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September 2002

EDITOR: Carolyn Williams

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING

On September 21, 2002 the Tennessee T's met at Pickwick Landing State Park with 24 members and Tom and Pat Rowe and Susan Harrington's dad, Harry, as guests.

The meeting was called to order by the President and Ken and Joyce Swan were thanked by the group for planning and organizing the Tour de Catfish III. Larry and Charlotte Rucker were thanked for the wonderful catfish dinner they supplied, prepared and served to the group. A Tennessee T's plaque was presented to Larry and Charlotte by Ken Swan.

Minutes were read and approved with one correction. (Plaques were donated by Steve & Jane Summers of Corinth, MS, not Ken and Joyce Swan as previously reported. Sue Cook gave a financial report. Motion to Accept by Glenn Storck. Second by Ken Swan.

New membership forms were passed out to the group. Items added on new forms are MTFCI and MTFCA numbers. Discussion followed about adding a page which would specify the benefits of belonging to the Tennessee T's and the national organizations. No action taken.

A discussion on dues for new memberships starting late in the year was held. . A motion was made by Dewey Asher for new memberships starting September 1 or later to continue through the next year without further payment. Second by Gary Tillstrom. Motion carried.

An update on the Natchez Trace Tour was given by Carolyn Williams. Susan Harrington outlined details for the December 6th Christmas meeting in Collierville. (see newsletter)

A safety check list for cars used by members to participate in Tennessee T's chapter events was presented to the membership for discussion. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Lynn Cook to adopt the safety check list as presented, to be amended as needed by a vote of the membership. Second by Charles Corlew. Motion passed. A copy of this safety check list will be sent to all current members and attached to each new membership application.

Motion to adjourn by Glenn Storck. Second by Ralph Williams

Meeting turned over to Ken and Joyce to outline activities for the weekend..

A TENNESSEE T'S WELCOME TO NEW
CHAPTER MEMBERS



Darrel & Ann Carter
280 Walnut Tree Cove
Cordova, TN 38018-6838
(901) 757-0051
Carcarter@aol.com
The Carters have a 26 Touring
a 26 Roadster and a 27 Roadster.

We were delighted to meet Ricky and Vandy Williams at Pickwich Landing State Park. They drove over from Humbolt and met us as we returned from our Sunday tour. Thanks for coming guys. Hope you will be able to join us on tours before long. Hope to see you Christmas.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
Ralph Williams - 11th

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
Bob & Nell Harris - 22nd

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Ken Zelten - 13th
Walter Longworth - 15th
Ken Swan - 23rd
Vandy Williams 27th

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Jack & Betty VanBruggen - 28th

MODEL T'S WANTED

We have people looking for T's. If you know of one or have one for sale please let these people know.

Tom Rowe is looking for a 25-27 closed car. Likes coupes. (901) 683-3129.

Mike Summerall is looking for a car he would be able to drive with little work.

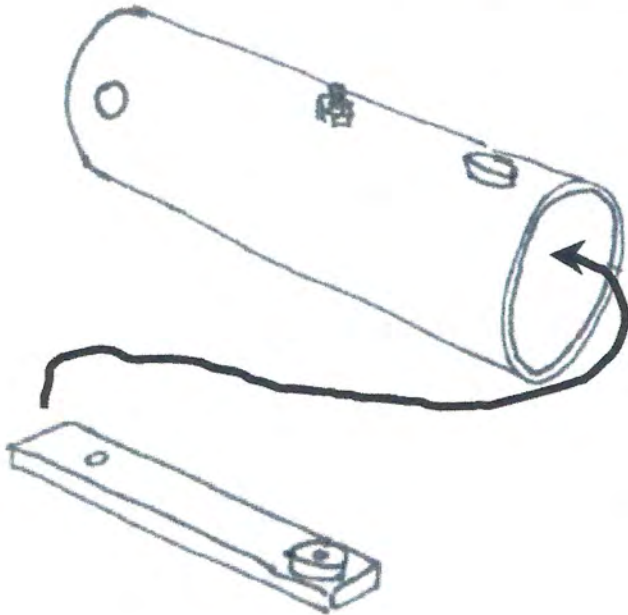
CARS IN PROGRESS

When Dewey Asher came to TN he brought along a pick-up bed for Bryan Nelson. Bryan sent a couple of photo's so we can all see the progress he is making. I think he may still be in need of a front bucket if anyone knows of one. Bryan and Kathe would really like to get their car on the road. By the way, NICE GARAGE and gas pump.



