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**A Message From Ricky Williams,
Our President**

Greetings Model T'ers

The summer is flying by. Vandy and I have really enjoyed two great tours in the last months. The MTFCA annual tour sponsored by the "Dairy Land T's" in Wisconsin, and the MTFCI annual tour sponsored by "NoKen T's and Bluegrass Back Roads T's" in Ohio. We saw quite a few Tennessee T members on tour. We hope to see more of you in the future.

I'm coming to you, in this addition of the newsletter, to ask for your help. As you know, a club like ours can't exist without volunteers. We need volunteers to step up to the plate and help sponsor tours. When I say sponsor, I mean to help put on a tour in an area you would like. There are many great places in Tennessee, but we don't have to stay in Tennessee. If you have a place to tour in mind, please contact me. I can help with laying out roads and putting together tour stops. It's really hard for the same people to put tours together every time. When laying out tour routes, you have to run the routes several times to get the roads, directions, and timing like you want. I really need volunteers to help with running routes and doing written directions.

On the same note, I would like to say a great big thank you, on behalf of all the Tennessee T's, to Bill Robinson for his work on the newsletter, for the past 10 years. Yes, I said 10 years. As I told y'all a year ago, Bill is retiring as our newsletter editor. Bill and his contributors have put many hours of their time into the newsletter over the years to make it one of the best out there.

It is with much regret, that this will be the last edition of the Tennessee T's Newsletter with Bill as the editor. Please let him know how much we, as a club, appreciate all he has done for us over the years. Bill is not going away. He is still planning on editing our website, and hopefully putting together some more great videos, just as he has in the past.

Now, I know you know what is coming next. WE NEED A VOLUNTEER FOR THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Bill says he can help you get started. He has many things saved to flash drive that can be helpful to you, or you can do your own thing from scratch. We (the Tennessee T's) are here to help you with content. It doesn't have to be some big elaborate publication, just a simple newsletter informing our members of what is going on. If you are interested, please contact me and we can discuss. By the way, I had to change my email address. It is now rwilliams@humboldtministorage.com or you can call me at (731)618-0207.

Until we can find a new editor, I will be sending you club information via email, so keep an eye out for announcements. I know all our lives are full, but this thing we do with our cars is the best family fun you can have. All of my best friends are people connected to our T's. Please volunteer.

Happy T'ing

Ricky

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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. [Click for contact info.](#)

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are bold)
	Note: contact the event host before making plans to attend.
September 24-28, 2022	Model T Covered Bridge Tour, Parke County Fairgrounds 1472 N U.S. 41, Rockville, Indiana
June 16, 2024 - June 19, 2024	MTFCA 2024 National Tour: Palm and Pine Trees National Tour- San Diego, CA San Diego, CA
JULY 16-21, 2023	MTFCI 66th Annual Tour BARABOO, WISCONSIN

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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.

Chaplain's Report July 25, 2022
By Don Demio, Tennessee T's Chaplain



There was no activity during this most recent reporting period.

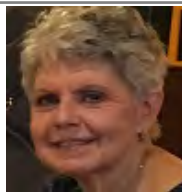
Should you experience or become aware of one of our members experiencing a death in the family, hospitalization or serious medical issue, please inform one of our club officers if you wish us to support you.

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Trust is the key word in this passage. God knows what is best for us. We should be willing to listen to His Word and the wise counsel found in the bible.

Treasurer's Report

The Money Bucket
 submitted by **Connie Plank**,
 Club Treasurer



Tennessee T's Inc. Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance 05/31/2022)	\$7,751.41
Total Deposits – No Activity.....	\$0.00
Total Expenses - No Activity.....	\$0.00
Ending Balance – (07/31/2022)	\$7,751.41



ZOOM! to enlarge the image

READY TO JOIN OUR CLUB ?

An application is attached on the final page. Also, a copy is on our club's website tennesseets.weebly.com

Model T Ford
TRIVIA
 Question #1

Question #1.
 In what year was the oiler incorporated into the tie rod bolts?

see photo above

Answer on pg 23

Model T Ford

TRIVIA

Question #2

Question #2.

In what year was the oil filler cap with 6 flutes (notches) introduced?



Answer on pg 23

THANK YOU TENNESSEE T'S
THANKS FOR THE PICTURES
AND ARTICLES THAT YOU
SUBMITTED THIS MONTH. I
CANT TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT
HELPS ME WHEN YOU
WRITE THE NEWSLETTER.

