

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

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Be sure to visit our club's website

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

A Message From Ricky Williams,
Our President



Greetings Model T'ers

There is no better way I can think of to practice our distancing socially than to take a ride in our Model T. As Vandy and I often do, we set out on a late afternoon ride to one of our local lakes and fish hatchery a couple weeks back. This happens to be a few miles out of town and off a state highway going through the river bottom. This road is curvy with a few hills and a double yellow line most of the way. As I always do, I was keeping watch in my mirror to keep up with any traffic coming up behind. And what to my wondering eyes should appear but a big black 4-wheel drive truck with a young man driving. I'm sure he was in a hurry to get home and do his school work.

First, he tried to pass going up hill on a double yellow line. When a car topped the hill, he had to quickly retreat back behind. Then comes the next hill which is my turn to the left. I preceded to put out my left arm, which is my left turn signal. In this young man's wisdom, he mistakes my left turn signal for me telling him it's "OK" for him to pass on the double yellow line going uphill. I see him coming and, knowing he needed a lesson on hand signals since he obviously didn't learn that in school, I only had time to teach him one. I think he got the point.

I have found most people are really respectful of our cars. They usually give us plenty of room and don't crowd us. Most of the time when you let someone know you are turning you will see them back way off of you. Then there is the occasional person who cannot stand to be held up. For those people, I am always watching. They will pull out in front of you or run over you.

I thought this would be a good time to talk to you about safety and driving a Model T. As I said it is very good practice to make sure, when you are turning, that whoever is coming up behind you knows this and is not going to pass. I have had this happen multiple times. Always be on the lookout for that occasional, mostly testosterone driven, young man.

While we are on the subject. How many of you have really taken the time to take the inspection form from the TN T's or the MTFCA and do a safety inspection on your car. This is really an important thing when you are driving a 100-year-old car on the road. There are a lot of things that have been done to our cars over the years and some not so safe. There are also a lot of things that just plain wear out. So, I'm asking you to please take the safety check list, I know it's long, and go through your car step by step to make sure everything is up to par. Check your car from wheels to brakes, to bolts and nuts, making sure everything is correct is very important for your safety.

I know a lot of you have been out driving, as I have. Maybe we can get back together soon. See you down the road.

Happing T'ing

Ricky

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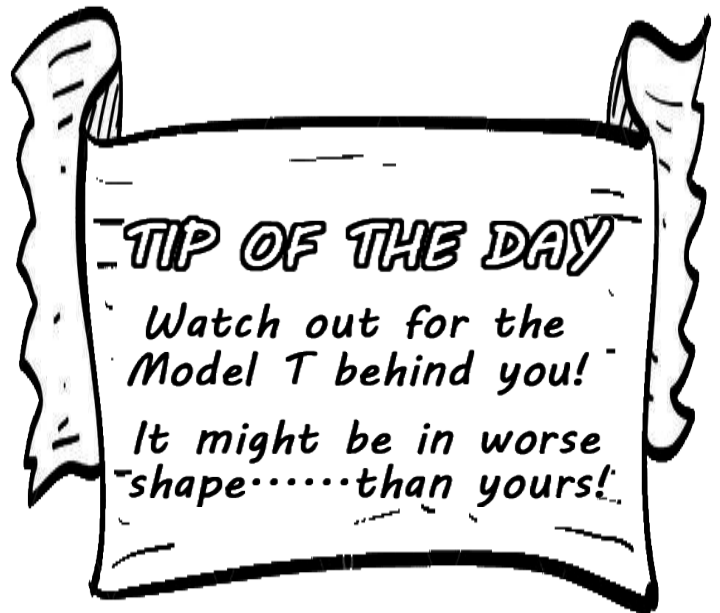


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Chaplain's Report- by Dom D.- (Tennessee T's Chaplain)

9/20/20

There has been no activity during this most recent reporting period. Should you experience or become aware of one of our members experiencing a death in the family, hospitalization or serious medical issue, please inform one of our club officers so we can support you.

