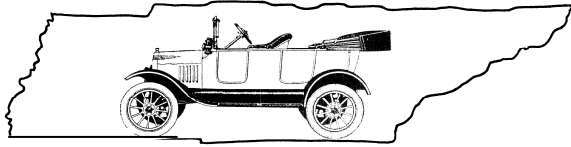


Tennessee T's

News



Summer Edition!

Model T Ford Club

June – August 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



“Gentlemen, Think Safety.”

In March we were just “starting up the engines” and it seems they have been running in high ever since. The Tennessee’s Chapter is going great guns with weekend tours in Columbus, MS, Arlington, TN and Chapel Hill, TN under our belts. Next up is the Waverly Weekend in June, the Tomato Festival in July and the KY tour with Big John and Bonnie in August. Watch your newsletter for information.

In March it was “Gentlemen, Start your engines”. This month it is “Gentlemen, Think Safety.” Recently I came across several of the old Burma Shave sign sayings.

They say “safety” much better than I can. One study (years ago) indicated that they actually served to reduce accidents and improve driving.

One was:

- **BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL**
- **EYES ON THE ROAD**
- **THAT’S THE SKILLFUL**
- **DRIVER’S CODE.**

BURMA SHAVE

Safe driving

Larry

Meeting Minutes - MAY 2nd 2008

After a delicious meal the Tennessee T’s Chapter conducted a short business meeting. President Williams welcomed everyone to Henry Horton and thanked Charlie & Jana Swann and Jerry & Diane Waller for their hard work in planning a great weekend.

Members attending their first meeting were Bill and Susan Robinson from Gurley, AL and Joyce Garland from Lawrenceburg, TN.

Williams reported that we are now 64 members strong.

The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer, Sue Cook reported a balance on hand of \$2,678.29.

Each member was given a list of the members of their state Legislature who are members of the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus.

A motion was made by Charlie Swann, second by Jana Swann and passed unanimously to award a lifetime membership in the Tennessee T’s to Tony Verschoore for his contribution to the preservation of the Model T.

The business meeting was adjourned and Charlie Swann gave an overview of the activities for the rest of the weekend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

Tony Cook.....	3 rd
Nell Harris	4 th
Yvonne Cook.....	5 th
Bob Easley	7 th
William Johnson	16 th
Ray Alexander.....	17 th
Maria' Sumerall	18 th
June Dunning.....	20 th
June Ross	29 th

June Anniversaries

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

July Birthdays

Teresa Williams.....	1 st
Ernest Morris.....	4 th
Hollie Dote.....	4 th
Don Hiner	4 th
Elke Longworth	7 th
Clay Richardson.....	7 th
Jana Swann	8 th
Judy Kuntz	9 th
Darryl Carter.....	16 th
Harold Hutsell.....	24 th
Bill Butner.....	29 th

July Anniversaries

Dewey & Pat Asher	2 nd
Mark & Hollie Dote	9 th
Kevin & Brenda Bandy	9 th
Ken & Betty Jack.....	14 th
Tommy & Judy Kuntz	20 th
Ralph & Teresa Williams	28 th

August Birthdays

Bill Taylor	2 nd
Julian Sides.....	7 th
Pamela Hutsel.....	23 rd

Joyce Swan.....	24 th
Glen Weakley.....	24 th
Anne Alexander.....	31 st
Gary Curtis	31 st

August Anniversaries

Jim & Donna Wade	1 st
Bob & Katherine Easley	14 th
Hubert & Joyce Garland.....	16 th
Waldo & Sharon Emerson.....	22 nd
Jerry & Diane Waller	24 th

Let me know....

If you have information of an upcoming event, items to sell, technical stuff, recipes, folks on the sick list, etc., send it to me for inclusion into the newsletter. I'll be glad to add it.

