Meet at 8:30 for a 9:00ish departure time.

There are several large box store parking lots and information will be forthcoming in a future email, once I find which one will allow us to park for a few hours.

We have the opportunity to visit the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Ebsworth Park. If you wish to tour the house, prior reservations are required. Cost is \$20 per person and must be purchased online. Then we will wind our way to Valley Park for lunch. Then back to our starting point.

Purchase your tickets by using this link (type it into your browser) www.Ebsworthpark.org and please choose the 11:30 time slot. Contact me if you have any problems or questions - 636-544-7750.

Hope to see you that day! Its going to be great!

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

“Redd - Do you know what the chassis is?
Greene - Yes; it’s the nude in automobiles.”

“Bings - Look! That motorist has just run over himself!
Jings - That’s no accident. He is qualifying as a vaudeville headliner.”

Old Cars
Monthly News & Publications

Golden Quill Awards

The April 15, 2025 issue of *Old Cars* magazine arrived, containing the annual announcement of their Golden Quill Awards. Ten of the last eleven years we have been the recipient of this award! For 2024 they added a new category: **Exemplary.**

"Winners of the *Old Cars* Golden Quill Award for 2024 have been carefully selected based on each publication's ability to meet the needs and preferences of club members while maintaining a high integrity in content, creativity, information, accuracy, design, variety, technical ideas and overall feel." All publications for consideration have to be submitted in print form, rather than electronic submissions. "Otherwise, it is like comparing bananas with watermelons. ... It just doesn't work right. Quality in printing and color rendition are among the judged values for professional quality."

Regarding this new Exemplary category, the editors noted: "On occasion, speciality and regional publications make significant progress in content, design and scope, thus raising the level of interest in their segments of the collector car field. These publications admirably represent the hobby and deserve special recognition as *innovative beacons in their fields.*" (Emphasis added) There were 139 publications so honored: National, Regional, and Chapters, of the thousands of automobile clubs in existence. There were three National, and 18 Chapter publications in the Exemplary category.

Our own *Occasional* is one of the 21 so honored in the Exemplary category! Sherry and I want to thank *everyone* who contributes suggestions, photos, and articles to our publication, which makes such an honor possible. We could not do this without your help. And our thanks to the judges, who understand the economics of the need for our moving from color to black and white photos for our print version. The extra work involved in changing from color in our digital version to black and white for the print version is a major headache. But that maintains the quality of the print publication.

School Presentation, By Dave Kuenzel



Sam Atkinson and I visited Westminster High School to make a Model T presentation to a history class on the Industrial Age and the Model T. Sam gave rides to students and the teacher, Dr. Jeff Gall.



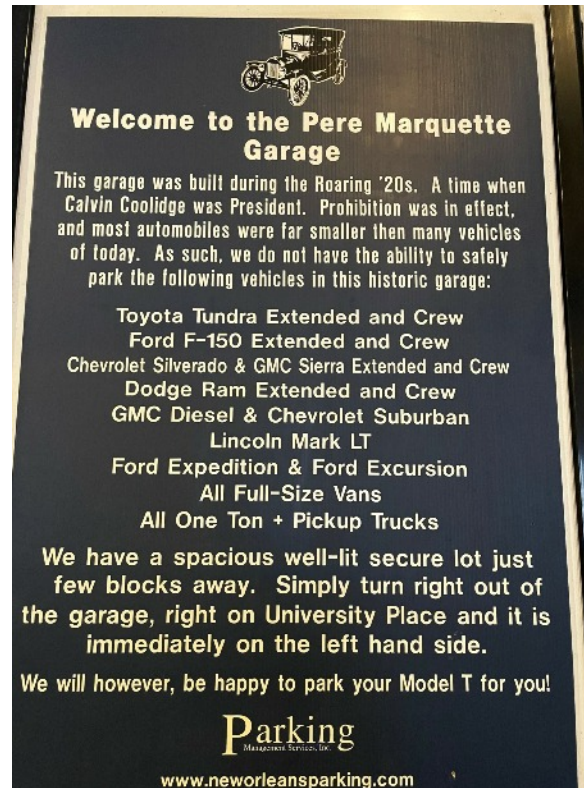
TREASURES ARE WHERE YOU FIND THEM!