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Paula Gember
Phillip Lee
Kathy Tagert
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Don Demio
Tom Moorehead
Brian Andrews
Norma Andrews
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New Members

Darren and Rashelle Chaney
Burlison, Tennessee



Why the Model T Birthday Cake?

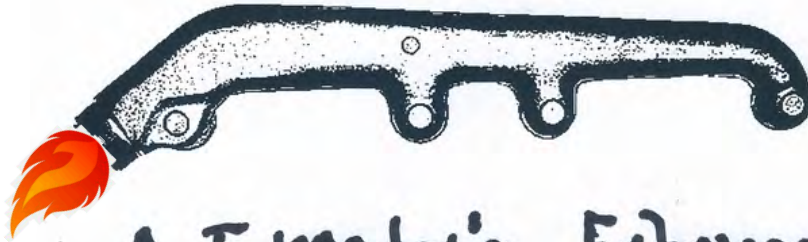
Bill would like to put forth still another TRIVIA QUESTION.

Question is: When is the BIRTHDAY for the Tennessee T's Model T Ford Club?

ANSWER- I'm not telling you. But I'll tell you where to find the answer. [Go to the ABOUT page on our website.](#) While you are at it-read about our Club founders.



THIS Summer's been
HOTTER'n



A T-model's Exhaust
MANIFOLD!

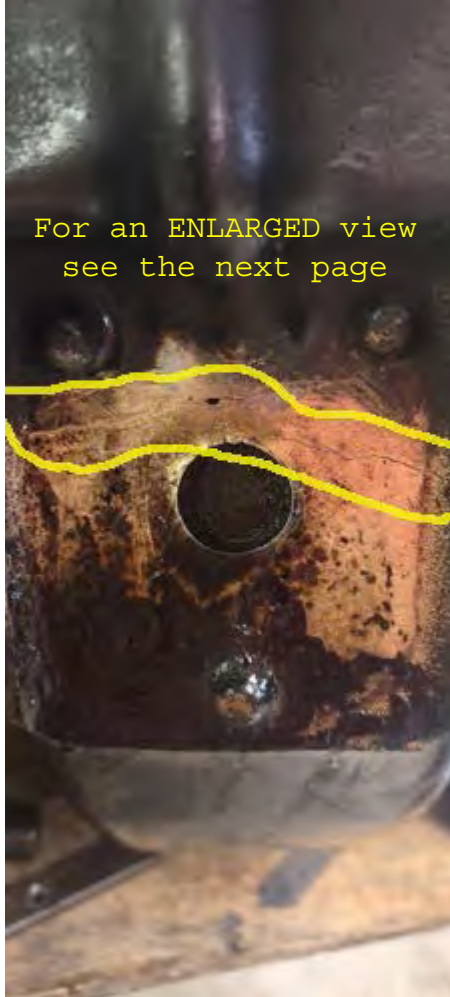
**"Handle every stressful
situation like your Model T
would -**

**if it can't make it up a
particular hill, or can't get
un-stuck from a mud hole,
or it has trouble running
on a distributor, just
backfire and keep on
going."**

A Real.. **BOOGER.. IN THE PAN!**

by Tom Moorehead

These are the photos of the pan I took off yesterday due to oil leak(s). Here's the story.



I had a bad oil leak that I could not locate the source.

I cleaned the entire bottom engine area and took the car for a ride. When I returned, I went about trying to determine the very big oil leak source.

I first found the crack in the support arm. As seen in the photo, the crack runs length wise between the rivets that hold the arm to the pan.

After further investigation, in second photo, I found another crack in the pan, right behind the crack in the pan arm area crack. This pan crack ran from rivet to rivet. Evidently, this crack has been here for a period of time, as both rivets were very loose. You can see the carb cleaner running down the pan and is the cause for the considerable leak both inside and out. This leak allowed oil to go in many directions, causing drip points at all bolts in the pan to block and all bolts in the inspection cover. When this car was parked after running for a while, it not only marked it's spot, it ran out from under the car.

I have never had a pan or arms crack and this particular car gets driven a lot. I have never used the wooden blocks in the frame under the arms. I have used rubber pads under the arms between the arm and frame. I may reconsider using the blocks going forward as Dan Treace indicates their importance. Also, I never have greased the front motor mount. This is a pivot point and if not free to rotate, could bind the pan and cause undue stress to the pan and arms.

