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Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

Editor- Bill Robinson

Reminder **Membership Dues**

Please pay dues by January 1, 2022
 Just \$20/yr



Image submitted by Jim Eubanks

If you missed our club's
CHRISTMAS PARTY

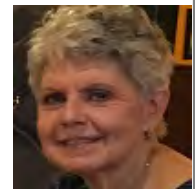
then, you missed
 an in-person
 presentation by
 Mr Phillip Lee
 about
 Moonshine
 Mike and his
 hounds off on a
 coon hunt.



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The Money Bucket

Treasurer's Report –
 December 1, 2021



Starting Balance (09/30/2021)	\$7,192.18
Total Expenses *	-49.17
Ending Balance (11/30/2021)	\$7,143.01

* Total Expenses	
Cards/Stamps	\$17.06
Christmas Party	\$32.11

A Message From Ricky Williams, Our President

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club



Greeting Model Ter's and Merry Christmas

As Christmas is upon us, I hope things are going well for you and your family. Santa is just around the corner ready or not.

It's been a great touring year for most of us. I wanted to say thank you, again, to all who helped with Tennessee T business and other Model T related events. Now that winter is here, it's time to get those Model T's tuned up and ready for the new touring season.

We are planning a really fun tour for the spring, in May. I will be sending a brochure out after Christmas. Many of you have already signed up for the tour, but we have a few openings available. Remember, we are having to limit the number of cars to 20 because of hotel space. If you are close enough that you won't need a room to stay in, you are more than welcome to come ride with us.

I know Christmas is a really busy time of year, and for the past several years Vandy and I have wound down the Christmas Holidays by taking a Model T ride. We normally pack us a picnic and head out about three o'clock in the afternoon and go to a Christmas light show. This is an 80-mile trip; 40 Miles in the late afternoon as the sun goes down, and 40 miles in the dark going home. I really enjoy the afternoon ride through the freshly harvested field roads as the sun as setting, and the Christmas lights are always really nice, but I enjoy the ride home in the dark as much as it all.

This year Christmas falls on a Saturday. We will normally ride on the Sunday afternoon after Christmas or the following Saturday, depending on the best weather. Like I say, I know it's a busy time of year but if any of you would like to come ride with us, we would be more than happy to have you along. I have room at my office, in downtown Humboldt, to park a few trucks and trailers. It's always a blast to do this alone and a know it would really be fun with a few cars.

I had mentioned this back in the fall and several people said they were interested. Just let me know if you would like to come. Email me rwilliams@click1.net or call (731)618-0207. Like I say, we are going to ride and you are welcome to come along if you would like. We will have a good time. There is no better way to spend the holiday than riding into the sunset in a Model T.

Hope the new year is good to you also,

Ricky



I know that I have used this Christmas photo in the past, but truthfully, it's one of my favorite photos. For you new members, those folks in the car are Larry and Carolyn Williams, from Waverly. Incidentally, they started this club.

Does anyone remember this day, back in 2011?



That's John Lovett, owner of Falls Mill, on the left as he greets our members entering the Mill. His wife, Jane is inside, directing us on where to go from there.

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Model T Ford Club

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Model T Ford *TRIVIA*

Question: As Described in the 1924 Ford Catalog:

What was the recommended speed of the one-ton TT?

The answer is posted on the page 18

Submitted by Phillip Lee

Chaplain's Report



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

November 29, 2021

Sympathy cards have been sent to Chad Horner at the passing of his wife, Sue and to her brother, John Ohlrogge as well to Donald Krull and Stephen Krull at the passing of their father, Don and additionally to Ricky and Vandy Williams and their son, Jeb at the passing of Ricky's father, Bobby during this most recent reporting period. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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 if you wish us to support you.

John 15:12 (KJV)

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

As we enter the Christmas season let us give thanks to God for sending his son to pay the ultimate price for our salvation. In this "Season of Giving", let us also remember to give thanks and pray for our military, law enforcement, fire fighters and medical personal. They serve us and are willing to put themselves in harm's way for protect and save us.