By Steven Williams

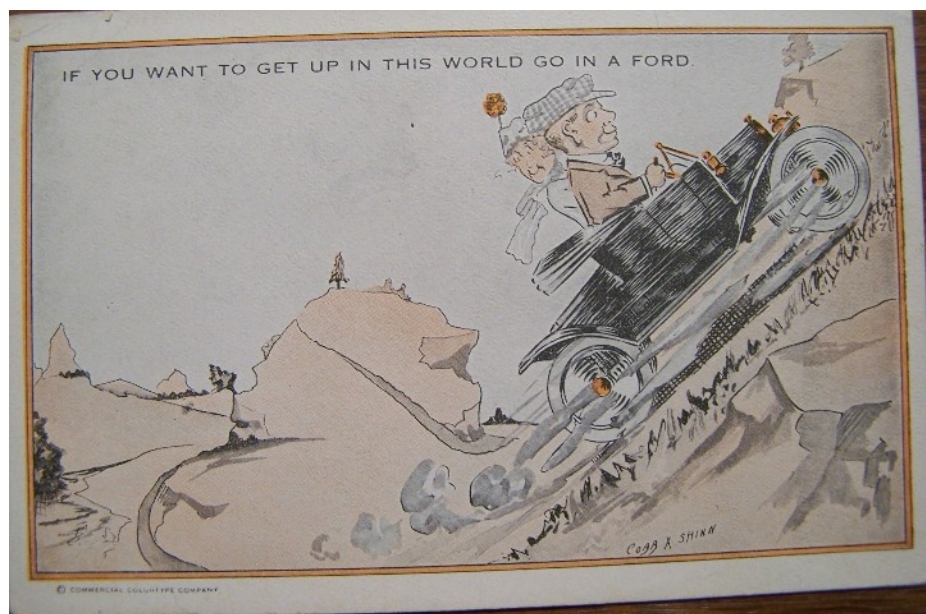
As a "last hurrah" before I had to behave myself for six weeks following my spine surgery, we took a nine day vacation to New Orleans and Memphis. And treasures are where you find them. Some you can purchase and take home, others are to be photographed and enjoyed. And then there are the memories. I always enjoy browsing in antique malls, because you never know what you'll find. I've found some interesting antique car stuff in antique malls. Most recently, I found these two glasses which had neat graphics of a 1910 Buick, 1906 Cadillac, 1906 Ford, and a 1906 Studebaker. We stayed at the Renaissance New Orleans Pere Marquette French Quarter Area Hotel. And this sign was posted in their parking garage. Be sure to read it to the end! I tried to go up and get some photos of the parking area, but to no avail.



I'll wager they could not drive our Model T's to park them!



MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 15, 2025

The weather cooperated and the crowd was large and in the usual party mood. We had a good turnout, and our club was well represented.



Sam and Cindy Atkinson, '27 Roadster.



Scott Francis, Kent Gilbane, and Sam Atkinson next to the Ellerbecks in their '23 Touring.



Dave Becherer in his Santa Claus red '25 Touring with



Scott Francis with his Roadster.



Mike Thum in his '25 Touring with Berri West.



Left to right: Jerry Ellerbeck Sr., Joshua Twiggs (Jerry Jr's son), Jerry and Gayle Ellerbeck.

St. Patrick's Parade, continued



Above: Stephen Duga decorating his Touring car.

Below: Suzanne Pourcillie and Kent Gilbane.



Gayle and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jerry's son Joshua Twiggs, and Jerry Ellerbeck Sr.



Above, left to right: Stephen Duga, Dave Becherer, Sam Atkinson, Scott Francis, Cindy Atkinson, and Mike Thum.

Left: Berri West and Mike Thum.



Above, left, left to right: Suzanne Pourcillie, Cindy Atkinson, Berri West.

Left, left to right: Kent Gilbane, Sam Atkinson, Stephen Duga, and Scott Francis.



