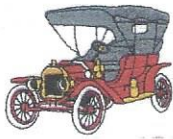


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TENNESSEE T'S CHAPTER NEWS

March 6, 2005

Editor: Carolyn Williams



By: Larry

Spring is right around the corner and hopefully all the T's are ready for a full filled summer of touring.

I hope to have the Roadster back on the road in a month to 6 weeks if Miss Carolyn does not find too many honey do jobs to interfere with shop work. Thanks for all the help, offers of help, parts and moral support in this effort. At the Christmas party Gary Tillstrom made everyone aware of Rick's Powder Coating in Memphis, TN. (901) 367-2771. I have used Rick's services and highly recommend him. There is also a place in Clarksville, TN where you can find any kind of nut or bolt you need. Middle Tennessee Bolt and Screw. Toll free: 877-645-5501. I'm old. Can't remember which one of you told me about this place.

In the last newsletter there was an article by MTFCA President Don Krull. Don said in that article that one of the objectives of the International this coming year was to provide information to Chapters. To help accomplish this objective the Chapter Relations committee led by Frank Fenton will be sending to all Chapters a Newsletter periodically. We recently received the first of these. In thinking how to share this information with all TN T members we decided to copy each one as we receive them and attach it to the next Chapter newsletter. In this first one there is an application for the International and also a short questionnaire. Our chapter is a member of both MTFCA and MTFCAI: therefore, we encourage membership in both. Both are good organizations, both with good magazines. In my opinion some months one magazine is better, the next month the other. There were articles about our Chapter and the Natchez Trace tour in both magazines in their last issues. TN T's Chapter members have had articles in both magazines at different times.



Mike and Maria Sumerall recently had a KC Warford Transmission, new Stipe cam, a new steering box and had the valves ground in their car. They are looking forward to touring time. Mike had the following items for sale. Contact: Mike Sumerall (256) 232-5968

Header and exhaust system (\$49)

Used Chaffin 280 cam (\$22)

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NORTH MISSISSIPPI DAY DRIVE SATURDAY, MAY 21ST (FLYER ATTACHED)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL RALPH WILLIAMS 662-342-9140

WAVERLY WEEKEND JUNE 23, 24 & 25 (TENTATIVE DATES)
DETAILS LATER



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Cook.....2nd
George Ross.....4th
Willis Hampton.....4th
Bryan Nelson.....8th
Kathe Nelson.....8th
Dewey Asher.....7th
Lawrence Harris.....11th
Linda Eden.....12th
Mac Flowers.....21st
Donna Wade.....25th
Monty Monteith.....25th
Ann Corlew.....26th
Martin Alexander.....29th
Pat Asher.....30th

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Tony and Yvonne Cook.....12th
William and Pat Johnson.....28th
Keith and Penny Ellis.....24th



MORE GOOD NEWS

Larry and I thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, letters and boxes of cookies and candy you sent to our son Greg while he was deployed. We learned Friday that he will be coming home in a couple of weeks. Thanks again. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to us and to him. He said thank you and that all the boys of the 44th Med-com thanked you also. He said they were all delighted when he received a box.

Frances Curtis said her nephew; Caleb was also out of Iraq and on his way to Germany.

North Mississippi Day Drive

Hernando A-Fair

Please come and join us on a day drive through the North MS countryside. We will be going to Hernando A-fair. Then on to the Desoto Museum, and Antique stores. It will be a full day of Model t fun.

On Saturday, May 21 we will be leaving at 8:30 am. We will meet at Calvary Baptist Church at the corner of Church Road and Hwy. 51. Take the Church Road exit off I-55 south, then turn right heading west for approx. 2 miles to Hwy 51. The church will be on the northwest corner in sight of the intersection. (Church not confirmed at this time, but should not be any problem. We will Call or E-mail if there is a change.

This will be a full day, approx. 95 miles. We will travel from Horn Lake to Hernando, then on to Senatobia and then to Olive Branch, and then back to Horn Lake.

