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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow what a great time of year! The weather's about to break and that means the Old Car activities are ramping up.

REMEMBER, WHAT WAS WRONG WITH IT WHEN YOU PUT IT AWAY IN THE FALL IS STILL WRONG WITH IT WHEN YOU GET IT OUT IN THE SPRING!

Our list of upcoming events is 'heavy' with fun stuff and more things are always being added. The Mid-Winter 'tour' (AKA Tour de Frost) was February 14 and 25 club members had a great afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. Future events include the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 14, the Easter Show (the biggest car show in town) April 5, and the biggest upcoming event of all, our 57th annual Swap Meet May 3rd at GCS Ballpark (AKA Grizzlies Ballpark) in Sauget Illinois. The Swap Meet is our one and only fundraiser and we're always looking for more helping hands.

At the February meeting we heard from Dave Groerich about his love of the old car hobby and how it started at a very early age and eventually evolved into a dream job working for a guy who had a multi-million dollar car collection. Thanks Dave for the great story!! Let me know if YOU have an interesting old car related story to tell our club members so I can put you on the schedule.

Happy motoring.

Sam Atkinson

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

This issue begins our 12th year of producing *The Occasional* for you! Sherry and I enjoy doing this, but try as we might, we simply cannot get the Club to double our salary! There have been many changes over these years in our hobby (affliction? Illness?) And not all of them pleasant.

But one constant remains - our infatuation with our cars! Most of us have more cars than a Model T, or two. Or more! Some of us have Brass Era cars, some Classics, and some more modern antiques, post World War II. It does not matter what we have in our collections, the Model T is still great fun and so desirable to have.

Sherry and I are determined to get back to normal, after last year. We've booked some car shows and some tours. And I sincerely hope to have our Model T back on the road by next fall. Time (and wallet) will tell. When I did a course on gerontology some years back, I learned that older adults who are mentally challenged in retirement are healthier in their minds. Keeping our old cars on the road is certainly mentally, and physically, challenging!

When you use your car in a non-club event this year, please send me photos and information! I'd love to include that in *The Occasional*. Your colleagues would enjoy reading about your activities with the car!

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026

- March 13 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge
Membership Meeting, 8 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
14 - The 57th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, 12:00 PM in downtown St. Louis.
- April 5 - Easter Sunday Car Show, Forest Park
10 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
Membership Meeting, 8 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- May 3 - Our annual **SWAP MEET**.
8 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge
Membership Meeting, 8 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- June 21-26 - MTFCA National/Regional Tour, Lake George, NY. Watch *Vintage Ford* for details.
- July 30 - Annual Club Picnic, noon, Spring Forest Estates
- September 9-12 - MTFCA National/Regional Tour, **MISSOURI!** Watch *Vintage Ford* for details.
- October 12 - Annual Chili Cook-off, noon, Spring Forest Estates

SWAP MEET, 2026 AND 2027

By Steven Williams

Plans are proceeding under Kent Gilbane's leadership for this year's Swap Meet. Set aside May 4 and 5 for our major fundraising event. We depend on the Swap Meet to help us meet our annual operating expenses. Kent has done this for many years, and has set us up for a successful future. There are key people who have been helping him, and will continue into the future following Kent's resignation. This will be his last Swap Meet to coordinate.

We **NEED** a new coordinator/director for 2027. We are hoping this person will step forward and shadow Kent this year to learn the ropes. Looking to the future, Sam Atkinson will continue doing registration, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. has volunteered for the Saturday noon and Sunday noon meals, and I will continue to assist the director, and book the golf carts. Sam, Jerry and I are looking for a new place at a reduced rental rate for our Swap Meet for 2027. It is not too early to start planning for 2027.

But we **must** have a new director to coordinate the volunteers. If we fail to get someone to oversee this project, if no one steps up to work with the existing team, we will quickly be in a world of hurt. Please give serious consideration to stepping up for this very important and rewarding role. You will be shadowing Kent this May to get the hang of what is done, and how crucial the folks are who will be working with you to make our Swap Meets successful.

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

Motormaniac – What do you think is the most difficult thing for a beginner to learn about an automobile?
Frankenstein – To keep from talking about it all the time.

Never mind if your neighbor has an auto and you have to walk. He's going too fast to see half that you see.

"Congratulations, old man."

"For what?"

"I see you have at last acquired an auto."

"No, I haven't; I got all dirtied up this way changing the ribbon on my typewriting machine." (Ed. Note: I wonder how many of us are old enough to have actually done this!)

**2026 Tour de Frost, February 14
Three Kings Public House**



Left to right: Scott Francis, Keevin Schier, Varon Fugman, Stephen Heatherly.



Jane Fody and Dick Lodge



Jerry Ellerbeck Sr. And friend Pat.



