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MAY 2004

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MODEL T STAMPEDE 2004

In mid April the Cooks and Williams made their way to Kerrville, TX and the Model T Stampede 2004 tour. We stopped in Fairmont, TX for a short visit with Carolyn's cousin where we enjoyed a real "Crawfish Boil." Then it was on to Port Neches, TX for three fun filled days with Jim and Donna Wade at their beach house. Jim is a college friend of Sue and Lynn's son Tony and they are also members of the Tennessee T's.



JIM AND DONNA WADE

Donna, Sue and Carolyn explored all the antique stores in Port Neches, Beaumont and Galveston while Jim introduced Lynn and Larry to Model T owners in the area. The Williams daughter, Kim drove down from Houston and spent Wednesday night. On Friday we finally arrived at the YO Motel in Kerrville and settled in for the week. Saturday morning it was off to San Antonio for a visit with the Williams son, Greg and his family. Sunday morning tour participants started arriving and we were delighted to be joined by three other Tennessee T's chapter members, Bill and Judy Markey from Blairsville, GA, Marge and Don Krull from Galesburg, IL and Bud and Ginny Scudder from California, KY.

Sunday night we enjoyed a welcome dinner with after-dinner entertainment by "Part of the Problem." Monday's drive took us for a tour of the YO Ranch where we had lunch.

Tuesday was a 160 mile day driving to the towns of Comfort, Luckenbach and Fredericksburg enjoying the beautiful Texas Bluebonnets along the way. We also visited a beautiful Wildflower Farm.

BLUEBONNETS IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

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LUCKENBACH, TX.....LOOKING FOR "WILLIE, WAYLON AND THE BOYS"



Wednesday we had a charter bus tour to San Antonio, the River Walk and the Alamo. Thursday's was a beautiful drive through winding hills and along the Guadalupe River to the town of Leakey (pronounced Lake-key).

Thursday evening Larry received a call that his mother was very ill so we elected to return home early Friday morning. Lynn and Sue were kind enough to travel with us so we would not be alone but the other Tennessee T's said Friday was also a great day with a very nice closing banquet Friday night. (Larry's mom is much improved)

This was a good tour and we were treated to Cowboy Philosophy all week such as:

- *Good judgement comes from experience...and a lotta that comes from bad judgement.
- *Always drink upstream from the herd.
- *Never squat with your spurs on.
- *Never miss a good chance to shut up
- *The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you shave his face in the mirror every morning.

OUR FIRST TOUR

by: Mike & Maria Summerall>

After owning a T for one and a half years, on April 23 we finally took > our first real tour. Up to that date the farthest we had been from > Athens, AL in our T was to Pulaski, TN (38 miles one way) to visit Duane > and Elise Rost and their beautifully restored 1915 Touring. >

Since we do not have a car trailer or a vehicle geared to pull one the > only way we can participate in club tours is to drive to them. After > numerous repairs to our 1923 Touring we felt we were willing to try to > drive over to the west Tennessee tour to be held on April 24. We had > arranged to drive over to Selmer, TN and meet up with Ken and Joyce Swan > and then proceed over to Millington, TN with both cars. I had spoken > with Gary Tillstrom the night before to check on the forecast and the > thought was that the rain would hold off. I called Ken at 6:25 AM as we > were leaving the house to tell him we were on the way. A few minutes > after 10AM we pulled in to Selmer and met up with Ken and Joyce, happy > that we had managed to drive 115 miles with no problem. During the time > we were making this first leg of the trip the weather changed in Memphis > for the worse. Gary had contacted Ken with the news that it was pouring > in Memphis and there was now a 60% chance of rain for the Saturday tour > date. With that forecast the decision was made to cancel the tour. By > the time we heard that news we were already in Selmer. My wife Maria and

> I were disappointed to say the least as we had looked forward to our > first tour. Swans came up with a great idea, however. They suggested > driving to French Camp, MS on the Natchez Trace Parkway. We concurred > and off we went following the Swan's great running 1922 Touring.

After stopping for lunch in Tupelo, MS we got on the Natchez Trace > and found out what the rest of the Tennessee T's have known for years > how beautiful the Trace is in a T!! After hitting a couple quick > showers and a swarm of bees (a second swarm was encountered also on the > way back the following day) we pulled into French Camp shortly after > mid-afternoon. For experienced tourers this was no big trip, but for us > novices 265 miles in one day in an 81 year old car is a lot but we loved > it! The French Camp Academy Bed & Breakfast was very nice and the > managers as well as all the Academy staff and students were absolutely > great! After supper that night at the school dining hall we drove around > the campus (1000+ acres with 24 dormitories, lodge, lake, planetarium and > more) and town and settled in for a comfortable night's sleep. The next > morning after a great breakfast and fuel stop we were back on the Trace > for the return trip. Saturday for the return had absolutely perfect > weather. Our two T's dependably made it back to highway 72 where Swans > headed west and Sumeralls east toward home.

