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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**



Greeting Model T'ers

It has been a great touring season so far. I hope most of you have been able to participate. It's not over yet so get your car on the road.

As I have said before, we are known all over the country for our great newsletter. I have had people near and far tell me this on multiple occasions. Bill has always done an excellent job with the newsletter. I have always thought we wouldn't have a club without the newsletter. Bill has had this job for many years and now he is ready to retire. Please let him know how much you appreciate him and the job he has done.

If you are interested in being the newsletter editor, please let me know. The newsletter is the backbone of our club and we need a good person in charge of it. Email or call me if interested, rwilliams@clik1.net or (731)618-0207. Please consider this position.

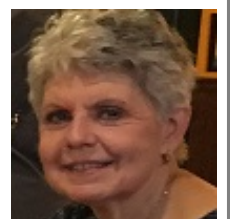
As most of you know George Akin is going to be the new president of The Model T Ford Club of America. I have decided I would like to help George, and our clubs, by running for a director's position of the MTFCA. I hope I can count on your support. Please take time to vote for the directors. You will find the ballot in the MTFCA newsletter. As like everything else, I'm sure it's a small percentage of members that vote at all, so if you will help me in getting the word out and voting maybe we, the Tennessee T's can have a position on the board of directors.

Most of you know I was a building contractor all my life. I have recently retired from building. I was also a director of the National Association of Homebuilders and the Homebuilders Association of Tennessee for many years, along with being the president of the HBAT in 1999. I have experience in this position and I hope I can count on your support.

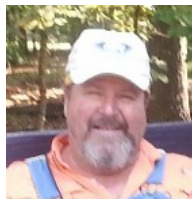
Hope to see you on the road soon.
Happy T'ing
Ricky

Treasurer's Report –October 1, 2021 by **Connie Plank**

Starting Balance (08/01/2021) \$7,192.18
No Activity 0.00
Ending Balance (09/30/2021) \$7,192.18



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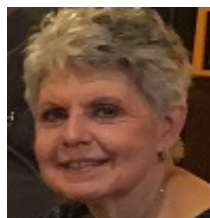
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Chaplain- D.D. From Tennessee



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) |
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| → | Note: contact the event host before making plans to attend. Many events lately get cancelled due to Covid-19. |
| December 4, 2021 | Tennessee T's Christmas Party. Pin Oak Lodge Natchez room at the Natchez Trace State Park. See brochure in this issue for details. |
| May 12-14, 2022 | Tennessee T's Spring Tour "The Five Rivers Tour" Linden, TN- arrive on May 11th- depart on May 15th. Contact rwilliams@click1.net for details. |
| January 22, 2022 | Model T Ford Winter Clinic, McPherson, KS |
| June 19-24, 2022 | MTFCA 2022 National Tour: Wonderful Wisconsin Tour, <u>Fon</u> du lac, WI |
| July 17-22, 2022 | 2022 MTFCI Annual Tour, Hamilton, OH |



**Happy 23rd
Birthday
Tennessee
T's!**

Born October 8, 1998

**Read about our beginnings and our
founding members**

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about.html](https://tennesseets.weebly.com/about.html)**

Chaplain's Report



By D.D.

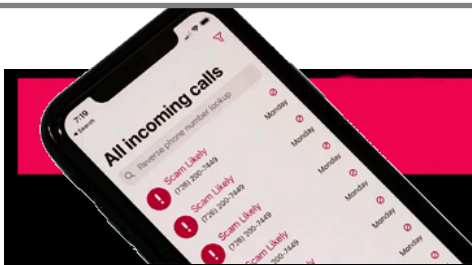
September 22, 2021

Sympathy cards have been sent to Diane Waller at the passing of Jerry and to Judy Markley at the passing of Bill 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.

Romans 3:23 KJV

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

It has been said that sin is a short word with a long sentence. All sin makes us sinners, and all sin cuts us off from our holy God. Don't minimize little sins or overrate big sins. They all separate us from God, but they all can be forgiven by just asking God.



This is how I stop junk calls from coming in on my cell phone..... by Big John Ohlrogge

I keep getting annoying phone calls for extended car warranty. This is how the conversation goes, "Hi. Would you like to get extended car warranty on your car?"

"Yes, I would very much like extended warranty on my car."

"Great what is the year, make, and model of your car?"