Cindy and Sam Atkinson



:Left to right: Sam Atkinson, Keevin Schier, Varon Fugman, and Stephen Heatherly

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

Motorist: (Frantically flagged on a lonely road) "What's the matter? Is the bridge out?"

Native: "It's my missus, mister. She's goin' to prayer meeting, and she's got some grease on her coat. She wants to know would you let her have half a pint of gasoline?"

She (Playfully): "Starlight, star bright, first star I've seen tonight."

He: "What kind was it, a sedan?"

(Ed. Note: "Star" was an "assembled car" produced by the Durant Motors Company)



Kathy and Dave Groerich



Sherry and Steven Williams



L to R: Daniel Mullis, David Sarniguet, and Don Spaeth



Cindy Atkinson and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr.



Nick and Bonnie Dattoli



Gayle and Jerry Ellerbeck Jr.

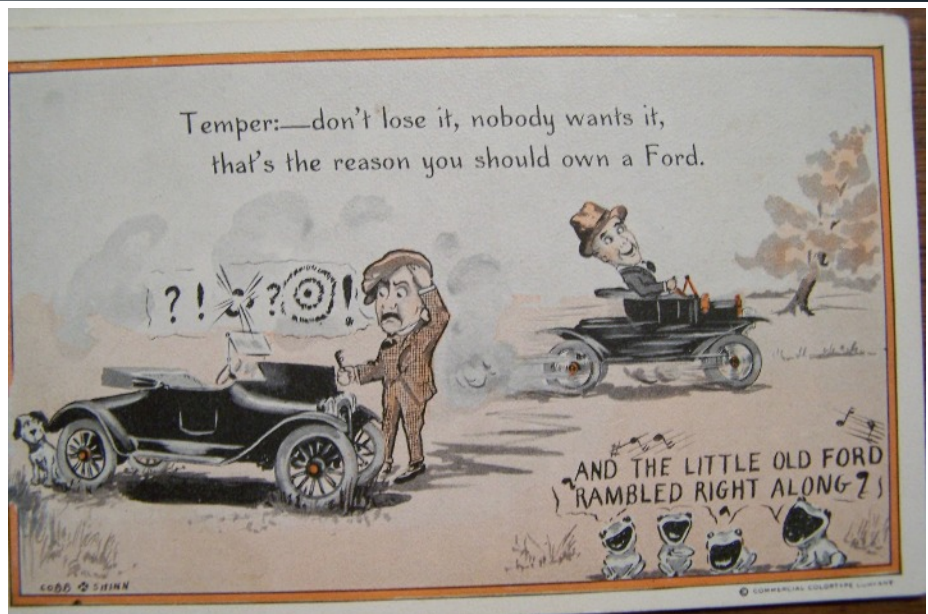


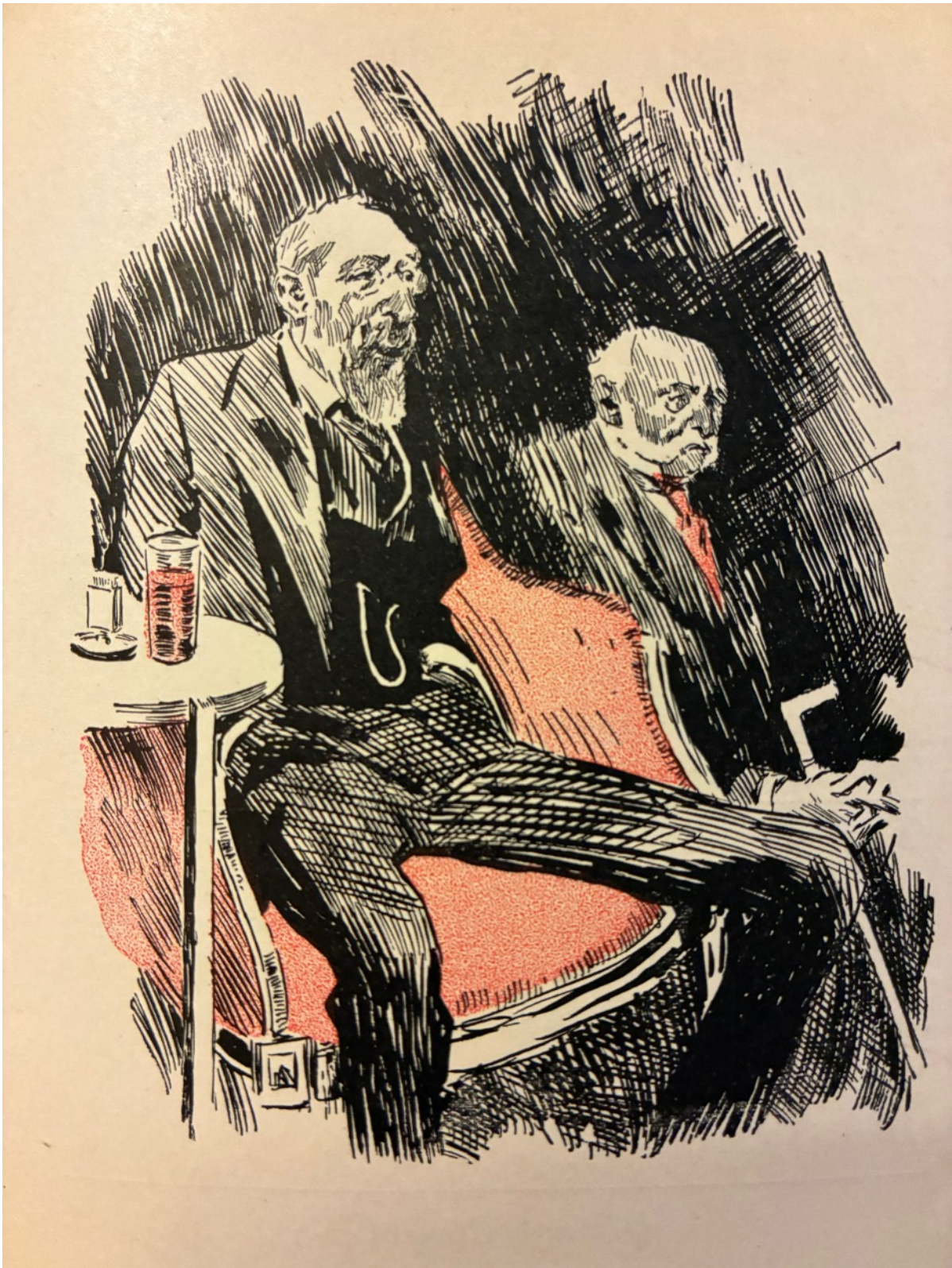
Left: Berri West and Mike Thum.

