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TENNESSEE T'S NEWS

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TENNESSEE T'S CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

MAY 11, 2002

The Williams, Flowers and Cooks traveled from New Johnsonville and Waverly to Historic Collinsville near Clarksville, TN and met the Harris's and Ernest Morris. After displaying the cars and touring the Collinsville village we drove to Bob and Nell's home for a great lunch. Thanks again Nell.



KICKED BACK IN THE SHADE AT HISTORIC COLLINSVILLE



May 18, 2002 - Collierville, TN

On May 18th Glenn and Susan Storck hosted a cookout at their home in Collierville with Ken and Joyce Swan, Ralph & Teresa Williams and Gary Tillstrom attending. In the picture above you see Glenn and Ralph hard at work planning a West TN Mystery tour for the weekend of August 23-25. The "mystery" man in the photo is Susan's dad. Mark your calendars. Details to follow in next newsletter. The group also did some planning for the weekend of December 6 & 7 for our Christmas meeting. Susan has blocked rooms at the Hampton Inn in Collierville. The rooms are \$67.00 plus tax with breakfast included. The number to call to reserve your room is 901-854-9400. We will need to be in line for the Collierville parade by 6 PM on the 6th and there are tentative plans to drive to Millington on the 7th for a parade at 2 PM. More info later

Also on May 18th Larry, Lynn and Mac were invited to bring their cars for "show and tell" to the annual employee and retiree appreciation day at the TVA Johnsonville

plant. They had a COOL but great day reminiscing with old friends.

May 19, 2002

Mac & Ernestine Flowers helped Nunnery's Burgers and Shakes in Camden, TN with their Grand Opening 50 years ago so on May 19th the Flowers, Cooks and Williams along with 175 other cars helped them celebrate their 50th year in business in the same location.



Mac Flowers Depot Hack being examined by an apparent regular customer of Burgers and Shakes.

May 22, 2002- Visitors

Ken & Joyce Swan had some very interesting visitors from Buenos Aires this month. They were not driving a Model T but were driving a Graham-Paige. The attached story DOS AMIGOS,UNA ADVENTURA! was written by Ken. Enjoy.

May 26, 2002 - Hendersonville, NC

Bob and Nell Harris attended the Blue Ridge Rider tour in Hendersonville, NC where they visited the Biltmore House and winery, cruised Lake Lure and climbed a lot of mountains. Nell said they ate every few minutes, the weather was perfect, they met a lot of nice people and there were no major breakdowns which made for a great tour.

Hendersonville is always a wonderful trip. Bill and Isabelle Guiney chaired this tour for ten years. Isabelle is very ill and on chemo at the present time however she was able to visit with the group a couple of days. Lets

all remember Isabelle and her family during this trying time.

June 2, 2002 - Galesburg, IL

The Tennessee T's were well represented at the Prairie Byways Regional Tour hosted by the Crawling T's. Don & Marge Krull, Dewey & Pat Asher host for the tour are members of the Tennessee T's. Bill & Linda Eden, Ralph & Teresa Williams and Larry & Carolyn Williams also attended. We had some great T roads to drive on, visited several museums, a prairie wildlife park, covered bridges, enjoyed homemade ice cream and parking lot games, a wonderful hospitality room and met many new friends. Oh and lets not forget the food. This was definitely a 5 LB or maybe even a 10 LB tour. I have not been brave enough to step on the scales yet but I did hear Larry groan when he did.



During the Prairie By-Ways tour Ralph & Teresa Williams visit the Allman Covered Bridge near Oquawka, IL on their way to Burlington, Iowa. The bridge was erected in

1866 and is now on the National Register of Historic Places.



