

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

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

A Message From Ricky Williams,
Our President



Greetings Model T'ers

Warm weather is here and so is a full schedule of Model T touring. We have already had our Tennessee T's Spring Tour at Reelfoot Lake. Fun was had by everyone. If you were not able to attend, you really missed some good fellowship and beautiful scenery.

Growing up, we were all taught that in order to be a good Christian we should read our Bible, go to church, and hang out with other Christians. That's what it took to be a better Christian. I have often thought the same thing about being a good Model T'er. In order to enjoy the Model T experience, you need to read about them. I feel by reading and knowing the history of the Model T, I am better able to share its story with others. When we create interest in others, the story of the Model T continues.

Reading and learning about the Model T encourages me to work on my cars and have them ready to drive and share with others. As good stewards of our cars, we should also make new Model T friends and hang out with Model T people. There is no group better than Model T friends.

We have some really good opportunities for you to hang out with as many Model T's as you would like, coming up this year. Having toured in many parts of the country, I have never felt out of place and have been warmly welcomed by other Model T people. We have experienced some of the most beautiful places in a T. Bill has a full list of tours in the Newsletter. Sign up and go. You will not be disappointed.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to help with the MTFCA National Tour, in Cookeville, TN, sponsored by the Tennessee T's. As I have mentioned before, this is our time to show the beautiful state of Tennessee to the rest of the country through the windshield of a Model T Ford. We still need help, so please volunteer some of your time, even if just for a day. Help us to make this a great National Tour. We have many Model T's signed up from all over the country, but there is still room for you as a member of our club. Sign up and come hang out with us.

If for some reason you can't make the national tour, there are lots of other tours to join this year. If nothing else just get her out and drive her to dinner on Friday night. Don't let her just sit in the garage. My dad always tells me "they are not made to be driven like that". I like to take her to the limit.

Happy Touring

Ricky

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MTFCA National Tour #2
Highland Rim Tour
Cookeville, TN August 17-22 2019 Hosted
by the Tennessee T's

Please make plans to attend the tour. Better yet,
volunteer your time and help George and other
members make the National Tour a success.
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Question: Can a Model T with 5 gallons in
it's tank go up a 3 gallon hill? For the answer
go to the article about the **6th grade**
elementary school class.



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Included in this
Newsletter- The Reelfoot
Lake Tour 2019, Hosted
by Ricky and Vandy

Another Reelfoot Lake
Sunrise- submitted by
Ramona Akin

Love is

Love is-- a
little old man
and a little
old woman
still being
friends
after their
first Model T
tour

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.



READY TO JOIN OUR CLUB ?

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



How many club members remember this lunch stop in Loretto, TN while on a tour back in 2010?

In my book, this was one of the best stops the Tennessee T's have ever made. Do you remember Elvis?

Welcome to...

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club
New Members

We want to welcome:

Bill & Mary Everett, Collierville, TN

Lester Gillespie, Floyd, VA

Craig & Elaine Vechorik, Sturgis, MS



Shirt caption "My Model T and I SURVIVED Skutumpah Rd"

REPORT ON THE CANYONLANDS TOUR

The Tennessee T's Chapter was represented at the Canyonlands by Lynn and Sue Cook, Larry and Carolyn Williams, Dewey and Pat Asher, Bud and Ginny Scudder, Bill and Linda Eden and our newest members, Martin and Anne Alexendar.

Reprinted from the
July 2002 Newsletter cw

The Money Bucket

submitted by Connie Plank,
club treasurer Treasurer's
Report as of 06/01/2019



Club's Regular Account

Starting Balance (04/01/19)	\$6,096.95
Total Deposits *	\$1,225.00
Total Deductions **	-\$3,696.42
Ending Balance (05/31/19)	\$3,625.53

Deposits

Dues	\$45.00
Reelfoot Tour Registration	\$1,180.00
Total Deposits *	\$1,225.00

Deductions

IRS Taxes	\$5.21
State of Tennessee	\$20.47
Refund of Dues	\$15.00
Reelfoot Tour	\$3,655.74
Balance on Cabins - \$2,259.91	
Boat Ride - \$264.00	
Discovery Park of America - \$830.73	
Food and Drinks - \$301.10	
Total Deductions **	\$3,696.42