Sleeve Puller

by Gary Tillstrom



This tool is needed by anyone who owns a model T and is simple to make. Start with a piece of 2-inch (Outside diameter) exhaust pipe 9 inches long.

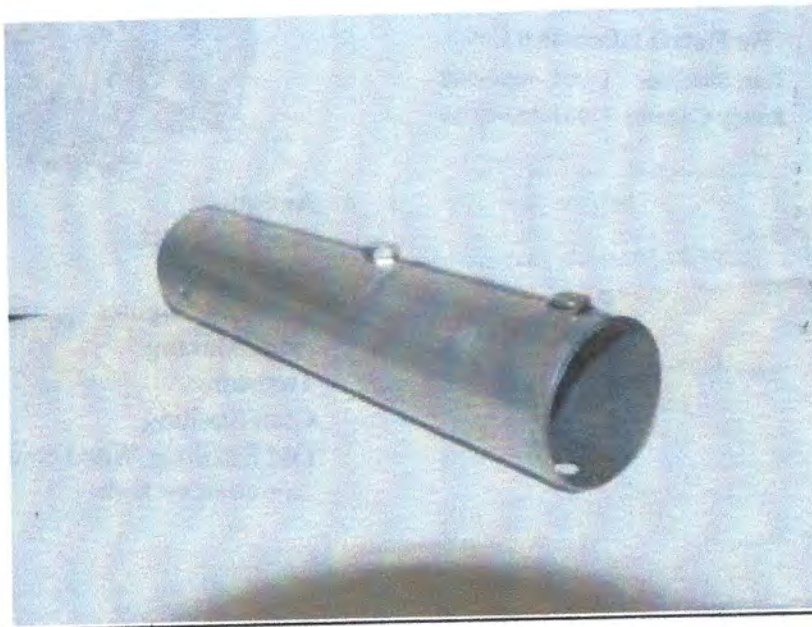
In one end, drill a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch hole through both sides of the tube. This is where your "handle" (big screwdriver) will go to twist the sleeve out.

Turn the tube 90 degrees and $\frac{5}{8}$ from the end drill a $\frac{3}{8}$ hole for the button and a $\frac{1}{4}$ hole for the mounting bolt which should be 4 inches from the edge. All distances are to the center of the hole.

Next, take a piece of flat stock $\frac{1}{8}$ " by $\frac{1}{2}$ " by $3\frac{3}{4}$ " long and drill holes to match those in the tube. Both holes will be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch!

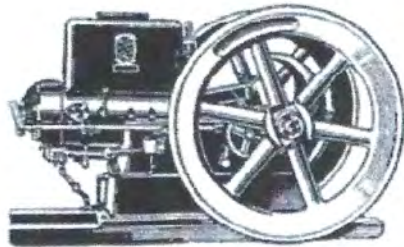
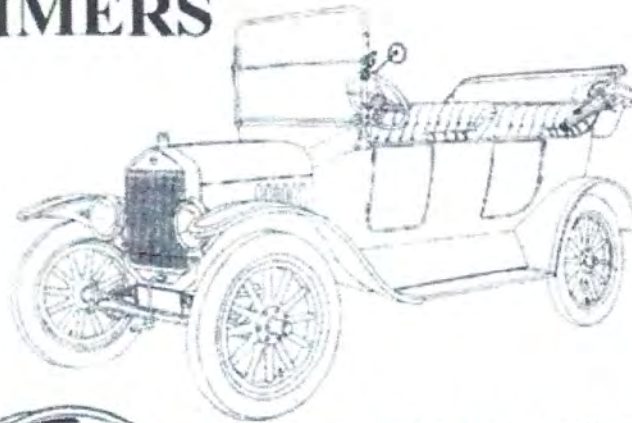
In the hole at the end, install a $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 bolt and nut. Cut off the excess threads and file the nut round (to fit the $\frac{3}{8}$ hole in the tube)

Now place the strap in the tube and install the other $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 bolt and tighten as shown.



As far as difficulty to make one of these, I give it 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ beers!