Trains in IL go FAST and we decided to let this one go first. The side curtains say that it is a cool sunny day. Great touring weather.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Tony Cook.....June 3
 Nell Harris.....June 4
 Yvonne Cook.....June 5
 William Johnson.....June 16
 Don Meadows.....June 30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Marge Krull.....June 11
 Bud & Ginny Scudder.....June 21
 Joe & Alice Pinegar.....June 25

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jack Van Bruggen.....July 6
 Elke Longworth.....July 7
 Carole Zelten.....July 11
 Deborah Brukeen.....July 18

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Dewey & Pat Asher.....July 2
 Don & Mary Helen Meadows....July 30



Ken and Joyce have one more special June birthday they wanted recognized. Ken writes, " our beloved "22 will be 80 on June 10th. She has survived a great depression, a stigma of an out dated machine in favor of a more powerful V-8 in the '30"s, a world war scrap metal drive, countless scrap metal urges and needs to raise cash by the former owner to sell for such cause, and onslaught of laws and codes by Lady Bird Johnson in the 60"s and her self appointed beautification program to do away with clunker autos as well as laws and codes by endless bureaucrats since then, in the name of fuel economy, speaks volumes for the durability and survivability of this car, THEREFORE I proclaim our octogenarian to now be issued the title of Model T GOL (Grand Old Lady) effective June 10, 2002, and forever after."



Ken & Joyce with their Grand Old Lady along with their visitors from Argentina and their Graham-Paige.

RESTRAINT

The most difficult thing in the world is to know how to do a thing and to watch somebody else doing it wrong, without comment.

- T. H. White

A TENNESSEE T'S WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS:



Joe & Alice Pinegar
14967 Ridge Road
Brookwood, AL 35444
(205) 477-6685
ACE35444@aol.com



Joe has just completed a radiator to axle restoration on his 1916 Runabout. Great job. Joe & Alice will be driving the '16 on the Natchez Trace in October.

Also a hearty welcome to:
Walter & Elke Longworth
1530 McKnight Loop
Mason, TN 38049
(901) 867-0200
elke@prodigy.net
Walter & Elke drive a 1927 2-door sedan.

Things a True Southerner Knows:

Never to assume that the other car with the flashing turn signal is actually going to make a turn.

You should never loan your tools, Model T, or gun to nobody.

That "gimme sugar" don't mean pass the sugar.

What general direction cattywampus is.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Ernest Morris in the loss of his 94 year old mother Ms. Pauline Baggett. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ernest during this time.

1923 TOURING FOR SALE

Completely torn down. (in a box)
Engine runs. Sheet metal sound. Lacking top and upholstery. \$3000 firm.

Contact: Charles Green
128 Jared Circle
Big Rock, TN 37023
Phone: 1-931-232-0307



FROM LARRY:

Traditionally the International Club held a meeting for Chapter Presidents or their designee sometime during the International Tour each year. This was a time for Chapters to bring to the attention of the Board of Directors any questions or concerns they might have. A meeting was held in 2000 during the Richmond Tour and Lynn Cook and I attended. In 2001 in New Philadelphia, Ohio the International saw fit to discontinue the Presidents meeting, their reason being there was a lack of interest by Chapter Presidents. Some of us expressed our displeasure with this action and recently correspondence was received stating they would hold one in Maryland if enough interest was shown. I returned confirmation that I would be attending. If any of you have questions or concerns you would like brought to the attention of the Board please call or email them to me by the 10th of July. If you will be attending the International Tour please feel free to attend the meeting with me.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 27

Day tour to Lone Oak Picnic & McEwen Irish Picnic. Park trailers at Williams.

AUGUST 23-25

West TN Mystery Tour. Info later from Susan Harrington.

SEPTEMBER 7.

Day tour to Sango Mills. Park at Williams. Leave by 9:00 am. Info from Bob & Nell. (931) 387-2332

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22.

Pickwick - Tour de Catfish III.
Have you made your room resevation yet?
Rooms at Pickwick Inn blocked under TN T'S. (731) 689-3135. Catfish cookout Friday night with Larry & Charlotte Rucker..
Call Ken & Joyce for info. (731) 645-9056.