Nat'l Tour Checking Account

Starting Balance (04/01/19)	\$47,124.96
Total Deposits	\$4,650.00
Total Deductions ***	-\$6,037.97
Ending Balance (05/31/19)	\$45,736.99

Deductions

Vandy Williams – Centerpieces	\$10.31
Walmart - Centerpieces	\$73.46
U S Post Office – Stamps	\$5.50
Grade A Catering – 25% Deposit	\$2,778.70
Refunds – Registration for Tour	\$3,170.00
Total Deductions ***	\$6,037.97



What could possibly be better than a ride through LBL in Model T Fords, having lunch at Patti's 1880's Settlement, then riding some more? All with good friends.

THE REELFOOT LAKE TOUR- MAY 2019

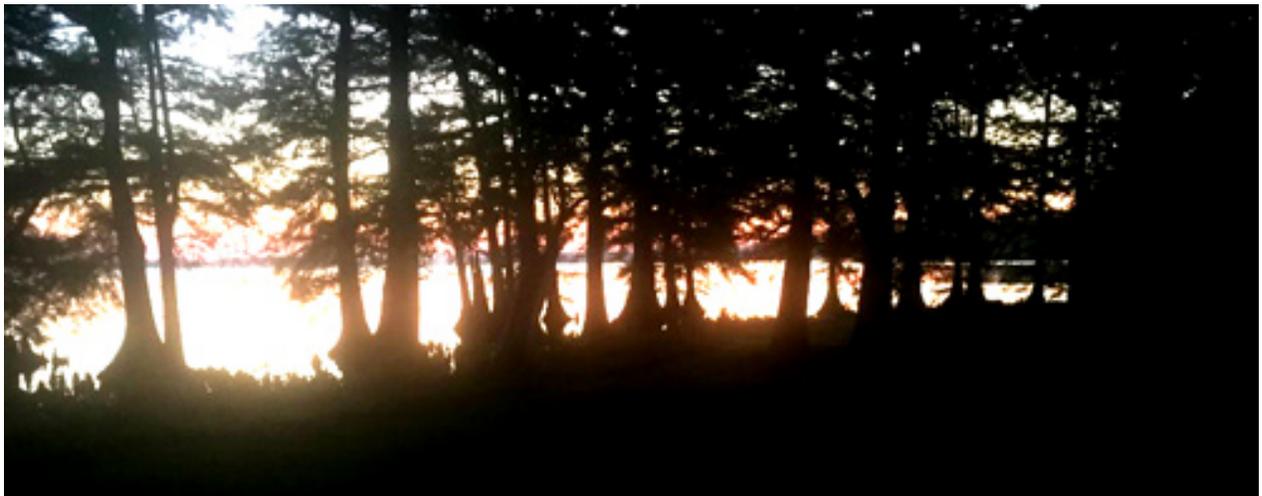
How could such a terrible natural disaster create such a beautiful place? If you missed the tour and would like to learn about Nature's creation of Reelfoot Lake open this link in a "new tab" and learn about Reelfoot and it's [scary and horrifying history](#).

Enough about the Lake, I'm here to tell you about a Model T Tour that was hosted by Ricky and Vandy Williams in mid-May, 2019. This was a "progressive tour" (rather than our usual hub-type tour) meaning that we stayed at multiple lodging facilities during the tour. The first night Ricky and Vandy treated us all to hamburgers in the woods behind their home, cooked burgers, frozen homemade ice cream, and in general everyone got caught up on Model T business and club news.

Tour-wise, we started out in Milan, TN at the Hampton Inn and drove some beautiful backroads the first day to REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK with a couple of stops along the way in Trimble for a leisurly antique shopping and lunch and we arrived at the State Park in time for a pontoon boat tour which had been previously arranged by our hosts. We spent the next couple of nights in some NEW lakefront cabins that were first-class accomodations.

The 2nd nights stay at Reelfoot Cabins- we had a hot dogs & smores cookout right on the lake. We sat in a circle around a campfire telling tales and lies and had a great time.

