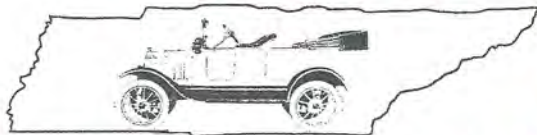


Tennessee T's

News

Fall Edition!

Model T *Ford* Club



September - November 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Since the last newsletter the chapter has held three weekend events, Waverly Weekend, Ripley Tomato Festival, and the Blue Grass Tour in Henderson KY. Check the write ups and pictures.

Many thanks to everyone that has had a hand in sponsoring a chapter event this year. Attendance has been outstanding for the six weekend tours, one in MS, one in KY, and four in TN. This has been a fun year for the TN T's. Let's plan now to make 2009 even better!

Our chapter was represented at the Tin Lizzie tour in AR by Ken and Joyce Swan and Larry and Carolyn Williams. Several Chapter members are planning on attending the Hillbilly Tour in MO in early September.

Ken and Joyce Swan, Bud and Ginny Scudder, Glen and Susan Storck attended the International. There may have been others. With members in 13 states it's hard to keep track of everyone but hardly a tour

goes by without one of the Tennessee T's group in attendance. Sorry we had to miss this year. It was the first one in a long time. We are already planning for the 2009 in Johnson City, TN. Co-host are Brent and Pennie Terry. Look for information in this newsletter. Make your reservations early. This is the first International in TN in many years and we expect it will be well attended.

Our chapter has been doing an excellent job of getting information out to everyone about cars and parts for sale, parts needed and event happenings via email and phone. Keep up the good work.

Safe driving

Larry

New Member Welcome!

Butch Mercer
670 Smoke Top Road
Thaxton, MS 38871

Meeting Minutes - June 2008

The June business meeting was held at the home of Larry and Carolyn Williams during the Waverly Weekend Tour. After a Friday night barbeque meal (with more delicious food provided by all the ladies than possibly could be eaten), a very short business meeting was held. President Larry Williams welcomed all member and guest. There were 26 chapter members and 5 guest present. George Ross made a motion and a second was given by Mac Flowers to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

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Sue Cook gave a mid year financial report.

Balance 12-01-07.....	\$2,192.16
Deposits.....	\$ 885.00
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	\$3,077.16
Expenditures.....	443.87
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Balance 6-08.....	\$2,633.29

The plaque for Tony Verschoore was displayed for everyone to see. Williams said it would be mailed the next week.

Gary Curtis won the door prize and Joyce Garland was the lucky "guesser" of how many candies were in the "Surprise Jar". Joyce gets to bring it to the next meeting filled with items of her choice. Surprise!

Williams turned the meeting over to Gary Curtis to give an overview of the weekend drive. Meeting adjourned.

No matter the price

No matter how new

The best safety device

In the car is you

Burma Shave

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

Pat Rowe.....	5 th
Jane Sides.....	11 th
Connie Nicholas.....	19 th
Bill Dunning.....	20 th
Mac Monteith.....	25 th
Marge Krull.....	27 th
Ryan Miller.....	28 th
Earl Lake.....	30 th

September Anniversaries

Lynn & Sue Cook.....	1 st
Mac & Elizabeth Monteith.....	2 nd
Gary & Frances Curtis.....	3 rd
Gary & Annette Tillstrom.....	14 th
Keith & Carol Barrier.....	21 st
Martin & Anne Alexander.....	29 th

October Birthdays

Mary Monteith.....	9 th
Ralph Williams.....	11 th
Mike Sumerall.....	15 th
Keith Ellis.....	17 th
Nick Nicholas.....	24 th
Fred McDonald.....	25 th
Don Krull.....	27 th

October Anniversaries

George & June Ross.....	14 th
John & Bonnie Ollrogge.....	14 th
Bill & Judy Markey.....	21 st
Bob & Nell Harris.....	22 nd

November Birthdays

Bill Robinson.....	11 th
Walter Longworth.....	15 th
Kenneth Jack.....	15 th
Dennis Bobel.....	21 st
Ken Swan.....	23 rd
Melissa Elkins.....	30 th

November Anniversaries

Clay & Shonda Richardson...	11 th
Bill & June Dunning.....	16 th
Monty & Mary Monteith.....	29 th
Don & Jerrie Hiner.....	29 th

Upcoming Tours and Events

September 3-7th Hillbilly Tour - Cape Girardeau, MO

The Germantown Symphony will be performing a FREE concert on the lawn of the Cherry Mansion in Savannah, Tennessee September 6th at 6:00. Come and bring a picnic

September 20th Ole Timey Craft and Bluegrass Festival – Salty Bottom, AL

October 8-11th Hershey Swap Meet Hershey, PA

December 6th Tennessee T's Annual Christmas Party Waverly, TN

I sent out an email soliciting stories and I know you all have them. I would like to eventually get enough of these to print a small book of them. Not only are most of them funny, they are very much a part of the T's history. Send me what ya got!

