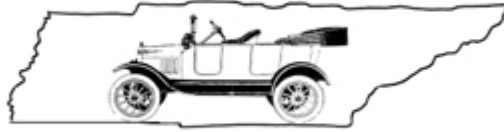


Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club



From the Desk of the President

Newsletter February 2013

From the President:

January is gone, the groundhog did not see his shadow, daffodils are blooming, tours are being planned and shops are humming with Model T's being "souped" up for an exciting year of touring across Tennessee and beyond.

If you have not planned a tour before I encourage you to do so.

The planning is half the fun and we have lots of good touring roads. Even if we have been on the roads before just run them backwards. We won't remember and won't care if we do.

Welcome new members. We are looking forward to meeting all of you.

It is a great to be a Tennessee T's member. Good folks, good friends.

Larry

Photo submitted by an unknown source



Club Members' Projects

The \$500 Coupe

Bill and Linda Eden bought a \$500.00 Model T coupe that is either a 1924 or 1925. It has no title, and had no engine or transmission. It was in pretty bad shape because someone wired it wrong and then added two truck batteries to try and make it go. The batteries ate their way out so the wood was bad and the metal was very rusted near the bottom of the car. We have now replaced all the wood using what patterns we could get out of it. We are welding the metal parts now and since we have several motors feel like we can save this car and get it back on the road in time. It has unusual Firestone wheels and was restored at one time but then left to sit with batteries eating their way out of the trunk. It gives us something to do in the winter months.



"My 26 Tudor as it looked when I got it in 1980", says Charlie Wagner.



The Lowery's beautiful restoration. Great job!

Another ongoing project:

Dwight Miller's Gas Station

Dwight writes:

Hi Bill: Carolyn asked me a while back to send you something on our gas station but I failed to do so. We recently received your request so thought I had better get to it. The one picture is of a reproduction gas station we built last summer. We hope to display old gas station items and other antique things we have collected over the years including some Model T accessories. The other picture is of a pump we bought from Charlie Swann while on a trip to Tennessee several years ago and it was delivered to South Dakota by Charlie and Jerry Waller while they were up for the tour in Rapid City. Many thanks to them for doing that. The pump was in sad condition and Charlie restored the computer mechanism prior to bringing it up and the rest of the pump is in the process of being restored by me. After a couple more coats of paint it will be installed on the island of the station. I would like to be able to send you a picture of the pump on the island but not having it done I do not want to put it outside during our South Dakota winters. Hopefully I can get one for you next summer and with a Model T in the picture also. If you have questions, please let me know. Thanks for your good work.

Dwight Miller



Miller snow pictures



Bill,

We just moved from Memphis recently so most of my effort has been getting things organized and sorted out (I hate moving). Current project is getting one of the Model Ts ready to drive on the Mobile tour next week. Hope to start restorations on one of the four other Model Ts later this year. You can use whatever of these pictures you want. Good luck.
Darrel Carter

Soaking spokes in boiled linseed oil for a couple of days.



Spokes almost ready to be pressed in on 30 x 3 1/2 inch wheel



Wheel ready for priming, painting and the hub on a 21 inch wheel



We got this '26 ford door about a year ago and hope to start restoring it later this year.



RUST HEAP TO CAMPER

By Ken Swan

Sometime during 1998, I pulled piles of rust that vaguely resembled the chassis of a Model T Ford from a heap forlornly sequestered in the back yard of a forgotten owner in Vanndale, AR. It consisted of a fame, running boards, an unusable radiator, a pair of front fenders, a remnant of a hood, a high firewall with the carcass of a firewall-mounted coil box less the lid, headlight shells mounted on a cross-bar bracket, the remains of wooden spoke wheels mounted on unsightly axles--front and rear, a partly decomposed frame-mounted gas tank and an assortment of parts and pieces. I transported the dubious collection to my back yard in Selmer, TN without a clue as to what the future had in store for me or the stash.

After weeks of pondering as to the fate of my recently acquired gain, it dawned on me that my wife, Dr J. (Joyce) and I love to camp, and we in fact had made a few camping forays using our '22 touring T as transportation. Why not build a camper? The research and planning began; I then discovered the more I researched and the more I planned, the more questions and confusion cropped into play.

