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We took a “pop-up” tour to see “Big Boy” arrive in Pacific, MO

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow club members!

It's almost Fall and you know what that means (besides cooler weather of course). September and October in the old car hobby is non-stop activity with something going on every weekend. We have our fall tour, our Chili Cookoff, the Brass Nickel and Pre-War show, the HCCM swap meet—and don't forget Hershey, the biggest of them all. There is something for all car lovers every single weekend.

I'll be going on the Joplin Tour along with a few other St. Louis members so the September meeting will be led by Steven Williams. The MTFCA has committed to having 2 tours per year and this 5-day event is the second. I'm looking forward to a good time of driving my beloved Roadster and visiting with like minded T people.

I urge everyone to get active—this is a great hobby, you'll never find nicer people nor have more fun.

I hope to see you down the road.

Sam Atkinson, President

Ed. Note: You never know what you'll see on one of our tours!



EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

Sherry and I are establishing our "new normal" now. She's in a walker or wheelchair all the time now due to her Parkinson's, and I'm learning to cook, do laundry, vacuum, etc etc. Which doesn't leave much time for the cars. I still have projects from five years ago to get to.

I suspect that is true for most of us - we bite off more than we can chew. We have projects we may never be able to finish. But that's not so bad - it gives us something to plan for, to anticipate, to look forward to. We may in fact get most of them done before we retire to that perfect showroom on high. I don't know about your idea of a "perfect showroom," but mine is all brass! Model T's - Torpedos, touring cars, town cars, runabouts, and all sorts of other, more glamorous automobiles from the early days loaded with lots, and I mean LOTS, of gleaming brass! But enough fantasizing...

Tours are an important part of our Old Car Life. Not only the joy of driving our T's, but also meeting other "collectors" and seeing their cars. My fondest memory occurred during the Glidden Tour in Oklahoma City in 2015 when we toured Don Boulton's collection and we met him. He was 90 at the time, with 19 brass era cars. When he passed in 2018 at 93 years of age he had 23 beautiful brass era cars. His collection was extremely valuable when it went to auction. But what I admired about Don was not the value of his collection, but that at his age he was still active in the hobby - collecting, restoring, and I think driving. Which reminds me how young I am, and how much I have left to do! If only Sherry will keep putting up with me!

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026

- September 8-12 - Joplin, MO. **Model T's, the Mother Road, & More - 2026 Western Region National Tour, MTFCA** See the *Vintage Ford* for details!
 11 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Freedom Masonic Lodge
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 26-30 - Model T Covered Bridge Tour, Parke County, Indiana. See the *Vintage Ford*.
- October 4 - Annual Chili Cook-off, noon, Spring Forest Estates
 9 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
 20 - Brass and Nickel Show, Museum of Transportation 9 AM - 3 PM.
- November 7 - Fall Tour, see page 9.
 13 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge
 Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Freedom Masonic Lodge, 4557 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis
- December 12 - Annual Christmas Banquet, noon to 3, Helen Fitzgerald's Irish Grill and Pub, 3650 S. Lindbergh Blvd., near Lindbergh & Watson Rds.

IMPORTANT MODEL T AUCTION!

By Steven Williams

In the September 1, 2026 issue of *Old Cars* is an ad on page 25 from Van der Brink Auctions, Inc. (www.vanderbrinkauctions.com) This listing has been in several issues of *Old Cars Weekly*.

I do not usually tout businesses or auctions, but this may be of some interest to our club members. It is The Jim Finney Model T Collection Auction, October 24th, 2026, 9:00 AM at the Crawford County Fairgrounds in Oblong, IL. (108 Legion Parkway, Oblong, IL) "This truly is an amazing opportunity to bid on RARE and EARLY Ford Model T Cars & Parts. This collection has approx. 14 Ford Model T's including multiple RARE 1912-1916 Ford Model T Town Cars, Couquette, and many early 1909-1915 Motors, and hard to find Parts."

There is a **wonderful** video on the auction web site and you won't believe the town cars! If interested, check out their website for more information.

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

"This motoring game isn't what it used to be."

"Speed ordinance too carefully enforced?"

"No, but pedestrians are getting do careful."

"Were you ever arrested before?" asked the magistrate whose principal business is imposing fines for speeding.

"What do you think I've been doing all the years?" asked the chauffeur. 'Pushing a wheelbarrow?'"

Farmer Grayneck - S'pose you are goin' to git the automobile fever. Ezry, like everybody else?

