

Newsletter October 2015



Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

Our Club's President



A message from **Gary Tillstrom**

Greetings T's

It is with sadness that we have lost three members since the last newsletter. Mr. Hall, Martin Alexander, and Charles Corlew. Each one was a super person with a story.

I met Mr. Hall a few years ago as he lived just around the corner from Ralph. He began working for Ford motor company and told Ralph and I that he met Henry Ford in about 1939. He began as a welder in 1936 and was quickly recognized for his ability to think his way out of a problem. Mr. Ford put him in charge of traveling to various plants to take a fresh look at things and offer up solutions to production problems. He had a sense of humor that was outstanding. Ralph and I would kid him all the time and he could give it right back. Sharp as a tack to the end and just a delightful person. He will be missed.

I met Martin Alexander about 12 years or so ago at one of the chapter weekend tours. Lynn Cook paid him a wonderful compliment without him knowing it when Lynn told Ralph and I, "that man has forgot more about T models than any of us will ever know". Martin was a true craftsman and a great guy to be around. Quick wit and a sense of humor just as quick. You just couldn't help but be in a good mood around Martin. He enjoyed the model T and being around model T people. We'll miss him.

Mr. Corlew was one of the first people I met in the chapter. It was probably at a Christmas party at Larry and Carolyn's house back when the Christmas party was small enough to fit in a house. Charlie will always be remembered as "Duct tape Charlie" to many of us. On the first tour I ever attended his car had one tire that was beginning to bulge on the side. He let the air out of it, wrapped it with about 50 turns of duct tape and aired it back up. He then proceeded to drive the entire

LBL tour before experiencing a blowout about 4 miles from the hotel. Someone presented him with a duct tape wallet at the Christmas party that year as well as a bunch of ribbing. Charlie was proceeded a few years ago by his sweet wife Ann. Super people, both of them.

Make plans to get to Fayetteville this month for the tour Ricky and Bill have put together. It sounds like a good time. Annette and I will not be able to attend as we will be traveling from 10-22 until the 1st. Be sure and take pictures and get them to Bill for the newsletter. The more input you give him the easier you make his job (and he is doing a great job of it).

As long as you are making plans, please plan to be in attendance at the Christmas party this year. Use the time between now and then to plan a tour. If you plan it, folks will come. Almost every little town has some sort of festival that may be workable into a tour. Investigate it and be ready to talk about it in December. See you down the road. Gary

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Tours & Events

Contact Gary Tillstrom, our club President, if you have a **tour** planned to be sure the date is still open. gtillstrom@aol.com

Tennessee T's Fall Tour- Fayetteville TN

We will be arriving on Thursday, October the 29th and leaving on Sunday, November the 1st. We will be touring on Friday and Saturday.

OPTIONAL TOUR: for those who would like to visit the Jack Daniels Tennessee Whiskey Distillery in Lynchburg, TN Jack Daniel Distillery . We will arrive on Wednesday, October the 28th and tour the Distillery and grounds on Thursday, October the 29th. We will also visit Historic downtown Lynchburg, Lynchburg Tennessee and The Jack Daniels Store. E-mail Ricky Williams or call at (731)618-0207 with questions and to register. rwilliams@click1.net

Mark Your Calendar!

Annual Christmas Party



Date: **December 5, 2015 at 2:00pm** (first Saturday in December)

Address: **Rover Baptist Church**
202 Baptist Church Rd.
Eagleville, TN 37060

NOTE..... Bring a gift valued at \$10 for dirty Santa and a dish of your choice. The meat will be provided by Jana and Diane.

We look forward to seeing all.

Anyone wanting to spend the night, the closest place is:

Henry Horton State Park

4358 Nashville Hwy

Chapel Hill, TN 37034

Phone number for reservations: 800-250-8612/931-364-2222



REMINDER

2016 Tennessee T's Calendar

Each year our club produces a calendar with pictures of our cars as the introductory photo for each month. Kim, Carolyn Williams's daughter, produces the calendar for us and Carolyn will have them available for sale at our annual Christmas party. It is now time to submit your photos.