When I was a boy growing up on a farm in Indiana, I used to go to the barn and play on the old family 1914 Model T Touring car. As you might imagine, when a car sits in a barn too long, it gets pretty ugly looking. But as a kid who loved cars, I knew that one day I would fix it up and drive it.

As things turned out I went away to college in fall of 1957 and put the car on the back burner.

When I came home that Christmas, the car was gone. I asked Grandma where it was and she informed me she had sold it to some cousins for \$50. Well I can tell you I was really disappointed. Never thought I'd ever have a chance to own a 1914 Touring Car.

Fast forward about 50 years and in fall of 2006 we had an opportunity to buy several Model T's and guess what was in the collection. "A 1914 Model T Touring Car." Still can't believe we actually have one. I have attached a picture of it to share with our members.



Wanted to write something for the last newsletter but did not find time. I was able to display our recently finished 26 Ton Truck at the "Pioneer Days" here in Murfreesboro. With the help of another member from Murray (Ray Elkins), I was able to put together some posters showing history and specifications of the Model T's along with the truck. I have attached a picture of it as displayed last month.



Fred McDonald
Murfreesboro, Tn

Cars for Sale

(more toward the back)

26 Coupe	Ralph Williams 662-342-9140
23 TT Truck	Ken Jack 901-682-4948
1926 T Four door sedan	David Harrelson
1931 A model 4 door sedan	931-623-1339 Cell
1931 A pickup	bdcharrelson@gmail.com
1926 Chevy 2 door sedan	

Stuff wanted

Wanted- a straight, full length driveshaft for a TT one ton truck. Call Bill Robinson 256.503.4649 or billrobinson06@bellsouth.net.

Waverly TN

T's on the move

So far this year the Tennessee T's have had six driving events! If you missed them you have missed some good roads, great food, and wonderful visiting.

After a delicious meal on Friday night we spent Saturday touring back country roads of three counties and after breakfast Sunday at McDonalds we toured the Land between the Lakes.



Breakfast Saturday morning.



A visit to an old Mill and a working farm



Any color you want as long as it is black.



After lunch we crossed the TN River on a Ferry. This was the first Ferry ride for some folks and the first in a Model T for many.



Sunday in Land between the Lakes.

Ripley TN



T's at the Tomato Festival



T's at the veterans museum in Halls TN



These two are up to something?



The veterans museum (which is dedicated to WWII vets) in Halls presents each WWII vet with a medal of appreciation. This fellow looks just like our own Mac Flowers. Wait! It is Mac Flowers. Congratulations Mac, and thank you!



Ah, lunch in the air-conditioning!



If were taking bets on the fastest one, my money would be the one in the background!

Henderson KY

Somehow – John and Bonnie managed to have perfect weather for us during the Blue Grass Tour. It was 83-85 both days with no rain!



Museum in Audubon State Park – Contains much of Audubon's writings and paintings



Audubon State Park



Thou shall not covet the antique coke sign!



Why of course, old cars are to be filled from old pumps. This one was in front of a farm house.



The Delta Queen on the Ohio River. The last overnight steamboat on the river system. They were headed to Pittsburgh.



Bluegrass Festival in the city park.



Lunch Break!



Late afternoon along the Ohio.

New Car



Bob & Katherine Easley's new car



A relaxing drive in the country.

More stuff for sale



Same gas stop – But what year?



Handmade Miniature Model T car - made in the early 1970's - runs on 12V car battery - no tears in leather on seat or top - top folds down. \$1,500.00. Call Vicki at 270-929-1549 or email at owenvk@bellsouth.net

Upcoming Event

Vivian Prince and her husband, Eddie, put on a great "Ole Timey Craft and Bluegrass Festival" in a real very remote, scenic mountain valley (possibly the most remote and least populated place in Alabama) and this year marks the 8th annual event.