OCTOBER 5

Rutherford, TN annual parade and barbecue.
Mac Flowers for info. (931) 535-2327

OCTOBER 12

Grand Rivers Parade. Plans incomplete

OCTOBER 19-27

Natchez Trace Tour. Tour full and overflowing. Waiting list for this year and applicants for next year.

DECEMBER 6-7

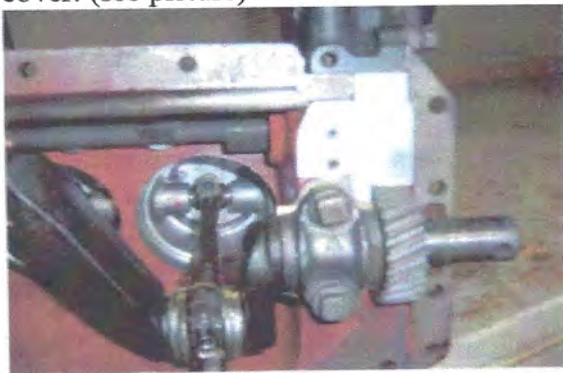
Christmas meeting in Collierville, TN. Make your room resevation at the Hampton Inn in Collierville. Blocked under TN T'S. (901) 854-9400. More info later or call Susan at (901) 853-5249..

MODEL T TIPS by Lynn Cook
IMPROVING OIL LUBRICATION TO
FRONT OF ENGINE:

External Oil Line - To install oil line drill a hole 1/2 inch in diameter 4 1/2 inches below the magneto terminal on the hoghead , and 2 1/2 inches from front to back centered over the magnets. Use a 1/2 inch round file turned in reverse with a drill to slope hole upward. Run a 1/2 or 3/8 inch oil line to front of motor and go in just above the oil hole to the front main bearing (see picture)



You can also improve lubrication from the internal oil line by installing a flat plate in the area right of timing gear, cut to fit the block extending out to the timing gear cover. (see picture)



This creates a dam for the oil that is coming from the internal oil line. This forces the oil to be caught up in the timing gear for better lubrication of the timing gear, generator gear and front main.

If you have questions call Lynn Cook at (931) 535-2451.

Bob & Nell Harris - Collinsville , May 2002



Ernest Morris - Collinsville, May 2002



Larry & Dewey - Just who is BS'ing who?



DOS AMIGOS, UNA ADVENTURA !

This crowded, cloistered, and programmed society we call the human race has evolved from hunter gatherers to vertical robotic drones seeking to eke out a living through as many ways as are people. Most are satisfied if a safe place to lay their heads at night under a dry roof can be found. Other fortunate ones are happy with a couple of weeks of vacation a year or a few days at the beach, or a cold beer at night to divert their lives from drudgery. Scarce are the few who break from the mold to satisfy an urge, compulsion, and need to become extraordinary. Extremely rare is the person who can completely manifest the need for excellence within himself and react positively.

It is estimated that between 4 to 6 billion humans inhabit the blue planet we call earth. Of the number regardless of its actual tally, only a nano-fraction are privileged to live remotely as they please. Within that group, a select microscopic few actually attempt to live their dreams. Joyce and I have had the rare opportunity to share a brief moment with a young couple who set out over a two years ago to do just that; live their dream.

Several weeks ago, we received an e-mail from a special friend in Texas, Ben Hardeman, who told us of a young couple who were attempting to drive from Argentina to Alaska in a 1928 Graham-Paige automobile. Realizing that he was serious, I sat down, mouth agape, and mumbled something like wow! Unbelievable! And fantastic! Ben revealed that he had met them at a Model T Ford club meeting in Houston and had learned that they had been driving the car with a set of worn out tractor tires.

Those of you who have ever met Nancy and Ben Hardeman know that the two of them have a love of Model Ts and a compassionate generosity to a fault. They launched a campaign to raise funds to replace the tractor tires with correct and dependable units. They appealed to a number of folks such as Joyce and me for aid and the response was immediate by all contacted. Our invitation to the young couple to visit us in Selmer was accepted and that is how we came to know Candelaria and Herman Zapp, two young Dream Chasers from The Argentine.