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OCTOBER 19-20, 2002

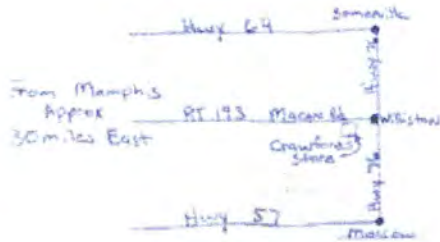
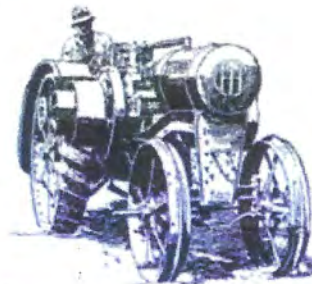
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Tennessee T's stop at Trenton City Hall to visit the "T"ea Pot Museum

T Tour in West Tennessee

A small group of Tennessee T's met in Brownsville, TN on Friday August 23 for the first West Tennessee Tour. Ernestine and Mac Flowers stopped by that afternoon to say Hi on their way to a grandson's wedding in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Leaving Saturday morning from Brownsville, the group drove west and north through Henning, Ripley, Nutbush, and Halls. Lunch at the Just Divine "T"ea Room was followed by antique shopping. After lunch, a stop at the Murray Hudson Antique Map shop in Halls seemed just right for antique cars. A scenic ride through cotton fields and thriving metropolises such as Frog Jump returned the group to the motel just in time to get ready for the storm. Severe thunderstorms and hail were reported in the area but the T's managed to stay dry on the inside.

At dinner Saturday evening, Joyce Swan celebrated her birthday. Sue Cook received a souvenir "T" shirt for correctly counting the number of "T" intersections on the days drive.

Sunday morning's drive went east and then north to Bells, Alamo, and Trenton. The group viewed a collection of over 500 night light "T"ea Pots at the Trenton City Hall. The collection had been the property of Dr. Joseph Freed who gave it to the city about twenty years ago. While parked in front of the Trenton City Hall, the editor of the Trenton Gazette stopped to take our picture. Lunch was followed by another scenic drive back to Brownsville.



Tennessee T's Lineup at Collierville Car show



Trophy winners at Collierville Classic Car Show included from left: Susan Harrington, Ralph Williams, Gary Tillstrom, and Carole Zelten.

THUNDER AND LIGHTENING!

by ken swan

The Tour de Catfish III outing at the Pickwick State Park and Conference Center near Savannah, TN started with a clatter of thunder and rain. The 5 county, two state, 3 day and 2 night weekend Club event kicked off with a bang and ended with a blinding flash of lightening during the weekend of September 20th through 22nd by some 43 members and guests at various functions and venues!

As General Grant and his hoard of Yankees did 140 years ago, the rain invaded our peaceful outing with a downpour of rain from the north commencing as our small contingent of members and guests drove toward Savannah to visit the Tennessee River Museum and the Cherry Mansion. While the visit to the museum proved to be enlightening and pleasant, General Grant's former headquarters at the Cherry Mansion was a little less inviting because of the onslaught of the inclement weather.

Grant, and his undesirable weather notwithstanding, provided a setting for a delicious fish fry that was enjoyed by one and all at a pavilion on the grounds of the State Park near the hotel. Larry and Charlotte Rucker of Adamsville treated our group to yet another of their wonderful spread of catfish, hush puppies, and fantastic deserts! I think I heard the '22 groan under the excess weight gained the next morning. Great work and kudos to the Ruckers!!!

The day ended with a Freudian slip or to more correctly put it, a slip of the knife blade. It appears that Ralph Williams and his coupe had a difference of position and purpose. Ralph drew steel first, leaving the poor defenseless coupe weeping profusely all over the parking lot. Feeling vindicated and satisfied that he had made a point, Ralph made amends with a small wooden stick to belay the hemorrhaging of an otherwise excellent radiator.

Saturday's well-planned tour went awry as our group approached the Saltillo Ferry only to find a sign posting its closing. Neither trusting nor believing what we read, a short trip to the ferry did confirm a disabled and beached ferryboat. Now Plan B, which had never been planned or developed, was quickly activated and our group met its appointed destination on time at the Wyatt House Restaurant in Selmer. All enjoyed buffet style dining in an open garden under the trees. Our special guests included the Mayor of Selmer and his wife as well as the McNairy County Executive. The local newspaper, The Independent Appeal, supplied a reporter and photographer to capture for posterity this momentous occasion; it probably has been at least 70 years since Selmer has seen that many Model Ts together at one time.

