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



A Message From Ricky Williams,
Our President

Greetings Model T'ers

As you notice, we have a new Newsletter editor. Thank you to Paul Gierow for stepping up and taking on this responsibility for our club. I'm sure you all will support him with your Model T news and information. We have always had a great Newsletter, and I'm sure Paul will keep the ball rolling.

The Christmas party is just around the corner. December 3rd is the date. If you haven't already, please let me know if you plan on attending. We have quite a few new folks and we would like to see you at the Christmas party. I sent an email out earlier with the information. As usual, we will hold a short business meeting and play Dirty Santa, so bring a male or female gift.

This touring year is winding down. Vandy and I took one more leaf peaking trip yesterday, after riding close to 500-miles last week. The plan was to drive the Model T about 50 miles, eat lunch, and return. I had some really great roads picked out that we should be able to see some beautiful scenery.

The truth be known, I woke up Sunday morning thinking about some of the best banana pudding I have ever eaten and decided to go get some. I loaded up the car in the trailer and hauled it about 60 miles to start our trip, wishing all along I had gotten my sunglasses out of the Model T before I began.

The closer we got to our unloading spot the clouds got darker. We looked at the radar, and decided the rain we saw would be moving on ahead of us. The whole time I was still thinking about that banana pudding waiting for me at lunch. To make a long story shorter, it started raining about 10 minutes into our trip. We drove miles of muddy gravel roads. I was determined not to turn back. The closer we got, the more my mouth watered for that pudding I was about to get. Finally, we turned into the parking lot, and what to my wondering eyes should appear but a sign that said **CLOSED ON SUNDAY :<**

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.

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are bold)
➔	Note: contact the event host before making plans to attend.
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 November 7, 2022

By Don Demio, Tennessee T's Chaplain



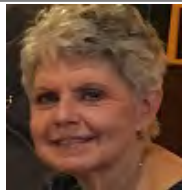
During this most recent reporting period on 10/14 a Get Well card was sent to Anita Owen after her surgery and on 10/20 a Sympathy Card was sent to Betty Jack after the passing of his husband Ken.

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.

1 Peter 1:3 KJV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The term "begotten again" or born again refers to spiritual birth. Jesus used this term when he explained salvation to Nicodemus. Peter's words offer joy and hope in times of trouble. We can draw strength from this biblical verse in these troubled times.

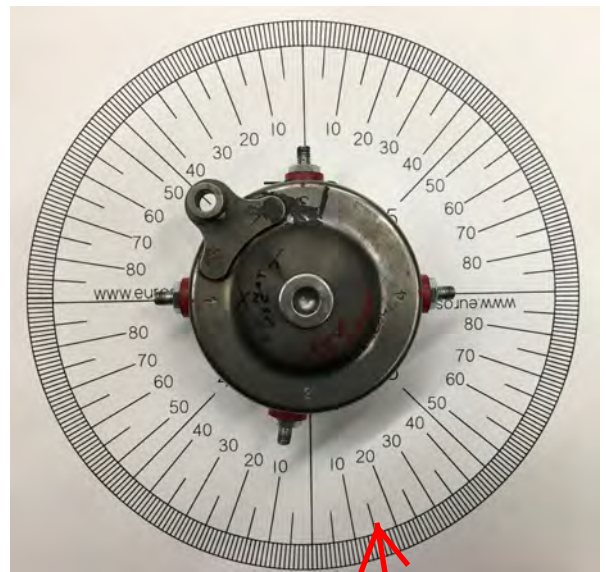
Treasurer's Report

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



Tennessee T's Inc. Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance (7/31/2022)	\$7,751.41
Total Deposits -	\$20.00
Total Expenses - No Activity.....	\$0.00
Ending Balance -(10/31/2022)	\$7,771.41



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. What is wrong with the Timer?

see photo above

Question #2 How much time was allowed for 1 man to paint and remove the engine from the T assembly line?

Answers on pg 15

The New Mexico "Land of Enchantment Tour" by Paula Gember

Mark & Paula Gember recently completed a 10-day tour through New Mexico, hosted by Dennis & Karen Dakan of the Colorado High Peaks Ts. The progressive tour originated in Socorro, NM. This tour was originally conceived by long-standing Tennessee Ts club member Don Krull, who passed away Feb 9, 2022. Dennis stepped in and completed Don's vision for the tour.

With its ever-changing landscape, unique rock formations, diverse culture, and numerous state parks, New Mexico definitely had a lot to see and do. Here are some of the highlights of our tour through the "Land of Enchantment."



Elephant Butte State Park, near Truth or Consequences, is the state's largest reservoir and largest state park, and is named after a rock formation that resembles an elephant. We couldn't see the resemblance, but the sand sculpture was impressive.