There are several hotels in the area if you plan to stay the night. Please call for more information. Ralph Williams 662-342-9140

RECENT TOURS

FLORIDA WINTER TOUR

Even though the weather has been cold it has not kept our Tennessee T's members from touring. Recently Glenn Storck and Susan Harrington took Susan's dad to the Florida Winter tour for his birthday. Susan said the weather was great and that they met a lot of nice people.

Susan's dad and Glenn in "Old Blue" in a beautiful Florida orange grove.



LIVE OAK, FLORIDA TOUR

Four members of the Tennessee T's, Lynn and Sue Cook, Bud and Ginny Scudder, Don and Marge Krull and Tony and Brenda Verschoore joined fifteen other couples in Live Oak, Florida for three days of sunshine and touring. While there they visited plantations, the worlds largest single stage stationary steam engine, orange groves, springs and the Swanee River area.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

ANN CORLEW
WILLIAM JOHNSON
PAT ASHER

AND TO EVERYONE UNDER THE WEATHER WE
DON'T KNOW ABOUT.

NEW SHOP

Gary and Frances Curtis recently completed their new shop building. If you look really close you will see a T inside the door.



Model T you can see through the shop door..on it's way to being stripped down.



Gary says, "come on down." I can use all the "expert" help I can get.

GOOD NEWS BREAK

CONGRATULATIONS to Gary and Annette Tillstrom. They are Grandparents. Phil and Melissa had a baby boy on Valentines Day: Coy Allan Tillstrom. When he grabbed Gary's finger for the first time and he corrected his thumb position, Annette looked at him and he had to tell her he was just showing him how to hold a T model crank.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gary and Frances Curtis on the birth of their grandchild Nolan Brady O'Brien on January 31st. Nolan was welcomed home by big brother Will and sisters Gracie and Allie.

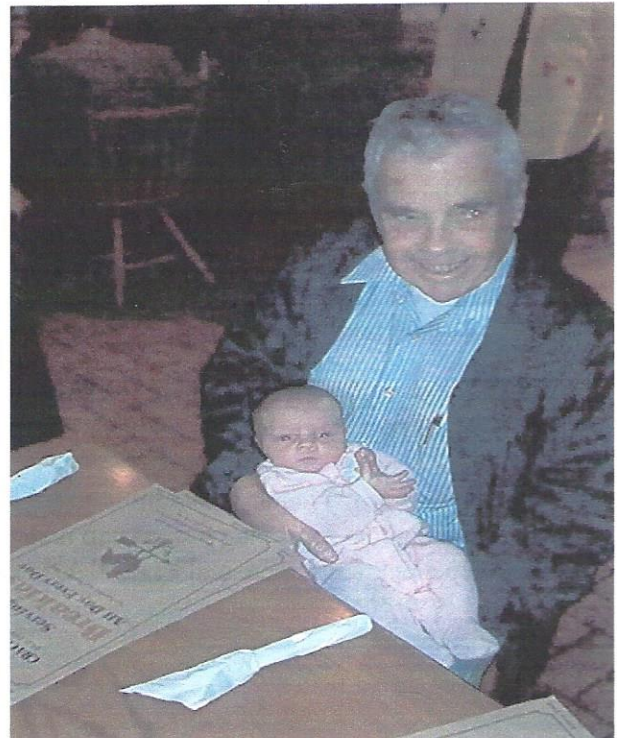


A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

By: Nell Harris

On December 25th I got up early to finish the Christmas dinner I was preparing for my family. The telephone rang around 6:30 that morning, my daughter informing me our great granddaughter was going to be born sometime that day. I called the rest of the family at their homes to see what to do about our Christmas dinner, they said freeze it, pitch it, whatever we needed to go to Murray, KY to be with our daughter who is awaiting the new baby. We had gotten a lot of ice and snow a