"It's a 20 Ford."

"What model is it?"

"It's like a station wagon."

"How many miles is on the car?"

"I don't know."

"Can you please take a guess?"

"No I cannot."

"Why not?"

"Because in 1920 they did not have a tell-tell device back."

CLICK !! - they hung up on me.



Buffalo Nickel by Phillip Lee

Moonshine Moonie barely made it home from his last run because of the T overheating when one of the freeze plugs started spewing out water and steam. He finally got home by making a wooden plug and driving it in the hole in the side of the T.

Moonshine Moonie had heard that a buffalo nickel would fit perfectly in that hole, so now he had to find one of them buffalo nickels. Moonshine went rumbling in the kitchen looking for Ma's egg money to see if she had a buffalo nickel. Ma caught him with her egg money and said, "Pa, get out of my egg money, you know that I am saving it up to get Junior a new pair of shoes, cause he ain't had none since he got out of 3rd grade, and he is gonna be in 5th grade again come Fall." Pa said "Yea Ma, I knows, but I needs a buffalo nickel to fix the T so I can make my runs." Ma said "Well, I ain't got no buffalo nickel, so you go look somewhere else"

Moonshine Moonie slipped out the back door, got his pocket knife, some moonshine and went out back to sit on his whittling log to whittle and sip while he figured out where he could find the buffalo nickel. After whittling and sipping, he decided he would get Maude and ride into town to ask Trader Jim if he had any buffalo nickels. The trip was pretty ruff because he had not needed to ride Maude since he got the T, and he had traded his old saddle for some chicken feed at Trader Jim's.

When Moonshine Moonie got into town and slid off Maude, he was walking a little funny because he had a little too much sipping shine and had been riding a mule bareback for several miles and his rump was hurting. (Some of us know from experience how he felt.) Trader Jim had two buffalo nickels and told Moonshine Moonie that he would sell him one for 6 cents. Everybody knew that Trader Jim would not trade or sell anything if he did not make a little profit or get some boot on it. Moonshine Moonie said he would take him up on the deal if he could take the 6 cents off the next shine Trader Jim bought. Now that he had his buffalo nickel, Moonshine Moonie climbed back on Maude and headed home. It was a long trip with his sore rump and it was almost dark when he got home so he decided not to start work on the T until the next morning. That sipping shine sure helped his sore rump after he had his fill of Ma's pork belly and cornbread.

Bright and early the next morning, Moonshine Moonie went out to see if he could get the buffalo nickel to fit in the hole in the side of the T's motor, but it was a mite too big. He sat down with his pocket knife, a stick and started to whittle, but no sipping shine cause Ma had put her foot down about his sipping that early in the morning. As he was whittling, Junior came out and asked, "What ya doing now Pa?" So Moonshine Moonie showed Junior what he was trying to do with the buffalo nickel and that it was a mite too big for the hole in the side of the T's motor. As he was showing Junior that the buffalo nickel was too big for the hole, well, bet you know what happened next, yep, he dropped the buffalo nickel in the grass below the T. "Now look what you made me do! Crawl under there and find that their buffalo nickel or I'll tan yo hide." So under Junior went and after scratching through the grass he found the buffalo nickel and crawled out with oil on the back of his head and arms, but he had the buffalo, so no hide tanning just now. Junior said "I got it, I got it! Pa!"

After showing his pa the nickel, he said, "Pa, I member last year my teacher was telling us bout convicts and concaves." Moonshine Moonie "What's convicts got to do with this here buffalo nickel and that there hole in my T?"

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“Well Pa, teacher told us that if you take something round like that there nickle and make it bulge out in the middle that it won’t be as big around as it was before. So Pa, you can put your buffalo nickel on something and smack it with your round hammer then it might fit in the hole in the side of your T.”

Moonshine Moonie asked Junior “Do you smash the indian side or the buffalo side?”
Junior said “Don’t know Pa, but I suppose it don’t matter.”



So Moonshine Moonie put his buffalo nickel on a stump, indian head up, placed the round part of his hammer on the nickle and smacked that hammer with another hammer. When he looked at the buffalo nickel, sure enough, the buffalo was squashed out some like it had been eating way too much. But when he tried the buffalo nickel in the hole of the T it fell out and in the grass again. Moonshine Mike, “ Now what little smarty? Now get under there and get me back my buffalo nickel”

It took Junior longer to find that nickle than the first time it fell in the grass, but Junior knew that he had better stay under the T until he found the buffalo nickel cause if he didn’t find it he would get a good tanning. After what seemed like an eternity, Junior found the nickle and out he crawled and shouted “ Pa, I found it again!”