We enjoyed lunch at a 50's style diner literally in the middle of *nowhere*

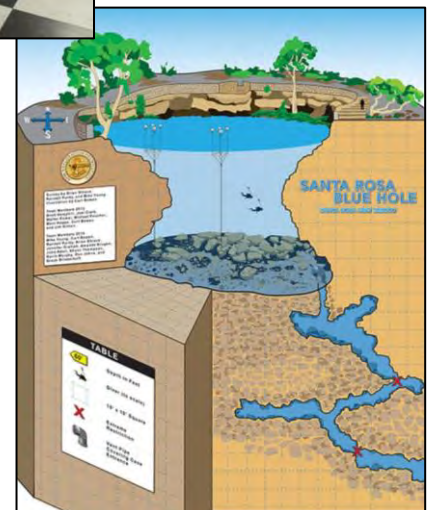
The Route 66 Auto Museum in Santa Rosa, has over 30 privately owned cars. The highway, *established in 1926*, spans 2,448 miles from Santa Monica to Chicago. It was officially removed from the US highway system in 1985, but the nostalgia of this scenic route continues to attract car enthusiasts from all over the globe.



The Edsel excavator outside the museum was fully functional, in spite of its flat tire.



The deep blue water flowing from the naturally occurring, bell-shaped artesian well in Santa Rosa is one of the most popular destinations in the US for scuba diving and training.





The Billy The Kid Museum in Fort Sumner, NM, houses more than 60,000 relics from the period of “the Kid’s” reign of terror.



The large, 100 year-old museum contains Billy the Kid’s rifle, knife & riding chaps, reward posters and artifacts from the period, a large collection of long rifles & cowboy memorabilia, as well as several Model T’s that came from the area.



In Roswell, we went to the International UFO Museum & Research Center, that was founded after the UFO ‘crash’ near here in 1947. Mark had some fun with a couple of aliens, and we enjoyed numerous exhibits documenting UFO sightings and reported abductions from across the country.





Carlsbad Caverns, discovered in 1898 by a young teen, is the largest, readily accessible cave in all of North America, with over 30 miles of passages. It has over 8.5 acres of unique rock formations in its chamber at the bottom, called the "Big Room."



Every evening at dusk, visitors gather near the mouth of the cave to watch as several hundred thousand bats fly out in a large continuous mass to search for food. You can hear their wings as they fly by.



We noticed a very strong smell of bat guano (bat poop!) as we followed the winding trail downward. We walked 1.5 miles and descended more than 75 stories into the cave. Words can't begin to describe the beauty of the formations we saw throughout the cave. You just have to come see it for yourself. It was awesome!



White Sands National Park is ~228 square miles of 30+ foot deep sand dunes composed of pure white gypsum crystals, and is completely surrounded by the White Sands Missile Range. The oldest known human footprints in North America were discovered here & date back more than 23,000 years.





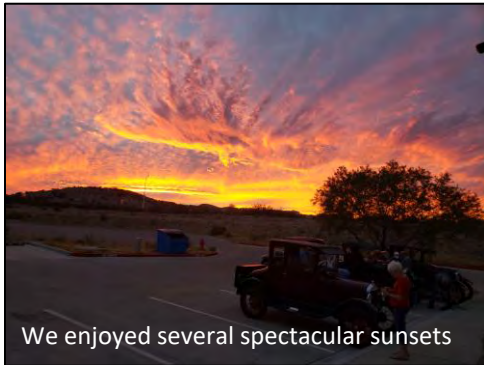
Pie Town is known for pies! Their New Mexico Apple Pie contains green chiles from nearby Hatch, NM, apples & pine nuts



Near Magdalena, 27 radio telescopes all work together as one to examine the far reaches of our solar system and explore deep into space.



During our stay in Alamogordo, we were startled by several LOUD (sonic) booms. We learned they came from testing at White Sands Missile Range. It's a common occurrence here, but was a little unnerving for all of us.



We enjoyed several spectacular sunsets



New Mexico is one of three states that grows pistachios. The nuts thrive in the region's hot summers and chilly winters. Pecans are the #1 crop, followed by hay, peppers (green chiles), corn, wheat, peanuts and COTTON!

← We drove through the Black Range Mtns and the Gila National Forest, along hairpin turns & switchbacks, up nearly 9000 ft to Emory Pass. The view was - WOW!



In Silver City, we visited the Santa Rita Mining operations. There are 7 active mines in the region with more coming. This pit is 7000 feet deep. Miners work 24/7 extracting silver, gold and copper.

Dixie and Mark are posed by one of the massive tires used by the mine's rock hauling trucks. Each tire costs a whopping \$80,000!





We drove a winding road through several passes up to 8000 feet, then hiked 1.5 miles up another 1000 feet to the Gila Cliff Dwellings. The secluded ruins were inhabited by ancestral Pueblo around 1275, and remain remarkably preserved.



There's Dixie in the bottom of the canyon from our view at the Gila Cliff Dwellings



We encountered stormy weather when we left the ruins, a slick ride while we wove our way back through the passes & down the mountain. The day ended with a rainbow and clearing skies as we got to the hotel.



The 10-day "Land of Enchantment" tour covered more than 1500 miles. We stayed in Socorro, Truth or Consequences, Santa Rosa, Roswell, Carlsbad, Alamogordo, Silver City (2 days) and Quemado, before returning to our starting point in Socorro. Many thanks to our exceptional hosts Dennis & Karen Dakan for such a great tour.



