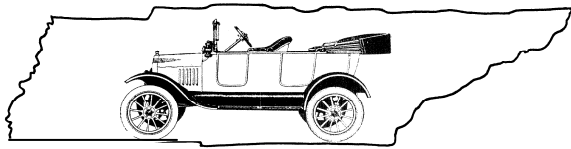


# Tennessee T's



## Model T Ford Club



Spring  
finally!



Spring 2009

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



I hope all of you have had a productive winter working on your T list and more important on your "honey do lists" cause if "Mama ain't happy ain't nobody happy."

The 2009 touring season is here and looks like it will be another good one for the Tennessee T's with three local tours already planned and the International in Tennessee in July. Check all the tour dates in this newsletter and make your reservations early. We have some great Model T roads in Tennessee and we haven't covered near all of them yet.

I encourage all of you to continue to supply Gary Tillstrom with stories and items for the newsletter. Let him know of events, cars for sale, parts wanted, etc.

We extend sympathy to Mark Dote on the loss of his grandmother and father and Ginger Bobel on the loss of her father.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the very first tour of the year hosted by Darrel &

Ann Carter. Details in this Newsletter.

*Larry*

### New Members Welcome!

Welcome new Tennessee T's members:

Steve & Holly Shelton  
60 Kelso Mulberry Road  
Mulberry, TN 37359-5104  
931-438-9758

[steve.t.shelton@gmail.com](mailto:steve.t.shelton@gmail.com)

Steve and Holly have a 1923 Pickup. Glad to have you as members and hope you will jump right in and start touring.

### Columbus Pilgrimage Tour – April 4th

Come join us for a weekend of fun and history, touring the back roads of Columbus, Mississippi

#### Friday Night

--Hotel in Columbus

--\$79 rate at the Best Western, 303 Shoney Drive, Columbus, MS, (662) 329-2255 (includes breakfast).

#### Saturday Morning, Meet at hotel a 9 AM

--Visit to Columbus Lock & Dam

--Tour of Historic Waverly Mansion (\$7.50 per person)

--Drive to Carters farm near Steens

--Lunch provided by the Carters

#### Saturday Afternoon

--Drive to Carrolton, Alabama to see the face in the court house window We should be finished around 5-6 PM. Please RSVP to Darrel or Ann Carter (901) 757-0051

[Darcarter@aol.com](mailto:Darcarter@aol.com)

[Annie10413@aol.com](mailto:Annie10413@aol.com)

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Judy Markey.....	1 <sup>st</sup>
Penny Ellis.....	1 <sup>st</sup>
John Olgrogge.....	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jim Wade.....	8 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon Emerson.....	10 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Barrier.....	10 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Williams.....	18 <sup>th</sup>
Glenn Storck.....	19 <sup>th</sup>
Ernestine Flowers.....	20 <sup>th</sup>
Katherine Easley.....	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Ray Elkins.....	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Jerrie Hiner.....	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Stevie Wyatt.....	28 <sup>th</sup>
Patsy Taylor.....	28 <sup>th</sup>
Carolyn Williams.....	29 <sup>th</sup>
Sue Cook.....	31 <sup>st</sup>
Elizabeth Monteith.....	31 <sup>st</sup>
Kay McDonald.....	31 <sup>st</sup>

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Tony & Brenda Verschoore.....	23 <sup>rd</sup>
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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Cook.....	2 <sup>nd</sup>
George Ross.....	4 <sup>th</sup>
Dewey Asher.....	7 <sup>th</sup>
Joyce Garland.....	8 <sup>th</sup>
Bryan Nelson.....	8 <sup>th</sup>
Kathe Nelson.....	8 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Eden.....	12 <sup>th</sup>
Mac Flowers.....	21 <sup>st</sup>
Donna Wade.....	25 <sup>th</sup>
Monty Monteith.....	25 <sup>th</sup>
Ann Corlew.....	26 <sup>th</sup>
Jane Summers.....	27 <sup>th</sup>
Martin Alexander.....	29 <sup>th</sup>
Pat Asher.....	30 <sup>th</sup>