The point of all this is investigate oil leaks aggressively, something I did not do until the leak was really bad. The loose rivets I guess could have resulted in the rivets coming out and a catastrophic loss of all oil and a resulting engine failure. Tom

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These are minor cracks and are hard to see- thats why they start off with a DRIP. ZOOM in for a better view.

This crack is in the support arm and is being viewed from the outside of the pan.

Once the support arm was examined, the crack reached side-to-side on the support arm. Not good!



Image below-
This crack is on the pan itself and is being viewed from the inside of the pan.



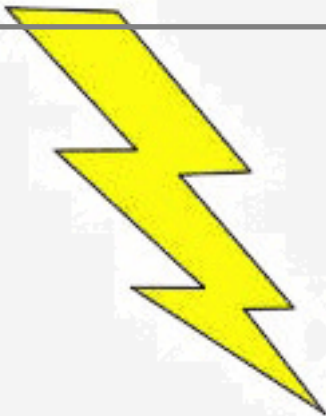
Four couples from the West Central Ind Model T club and the Tennessee T's, Brian and Norma Andrews, Kim and Carolyn Doty, Nick & Thelma Ellingwood and Ron and Cathy Bolser of the famed five rivets blown engine tour drove the T's in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, mostly on the Natchez Trace. Despite the hot, 100°+, weather none of the T's got hot. The rivets were another story. 709 miles at an average moving speed of 26 MPH. Now That's T-ing. Good motels and great bed and breakfasts helped ease the pain. Lunch was usually a picnic along the road. Good friends, good food and T's doesn't get much better. One ticket on Kim's car acted up a couple of times, but a switch out on a hill on the wrong side of the road done really really fast sent us on our way. It was just great to be on the road with other T people having a good time. Looking forward to more tours and people.

June 3rd to 19th

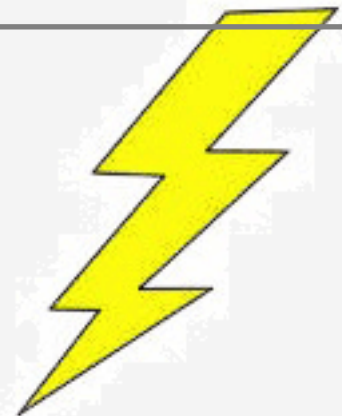
Note from the editor:
Special thanks to
Brian Andrews
for submitting this
article







Continue to the next
page for the latest
adventure of
MoonShine Mike.....



Ending a Great Trip by Phillip Lee

Moonshine Mike and his kids started up river to find the fishing spot that Joe Bob had told them about. Moonshine Mike asked, “Hey, Junior, did we ever learn Blackjack how to swim?” Junior answered, “No sir Pa, don’t think we did.” Moonshine Mike said, “Come here Blackjack.” Moonshine Mike grabbed Blackjack by the seat of his pants and threw him in the deep part of the river and said, “Junior, if he starts down for the third time, jump in and learn that boy to swim properly!” Junior mumbled to himself, “That would be a good way to get rid of a little pest!” But when Blackjack came up the second time he was splashing and dog paddling toward the bank. “HA,HA,HA, see thar Junior, it don’t take a Moonie long to learn to swim. Now help him out of the water and we’ll go on upstream to that fishing hole.” Reluctantly Junior grabbed Blackjack by the hair and hauled him up on the river bank.

When they reached the fishing spot in the bend of the river Moonshine Mike surveyed the banks and spotted what he thought could be a good place for catfish to hide in a hole in the bank. Moonshine Mike pulled off his shirt and boots and said, “Boys, see how the water swirls around right there, (pointing at a spot near the river bank). There may be a shallow hole with a big catfish backed up in there.” As Pa slid in the water he said, “Junior, come on in with me and I’ll show you how to reach in the hole and grab that catfish if it is in there.” Junior asked, “But, but, Pa, what, what if there is a big ole snake in there?” Moonshine Mike answered, “Snakes don’t stay under water that long, Junior. Now come on in so you can watch.” Junior, knowing he had better do what his pa said, jumped in just as Moonshine Mike took a deep breath, went under and after what seemed like an eternity to the boys, back up came Pa splashing and shouting. “Look at this monster of a fish.” That was the biggest catfish any of them had ever seen. It must have been over two feet long. But, to the boys, it looked a mile long. Boy were they impressed with what their Pa did. They all were shouting, “Wait til we tell Ma how you done caught that big ole whopper, Pa.” Moonshine Mike said, “Hand me that piece of rope there.” After putting the rope through the mouth and out the gills of the catfish, Pa tied it to a limb so that it would stay fresh until time to head back to the camp. After the excitement of seeing Pa grappling and catching that big ole catfish, they all settled down with their poles to do a little fishing from the safety of the river bank.