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Upcoming Tours and Events

June 10-14 th	Petit Jean Swap meet
June 19-21 st	Paragould, AR
June 27-29	Waverly Weekend Tour Waverly TN
July 11-12 th	Tomato Festival - Ripley, TN contact Bill Butner
July 21-26 th	Model T Ford 100 th Anniversary Celebration, Richmond, IN
August 8-10 th	Kentucky Tour - John & Bonnie Ohlrogge
September 3-7 th	Hillbilly Tour - Cape Girardeau, MO
October 8-11 th	Hershey Swap Meet Hershey, PA
December 6 th	Tennessee T's Annual Christmas Party Waverly, TN

I sent out an email soliciting these 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! Thanks to Ken Swan for these two.

As Told To Me - Joyce and I had stopped at a service station (where we get many unsolicited testimonials, comments, and stories). A gentleman came over and started talking about a time when he was a little boy and they had a touring car. He said his mother did not like the car because of the wind and rain was always blowing in on them. He remembered her saying "I'll be glad when we can get a closed car". He revealed to us that he could never understand why his mother always wanted a car in which to hang her clothes and wondered why she didn't hang them in the chifferobe or closet. *Ken Swan*

As Told To Me - Joyce and I were at a local Selmer grocery store in the '22 as an elderly gentleman who looked to be old enough to father Santa Clause was backing his truck from a parking space and spotted us easing toward him. He stopped his truck right in the middle of the drive area of the parking lot and came over and started to talk to us about the time he first drove a '23 T touring car.

It seems that his entire family had gone to the cotton patch to pick cotton for the day. As was customary, they normally took their dinner (lunch) to the field and ate it on the turn row near the cotton trailer and scales at the noon hour. It seems this day mamma had made some biscuits and gravy and had left it on the stove to stay warm (nobody likes cold gravy). They sent him to the house to fetch the meal. He was about 10 years old at the time and had been eyeing the T and longing to drive it for some time. This seemed to be a good opportunity, he surmised, as the meal

was quite a load. He stashed the dinner in alongside himself in the front seat and somehow managed to get the car started and took off across the cotton field. Now, any farm boy knows that cotton is planted on elevated rows and by harvest time the rows still are very well defined and pronounced in surface contour. That didn't seem to concern the young pilot as he was so thrilled at his ability to drive the family's chariot. Consequently when he arrived at the selected agrarian dining area, gravy had found its way all over the entire front seating area of the T. His mamma gave him a severe scolding and tongue-lashing and in the process attracted the attention of his pap. Pa, became furious at the mess, yanked the young teamster from his front seat perch and proceeded to give him the whoopin' of his life for spillin' their meal and then another thumpin' for driving the T without Pappy's permission. Obviously that discipline had a lasting and vivid effect on the youngster.

I promised to take Mr. Watson for a ride and managed to fulfill my promise a few months later. We drove around Selmer and he waved as if he was the king of England to the folks we passed who recognized him. Sadly, about a month later, I read in the paper that he had passed away. He was well into his 90's. I am so thankful for the time I was granted with him. Those treasures are leaving us at an all too rapid rate unfortunately. *Ken Swan*

Cars for Sale

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	

Holladay Jamboree

On Saturday, April 19th four members of the Tennessee T's attended the 52nd Annual Bluegrass and Fiddlers Jamboree in Holladay, TN. After a morning parade we enjoyed a barbeque lunch while listening to the bands warm up for their performances. In the Parade, Lynn Cook won 1st place with his 1914 roadster. Larry Williams and Gary Curtis also won awards!



Lynn & Sue Cook driving a sharp car!



More Sharp Cars!



Other Trophy Winners!



Greatly magnified image of trophy in the above photo (it's kind of hard to see otherwise).

T's on the move

So far this year the Tennessee T's have had three driving events. If you missed them you have missed some good roads, great food, and wonderful visiting. Rather than ramble, I will put up the pictures from the events with captions. Make plans now to join in future tours or even maybe hosting one!

