

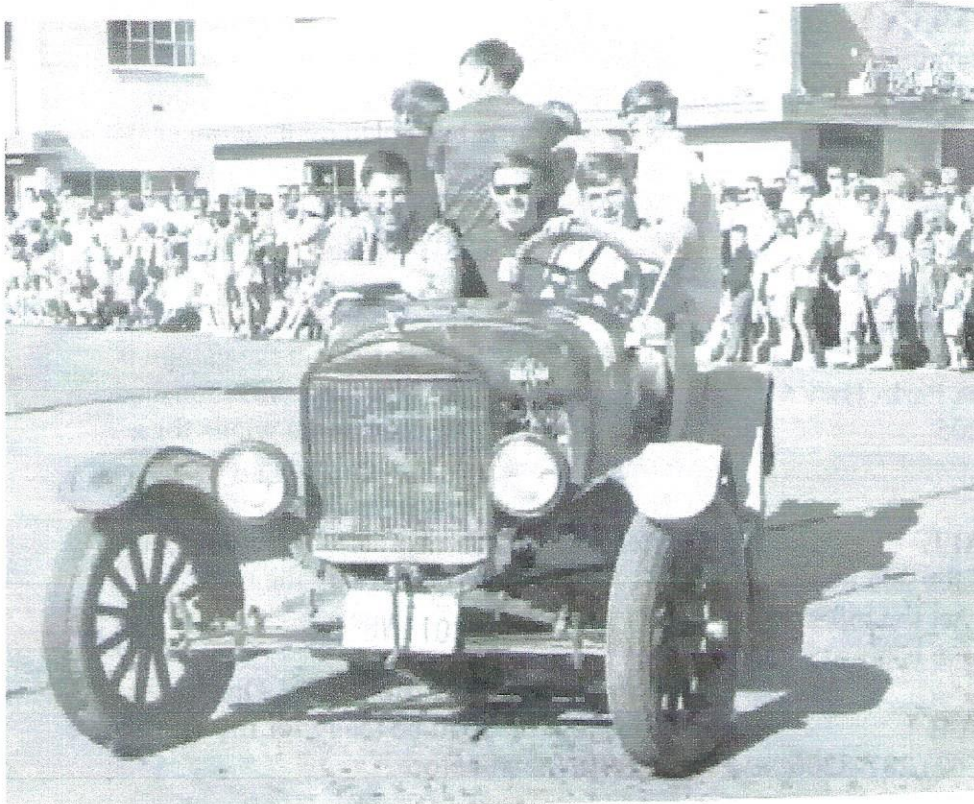
HOME MADE RIM EXPANDER AND MY VERY FIRST CAR

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I've been meaning to send a picture of my home-made rim expander. The 21" made-in-Viet Nam tires were just a hair too small for my split rims. I tried using the standard rim expander but could only get it about a 1/2 inch from locking before it started warping the rim. This tool will allow you to put a whole lot of force on the rim without fear of warping anything. If anyone else in the club is having problems mounting new 21" tires on split rims this tool available for their use (for the cost of postage). It may be ugly but it is very functional—the duct tape is to keep from marring the paint job on the rims.



Just got back from a visit to the old homestead in Washington State, now owned by a brother. I store my other Model T there, a 1927 roadster. It was the first car I ever owned. An older brother gave me the axles, an engine and a frame in 1962 when I was 11 years old (He had gotten the parts for \$2 from a classmate with girl trouble who had to leave town in a hurry). Eastern Washington is very dry place so there were still a lot of useable Model T parts out in farmers fields in the '60s. I collected enough parts to make a driveable car by the time I was 16 and also another one for my younger brother. I mostly restored it in the late 70s while on active duty in the AF in spite of not being very compatible with military life. I have been able to drive it a couple of times a year since then, wish I could drive it more. Below is as it looked in 1967 with a load of kids posing as the junior class float in the States Day parade.



Below is how the car looks today.



Let me know if I can help with anything else.
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