> By the time we got back home we had traveled 484 miles (quite a bit > more than we would have had on the west Tennessee tour). The good news

> is that we had a great time, great company
with Ken and Joyce, and no car

> troubles other than a dripping carb. Now

we can hardly wait for the

> Waverly tour in July! Now if we can just order up some good weather for

> it!

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> Happy T-ing.

Mike & Maria'

Ken and Joyce Swan also wrote about the tour with the Summerall's to French Camp. Ken gives a big thumbs up to Mike and Maria' for driving 484 miles on their first tour, 1/3 of the way solo, traveling in three states, through four rain showers, 2 swarms of bees, copious toothless rednecks asking typical service station questions, hordes of truckers blasting their one note overture on their air horns while thinking themselves to be clever, and countless waving motorcycle riders. Ken and Joyce said they were treated as royalty at the French Camp B & B and enjoyed the tour of the academy.

(Mike and Maria', Ken and Joyce glad to hear that you turned the rainey weekend into a great one. Mike and Maria' you had good touring buddies for your first tour. Ken has probably been in the Model T business as long or longer than anyone in the Chapter.)

BLUE SUEDE CRUISE IN

On the weekend of May 1, 2004 Mac and Erenestine Flowers attend the second annual Blue Suede Cruise In in Tupelo, MS. There were 409 cars registered this year with four of them being Model T's. Mac said, "We received more attention than all the bright shiney "rods". People would walk right by all the others and stop at the T's". The next oldest car there was a "26 Chevy Coup. The

person coming the longest distance was driving a '41 Willis Coupe from Kerrville, TX. On Saturday there was a parade of all the cars. Mac and Ernestine's daughter, Suzanne, their grandaughter Laura and her friend enjoyed riding with them. Later in the day Ernestine went shopping and Mac feels that she saved him a tremendous amount of money with all the sales she reported Sunday morning there was a church service and music by a local choir before everyone left for home.

Muddy T Tour 2004

May 16-20 Blairsville, Georgia

The Muddy T Tour in Blairsville, Georgia was attended by 26 T's, 4 of which were from the Tenn. T's. Verschoore's Krull's, Scudder's and the William's. Our hosts for the week were Bill and Judy Markey. We were will taken car of. A dinner was held Sunday evening at the Blairsville Rest. and everyone was able to help themselves to a fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, and coleslaw.

Monday we started driving up the Blue Ridge Mountains to Blue Ridge to ride the Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad. Once aboard we headed north in an open car to McCaysville, Ga. and Copperhill, North Carolina. Arriving about an hour later we stayed on the train to enjoy a box lunch. After lunch some of the guys decided to have ice cream and the gals went to shop. It wasn't to long when it began to rain. So, we did get some shopping in before the train whistle blew twice and that was our clue that the train was leaving in 10 minutes. Once back on the train we headed back to Blue Ridge. Our T's were across from the train station and as we approached the rain began to come down in buckets. Some of

the T's had the tops down and others just needed some side curtains. Needless to say there wasn't a dry car or body in the group.

Tuesday we headed to Helen, Ga. to visit the Alpine shops and restaurants. Helen is at the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains and is about 13 miles of climbing as the road switches back and forth. This road was very hard on the T's and a lot of them were over heating. Three T's didn't make it at all and 2 T's decided not to even try.

Wednesday we went over the Blue Ridge Mountains again, to visit the town of Dahlonega, but we traveled a different road that was as hard on the T's. Lunch was on your own and then you could visit the antique shops and tour a gold mine and even pan for gold.

Thursday we toured through the hills of North Georgia and North Carolina. You had the option to visit a vineyard and stop at the John Campbell Folk School. John Campbell believed life could be improved by education and in turn wanted to preserve and share with the rest of the world the wonderful crafts, techniques and tools that the mountain people used in everyday life. The Folk School offers a unique combination of rich history, beautiful mountain surroundings, and an atmosphere of living and learning together. Lunch was on your own. That evening we had another dinner at the Blairsville Restaurant. We found out the next years tour will be in Ohio and then Indiana in 2006 and Wyoming in 2007. This is a great group and always a lot of fun. If you have any interest in joining one of our Muddy T tours contact Don Krull, he is the president this year.

