## Tennessee T's Official Newsletter August 2014 issue





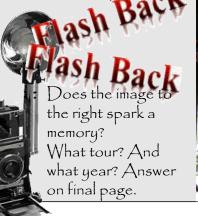
**President- Gary Tillstrom** 

Bank Balance -- 4-23-14



I trust the summer has been easy on each of you. In the western part of the state the weather has been very mild and actually enjoyable. We have lived in the south for 22 years now and I can't remember an entire summer as nice as this one. Not sure what happened over the last few days but hey, it is August so I guess we were due some hot weather.

You can pretty much rest assured that by mid-September the evenings will be cool, the mornings fresh and the days perfect for getting the model T out and about. With that thought I hope each of you are planning to be at Pickwick next month, I look forward to seeing you all. Grease up and oil the old buggy and diet ahead of time! Gary







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## Treasurer's Report 8/20/2014

Deposits 4-23-14 / 8-19-14	120.00
SUB TOTAL	3730.22
Expenditures 4-23-14 / 7-19-14	
Snacks & Trouble Truck - Waverly Tour	200.00
St. Jude – In Memory of Bill Edlen	100.00
Springs Cemetery – In Memory of Butch Mercer	100.00
Printing & Postage	81.81
SUB TOTAL	481.81

Bank Balance -- 7-19-14 3248.41

Submitted by Anita Owen Secretary/Treasurer



## **Items for Sale**

• For sale: 24 Touring car, wooden spoke wheels w/450-21 split rims, running on coils, includes running board tool box and a Sparton (Ahooga) horn. Make a reasonable offer.

Bryan Nelson Smithville, Tn. 615-597-9452



 Wanted- Stevens kingpin bushing replacement tool (pictured below).



Contact **BillRobinson06**@ **bellsouth.net** or call 256.503.4649

• Wanted: 1 pair of seat rest cups for the passenger seat on a 1926 Model T Tudor. Contact John Zibell

jlzibell@gmail.com.



#### **Events**

#### TENNESSEE T's Tour

Where? Pickwick Landing State Park Inn (this is where the state lines of TN, MS, and AL intersect) When? Arrive September 18- tour Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th.

The number is 1-800-250-8615 for reservations For questions contact Gary Tillstrom gtillstrom@aol.com - RSVP will be appreciated.

- Arkansas Tin Lizzies 2014 Fall Foliage Tour Wednesday, October 29 ~ November 1, 2014 Harrison, AR 72601 Paste to your browser for the brochure http://www.arkansastinlizzies.com/2014/ Fall/2014falltoursummary.pdf
- 3 Rivers Quilt Trail. Waverly, TN. Nov 7 & 8, 2014. The Tennessee T's have been invited to lead the trail, so if you are available contact: Larry Williams for details barnbb@waverly.net or Kathleen (Kim)Emery

emerykathleen1000@gmail.com 931 582-3143.



#### •2015 Model T Ford Winter Tour

March 8-12 Gainesville, FI Contact Steve Ellis for details: ellis-1@embarqmail.com club website: www.tinlizziefl.com

#### PHOTO FROM THE PAST



Martin & Anne Alexander

#### **PAINFUL SEPARATIONS**

by Ken Swan

Recently, our Model T family received a somewhat mournful if not pitifully painful eulogy from Ken Jacks about parting from his beloved one ton Model TT truck. At the time I felt his pain of separation, and still I am in concert with his feelings because of a recent parting of a Model T component with which I had enjoyed a 60 year relationship...the original engine block of my precious '22 touring car. The complete engine block, transmission, and relative functional parts that had served my 1922 touring for 92 years had to be remodeled and totally overhauled from stem to stern. To put it in human terms, the original block had served its four score and twelve years faithfully. It seemed that Mother Nature in the form of iron oxide, *ak*a rust, had depleted the water jacket beyond repair. The *Gods of River Rouge* showed me a little mercy by allowing me to salvage the power unit's important ancillary parts.

In a recent turn of events, Keith Barrier and I had acquired about 10,000 pounds of organized rust in the form of Model T parts and components that were located in Fredericksburg, VA. A big van truck and many gallons of diesel fuel later said parts arrived at their new home in Keith's barn in Savannah. Again the afore mentioned *Deities of Detroit* saw fit to include several T blocks within the larder of parts, pieces, and components. Fortunately in the stash there was a block that had been cast only a few days different from my original block's birth date. In terms of 92 year old salvage, it was in excellent shape. It was Keith's eagle eye that spotted and identified the gem amongst the treasure of big boy toys from Virginia.