few days before, so the roads were in terrible condition but that didn't stop us. We arrived at the hospital around 10:00 AM to find it was going to be a long day, the baby was in no hurry to greet her family. At 12:00 pm we had our Christmas dinner in the hospital cafeteria. We were all together (other than the granddaughter upstairs in labor) so we enjoyed our meal. We had planned on opening our gifts in the cafeteria when it cleared out (Yes, we loaded our gifts too) so we went back down around 2:00 (still no baby) to open gifts but to our dismay they had closed the cafeteria down for the rest of the afternoon. Not to be out done, we went to the parking lot, used other peoples car trunks to pile our gifts on, we stood in the snow and ice, opened our gifts, screamed with delight, or moaned with dismay over our gifts. At 7:00 pm Hannah Grace made her appearance into the world, pretty as a picture. (Or so we thought) Bob and I became great grand-parents and love every minute. This is one Christmas that will always be remembered by this family. We received a special Christmas Angel and her name is Hannah Grace.



Don't Leave Home without It—Planning and Packing for a Model T Jaunt
by Ken and Joyce Swan

In addition to the infamous credit cards, there are certain other articles that one should consider a must when traveling in a T—even in the “neighborhood”.

This subject is primarily for the benefit of newcomers to the Model T world. As Certified VRM's (Veteran Roadside Mechanics), we feel qualified to recommend the articles and procedures mentioned hereafter as experiences often learned the hard way. Those of you who have already earned your VRM certification may wish to add valued bits of information that perhaps we have overlooked.

It is assumed that the Model T is in proper and reasonable running condition to attain the desired, anticipated trip. This is not a discourse on the maintenance and care of the model T, but for the benefit of the Model T occupants, for a successful and enjoyable trip. To attain an objective, we have found certain invaluable accessories a “must have” for any trip, short or long, and will try to list them, not necessarily in the order of importance.

First and foremost, a full tank of gas. Remember a Model T runs off the top side of a gas tank just as easily as it does off the bottom side, with potential for greater distance. This particularly applies to veteran drivers such as yours truly (one of the coauthors), Gary Tillstrom, Tom Rowe, Ben Hardeman, and Lynn Cook (remember Lynn is the one that likes to go the extra mile before refilling). A general rule of thumb that we have adopted is every other pit stop or potty break be a topping off period for the gas tank. This ritual may vary depending on coffee, cokes, kidney problems, medication, etc.. You be the judge of that, but a model T will not run on an empty gas tank.

Always carry copious amounts of tools. Including a jack, a tire pump, hot or cold patching, and tire irons, spare tire, and spreader for split rims. Extra oil should be part of the cache and, in some climate conditions, an extra gallon of water for the radiator. Include a wheel puller for your car (either wire wheel puller or wood spoke hub puller).

Always, always carry drinking water. A non-perishable snack should be planned and kept aboard. We cannot overstress the importance of carrying water on even the shortest trips—even short trips have been known to escalate into longer trips for various reasons. This will be mostly accentuated and emphasized in July and August on 100 degree days.

A drop cloth, approximately 2 foot by 4 foot, will prove very, very useful for those times when one has to venture underneath the well oiled machine. This of course leads to the obvious recommendation of hand cleaner and wiping cloths.

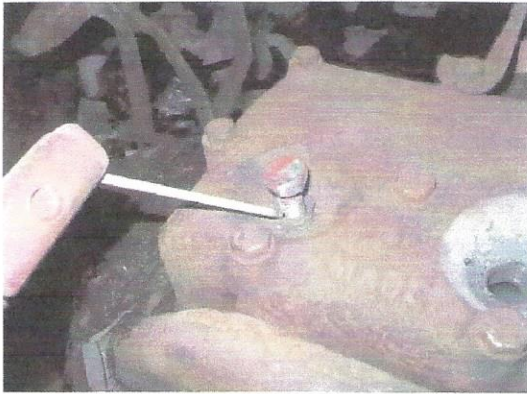
Since characteristics of each car are different, one must learn to provide ancillary parts, such as spark plugs, at least one extra coil (for those running on coils), points and or rotor (for those running on dist*!%@!*), an extra timer, and an assortment of gaskets. Radiator hoses and clamps will come in handy to avert Murphy's Law. A short tow rope or chain may prove to be more than just a convenience at times. Also include duct tape, electrician's tape, fuses, and short pieces of electrical wiring.