Requirements for a photo to be chosen once submitted, are:

1. The photo must be in focus
2. High resolution photos are required for the large photo exhibited in the calendar- send the photo full size- do not reduce
3. Submit the photo to Carolyn's email address barnbb@waverly.net

WANTED

Wanted: **High hood and black high radiator shell** for a speedster project. Seller can respond to daplank@bellsouth.net .

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Announce future tours, tour and event pictures, tech articles, cars for sale, cars to buy, forgotten or incorrect birthday or anniversary listing. Without input, there will be no newsletter. email BillRobinson06@bellsouth.net (zero6)
***Note*:** Please.... photos should include at least one Model T and/or one Tennessee T's member.

The Covered Bridge Tour, Parke County, Indiana

Note from the Editor:
Photos on this page were submitted by Charlie Swann

Tennessee T's members who participated in the tour that was hosted in late September 2015.



Tennessee T's members present were (L to R): Ricky & Vandy Williams, Charlie & Jana Swann, Diane & Jerry Waller, Dennis & Connie Plank, Bob & Beverly Benedict. Not present at the photo session: Max Larsen, David Copeland, & Paul Copeland (lifetime member), Kim & Carolyn Doty, Tom & Linda Morehead. There could have been more, but these are the ones that were reported for our newsletter.

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Note from the Editor:
Photos on this page were submitted by Ricky Williams



Planning a Tour?

As of the publishing of this newsletter there are no club sponsored tours planned for year of 2016.

If you are planning a tour and have not announced it yet, please notify the president of your plans so that our members can make appropriate plans and you can have a good turnout.

Election of officers!.... This year at the **Christmas Party** we will be electing officers. If you wish to make it known that you would like to serve in this capacity, let me know. Thanks, Gary

Valuable members lost

Ewell Hall- Our chapter has lost another wonderful person. Mr. Ewell Hall, 99, who lived in Horn Lake MS, has passed. Mr. Hall actively drove his T's up until a couple of years ago as his health was declining and he sold them. He was a member of the Tennessee T's since 2003. His obituary can be read at this link:

<http://brentwoodfuneralservices.com/obits/hernando/2015/08/17/ewell-lee-hall-sr/>



Mr. Hall and Ralph checking out some work he was doing on a 1910 Brush.

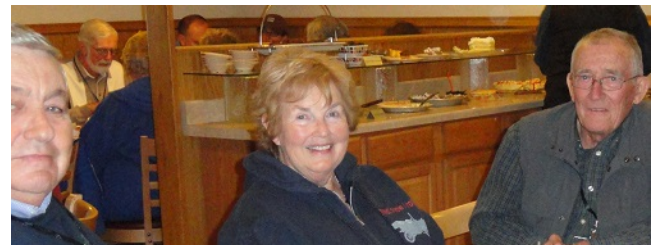


Ewell at a car show. His 1913 roadster always got 1st in every one we went to.

Martin Alexander- 80, of Queen City, MO, passed away Monday (August 17, 2015) in the Scotland County Memorial Hospital in Memphis, MO. Martin and wife, Anne, were members of the Tennessee T's since 2002.

Follow this link for Martin Alexander's obituary

http://www.davisplaylehudsonrimer.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=3282087&fh_id=11868

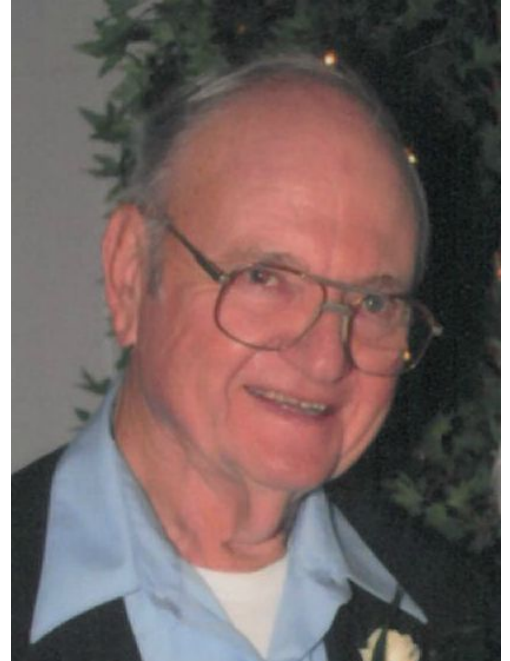


L to R: Martin Alexander, Carolyn and Larry Williams on the Covered Bridge Tour in 2011.

