

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

Newsletter

October 2016



A message from Gary Tillstrom, our

President:

Greeting T's

If you weren't in Waverly in September, you missed a fantastic tour. Many thanks to Ricky, Vandy, Bill, Dennis, Mark and others who worked together to make the weekend great. We had a few who were out for the first time and I think they really enjoyed it. The roads that were laid out were scenic and lightly traveled making for two great days. Not sure who ordered in the weather, but they did good as it was 80's with sunshine and the rains held back until the second day when everyone was loaded up for the trip home. You can't ask for better than that.

The Christmas party will be upon us soon, I hope you are planning to attend. There are rooms blocked out that go back on 10-18. We will be discussing tours for the next year. Please consider hosting an event and be ready to present possibilities with proposed dates. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to host the Lynn Cook safety day, please let me know. We have been doing it around the last Saturday of February but that date need not be set in stone.

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Enjoy the October weather that is upon us and by all means take photos of your T excursions. Bill is always looking for good T pictures for the newsletter (which he has done a wonderful job on). Stay safe T's, see you down the road. Gary

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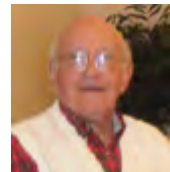
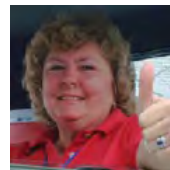


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Panorama photo of The Tennessee Ts crossing the Tennessee River on the Houston -Benton Ferry- photo by Tom Moorehead

Tours and Events

Contact **Gary Tillstrom**, our club President, if you have a tour planned to be sure the date is still open. gtillstrom@aol.com

October 23-28, 2016, Etowah, TN Fall Tour. Contact

George and Ramona Akin for details hora7@aol.com. Tour Chilhowee Mountain, The Lost Sea, Sweetwater Cheese Farm, Tellico Plaines, Bald River Falls, and much more. Limited enrollment.

Christmas Party (please read - details have changed from previous years)

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3th, 3:00 PM 2016

WHERE: Pin Oak Lodge banquet room at the Natchez Trace State Park.

GPS address: 567 Pin Oak Lodge Rd, Wildersville TN 38388

HOTEL: 15 Rooms are available at the Pin Oak lodge and have been blocked out for the Tennessee T's for those who wish to stay overnight. The locked out rooms go back 10/16. Call 1-800- 250-8616 or 731 968 8176 to reserve a room if staying overnight.

FOOD: No potluck this year as the State Park controls all food and drink in the facility. The Saturday Buffet is \$11.95 per person. Wine is available by the glass and bottle. We will eat after visiting, meeting, and gift exchange.

GIFTS: As always, we will play the ever popular "Dirty Santa" gift exchange so bring a \$10 men's / women's gift as appropriate.

Visit our website

<http://tennesseets.weebly.com/>

Our website features:

- Newsletters from the past
- Video clips
- New member application form
- Safety form for tour participation
- Photos
- Much more!

Question— Can you name the original 5 charter members of the Tennessee T's Model T Club?

Answer— Look at our website under the "About" page.

For Sale



For sale, 1923 two door sedan, painted as a Taxi cab. Car is equipped with a Texas T distributor, 12 volt battery, alternator, new tires and new radiator. It has a 27 engine and transmission. Custom interior. Very solid car with many new parts. Car is being sold with Kentucky title, and is located in Louisville, KY. Priced at \$10,000. Call Tom Moorehead at **502-553-9592** for more information.

Want to buy: 1926-27 roadster body or project car with good body. rwilliams@click1.net
Ricky Williams

OBITUARY

Ervin Percy, from Marion, Arkansas, passed away on August 6, 2016. Ervin was a member of our club since 2009.

Follow this link to view his obituary

<http://www.swtimes.com/obituaries/ervin-pearcy>

Matthew Kelly, of Wheaton, IL, grandson of Charlie and Anita Owen, passed away on September 16, 2016. Follow this link to view his obituary

<http://www.knollcrest.net/obituaries/Matthew-Kelly?obId=1093759#/obituaryInfo>

Nick Longworth, of Mason, TN, passed away on October 4, 2016, at home. Nick was a "lifetime" member of our club.

View the obituary:

<http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Walter-Ira-Longworth-104012348>

Some Good News!