Vivian has issued a personal invitation to members of the Tennessee T's, to anyone willing to display his/her Model T car/truck on Saturday. Admission will be free to those participants. A show car is not required. Survivors, jalopies, and rattletraps are welcomed.

Bill & Susan Robinson have been participants since the beginning and live an hour from the event. We can meet in Salty Bottom, near Gurley, Al and make the drive at 8am on September 20. Bill has plenty of parking for drivers using a tow vehicle. Departure from the festival Saturday afternoon can be your choice. Bill usually leaves around 4pm so that there will be plenty of daylight for the drive home.

The website and map for the festival is <http://prvlodge.com/index.html>

We must reserve space, so contact Bill.

Bill Robinson's cell phone 256.503.4649
Bill Robinson's email billrobinson06@bellsouth.net

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- I am looking for a pair of doors and a trunk lid for a 26 T Coupe, I am located in Illinois and would be much appreciative for any leads. Thanks! Adam Neubauer 815-572-1104
- Wanted- a straight, full length driveshaft for a TT one ton truck. Call Bill Robinson 256.503.4649 or billrobinson06@bellsouth.net.

Ray Elkins has a new project. He picked up a sedan and has started to re-wood the body. I would anticipate this car will be tour ready come spring. Ray is a go-getter and has worked with these old bodies for years so he knows what he's doing.

Good car for sale



Good running 26 Coupe. Tour proven. This car has been on one regional tour, one International tour (2004) and numerous club tours. ~~\$7,500~~ \$6500. Ralph Williams
662-342-9140



It's been hot this summer. Just look how hot Gary Curtis's car is!

Send me your interesting photos while out on a T adventure. Until the next newsletter, we'll see ya down the road.



T's in Henderson

IT'S JERRY'S FAULT!

Last fall (2007) My Best friend, Jerry & Diane Waller went on the Natchez Trace tour. Jerry knows how weak I am when it comes to TT trucks. Anyway when they returned he came to visit one day to fill me in on the tour and he said (and I quote) "I probably shouldn't tell you this, but here's a guy's name that has a "C" cab with some extra rear ends for sale in NEBRASKA." Then he gave me the mans card.

He shouldn't have told me because Jerry has been helping me remodel my house which we started in Sept.'07 and encourages me to get the truck I have already, finished. His tip got stuck in my head and I pondered on it for months mostly at work, looking on MapQuest. Kennesaw NE, 862 miles, that ain't that far. I checked on getting a company or individual to haul. A thousand to fifteen hundred dollars and that was when gas was below 3.00 a gal. Plus everyone I talked to about it didn't want to fool with the extra parts. Sometime in January I decided to call Dale Finnismier to ask him some questions and if he could send pictures. I fell for the trap.

Well, I marked the calendar for my vacation, called Mr. Dale to verify the dates, didn't break the news to Ginger till after the 4th of July (except I did tell her when I was taking off) I borrowed my son-in-laws truck (which ain't pretty) but drove and rode like a dream. Borrowed one of Jerry's enclosed trailers and a GPS (thank God) and also borrowed Ginger's money and off we went. We both had the best time and met the absolute best people, not to mention we got to see beautiful country and got more than I bargained for in the truck and parts. Dale's son-in law, grandson, grandson-in-law, and two nephews' pitched in to help load the truck. Dale and Hattie fed, entertained and housed us for the next four or 5 days. What an **AWSOME** deal!

Special thanks to the Good Lord for placing me with Ginger and blessing us both and for a safe return, and Ginger for putting up with me, my awesome kids that almost never cause me worry, even though I may cause them some, my best friends, Jerry and Diane Waller, whom I owe dearly, and to Dale and Hattie for the time of our life, and also the many people who make the Tennessee T's possible. Thanks, Dennis Bobel



This is an official request for the holder of the original 'Catfish' award to bring it with them to the Christmas party for an official presentation during the awards ceremony at the Christmas party. I know what you're all thinking, "we don't present any awards at the Christmas party?" This year is different.

On the way home from dinner Friday night at the Tomato Festival, Ken Swan was observed pulling off the road and coasting to a stop. Larry Williams passed him but stopped and backed up to see what the story was. Just as Larry exited his car he heard a "THUMP" as Ken's gas stick hit the bottom of his tank and Ken was heard to exclaim, "DRY AS A BONE." Joyce was heard to say, "Out of gas, Oh Thank God." Ken had just rebuilt the engine and she was thankful it was not something more sinister since they were to leave for IN in a week.