Concours d'Elegance, Forest Park

Easter Sunday

by Steven Williams

Due to the horrendous weather forecast, attendance of both spectators and exhibitors was down considerably this year. Fortunately the storms passed through early enough, that those who came had a great time. And the storms waited until after the event was over before resuming. We had only three cars out of those registered appear. The Rapid Assembly Team did a great job, although moving a bit slower than usual. The completion time was 10:22 - Not bad, but not their best. However, the car did start and run this time, and someone did remember to install the exhaust pipe! Confession was made afterwards that there was no water in the radiator (easier to lift!), and it didn't actually get bolted on. But we're not picking those nits.

Due to both the weather forecast and the lack of folks for a second team, there was only one performance that day, at one p.m. One of the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri officers observed that the crowd was the largest he had ever seen for our performance. Our fearless leader, Sam Atkinson, is seeking more folks to help out on this project. Speaking from experience, it is a hoot to participate in! Give it a try, you'll enjoy it.



Mike Thum's 1925 Touring car.



Dave Becherer with his Santa Claus red 1926 Touring car.



Don Spaeth's 1925 Touring car.



Forest Park Concours d'Elegance, continued ...



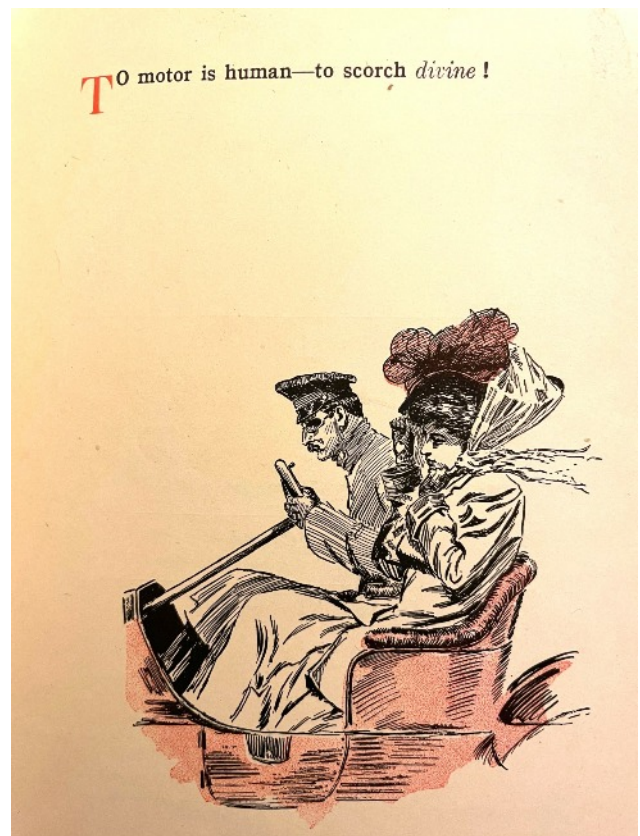
Above, the car has started!

Right: MC Jerry Ellerbeck.

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

First Upset Cyclist (from left ditch) – If the punishment fits the crime I should like to know what these wicked motorists will come to when they die!

Second Upset Cyclist (from right ditch) – Oh, just go on scorching!



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, MARCH 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, Keith Sanders, Daniel Mullis, Stephen Heatherly, Jerry Ellerbeck, Sr., Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr., and Scott Francis. Sam Atkinson arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting of Friday, February 14, 2025 were read. Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli stated that President Steven Williams had the bill from Steve Dodson. Kent Gilbane made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth 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 Keith Sanders, and carried unanimously, with no objections.

The Club's trailers have been removed from Steve Dodson's property. The Rapid Assembly trailer is at Paul Diebold's property. The second trailer is at Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr.'s property. He said that he is in the process of making more parking space available, and he will be able to store both trailers once that is done.

Steven Williams advised the Board that he is getting spinal decompression surgery on March 31, and he will be basically laid up for six weeks. He will not be allowed to lift, bend, or twist. Steven Williams stated that last year, he bought 31 dozen donuts. To get the discount, a 25 dozen purchase is required, and the cost is \$7.25 a dozen. After discussion, the consensus of the members of the Board was to buy 25 dozen donuts for the Swap Meet.

