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CHAPEL HILL TOUR, A GREAT SUCCESS!

Charlie and Jana Swann and Jerry and Diane Waller did a great job for their March 31 weekend tour of the Chapel Hill TN area. Even though it rained, the weekend was a great success. Most everyone arrived, although some wetter than others, at Henry Horton State Park on Friday afternoon. The hosts planned an excellent cookout under a pavilion at the park where we ate well and were serenaded by Charlie and his musical friends. The rain held off, but the lightening around us was an unexpected addition to the show. As we packed up for the evening, the rain finally came. However, we woke up to bright sunny day for the Saturday tour. We enjoyed traveling through some beautiful Tennessee horse country and we visited several small railroad towns to shop and site see. A civil war store was an interesting stop and then it was on to the Bell Buckle Café for lunch. We enjoyed the company and live music that was being aired directly from the café on a local radio station. Visiting the Swann's home was also pleasurable. Charlie has an excellent collection of gas pumps and we had a first hand look at his garage and cars. Jana was very hospitable to the ladies and we piled into her living room for relaxation and conversation. Saturday ended with a large meal and fellowship at the state park's restaurant. It was a wonderful weekend! We are hoping they will make this an annual event. Thanks again!



NORTH MISSISSIPPI DAY DRIVE

The North Mississippi Day Drive on May 17, hosted by Ralph and Teresa Williams, turned out well. We had seven cars and enjoyed traveling through Desoto County MS. Our first stop was the Hernando MS A-Fair, which provided us with shopping and musical entertainment. Then we moved on just a few blocks to a local history museum in Hernando. For lunch, we speed our way to the east side of the county and ate at a local restaurant called Hazels in Olive Branch MS. The owner was very pleasant and seemed to enjoy our group. Then we tooted downtown and wandered through the antique shops. After working up another appetite and heading towards Nesbit MS, we stopped at Happy Daze and ordered a cool ice-cream treat. Gary Tillstrom brought a guest for the day's activities, Bill Butner. He was quite an interesting person to meet. He is an accomplished harpist and we learned that he has had a wonderful career and played with many celebrities. He mentioned that he had played with Bob Hope, Barbara Streisand, and Andy Williams. He has traveled worldwide and has even been on the Oprah show. He plans to join our chapter. Also, Mark Dote a newer member, enjoyed his first tour.

We really enjoyed the day.

Teresa

Letter to the Editor: by Ken Swan

This article of appreciative expression is directed to the four folks who, without question, put a lot of planning and effort into making the Henry Horton Tour a truly outstanding event on the weekend of March 31 thru April 2. For those of you who could not attend, you surly missed a spectacular treat! Not only did



the Swann/Waller tour consortium lie out a gorgeous and scenic route, they topped the drive off with great food and entertainment. I did not hear one negative utterance about anything. The only complaint is writer had was generated by the fact that I left no room in my belly at the noon meal on Saturday for the awesome looking deserts. They raised the bar very high for future T Model tours—let's go it again!
The Swans

NEW MEMBERS:

Barry and Linda DeLong. Welcome to our chapter. We all look forward to meeting you both.



LIFETIME MEMBER:

Because of the new vote on lifetime membership, we have one chapter member that is above the age of 85 and is still on the go, Mr. Ewell Hall. He is 90 years old and is continues to participate in many car related events.

Mr. Hall is on the left.



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Ewell Hall Sr., 90 and son Ewell Hall Jr., 73, of Southaven showed off their 1913 Model T Fords at the Mulligans' Golf and Game car show Sunday, May 8, in Horn Lake. The father-and-son team has restored antique cars together for more than 65 years.

Trivia: submitted by Nick Longworth

While looking at an Internet article discussing defects and engineering shortcomings in 2005 luxury model autos. There was discussion “even the Model T Ford when new had all sorts of manufacturing and engineering imperfections which started all sorts of companies peddling “cures” and mentioning radiator stop leak and one. I haven’t seen radiator stop leak in decades, but sure remember using it. I also recall that cow manure made a decent stop leak because undigested matter would stop a leak. The article referred to a short story written in 1935 by E. P. White titled “Farewell My Lovely” as evidence if new luxury autos are not perfect, neither was the Model T.

New Vehicle Purchase: submitted by Larry and Carolyn Williams

The couple had been debating the purchase of a new auto for weeks. She wanted a fast little sports-like car so she could zip through traffic and around town.

He would probably have settled on any beat up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range. “Look” she said, “I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in 4 seconds or less. And my birthday is coming up. You should surprise me.” For her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.

Services are pending. Oops!

FOR SALE:

1926 Touring car by club member
Lawrence Harris 1075 Glendale Rd.
White Bluff TN 37187
615-797-3291

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Susan Harrington recently reported to me that her and Glenn Storck have started a face lift on "Old Blue" their 21 touring car. It has been more than 35 years since the last paint job and they thought it was time for some cosmetic surgery. The top let go on the Natchez Trace in 2004 and it will be replaced also. They have picked up a new radiator and are going to try and get by without the water pump. Susan's dad and friend helped them get the body off in less than a day. She states that Glenn says all will be finished by October, but she noted that she'd believe it when she sees it.

Let us know when it's ready Susan!