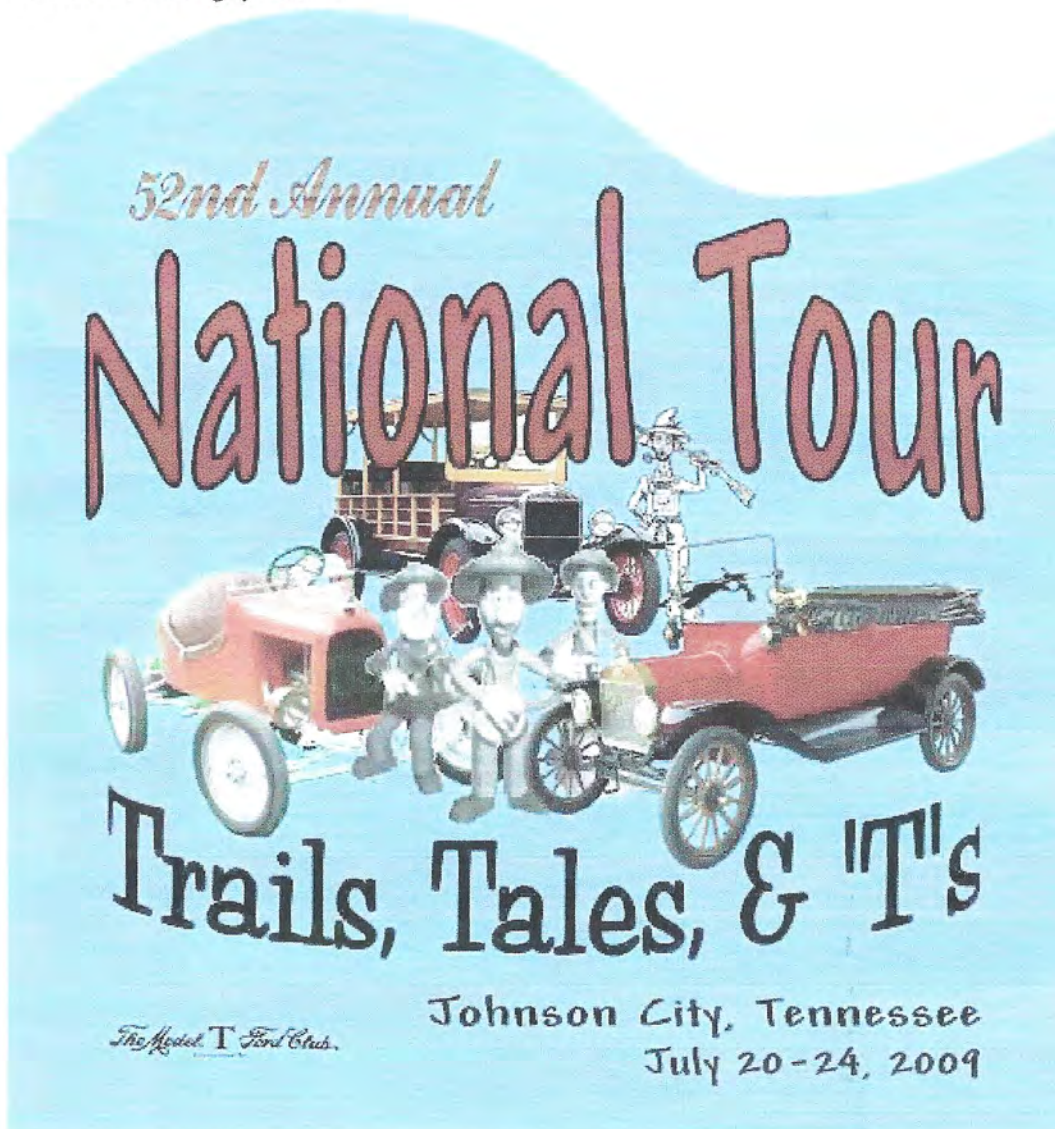
Being the country boy engineers they are, Ken and Larry positioned the cars side by side with Ken's slightly lower and siphoned enough gas from Larry's to Ken's car to make it to the gas station. Since the original Catfish Award was not at Ripley someone managed to find a giant blowup orange catfish the next day and display it very prominently on Ken's car. A picture for the ages.