Safety aid items, such as a flare, scotch block or chocks, caution signs of some sort, flashlight, disposable camera, and a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**.

Personal aid (comfort) items: In addition to side curtains, include extra jackets and headwear, raincoats, a blanket (a nice item for taking a short nap under a shade tree), funeral parlor fan, gloves, chapstick, mosquito repellent, sunscreen, and **FIRST AID KIT**.

REMOVING BROKEN OFF SPARK PLUGS - Darrel Carter

This is an easy way to remove broken off spark plugs from an old head. Just weld an old half inch bolt to whatever is left of the spark plug and it easily comes right out.



COUNTRY WISDOM

Don't name a pig you plan to eat

A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.

Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.

Don't corner something meaner than you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

Every path has some puddles.

Ken Swan is a proud new great granddaddy!! Arabella Dobson was born Friday, March 4 and weighed in at 8lbs. 10 oz, 22 inches long. Needless to say, she is the prettiest baby I have seen in 21 years.



Luck of the Irish

May there always be work for your hands to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two?

May the sun always shine on your windowpane?

"Try not to become a man of success but a man of value."

-Albert Einstein

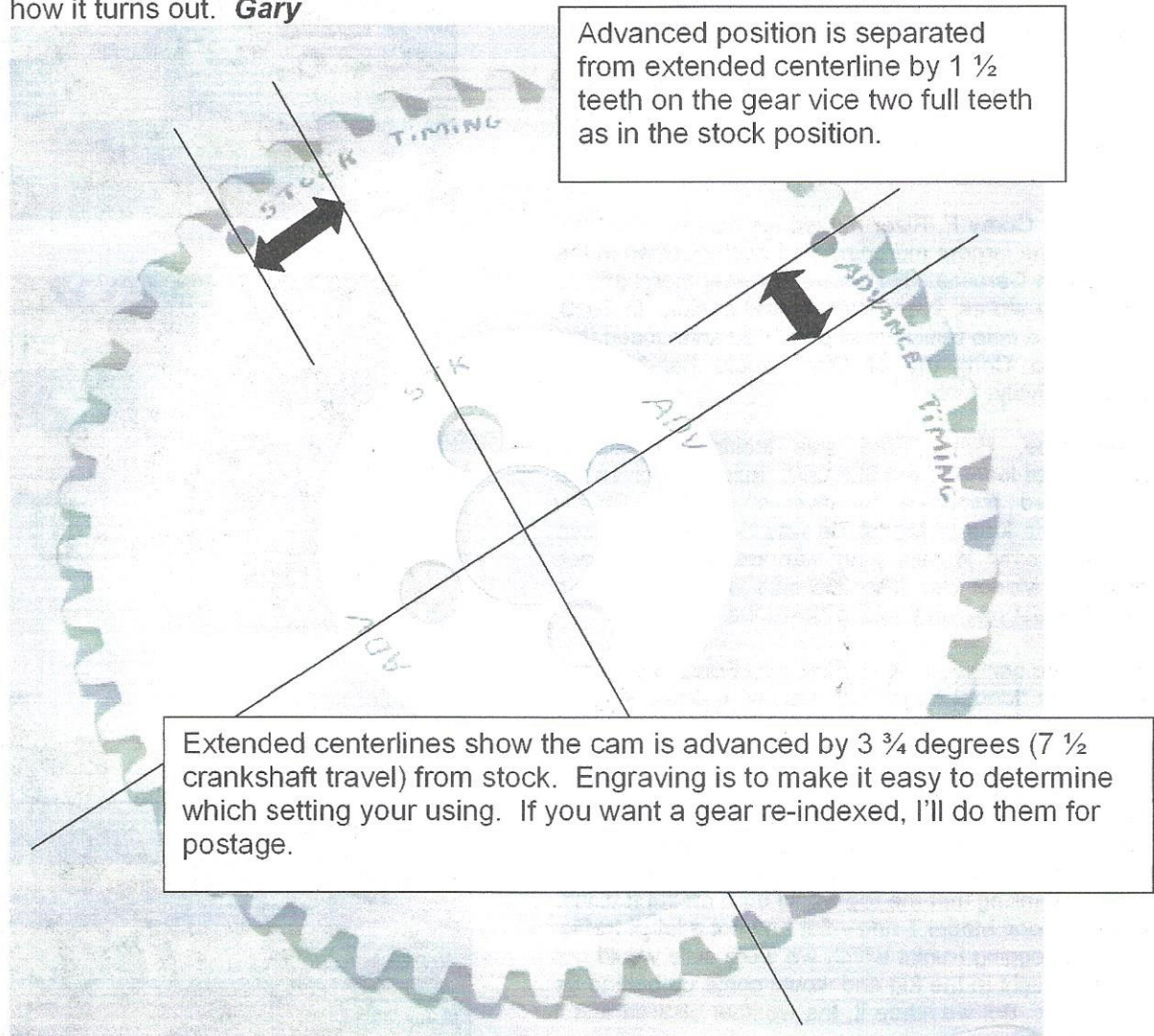
Advancing Valve Timing

I have often heard that Ford had the valve timing for the T model late and that the gear was off from optimum by $\frac{1}{2}$ tooth. Some folks advocate advancing the cam by a full tooth (which is too much) and then open the tappet clearance up by something in the order of .035 to take some of that advance back out. They say the engine will make lots of noise but will run better.

After buying a Tom Carnegie camshaft I decided to email Tom and ask him if he sold a special gear to run this cam at optimum. He told me he didn't and that he just drilled new dowel pin holes in the cam gear and made his own mark on it.

I made a drilling jig from a worn out gear, a piece of shaft turned and pressed in the gear and some drill guides. When done, it allows everything to take place 7.5 degrees sooner than stock.

