Tennessee T's



Model T Force Club



January - March 2010

From The President



On behalf of each of the new officers, I thank you for your expression of confidence in us and we look forward to serving you while the chapter continues to grow.

I would like to begin with thanking our outgoing officers for the many years of hard work and service that they put fourth in both founding and serving the chapter. It is evident by the closeness and the friendships that have developed as a result of this chapter's existence that their efforts and hard work have paid big dividends.

I hope this newsletter catches each of you this season by the fire with your feet up enjoying friends and family. This is the time of year that many reflect on the very things that we hold dear and relationships are definitely one of those.

The Christmas party in Waverly this year was well attended and all had a good time. As usual, the women brought the best dishes they could think of and we all gained a pound or so!

If you couldn't make the party don't forget to send your dues (\$15 per year) in to the Secretary.

Teresa Williams 3375 Amy Drive Nesbit, MS 38651

The only problem as I see for the Model T hobby is there are model T's owned by many more wonderful people (just like us) just sitting in barns and sheds because they just don't know.

- They just don't know that there are folks to help them get their cars up and running.
- They just don't know how fun it is touring the countryside on a warm day to see some strange point of interest that unless you're local, you would never know was there.
- They just don't know how many good friends they would gain by dusting off the old car and joining up with like minded folks.

I challenge each of you in the new year to think of ways that we can involve ourselves to fix this.

The chapter is working on a website and I hope to have it published and online shortly. I need to find a copy of the book, "websites for BIG dummies"!

Here is wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas along with a happy and healthy New Years. See you down the road. *Gary*

Meeting Minutes

The Tennessee T's Chapter of MTFCI & MTFCA met December 5, 2009 at Mariah Cumberland Church.

President's report: Larry Williams first introduced our new members and those who were visiting for the evening. He thanked all those who attended and noted that this year's attendance for the Christmas party was the highest thus far. He addressed the PowerPoint presentation that Ken and Joyce Swan had presented during our party and that the tour in Arkansas they had arranged was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. He made a motion to accept the last meeting minutes as recorded in the previous newsletter. The minutes were approved.

Business Report: Sue Cook then reported to the members that our chapter's total expenditures for 2009 were \$740.27 and the present balance was \$2,905.52.

Carolyn Williams then reported that Susan Harrington, Francis and Gary Curtis and Anita and Charles Owens had sent thank-you notes to the club.

Larry Williams reported on the tours that had been attended by our members throughout the year and requested that many of the tours be repeated for the upcoming year. He noted that the Waverly Weekend tour, sponsored by the Williams, will be held on April 17th - 18th. He also stated that our club participated this past year in tours as far as Colorado and Washington state and that the Johnson City Tour this summer was a good tour.

A presentation was made by Larry Williams to Ken and Joyce Swan regarding facts about owning and using a trailer to transport their Model T.

Ken and Joyce then presented the club

officials with gifts for doing such as great job as the leaders of the club.

Larry then presented a nomination for the new officials. Mac Flowers had the second motion. The nominations were accepted and the new elected officers include Gary Tillstrom as president, Charlie Swan as vice-president and Teresa Williams as treasurer/secretary.

Mac Flowers addressed the club with appreciative words and Carolyn Williams also presented her views on why she enjoyed the club. Larry then presented Gary Tillstrom and he spoke briefly to the club. A motion was presented to adjourn.



One of our members was once overheard saying, "Read my lips, no trailer ever!" Anyway, he now owns this nice trailer pictured above to haul his T on. There was even a prestigious T shirt award presentation given at the Christmas Party to celebrate the acquisition!

Don't Forget!

If you added water to the radiator over the season, check to make sure it is still strong enough to protect against freeze damage. The "freeze plugs" are actually casting core plugs and will not save your block if it freezes.

| Birthdays and Anniversaries | | |
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| Hubert Garland | | |
| January Anniversaries | | |
| Bill & Patsy Taylor | | |
| February Birthdays | | |
| Tommy Kuntz | | |
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| Waldo & Sharon Emerson3 rd Ray & Melissa Elkins14 th Steve & Jane Summers14 th Julian & Jane Sides16 th Bill & Susan Robinson26th Bryan & Kathe Nelson28 th | | |
| March Birthdays | | |
| Judy Markey1stPenny Ellis1stJohn Olgrogge3rdJim Wade8thSharon Emerson10thCarol Barrier10thLarry Williams18thGlenn Storck19thErnestine Flowers20th | | |

| Katherine Easley | .23 rd .23 rd .28 th .28th |
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| Patsy Taylor Carolyn Williams | .28th .29 th |
| Sue Cook Elizabeth Monteith Kay McDonald | .31st |

March Anniversaries

Tony & Brenda Verschoore..23rd



February 7 - Nashville, TN - AACA Stones River Region 22nd Annual Swap Meet - Nashville Fairgrounds. Contact person: Bruce Hickerson at 615-890-1144

April 16th – 17th Waverly Weekend (see back page).

