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Merry
 Christmas

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

Editor- Bill Robinson



Reminder
Membership Dues

Please pay dues by January 1, 2020
 Still just \$15/yr

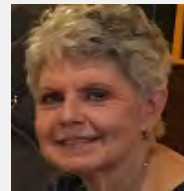
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 IN THIS ISSUE:

BREAKING NEWS-

At our business meeting on December 7th- a unanimous vote re-elected all of our officers!
 Job well done!

Christmas Party 2019

The Money Bucket
 submitted by Connie Plank,
 club treasurer



<u>Club's Regular Account</u> as of 12.4.2019	
Starting Balance (09/30/19)	\$3,640.53
Total Deposits	\$135.31
Ending Balance (11/30/19)	\$3,685.53
<u>Nat'l Tour Checking Account</u>	
Starting Balance (09/30/19)	\$2,740.00
No Activity	\$0.00
Ending Balance (11/30/19)	\$2,740.00

Membership Application [click here](#)



Greetings Model T'ers and Merry Christmas,

Those of you who know me at all know my love of Model T's and their history. These little cars that we so much love today had to have been loved by the masses back in the day too. I really think for a lot of the same reasons we love them today. Everyone wasn't walking around with a cell phone camera back in the day, but there sure were a lot of pictures taken of a Model T broken down on the side of the road with someone fixing it. Whether it was just a minor repair or a major overhaul of the rear-end or engine, there is a picture of it being done somewhere. Henry Ford always stressed how easy the Model T was to work on, for the simple minded of us.

Just like most of you, I have been in that same situation way more times than I would have liked to have been, but if you drive one of these things you are going to be broken down on the road sometimes. That's why it came with its own tool bag. For some reason mine is also bad about running out of gas. Every neighbor I have has taken me home at one time or another.

Now, anyone that knows me or has been around me for the last few months knows I have been trying to figure out a steering issue with my 1927 Fordor, that I bought myself for my birthday last year. That thing has been running all over the road to the point that it was scary to drive. I'm sure that's why it had been parked in someone's carport since 1980. I rebuilt the entire front axle and steering assemblies to make sure everything fitted tight with no play. I was convinced I had it right, but No. (Her name is Mamie) Mamie was going to show me who was boss. I was about to decide that this simple mind couldn't figure this problem out.

I have read the forum and every Model T book there is, and have asked everyone I know their opinion. When we got home from the last tour of this season, I decided that I would change the geometry of the front end. I ordered new spindles and spindle arms, along with a giant wrench to bend the front axle. I needed to have more camber and caster, I thought.

I got her back together this morning, lined up the front-end and took her for a test drive. Yahoo, I finally got it and it only took all summer. She will run straight down the road now. So don't give up on whatever issue you are having. Even the most simple minded among us can eventually figure it out.

I hope Santa will be sliding down your chimney and filling all your stockings with Model T parts. Thank you everyone for a really good year. Looking forward to seeing you on tour in 2020. Model T people are really good folks. Please come join our fun. I'm just hoping we get some snow so I can try out my new snow chains.

Happy T'ing

Ricky

Tours and Events

Contact Ricky Williams, our club President, if you have a tour or event planned to be sure the date is still open. rwilliams@click1.com

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Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are bold)
December- all month long	Every town has a Christmas Parade. Put a wreath on your Model T and join the fun! Send pics to the Editor
February 1, 2020	Forestport, New York USA - 21st Annual Model T Ford Snowmobile Meet, hosted by the Model T Ford Snowmobile Club and proudly co-hosted by the Trakside Blazers Snowmobile Club
February 29, 2020	The Annual Lynn Cook Workshop Day. Ardmore, TN. A detailed brochure will be emailed to our members soon
March 8-12, 2020	Gainesville, Florida, USA - 2020 Winter Tour, hosted by the Tin Lizzie Club of North Central Florida - FULL • • • Waiting List Only call Steve 352.207.1498
June 3-7, 2020	The Bluegrass Back Road T's Spring Tour. Details to be announced
June 6, 2020	Richmond, Indiana USA - Homecoming at the Model T Museum
July 19-24, 2020	MTFCI's 64th Annual Tour, New Philadelphia, OH
July 18-23, 2020	2020 MTFCA National Tour, Spokane, WA



The Bluegrass **Back Road** T's invite you to the 2020 Spring Tour in the big little city of Jasper, Indiana. Jasper is located about 10 miles east of Interstate 69 and 12 miles north of Interstate 64, in between Ireland and Maltersville, Indiana.