Junior said, “Well Pa, next time you put this here nickle in the ole T, if you smack the center of it with the hammer it might make it fit better.” Pa asked, “What do you mean smack the T with the hammer?” Junior said, “No, Pa, smack the nickle not the T?”

But Moonshine Mike could not get a straight shot to smack the buffalo nickel with the hammer, so he went looking for an old railroad spike he found a couple years ago. He put the flat end of the spike against the buffalo nickel and smacked it with his hammer and sure enough it mashed it out so that it had a good tight fit but the buffalo was looking toward the back of the T. Moonshine Moonie figured the buffalo did not care which way he was looking. Moonshine Moonie, “Well Junior, looks like some of your schooling is coming in handy after all.”



Moonshine Mike made Junior fill the T with water and they took a ride to see if the buffalo nickel would keep the water in the T where it is supposed to be. After a little bit, the T just quit running and Moonshine Moonie could not understand why. He had just filled it up with gas from the extra cans of gas he always kept around. So, he opened the hood, scratched his head and said, “Junior, with your schooling, what you think is wrong with the T?” After looking at the motor and all around it, Junior asked, “Pa, see that little handle right there, is it supposed to point to the side like that?”

Moonshine Moonie had forgotten to turn the gas back on. Don’t ask me how I know this really happens!

THE END

Mark your Calendars for the: **Tennessee T's**
Annual Christmas Party



WHEN: Saturday, December 4th, 3:00 PM 2021

WHERE: Pin Oak Lodge Natchez room at the Natchez Trace State Park.

Call 1-800-250-8616 or 731-968-8176 to reserve a room overnight.

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FOOD: As we have done the past couple of years, we will be eating the buffet at the state part after our Christmas party and business meeting. Buffet is on an individual basis. You will be responsible for your meal and tip. The Club will take care of the meeting room expense.

GIFTS: As always, we will play the ever popular "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. So bring a \$15.00 men's/women's gift as appropriate.

Set your GPS for: 567 Pin Oak Lodge Rd, Lexington, TN

Driving Directions: From I-40, take exit 116. Follow TN-114 south (approximately 7 miles) to Pin Oak Lodge Road. Turn left and follow to lodge. It is well marked.

RSVP: To me please rwilliams@click1.net or if you had rather call or text (731)618-0207. We need to get an accurate count for food. Please help me get the word out to anyone that doesn't have email.

2022 Dues: Please be prepared to pay your 2022 Tennessee T's dues. Dues are due by January 1st 2022, \$20.00 What a bargain!

NOTE: This year we are going back to the smaller room to the right of the entrance with the fireplace we have always had before.

Hope to see all you regulars plus some new faces.
Ricky

The end

Model T Ford

TRIVIA

Phillip Lee's Question: As Described in the 1924 Ford Catalog:
What was the recommended speed of the one-ton TT?

The answer is posted on the final page

The Tennessee T's
Participated
in the

MTFCI Day of Touring Adventure

Saturday, September 25th, 2021



On this date The Tennessee T's rode through the river bottoms of the Tennessee River in McNairy and Hardin Counties along the Alabama border. Each year, the MTFCI encourages its member to spend the day and get-out-and-ride in our Model T Fords.

Well, **Ricky and Vandy Williams**, and son **Jeb**, did more than that. They found more than a ride- they found us a real adventure. 17 T's spent the day in the river bottoms riding roads that the farmers use to tend their corn and bean fields. Most of the roads were gravel, the scenery was beautiful, and modern cars and trucks were scarce. Boy, was it fun! My kind of roads.....

A few times, our group would have to leave the scenic bottoms for the usual gas stops and a lunch break, then back to the rural roads and fields.

Photos by Suzi Robinson






Thanks to Ricky, Vandy, and Jeb Williams for stepping up and providing us with this fun tour!