As I began to closely examine the individual components, I came to the realization that the vehicle was surely assembled by a committee of members of congress! Nothing seemed to make sense! While the auto chassis frame is clearly stamped in the 15 millions (Jan. 1927), the front cross member of the frame has no brackets nor had ever had provisions for late '26 or '27 fenders. The front fender braces are clearly '23/'25 designs. The front fenders are from the '22 or '23 era but had been drilled and a headlight cross bar for a '26 or '27 style had been

professionally mounted. The rear cross member of the frame is a pure '26/'27 feature. The back axle and hubs as well as the front axle and spring and spindles are '27. The flat steel firewall is a high radiator unit, not a cowl gas tank mounted set-up. The firewall was mounted in an odd-ball location but not for a sedan or touring car and had never been located elsewhere. Then, of course, there was no windshield frame attached nor had ever been.

There were other nickel and dime discrepancies that have left me to come to assorted conclusions: the vehicle was assembled on a Friday 5:00 PM shift, early Monday morning, or at a dealer's location which was a common occurrence in those days. I now know that the vehicle was originally assembled for the express purpose of being a "commercial" chassis. The commercial spectrum was almost limitless, and that now includes a camper!!!

My camper's power unit and sleeping compartment's designs are my own creations and to the very best of my knowledge are not duplicates of any existing vehicle. I do freely admit to gleaning ideas from many, many sources ranging from authentic period campers to motorcycle campers to trailers of all sorts. I also credit and thank Ben Hardeman and Rob Wolf for providing me with helpful and useful ideas. I am indebted to Ralph Williams for his selection and supply of top quality woods and Keith Barrier for his gifts of various specialty wood components that have saved me oodles of time by eliminating steam bending of wood for certain places. Steve Summers came to my rescue with his wood carving talent;

Gary Tillstrom and Ross Lilleker timely contributed some valued mechanical help. I do especially credit Joyce for applying her superb talents and expertise in the vast amounts of sewing through hundreds of hours of difficult and tedious needle work.

Thousands and thousands of hours of labor and thousands of \$\$\$ later have produced two sleeping compartments: a prototype with a semi-fixed camper top which is fabricated from less expensive lumber so that my trial-and-error design/construction would result in less trauma and cost whenever mistakes were made and a finished model featuring a “pop-up” profile (without canvas at the moment). The finished model is built of prime quality clear oak, ash, and poplar for lasting durability.

The accompanying pictures provided here were taken by Joyce over a 14 year period and are proudly displayed for your viewing interest and, we hope, pleasure!





Upcoming Tennessee Ts Tours

April 12, 13, and 14th

Ken Swan describes it as an informal tour:

“Joyce and I are suggesting the weekend of April 12, 13, and 14th for a jaunt to visit the Holly Springs Pilgrimage in Holly Springs, MS with side ventures to Oxford, MS, a run through the Wall Doxey State Park for a show and tell, and the National Birddog Museum in Grand Junction, TN. This will be mostly on decent state roads and a good look at rural north Mississippi.”

If any of our members have an interest, and would like more details, contact Ken through his email kenksinc@charter.net

May 3,4, and 5th

Tornado Tour-

Charlie and Jana Swann, Jerry and Diane Waller are hosting the Tornado Tour again this Spring.

Details to follow

Other Tours of interest

Covered Bridge Tour 2013 Sept 28 – Oct 2 email for info www.westcentralindianamodelters.com

For Sale or trade (prefer trade)- 1926 Fordor-

I have everything needed to complete the restoration including a new interior. I have over \$9,000.00 invested and feel it is worth over \$10K because of it's present condition. I have about 100 photos in a pdf file that I can provide interested parties! What I really would like is to trade it for a well restored T, any type, any year for \$0 to \$?. Contact Keith Ellis keithcota@aol.com 615-847-2308 (C)