Right: Laren and Joyce Langguth.



**MODEL
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“How do you find your neighbors?”

“Oh, sociable enough – at times!”

“How do you mean ‘at times’?”

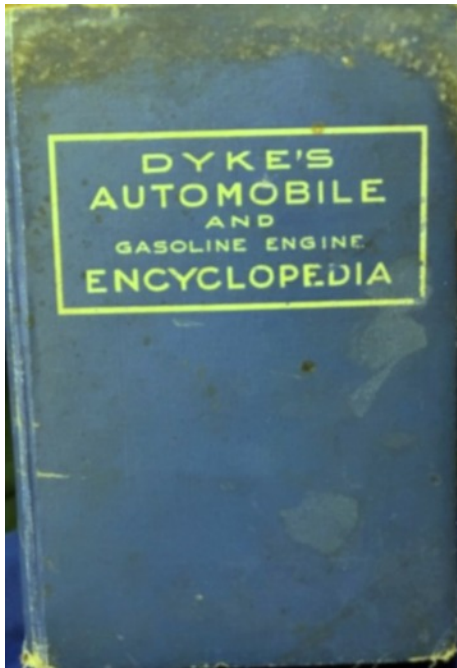
‘Well, when our car is running they’re as sweet as sirup (sic), but when it’s at the repair shop they don’t notice us at all.’”

From *My Auto Book*, by Walter Pulitzer, New York: The Outing Publishing Company, 1908

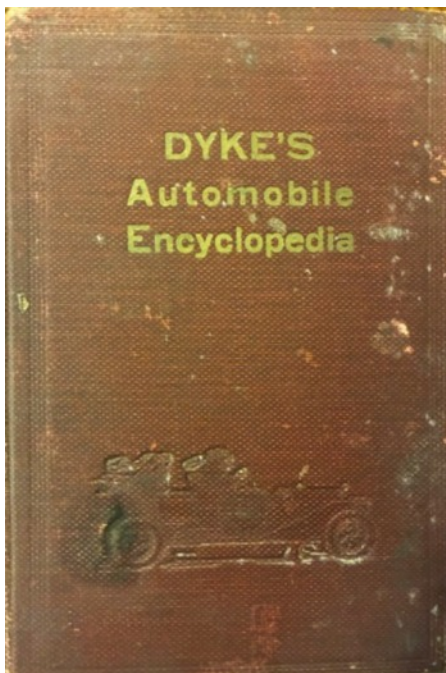
ANDREW LEE DYKE

By Steven Williams

A.L. Dyke was a pioneer in the early automobile industry. Born in 1875 in Kykes Mill, Louisiana to Albert Pierce Dykes and unknown (Rye) Dykes. On August 5, 1896 he married Carrie English in Fannin, Texas. In 1900 they were living as boarders at 3115 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, and he was reported to be working as an electrical engineer. From 1910 they were living at 3947 Washington Boulevard in St. Louis. He died in May, 1959, and is buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis (Plot: Section Hoffman, Block 157, lot 6447) (From *Find a Grave* website).



Above, the version we are most familiar with, this is the 1915-16 edition. Below, the first edition, published 1911, copyright 1910.