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Tony & Yvonne Cook.....	12 <sup>th</sup>
Homer and Marjorie Long.....	12 <sup>th</sup>
Nick & Connie Nicholas.....	23 <sup>rd</sup>
William & Pat Johnson.....	28 <sup>th</sup>
Charles & Barbara Wagner.....	28 <sup>th</sup>

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ginny Scudder.....	8 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Robinson.....	15 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Dote.....	15 <sup>th</sup>
Shonda Richardson.....	19 <sup>th</sup>
Pat Johnson.....	20 <sup>th</sup>
Jennifer Miller.....	20 <sup>th</sup>
Frances Curtis.....	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Betty Jack.....	27 <sup>th</sup>
Charles Corlew.....	29 <sup>th</sup>
Jerry Waller.....	30 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Markey.....	31 <sup>st</sup>

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn & JoAnn Weakley.....	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Glenn Storck/Susan Harrington.....	6 <sup>th</sup>
Harold & Pam Hutsell.....	6 <sup>th</sup>
Tom & Cherie Allison.....	18 <sup>th</sup>
Larry & Carolyn Williams.....	19 <sup>th</sup>

## Joelton TN Tour – May 15-16

The famous tornado tour has a new location this year! Come join us in Davidson and Cheatham counties. Rooms are blocked at the Days Inn in Joelton. The cost will be \$54.36 per night (including tax). The hotel provides a continental breakfast. There is also a restaurant beside the hotel and a McDonalds. Plans are being made for a meal together on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Eating time will be near 6:00. For anyone interested, Sunday morning, we are planning a short tour to the Parthenon and Bicentennial mall in Nashville. Traffic will be at a minimum so don't worry about that. If you're planning on going contact either Charlie & Jana Swann:

[CSwann@united.net](mailto:CSwann@united.net), phone-(931)294-2033

Or

Jerry & Diane Waller;  
[jwallers@bellsouth.net](mailto:jwallers@bellsouth.net)  
phone - (615) 876-4020

**Quick! Turn to the next page!**

## Lawrenceburg, TN Tour – June 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Hurbert & Joyce Garland will be hosting this tour. That part of the state has some great roads, you won't want to miss this and it is a pretty central location for us all. Hotel is the Best Western and the phone number is 931-762-4448. When making a reservation be sure and let them know you're with the model T club.



It's that time of year where dues are due. Be sure to send Carolyn your \$15 for 2009 if you haven't already done so.

### DAFFODILS = SPRING

The Cooks and Williams grabbed the first pretty Saturday of March for a Model T shakedown cruise. We headed for the Land between the Lakes to check out the daffodils. They were in bloom. YEAH!



Many people were out enjoying the day. Just as we stopped in the buttercups two pickup

trucks came to a screeching halt and ladies descended from every door, each one with a HUGE camera in hand. They started snapping pictures while I slipped my little Cannon Power Shot back in my pocket out of sight. When they calmed down enough to introduce themselves we learned they were a photography class from Murray State. Our two little cars were certainly immortalized this day.



We traveled back home across hill and dale and began to repair all the items the shake down cruise uncovered.

Speaking of shake down cruise, the following was sent by Linda Eden:

Bill and I have been working on our Model A coupe. We have been changing the rumble seat back into a trunk. It took longer than I thought, but we finally got it finished. We are checking out our Model T for the "Show Me tour in Lebanon, Mo. in May. We are looking forward to the tours and hope to see everyone there. Bill and Linda Eden

### Cars for Sale

23 TT Truck

Ken Jack  
901-682-4948

## **'The Dirt Road' (Tribute to Paul Harvey) 1918-2009**

*I ran across this while looking for pictures on the internet of T's on dirt roads. I thought it was appropriate as we have all listened to Paul Harvey at one time or another. He was truly a great broadcaster who will be greatly missed.*

What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved.

There's not a problem in America today, crime, drugs, education, divorce, delinquency that wouldn't be remedied, if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give character.

People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride.

That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it, if at the end is home...a loving spouse, happy kids and a dog.

We wouldn't have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, from whom they learn how to get along.

There was less crime in our streets before they were paved.

Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they'd be welcomed by 5 barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun.

And there were no drive by shootings.

Our values were better when our roads were worse!