Next day, we drove East to Union City and spent a wonderful part of the day going through and learning about the history of Reelfoot, the earthquakes, and the people who somehow lived through it's creation. The final day we had another scenic drive back to Milan.



Enjoy the Reelfoot Sunrise, thanks to Darrel







The tour participants:

Ricky and Vandy Williams
Dennis and Connie Plank
Bill and Suzi Robinson
Gary and Penny Wheat and Anna
Charlie and Anita Owen
David and Carolyn Miller
Mark and Paula Gember
Mark Martinez and Clara
Charlie and Jana Swann
Jerry and Diane Waller
Darrell and Ann Carter
George and Ramona Akin
Max Larson and Doug and Mary Jo Ruhl
Ken Nye and Jenni Whitehall

New Members Present
Craig aka "Vech" and Elaine Veshorik
Lester and Martha Gillespie
Bill Everett



Photos submitted by:
Darrel Carter
Paula Gember

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

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are bold)
June 15-July 14, 2019	1909 Great Race Reenactment- The Reenactment of the 1909 Great Race (a.k.a. Ocean to Ocean 2019 Tour) www.oceantoocean.ning.com
July 14-19, 2019	2019 MTFCI Annual Tour in Prince Edward Island, Canada
June 16-19, 2019	59th Annual Endurance Run "Montana 500"
June 16-20, 2019	Poor Boy Tour 2019, Hendersonville, NC
June 19-22, 2019	Lincoln, Nebraska USA - 2019 International Speedsters Trials & Reunion
July 14-19, 2019	2019 MTFCI Annual Tour in Prince Edward Island, Canada
August 17-23, 2019	MTFCA National Tour, Highland Rim Tour hosted by the Tennessee T's, based out of Cookeville, TN
August 30, 31, & Sep 1	Ohio Jamboree, Heath, Ohio. Details later in this newsletter.
Sept. 4-8, 2019	Salem, Missouri USA - 37th Annual Hillbilly Tour
Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2019	Park County Indiana Covered Bridge Tour
October 9-12, 2019	Hershey Swap Meet
December- all month long!	Every town has a Christmas Parade. Put a wreath on your Model T and join the fun

Please Don't Forget:

Our club, The Tennessee T's, is hosting the MTFCA National Tour to be run out of Cookeville, TN in mid-August.

Your help is needed in the following areas:

- Parking cars at stops along the daily routes
- Registration desk
- Decorations
- Photography

Contact George Akin
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Darrel Carter Had An Alternator Problem

I had a problem on the tour with my battery not charging.? It got so bad that I had to push start the car on the last day.? I had an alternator so it shouldn't have been a problem.? Thinking it was the voltage regulator on the Alternator, I called the guy who makes them when I got home.? He had me check the voltage of the alternator terminal with the car not running.? It was 6.2 volts like it was supposed to be.? I then started the car and checked it again. It was 7.2 volts so the alternator was not the problem.? I played with the wires on the back of the ammeter (they were fairly tight) but with effort, I could move them and when I did, the problem was cured!!? I could start the car on battery and the lights worked (after I flipped the light switch several times). Corrosion on the back of the ammeter connections was the problem the whole time!!

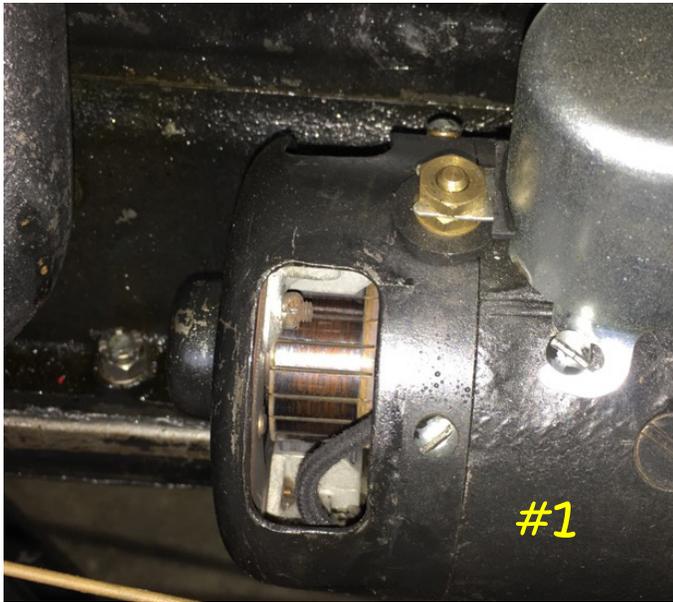
Darrel



I know that this photo of our good friends Big John and Bonnie has been displayed before, but a repeat never hurt anyone. Y'all come back now, 'ya hear!