Mark 11:25 NIV: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

We have all committed sin because we suffer from the human condition. If we just ask God, we are forgiven. He has lifted the burden of guilt. Then there is a question to be considered. If God Almighty has forgiven us, who are we not to forgive ourselves? Because of that same human condition we may be needlessly carrying self-imposed guilt. This can diminish the quality of our life and that of those who interact with us. Be thankful, grateful and at peace for our forgiving Lord and Savior

Bringing Back the Old- With Something New

by Paula Gember

Brian Healey, Doug Hauge's friend up in Barneveld, NY, recently completed construction on his new Model T garage. Brian spent many hours researching historical photos, and decided to use this period garage as his inspiration:



We are all very impressed with the finished product, Brian! What a great way to pay homage to our beloved Model T's.



THE DEATH WOBBLE

by Phillip Lee

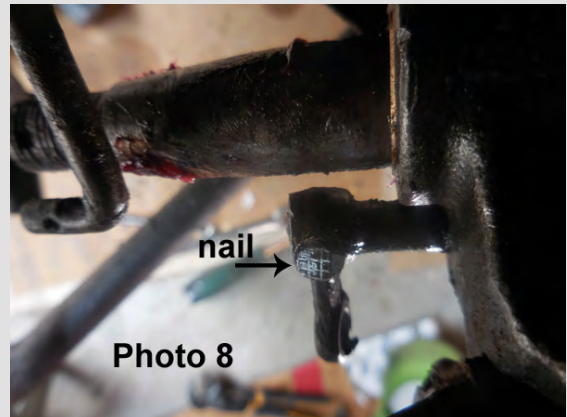
Did your T ever develop the **death wobble**? As much as the steering bracket bushing was worn in Tinker T, Bill Robinson and I were both surprised that Tinker T did not get the dreaded death wobble. It is now time to replace the bushing to prevent the death wobble from grabbing me. I ordered the bushing and patiently waited for the part to come in. Meanwhile, I started getting everything ready to start this simple little project.

Now that the part is in I can get started. First thing is to jack up the front and put the jack stand under the axle (Photo 1). Then I remembered to chock the back wheel (Photo 2). Don't wanna get run over. Got the impact wrench and removed the left front wheel to give me a little more room. I then took the castle nut off (it did not have a cotter pin), whacked the pitman arm a couple of times with my wood mallet and to my surprise the pitman arm fell off. It was a good start. I noticed that before the steering bracket can be removed, the commutator rod connector has a pin that will have to be knocked out with a little grinding. Not lots of room under there so to get that job done I drilled it out (Photo 3). The nut and bolt that runs perpendicular to the frame came out easy, but the two that are vertical started spinning once they were a little loose. Time to put the thinking cap on. After a cup of coffee, I took a large flat screwdriver and forced it between the bracket and frame to put pressure on the nut and that worked (Photo 4).



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Once the bracket was off and cleaned up, I put the bracket in a vice and used a 1/2" rod about 8" long to drive out the bushing (Photo 5). Using the vice and a wood block, the bushing was pretty easy to press in the bracket (Photo 6). Bill had shown me a method to enlarge the bushing if needed. Mine did not need to be reamed out. Nor did the outside of the bushing need to be dressed down. I put lots of wheel bearing grease in the bushing and on the steering shaft (Photo 7). The bracket went back into place easily. The perpendicular bolt tightened good, but the vertical was spinning again. Got the trusty screwdriver out and put pressure on the bracket and got the bolts tightened. I found a nail the right size to use as a pin in the commutator rod arm, but the head contacted the steering shaft so I used a dremel tool with a small grinding wheel to grind down the nail head just enough to clear the steering shaft (Photo 8). I got the pitman arm back on and installed a cotter pin (Photo 9). Last was getting the front wheel back on, removing the jack stand and chocks. I took Tinker T for a spin and surenuf the T handled much better.



Covid-19 Activities - show us what you do

Hey Bill, not much going on here.

Teresa and I do get out and drive on weekends when weather is nice. We sure miss people in the club and doing drives. So that said here is a picture of Teresa and grand kids we took this beautiful weekend.

This is what Ralph & Teresa Williams do during the Pandemic. Ice cream day for grand kids. They had a great time being out in the T.



Submitted by Ralph Williams- former VP of the Tennessee T's

Maynard Hits the Road and Goes to Town

submitted by Paula Gember



Mark & Paula enjoyed celebrating “International Day of Touring” by taking their '22 Touring on a backroad trip into downtown Athens, Alabama. “Maynard” was decorated for Fall, and certainly turned heads as they circled the Limestone County Courthouse on the square. After visiting historic the U.G. White Mercantile, they had lunch on the patio at Village Pizza. Next stop was a vintage gas station replica, followed by ice cream at the iconic Kreme Delite.

