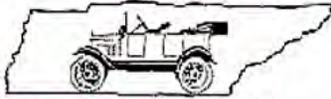


## Tennessee T's



## Model T Ford Club

Editor- [Bill Robinson](#)

Be sure to visit our club's website

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

A Message From Ricky Williams,  
Our President



Greetings Model T'ers,

What a summer it has been. Starting off with our spring tour at Reelfoot Lake, and then into planning and a lot of hard work, for many to pull off a National Tour in August. Thank you again to all of the Tennessee T Volunteers.

I know many of you still have tours planned for the fall. As always, be safe and have fun. I will be sending out a flyer for the Christmas party soon. Yes, I said Christmas party. I hope to see many of you there. There are many people in the Tennessee T's that I have never met. Please feel free to attend the Christmas party. We would love to see you.

As I said, what a summer it has been. With work booming and trying to work on my cars in what little spare time I have had, I haven't been able to communicate with you as much as I would have liked to.

On a personal note I would like to tell you about the arrival of my newest grandson. I just got back from Jacksonville where I was able to help welcome Sutton Boone Williams into the world. Mom, Dad, and baby are all doing well. All 8lbs. 10ozs. of him arrived Sunday morning October 6th. There is a reason they call them GRAND!

I spent many hours with my boys when they were kids and teenagers working on a Model T, and don't know of a much better way to bond and learn a few things about fixing a car. The Grandkids come along on the same path. Their first visits to the shop are not to hand Pap a wrench, but to pick up the cans of bolts that I have separated as I was taking something apart and pour them in the floor. And what can be more fun than to load up the grandkids in a Model T and take them for a ride. Our oldest grandson, Mason, has probably spent more time riding in a Model T than our regular car. What great memories!

I still look so forward to my youngest son coming home when he can. He still always helps me in the shop putting together whatever I am working on at the time. I hope that you are spending time with your kids and grandkids in your T. What great times can be had. I hope those kids inspire you to get that car going and keep it going. I know they do for me.

Happy T'ing

Ricky

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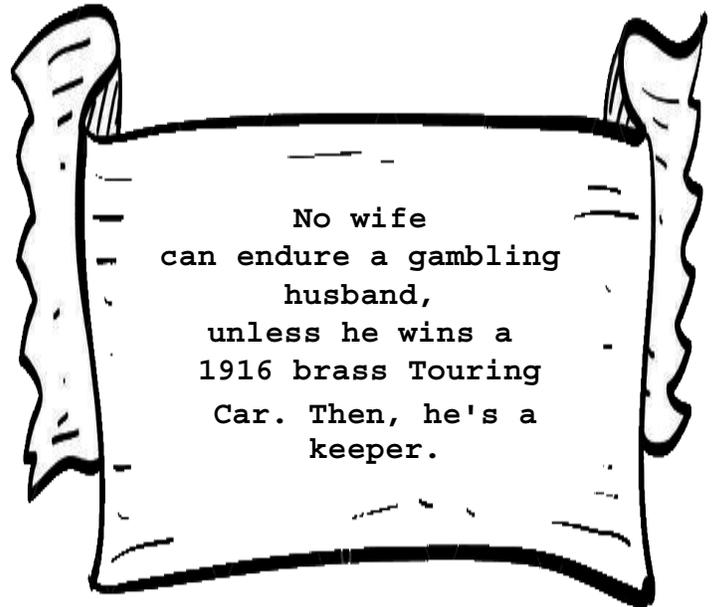
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**The National Tour is over,**

**If you missed it- I want  
you to know that you  
MISSED A GOOD ONE!**



Videos and a slideshow are available on  
The Tennessee T's website. [Follow this link.](#)

# Tinker T

by Phillip and Mary Lee  
Tennessee T's members

The T spent about 50 to 60 years in a barn after being last tagged in Minnesota in 1948 until it was put up for auction and purchased by a dealer in 2018, then sold to Scott Thomas of New Albany, IN. We purchased our 1927 Roadster Pickup from Scott in November of 2018. The interesting story behind this Roadster is that when purchased, the original owner who lived in Minnesota, worked for the county and during that time the county was experiencing a money crunch. To help alleviate their financial situation, the county made a deal with the owner that if he would use his personal vehicle at work, the county would paint it the county's color "yellow," and that he would be compensated via his paycheck for the use of his T. He agreed to the deal and his forest green T was painted yellow sometime in the early 1930s. Still today you can see forest green colored spots among the yellow and rusting body of Tinker T.