Night time around the old hotel suite found guests and friends discussing Model Ts to the sounds of serious cookie munching and card playing by a newly formed coterie I shall dub as "Ladies of the Rim". Witnessing the cackling and commotion, one might conclude that women take card playing serious!

An ad hoc, self appointed, personally ordained committee convened and created a new and coveted award, to be named in the future, to bestow upon Ralph and Theresa Williams. A Tour de Catfish symbol of a catfish was issued to them to bear and embellish until such a time as any other member or members of The Tennessee T Model T Ford Club performs an equally and/or more questionably senseless act. Until then, the pair must endure this dubious honor and display it at any and all functions. The rules are, there are no rules, except, they must maintain, enhance in some small way, and endure the trophy until the next official meeting they attend and then and only then, can they be relieved by a superior act of zaniness by a fellow member(s).

Contemplating another day of cooperation by the weatherman, our group whizzed through the Burnt Church community with blinding speed and descended upon metropolitan Lutts (pronounced loots) on our journey to the migratory feeding ground of Collinwood-on-the-Trace, somewhere east of Savannah. There we stuffed ourselves as if there were no tomorrow.

Laissez le bon temps rouler was taken seriously for roll we did. The return trip on US 64 produced a flash of LIGHTENING and roar as a sound of a locomotive, faster than a speeding bullet, and a hearty Hi-o-Silver cry as passengers of a black unmarked touring T zoomed past everyone in their path. A quick glimpse of the white knuckled, riveted faced Bloody Red Baron driver revealed one with determination to sprint to the polls ahead of all challengers as his Orphan Annie eyed companion held on for her dear life! Reliable word was, speeds of 50mph and better were being clocked on the straight-aways on at least two cars. Lordy Mercy! What is the world a comin' to? With all the septuagenarian, octogenarian, and whatever else genarian is running amuck out there, one yearns for the good old '90s when teenagers ruled the roads with their hopped up '60s and '70s muscle cars. Never has a Tour de France witnessed a more spectacular climax. Such was the excitement of the third annual run of **Le Grand Am Tour de Catfish!**



THE TENNESSEE BACKROADS TOUR

The first historical Tennessee Backroads tour originated at Larry and Carolyn Williams home in Waverly Tennessee. The "backroads" followed a circuitous route making a big loop around Nashville Tn., covering nearly 700 miles of some of the most picturesque and scenic roads imaginable, and taking the travelers through over one-third of Tennessee's 95 counties.

The event all got started when the Ashers arrived and were hosted to one of the finest Bar-B-Ques of all times. We were joined for dinner at the Williams by Lynn & Sue Cook, and Byron and Kathy Nelson, of the Tennessee T's. The invading "Yankees" experienced southern hospitality at its best!

The touring started with a local jaunt to visit the home of Don and Mary Helen Meadows. Don has what must be one of the finest private collections of Model T fords and memorabilia in existence. He very graciously opened his entire collection for us to view—including his inventory of spare parts. What a memorable experience it was!

On Sunday morning the Williams and the Ashers departed in a bit of a wet drizzle heading northerly and easterly (otherwise known as "over yander"). The day soon cleared to warmth and sunshine and a beautiful day it was. Cars performed flawlessly as we motored cross country with the tops down and hair blowing. We witnessed wild turkey, deer, friendly folks and well wishers at every turn in the road—and there were lots of those! A quick visit to a local "moonshine" distributor provided us with some samples of the local product for future evaluation.

It seemed that each day would surpass the previous day with perfect model T roads—hilly and winding across little streams and along rivers. We spent quite some time in the small town of Pall Mall Tn. historic home of Alvin C York, Americas Most Decorated World War I Soldier. We overnighed in Cookeville that night where we got to meet the "kinfolk" of Larry and Carolyn. Their daughter Jennifer and her husband Tom hosted us to a refreshing ice cold beer at their historic home—and later joined us for dinner.

Up the mountain we go—2 miles of gaining altitude at a rapid rate as we negotiate twists and turns—throttle and spark levers strategically positioned, as we plead for just a few more horses to get us to the top. Following a bountiful buffet at the Tennessee State Park, we overnighed in a cozy little 2 bedroom cabin in the woods of Mount Eagle. The perfect place to evaluate the "moonshiner" product!