Meanwhile:

Ray (Sheriff Josia), Trader Jim and Running Waters had taken Ray’s Touring T back a few miles to a section of the woods that they were told had lots of deer, turkeys, rabbits and sometime black bears. Ray carried his Springfield M1903 rifle 30-06 bolt action rifle while Trader Jim carried his new Browning Auto-5, a 12 gauge shotgun with a 4 round magazine. Running Waters still preferred to hunt with his long bow. Running Waters could easily take down a deer at over 100 yards with the long bow that his father had made for him about 30 years ago. Running Waters said as he pointed, “Me go that way look for deer. Come back this place with deer.” Both Ray and Trader Jim chuckled and Ray said, “Okay, Running Waters, we’ll see you back here at the T in a couple of hours.”

Ray and Trader Jim started heading into the woods and looked back but Running Waters had already disappeared into the woods. Ray said to Trader Jim, “Boy, that injun sure moves quick and quiet.” Trader

Jim answered, “Yep, sometimes he is like a ghost, now you see him, now you don’t. Let’s see if we can get a deer and get back to the T before that injun does.”

About three hours later, Trader Jim and Ray got back to the T with a turkey, two rabbits and three little squirrels. Sitting under a shade tree was Running Waters with a nine point buck field dressed and lying by the T with an arrow still in. Running Waters asked with a crooked smile, “ What took so long, Pale Faces?” There was always friendly banter between Running Waters and Trader Jim.



Trader Jim looked at Ray and said, “Well, Ray, looks like that injun done beat us again.” Ray said, “Yep, but only because you kept running your mouth bragging about how many deer you had killed, you ran the deer off.” Running Waters said, “Are you palefaces ready to head back to camp so we can get this meat smoked and ready to take home?”

When Moonshine Mike and the boys returned to camp with their fish, Running Waters had shown Trader Jim and Ray how to set up the meat smokers for the venison and other meat they had killed. Running Waters got the boys started building smokers for the fish they had caught, while Moonshine Mike, Trader Jim and Sheriff Josia sat by the campfire talking about their hunting and fishing exploits and how Running Waters had beat at hunting again. They also partook of some of the “sipping shine.”



It started to rain that night and it was pretty wet early the next morning when they all loaded up the Ts and headed for home. About noon they were riding by a farmhouse where the road was deep with muddy ruts due to the heavy horse and wagon traffic and Trader Jim got his T stuck. Everyone but Trader Jim got out to push, and once the T got moving again, J J jumped on the back of the T for a ride. But the ride did not last long and the T was stuck again. Moonshine Mike had put his chains on his truck which gave

him better traction, but this time even the chains did not keep him from getting the truck stuck in the mud. This time the pushing did not help so Trader Jim walked to the nearby farmhouse and persuaded the old farmer to get his team of horses out to pull him and Moonshine Mike through the really bad spot. After successfully pulling them through the really muddy spot, Moonshine Mike gave the farmer the last jug of his “sipping shine” for his trouble.



The rain stopped that afternoon and after camping overnight again, the roads the next day had dried out enough that they made it back to the ridge where they had met without getting stuck again. They divided up the smoked meat and smoked fish, said their goodbyes and all were ready to head home. Sheriff Josia said to Moonshine Mike, “Mike, you know, one of these days I am going to catch you running your shine but remember, it’s just my job.” Moonshine Mike answered, “Sure, Sheriff, catch me if you can.” With a wave and a smile, off down the hill went Moonshine Mike with Junior sitting beside him and J J and Little Jack sitting on top of the camping gear in the back of the T pickup.

After Moonshine Mike and the boys crossed the cattle gap and stopped at the house, Junior exclaimed, “Hey Pa, look hanging on the side of the barn. What kind of skin is that? It sure is big!”

When Ma and Janie came out of the house to greet them, Little Jack excitedly asked, “Ma, what in the world is that skin hanging up on the barn?” Ma answered, “Wait until I tell y’all about the big ole bear that came a calling the other night.”

Janie said, “Yea, Ma can tell y’all what she done!”



