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Hope everyone had a great Saint Partick's Day and that you are ready to welcome Spring and the beginning of the 2004 touring season. I know many of you will be sporting repaired and rebuilt engines. One at this household (maybe). It ran on the stand and by tomorrow we should know if everything is hooked back up properly and if it will run in the car. I surely hope so as we have many miles planned between now and November.

As you tour and attend events this summer please send pictures and a write-up to include it in the newsletter so we can share our good times with everyone.

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Included in this packet is a chapter membership list for 2004. We won't send another list this year but if anyone else joins we will include all their information in the Newsletter. Just add them to the last page of this list.

Our newest members are:

Bill and Judy Markey

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The Markey's have traveled the Trace with us every year but the very first one so we already thought of them as a Tennessee T's. Welcome Bill and Judy.

Also in this packet you will find the information on the first Tennessee T's event for the year. Gary & Annette Tillstrom have a day trip, "Arlington in April" planned for April 24th. Gary and Annette have planned a fun day. I hope you will be able to attend. The Cooks and Williams will be returning from the Kerriville, TX tour on that day and won't be able to make it so have

enough fun for us also. Thanks Tillstorms for your hard work on planning this day and for your willingness to help and your enthusiasm for the club. ...... REMEMBER TO KEEP THE WEEKEND OF JULY 11TH OPEN FOR THE "WAVERLY WEEKEND." ..... Mystery picture in last Newsletter. Several of you guessed but only one got it right. Most of you thought it was Mac Flowers but only Glenn Storck guessed (correctly)that it was a "young" Larry Williams standing on the running board of a relatives car. Make and model unknown. The Chapter received a letter from Barbara Schiable thanking all the chapter members for the cards and notes of support you sent during the last few months. She says that Tennessee produces some very special people and she thinks many of them drive Model T's. Barb has now started a year of chemo-therapy but plans to be back in shape to join us on the 2005 Natchez Trace Tour. Let's continue to remember Barb. MAY ANNIVERSARIES MAY BIRTHDAYS Glenn Storck/Susan Harrington Betty VanBruggen ..1st Larry & Carolyn Williams......19th Ginny Scudder.....8th Mary Helen Meadows...9th Pat Johnson......20th Betty Jack.....27th Charles Corlew......29th Jerry Waller.....30th Thought for the day: This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure: in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it. 

Enjoy the "Arlington in April" day. Take pictures. Next Newsletter in May.



<u>Calling all Tennessee T's!</u> Come join the fun Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (weather cooperating) for a day drive in Western TN. We are planning to meet in Millington between 8:30 and 9:00 in the parking lot of the Church of Christ on Raleigh Millington Road (AKA Church Street). (see map). We have permission to leave trailers and trucks there for the day.

From here, we will take the back roads (the best kind) into the town of Arlington. The town is having their annual "Arlington in April" festival, which includes a walking tour of the older homes in town. This is very informative and your guide gives you all the history and everything. It's kind of like Aunt Bee gossiping only in real life!

On the town square they usually have lots of old time crafts (the same ones that are at all small town festivals). Of course no self-respecting southern town would be worth its name if it didn't include an episode the blue and grey going at each other! There is usually a civil war encampment that is neat for you history buffs.

I'm sure our T's will be welcome parked out front as the General Store was once the Ford dealer in town. (I've already scoped the place out for T parts, there ain't any). From Arlington, the plan is to drive our trusty flivvers north to Mason for lunch. You have two choices for lunch.

- Choice A: Bozo's BBQ which is supposed to be excellent. They have been in business since the 1920's.
- Choice B: Gus's Fried Chicken. Probably the best fried chicken in the state! They have a new building as the old one burned down a couple of years ago (grease fire, go figure).

No matter what you choose, its gonna be good! I have never eaten at Bozo's but I have at Gus's. No need to mess with success, my car will be parked in front of Gus's.

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From Mason, the plan is to take the back roads to the river near Covington. Be prepared to follow slower vehicles than the T! I know it is hard to believe but April is cotton and soybean planting time. Good thing we'll be in T's and not in a hurry. It's actually relaxing following farm equipment on the back roads (so long as they aren't pulling manure spreaders).

Once we make it to the river, we plan on following the "Mississippi River Trail" (MRT) to Shelby Forest State Park. For you campers, this would be a great place to pitch the tent. From the state park, Millington is about 45 minutes by T. We'll end our day back where we started.

If your coming from out of town and going to be late for the departure time, my cell number is 901-496-5527, we'll wait on you (of course brother Ralph will award you with the coveted catfish trophy). My fun meter is pegged out already! *Gary* 