I will not endeavor to cover their entire trip in detail in this message for it obviously is quite long and resplendent with adventure. But to not give some titillating incidences, would not give proper service to the event. Their travels and experiences thus far have been accomplishments that even if they abandoned the project at this date would eclipse most automobile related feats about which I have read. (see www.graham-paige.com)

Their story started when they were young children in the hometown near Buenos Aires when they became sweethearts at the tender age of 10 and 8. After being married since their early twenties, they started planning and plotting how they could "see the world" by hiking and backpacking across the continent. Through a chance encounter with a person who had taken the Graham-Paige in as payment on a delinquent debt, Herman was convinced to buy the car. Herman had no thought of actually driving a 70 year old piece of antiquity over the route they had planned to explore. It was only after looking at the car for several weeks did Herman get the nerve to broach the idea to Candelaria to substitute wheels for shoe leather. To say that she was resistant at first is an understatement, especially after hearing the details of Herman's pleading and salesmanship.

Surviving an avalanche of ridicule, sanity challenges, discouraging and disparaging comments, their trip was almost abandoned before they had gone 50 kilometers. It seems the rear wheel's spokes were dangerously loose. The new adventurers managed to escape humiliation and embarrassment after a wheelwright in a local village was discovered and repairs made.

They crossed the high Andes Mountains twice, floated the car several hundreds of miles down the Amazon River on a modified boat, ferried another desolate river on a makeshift raft made of two canoes, lived with indigenous tribes, and worked at selling bread to earn money. They managed to visit the ruins at Machu-Pichu in Peru as well as the Mayan pyramids in Mexico.

Their escapades included rushing an expectant mother in the Graham-Paige through a Central American jungle at night miles away to the only doctor in the region. The young Zapps witnessed death of a construction worker while attempting to rush him to a remote hospital. Herman and Candelaria addressed our local high school combined Spanish classes and rewarded the students with maps of the travels and a firsthand look at the marvelous vehicle that has carried them so far. They in turn were treated to an audience with Elvis at Graceland and a trip to Beale Street while visiting in the mid-south. Unbelievably somehow during all the travels, trials, and tribulations, they are now expecting their first child. Herman is now 33 and Candi is 31, and 8 months pregnant.

It was the money, or lack of money, that almost brought the new adventure to a halt. It was at that critical moment that the chasers became determined to fulfill the destiny and dream. Apparently the depletion of funds at a relatively early stage in the exploration caused them to realize that they would have to seek the aid of their fellow man and rely on the goodness and benevolence of those they encountered. They came to the understanding within themselves that the only way to get help is to straightforward say to someone, "We need help" and with help they have been showered in the form of aid and comfort as a result of an honest and humble approach. Where there has been work, each accepted the task, no matter what was required. Where there has been unfettered gratuity, both have gratefully accepted it with grace and dignity. The young couple learned resourcefulness, they have developed talents not before realized of themselves. The Dream Chasers have drawn upon a faith in God and have conveyed the same to those both have encountered with a contagious and charismatic message.

Spending three nights with Joyce and me in Selmer has been a rewarding experience for us. Even though our trip to Alaska pales in comparison to their overwhelming portfolio, we can relate to the Zapps in many, many ways. Model Ts and Graham-Paiges notwithstanding, we can deeply accept the concept and understanding of aid and assistance while traveling in a vintage machine. We can comprehend with ease why people will offer a helping hand to a stranger standing beside a disabled refuge from a museum sitting on the side of the road. We quickly grasp the reasoning why people of all persuasions will offer aid and comfort to someone emerging from a stranded piece of history on wheels. The answer is now clear to us; it is the car that transcends the barriers of suspicion and distrust. The car is the calling card that bellows with a loud message "I am safe, I can be trusted, I am as you would like to be". There is an aura about an ancient carriage that compels the best quality in people to come to the surface and be put to good use for their fellow man. Joyce and I know, we have been the recipients of these tender mercies.