The dates of this year's tour will be registration on Wednesday afternoon, June 3rd with tours on June 4, 5, 6 and a half day on the Sunday the 7th. The host hotel will be the Days Inn located at 272 Brucke Strasse, Jasper, IN 47546. Ask for the Model T rate of \$105.15 out the door. All fees and taxes included. Call this number to get the special rate 812-482-6000. The tour will be limited to 50 cars.

The Bluegrass **Back Road** T's

Tom and Linda Moorehead tomlinda@twc.com or contact: Linda 502-727-3887 or Tom 502-553-9592

READY TO JOIN OUR CLUB ?

[New member application.. see our website](#)

The Tennessee T's club is a member of both the MTFCA and the MTFCI. Most of our members are also members of both associations that help preserve our hobby and our historic old cars.



THE DATE HAS BEEN SET

The annual LYNN COOK WORKSHOP Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, February 29, 2020**. Yes, that's "Leap Year Day"

The workshop will be at Paul and Rhonda Gierow's farm near Ardmore, TN.

A brochure will be distributed via email soon with all of the details. In the meantime.....

SAVE THE DATE!



None to report during this time period





Christmas Party 2019

The Pin Oak Lodge, Natchez Trace State Park, Wildersville, TN, December 7, 2019

Dirty Santa got kinda' rowdy
this year. Again.



*****THE DIRTY SANTA RANGERS*****



The Treasurer's Report



The Secretary's Report



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I was curious about the role women played in working with the Ford Motor Company. I read articles and pulled the information I was looking for and here is what I found.

Women in industry and at home in WWI by Linda Moorehead

We've all read about Rosie the Riveter, but what about her mother? Over a million women worked in factories in WWI building Liberty engines, airplanes, working in munitions factories, and warehouses. Others volunteered for the American Red Cross driving ambulances, working in canteens, transporting people and supplies in the Motor Corp., and as nurses. Still others set up daycares for working mothers, knitted clothing and medical supplies, and rationed food so that soldiers would have more. With 2017 marking the 100th anniversary of American involvement in WWI, we took a look at how these women contributed to the war effort in the U.S.

In Detroit, most of the automotive factories were manufacturing items for the war. In addition to providing vehicles, planes, and components, Packard, Lincoln, Ford, and GM all produced the Liberty Engine for airplanes. The factories, short on men during war, employed women to work on the engines. It was said manufacturers preferred women in some of the work as they were more detail oriented and better suited to delicate work requiring a fine touch. Ford Motor Company, who at the time employed almost no women at all, began hiring women in August of 1918, by the time armistice was signed in November they had employed 500 women from one time to another in the factories. From the extant photos, Lincoln Motor Company appeared to have hired even more women, putting them to work at everything from gauging pistons and valves to welding.

Many women worked for the American Red Cross during the war. Detroit had its own chapter of the Red Cross and Ford Motor Company provided ambulances, trucks and cars in a \$500,000 contribution. Women of the Red Cross conducted training sessions with their Ford ambulances outside the Highland Park factory. Women also transported sick patients, medical supplies, and doctors and nurses to and from hospitals during the Influenza Epidemic. In addition, volunteers in the Motor Corp used Ford vehicles, and others, to transport supplies to canteens, deliver surgical supplies, knitted garments, and other materials and personnel.

Henry Ford established a series of small village factories. His original concept was that these small production facilities would be a place where farmers could supplement their income during the off season by producing components for Ford automobiles. Known today as the Village Industries, these facilities were also an opportunity for Ford to experiment with water power. In the end the Village Industries became an opportunity for Ford to experiment with various production methods and specialized workforces.