Farmer Hornbeak - Nope! I've been vaccinated in the pocketbook, and it took.

The car labored heavily over wet and deeply scarred roads.

"Have you any idea where we are?" asked Blinks.

"No," said Garraway, "though the roads suggest we are near either Waterville or Rutland, I don't know which."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS!

It is that time of year again! At our last meeting President Atkinson asked for volunteers to serve as the nominating committee, which now consists of Gayle Ellerbeck, Dave Groerich, and Cindy Atkinson. Offices that need to be filled are: Vice-President, Treasurer, and 4 Directors. All of these folks will serve 2027-2028. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact one of these nominating committee members ASAP. They are going to be working hard to fill the slate of officers for election.

IN MEMORIAM, KENNETH BAKER

AUGUST 16, 1945 - AUGUST 7, 2026

Beloved husband for 56 years of Ruth E. Baker (nee Schlemper); cherished father of Damon L. (Buffy M.) Baker and Tiffany S. Baker; dear brother of Sheila (the late Charles) Frost; dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many. With profound respect and deep gratitude, we honor the extraordinary life and service of a dedicated public servant who spent more than four decades shielding his community from harm. Following proudly in his father's footsteps, he turned a legacy of bravery into a distinguished career defined by leadership, selflessness, and unwavering devotion to others.

Over a career spanning more than 40 years, starting as a volunteer he served with distinction across the region, making an indelible mark on both West County EMS & Fire Protection District and the Rock Community Fire Protection District. He rose through the ranks through sheer work ethic, integrity and a deep compassion for the people he protected. At West County EMS & Fire, he provided steady guidance and operational excellence as Fire Chief. He later took that wealth of experience and visionary leadership to the Rock Community as Assistant Chief where he also served for 13 years as a member on the Board of Directors and most recently chairman.

To lead in the fire service requires courage; to lead for over four decades requires extraordinary character. As a Chief, he was not only a protector of the public but a guardian of his crew - a mentor who shaped generations of firefighters and ensured they returned home safely after every shift. His legacy lives on in every life he touched, every firefighter he trained, and the strong community foundation he helped build.

He leaves behind a loving family, a brotherhood of firefighters, and a community forever changed by his lifelong commitment to duty.

Services were held at St. John United Church of Christ in Manchester Thursday, August 13, with interment at St. John's cemetery. If desired, contributions may be made to The Backstoppers, Inc.

Ken and Ruth have been active members of our club since 2017.

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

A Short Story: *He (In Ford coupe)* – "Mmmm?"
She (Also in Ford coupe) – "Mmmmm!"
(Brakes)

Tom – "My brother's just had a new attachment put on his flivver."

Dick – "That so? What's it for?"

Tom – "Debt."

"Them guys soitenly has got a noive, Mame – askin' us to go ridiin' wit 'em!"

"Yeah, dey must t'ink we're a coupla them 'ere collitch goils."

One person out of every seven has a car. The rest are held up by a traffic cop to watch them go by.

FOR SALE

I'm selling my Model T for \$4,500 or best offer. T needs full restoration since I couldn't work on it because of my heart attack and my shortness of breath. Call (636-489-8248) or email photo20@att.net if interested. Dave Kuenzel



FALL TOUR - NOVEMBER 7

This years fall tour will be pushed a bit later due the leaves changing color later in the year and will cover portions of the famed Mother Road in honor of its 100 year anniversary.

We will meet in Ellisville at the Aldi's parking lot, corner of Manchester and Clarkson roads. Heading west we will find our way thru Pacific Mo, on our way to our destination at the Indian Harvest Trading Post, a Route 66 style attraction near St. Clair, MO. After visiting we will head back to the historic town of Labadie MO, for lunch at the Hawthorne Inn. Please join us for the last tour of the year celebrating Route 66.

We will meet at 7:30 am Saturday November, 7th, with a quick drivers meeting and get on the road by 8:00 am so we can enjoy the fall weather at a leisurely pace.

IN MEMORIAM

I had the last issue of *The Occasional* returned to me from Diann Rhoads. It turns out she passed this life last January 4th at the age of 82. Many of you remember her husband, Bill Rhoads, who died in 2022. They had been married almost 63 years.

MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR



POP-UP TOUR TO SEE "BIG BOY!"