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On Saturday, December 4, 2021, our club held it's annual Christmas party in Pin Oak Lodge at the Natchez Trace State Park. Again, Ricky and Vandy coordinated with the Pin Oak Lodge for a great meeting room to host our party. That meeting room feels like home to us now.

The gathering started at 3pm and began with a short business meeting with a re-election of all of our previous officers. The current officers gave their reports, Then Phillip Lee told us a "Moonshine Mike" story, while his wife Esther operated the sound effect device. He told us a great story, by the way.

Next came the "Dirty Santa" event. If you've never participated, you draw a number, choose a gift. Then, if one of the following participants saw what gift you chose, then he/she can take away your prized possession away from you. It's fun. Look at the following pictures- facial expressions, they tell a better story than me.

Read on at the next page!!!



Dirty Santa



Dirty Santa



Dirty Santa



Chet got a rock in his bag.
For being a Bad Boy !



DECEMBER 2021

-follow me to the next page-

Dirty Santa



Dirty Santa



Merry
Christmas!
Best Wishes

SEE YOU
NEXT YEAR!

DECEMBER 2021

-THE END-

SMOKY MOUNTAIN TS, MODEL T CLUB

12.2.2021.....Hello Bill, I am attaching pics taken today at our Smoky Mountain T Christmas luncheon at the Airport Hilton, Maryville, TN. They are not the best but are all I have from my little flip phone.

Jim Eubanks



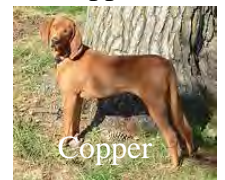
Note from the editor:
Thanks Jim, for the submission

Christmas Coon Hunt by Phillip Lee

It was the day after Thanksgiving and Moonshine Mike (Pa) and Ma were sitting at the table after a big breakfast of red-eye gravy, biscuits, ham and grits. Moonshine Mike and Ma were talking about Junior. Moonshine Mike said, “Ma, I think it is time for Junior to go on the runs with me so he can learn all my customers”. But Ma spoke up real quick and said, “No, Pa, Junior is still too young and it is too dangerous for him to go traipsing with you all over these hills selling your shine!”

That was the last of the ham from the pig Moonshine Mike ran over when he first got the T and ran it through his barn.

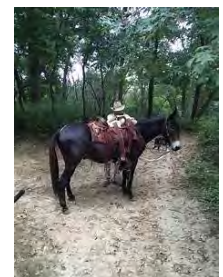
Moonshine Mike said, “Well, all right Ma, but when he finally gets out of the eighth grade he has got to learn the business, but ,Ma, he is going coon hunting tonight with Trader Jim, Buck and me. Buck has a new coon dog and Trader Jim is bringing Old Coot and I’m taking Copper. Ma, you know that Copper is the best coon dog in these hill, but Buck says his new coon dog is better than Copper and I aims to teach Buck and that mutt of his a good lesson.” Moonshine Mike knew when he could put his foot down, without getting his toes smashed.



Moonshine Mike had decided he wanted to get the old Indian that works for Trader Jim to make Ma and Janie some gloves out of the deerskin from the deer he killed about a month ago and he planed to make the boys coonskin caps for Christmas.

It was a crisp, chilly moonlit night when Moonshine Mike, Junior and Copper got in the T to head out to meet Trader Jim and Buck up on the ridge. When Moonshine Mike hit the starter button, the T turned over real slow like the battery was almost run down, but after a couple tries, the T fire right up and was ready for the road. There was a wide spot near the top of the ridge where he and Trader Jim could park their Ts. Trader Jim had just got a brand new Fordor and wanted to show it off to Moonshine Mike and Buck. While Trader Jim was showing off his new T to Moonshine Mike, they noticed an unpleasant smell coming from the back. That is when Trader Jim saw that Old Coot had left his calling card on the floor of the back seat. Old Coot just may not survive the night.