A.L. Dyke was a member of the Society of Auto Engineers. He established the first automobile supply business and catalogue in the country in 1899. His correspondence course came soon after.

This early in the developing industry, he had no actual parts and supplies to sell. He entered into an arrangement with the St. Louis Motor Carriage Company to sell parts made in their factory under the Dyke name. The St. Louis Motor Carriage Company was founded by John French and George P. Dorris. French moved it to Peoria in 1905. Dorris remained in St. Louis and formed the Dorris Motors in 1906 in that building. Dorris continued building cars until 1926. His descendants are still active in the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri here in St. Louis. They display "St. Louis" and "Dorris" vehicles regularly at the Easter Sunday Forest Park car show.

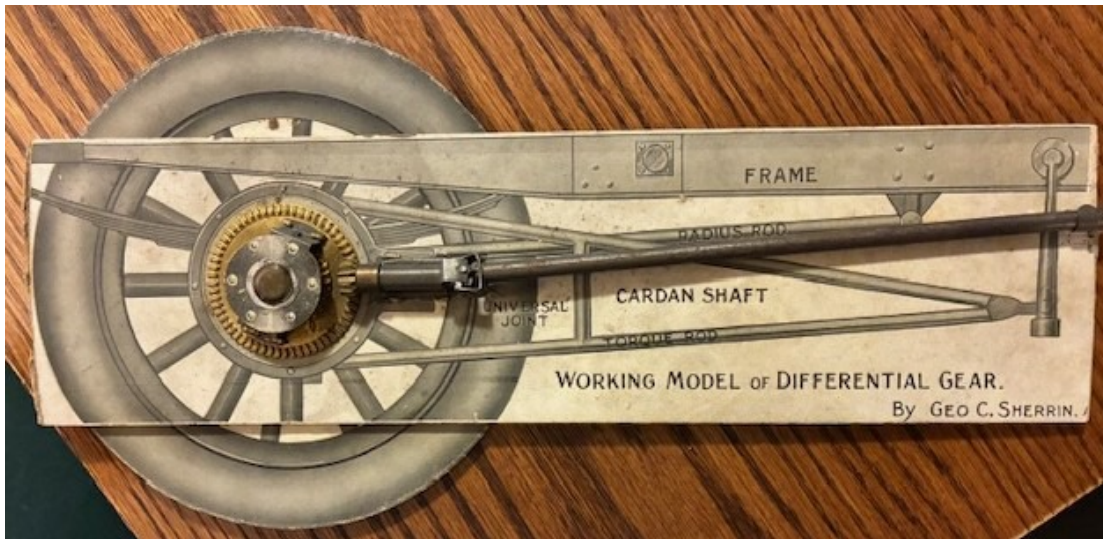
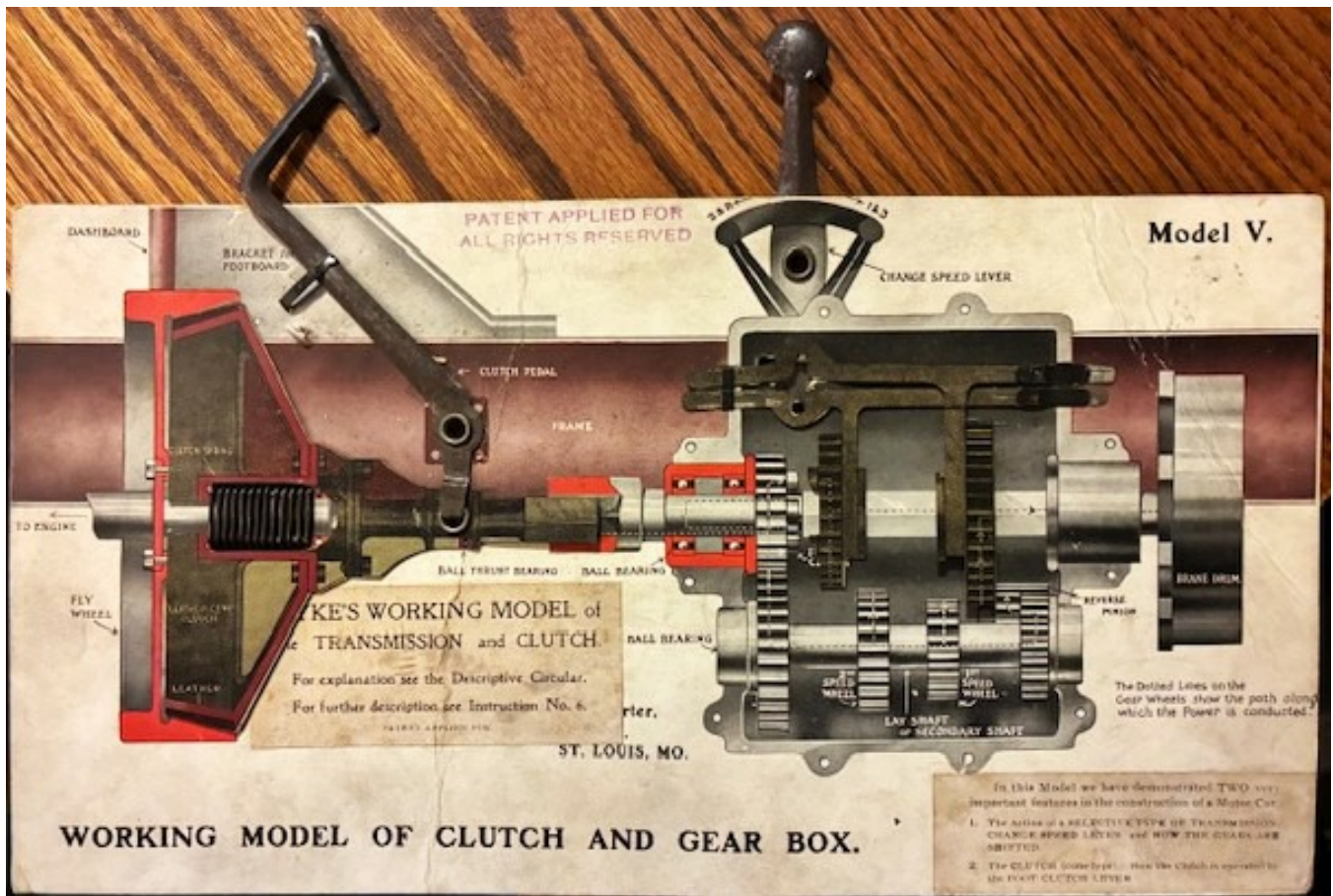
A.L. Dyke advertised extensively in automobile magazines and trade journals and the St. Louis Automobile Supply and Parts Co. prospered quickly. They offered tools, parts, supplies, and clothing for the everyday motorist.