I plan to put this in my 27, as it is slightly anemic as it stands. I'll let you know how it turns out. **Gary**



Model T's to Olar

By Susan Harrington



The parade was held on the main highway which runs through town. The local police stopped traffic while more than 25 Model T's drove slowly along the parade route where they were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd

The town of Olar, SC is located midway between Augusta, GA and Charleston, SC. It was established in the late 1800's when the Southern Railroad came through and developed the town along the railroad line. It was named for "Olar" the daughter of Mr. Richard Morris who gave land to the railroad.

About 1890 Mr. Corey F. Rizer moved his business to Olar. Rizer became the largest merchant and businessman in the interior of South Carolina. He owned general merchandise and farm supply stores, livery stables, and banks. In 1913, Rizer entered the auto business and in 1920 announced that the "Rizer Auto Company of Olar" would handle Ford products exclusively.

About this time, Henry Ford was looking to expand production, Rizer loaned Ford \$25,000. Rizer was given the exclusive Ford franchise for five counties. Shortly thereafter, a train load of Model T's was delivered to Rizer. The train was over 1/2 mile long with 64 box cars each containing four Model T's. The 256 cars were delivered in March and the last one was sold in November.

To recognize the contributions of Rizer and Ford, the town of Olar held its first "Model T's to Olar" festival in October 2003. A car show and parade were the main events.

On October 30, 2005, Glenn Storck and I drove 60 miles in our 1921 Touring Car "Old Blue" to the second Model T's to Olar festival. It was an exciting ride due to heavy fog. We hadn't realized how foggy it was until we were well on our way. We kept thinking that the fog would burn off but it didn't. The route is a good Model T ride—flat and not a lot of traffic. Except for the logging trucks which we were sure would not see our tiny tail light in the fog and would come up behind us and run us over. But we made it, the weather cleared and it was a beautiful day.



Glenn Storck admiring some of the Model T's at the Olar car show

The Fun T-Times

A Chapter Newsletter of the

The Model T Ford Club

International Inc.