MODEL T TRIVIA: Found in the most recent issue of the AARP magazine

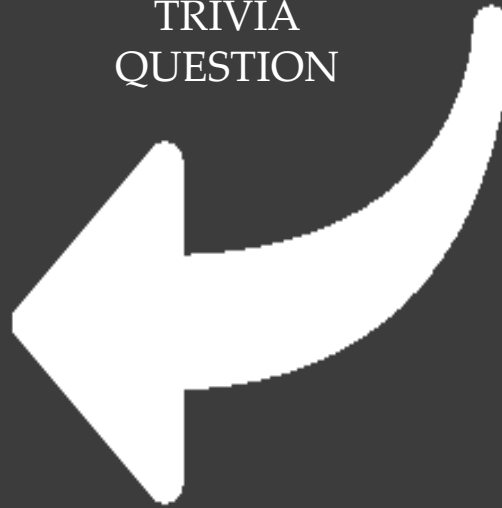
IT'S LOGICAL



QUICK SPIN
For most of its manufacturing history, the Model T Ford was sold only in black. For what very practical reason?

contributed by Paula

Paula Gember's
OCTOBER 2021
TRIVIA
QUESTION



The answer is on page 16



If you ever get a chance to go to **Portillo's Restaurant** just south of Indianapolis look at this Model TT Truck. The restaurant has a 1920s decoration theme and this Model TT truck is on display over the seating area. Photos supplied by **Dan Rubino**.

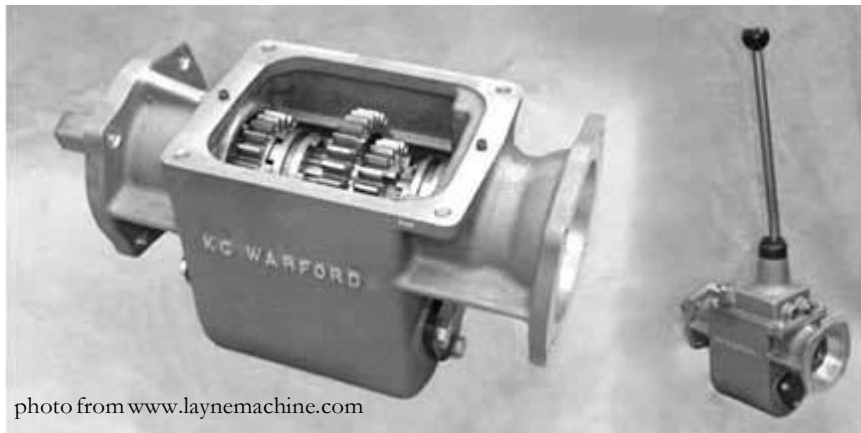
Question for Dan- How do they hide the oil drippings on the floor?



BOOGER... IN THE PAN!

Layne Warford and U-Joint Greasing

by John Zibell



I have a Layne Warford in the 1926 Tudor and have the recommended 85-140 in it. I also have a zerk fitting to be able to pump grease into the U-Joint ball. Recently Bill Robinson and I converted my T from Safety hubs and Rocky brakes to a standard rear axle and Sure stop brakes. On removing the rear end we noticed plenty of grease around the U-Joint. When we pulled the drive shaft I found grease had traveled down the shaft. Not greatly concerned or worried about that. After setting up the brakes and test drive I thought it would be a good time to change the gear oil in my Warford. I opened the fill plug and then the drain plug. On opening the drain plug, nothing came out. I stuck a finger in there and discovered grease from the U-joint ball had made it into the Warford. Ever so slowly blobs of grease mixed with oil began emerging from the drain hole. Kind of like cold molasses or the creature from the movie of the same title (The Blob). I let it drain over night and filled with the proper gear oil the next day she shifted fine. Out of concern I call Layne Machine and asked if having grease in there could be a problem. They said it was no issue as long as there is some form of lubricant in there it would be fine. That was a relief. So my advice, if you have a Warford and pump grease into the U-joint ball, change the Warford oil soon after greasing the ball.

THE END

A memorable boondoggle

by Paula Gember

On a recent trip to Minnesota, we got to see a private car collection. Bob Peterson owns 9 Model T's & 20-plus Model A's, and has several buildings loaded with thousands of pieces-parts. He spends his 'spare time' in his hometown of Kenyon, MN, restoring an old Ford garage.