Regarding clothing, upon entering his store on Locust Avenue on Automobile Row in St. Louis, visitors were greeted with a life-sized mannequin dressed in a touring robe, cap, and goggles. According to legend A.L. Dyke coined the phrase "all Dyked up" to describe someone fashionably dressed for the rigors of the road. The phrase was later changed to "all decked out."

Dyke also became a pioneer in the kit car business, supplying all the components, blueprints, and working drawings for people who wanted to build their own cars priced between \$600 and \$1,000. Between 1899 and 1907, Dyke offered three complete cars for sale, as well as a variety of books on the subject of automobile repair and maintenance.

His success with kit cars through his catalogues inspired him to create the St. Louis Electric Automobile Company in 1899. The first car offered was an electric vehicle in either a stanhope or runabout style called both the Dyke and the St. Louis. Dyke sold St. Louis Electric to Scott Automobile Company in 1901. Later, Dyke tried his hand at automobile sales again, when in 1904 he offered a \$2,500 four-cylinder touring car called a Dyke-Britton. His last attempt was in 1907 with the D.L.G., a two-seater runabout. His car business, however, was never as successful as his catalog business.

But back to the books. The first book, *Diseases of a Gasoline Automobile and How to Cure Them*, was published in 1903, followed by *Dr. Dyke's Anatomy of the Automobile*, and in 1909, *Dyke's Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia*. (Sources: Wikipedia and *Four Wheels No Brakes*)



Two examples of the models available in Dyke's mail correspondence course.

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

Frank Daniels, the comedian, is a very enthusiastic motorist, and recently purchased a new car. He has Mason Peters with him for a spin when something went wrong. Daniels declared there was something underneath and crawled under the car while Peters started to do a little oiling.

Daniels suddenly crawled out from under the car with a yell.

"What in blazes are you trying to do?" he asked, glaring at Peters.

"Why, I have just given the cylinder a good dose of oil."

"Cylinder!" yelled Daniels. "Cylinder nothing! Confound you, that wasn't the cylinder; that was my ear you poured the oil into."

GARAGE TOUR - STEVEN & SHERRY WILLIAMS

Approximately 22 people visited what Steven calls "The Showroom", a separate building from where he works on cars he calls "The Shop." And Showroom it does seem to be! From oldest to youngest: 1902 Knox Stanhope Runabout; 1903 Cadillac Model A Rear Entrance Tonneau; 1906 Cadillac "Double Tulip" touring car; 1908 Buick touring car; 1911 Franklin touring car; 1912 Model T Ford Torpedo runabout; 1912 Delaunay-Belleville Victoria Park Phaeton; 1913 Packard Model 1-38 touring car; 1914 Pierce-Arrow Suburban Brougham; 1926 Ford Model T Huckster; and a 1926 Model T Ford Tudor.