January, 2005

Welcome to the first issue of *The Fun T-Times*. We have a great Chapter Relations Committee this year, and we plan to get this newsletter out after every board meeting which will be about every 3 months. The intent is to communicate highlights of the board meetings as well as to promote the fun part of belonging to Model T Clubs. We also want your feedback as to how to improve the club.

Annual Meeting News – The meeting was held at the Brickyard Inn in Indianapolis on Friday, January 21, 2005. Rallie Murphy and the Circle City Model T Ford Club did an outstanding job with this meeting. We visited the Speedway Hall of Fame and Museum and had a look at the historical automobile locations in the area by charter bus. We also had two speakers on Saturday afternoon; Don Davidson, Historian of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway talked and answered questions from the crowd, BJ Miller gave a great presentation on the Montana 500 Road Race and John Regan gave a presentation and demo of his new coil tester. The food and hospitality were great and visiting with our many Model T friends was the best part. Attached is a brief summary of the board meeting topics that might be of interest to your members.

Topic of the month - Benefits of Affiliation with MTFCI

Insurance Coverage for the Chapter Functions is provided by MTFCI as part of the membership fee. It is a liability policy in case of an accident or incident that results in damages at a club function, meeting or event. Cars are not included, and must be covered by their owner's policy. The policy specifically states that it covers MTFCI Members and so it is important that all Chapter members be MTFCI members so that there can be no question that such a situation would be covered.

Technical Publications & Library Have you seen the website or the information in the Model T Times on the new Digital Library? There are over 600 pieces of Model T literature that have been scanned and placed on a DVD for easy viewing on your pc. You can buy it by year or by individual volumes or the full set. This is a great archive that everyone should have. MTFCI members can view the entire library on the website at www.modelt.org. The purchased copies do have better resolution.

Model T Times Magazine offers Information on Technical issues, Chapters, Parts Vendors and Want Ads as well as general information on the Model T hobby. Want to see your name in print? We are always interested in additional articles. Please send yours to Howard Gustavson.

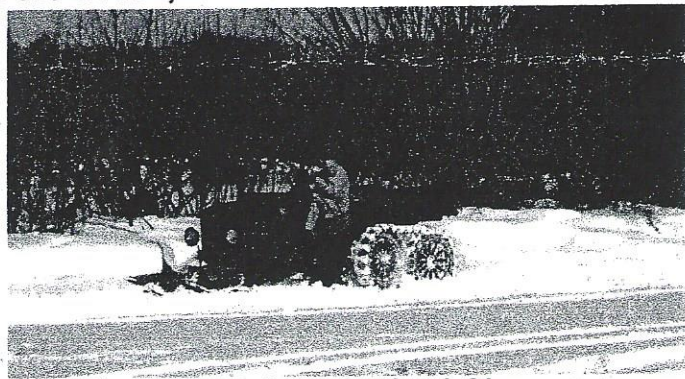
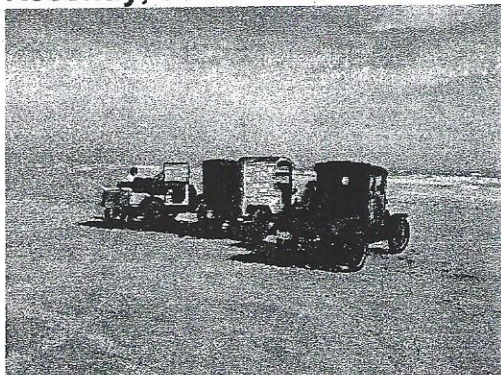
There are many other benefits including tours that come with membership. We are very interested in your input and have included a tear off section at the bottom to make it simple to send in suggestions as to how we can improve our club. All comments are welcome.

On the lighter side...