Kent Gilbane recommended getting five golf carts., and he anticipates the Club will be allowed to use a Gator and two more golf carts from Grizzly. He stated that the flyers are out. He stated that the map on the website is confusing; Sam Atkinson is making a new one. Kent stated that he has the sign-up sheets for Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. He stated that next month, the Board meeting could start at 6:30 p.m.

World Wide Technologies Raceway will be hosting the Indianapolis 500 weekend in June, and the Club members are invited to display cars. If 50 tickets are bought for the race, the display is free.

Kent Gilbane made the motion that because of the pending weather issues this evening, the desserts will be available during the membership meeting to allow all attendees to leave earlier. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried unanimously.

Bonnie Dattoli stated that she has received three letters from the Department of Revenue, about the 2020 December taxes. She reminded the members of the Board that this is when the Club changed the fiscal year from January to December to July 1 through June 30. She has sent this information to the accountant, and a letter will be written by them.

Scott Francis stated that he has been communicating with Bernadette Hall who is with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He stated that since the St. Louis July 4 America's birthday parade has been moved to the Fall, the Club is invited to the St. Charles Riverfest Parade to be drivers for the ladies who are members of the Society. Sam Atkinson commented that more information is needed, such as the number of ladies to be driven. Bonnie Dattoli added that the Club's insurance will not cover outside members. The Club's insurance is for the Swap Meet, and it would be necessary to check with the insurance company about this event. Scott stated that the Daughters of the American Revolution does not have insurance to cover the ladies. Bernadette Hall has been invited to come to the Club meeting to discuss this opportunity further; she will not be available for the April meeting, but could likely attend the May meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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

"I just saw your wife in your neighbor's auto. Why don't you take her out in yours?"

"Oh, we've just made our wills in favor of each other."

Losing Chauffeur – My machine would have won if I'd had fair play.

Winner - Oh, that's merely your blamed race prejudice.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Steven Williams. Steven Williams advised that there will be no 50/50 tonight because of the lower number of members in attendance. He also commented that Bill Tabor would not be in attendance this evening, but he would like members to save their magazines for him to pick up at the next meeting.

Steven Williams stated that funeral services for Linda Koste will be at the Kutis Funeral Home, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road. Visitation will be on March 24 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. and the services will be on March 25 at 11:00 a.m. Member concerns: Secretary Ruth Baker gave an update on the status of Ken Baker's lung and pancreatic cancer.

Secretary Ruth Baker read the minutes of the February 14, 2025 meeting. Scott Francis stated that the classic car "Great Race" will be stopping in Springfield, Illinois, not Effingham. Dave Groerich stated that in regard to the Swap Meet location, Interstate 255 is closed in the area, not Interstate 55. Scott Francis made the motion to approve the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by Dave Groerich, and carried unanimously.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the Treasurer's Report, and stated that 33.67% of the budget has been spent so far. Don Spaeth made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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 available, and if anyone wants to check out something, they should see him. Sam Atkinson stated that Club short sleeve shirts would cost \$24 and there are many colors available. He stated that the long sleeve shirts would cost \$30, and he has a list of the colors available. He said he would like to have all orders from members so he could place the order in April. He said he is looking for a patch to be sewn on jackets.

Sam Atkinson stated that the members participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade should plan on a meeting time of 12:15 p.m., but he will get there a little early. He said that so far, there are seven members who have signed up for the parade. He said the Club's location will be somewhere from number 90 to the end of the parade. Sam advised that the parade starts at Union Station and goes eastward.

Steven Williams stated that the All Ford Show will be on May 18 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Museum of Transportation. President Williams informed the membership that the Annual Easter Concours d'Elegance 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. After discussion, Keevin Schier stated that he would reserve 15 spaces.

Scott Francis stated that he has been communicating with Bernadette Hall who is with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He stated that since the St. Louis July 4 America's birthday parade has been moved to the Fall, the Club is invited to the St. Charles Riverfest Parade to be drivers for the ladies who are members of the Society. He advised that Bernadette Hall will be at the May meeting to discuss this opportunity.