Mike and Maria Sumerall have sent front wheels to Calimer's Wheel Shop in Pennsylvania to get new spokes, which they have needed for a long time, he says. They also they are working to get the alternator armature rewound.

Bill and Linda Eden have fun naming all their cars after friends and family..Their unrestored 21 roadster is named after her Dad (REX) who flew 32 years as a pilot for TWA. She found a cute airplane on ebay and had it lettered with the logo in honor of her Dad. She knows her Dad would have liked it as much as she does.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Vanbruggen	1 st
Ginny Scudder	8 th
Mary Helen Meadows	9 th
Mark Dote	15 th
Pat Johnson	20 th
Frances Curtis	23 rd
Betty Jack	27 th
Charles Corlew	29 th
Jerry Waller	30 th
Bill Markey	31 st

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn and JoAnn Weakley	3 rd
Glenn Storck/Susan Harrington	6 th
Larry and Carolyn Williams	19 th
Harvey and Karen Decker	30 th

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Tony Cook	3 rd
Nell Harris	4 th
Yvonne Cook	5 th
Bob Easley	7 th
William Johnson	16 th
Maria Sumerall	18 th
June Ross	29 th
Don Meadows	30 th

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Don and Marge Krull	10 th
Charles and Ann Corlew	16 th
Bud and Ginny Scudder	21 st
Ken and Joyce Swan	22 nd
Bill and Linda Eden	24 th
Mac and Ernestine Flowers	29 th

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Waverly Weekend is June 23, 24, and 25. Lodging: Imperial Lodge (931) 296-2521...

*2006 Summer Tour in Clear Lake, IA.

For details go to www.clearlaketour2006.com or look for info in the Model T Times.

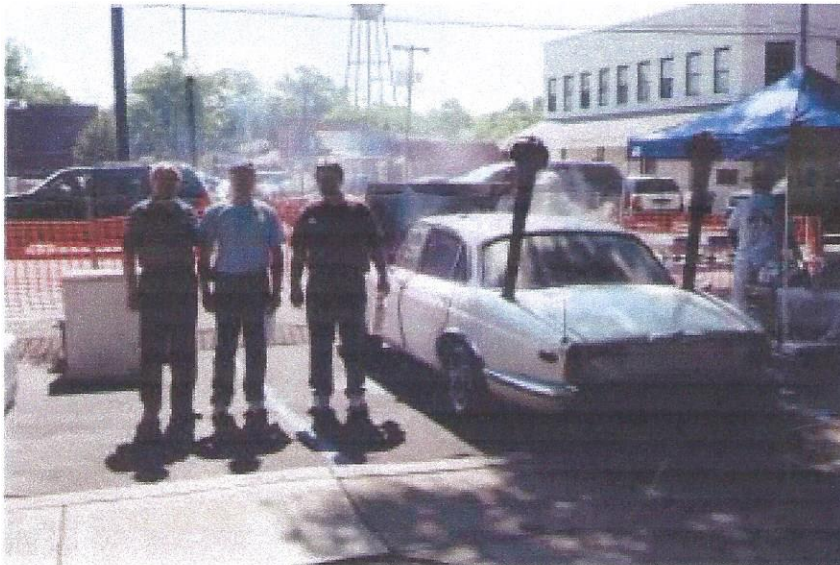
“Now There’s Something You Don’t See Everyday!”

As a kid I remember seeing some “unique” things made from car parts. We built a pasture fence once and my dad’s buddy Case Demski helped out by drilling all the holes (literally hundreds). His posthole digger was made from the rear end out of a car and it was PTO driven. Other than being crude looking, it saved my dad and I many calluses! My dad even held off kidding Case about being Polish (that day only). Probably had something to do with the fact that we didn’t actually own a mechanized hole digger (unless my dad were to consider me and my brother as owned property) and Case did. Somehow I’m guessing that fence would have never been built if it weren’t for a scrap rear end, some angle iron and Case’s imagination.

A couple of years later, I saw perhaps the ugliest forklift known to exist on the planet. The Disterheft brothers, local farmers that I worked for as a teenager, built it. It was made out of a 1947 GMC dump truck. They had turned the seat around and “rigged” the steering, clutch, brake, and gas. At that point, they welded on a huge forklift boom just behind the dual wheels. The thing that impressed me about it was it was the only forklift in the county that would do 60 MPH in reverse (as reverse was actually the original forward direction). Needless to say it was way overbuilt.

This leads me to the next item. Memphis in May each year holds a huge BBQ contest. It is pretty much a drunkfest but they do manage to cook a few pounds of pork and a stray chicken from time to time. These guys build some very interesting “hardware” for cooking. At Ralph’s last weekend we saw the ultimate in the use (or re-use) of a junk car. One man had a Jaguar that he removed the engine from, placed a firebox under the hood and vented it inside the car. We walked up to the car and noticed the windows were really “smoked”. We opened the door handle and they had a few slabs of ribs that were browning nicely. The owner told us the car was really comfortable but we declined his generous offer to sit in it. The Disterheft brothers and Case Demski would need to bow down before this guy for imagination purposes.

The next time your significant other (or the city, county, EPA, etc.) starts to complain about your junk parts, just tell them, “I’m making something out of that”. Be sure and use your imagination!



Left to Right

Bill Butner
Ralph Williams
Gary Tillstrom
'The Jaguar'

Gary