Brenda Verschoore

ps: Our host for the week, Bill and Judy are also members of the Tennessee T's.

"Dirt Roading" at the Muddy T



I can catch it! I know I can!





That Dear Old Flivver

Once the was straight
And full of pep.
Had a fast gait
And kept her step.

Now she is laded

And beginning to wrinkle,
Her eyes look jaded

And reluse to (winkle,

Her time is not long 'Cause her lungs are weak, Her vaice once strong Is reduced to a squeak. My eyes they till
When I'm tempted to part,
Because she still
Holds a place in my heart.

She carried me to hunt, She carried me to marry, Without a single grunt Or suggestion to tarry.

Along the countryside
Or down by the river,
I've enjoyed every ride
In that dear old "flivver."

KING A. WOODBURN

RELAY FOR LIFE

Several members of the Tennessee T's partnered with First Federal Bank in Waverly to raise money for Relay for Life.

Bank employees sold hamburgers and hotdogs while the T's were available for rides for donations to Relay for Life.



First Federal Bank in Waverly hosted a cookout and bake sale on Friday, May 7 for Relay for Life. Members of the Tennessee T's were on hand to show their cars and even give rides for donations.

First Federal will host a similar event on Friday, June 18. Just in time to buy a cake for your Father's Day celebration



Introducing Nicole Ann Miller, newest grandchild of Bill & Linda Eden. 7lb, 9oz She arrived with Grandma Linda there to welcome her.



CARS IN PROGRESS



I have been working trying to finish my winter project. The Hack is just about done and I have been taking it out for small trips, about 30 to 40 miles at a time. Lots of small bugs to work out. RALPH WILLIAMS



This is the latest photo of my '25 pickup (taken 5/9/04) I still have some interior detail, need a windshield, taillight, and 'fine tuning on the engine and transmission. Will have to get a title. Since it was built from parts I'll have to do some fancy footwork around the bureaucracy. BRIAN NELSON

Lynn Cook has his engine complete and chassis complete and is waiting on upholstery and top. Gary Curtis has a shop under construction and is busy acquiring parts for his 26' Touring.

Turn Signals Made Easy

Gary Tillstrom

It wasn't that long ago that all Americans were taught the meaning of hand signals used in traffic. I still remember being taught them as a youngster in school and was told even riding a bicycle it was the courteous thing to do (as well as being necessary for self preservation). The state of Michigan used to even test you on these before you could get a drivers license.



We know what these mean but do others?

My how times have changed! The only hand signal folks recognize today is the "universal one" that can't be shown here and has nothing to do with being courteous. I heard a story of a fellow signaling a left turn only to be broad sided seconds later as the 17 year old driving behind him thought they were being waved around.

The car I bought last year had a set of motorcycle turn signals installed on it but the previous owner never wired them up. This is actually very easy and can be done for very little money.

No one in the Tennessee T's is yet old enough to drive for miles and miles with the blinker going because they forgot to turn it off. Doing that is a good way to draw the "universal hand signal" from an angry motorist. With that in mind I have drawn up a simple circuit that has a beeper to let you know it's still on.

The signals on my car are mounted to the headlight bar in the front and up under the body on the rear. When looking for lights, try to find amber ones for the rear as well as the front. The Insurance Institute found the amber catches more attention that the red. Most new cars today use amber in the rear for that reason. Having said that, my car has red on the back. Use what you can find.

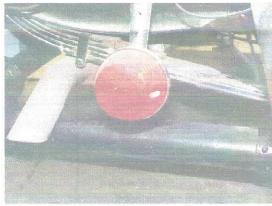
NAPA and Auto Zone sell lights that look like old time clearance lights. If you use them and your car is still six volt you will

need to change the bulbs to 6 volt bulbs. If you happen to locate 12-volt motorcycle lights, the same applies.



When installing these, an additional switch (not shown) across the left and right circuits will give you 4-ways. I have added the optional wiring instructions on the diagram that explains how.