Moonshine Mike







Thanks go out to
Kathy Tagert for
submitting these photos

OWEN



The Model T Ford Club
International Inc.
65th Annual Tour
July 17-22, 2022

Some of the *Tennessee T's* members who attended the MTFCI National Tour that was based out of Hamilton, Ohio in mid-July. (listed alphabetically)



GEMBERS



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MOOREHEADS- co-hosts



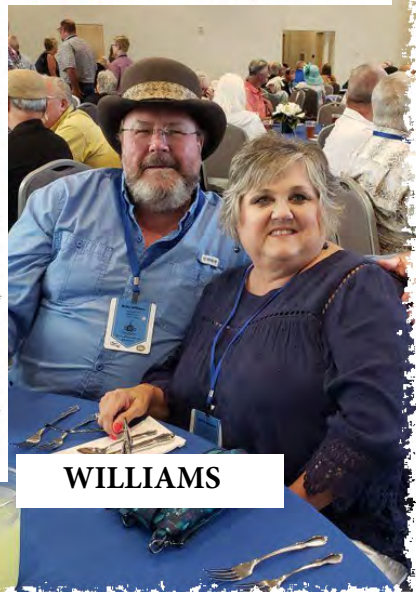
PICARDS



RUBINOS



STONES



WILLIAMS



SIMMERINGS

See if you can find our members- credit given to Steve Shotwell for the collection <https://www.sshotwell.com/22mtfci/>

You don't get to see this every day! Not even in Ohio! by Bill & Suzi Robinson

If you're like me, your mind sort of wanders while driving your Model T down country backroads- it's like going back in time. For me, I picture an old farmer going down a dirt road in his one-ton TT truck. He's hauling a load of hay to be put in barn loft so his cattle will have food this coming winter.

I've always thought that Meagan's (our granddaughter whose toured with us over the years) mind wandered with thoughts like mine while riding in our T. As we would go driving down an old one lane shady gravel road nestled in the Highland Rim of Southern middle Tennessee, she would say, "Poppy, I think I hear banjos playin up in those hills". If you ever saw the movie Deliverance you know where she was coming from.

Imagine riding on an old back road in Ohio that you've never been on before, and coming to a water crossing at a creek. But instead of crossing there, the Model T's had to travel in the creek for a spell to get to the exit. Then going around a turn in the creek there stands a man, on a rock, with a whisky still, playing "Dualing Banjos". That would have made chills go down my back!





This article came in at the last moment. Please, watch the videos. She did a great job! Please, if you like her videos- be sure to give her a big THUMBS UP!