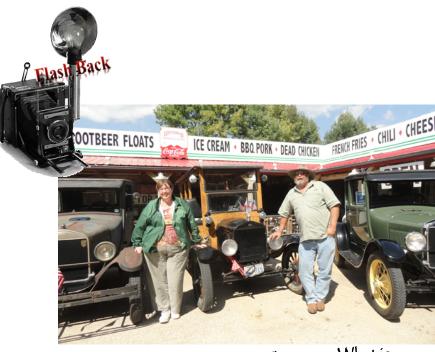
Three cold winter months later with oodles of money begged, borrowed, and conned from my lovely bride Dr J, I was able to assemble a new power unit that consisted of the featured replacement block, a brand new "Scat" crankshaft, a new cam gear and cam bearings, new valves, rods, pistons, a new low speed drum, and a new set of clutch plates in the original surviving transmission. Fortunately I was able to reuse a host of other expensive parts and components such radiator, fan and mounting brackets, starter, generator, timer, wires, coils, spark plugs, carburetor, and manifolds. I was able to use the original transmission cover, the existing bands, pedals, and pressure plate. The fourth main was still in pristine condition. The flywheel, magneto, and mag ring made the cut.

I am indeed fortunate to have had on my sideline of support my lovely bride Joyce, and Keith Barrier. Keith's suggestions and mechanical expertise proved off the scale in assistance. Even though I have been working on Model Ts "...before he was born...", I have learned to listen to his mechanical savvy and knowledge. I am grateful for his support.

Just as Ken Jacks lamented about parting with his TT, I did not want to remove a part of my '22 that had been with me since I was in High School a long time ago. I did put the original block in storage with the hope that one of my grandsons will restore it to its once proud glory of providing power and moving a Model T Ford down the road.

### **New members**

- •Brent Coil & Theresa Herman Franklin, TN Proud owners of the following: 14 runabout, '17 touring, 26 speedster, 26 tudor and 27 tudor.
- •Mark & Paula Gember Athens, AL Proud owners of the following: '26 Rubabout, '26 Coupe, '15 Roadster (Mace Stynoski award entry car)
- •Henry Gregory Gallatin, TN '26 Touring Car
- •David & Carolyn Miller Huntsville, AL '26 Touring Car, & 4 Model As
- •Dan & Judy Hatch Trussville, AL '25 Roadster Pickup, several other Model T's, and a large "working" collection of shop tools used on the Model T Ford.

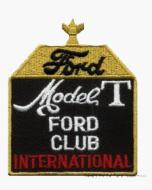


Remember this tour? When? What tour? What is that red device on the hand crank?
The answers are on the final page of the newsletter

"When I said I cleaned my shop I just meant I made a path from the door to my cars."

## **Scrambled words- Your Answers**

	Scrambled letters	Your Answer
1	tlafreit	
2	iirltpsm	
3	csmakcto	
4	gazmneddteie	
5	ospenaodrresg	
6	nnfeertfdor	
7	srtaekairpecr	
8	donkloehwweseope	
9	aetecabtylbr	
10	dkentrhcnthraaac	
11	gcrthailelttiliec	
12	oflarotm	
13	hetlrneewintaefasgm	
14	eoednxbiavkrcsget	
15	eumolwbffnlr	
16	uyhelrotsp	
17	roshemhaoicseidpnhg	
18	eoiuactorbnkamnsykr	
19	nitiorpngss	
20	baeifcrk	



The 58th annual tour for the MTFCI was held in Boone NC July 13 - 18, 2014. The Tennessee T's were well represented with approximately 25 members in attendance. By Sunday, July 12, most drivers had arrived and checked in. The tour leader had arranged with the City of Boone to close the Main street, and allow the Model T driver to park along the street for a display of around 240 Model T's and a few A's. The local population showed up in high numbers for the event and both tour participants and locals were surprised by an aerial drone which was flying overhead from one end of the exhibit to the other. Mounted on the drone was a camera that was taking some pretty amazing overhead videos and photographs. For those who have not seen the video, click on the link. Be patient- it is slow to load, but well worth the wait. Click here: www.vimeo.com/100774012

The **Group picture** displayed to the below does not show every member that was present. Carolyn Williams attempted to set aside a time for our group to gather for a group photo. Most came, but some had prior engagements like a birthday party or ice cream.

























# Flash Back

Bonnie & Big John Ohlrogge hosted the "Topless Tour" in 2012. Note the emergency hand crank strap. Big John has the answer.

If you were not present, the designation "Topless" Tour came from one of our stops. We visited a church in New Harmony, Indiana that was built with no roof, hence, a topless church.

**Email Newsletter Submissions,** Tours, Tour and event pictures, future tours, tech articles, cars for sale, etc. Without input, there will be no newsletter. BillRobinson06@bellsouth.net (zero6)



The Elvis impersonator made a surprise appearance at the Mustang Country Cafe & Museum in Loretto, TN.



When? We were on a tour based out of Lawrenceburg TN in 2010.

#### **Scrambled words- Answers**

	Correct Spelling
1	flat tire
3	split rim
3	stock cam
4	demagnetized
5	passenger door
6	front fender
7	spare tire rack
8	wooden wheel spoke
9	battery cable
10	hand crank ratchet
11	electric taillight
12	floor mat
13	fat man steering wheel
14	bendix cover gasket
15	blown muffler
16	upholstery
17	high compression head
18	rocky mountain brakes
19	piston rings
20	backfire