At 8:35 pm, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

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, APRIL 11, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Steven Williams. There was no Secretary's report due to the absence of Ruth Baker for medical reasons. She is recovering from knee replacement surgery. The Treasurer's report was made by Bonnie Dattoli. Don Spaeth moved the approval of the report, seconded by Sam Atkinson and passed unanimously.

Swap Meet report: Sam Atkinson had a map of the rented spaces to date that board members examined. Discussion ensued regarding spaces sold and spaces still vacant - it isn't looking good. Kent had nothing to add except about the radio ads. He has sign up sheets for workers, and spoke about the cost to rent this year and about costs going up next year by \$2,000.

Sam Atkinson reported on the Easter Show. He's having difficulty getting a Rapid Assembly Team together. He only has two people listed as going, and said we may only do one show, at 1:00 PM. Steven put out an email but no one has answered. We talked about downsizing from 15 spots to ten.

Steven Williams reported he had spoken to the MTFCA about insurance, and they referred him to the carrier, who has not returned his calls.

Scott Francis reported on the Spring Tour. We will be going to Big Chief for lunch. This will be the day before Mother's Day. He has to move it to that Saturday because many people will be gone. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Sanders, Acting Secretary.

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Steven Williams. He read an email from Ruth Baker regarding her and Ken's health conditions. Dave Kuenzel was here tonight, and reported on his accident and rehab. The car display at Westminster has been cancelled due to weather. The new date will be April 28th, and Dave will email further information. Bill Tabor had been in the hospital, but is now out and doing better. Mary Lou Amman and Steve Dodson were back with us.

There were no minutes from the last meeting due to the absence of Ruth Baker for health reasons. Bonnie Dattoli gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept was made by Dave Becherer, seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. Passed unanimously.

Reports: Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. Reported on the video library. Don Spaeth reported on the books. Mike Thum reported on the web site. He put an ad on Facebook for the Swap Meet. Steven Williams reported on The Occasional. Once again our publication received Old Cars Magazine's Golden Quill Award. But with a new twist this year - we were honored with the Exemplary category!

Old Business: Sam Atkinson has sign up sheets for new jackets and shirts. Short sleeve shirts are \$24, and long sleeve are \$30. Still cannot get our logo embroidered on the jackets. Looking for alternatives.

Sam Atkinson reported on the Easter Show. We will only do one Rapid Assembly Show. He asked for volunteers to move the trailer with the car from Paul Diebold's house and back. There is a sign up sheet for folks displaying their cars, and for the Rapid Assembly Team. Keevin Schier needs the list of who is bringing their car to the show. Gates open at 8, all cars to be in place by 11 am.

Swap Meet Report, from Kent Gilbane. We will start Wednesday and Saturday at 8:30 AM. The trailer needs to be there at the same time. Sunday we need to be there at 4:30 AM. He cut Wheels in Motions participation as they are no longer needed. We do need women for Buyer's Gate and Vendor's Gate. Things aren't looking good for the Swap Meet this year. We are in the red for this Meet. Pre-Registration has not been good and it could rain. You can bring an RV if you want to spend the night. We will have five golf carts, plus what Grizzlies let us use of theirs.

Sam Atkinson reported regarding spaces sold. Mike Thum asked if we were competitive with our pricing. Kent spoke about the negotiations on renting from Grizzlies. We are doing more advertising on the radio this year, and less print advertising.

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There was discussion about other swap meets - Chickasha is gone and two others were down. They have a swap meet at the MTFCA Homecoming in Richmond, IN each year that seems good but not large. Dave Kuenzel reported about complaints on our Facebook page about the \$5 per person cost to attend our meet. We may not be able to subsidize member's meals at the Christmas Banquet this year.

President Williams announced that the All Ford Show will be at the Museum of Transportation again this year, May 18th from 10-3.

Steven Williams reported that he had advertised a car on the MTFCA website, and had a scammer contact him, trying to get his phone number. It seems that with your name and phone number they can somehow scam you.

Dave Groerich reported that Jerry Winegard passed away. He has cars to sell, but do not call Jerry's wife. See Dave Groerich instead.

The 50/50 was \$35, which Dave Sarniquet won.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Sanders, Acting Secretary



Above: A family of 12 in a Model T, date unknown.