Going up to the Shop, we saw a building of organized mayhem: a 1910 Stevens-Duryea touring car under restoration; his 1911 Model T Ford touring car with the rear axle in process of removal for rebuilding; a disassembled 1914 Model T touring awaiting painting and reassembly; and a disassembled 1914 Model T chain drive truck conversion, with a Tonford truck conversion kit. And parts were everywhere! Two cars were not available for viewing: a 1906 Stoddard Dayton touring car (at our mechanic's) and the 1911 Cadillac Model 30 touring car (in a trailer). Here are some photos:



1911 Model T Ford



1926 Model T Tudor



1912 Model T Torpedo, with a 1911 Franklin in the background.



Dave Groerich's 9-year-old grandson, Jackson McDermott, standing next to the 1908 Buick. Right, sitting in the 1906 Cadillac.





Top and left, folks enjoying the cars.

Right: a 1926 Model T Huckster, precisely owned by Karl Abe. All original.



Below, logo on the passenger sliding door, A. Frank was a produce company in New York City.



Right: original decal on both sides of the body. "Steel Bound, Universal Built Bodies, Steel Sills, Sliding Doors, 2620 Olive St. St. Louis"



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

"I've had to discharge my cook."
 "How could you dare?"
 "Well, the chauffeur didn't like her."

The good old songs, they haunt me yet,
 Their dulcet strains I'll ne'er forget.
 But of all the songs that make me thrill,
 The "honk" of my chauffeur fills the bill!

Love laughs at locksmiths,
 the automobile laughs at blacksmiths,
 and undertakers laugh at them both.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Sam Atkinson. Members present were: President Sam Atkinson, Vice President Scott Francis, Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli, Secretary Ruth Baker and Directors Don Spaeth, Stephen Heatherly, and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and Director Re-Elect Daniel Mullis, and Directors-to-Be: Michael Thum, John Michaelree and Dave Groerich.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Scott Francis, and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the meeting of Friday, November 14, 2025 were read. Scott Francis made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Don Spaeth, and carried unanimously.

President Atkinson announced that at the March meeting, he would like to have a White Elephant Sale. More information will be available during the Membership Meeting.

The St. Patrick's Parade is March 14; participants will each pay \$15.00. More information will be available during the Membership Meeting. President Atkinson commented that Grizzly is raising the rent for the Swap Meet, and the vendor count is down, so he and Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. went to visit the Shriner's Temple in Creve Coeur. The Temple is already booked for this year, but it's a possibility for next year. He said the vendors would be on grassy surfaces.

President Atkinson stated that the Club needs a Membership Chair.

There being no further business, Don Spaeth made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. and carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Sam Atkinson. The Treasurer's Report was given. Paul Diebold made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Stephen Duga, and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the December 13, 2025 meeting were read. Scott Francis made the motion to approve the minutes. Don Spaeth seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

President Atkinson gave an update on upcoming events: The Tour de Frost will be on February 14 from noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Three Kings Restaurant. The first garage tour will be on February 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Steven Williams' house. Lunch at a local restaurant will follow the tour. It was mentioned that Steven Williams has some fantastic vehicles.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on March 14. The cost will be \$125 for the entry. Each participant will pay \$15.

At the March meeting, a White Elephant Sale is being planned. Members were requested to donate items for an auction-style sale. If the item is expensive, a reserve may be placed on the item to assure that the owner receives a specified amount and any amount over the reserve goes to the Club.

The National Tour in 2027 will be in Richmond, Indiana. President Atkinson suggested getting together a group of cars to drive the 375 miles over two days to get there. He proposed inviting the Kansas City and Springfield Clubs to join us.

President Atkinson stated that the Club needs a Membership Chair to talk with prospective new members and keep the roster up to date. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. suggested sharing duties. He said he would volunteer to be the person to talk with prospective new members if Mike Thum would keep the roster up to date. Mike Thum agreed.

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Dave Sarniguet gave an interesting presentation on a “Special Interest Car”. Scott Francis discussed a mid-winter clinic at McPherson College on January 16 and 17 in regard to rebuilding rear axles. He stated he is going to participate.

President Atkinson distributed Club business cards to hand out. Keevin Schier suggested giving a free membership to the Club to tech students who might be interested in joining the Club.

Bill Tabor stated that he currently has 484 motometers. He also asked for someone to take over the distribution of car magazines to seven different homes in the state. He said he spends about \$75 monthly to mail out the magazines by USPS, and he hand delivers magazines to one local home. He said he is still collecting car magazines, so please feel free to bring some to him.

The Oath of Office was administered by President Sam Atkinson to Michael Thum, John Michaelree, Dave Groerich and Daniel Mullis.

Don Spaeth reported that all the Club’s books are available, and to see him if any member wants to check out one. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. stated that the Club’s videos are available.

The Club received a Christmas card from the Accounting Firm.

Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. won the 50/50 prize of \$32.50.

At 8:57 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

President Sam Atkinson called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. Members present were Sam Atkinson, Bonnie Dattoli, John Michaelree, Mike Thum, Stephen Heatherly, Dave Groerich, Don Spaeth, Steven Williams, Jerry Ellerbeck Jr., and Daniel Mullis.