TWO Malfunctioning Generators

by Bill Robinson
newsletter editor



Back in March of this year I was taking 3 of my Model T's out of winter storage. I keep an enclosed car ready-to-run and driven regularly during cold weather, so the gas gets consumed before it has a chance to go bad. Then, each of the other cars get their tanks drained, then I run the car until the carb runs dry, then park it until Spring.

This past March, I gas 'em up, cranked 'em and they fired right up with no issues running. But two of them had non-functioning generators. Photo #1 shows the first generator's tarnished commutator. (Bluish and black- non-conductive)

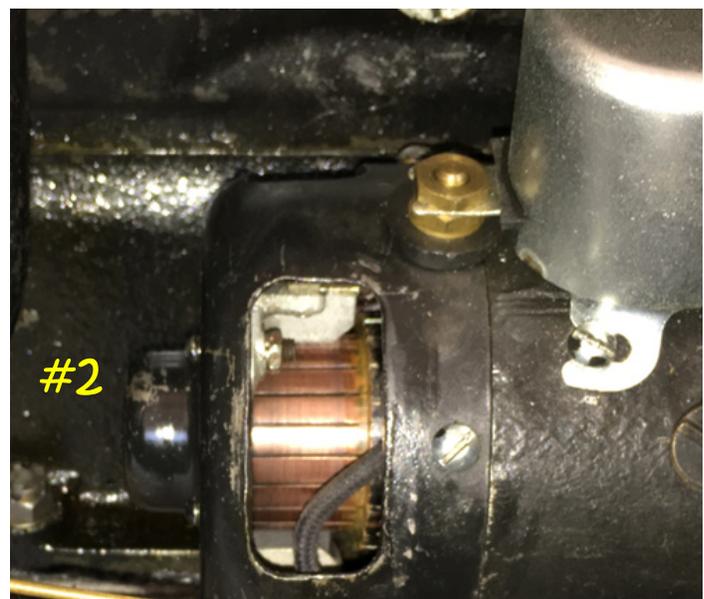
So, out comes the faithful commutator cleaner, which worked great on the first generator. It got me charging 10 minutes later.



Between working on the first generator and the second, I talked to Gary Wheat and told him about my generator problem. He told me that he tried spraying WD-40 on the commutator, then then rotated the motor with the hand-crank (no power applied). He then looked at the commutator and realized that the tarnish had disappeared. He then started the motor and had charge going to the battery. **GOOD NEWS!**



I tried Gary's method, and had the same results. See photo #2.



OUTLAWS?

Thanks to Dennis Plank for this article



Some of our members who drive Model T speedsters recently went to the store for lunch back in May. David sent me these photos and stated that they had a good run. (speedsters L to R: Dennis Plank, Mark Martinez, Seth Spratlin, & David Walker)



Friday, April 26, we had about a 200 mile speedster run. It was a nice day and a lot of fun. David Walker led the way. Seth Spratlin, Mark Martinez, and Dennis Plank followed. It was a nice mix of highways and back roads in the hills and hollows of Middle Tennessee. One of our stops was at the Delina Country Store, an area landmark, that has been in continuous operation since 1892. We had no major breakdowns, the worst thing being one broken wire spoke. Dennis Plank

The Old Delina Country Store- some say it's near Cornersville, some say its near Petersburg. The fact is- it's out in the middle of nowhere at a crossroads! The easiest way to find it is to Google the store's name and a map will pop up to get you there. It's well worth the trip.

**FLASHBACK-
2012**



How many of you attended the Fayetteville Tour in 2012?