By Scott Francis

As a continuation of our nation's 250th birthday, we took the time to drive out and see the Union Pacific's mighty locomotive "Bigboy". This 1941 built ALCO locomotive is one of 8 preserved engines from a class of 25. The Union Pacific made a deal to remove this engine from a museum and rebuild it to operate a number of years ago. It is the largest operating steam locomotive in the world, 132 feet long and well over one million pounds of machinery. The mighty engine is on a coast to coast tour celebrating our nation's 250th birthday, and as the route brought it thru the St. Louis area, we decided a drive to Pacific, Missouri, was in order.

The weather has been a wee bit on the warm side and the morning of July 20th, was no different. We took a drive from Ellisville Mo., over parts of historic Route 66 for the roughly 17 miles to get there. The crowds were already getting large. However, we were able to talk with the Railroad Police and secure parking in an area adjacent to the mainline. As we sweated away in the sweltering heat of a St. Louis summer with the associated humidity, quite a few of the crowd came by to ask about our cars. We had a bit over an hour before the main event arrived, and we answered lots of questions, had many photos taken, and let several young folks sit in the cars. It was lots of fun having some attention from the crowd that was there.

Once the engine was serviced and continued its trek west back to Cheyenne Wyoming, we headed east back to our starting point. We did make a stop at the historic Red Cedar Inn, an icon on Route 66, now a visitors center. Lots of local information about the area and Route 66 is to be found here. We then headed off to find a lunch spot. Keeping with the theme of the day, Big Chief in Pond MO., sounded like the place to go, but found that they are closed on Mondays. Wildwood Pub and Grille did a great job as a stand in for our first choice, and we all enjoyed a great lunch, and some much needed air conditioning.



Right: Bruce & Teresa Williams



2026 LITCHFIELD OVERNIGHT TOUR

By Sam Atkinson

The 2026 Overnight Tour to Litchfield Illinois is now history and those who went have all given it a unanimous 'Thumbs Up'.

At 7:40 Saturday morning August 8 after a brief driver's meeting, the group headed north for the 110 mile mid-summer adventure. Shortly after starting out we cruised through a very crowded Cars and Coffee in St Charles to the amazement of all the hot rodders and youngsters who had never seen cars this old. Lots of pictures of our cars were taken. A few miles later we boarded the Grafton ferry to cross into Illinois. It was crowded but we all got on the same ferry. Next we made a 'comfort' stop at the Visitors Center in Grafton and marveled at the bronze statues simulating the Army Rangers braving fierce Nazi gunfire while scaling the cliff at Pointe Du Hoc on D-Day 1944. Then after a fabulous lunch in Jerseyville, the next part of the drive was a straight and flat non-stop 40 miles to Mt. Olive. In Mt. Olive we stopped for photos and fellowship at Soulsby Service Station, a time capsule gas station that was opened along Route 66 in 1926 and is now a virtual museum full of memorabilia and wonderfully preserved to look just as it did back then. From there we drove about 10 miles of original "Historic Route 66" to our destination for the night in Litchfield.

That night we had a fabulous dinner at The Ariston Café. The Ariston is the oldest continuously operating establishment on the entire 2,448 miles of Route 66. Everyone left full and satisfied.

Sunday morning we went to the Litchfield 'Picker's Market', a giant flea market held in the streets of downtown Litchfield. We found the selection to be excellent, the prices reasonable and every one of us bought at least one item.

After lunch the drive back home was more direct and everyone was home, smiling but hot and sweaty, around dinner time.

The 18 adventurers on this trip were: Don Spaeth-24 Touring, Scott Francis-22 Roadster, Steve Duga-26 Touring, Sam and Cindy Atkinson-27 Roadster, John Michaelree-26 Touring. It was great to meet and spend time with our newest members Ken and Leng Harrison driving their 22 Touring. Steve Heatherly rode with Don Spaeth and Varon Fugman rode with John Michaelree. We enjoyed having Mary Lou Ammann with Tom Fisher, Mike Thum, Dick Lodge with Jane Fody, and Steve Dodson on the trip driving 'modern.' Very special thanks go to Jerry and Gayle Ellerbeck for pulling the trouble trailer.

If you didn't go this year let's hope you can make it next year.

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

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"

"I'm going a-motoring, sir," she said.

"May I go with you, my pretty maid?"

"You may if you pay for the car," she said.

"Your Honor," said the arrested chauffeur. "I tried to warn the man, but the horn would not work."

"Then why did you not not slacken speed rather than run him down?"

A light seemed to dawn upon the prisoner. "That's one on me. I never thought of that."

Satan – What are those two automobile fellows fighting about?