Pretty soon Buck came riding up on his best saddle mule followed by a big dog; Old Boomer, a Bloodhound. The coonhounds were rearing to get going. With a big crooked smile Buck said, “Old Boomer is ready to show y’all how the best coon dog in these hills handles a little ole coon.” That little comment did not set too good with Moonshine Mike and he said, a little testy, “Well, get off that nag of yours and you’ll see Copper teach that old mutt of yours how a real coondog tracks down a coon.”



They turned the dogs loose and after the dogs sniffed each other’s backside, off into the night they went. Moonshine Mike, Junior, Trader Jim and Buck got their guns, hunting sacks, and carbide lights and set out to follow the dogs. After an hour or so they could hear the dogs special bark meaning that they were hot on the trail of a coon. Junior exclaimed, “Pa, Pa, I can hear Copper.”



Moonshine Mike said, "Quiet boy, just listen to that music". There was a very distinct bay from Copper.

Moonshine Mike exclaimed " See, I told you Copper would get on the coon first." Buck just nodded his head and off toward the dogs they went. As they got near the dogs, they could hear the dogs "special barking" indicating that they had the coon up a tree.

Buck shouted, "**Just listen to Old Boomer. He got to the tree first. I know that bark. Old Boomer has that old coon treed.**"

When they got to the tree, all three dogs were frantically barking up a big oak tree. The hunters were shining their carbide lights up in the tree when they saw four eyes staring back at them. After shooting the two coons, off they sent the dogs again. After a few minutes, they heard Copper's baying, letting them know that he was again hot on the trail of another coon.

After getting the third coon, they were all getting pretty tired so they decided to head back to the Ts and go home. Once back at the Ts, they had to decide how to divvy up the night's catch. Moonshine Mike got the skins to make hats. Trader Jim and Buck split the meat. Coon stew was Buck's favorite meal and Trader Jim often paid Running Waters with meat from his hunts.

Moonshine Mike had brought along a deerskin he had gotten sometime before Thanksgiving and he gave that to Trader Jim to have the Indian, Running Waters, make gloves for his girls. Moonshine Mike said, "Remind the old Indian that he can have the left over deerskin for making the gloves for my girls." Moonshine Mike and Running Waters had agreed on the terms when Trader Jim got his load of shine from Moonshine Mike last week.

It was time to head back home. Copper jumped in the back when Moonshine Mike and Junior climbed in the T. Moonshine Mike turned the key to battery, pushed the spark lever up, and pushed on the starter button- not a sound. Moonshine Mike checked to make sure his heel was on the starter button and pushed down again and still not a sound. Not to worry, the T always starts easy with the hand crank. When Moonshine Mike started out of the T, he accidentally pushed the spark lever part way down and he also forgot to turn the ignition key off.

Moonshine Mike said, "Junior, I am going to choke the car and give two pulls on the crank. When I say to, you turn the key on and get ready to pull the spark lever down," (But as mentioned before, Moonshine Mike had failed to turn the switch key off when he got out of the T.)

Moonshine Mike pulled the choke ring with his left hand, grabbed the crank handle with his right and gave a big turn and "bang" the crank handle kicked back with such force that it almost knocked Moonshine Mike down. When he got his balance, boy did his hand hurt, and when he looked down at his hand, his right thumb was sticking out at a funny angle. Being a tough mountain man and moonshiner, he grabbed his thumb and yanked it back in place. Then Moonshine Mike fainted dead away. Trader Jim always carried extra water for his T, so he grabbed his water jug and splashed some in Moonshine Mike's face. Moonshine Mike shook his head and while staring up at the sky asked, "What, what happened?" Junior said with a little chuckle, "Pa, you got your thumb hurt when you tried to start the T and when you yanked on your thumb you fell on the ground like you was sleeping." Moonshine Mike got up off the ground and growled, "This time you can crank the old T."