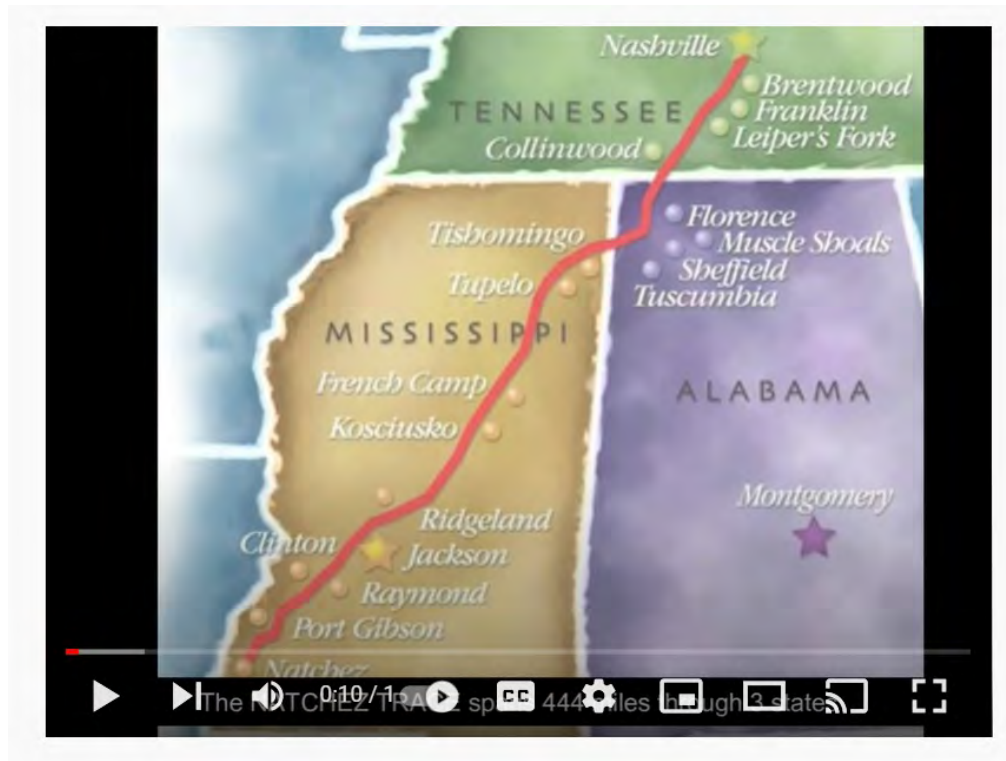


THE TRACING HISTORY TOUR – T-ing along the Natchez Trace (by Paula Gember)

Last October, Mark and I hosted an 11-day tour on the Natchez Trace for our Colorado High Peaks T's Club. The article I wrote about the tour appeared on pages 46-47 in the May/June 2022 issue of the Model T Times. I finally had some spare time (been on too many tours lately), and recently put together a 4-part video series highlighting our Natchez Trace adventure. The four videos have been uploaded to my YouTube channel, SweetTing. Click on the links below, and I hope you enjoy the tour:



- DAY 1 2 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOx71aLLReM>
- DAY 4 5 6 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXKOJEv3pF4&t=6s>
- DAY 7 8 9 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CH9Z66VujPA>
- DAY 10 11 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atWU1x7RG2k&t=11s>



For Sale



I have a 1924 Model T Coupe for sale. Asking \$10,500.00. It is in excellent condition. See picture

David Hitchcock
Sparta, TN.
Phone:
931-254-6219

View the coupe "on the road" <https://youtube.com/shorts/VQybEXr7b08?feature=share>



1927 Fordor, A crank engine, Warford trans., Disk brakes, Hassler shocks, 4 new w.w. Firestone tires, electric wipers,, turn signals, redone interior. Grey exterior, seen on lots of tours. 12500.00 Brian Andrews 217 497-5660.

Lori Tankersley has passed away. She died on
May 28, 2022.

[https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/
miamisburg-oh/nancy-tankersley-10772505](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/miamisburg-oh/nancy-tankersley-10772505)



THERE'S STILL TIME FOR SOMEONE TO PLAN A FALL TOUR.

EVEN MORE TIME TO PLAN A SPRING TOUR.

contact Ricky for tips and guidance

TRIVIA answer^s

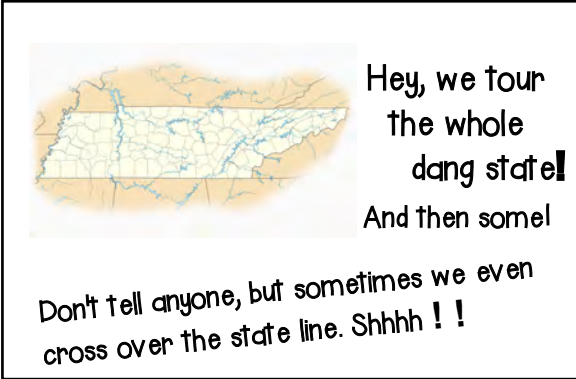
Answer to Question #1-

(From the Model T Encyclopedia, by Bruce McCalley, page 297. Oilers) The next entry in the record of changes is dated July 11, 1911 and states: "Added to panel T-283—Steering Spindle Conn. Rod Bolt Oiler, 2 req." This confirms the adoption date of July 11, 1911 for the tie rod bolts which incorporated the oiler.

Answer to Question #2-

1912.

Typical 1912 to 1914 oil filler cap. Brass, some with and some without the "Made in USA."



FULL TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN JOIN DUES - FREE

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

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.

FACEBOOK

For those members who don't already know it, the Tennessee T's club now has a Facebook page that is hosted by Ricky and Vandy Williams. To find it click on the link **FACEBOOK** - Where it says "search Facebook" type in Tennessee T's.

Please leave comments, videos, pictures, etc to let Rick and Vandy know that their efforts aren't wasted

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name _____ Spouse _____
Birthday _____ Birthday _____
Anniversary _____
Email _____ Email _____
Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: .. \$20.00
Due By: *January 1st / each year*
Make Check Payable To: **Tennessee T's, Inc.**
Mail To: *Vandy Williams, Secretary*
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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.)*

MTFCI# _____ MTFCA# _____

List cars (body style and year)

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Signature

Date