Today the 1927 Roadster has a 1920 engine/transmission. My surmise is that the engine froze due to the extreme Minnesota winters so the owner found a wrecked 1920 T and removed the engine/transmission installing it in his 1927 T. Several parts were removed from the 1927 engine/transmission such as the coil pack, fan assembly and the electric starter. We have the original 1947 & 1948 tags when the T was last registered in Minnesota, with the rusty 1948 tag attached to the front of the T.



Our plan is to keep the T as original to its history as possible by being mindful of when making repairs and to do so as if we were living in that era out in the backwoods.. Some of the repairs we have made thus far include: using burlap feed sacks as cover for seats, old faded lumber on the bed, and utilizing tree limbs found on our property to support the tin roof. To replace one of the original bed strips that was missing, I used part of an old exhaust pipe to make the replacement bed strip.



Editor's note:  
look close-  
you'll see  
lassos on both  
headlights, a  
halter on the  
radiator, and a  
saddle riding a  
sawhorse in  
the bed.  
Click on  
the + to  
enlarge

I discovered that the engine/transmission had be replaced after I ordered wood bands. When I started to replace the bands I found that all three bands were the same. After doing research using engine serial number and chassis serial number that the body is a 1927 but the engine is from a 1920.

In addition to attending the 2019 Homecoming T event in Indiana, we have also had “Tinker T” in several shows and participated in a local rodeo parade. In addition to shows and short tours with Tennessee Ts members, we plan to have Tinker T in several Christmas parades pulling or carrying the 1910 sleigh we have had about 15 years. It's been great fun and we're enjoying the journey and new friends Tinker T has made possible for us.



**Note from the editor:  
Special thanks to  
PHILLIP & MARY  
LEE  
for submitting this  
article**

In case you missed the article in the September/October issue of the VINTAGE FORD, there is a write up of TinkerT on page 43.

**The Money Bucket** as of 10.3.2019  
submitted by Connie Plank, club treasurer



**Mark and Paula Gember** recently returned from an 8 day progressive tour in Colorado. Paula has been good lately to video their tours and post them on YouTube. You can view the clips by looking her up on www.YouTube.com and search her Channel or simply look the videos up on the VIDEO CLIPS page of our website. Be sure to give her videos a thumbs-up  and subscribe to her channel.

**Club's Regular Account**

<b>Starting Balance (07/31/19)</b>	<b>\$3,640.53</b>
No Activity	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance (09/30/19)</b>	<b>\$3,640.53</b>

**Nat'l Tour Checking Account**

<b>Starting Balance (07/31/19)</b>	<b>\$42,037.98</b>
Total Deposits	\$3,275.00
Total Refunds (after Tour was completed)	<b>-\$4,070.00</b>
Total Expenses (after Tour was completed)	<b>-\$30,183.10</b>
Total Donations *	<b>-\$8,319.88</b>
<b>Ending Balance (09/30/19)</b>	<b>\$2,740.00</b>

Donations

The Granville Museum	\$1,000.00
Monterey Depot Museum	\$1,000.00
Baxter Depot Museum	\$1,000.00
City of Algood/Event for Friends	\$1,000.00
Model T Museum	\$4,319.88
<b>Total Donations *</b>	<b>\$8,319.88</b>

When all of the checks have cleared the bank a check will be written to the Tennessee T's Inc. in the amount of **\$2,740.00** and the National Tour Checking Account will be closed.