Assistant – They've just got into an argument over whether this place ought to be air cooled or water cooled.

OVERNIGHT TOUR PHOTOS



Driver's meeting prior to tour



Stephen Duga



Sam & Cindy Atkinson



Ken & Leng Harrison



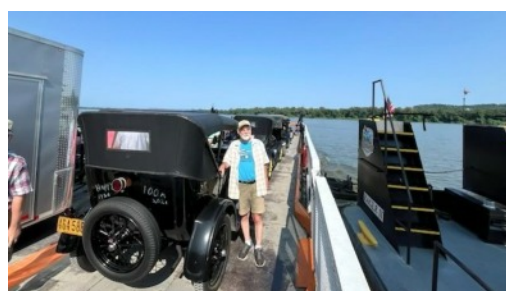
John Michaelree & Varon Fugman



Scott Francis



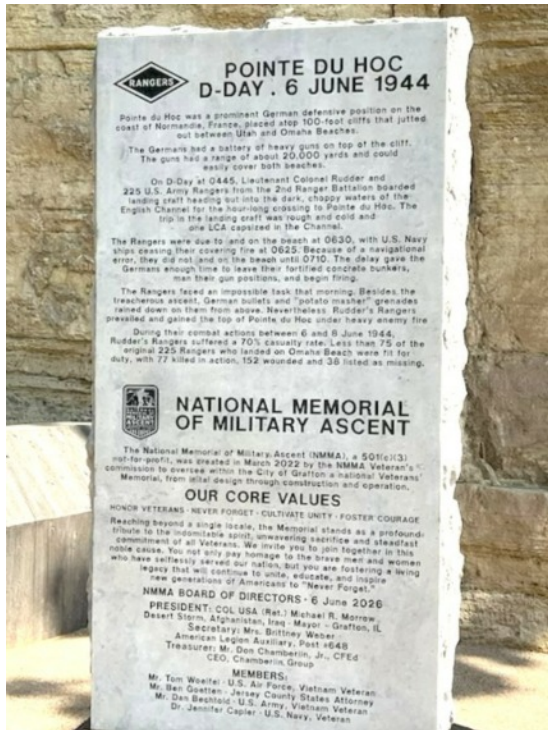
L: Don Spaeth
R: l to r, Gayle Ellerbeck, Leng Harrison, Cindy Atkinson, and Jane Fody



Crossing the Mississippi River from Missouri to Grafton, IL.



MORE TOUR PHOTOS



The "National Memorial of Military Ascent" celebrating the assault on Pointe Du Hoc, Normandy, France, June 6, 1944 during the D-Day landings.



Notes from a Diary

Courtesy of Sam Atkinson

Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't forthcoming or flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he still didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; he said, "Nothing." I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving.

I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, "I love you, too." When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep - - I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

Husband's Diary:

Model T wouldn't start, can't figure it out.



12th and Chouteau, July 1925



26 Portland Place, late teens?

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

American Tourist (motoring in Europe) – Where are we now Wade?

Chauffeur – In Berlin, sir.

A.T. (Irritably) – Never mind the details. I mean what continent?

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM by President Sam Atkinson. The minutes from the last membership meeting were read by Cindy Atkinson. Steven Williams gave the correction that the picnic will be on July 26 and not on the 21st as was read in the minutes. The motion to accept the minutes, as corrected, was given by Steven William and seconded by Scott Francis and passed.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Bonnie Dattoli. Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. asked for clarification if the bank charges to count cash. Bonnie explained that the bank charges a fee to count cash over a certain amount. The motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was given by Steven Williams and seconded by Daniel Mullis and passed.

Sam Atkinson announced that the club's website won second place from the model T Ford Club of America and presented webmaster Mike Thum with a plaque. Sam announced that he still has business cards for the club and asked if anyone wants more to give to potential new members. He explained that he includes them in the envelope when he mails out information for the swap meet.

Scott Francis spoke briefly about the 4th of July parade that members took part in at St. Charles. Members talked about how miserable the weather was that day due to the heat.

Sam spoke about the rummage sale we had at a previous meeting and suggested that we have another one in October to raise more money for the club.

Scott Francis talked about a pop-up tour to see a restored Big Boy Steam Locomotive which will be passing through Pacific, Missouri on July 20th. Steven Williams suggest that we arrive at least an hour in advance to make sure that we will be able to find a place to park. Scott commented that everyone will be meeting at Clarkson and Manchester at 8:00 am. Sam commented that the locomotive will only be stopped in Pacific for 15 minutes.