President Atkinson mentioned his plan to have fewer and quicker board meetings.

Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli gave the treasurer’s report. Dave Groerich moved approval of the report, Don Spaeth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Atkinson mentioned the “White Elephant” sale at the March membership meeting. Discussion ensued about paying for the items. Steven Williams moved, and Jerry Ellerbeck seconded, that cash or check would be required. And if you didn’t have the cash or check to pay for an item, you could not bid. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued about the annual Forest Park Easter Sunday car show. We will have ten spaces. The Rapid Assembly Team will perform at 11 and 1.

The annual St. Patrick’s Parade is March 14. The club has already paid the \$150 fee. Each club member who drives in the parade will need to pay our treasurer \$15.00 to participate.

Scott Francis plans to donate a Model A Ford, if the club buys a speedster kit, and the club turns the car into a speedster and sells it. Scott would need to get \$1,500 for what he has in the car. The club would get anything over that. Discussed possible auctions, or to put it on Ebay.

Steven Williams announced he could not host the garage tour on February 21, due to a scheduling conflict. So the event has been moved to February 28, 9:30 am. He will get an email out about the change.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven G. Williams, acting secretary

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS,
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Sam Atkinson. President Sam Atkinson welcomed guests Shawn and Don Mayer, father and son, who have a Model A and TT.

The Treasurer's Report was given, and Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli stated that so far, 31.73% of the budget has been expended. Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made, seconded, and passed. In Ruth Baker's absence, President Atkinson gave an update on Ken Baker. He stated that Ken is getting chemotherapy treatments every other Tuesday, and for the last several days, he has been having major problems, probably necessitating a call to the ambulance district very shortly.

Upcoming Events: The Tour de Frost will be on February 14 from noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Three Kings Restaurant. There will be a Swap Meet in Cape Girardeau will be on February 15, at which brochures about our swap meet will be distributed.

The first garage tour will be on February 28 at 9:30 a.m. at Steven Williams' house. Lunch at a local restaurant will follow the tour. It was mentioned that Steven Williams has some fantastic vehicles.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on March 14. The cost is \$125 for the entry, which the Club has already paid. Each participant will pay \$15 to lower internal cost.

The Easter Show will be April 5, starting at 9:00 a.m. Participants must sign up. Judges will come to the Club's site. There will be two rapid assembly presentations, one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 1:00 p.m.

The Hillbilly Tour will be in September, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Route 66. The Joplin, Missouri Model T Ford Club National Tour will be September 7 – 12.

Show and Tell: Sam Atkinson shared a picture of his son at a St. Patrick's Day Parade. He said this is his 48th birthday. Dave Sarniguet found his old Dodge car "Old Blue", a 1978 Polara. Dave Groerich, a member since 1990 is reminiscing on old cars.

Interests: The Mayor of Hamel, Illinois would like the Club to do a rapid assembly display on October 10. They will pay the Club \$300; this is a firm commitment.

Announcement: Varon Fugman has two 1915 license plates, two metal plates that rust easily. He is getting a 1915 Touring and is currently progressing on title work.

In "Old Cars Magazine" it was noted that the Club received a Golden Quill award for our Occasional. There are Club business cards available. Take some and hand some out and put them on your car during shows. Movie copies of "Charge of the Model T's" for sale for \$2. Bill Tabor and his wife celebrated their 73rd anniversary. They met at St. John's Hospital. Dues are \$20 for national members and \$35 for local only. The money goes toward insurance and other expenses. Bill Tabor still needs car magazines; the veterans really appreciate it. Jerry Ellerbeck, Jr. won the 50/50 prize of \$31.

At 8:54 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Hailey Harris, Acting Secretary (Minutes prepared from notes by Ruth Baker, Secretary.)

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

The boastful man arrogantly made the assertion that he could, without error tell the various religions of automobile drivers, simply by looking at the make of the car. A bystander accepted his challenge.

"What's that fellow there?" he asked pointing to a man in an antiquated car that was chugging past at the moment. "That man's a Catholic," replied the arrogant man. "He's driving a Pope."

"Well, then, what's this driver coming here?" "Why he's a Latter Day Saint. He's driving a Marmon."