Employment opportunities were opened up for women, the blind, and physically disabled veterans. These groups were given employment opportunities through Ford's programs that they would not have had elsewhere. The Village Industries thus became a model open employment as well as for the modern incubator or start up business.

2019 Parades with the Lee's



We had a great time at the **Veteran's Parade** today in Franklin, TN. I had the privilege and honor to carry a Veteran of the U S Army with me in the T. (yellow thing)

The photo above is me presenting a walking stick to Guy Boye (a Vietnam Veteran) that rode with me in the parade.

Phillip



Phillips & Mary Lee's Christmas parade pics



The Franklin TN Christmas Parade video is now on YouTube. Fast-forward to 44:50.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6aShPw7lZg>

UH-Oh!

2 BOOGERS IN THE PAN!



Bob & Max are known to be real Boogers from time to time. Both have been long-standing Tennessee T's members and they attend almost every tour that we have. Bob brings his wife Katherine (not her in the photo) and Max brings someone different almost every tour. Keep coming! We love ya'll! Keep it up guys!

Photo submitted while on the MTFCA Highland Rim Tour

4th Annual MTFCI INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOURING, September 26, 2020

Back in 2018, Ricky and Vandy hosted a one day tour, which made a loop along the Western and Eastern sides of the Tennessee River. It was a beautiful ride with little to no traffic.

**We need someone to plan a tour in honor of the Day of Touring.
See if you can outdo Ricky & Vandy's ride!**

TIP OF THE DAY

By Big John
Ohlroffe

Model T Heater.....! just heard
about this tonight.



Get a smooth rock about the size of a football. Then, **Heat it up** (use your imagination...wood fire, oven, oil burning pot, etc). Place on the floorboard at your feet, and wrap a blanket around it, and you, and your occupants so the winter's chill will stay off you all.



Over the years I have heard a few members make the statement "I don't like narrow one lane roads that don't have a yellow stripe down the middle".

Not these folks. They love 'em!

Gary and Penny Wheat were on the Fall Tour out of Townsend, TN recently, and a group of T's met a concrete truck on one of those roads, At least the driver yielded the Right of Way to the Model T's.

Thanks for the great picture,
Gary.

Installing Brake Equalizer

By Phillip Lee

First lay out all the parts to be sure you have everything. You do need the spring kit. You can order the kit or make yours. I had springs laying around, so I made the brackets from plate steel.

You either need the rocky mountain brake pedal with the extension or weld on the extension in the kit to your brake pedal.

If you weld on the extension be sure it is 180 degrees down for the part you put your foot on. The extension has a bevel and fits perfectly on the pedal, but at an angle and it will not work if welded at an angle. The angle needs to be ground off. (Don't ask how I know)

The starter pinion cover will need to be removed to install the brake pedal with the extension.

Install brake pedal

Assemble the equalizer.

Disconnect the brake rods from the hand brake shaft.

Use the u-bolts to attach the equalizer to the brake control shaft. Leave the u-bolts just loose enough so the equalizer moves freely on the shaft. Attach the clamps on both sides of the equalizer so that it does not shift.

The rod extenders attach to the equalizer.

Reattach the brake rods.

Attach the spring kit.

Adjust the transmission brake to work with the rear wheel brakes.

I tried to adjust the equalizer to just use the wheel brakes, but you need to use both the transmission brake and real wheel brakes.

The brakes work going backwards as good as going foreword .



The extension in line with the brake pedal. In other words, the welded tab must be in alignment with the pedal, and not kicked to one side. See arrows.

Do you need a set of Model T Wood Spoke Wheels?

At the 2019 MTFCA National tour in Cookeville, TN, Dom Denio won the raffle for a set of wooden spoke wheels donated by Dave Seiler for the charity auction. Here are several photos showing the progress of their production.