Sam mentioned that Bill Tabor is still looking for someone to volunteer to take over his work collecting and shipping old car magazines to nursing homes.

Daniel Mullis spoke about the picnic which will take place on July 26th. Daniel asked that members bring a dish to share.

Sam announced that we will be doing a quick assembly demonstration in Montgomery City, MO at the "Old Threshers Reunion" on August 22nd. Sam talked about an email he received from the Cedarhurst Nursing Home asking if members would like to bring their cars to a car show they're having on August 22nd. Sam said he has a sign-up sheet for the quick assembly car at the DARE show which will take place on August 16th. Sam said that a new caterer will be supplying food for the participants. Sam explained that lunch is our payment to the club for doing the demonstration.

Jerry Ellerbeck mentioned that he was contacted by the mayor of Hammel, IL who asked if we would do a quick assembly demonstration at a car show being put on there, which is a part of the Route 66 celebrations. Jerry suggested that we do the demonstration in Hammel at 11 am and possibly a second demonstration in Mt. Olive with the time to be determined if the club decides to participate. Each event will pay \$300 to the club. Sam mentioned that we will need an announcer as he will be participating in assembling the car. Steven Williams agreed to be the announcer.

The chili cookoff will take place on October 4th. Sam talked about the Brass and Nickel Show which takes place September, 20th.

The over-night tour will take place August, 8th and 9th. We will be taking 94 up to Litchfield, then taking the ferry back across the river to Jerseyville. We will be having dinner at the Ariston restaurant. On Sunday we will be going to a pickers market. We will be at the market until about 1:00 pm. We will be taking a shorter route back home. Sam called and had 14 rooms blocked at the Holiday Inn Express

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Meeting minutes continued from previous page:

Sam mentioned to call the phone number he sent out in a club email to be able to get a reduced group rate.

Dave Sarniguet talked briefly about the night cruise that will take place on Lindberg on Saturday July, 18th. Sam mentioned that Steve Dodson called and said he would like to participate in the tour and will be coming along in his modern car. It was announced that Stephen Heatherly will have a tech session at Sam Atkinson's on Saturday, July 11th to demonstrate rear axle demonstration and inspection.

Steven Williams said that his wife, Sherry, will not be coming to many club functions in the future due to health issues. Steven talked about an infection he got in the hospital after undergoing a shoulder surgery.

Sam announced that he needs more people to sign up for the quick assembly demonstration at the DARE show.

The 50/50 drawing was \$17.50 won by Steven Williams.

The motion to adjourn was given by Don Spaeth and seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. and passed at 9:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Heatherly, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS AUGUST 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Sam Atkinson. Since there was no Board Meeting in July there were no previous minutes to be read. The treasurer's report was given and our accounts are healthy. Motion to accept; Steven Williams, second Don Spaeth. Motion passed.

Sam brought up a suggestion that Jerry Ellerbeck made about eliminating the picnic and replacing it with a winery reservation. The advantages would be 1) Air conditioning, 2) No set-up, tear-down, purchase and prepare food, 3) Zero cost to the club because everyone pays for their own food and drink. Motion to eliminate the picnic and replace it with winery was made by Steven Williams, seconded by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. Motion passed.

Bonnie said a \$100.00 donation was being sent to "BACKSTOPPERS" in memory of Ken Baker. Since it is club protocol no motion was needed.

At the July meeting Scott Francis volunteered to shop for club insurance. Our current liability policy is \$1036.00 per year. Scott's findings were that his insurance man doesn't do that type of insurance and he said he would expand his search to other agents.

Bonnie said membership dues need to be paid by July 1 and so far only 11 members have paid. Since Bonnie Dattoli will be retiring from the Treasurer's post at the end of the year Sam suggested some changes be made before a new treasurer is sworn in; 1) Have an insurance chairman who makes sure we have adequate coverage at the best price. 2) Have the membership chairman receive the dues checks and keep the records of who has paid. The treasurer's only job would be to deposit the checks. A discussion about the 2027 Swap Meet was started. Steven said that since a large number of the jobs are on 'autopilot' (vendor placement, buyer's gate, registration) we need 1 or 2 people as coordinators. Sam asked who wants to be Chairman and asked for volunteers. Since we have a few months til 'crunch' time the discussion was tabled.

Sam mentioned the Overnight Tour to Litchfield and called it a success. He said a detailed report will be given at the general meeting.