People did not worship their cars more than their kids and motorists were more courteous, they didn't tailgate by riding the bumper or the guy in front would choke you with dust & bust your windshield with rocks.

Dirt Roads taught patience.

Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly; you didn't hop in your car for a quart of milk you walked to the barn for your milk.

For your mail, you walked to the mail box.

What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part, then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony rode on Daddy's shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody.

At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap.

Most paved roads lead to trouble, Dirt Roads more likely lead to a fishing creek or a swimming hole.

At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini.

At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra springtime income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out.

Usually you got a dollar...always you got a new friend...at the end of a Dirt Road!



## **The T100 Project (where are they now)**

As some of you know, Ford Motor Company had six brand new 1914 touring cars built in 2001. Bill Robinson sent me an article much like the one that appeared in the Model T Times and it got me to wondering what has become of those cars.

Rumor has it, after they completed the publicity tour in preparation for the 2003 100 year celebration event that they were given to the Henry Ford museum. Today these cars are in daily service (8-hours a day) at Greenfield Village giving rides around the village for those who wish to ride in a model T. I have been told they have been modified slightly with the addition of electric start and electronic ignition. I'm guessing that means these modifications are officially now sanctioned by Ford (sure to start a debate).



**One of Six Fords - now 8 years old!**

### **New Project**



**Darrel Carter picked up this nice 26 Roadster. Check out that bumper!**

**Make sure your car is safe for the season; please review the clubs safety guidelines.**

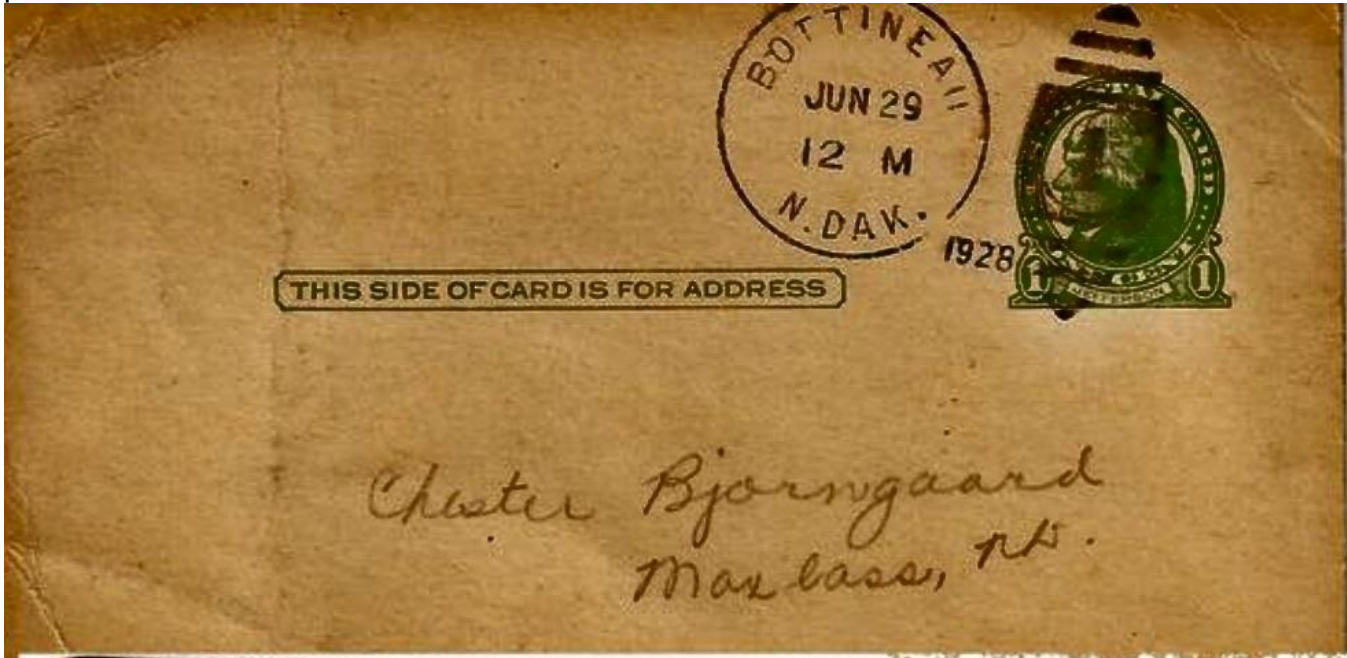


**This one needs a bit of help!**



**T's on tour.**

From Dwight Miller. Until now we all thought junk mail was a fairly new concept. Here is some interesting junk mail from 1929. I might take them up on the cost of some of the replacement parts!