- **Strange coincidence-** While the Hurricane Mills tour was stopped at the Shell Station in New Johnsonville near the Johnsonville State Historic Park, a man walked up to **Ricky Williams** and asked several questions about our old cars. He introduced himself to Rickey as **Willis Hampton**, and he identified himself as one of the original Charter members of the Tennessee T's Model T Club. That evening, **Mac Flowers** confirmed his statement. Too bad he didn't come by the motel and relay a few Model T stories about the original Natchez Trace Tours.

On the mend

- **John Zibell**, from Huntsville had shoulder surgery in early September and is recuperating well.

Tidbits



The Covered Bridge Tour 2016, hosted by **The West Central Indiana Model T'ers**, on September 24— September 28. An effort was made to get all of the Tennessee T's members gathered for a group photo. Hopefully, all who attended are in the photo. If you were missed, our apology. L to R: Jerry and Diane Waller, Charlie and Jana Swann, Mark and Paula Gember, Dennis and Connie Plank, Ricky and Vandy Williams.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Announce future tours, tour and event pictures, tech articles, cars for sale, cars to buy, forgotten or incorrect birthday or anniversary listing. Without input, there will be no newsletter. email BillRobinson06@bellsouth.net (zero6)
Note: Please.... photos should include at least one Model T and/or one Tennessee T's member.

Be Seen From Behind! By Tom Moorehead

Since becoming a Model T owner and driver, I have never been or will probably never be a purist. While I enjoy seeing the "correct" cars and their special place in history, we own drivers and not show cars. Getting from one place or the other safely and in one piece with our friends in the Model T community, is our major concern and purpose.

It has always concerned us that folks will exhibit correctness over possible safety on tours. Following someone that does not have brake lights or turn signals that work, is always a challenge. We always want folks following us, whether T's or modern cars, to know what our intentions will be. Most of the T owners in our club in KY., have adapted to some sort of LED indicators, whether in period correct looking fixtures, or modern type LED's as in this picture. Several followers have expressed appreciation for the high visibility when following LED equipped T's.

We also like the portable and moveable "intention lights" now being sold in the respective Model T magazines. While not as bright and visible from a distance as the DOT approved lights, it still gives the vehicle following a idea of what the vehicle in front of them, what the driver is intending to do.

While the turn signals are a very good idea, some type of "flasher still on", either audible or visual, is an excellent idea. It does no one any good when following a turn signal equipped car, that has been blinking for hours. The hidden turn signals made by Casey Miller in Ohio are our signal of choice. They are well made (lights not included) and are set up for circuitry that allows form the brake lights and turn signals to be operated on the same bulb or light. They have a very audible signal on indicator.

Some of our KY club members use signals purchased from NAPA or on line, that were first developed in the 30's and 40's, that mount on the steering column. These work well, can be set up for 6 or 12 volt, and have a visible flashing indicator. An audible alert can also be added, using a small audible device, available from the big box stores or on line.

While most LED's do not work well on circuits less than 12 volts, an auxiliary, small 12-volt battery can be used for this light circuit only. Or, a converter that allows for a 6-volt battery to put out 12 volts, can be used.

I wish someone would develop a self-cancelling signal for the aftermarket units.

In the end, no matter what device you use or may consider in the future, it is good to be safer with good lights and signals. Your friend behind you will appreciate your efforts. I know we do!



Note from the editor:
Special thanks to
Tom Moorehead
for submitting this
article