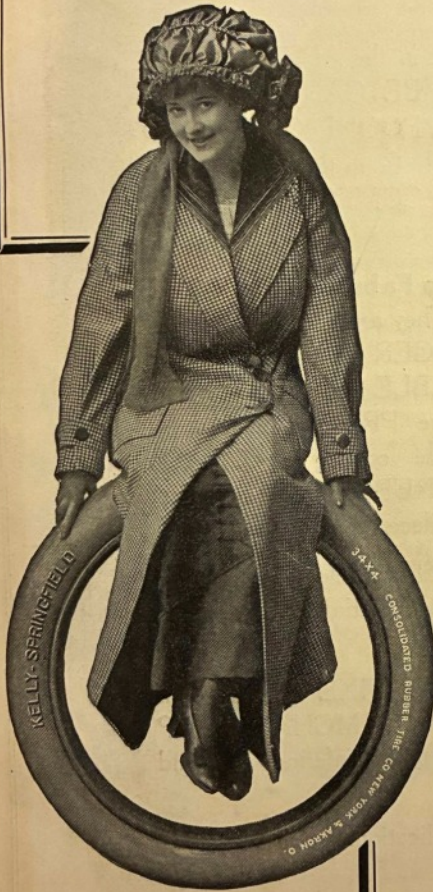
So they proceeded until several drivers had been classified as to religions, always to the complete satisfaction of the bystanders. Finally, though, a battered Ford touring car came wheezing along, and the questioner's eyes brightened expectantly. "Ah!" he exclaimed; "here's a man driving a Ford. Perhaps you can tell us what his religion is?"

"Certainly," replied the boastful man without the flicker of an eyelash. "That driver is a Christian Scientist." "What are your reasons for that assertion?"

"Simplest in the world: he just *thinks* he's driving a car!"

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

“Pity not thy horse, which can boast both sire and dam; thine auto hath no damn but thine to comfort it..”

“There’s many a nip on an auto trip.”

MAY/JUNE DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the March/April issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is May **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.

Edison: “You will have many opportunities in life to keep your mouth shut: You should take advantage of every one of them.”

“Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.”

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 information is on our website and 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.

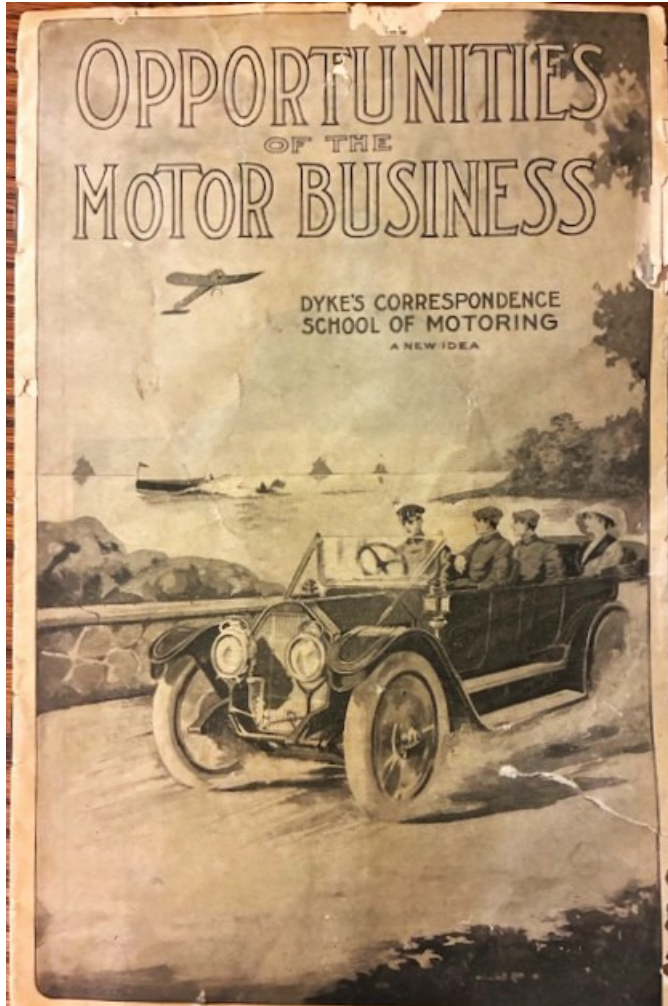
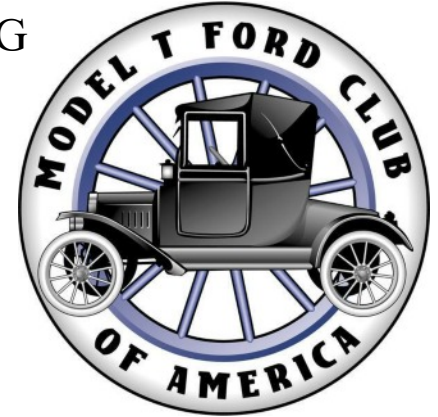


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We are all familiar with a book we call “Dykes”, actually titled “Dyke’s Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia.” It is a great resource for our Model T’s.

This sixteen page brochure from 1910 advertised his correspondence course to teach men how to be mechanics and make a good living in the newly emerging automotive field. The correspondence course was 29 lessons, complete with working models to teach soon-to-be mechanics the intricacies of the internal combustion engine and automotive mechanics.

See the article and photographs on page 6 ff.

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, or contact Jerry Ellerbeck, Jerry.ellerbeck@gmail.com

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