July 18th-23rd, 2010 The 54th Annual Tour of the MTFCI will be held in Rapid City, SD

The host hotel in Rapid City is the Ramkota, Best Western. (605) 343-8550. Rate: \$99.00

Code: Model T Ford Club International. From what we heard at the International in Johnson City, TN there will be a full house at the 54th tour in SD. If you are thinking of attending the tour in 2010 and want to be assured of a room at the host hotel you might want to call now and reserve your room. You can always cancel later if you see you can't attend.

Other local tours in the works with dates and locations to be announced.

Your event here?

They do things different in MS. Ken Swan emailed the following that I thought I would share with you.

One of our newer Club Members, Butch Mercer, has just won a trophy at a car show in New Albany, MS!!!

He won 2nd place in the Model T category even though his car was the only car in that category!!! The reason he didn't win 1st place was, he didn't have enough points!!!???

In summary, he won 2nd place because first place and 3rd place contestants DIDN'T SHOW UP!!!

!!!!! This is one for the books and it raises the bar in RED NECK CAR SHOWS!!!!

Look out TOUR D 'ELEGANCE, here we come!

Wanted

Keep your eyes peeled and your ears to the ground -Sans Lassiter is looking for a 20-27 touring car Cell phone 386-566-1330 Office 386-257-2571

Email rlassiter@lassitertransportation.com

Need some late Christmas Ideas? How about



Or maybe.....



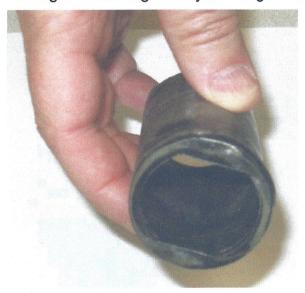
Or even.....



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Cheap Cam Nut Removal Tool

How many cam gear nuts have you seen messed up from folks using a wrench that fits poorly? There is an easy fix for this that you can make in just a few minutes from a common Model T hubcap wrench. The portion that fits the wheel bearing is a perfect fit for the cam nut also! With a small hunk of pipe and a few minutes welding you will have a dedicated tool to remove and install cam nuts in the future. Hey, you ain't doing nothing but watching TV anyhow so get busy!



The end view shows the wheel bearing portion of the hub cap wrench welded to a scrap piece of pipe. The pipe inner diameter is slightly larger than the cam nut so clearance is perfect.

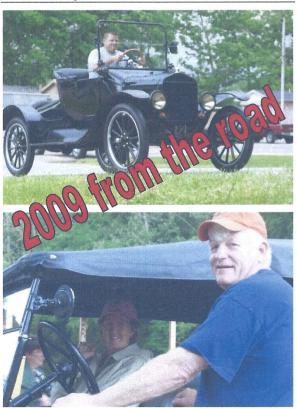


The overall length of the tool is 3 inches from end to end. If you really care about what it

looks like you could chuck it in the lathe and turn off the raised portions of the weld. As you can tell, I really don't care what mine looks like.



You're going to need a means to apply torque so I took a scrap bolt and a scrap piece of strap steel and drilled a hole that allows the bolt to go in. I then welded the bolt to the strap followed by welding the finished strap to the pipe. Overall, I rate this project no more than 2 cups of coffee for difficulty.



This years Waverly Weekend will be housed out of Grand Rivers, KY

Dates: April 16 & 17 - 2010



Host hotel:

Patti's Inn & Suites Exit 31 - 1-24 1017 Dover road Grand Rivers, KY 42045

Phone: (270) 928-2740 Toll Free 866-673-3968 Ask for room blocked under the Tennessee T's Rate:

- 1 Queen bed \$59.95*
- 2 Queen beds \$69.95*
- Suites \$89.95
- * Singles at \$42 and doubles at \$52 so long as we have ten rooms.

They are holding 15 one queen bed rooms and 10 two queen bed rooms;

Must make your reservation by the end of March or rooms will go back into inventory.

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Places to eat are close (3 miles to Patti's)

Tour on Sat will be through as much of Land Between the Lakes as possible. Ladies maybe we will find an antique store or two.

Plan on joining us for a relaxing time through this special part of the country!





Bring your cameras as this is a wonderful area to spend the day driving your T! Who knows what pictures you'll get?