For Sale

FYI, I have a lot of parts for sale mostly 26-7 stuff. enough to make a Speedster or a good start on one. Plus a frame and body for a touring car and other sheet metal. and a 25 TT that needs it all. Make pkg deal or will part out. Cheaper if one buys all. Time to move on have a 33 chevy that needs finishing. Thanks for asking. Also for sale, One 1984 Fiero Pontiac for \$750.00 and in the deal, I'll throw in another 1984 Fiero Pontiac as a nice parts car. One auto and one 5spd. Also I'm going to sell my 1963 Ford 350 Flat bed trk. I restored it approx 15 years ago and it is really nice, used it to pull the T with. It is 6 cyl 4spd and ready to haul. Best offer.

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Announcements

For A Complete and Up to Date List of Car Shows and Cruise In's Check Out

www.gearheadgazette.com (or)
www.nashvillecarshows.tripod.com

Submitted by Chester Lowery

The 4th Annual Winter Swap Meet will be held March 2, 2013 at the Washington County Fair Grounds located at 922 Front Street, north of downtown Marietta, Ohio. The meet will be specializing in antique car parts. Vendors will be selling parts for early Dodge, Chevrolet, Ford and other makes. contact Nelson Logan at nlogan@suddenlink.net or at 1-740-373-5036

The 47th Annual Indoor & Outdoor Swap Meet

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013

Arena Building-Arena Park-Highway 61

410 Kiwanis Drive, Cape Girardeau, Missouri CAPAHA

ANTIQUE CAR CLUB

Dave Jackson 573-979-3454

Featuring antique & Classic Car, Truck & Tractor Parts

New members: Welcome to the Tennessee Ts!

John & Jeanne Zibell- Huntsville, AL – John restored '26 Tudor that has been in his family since 1967. He drove it as a high school kid. Then, it sat in his Dad's barn with the goats until the recent restoration.

Brian & Karen Robinson- Grant AL – Brian's Model T history goes back to 1998 when he and his dad restored a '19 Model TT truck. He recently purchased a '27 Tudor as a driver and project car.



Birthdays

February:

Steve Summers.....6th
 Keith Barrier.....7th
 Gary Tillstrom.....10th
 Charles Wagner.....15th
 Max Larson.....18th
 Steve Shelton.....20th
 Ann Carter.....23rd
 Ginger Bobel.....23rd

March:

Judy Markey.....1st
 Penny Ellis.....1st
 John Olgrogge.....3rd
 Monty Monteith.....25th
 David Ray.....26th
 Jane Summers.....27th
 Martin Alexander.....29th
 Jeane Zibell.....8th
 Dwight Miller.....7th
 Sharon Emerson.....10th
 Carol Barrier.....10th
 Chester & Pat Lowery.....11th
 Paul & Sally Copeland.....15th
 Anita Owen.....16th
 Larry Williams.....18th
 Glenn Storck.....19th
 Ernestine Flowers.....20th
 Charlie Owen.....20th
 Jerrie Hiner.....23rd
 Katherine Easley.....22nd
 Stevie Wyatt.....28th
 Patsy Taylor.....28th
 Carolyn Williams.....29th
 Sue Cook.....31st

Anniversaries

February:

Waldo & Sharon Emerson.....3rd
 Steve & Jane Summers.....14th
 Steve & Holly Shelton.....16th
 Bryan & Kathe Nelson.....28th
 Bill & Susan Robinson.....26th

March:

Tony & Brenda Verschoore.....23rd
 Dwight & Sharlotte Miller.....28th
 Chester & Pat Lowery.....11th

Carolyn's Treasurer's Report

12-1-2012

Tennessee T's Bank Balance.....\$3,527.51
 Deposits.....270.00
 Expenditures
 Rover Baptist Church.....\$ 100.00
 Turkey for Christmas meeting.....21.00
 Stamps for Chapter.....45.00
 St Jude Children's Hospital (Julian Sides) 100.00

2-11-2012

Tennessee T's Bank Balance.....\$3,531.51

EMAIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

Tours, Tour and event pictures, future tours, tech articles, cars for sale, forgotten birthdays and anniversaries.

Without input, there will be no newsletter.

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