Fall Touring in Tennessee

photos contributed by Vandy and Ricky Williams



George and Ramona's Fall '22 Tour



George and Ramona's Fall '22 Tour

November 2022

Model T's Make Great Props for Family Reunion Pictures!



New Model T Driver Taking his Sister to get Ice Cream..she said "move over its my time to drive!"



Moonshine Mike Gets Home by Phillip Lee

You may recall that when the Moonie boys returned from their hunting/fishing trip, they saw a big skin of some kind hanging on the barn wall. Little Jack asked excitedly, “Ma, what in the world is that big ole 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, “Yep, Ma can tell y’all all about what she done!” Y’all go ahead and get the T unloaded, all your hunting and fishing gear put up. I see y’all got some meat and fish there, too. Get that stored away and I’ll have supper ready and I tell y’all all about the bear while we eat.”

Now the whole family was sitting down to bear steak, mash taters, gravy, beans and corn bread. J J said, “Ma, after you tell us about that big ole bear, we can tell you and Janie how Pa caught a whale with his bare hands.” Ma said, “Sure thing JJ. Well, the other night we heard a big commotion out at the chicken coop. So I grabbed Pa’s big double barrel shotgun and headed out the back door. Right behind me was Janie with her little single barrel 20 shotgun. As we stepped out from behind the outhouse, what do you know, coming around the back of the chicken coop was this big ole black bear with two chickens hanging out of its mouth and boy were they just a quaking. I pointed the double barrel shotgun and pulled one trigger. Click, but no boom. Oh know *&%*, we’re in big trouble now I thought but Lil’ Janie stepped out from behind me and boom, she shot that ole bear full in the face.



Bear Steak if we can Shoot em'

I looked over and Lil’ Janie was flat on her back with that shotgun pointing straight up but that ole bear just stood up and roared. He looked like he was about 20 feet tall. The second barrel of my shotgun went off with a roar and that big ole bear dropped them chickens, looked up at the sky and fell backward “deader than a doornail”. I looked over at Janie and she was sitting up and looking like she had just seen a ghost, but it wasn’t no ghost, it was that big ole black bear.”

Janie said, “Yea, and boy was I scared and then Ma sent me back to the kitchen to get two butcher knives and some pans, and we spent most of the night skinning that ole bear right there where he fell, and we hung the skin on the barn right over thar.”

Ma said, “Me and Janie cut up that ole bear and put it in the smokehouse where it is getting smoked right now, and we cut us some bear steaks and that’s why we are having bear steaks, taters and gravy fer supper right now.”

Moonshine Mikes continued adventures...

JJ said, “Ma, that shore is sumpin, but you should have seen how Pa jumped in the river, went under the water for about an hour, and came back up with the biggest fish we ever seen.”

Moonshine Mike said, “Well Ma, it was not an hour, but it sure seemed like it to me cause I got my foot caught in a tree root or something, thought I was gonna drown before I got my foot out of that boot, but I came up with that big fish. Never did find that boot, but rather have a gone boot than a gone me.”

After a good night’s sleep in his own bed and a big breakfast of gravy, biscuits and bear steak, Moonshine Mike headed out the door as he said to Ma, “Gotta get myself back in them hills and run a batch of shine to take to The Turtle Dip Roadhouse. I know that by now Sam is wondering where I’ve been. I bet he thinks Sheriff Josia has done got me”



Ma Says "Bear Steak shure tastes gud wid taters 'n' gravy"

For Sale

1927 Tudor



- Rebuilt engine w/ Scat crank, Stipe 280 cam, alum pistons, McEachern bronze timing gear, rebuilt trans, improved Jack Rabbit clutch, two external oilers, Berg's radiator, & many other features.
- Rear axle- Chaffins Ruckstell kit, bronze thrust washers, 2 new axles, measured Hyatt bearings, modern seals.
- Rocky Mountain brakes.
- Color : Black

This is a good Model T for touring. The floor heater (not a manifold heater) makes it great for winter driving. The car is located in Gurley, AL. \$11,500.

Contact : **Bill Robinson** for questions and more pictures-
billrobinson1926@gmail.com , cell 256.503.4649.

Please Notify the Editor for any illnesses or deaths within the club



TIME TO PLAN A SPRING TOUR.
contact Ricky for tips and guidance

TRIVIA answer^s

Answer to Question #1-

Not Really Trivia, but a real production issue that led one member to chase a vibration for a few years. It appears that the factory had a quality control issue in production. The number 2 contact bolt was not located correctly leading to a timing issue and vibration.

Answer to Question #2-

68 seconds

From: The Ford encyclopedia page 75 in the Ford Shops tab



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

Mark your Calendars for the:

Tennessee T's Annual Christmas Party



WHEN: Saturday, December 3rd, 3:00 PM 2022

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.

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: rwilliams@humboldtministorage.com 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.

NOTE: This year we will be in the smaller room to the right of the entrance with the fireplace we have always had before.

2023 Dues: Please be prepared to pay your 2023 Tennessee T's dues. Dues are due by January 1st 2023, \$20.00 What a bargain!

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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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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| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Signature

Date