Columbus MS



The morning started out with a quick visit to the Columbus lock & dam on the Tombigbee Waterway. As you can see from the coats and side curtains that it was a little chilly.



Waverly mansion, built in 1854 was once part of a 14,000 acre farm between Columbus and West Point. The house has been restored and is open for tours.



The next stop was an antebellum plantation, Waverly Mansion, where we were greeted by a couple of appropriately dressed hosts.



After the Waverly Mansion visit and a short guided tour of the old Columbus friendship cemetery we had lunch at the Carters country place in Mississippi. Miss Annie baked up a bodacious batch of lasagna.



After lunch we drove down to Carrollton, AL to see the face in the courthouse window. You can see the arrow pointing to the lower right pane of the top window. In 1878 Henry Wells, a freedman, was accused of burning down the courthouse (a couple of years earlier) among other crimes. To save him from an outraged mob that had gathered below Henry was hidden in the garret of the new Court House. "It was then that an electrical storm passed over--just when Henry was looking down in terror upon those gathered in the square below--and Henry's face was stamped as indelibly upon that pane as though a photographer had opened his lens and caught the likeness." Can't see a whole lot from the ground but it's a great story.

Arlington Tennessee



T's at Vinegar Jim's

This bunch never gets too far from food!



T's in front of Davies Manor. This is the oldest home in Shelby County. Years ago folks would stay here while travelling via stage coach to Nashville. What year was this photo taken? 192???



Ah yes, nothing like the good old funnel cakes sold at the local festivals in anytown USA. What better place to eat them than the running board?

Henry Horton Tour



T's on the square in Covington.



Friday night feed and story telling time. A lot of new folks showed up for this tour.



We found it! The seafood buffet at Brayden Station. As we were leaving I heard the manager say he was going to re-think this whole "all you can eat concept". We managed to put a serious dent in his inventory.



Follow that T! Charlie and Jerry picked some great roads for a drive. The rain was cleared out by 6:00 AM and by 10:00 the sun was shining.



Another picture in front of Davies Manor



Rest stop and photo op near the river.



OK, where are the cane poles and worms?



One of the many antique shops in Leiperts Fork



A nice pasture complete with the beast that the T finally replaced.



Above is the site of the funniest part of the trip. Just ask Janna Swann. Gravel and bicycles don't mix so well. I guess you had to be there. It reminded me of the guy on "Laugh In" who always wiped out on the tricycle.



Nicely kept farm – part of the morning drive.



Some of the gang at Henry Horton.



Here we are – eating again!

Car Show for Charity in Savannah TN.



New member Ray Elkins carried his TT to Savannah. Keith Barrier took his sedan (next to the illegally parked street rod) and I took the 22 TT “Possum Wagon”. Great visit time.

Sadly the “Possum Wagon” will be going to Michigan over the 4th of July. I’m giving it to my brother. (sniff, sniff)

I really want to thank all of you who sent emails and photos. It really makes the newsletter easier (and fun) to do. Gary

Fajita Pizza

- Cut Chicken or Steak into strips and using a package of Fajita seasoning prepare with vegetables per instructions – set aside.
- Using ready made pizza crust spread Salsa onto crust instead of pizza sauce.
- Add Fajita fixins and top with Monterrey Jack Cheese. Bake at 375 for 30 minutes
- Serve with Sour Cream and Guacamole (optional).



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 firm. Ralph Williams 662-342-9140

Upcoming Tour

June 19, 20 and 21, 2008 Paragould, AR

The Tin Lizzie Travelers of AR are having a tour and have invited any of the TN T’s that wish to join them.

- Dates: June 19, 20 and 21, 2008
- Location: Paragould, AR
- Motel: Holiday Inn Express on Linwood Drive 870-236-9999

Events:

Thursday Evening:

Planning Meeting for T-Party Tour

Friday Tour::

Crowley’s Ridge State Park and the Crowley’s Ridge Parkway

Saturday Event:

Crowley’s Ridge Nature Center in Jonesboro and Craighead Forest Park

Mention the Tin Lizzies when you make your reservations. If you are an AARP or AAA member you can get the lowered rate. Michael said the hotel accommodations are limited in Paragould thus it was difficult to make a good deal on rates.