**A TOAD** hitched a ride on our **MODEL T**

**I was throw'd from my T Model as I left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.**

**Seen on an accident report in Bugscuffle, TN June 1912.**



**BET NOBODY'S SEEN ONE OF THESE BEFORE! (Submitted by Paula Gember)**

Mark & I just returned from a 2-week Model T tour through the Colorado Rockies and New Mexico. A good friend of ours in Westin, Colorado made this recent purchase. It had been in an old barn near his home for more than 40 years. The canister on side of the radiator is the gas tank used to power the saw blade. Pretty innovative use of an old T!



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APPROVED**

**Note from the  
editor:  
Special thanks to  
PAULA GEMBER**

**for submitting  
this  
article**

Happy  
Halloween



Suzi bought a new Touring Car from Blake Terry on the Highland Rim Tour. The only thing that she can find to ride in it is a dog-gone 'ol TOAD,



**Don't hit the  
barn!**

See Ramona's  
write up on the  
Highland Rim  
Tour along with  
many photos of  
our rides and  
stops.

# Low Pedal Adjustment Tool

by Vech

During the National Tour in Tennessee, I stopped on a gravel road to help a fellow who had a slipping low band. We took the floor out, so we could get at the jam nut on the low band adjuster with a wrench, and we tightened his band so he could make it up the steep hill. While doing this, it dawned on me to make a wrench just for this, so you could loosen the nut from underneath the car, and adjust the band, without removing the floor.rem

This is what I made, and it works! You cannot put a deep weld socket directly on the jam nut, because the header pipe is too close to the end of the shaft. So, I cut off a 15/16 socket, and welded a handle to it. I made one for each of my cars, to keep in the tool box, when driving it.



Then, I got to thinking, some folks would like a "dual" wrench- one end to loosen the nut & the other end to make the adjustment. So, this is what I did. I bought a cheapo crescent wrench at Harbor Freight and made the handle out of it, and welded it to a 15/16" socket.



**Note from the editor:  
Special thanks to  
CRAIG (Vech)  
VECHORIK  
for submitting this  
article**

On June 8, 2019 the Denio Clan had a family reunion at the county fairgrounds just up the road from our family home. Because Bill, our editor, asked for Model T related input for this issue of the newsletter I have a few photos, only one Model T related to share. My 13 year old grandson, Stephen, is pictured behind the wheel of my 1919 Touring with me. Note the red shirts, they will become important as you look further. The second photo is of the Denio children. Yes, I have nine sisters and eight brothers. My sister during the planning process decided to throw each name in one hat and eighteen colors into another hat and drew out the assigned colors. We then provided shirt sizes and each member of each family had matching shirts. My sisters are soooo smart.

The final photo shows most of the family in our rainbow colored shirts on the bleachers. There were 114 members present and only 15 spouses and/or grandkids absent due to scheduling conflicts. As a tribute to my parents, who are with the Lord, I can report there was not one cross word spoken during the entire event.

Dom Denio



**Note from the editor:  
Special thanks to**

**DOM DENIO**

**for submitting this article**

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# Annual Christmas Party

Saturday- December 7, 2019

Natchez Trace State Park

Details to be announced



## 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.



## 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](mailto:rwilliams@click1.com)

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are <b>bold</b> )
Oct 9-12, 2019 <b>Going on RIGHT NOW</b>	Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA
12/7/2019 Saturday	<b>Tennessee T's Christmas Party</b> , Natchez Trace State Park, more details to be announced
December- all month long	Every town has a Christmas Parade. Put a wreath on your Model T and join the fun!
July 18-23, 2020	2020 MTFCA National Tour, Spokane, WA



Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club  
New Members

Dave & Ginny Stinson, Hernando, MS

## Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28-  
enjoy the day with your family.

Friday, November 29- take your family for a Model T ride.

*Planning a TOUR?  
Contact Ricky to avoid  
an event conflict*

# *The MTFCA Highland Rim Tour*

*Planned by George and Ramona Akin*

*Hosted by The Tennessee T's*

by Ramona Akin

The hills were alive with the sound of T Models as almost 140 of the beauties invaded the byways of Tennessee. Nearly 280 brave souls enjoyed the lovely scenery this area of the country affords. The hosts for the tour, the Tennessee T's spared no expense in providing southern hospitality at it's best. So, before the adventure began participants were treated to homemade ice cream from the Lazy Cow Creamery on Saturday evening at Sam's Club Parking Lot.