For newer members of the Tennessee T's the "Catfish Award" was the brain child of Ken Swan. It is a very prestigious award to be given at each tour (if there is an eligible recipient) to the person doing, shall we say, "not the smartest thing." Several members have received it for running out of gas, even one for poking a knife into the radiator. It is an "all in fun award" and the rules are the person receiving it has to retain possession of it until they catch some else doing something that could be called, "not the smartest thing."



The new official owner of the Catfish 'award' will officially receive the replacement "trophy" at the Christmas party.

Start making plans!



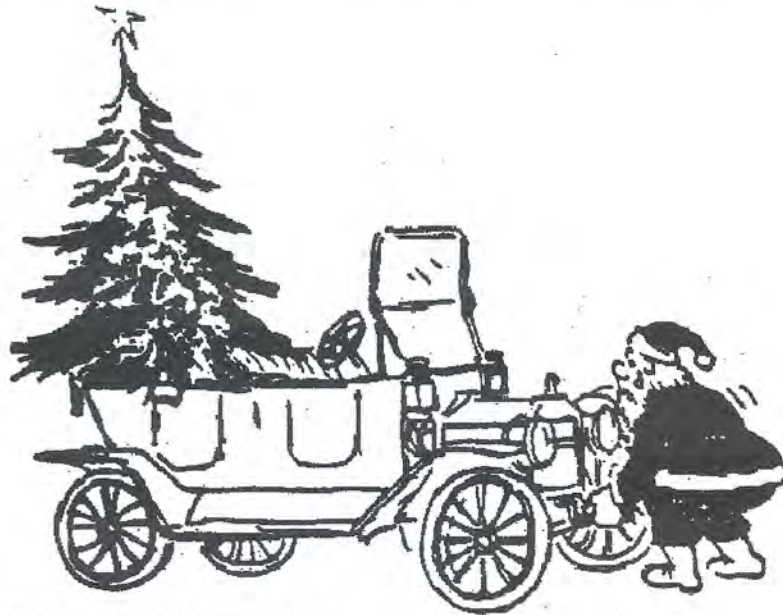
52nd Annual
National Tour
Trails, Tales, & 'T's
Johnson City, Tennessee
July 20-24, 2009
The Model T Ford Club

For those interested in staying at the host hotel, they are now accepting reservations (if you're planning on going you need to book early). The toll free number is 866-400-0541. You must tell them you are with the model T tour to get the special rate. \$95 plus tax per night.

Next July will be on us quicker than ants at a picnic.

Mark your Calendars for the:

Annual Christmas Party



WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008

TIME: 4:00 PM UNTIL????????????????????

IF YOU ARRIVE BEFORE 4:00 COME UP THE HILL TO THE WILLIAMS HOME. ANOTHER GROUP WILL BE USING THE ACTIVITY ROOM THAT AFTERNOON.

WHERE: MARIAH CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAVERLY, TENNESSEE

CALL LARRY FOR DIRECTIONS OR MAP: 931-296-3172 931-209-3500

HOTEL: THE IMPERIAL LODGE (931)296-2521 for those who wish to stay in Waverly overnight.

FOOD: THE CHAPTER WILL BE FURNISHING THE MEATS & DRINKS. BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

GIFTS: EACH MAN AND EACH LADY BRING A GIFT (\$10.00 + TO PLAY DIRTY SANTA)

FOR THE LADIES: A NEW GAME..ALL OF US HAVE SOMETHING IN OUR HOME THAT WE RECEIVED AS A GIFT OR SOMETHING WE BOUGHT ON A WHIM THAT WE REALLY WOULD LIKE NOT TO HAVE ANYMORE BUT JUST CAN'T BRING OURSELVES TO THROW IT AWAY FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. PUT THIS ITEM IN A BROWN PAPER BAG AND STAPLE IT TOGETHER. EACH LADY WILL TAKE A BROWN BAG. THE ONLY RULE IS YOU HAVE TO SHOW EVERYONE WHAT IS IN YOUR BAG AND LEAVE WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE BAG. AFTER YOU LEAVE YOU CAN DUMP IT, BURN IT, SELL IT, OR WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE. (NO HUSBANDS ALLOWED IN THE BROWN BAGS)