Most of Bob's treasures are completely original or older restorations



Fords are in his blood. In the early 60's, his father built a Ford dealership downtown, which he owned for many years



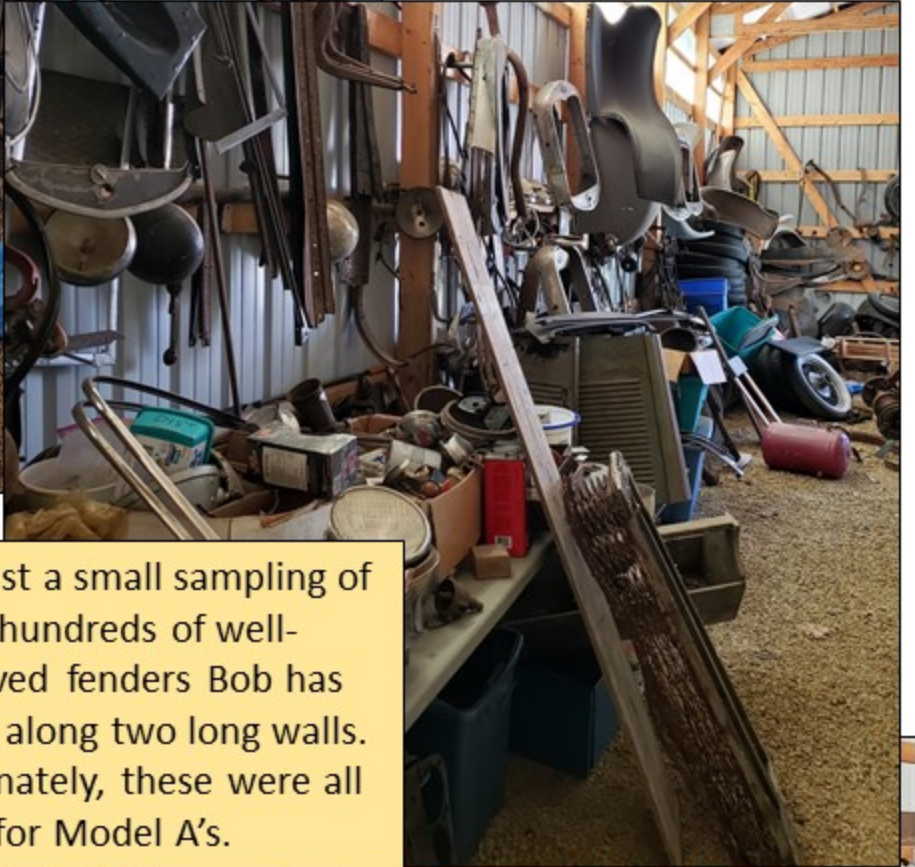


Somebody had a lot of fun tattooing their T !



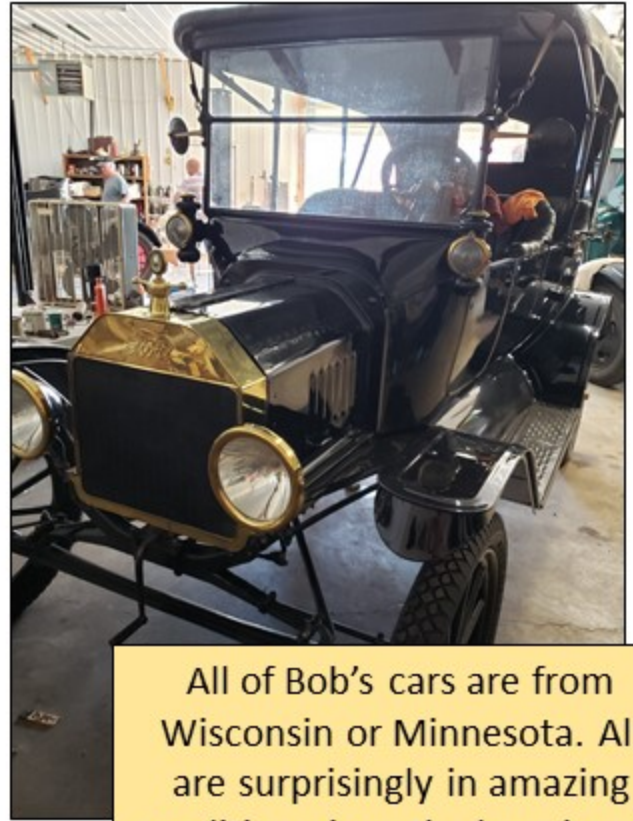


Bob keeps a look out for online auction deals, and says people are always coming by to sell entire truckloads of 'stuff.' He's definitely got lots of 'stuff.'