Volunteers from the Tennessee T's excelled in all areas of need. Wearing orange T-shirts that said Tennessee Model T Volunteers with Staff emblazoned on the back they were easy to spot at various stops. There were volunteers who helped with registration, those who helped with parking at every stop along the way and those who would see a need and take care of things before a request was even made. The first day of touring was Sunday, August 18. The day began with a short drive to the Baxter train museum. The North Central Florida Tin Lizzies provided three hundred donuts at this stop from Ralphs Donuts, which is famous in the area for their delicious donuts. These were served by volunteers at the Baxter museum, who also brought fruit and drinks for us to enjoy.

Then we were off to the Joe L. Evins Appalachian Center for Crafts where we enjoyed lunch at the Blue Water Grill. Once again the Tennessee T volunteers waited patiently in the parking lot to help with parking while the trouble trucks were parked outside waiting for their next call. Several Model T's took advantage of the trouble trucks as help was needed for a number of T's throughout the week. The trouble trucks were essential to the smooth operation of the routes each day and were greatly appreciated. While traveling these narrow roads participants were warned not to hit the edge of a barn while traveling a small wagon path or realize that some roads can change names up to four times.

Monday morning as I was gathering things from the registration/hospitality room I heard someone run in the room and say, "the police are here and they're looking for you." My first thought was what have I done this time? Then I remembered we had arranged for the local police to assist the Model T's as they were making a difficult left hand turn out of the hotel. This was especially helpful on this busy Monday morning. The police waited patiently as 10 or 12 Model T's would leave the parking lot and then about 15 to 20 minutes later a few more would leave, during this time the heat of the day was starting to settle in and I felt bad for the officers in their uniforms with bulletproof vests. I thanked them profusely for their service and I really meant it.

First stop of the day was the small town of Algood, which is a small community along the route of the Tennessee Central Rail Road. Through the generosity of the local fire department all of the T's drove through the bays at the fire station and picked up boxed lunches passed out by local volunteers. These were special lunches with sandwiches made on homemade bread with homemade cookies. Before leaving town we were advised to make certain that our gas tanks were full, as one never knows when a hill will sneak up on you in Tennessee.

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Then it was off to Standing Stone State Park to enjoy our lunches. This park has an unusual dam/bridge to cross, which provides a lovely sight at the pavilion below where lunches could be eaten. Leaving the park towards Livingston, for those wishing to avoid gravel roads an alternate route was listed and Tennessee T's helped to make sure that people knew which way would work best for them. Either route would take them through wooded areas where trees lined the roads and offered a cool respite from the hot sun. While in Livingston the Lazy Cow Creamery ice cream truck visited us with some much appreciated ice cream to cool us down in the nearly 90 degree weather. While enjoying our ice cream Habitat for Humanity, at our invitation came to take donations for their community. Habitat provides much needed assistance with home modification projects for the elderly and those in need. They collected nearly \$400.

Tuesday took us to some beautiful areas where water cascades off of the Highland Rim. The first water falls we visited were Burgess Falls State Park. From the time everyone arrived at the park until they left there were orange shirted Tennessee T's helping with handicap parking and access to the lower level parking lot. The trail to the gorgeous falls is very scenic, at least ½ mile in length and moderately difficult. Therefore Milt Roorda of the Tennessee T's provided his large golf cart to transport people on a side road to see the beautiful falls. The Tennessee State Park Rangers helped transport visitors as well.

The route back took us on back roads through Bone Cave and White Cave natural areas. Lost creek falls, which was worth stopping for, is the location where a portion of Disney's Jungle Book was filmed. The final stop for the day was Sparta a small town, which was the home of Lester Flatt, a Tennessee music legend best known for his collaboration with Earl Scruggs. The route home followed the Calf Killer River. The Calf Killer Brewery was on the way for those who wanted to sample one of Tennessee's best craft beers.