Right: Cranking a T in 1917. Note the leggings.



Left: Two chickens, a horse, and a Ford. I'm guessing looking at the porch that is a store, with living quarters above. Date and location unknown.



I don't know about you, but growing up in Tulsa, OK, Western Auto was a regular fixture around town. This Supply Book, from 1916, is an interesting look back...

Need a heavy, non-skid Extra Quality Haris Packard tire? 30x3 ½ can be yours for only \$13.25, guaranteed 5,000 miles!

Black and Brass headlights, \$6.50 pair.

A KW Ford coil, \$2.89 post paid.

(You're going to love this! Bought a Champion X spark plug lately?) Prepaid Champion X plug - \$0.54.

Kingston Ford Special Carburetor, \$6.75.

The Stewart Self-Starter for Ford Cars (powered by compressed air) is \$40 prepaid. 30 day free trial!

Regular type Stewart Speedometer, \$8

A complete set of 23 gaskets for your Ford - \$0.50. Pint of gasket cement \$0.65.

Complete ignition cable set for \$0.75.

Remember, January 5, 1914 Ford raised his worker's pay from \$2.34 for a 9-hour day to \$5.00.

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

"Courtesy, The Bell Telephone Co."

"Hello, Mary."

"Hello, Fred."

"Lissen, Mary; we can't go driving tonight."

"Fred Smith, I don't believe you want to go!"

"Of course I want to go, Mary!"

"Well, you want to go, and I want to go. Doesn't that settle it?"

"No, the car won't go."

Mary was so piqued that she hung up.

The Ford taxi suddenly came to a halt in the middle of the street.

"What's the matter?" Called the man from the back seat.

"I thought the young lady said 'stop,'" answered the taxi driver.

"She wasn't speaking to you."

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2025-2026

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Stephen Heatherly, 314-805-1390

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

"Autos, alas, may not be counted as 'Blessings without number.'"

JULY/AUGUST DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the January/February issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is **June 10th**. Please submit any information to Steven Williams, steven1912@charter.net or call 636-575-1469. Pictures and articles are wanted, but we need names with photos please. Thanks!

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

Ford: "It is all one to me if a man comes from Sing Sing or Harvard. We hire a man, not his history."

"You say I started out with practically nothing, but that isn't correct. We all start with all there is. It's how we use it that makes things possible."

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.

We also strongly encourage national membership. Dues are only \$50 to the Model T Ford Club of America (P.O. Box 996; Richmond, IN 47375-0996).

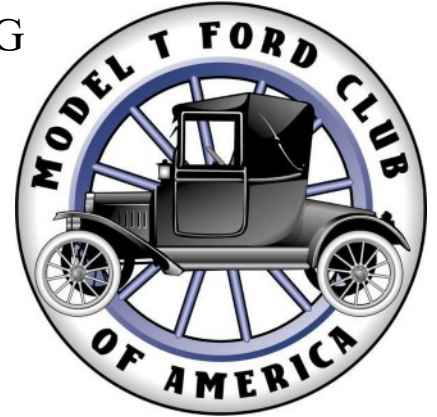
The advantage of belonging to the national organization is a bi-monthly award-winning publication - *The Vintage Ford*. It is a great publication, full of valuable information for Model T owners. Also, check out the national club's website at www.mtfca.com and especially the forum which is full of great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

Our website is www.stlmodeltclub.org.



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Our cars participating in the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade, downtown St. Louis.

The Model T Ford Club of America (P.O. Box 996; Richmond, IN 47375-0996) was formed to encourage and promote active interest in the Model T Ford and its history by membership unrestricted as to location. It is non-profit and non-discriminatory, and is dedicated to widening the base of the hobby by providing information, assistance, and direction to interested parties. Sample copies of their magnificent magazine, *The Vintage Ford*, are available free upon request at the above address. Active touring chapters are encouraged, in order to spread interest and participation events. Regional and national activities are provided by the chapters. Annual dues to the MTFCA are \$50.00. Members of the MTFCA may be members of the Model T Ford Club of Greater St. Louis with discounted local dues. For further information on joining, see inside the back cover. Also check out our website: www.stlmodeltclub.org.

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