This is just a small sampling of the hundreds of well-preserved fenders Bob has hanging along two long walls. Unfortunately, these were all for Model A's.



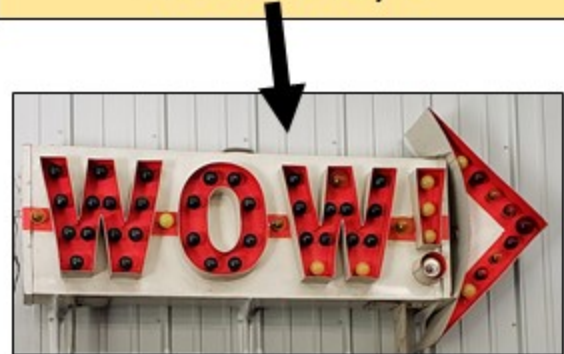


All of Bob's cars are from Wisconsin or Minnesota. All are surprisingly in amazing condition given the long harsh winters they get up here

He cherishes his father's 1934 Ford 5-window coupe, all original and still in immaculate condition



We thoroughly enjoyed seeing Bob's car collection. At the end of the day, all we could say is



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](#)



Tennessee T's



**Model T Ford Club
New Members**

- Wilbur & Elsa Holaday, Birmingham, AL
- Thomas & Kim McCoy, Rogersville, AL
- Jeb & Whitney Williams, Saltillo, MS

Another Joke by Big John

I was asked the other day- "How fast is my 1920 Model T Ford ?" I told them that "Once, it went from zero to 60 in 40 years."



FACT: In 1920 it was made it took 40 years to get to 1960.

Annual Christmas Party



Important! PLEASE let Ricky know if you are coming so he can accurately make arrangements for food!

Christmas Party info:
Saturday, December 4th 3pm
Pin Oak Lodge, Natchez room
at the Natchez Trace State Park
567 Pin Oak Lodge Rd,
Lexington, TN

Don't forget to bring:
Dirty Santa gift & 2022 due\$,

Answer to Paula's Trivia submission

Answer to the MODEL T TRIVIA found in the AARP magazine: "While the reason was long thought to be that the color black dried the fastest, company docs say the policy was "solely for efficiency and uniformity," in order words, a second color would slow down and complicate things.

TECH TIP

(to Mark Gember from Dan Hatch as recorded by Paula Gember)

Mark wanted to replace the lug studs on a wire wheel hub. To remove the swedge from the lug studs without damaging the hub, Dan suggested he try a 5/8" hole saw, one without a drill bit installed. Mark found what he needed at a local Ace Hardware.

The hole saw worked like it was designed for this job! Apply a little oil during drilling, and the hole saw will last much longer.

You can also use this method to remove all five studs to remove a hub. Works on front and rear hubs. **THANKS DAN for the great tech tip!**



This is the Milwaukee 5/8" hole saw without a drill bit. Typical hole saws have a drill bit running thru the center.



The hole saw fits directly on the swedge of the lug stud without fear of damaging the hub itself.



Adding a little bit of oil during the drilling process will help preserve the hole saw



All lug studs were easily removed from this hub in a matter of minutes.

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING
FOR PROVIDING CONTENT FOR THIS ISSUE**

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| Connie Plank | Suzi Robinson | Mark Gember |
| Dom D | Dan Rubino | Jeb Williams |
| Big John Ohlrogge | John Zibell | (new member) |
| Phillip Lee | Paula Gember | |
| Ricky Williams | Vandy Williams | |



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

**DON'T FORGET
2022 DUES OF \$20.00
WILL BE DUE ON JANUARY 1**

Mail to: Tennessee T's
97 Creekwood Road
Humboldt, TN 38343

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

We are sorry to
report the loss of
two long standing
members of The
Tennessee T's.



Bill Markey, Blairsville, Ga. A club member since 2004. [Read his Obituary](#)

Jerry Waller, Whites Creek, TN. A club member since 2001. [Read his Obituary](#)

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If you have not found the **TECHPAGE** 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.

TRIVIA answer

In Regards to Phillip Lee's
Trivia Question----->

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.