Moonshine Mike got back in the T, turned the key off with his left hand and had Junior choke the T and give one pull of the crank. Then Moonshine Mike retarded the spark, turned the on the key and to everyone's surprise, the T got a free start.

When they got home, Moonshine Mike and Junior were trying to be real quiet because they did not want to wake Ma and the other kids. Ma never did like it too much when Moonshine Mike and Junior came in from hunting just before daylight, but Ma was already up fixing breakfast when she noticed Moonshine Mike holding his right hand behind him. After a little prodding she got the full story, mostly from Junior about Pa fainting. Ma had Moonshine Mike soak his hand in cold spring water and after a week or so his hand was almost back to normal.

Two days before Christmas Moonshine Mike went out to start the T so that he could take another load of shine to Trader Jim's and get the deerskin gloves from Running Waters. When Moonshine Mike grabbed the crank handle and pulled up on it, the T tried to move forward. There was about a foot of snow and it was so cold that something was froze in the T. Trader Jim had told him that sometimes when it was real cold that he may have to jack one of the rear wheels off the ground so that the T would start. Moonshine Mike did not understand why, but he believed Trader Jim, so he got his jack out, put a block of wood to set the jack on and started to jack the T up, but the jack was froze too. Moonshine Mike took the jack, went back to the kitchen and put it on top of Ma's cook stove to thaw it out. Moonshine Mike had another cup of coffee while waiting on the jack to heat up. After his second cup, Moonshine Mike got up and reached for the jack and quickly dropped it on the floor. Boy, that jack got really hot. Now, back out to the T. After getting the T started and loaded with shine, off he headed toward the cattle gap, but when he started up the slope the T started to spin so it was time to put the chains on that he got late in the fall.

Moonshine Mike finally made it to Trader Jim's with the shine. While there he finished the deal for the deerskin gloves with the Indian, bought a battery for the T and headed back home. On the way home, Moonshine Mike spotted some turkeys out in a meadow, stopped the T, got his Winchester 1873 and bagged a couple of gobblers for Ma to add to their Christmas dinner. Moonshine Mike could shoot the eye out of a turkey at 100 yards with his trusty Winchester that shoots the reliable 44/40 and was given to him by his father.



Winchester Model 1873
44/40

Come Christmas morning, Ma and Janie were tickled to get their new deerskin gloves and the boys were excited for their coonskin caps. Moonshine Mike was thrilled to get another new pair of socks for Christmas, **again**.



THIS IS HOW THEY DO IT IN FRANCE

Christmas and New Year pictures from La Baule, France- Member **Jim Eubanks** has a Model T friend who lives in France. Jim wrote: "My friend Michel Vin from France sent me these pics of his T and Scenes in France".



THE OWEN SPEEDSTER RIDES AGAIN !!!

Submitted by Tom Moorehead



Through the generosity of Anita Owen, this 1923 Boat Tail Speedster will be donated to the MTFCA museum in Richmond, IN. The delivery of the speedster is scheduled to be delivered to Richmond on Tuesday, December 14th, around noon! The speedster will be received by the museum and also in attendance will be some of the original builders of the vehicle.

Charlie and Anita Owen bought the winning raffle ticket in 2004 and had their ticket drawn at the national tour in Baraboo, WI.

You are invited to be on hand to see the delivery of the speedster on that day. Or, you can visit the speedster display at the museum at a later date!

Thanks, Anita, for this wonderful donation so many folks can see and appreciate this wonderful vehicle! We are sure Charlie whole heartedly approves!

In the picture are Anita Owen and Kim Doty, driving the speedster about 30 minutes after it was put back together, after successful repairs to the engine!

Note from the editor: Tom didn't mention it in his submission, but at the time of Charlie's passing, the engine in the Speedster had been removed for some maintenance. Through the generocity of Tom Moorehead, Kim Doty, and Steve Pfieler, they donated their time and finished the job, as you can see in the above photo.