Hurricane Mills Tour 2016

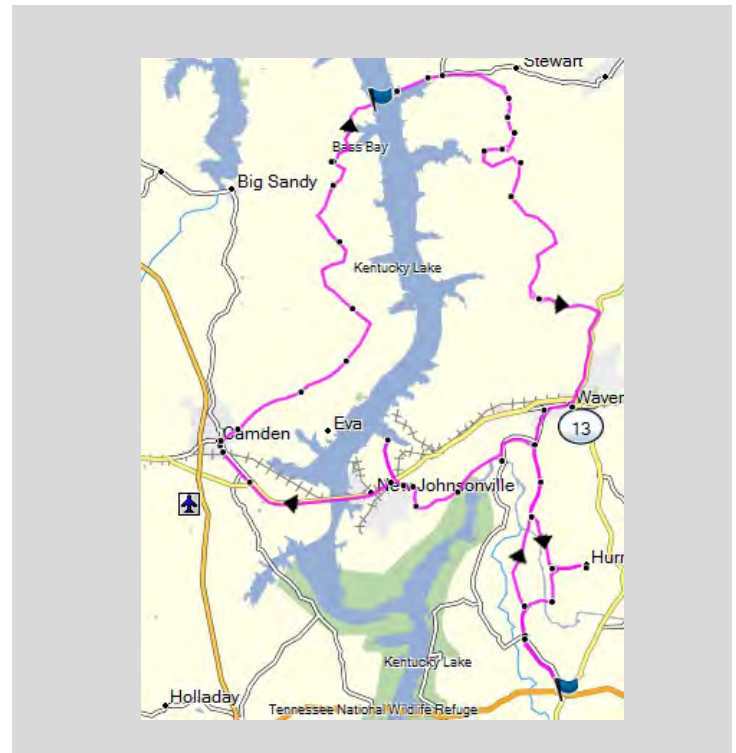
Waverly (Buffalo), TN, September 9 & 10, 2016



Ricky and Vandy Williams assisted by Dennis and Connie Plank hosted a well-attended tour based out of the Holiday Inn Express Hurricane Mills. The route planning started as duplicates of a tour April 2014. Many changes to the original routes had to be made due to changes in the 2014 stops and changes in the roads. It was easy to see that many personal hours had been invested in preparation of the roads and routes to keep us off of the heavily traveled roads in the area. Due to the fact that the Tennessee River is a limiting factor in where traffic must cross. The roads we toured were well planned and even though there were some stretches of unavoidable highway traffic, our hosts made these stretches as short as possible. Overall, we encountered very little traffic over the entire tour, thanks to careful planning.

A list of drivers and participants:

Bob and Beverly Benedict;
Brent, Maxwell, and Sidney Coil;
David and Tammy Copeland
Gary and Marilyn Elam;
Hubert Garland and Blayne McCafferty;
Mark and Paula Gember;
Max Larson;
Mark Martinez, Cody Romauowski, and Clara;
David and Carolyn Miller;
Tom and Linda Moorehead;
Charlie and Anita Owen;
Dennis and Connie Plank (tour co-hosts);
Bill and Susan Robinson;
Brian and Karen Robinson;
Seth and Hillary Spartlin;
Gary Tillstrom;
Gary and Penny Wheat;
Ralph and Theresa Williams;
Ricky and Vandy Williams (tour hosts)



As the newsletter editor, and as a participant of the tour, I am pleased to report that 19 cars (18 T's and 1 A) signed up and drove the tour. **Friday's route** had a total of 15 Fords that drove and the highlight of the day was the Ferryboat ride across the Tennessee River provided by the Houston-Benton Ferry. We had 15 cars that drove on Friday and we were able to squeeze all 15 Model T's on the ferry for a single crossing. Ricky had taken careful measurements of the ferry, and he calculated the number of cars that would fit on the boat and only luck provided the club with the exact count that could cross in a single trip. In other words, there was no wait while extra cars were transported by the ferry.

Saturday's Route added 4 cars. The roads were mainly backroads and were traveled at a comfortable pace.

I am happy to report that while a few cars had temporary issues, mostly driver issues, all participants successfully completed the tour.









09/09/2016



Thanks to Suzi Robinson and Tom Moorehead for the tour photos

Hurricane Mills Tour Slideshow

[Click here to view a slideshow of the Hurricane Mills Tour 2016](#)

Vintage Photo

Anyone recognize these 2 guys?
Photo taken while on the 2007
Natchez Trace Tour



A few Hurricane Mills photos sent in by Gary Elam:

Note from the Editor:
Special thanks to
Gary Elam
for this submission



New Members

Seth and Hillary Spratlin, Huntsville, Alabama. Seth and Hillary joined us on the Hurricane Mills Tour and drove the yellow speedster. The car was purchased new by Seth's great-grandfather as a 1914 Touring Car and was later passed down to Seth's grandfather, who transformed the Touring Car into a speedster. The car is now in the hands of Seth, who is continuing the family tradition and is making the car a "speedier" speedster.

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