Down the mountain we must go—in the rain. The overcast skys did inhibit the view for a short time, but soon that beautiful Tennessee sunshine was upon us again. Our progress was impeded slightly at the "antique" and "ice cream" signs. We enjoyed a great tour of the Jack Daniels distillery in Lynchburg and it was noted that Larry acquired a few more "samples".

down the road to Bell Buckle Tn, home of the famous MOON PIE!! (more samples) We overnighed in Franklin Tn. where we got to meet the Williams son, Mike, his wife Nancy and daughter Emma. The following morning we toured Franklins historic home area, Vistited the Carter home—the historic battle ground of the civil war in Franklin.

We continued to be treated to typical Tennessee "backroads" on our return to the Williams home in Waverly, as the historic TENNESSEE BACKROADS TOUR reached its conclusion. What a trip it was!! Thanks to Carolyn and Larry for the wonderful tour and the great hospitality!!!!



By: Dewey Asher

A Tennessee T Christmas

Parades, Tours, Party, Pot Luck Dinner, Gift Exchange, and Meeting

December 6, 7, & 8, 2002

Hampton Inn Collierville
1280 West Poplar
Collierville, TN 38017
901/854-9400

\$67.00 + 19.25% Tax per night. Breakfast included

Deadline for reservations November 2, 2002

Collierville is located 15 miles south of I-40 Exit 20, about 20 miles east of Memphis.

Tentative Schedule of Events

6 PM Friday—Lineup for Collierville Christmas Parade

9 AM Saturday morning drive from Collierville to Millington (about 50 miles). Lunch in Millington

1 PM Saturday—Lineup for Millington Christmas Parade. After parade, drive back to Collierville.

6 PM Saturday Business Meeting and Christmas Party at home of Susan Harrington & Glenn Storck, 620 Bray Station Road, Collierville, ½ mile north of Hampton Inn.

Bring dishes for Pot Luck Supper to house for refrigeration if needed, when you arrive in Collierville on Friday or Saturday Morning.

Bring a wrapped \$10 gift for a person of the same gender for the Chinese Take Away gift exchange.

9 AM Sunday—Driving tour of Historic Collierville and surrounding areas.

Join the group at any time if you can't make the whole weekend.

RSVP to Susan & Glenn 901/853-5249 or susandglenn@bellsouth.net. We especially need to know how many vehicles will be entered into the parades.

Deadline for reservations at the Hampton Inn is November 2. Only eight rooms have been reserved and three are already taken. Make your reservations as soon as possible and please let us know if you are coming.

TENNESSEE T EVENTS

The Tennessee T's have had a very busy summer. Thanks to everyone that wrote an article about a tour, Susan Harrington, Ken Swan, Dewey Asher and Gary Tillstrom.

LONE OAK AND SANGO MILLS

On July 27th the Cooks and Williams met Bob Harris, Ernest Morris and Charles Corlew for a day at the Lone Oak picnic. On the return trip to Waverly we took the long way returning by way of the Irish Picnic in McEwen.

On September 7, Ken & Joyce Swan, Lynn & Sue Cook, Mac & Ernestine Flowers and Larry & Carolyn Williams traveled to Clarksville where they met Charles & Ann Corlew, Ernest Morris and Bob and Nell Harris at Sango Mills.

LUNCH AT SANGO MILLS



COLLIERVILLE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The third annual Collierville Police Department Classic Car Show was held on August 17 at Bill Heard Chevrolet. Despite heavy rain the day before, over 250 cars were entered into the show including four by members of the Tennessee T's. Show day was hot and muggy but overcast. No rain fell at the show although rain was reported in surrounding areas. All the Tennessee T entries won trophies. This year almost \$12,000 was raised to benefit Special Olympics. Collierville is second only to Nashville in raising funds for Tennessee Special Olympics. (pictures later in newsletter) by: Susan Harrington



Larry & Charlotte cooking up a "mess" of Tennessee catfish. All us Southerner's know just how much that is. We may have to explain to a few of our Yankee friends.



Susan's dad Harry giving Glenn "fatherly" Model T advice.



Taking a break on the Charlotte courthouse square on the way back from Sango Mills. Whose leg's are not long enough to touch the ground?

IF YOU HAVE TIME COME TO NASHVILLE ON THE 19TH AND MEET THE "TRACE TOUR" GANG.