Abigail Breslin, Miss Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo Queen, poses with “Maynard”



Maynard is Dressed for Fall



The Covered Bridge Tour- September 26-30, 2020 Parke County, Indiana



Just a few weeks ago, the Covered Bridge Tour went through with their plans. As the editor, it was reported to me that Tennessee T's members Ricky and Vandy Williams and Gary and Penny Wheat were able to attend. I was told that the usual agenda had changed in order to support social distancing which meant the larger gatherings and drivers meetings had been withheld. Dan & Annie Rubino also attended, but they never crossed paths. Who else attended? Nobody knows.

Parke County is home to roughly 21 covered bridges that are still open to traffic. Suzi and I had the honor of attending the tour a few years back, and we didn't count, but it seems as if we crossed every bridge in the county. These were our kind of roads and the tour was very well planned.

So, if you ever have a chance to attend the annual tour hosted by The West Central Indiana Model T'ers- DO IT! You won't regret it. Bill





OCTOBER 2020



Thanks to
Penny Wheat,
Vandy Williams,
and Dan
Rubino for the
photos.



Skip's Cars For Sale

For Sale

FOR SALE
Cars from the estate of member **Skip Lane**, Melbourne, Florida

Contact Info:
Sue Lane (321)848-2748, email skiplane2@gmail.com
Tonya (Sue's daughter) (321)960-6786, email tonyakytyler@aol.com

1913 Model T Touring
Ruckstell Rear End and Rocky Mountain Brakes
Located in Melbourne, Fl
Asking Price..... \$25,000.00



1916 Model T Runabout PU
Ruckstell Rear End and Rocky Mountain Brakes
At one time the truck was a car. The original turtle deck is included in the sale.
Located in Zionville, NC
Asking Price..... \$15,000.00



1916 Model T Speedster
Ruckstell Rear End and Rocky Mountain Brakes
Located in Melbourne, Fl
Asking Price..... \$15,000.00



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Skip's Cars For Sale (continued)

1921 Model T Coupe
Ruckstell Rear End and Rocky Mountain
Brakes
Located in Zionville, NC
Asking Price..... \$15,000.00



1924 Model T Canopy Express (or Depot
Hack- no doors)
Ruckstell Rear End and Rocky Mountain
Brakes
Located in Melbourne, Fl
Asking Price..... \$15,000.00



1928 Model A Roadster PU
Ruckstell Rear End and Rocky Mountain
Brakes
Located in Melbourne, Fl
Asking Price..... \$20,000.00



For Sale

1924 Model T Speedster.

Will run on battery (not on mag). New built starter and carburetor. New manifold gaskets. Good Tn. title (in my name) \$5,000.00.

David Copeland, Paris, TN

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731.336.4931



Tom Morehead, a Tennessee T's member from KY, has a 1923 Model T Huckster for sale. His description of the vehicle can be seen at the following link on the MTFCA classified ads. <https://mtfca.com/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=4&t=16125>



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

Unfortunately, there are no club events to report at this time

*Tours bring our club together.
Without them,
we move apart.
Please plan one!*

Special thanks to the following for contributing info for this issue:

* Ricky *Dom *Paula
*Phillip * Ralph *Vandy
*Penny *Gary *Dan
*Sue *Tonya *David
*Tom *Connie *John

**Without you folks--
it might not have happened.
Bill**

Our condolences go out to club member **Skip Lane**, from Melbourne, FL. Our prayers go out to his wife, Sue, and his family. Skip passed on February, 24, 2020.



<https://brownliemaxwell.com/obituaries/leonard-skip-lane-jr/>

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

The Money Bucket as of 9.30.2020
submitted by Connie Plank, club
treasurer.



Tennessee T's Inc. Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance 07/31/2020) \$7,079.10
Total Deposits – No Activity \$0.00
Total Expenses - No Activity \$0.00
Ending Balance – (09/30/2020) \$7,079.10



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



Posted by **John Zibell-**
he saw it on the Model T forum

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

**FULL TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS
CAN JOIN DUES - FREE**

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.**

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*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
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