Front and rear light details

Be safe. Gary

Basic Turn Signal Circuit with Beeping Indicator

PARTS - 6 volt

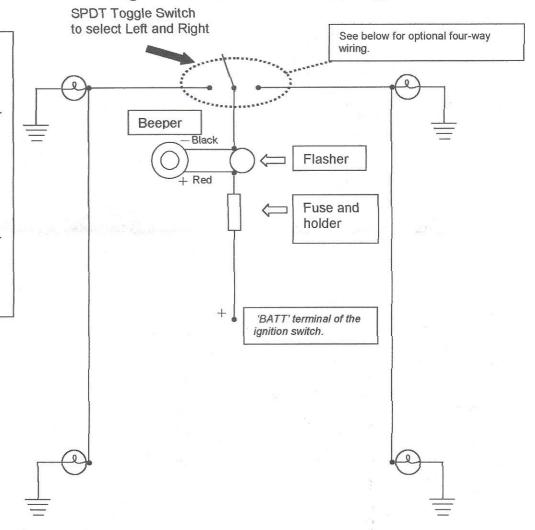
Flasher – 6 volt Bulbs – 6 volt – **T63**

Continuous Tone beeper available from Radio Shack – Part number 273-060. (good for 12 volt also).

Inline Fuse Holder

SPDT Switch – Switch should have off in center position.

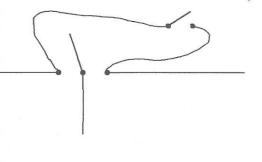
SPST Switch – Simple "on-off" toggle switch



Optional Switch/Wiring to enable 4-way flashers

By adding a simple toggle switch across the L and R circuits, 4-way flashers can be obtained by closing ("on") the added switch and selecting either Left or Right.

With the added switch in the "off" position, the turn signals will function as desired.



Partial Circuit Shown

PARTS WANTED, PARTS FOR SALE OR SWAP

- > One of the things we did recently to our T was return the exhaust
- > system back to a stock T system. We took off the header and large
- > diameter exhaust pipe and muffler that was on it when we bought it. We
- > would like to sell the header system if you know of anyone who would like
- > to buy it. I can be contacted by phone at 256-232-5968 evenings and
- > weekends. Thanks, MIKE SUMMERALL

I am looking for a 21" tire suitable for a spare, also a running board luggage rack for a '26 woodie..

I have a steering shaft, several wood wheels, a drag line, a tie rod, an "A" heater, etc to sell or trade. Bill Beussink 100 Eagle Nest Road Buchanan, TN 38222 1-731-644-1121

GET WELL WISHES

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Annette Tillstrom is improving after surgery to alleviate back pain she has had for 10 years. She is doing much better. Hang in there Annette.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	JUNE ANNIV	JULY BIRTHDAYS
Tony Cook3rd	Don & Marge Krull10th	Teresa Williams1st
Nell Harris4th	Charles & Ann Corlew16th	Ernest Morris4th
Yvonne Cook5th	Bud & Ginny Scudder21st	Jack Van Bruggen6th
William Johnson16th	Ken & Joyce Swan22nd	Elke Longsworth7th
Maria' Summerall18th	Bill & Linda Eden24th	Jana Swan8th
June Ross29th	Joe & Alice Pinegar25th	Daryl Carter16th
Don Meadows30th	Mac & Ernestine Flowers29th	·
JULY ANNIV	HAVE YOU PURCHA	SED YOUR TICKET
Dewey & Pat Asher2nd	FOR THE SPEEDSTE	ER TO BE GIVEN
Ken & Betty Jack14th	AWAY AT THE INTE	ERNATIONAL.
Ralph & Teresa Williams28th CONTACT: Frank Fenton, 1923 Speed		
Don & Mary Helen Meadows30th 1880 Yale Bridge Road		
	South Belo	oit, IL 61080
	(815) 289-	3440

WHAT: CHAPTER WEEKEND TOUR

WHERE: WAVERLY, TN

WHEN: JULY 9, 10 & 11

AGENDA:

FRIDAY NIGHT COOKOUT...WILLIAMS HILL 6:00 PM

SATURDAY...DAY DRIVE DIFFERENT ROUTE FROM
LAST YEAR
LUNCH ON THE ROAD
DINNER AT MARBLE OAKS IN WAVERLY
LATER ATTEND "MUSIC ON THE SQUARE" CARS WILL
HAVE SPECIAL PARKING BRING LAWN CHAIRS

SUNDAY ...BREAKFAST
HALF DAY DRIVE FOR ANYONE THAT CAN STAY OVER

ACCOMMODATIONS: IMPERIAL LODGE..WAVERLY (931) 296-2521 JUST ASK FOR ONE OF THE ROOMS THAT LARRY WILLIAMS HAS BLOCKED.

CALL LARRY OR CAROLYN (931) 296-3172 FOR INFORMATION OR EMAIL BARNBB@WAVERLY.NET



SEE YOU IN JULY