Front

Dear Sir:—  
We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.  
It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.  
The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.  
Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.  
New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.  
The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.  
A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Very truly yours,  
C. R. GLEASON CO.

Bottineau, N. Dak.

Back Side - Very cool!

### As Told to Me.....

Both of these stories were submitted by one of our newer members, Butch Mercer of Thaxton MS. Thank you Butch for these 1

This story by my good friend Mr. Claude Hardin Jr. who is presently 85 years old. Mr. Felix Johnson when he was a young lad was at the local Ford dealership in Pontotoc Mississippi back in 1926 as the "improved cars" were first introduced and on display. On the showroom floor happened to be a new 1926 touring car. Mr. Felix Johnson relates that an old gent was really looking the vehicle over and noticing the 4<sup>th</sup> door rares back with his thumbs under the straps on his overalls and declares, "Boy's, this is as far as they can go!"

This story was told to me by Bradley Lunn who the great grandson of the gentleman (Mr. Joe Gregory). Who lived his entire life in Big Hill Road near Springville in Pontotoc county Mississippi. Mr. Gregory drove this model T his entire driving life.

Mr. Gregory was driving his car when the spark plugs began to foul causing the car to run rough due to the misfiring. Mr. Gregory always kept a spare set of plugs under the seat so he wasn't too concerned. As he removed the plugs he tosses them into the woods only to discover a few minutes later that those were the spare set! He then spent the better part of half that night digging through the leaves looking for his plugs. He eventually made it home.

OK, what stories do you have? I know you all have them. Make a note to send them for next time.

*Gary*

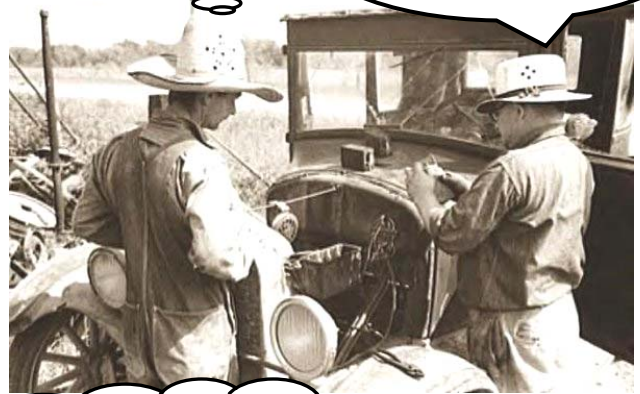
### Just for fun!



Economy Run "we get such good gas mileage with these Firestone tires we have to pull over every 200 miles or so and drain gas out!"

A distributor would cure that problem!

You got to hold your mouth right with these coils.



Only Otis could get us stuck on a dry road!



### **Chickasha 2009**

Well Ralph and I made the trek to Chickasha this year. We obtained comprehensive driving directions from Gary Curtis to get us to Washington DC and followed them to the letter. Anyway, we ended up at Chickasha and spend all of our wives money. Of course we ran into fellow TN T members Martin Alexander and Bud Scudder. It appears Oklahoma has a very relaxed immigration policy since they allowed us folks from MO, KY, TN, and MS to cross the borders. Of course they saw to it we left also. The weather was great this year and we are planning on next year. I believe all had a good time.

### **Tour Cancellation**

The Natchez Trace Tour scheduled for this spring between Natchez and Nashville has been cancelled. Ross and Jennifer Lilleker very recently found out that Ross's dad is seriously ill. Keep them in your prayers.

Anyone needing transmission bands that would like to try wood bands contact me.

*Start making plans!*



There is new info available on the web with the week's itinerary and hotel info, tour cost, etc. Here is the live link

<http://www.modelttour.org/>