Tech Tip

by Bill Robinson

FOR ENCLOSED CAR OWNERS ONLY

I've have owned 2 different enclosed '27 Model T Tudors for several years. Suzi and I really like riding in the enclosed cars and Suzi especially like them because her hair stays stable. The whole time I've owned them I've had to listen to "I can't turn the door handle!" My reply always was "Well, it's almost 100 years old".

Back in November I finally made her happy. Here's how, fellows:

1. Roll the window down- all the way.
2. Shine a flashlight down inside the door/window channel and twist the door handle.
3. Eyeball down inside the door and visually locate the 2 moving parts of the mechanism.
4. Get a long clear straw from Taco Bell and lower the bottom end onto each of the 2 moving parts of the mechanism.
5. Using an oil can with chainsaw bar oil, squirt a few drops down the upper end of the straw. Overnight these drops will find the moving parts (if the straw was correctly located)

Suzi and Meagan are now happy Model T riders.



Tours and Events

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are bold)
	Note: contact the event host before making plans to attend.
January 22, 2022	Model T Ford Winter Clinic, McPherson, KS
May 12, 13, & 14	TNT's Five Rivers Tour, the brochure COMING SOON
May 13-14, 2022	8th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Luray VA
June 19-24, 2022	MTFCA 2022 National Tour: Wonderful Wisconsin Tour, Fon du lac, WI
July 17-22, 2022	2022 MTFCA Annual Tour, Hamilton, OH

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Announce future tours, tour and event pictures, tech articles, cars for sale, cars to buy, **parts needed, or parts for sale.**

Without input, there will be no newsletter. email tennesseets@hotmail.com

Note: Please.... photos should include at least one Model T and/or one Tennessee T's member.

Find your own Booger in the Pan?

Write a short article and tell our club members about what you found. Send pictures, too.

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A Message from Anita Owen

I want to express my appreciation to several members of the TN Ts. They have gone above and beyond to help me get through a very difficult 8 months.

Tom Morehead and Kim Doty came to my garage several times to get the Red 1923 Speedster ready for delivery to the Model T Museum in Richmond, IN. Kim took me for one last ride. It was definitely fun.

The other picture shows my 1924 Roadster that was in need of completion. A very kind and caring couple spent their spare time between June and November to make an old lady so happy. I took it for my first solo drive on November 3rd. I still need lots of practice! The bright side is the car and myself are still fine.

I also want to thank everyone who has been so nice to me -- sending cards, sending emails and calling to make sure I was doing okay. With friends like mine, you can survive and be happy again. I think Charlie would be happy to know we are sharing the Speedster for others' enjoyment. He probably can't believe I am out driving around in the 1924 by myself. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2022. Love to all my friends. 😊 Anita Owen





CONDOLENCES

* **Sue Horner**- a member from Commerce City, Colorado passed on October 10, 2021.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/22690322/susan-kay-horner>

* **Bobby Williams**- Humboldt, TN, passed on October 22, 2021 at the age of 89.

<https://www.repoglelawrence.com/obituary/Bobby-Williams>

* **Don Krull**- Galesburg, IL, passed on November 12, 2021. Don was a past President of the MTFCI.

<https://www.galesburg.com/obituaries/p0164411>

TRIVIA answer

With standard gearing, a speed of not more than 15 m.p.h. is recommended, and with the special gearing, a speed of not more than 22 m.p.h. is recommended.

New Members



*Abbie and Brenda Prince, North Augusta, SC

*Bill Moore, Oakland, TN

*David and Jen Hitchcock, Sparta, TN

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](#)

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



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

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

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

- Tom Moorehead
- Phillip Lee
- Dennis Plank
- Dom D
- Connie Plank
- Jim Eubanks
- Anita Owen
- Ricky Williams
- Suzi Robinson

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

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

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EDIT



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

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

DON'T FORGET Dues are payable
for everyone on 1.1.2022.

*Bill Robinson,
newsletter
editor*