One of our lunch stops that day was at the Old Delina Country Store for some fried Gator tails on Friday. This image was taken during the lunch stop.

Refresh your memories by [viewing the slideshow of the tour.](#)

[Old Delina Country Store on Tennessee Crossroads](#)

Back Track to April 30, 2019

by Bill Robinson, editor

A few days before this date, Hillary (a member of our club) texted me and asked if I would mind bringing a Model T over to Madison County Elementary School, in Gurley, AL to show one of the 6th grade classes a Model T. It seems the teacher just covered some industrialization inventions with Henry Ford and the Model T being discussed. So, on April 30th, Suzi and I loaded up for the 7 mile ride to the school.

Their teacher, Mrs. Berry, asked me to give a rundown on our car. Between the two of us we explained that the car is a 1925 Model T Ford, we gave the the horsepower, told about the starting system, showed them the gas tank, etc. Then open questions to the class- boys asked about how fast it will go, how much gas in the tank, if the seats are leather, the tool box on the running board, etc.

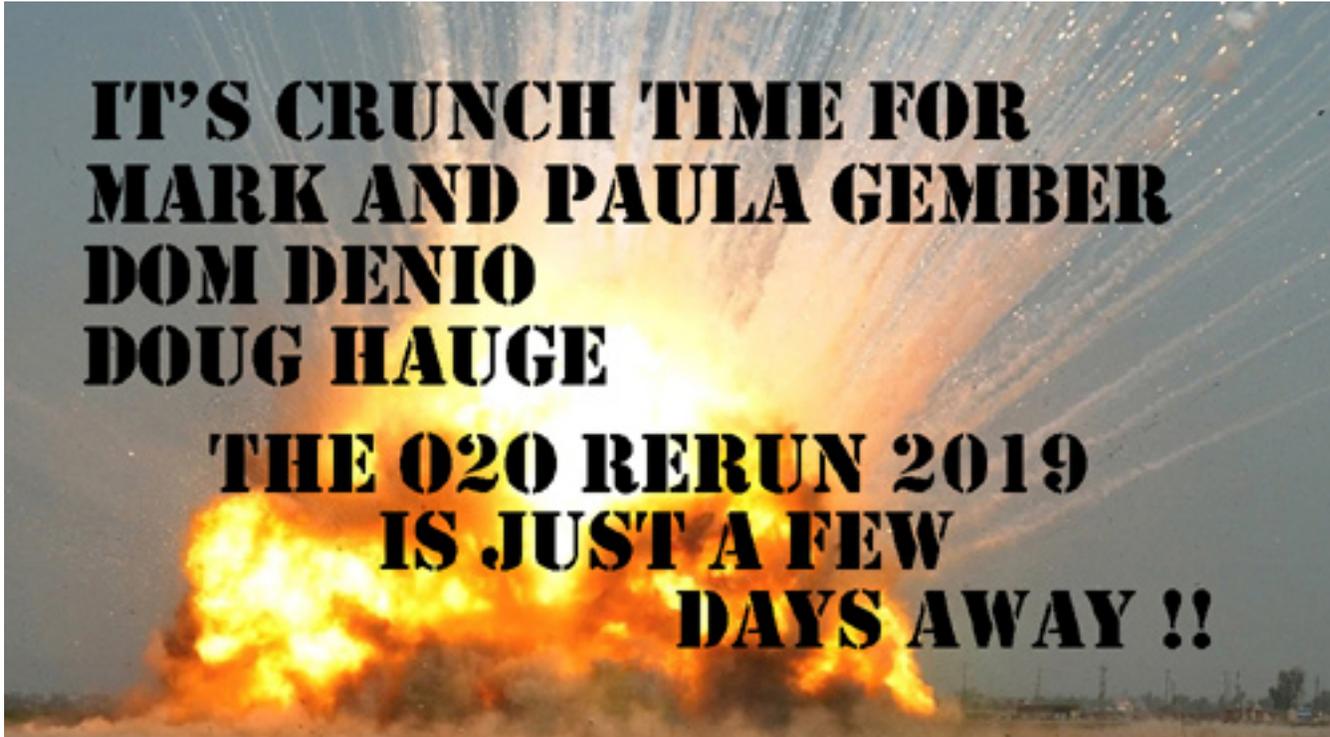
The girls asked if we drove it on the highway, about luggage rack, how to lock the doors, where are the seat belts, etc.