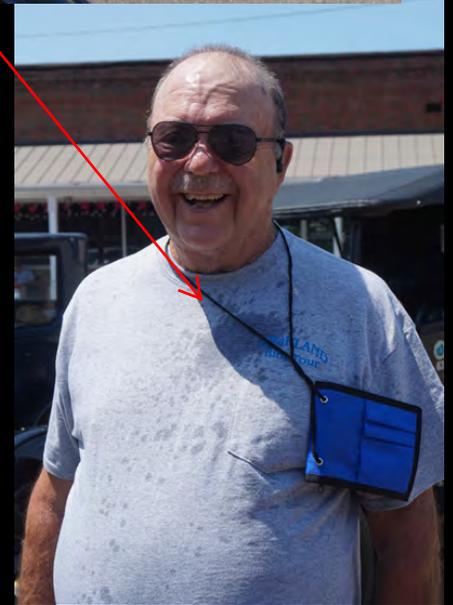
A trip to Granville was Wednesday's destination. The road to Granville was narrow but quite scenic. Upon entering Granville cars were instructed as to where to go to have their photos made and then park. Different groups had different colored tickets, which helped move the groups through photo stops more quickly. The Tennessee T's took spectacular pictures of every car in different locations around town. Paul Gierow used his drone to make entertaining videos from above our day's festivities, while Bill Robinson and Paula Gember caught even more scenery with their videos. All video can be viewed on the Tennessee T's web site. As we progressed through the day the colored tickets helped keep everyone organized in this historic town with homes to tour, cars to see, Tennessee bluegrass and country music to enjoy and a delicious fish fry. All in all this was a great day with touring, shopping, and a great lunch.

Thursday's itinerary was short to allow everyone the opportunity to prepare for their trip home on Friday and for the evening banquet. Travel on the day's route took us on an old railroad grade road, which provided 8 miles of awesome beauty that everyone certainly enjoyed. Next however, one obstacle occurred when a semi-truck had an accident with a modern car completely blocking the route. Fortunately no one was injured, but many Model T's were perplexed as to what to do next. Fortunately one of the group leaders with a knowledge of alternate routes, lead a long caravan of T's on other back roads to resume the tour.

The closing banquet was an opportunity for all participants to get together and reminisce about the weeks beautiful scenery and share the camaraderie all Model T'ers enjoy. Complete with 20's music and beautiful tables complete with lovely centerpieces made by Vandy Williams the atmosphere was easy to enjoy. Twenty-four Model T clubs from different states, and Canada brought carefully prepared baskets filled with goodies from their area of the country. These baskets were given as door prizes to several excited recipients.

**Note from the editor:  
Special thanks to  
RAMONA AKIN  
for submitting  
this article**

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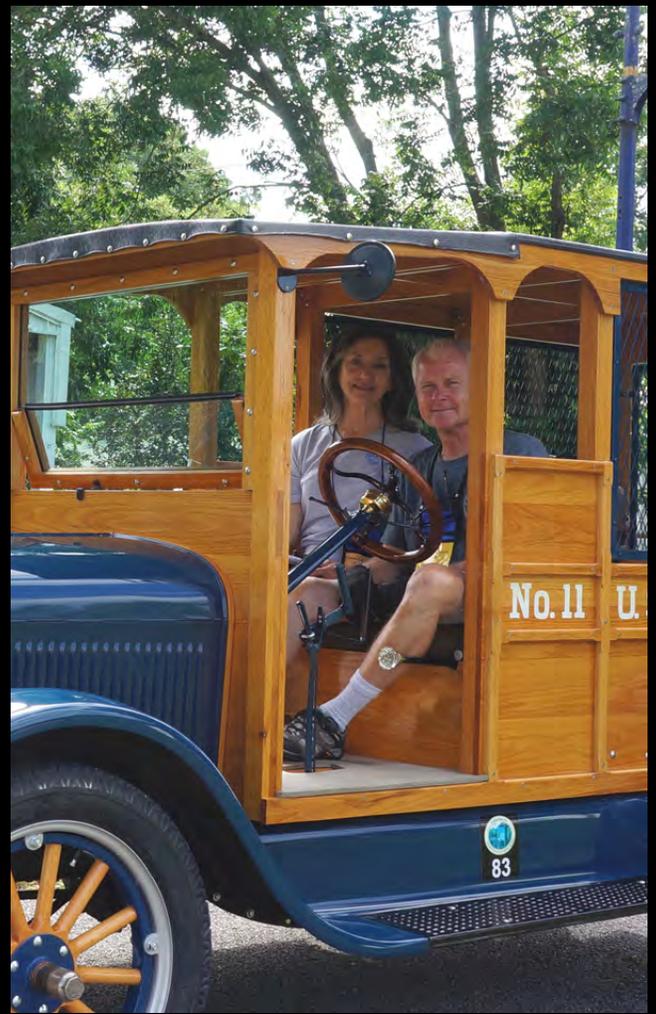