Note: Paragould is only about 90 miles out (NW) of Memphis. This should be some good driving.

Tennessee Back Roads

After the Henry Horton tour six hardy souls decided they had so much fun over the weekend that they would just continue east over the mountains of Tennessee. Bill and Linda Eden, Martin and Anne Alexander, and Larry and Carolyn Williams traveled **UP** the mountain to Mount Eagle, then **DOWN** the mountain to Bridgeport AL where we attended a Native American festival and toured Russell Cave National Monument. While in the area we visited the old coal mining town of Orme. There is not much left there but we did see a donkey on a front porch of an old house and the old train station.



Look closely and you can see the little donkey on the porch taking a break from the sun.



Is the train gonna be on time today?

After spending the night in Kimball, TN we traveled up Sequatchie Valley on the old highway to Pikeville, TN and enjoyed lunch at the Main Street Café.

The rest of the day was spent traveling **UP** the mountain to Falls Creek State Park. Late in the afternoon we enjoyed the beautiful Falls, the highest one east of the Rockies.



Larry Williams and Linda Eden



Bill Eden, Martin and Anne Alexander

The Dogwoods were still in bloom making the drive through the park quite beautiful. The next day we drove **DOWN** the mountain and over to Crossville, TN and attended the play, "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" at Cumberland Playhouse.

On day four it was **DOWN** the mountain to Grassy Cove for a drive through the cove, and then back **UP** the mountain to

Crossville for antique shopping. Then it was **OVER** Brotherton Mountain to Cookeville for the night and dinner at the Williams daughter's house. Day five was the only rainy day of the week and it seemed that every time we needed to stop the rain did also. Someone must have been watching out for us! On the morning of day five we visited the Hydro Electric Plant at Rock Island State Park and Great Falls.



During the afternoon we visited Old Stone Fort at Manchester, the George Dickel Distillery at Normandy, and Bell Buckle for ice cream before returning to Henry Horton barely ahead of the storms. Day six we traveled back to the Waverly where the Eden's and Alexander's loaded their cars for the journeys back to MO and IL. That evening we were joined by Mac and Ernestine Flowers and Gary and Frances Curtis for dinner at Marble Oaks.

Keep sending me stuff!

I actually had more stuff than I could use this time (saved it for the next issue). Please give serious consideration to putting together a drive near your town this summer or fall. It seems every little town has some sort of festival and that would be a great time. Even if it is only you and a couple of other T's send a short write up of the event.

Gary

Mark your Calendars for the

Waverly Weekend

When? June 27, 28, & 29th
Where? Waverly, Tennessee

Schedule of Events:

Friday night (27th) Cookout on Williams Hill

Saturday Morning June 28th

- Breakfast in Waverly at David's Place (Formerly Carol's)
- Depart motel at 8:30 for a drive in the country and ???? surprise.
- Bring lawn chairs for "Music on the Square" Saturday night.
- Dinner on your own.

Sunday Morning June 29th – Departure Breakfast at McDonalds.

Room reservations – Imperial Lodge (931) 296-2521
504 West Main Street
Waverly, TN 37185

Ask for a room in the TN T's block. \$65 including tax. Call early as rooms are limited.

Let us know you r coming so we can plan our groceries. RSVP

Larry or Carolyn 931-296-3172

Or

Lynn or Sue Cook 931-535-2451

Or

Mac or Ernestine Flowers 931-535-2327

Or

Gary or Frances Curtis 931-296-5848

Tomato Festival

July 11-12th - Contact Bill Butner for further information. 901-383-9356

Kentucky Tour

August 8-10th Kentucky Tour – Contact John & Bonnie Ohlrogge for further information. Cell 270-823-3068