The teacher asked if the spokes are real wood, and if Model T owners can still find repair parts.

After the questions were asked, we allowed them to board the car in small groups so the students could look things over, feel the upholstery, and so the teachers could take pictures. Then, the REAL questions started. Suzi made the mistake of explaining about the gas tank under the seat and having to back up hills, sometime. Then she got into explaining about a "5 gallon hill". "What? What is a 5 gallon hill?", they asked. That is a tough subject to explain to a 6th grade class, not knowing if they have even learned about gravity, fuel pumps, and such. But I tried.

One student asked with a grin on his face, "will a car with 5 gallons in the tank climb a 3 gallon hill?" Me, not being the smartest plug in the cylinder head, realized the rascal was trying to trick me, so, having to think hard I answered his question. Luckily, I got it right . Question is- do you know the answer?





**IT'S CRUNCH TIME FOR
MARK AND PAULA GEMBER
DOM DENIO
DOUG HAUGE**

**THE O2O RERUN 2019
IS JUST A FEW
DAYS AWAY !!**

1909 Great Race Reenactment will happen in just a few days

In 1909 the first *New York City to Seattle Ocean to Ocean Endurance Race* was run. Then, 100 years later, in June 2009, The Centennial of the 1909 Ocean to Ocean Endurance Contest was run.

This year, within just a few days from now, the 2019 Reenactment Run will commence and the Tennessee T's will have 3 members making the run.

Most of us can imagine the hardships involved in preparing and planning for a cross country drive, but in actuality, we have no idea of what preparations must be made for packing a Model T Ford with tools, clothing, and other essentials for a drive that will consist of 20+ days of hard, 8 hour driving days in an old Ford. Tell me, how can almost a month's supplies fit in such a small car? Then, how does the Model T get home?

Mark and Paula Gember, Dom Demio, and Doug Hauge are all members of our club and will all be participating in this Endurance Run, which will *really be an endurance run*, to say the least.

Paula intends on documenting the trip and posting her pictures and videos on YouTube on a regular basis. You can keep up with the Gember's run as she posts the pictures. Watch her earlier Winter Tour video, then subscribe to her channel and YouTube will email you when new videos are posted <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neFi-s2Pnds&t=2s>

Details can also be followed on the event's website/blog <http://oceantoocean.ning.com/>

The Tennessee T's Model T Ford Club wishes all participants a safe and memorable journey!

FOR SALE



I have a 1911 model t open runabout for sale. Many of you know this car. It's in beautiful shape and runs as good as it looks. Has won many awards at different car shows and shows at the Greenfield village in Michigan. I also have a nice running 24 Tudor. It's an original car out of North Dakota. Call for more info. Rick Moore 731-607-3172

FOR SALE



A 1930 model A Ford Victoria, good Motor , runs good , I have new upholstery kit.

The upholstery needs to be put in, body is in excellent condition. Titled.

Asking \$6000 for everything that goes with it. Call 256-777-7227, Ron Lawler, Ardmore, TN.

Dates for the Ohio Jamboree for 2019. by Tom Moorehead

I do have dates for the Ohio Jamboree for 2019.

3 driving days. Friday, August 30th, Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, Sept 1st.

I suggest arriving on Thursday, August 29th and departing Labor Day, Monday, Sept 2nd.

The town in Ohio will be Heath. It's close to Newark.

Hosts will be Linda & Tom Moorehead, Casey & BJ Miller and John Harper who lives very close to Heath.

Host Hotel - Hampton Inn - Heath, Ohio/740.788.8791 50 rooms

Comfort Suites - Heath, Ohio/740 522 0770 40 rooms

Marriott - Heath, Ohio/740 344 1800 20 rooms

note from the editor: "This is always a good tour!"

**Need A
TENNESSEE T'S
T-SHIRT?
Contact Hillary
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Tennessee T's departing the Salty Bottom Social Club 2011



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



Lynn and Sue Cook - riding in Salty Bottom , Alabama, 2011

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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