Dave's contact information is:

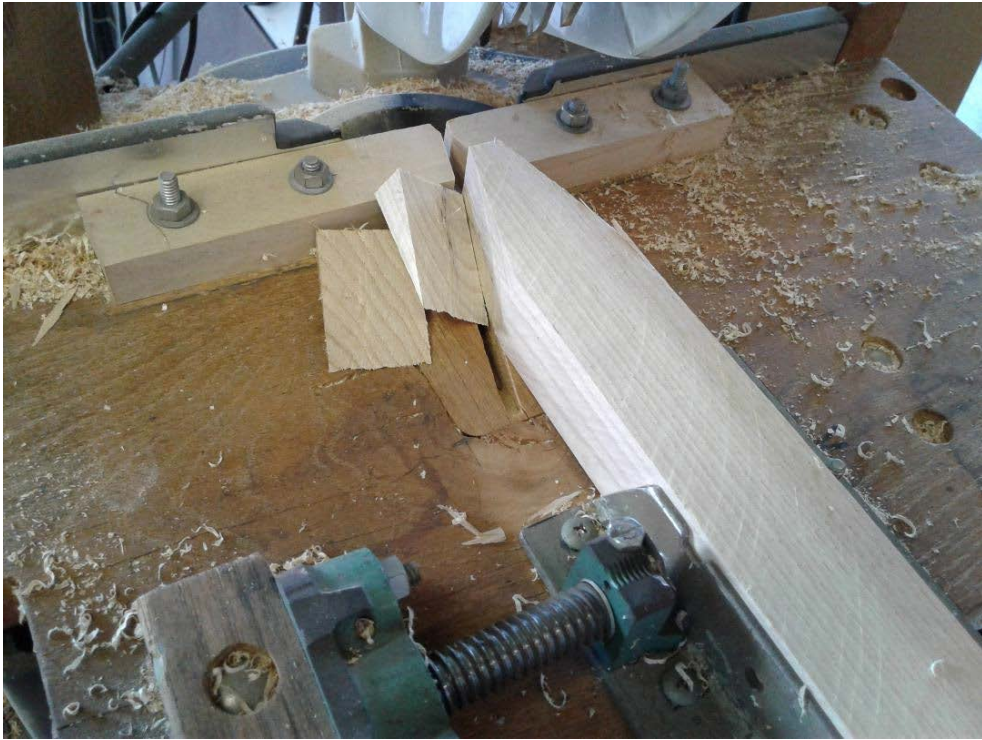
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Cut Spoke Blanks



**Note from the
Editor:
Special thanks to
Dom Denio
for submitting
this article**

Cut points before turning



Pressed in felloes and drill for hub bolts



Coated with linseed oil prior to hub install



Completed wheels with one coat of light oak stain



Darrel Carter's '24 Tudor Restoration

This is the '24 tudor I've been working on. Lots of nailing. It's not that I care that much for Tudors but the wood kit was cheapest for this one and I had never tried to assemble a wood body.



The top slats came out pretty good.



Here is the folding seat on the passenger side. I don't know what the seat sits on. **Anybody have any ideas?**



Darrel has a request- if someone in our club has a 1924 Tudor, will you please call him at 662.356.4764. He has some questions on some technical questions and would like to talk to you.

**Note from the Editor:
Special thanks
to
Darrel Carter
for submitting
this article**

Members on the Mend

Anita and Charlie Owen are still being treated for their individual disorders. Their latest word is that they are both managing their treatments well. Please keep them in your prayers.

Vintage Photo

Ralph Williams when he was a young buck circa 1996



Hey, we tour
the whole
dang state!
And then some!

**Need A
TENNESSEE T'S
T-SHIRT?**

Contact Hillary
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BOOGER... IN THE PAN!

Find something in your old car that is not supposed to be there? Let us all see your find!

Here's how:

Write a short article and tell our club members about what you found. Send pictures to the editor. tennesseets@hotmail.com

Don't forget- Big John makes beautiful, hand-crafted wooden steering wheels.

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**THANK YOU TENNESSEE T'S
THANKS FOR THE PICTURES
AND ARTICLES THAT YOU
SUBMITTED THIS MONTH. I
CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT
HELPS ME WHEN YOU
WRITE THE NEWSLETTER.**

*Bill Robinson,
newsletter
editor*

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