“You can’t help getting older, but you don’t have to get old.” George Burns
“Just remember, once you’re over the hill, you begin to pick up speed.” Charles Schulz
“There is only one thing wrong with the younger generation –
a lot of us don’t belong to it anymore.” Bernard Baruch
“They tell you that you’ll lose your mind when you grow older.
What they don’t tell you is that you won’t miss it much.” Malcolm Cowley
“The invention of the teenager was a mistake. Once you identify a period of life in
people get to stay out late, but don’t have to pay taxes --- naturally, nobody
wants to live any other way.” Judith Martin

Having *Fun* with Model T Fords

Wherever you are, there is always fun to be had with your Model T.....
Recently, some of us took our Ts to the beach, and another took a ride in the snow.



Frank & Carole Fenton, Paul & Barb Larson in Port Aransas, TX. Herb in Connecticut is only 84 yrs young.

Feedback: The following improvements should be considered:

Please mail, e-mail or phone your comments on these and other topics. Our contact info is attached.

Model T Times Magazine: _____

Chapter Relations: _____

Website/Forum: _____

I would attend the Annual Tour if..... _____

Our current chapter contacts are: (send the newsletter to them)..... _____

Other: _____

From your Chapter Relations Committee: Frank Fenton, Jerry Van Ooteghem, Ron Furlong, Sheryl Stier & Gretchen Carreras.
Let us hear from you.....

**Board Meeting News – Friday, January 21, 2005
At the MTFCI Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana**

Highlights of the meeting included:

2005 Annual Tour Bill Price, 2005 Tour Co-Chairman reported that the planning is proceeding on schedule. Get your hotel reservations now as the hotels are filling up. All info is in the Jan/Feb Model T Times. It will certainly be a tour to remember.

2006 Annual Meeting -Dorothy & Tony Cimorelli have finalized the planning for the Winter Cruise January 26-30, 2006. Additional Information is at www.modelt.org .

Treasurer's Report Steve Bumgarner reported that the MTFCIF Foundation has about \$4,700 to be spent on scholarships this year. This amount has been growing with projects like the Rockford Club's Speedster Project and will continue to grow with additional projects like the TT Truck Club's latest project. See the project at www.modelt.org. How about a Foundation fund raising project from your club? Steve also submitted a balanced budget for 2005. We need additional members and ad revenue to make it, so let's sell some additional memberships this year. I'm enclosing a membership application or register on-line at www.modelt.org .

Tours & Meetings: Various reports were presented:

-April Board Meeting is at 1pm, April 2, 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Moline, IL all MTFCI members are invited.

-49th Annual Tour, Harrisonburg, VA, July 17-22. Planning is progressing well with lots of fun included.

--Chapter Presidents' Meeting during the tour.

-July Board Meeting is at 7:30pm, July 18, 2005 at the Four Points Sheraton.

-October Board Meeting is at 6pm, October 7, 2005 at the Hershey Swap Meet.

-Regional Tours were also announced. How about a regional tour from your chapter?

Avon Park/Sebring, Florida, Feb 20-24, by the Flywheeler Park Flivers

European River Boat Cruise, May 14-21 by Don & Marj Davis

Great River road Tour, Dubuque, IA, October 16-22 by the Novel T Ford Club.

See the Model T Times for more info on all these tours.

Technical Editor: Mark Eyre reported on several technical articles that are coming up for the T-Times. We need more articles of all kinds. I know we have lots of stories out there so please write them up with pictures and send them to Howard Gustavson.

Website: Tony Cimorelli reported more than 15 million hits on the International websites for 2004. The website is very easy to use and the forum is the most user-friendly that I've seen. Tony also reported that sales of the Technical Library on DVD are taking off as people realize the huge amount of information that is included. Check it out on the website www.modelt.org.

Elections: New and re-elected board members were announced by Frank Woodin, then officer elections were held. Don Krull is our president for 2005. Please see the attached list of Board Members, Officers and Committees. We would like to see representation from all Chapters on the board. I'm sure you have some great candidates. Contact Mark Eyre or Jack Zimmer.

This is a very brief report of topics that I think may be of interest to your Chapter. If you have specific questions or issues, contact any board member or officer.

Frank Fenton

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