Floral centerpieces designed by Vandy

# BOOGER.. IN THE PAN!

## Booger in the Pan- Tom Bauer

Several years back I bought the remnants of a T for the frame and front end mostly, from an old timer who lived in a house where if the termites turned loose of each other I swear the house would have collapsed. I got it home and #2 son happened by with a buddy of his. He discovered the engine wasn't locked up and had pretty even compression. I hadn't bothered b/c I just *knew* the engine was shot. The plugs looked to be rusted in place, the carb was gone, and there were rusted remnants of a starter and generator. To mollify the son and his pal I scrounged up the missing parts along with a coil box etc., which we installed. We drained the oil (I guess that's what came out.) and poured in some used, which was way better than what came out. I still wonder who was president when the old oil was poured in; Truman? With a miracle from PB Blaster the plugs came out and I screwed in a Duke's Mixture of replacement plugs. I guess I shouldn't have been surprised when with a little coaxing, praying, and cranking it fired up. After all, as I was once told by an old school mechanic, flatheads die a lingering death. What with the oil we had poured into the cylinders and other considerations the smoke was abundant.

**So, here's the booger.** The end of the exhaust manifold was broken off (imagine that.) about where it starts to bend down. Over the years it had become the storage locker of choice for gnawed on hickory nuts. When the engine fired up these sharp edged fragments shot out somewhat a grenade. The buddy did get a little cut on his shin. Since there was no real harm done, we all had a good laugh. And several well chilled barley waters.



**Note from the  
editor:  
Special thanks to**

**TOM BAUER**

**For submitting  
this article**

Another note from the editor: Although Tom is not yet a member of the Tennessee T's, his input is welcome. If you don't know Tom, he is from Taylor Mill, KY, near the Ohio River. Maybe someday he will take a notion to join our club.

## Members on the Mend

\*Both **Anita and Charlie Owen** fell ill on their Hawaiian cruise. Both are at home recuperating.

\***Suzi Robinson** had two cataract surgeries, and sees 20/20.



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

**Need A  
TENNESSEE T'S  
T-SHIRT?  
Contact Hillary  
[hillary.spratlin@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.spratlin@gmail.com)**



## 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](mailto:tennesseets@hotmail.com)

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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*

If you have not found the **TECH PAGE** on our website, then pay it a visit. There are many good articles posted that can help out on your next project. Also, if you write an article, send it to the newsletter editor for consideration.

**Membership Application click here**

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

for  
**TENNESSEE T'S, INC.**  
Model T Ford Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: .. \$15.00**  
**Due By: .....** *January 1st / each year*  
**Make Check Payable To: .....** **Tennessee T's, Inc.**  
**Mail To: .....** *Vandy Williams, Secretary*  
*97 Creekwood Rd*  
*Humboldt, TN 38343*  
*731-414-9085*

You are cordially invited to join the Tennessee T's, Inc. pursuant to the rules and By-laws governing the club and its membership. You must be a member in good standing of either the Model T Ford Club of America or the Model T Ford Club International. (WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH.) To participate in chapter events (tours), your vehicle must meet chapter safety guidelines. *(Safety form is not required for club membership.)*

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