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Dave Groerich said we should all be carrying club business cards and suggested we put our name and phone number on the back.

There being no further Board business a motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr and seconded by John Michaelree. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Atkinson, Acting Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 by president Sam Atkinson. In the secretary's absence Sam read the minutes of the July meeting. Motion to accept by Scott Francis and seconded by Dave Groerich. Motion passed.

Bonnie gave the treasurer's report; and the accounts are healthy. Motion to accept by Steven Williams and seconded by Don Spaeth. Motion passed. Bonnie also reported the death of former member Wally Ditrich.

Scott Francis reported on the pop-up tour to Pacific to see "Big Boy" 4014 arrive on the return trip from its' cross-country tour. He said 4 Ts and a '52 Ford Pickup made the trip. Lots of pictures were taken and all were glad they went.

Scott also said the fall tour is still in the planning stage and the date and location is TBD.

A report on the Overnight Tour was given by a few people. It was agreed that the route, hotel, restaurant and picker's market were all excellent and we should put Litchfield in the rotation of tour locations. Sam said the lady in the Tourism Department was so fantastic that he wrote a letter to the mayor of Litchfield telling him how pleased we were with her help.

Keevin Schier reported the Brass Nickel and Pre-War Show will be September 20 and urged maximum participation. Any car made before 1945 is welcome to take part.

A report on the annual club picnic was given. Because of the heat only 11 people attended and although very hot, there was a gentle breeze blowing and all who attended enjoyed themselves. It was then reported that the Board had voted to discontinue the picnic in favor of a winery reservation. A similar-to-the-picnic mid-summer date will be chosen by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr. Greater participation is the expected result.

Daniel announced that the Chili Cookoff will be held October 4 at the pavilion in Steven Williams' neighborhood.

We will do a Rapid-Assembly demo August 16 at the DARE Show in Edwardsville IL. A reminder was made for all who signed up to be there by 9:30.

We will do a Rapid-Assembly demo August 22 at the Montgomery County Threshers Reunion for which we will be paid \$400.00. On October 10 we will do 2 demos; one in Hamel IL at 11:00 and another in Mt. Olive at 4:00. It will be a long, full day but should be a fun day.

A reminder was made that there will be a 'Rummage Sale' at the October meeting. Be sure to bring items to sell and cash to buy.

The July 11 tech session led by Steve Heatherly was deemed an overwhelming success. Hailey Harris's rear axle was disassembled and diagnosed with Steve giving clear explanations of every step along the way.

The audit committee led by Jerry Ellerbeck Jr gave their report and said they found the financial books to be in perfect order. Dave Kuenzel has his '22 Touring for sale. Says it needs complete restoration and is asking \$4500 OBO. He said he just sold his '95 Corvette today. He also said he has prostate 'problems' and is having surgery at a date not yet scheduled.

The 50/50 of \$35.00 was won by Dave Sarniguet. There being no further business at 9:04 a motion to adjourn was made by Steven Williams and seconded by Dave Kuenzel.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Atkinson, Acting Secretary



Period Photos of Various Model T Accidents “Back in the Day.”



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

“Say, have you heard about the improvement in the new model Fords?”

“No, what’s that?”

“Why, they’re hanging a set of whiskers on all the radiators.”

“What’s the big idea?”

“It’s to make ‘em look more like Lincolns.”

N.B. Now don’t say I didn’t warn you. (Sic)

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DEADLINE

The deadline for news and items for the November/December issue of **THE OCCASIONAL** is October **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 Auto Guest Book of Mobile Maxims*, pub. 1906:

"Money frees the route of all evil."

"At thy highest speed outstrip not
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From *The Edison & Ford Quote Book*, 2004, Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

Edison: "My philosophy of life is work – bringing out the secrets of nature and applying them for the happiness of man. I know of no better service to render during the short time we are in this world."

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

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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).

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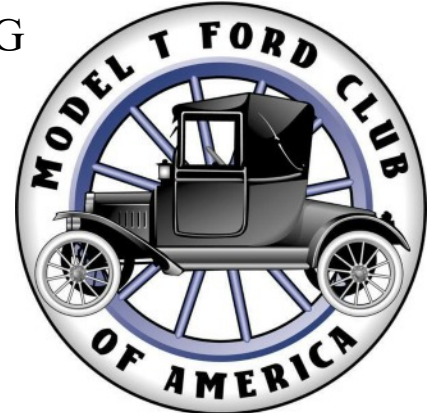


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