Charles Corlew, age 85, Cunningham, TN, passed away on August 21, 2015. Mr Corlew was a lifetime member of the Tennessee T's and was a member since 2001.

His obituary can be viewed by clicking on the following link.

<http://www.sykesfuneralhome.com/notices/Charles-Corlew>



Booger in the pan

Note from the Editor:

This email was received from Ralph Williams. Thanks for the submission.

Gravel in the drive shaft?

Hey Bill, adding to things found in the engine. I found some unusual items in a rear axle. I was shocked at the gravel I found in the drive shaft tube. Now this was a complete rear axle with a drive shaft. If you have ever cleaned the drive shaft tube out you know how sticky the grease is in that tube. This is what came out when I washed the grease out.

Now the big question, how did it get in there?

Ralph



The newsletter editor had a booger, but not in the pan. It was in the rear differential.



My '27 Tudor has a freshly rebuilt engine with approximately 500 miles logged in. Getting ready for the upcoming Tennessee T's tour in Fayetteville, I drove about 20 more miles and (cont'd)

determined that the car was running good, sounding good, and broken-in to a point that the car is now "tourable".

The landscape had been rather flat and the back roads taken had followed the base of Keel Mountain. So, rather than drive 20 miles back home I could cut across the mountain and save myself about 8 miles.

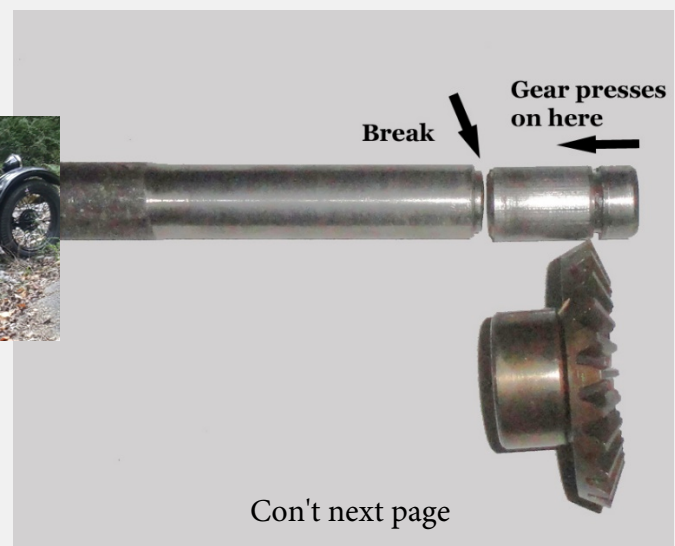
I was on the unpopulated side of Keel Mountain and followed Keel Hollow Road, which is a steep, narrow, mountain road with very little traffic and has several hairpin turns to negotiate.

At the third switchback, with no cars behind me, I geared down to Ruckstell low, took the turn slow so as not to over-rev the new engine. After the turn, the road leveled off a bit and I shifted to Ruckstell high for the final climb to the top. At approximately 12mph, suddenly the Ruckstell shift lever popped back and power to the rear axle was lost- the car rolled to a stop, then started rolling backwards. I hit the Rockies, but, as we all know, they aren't very effective in reverse. The Ford drum brakes would not activate, reverse would not activate, and the shifting the Ruckstell lever did nothing. Luckily, the County had put a pile of softball to volley ball sized rocks on the outside of the hairpin turn and my car stopped immediately when the pile was encountered.

AAA responded quickly and had me and the car home in short order.

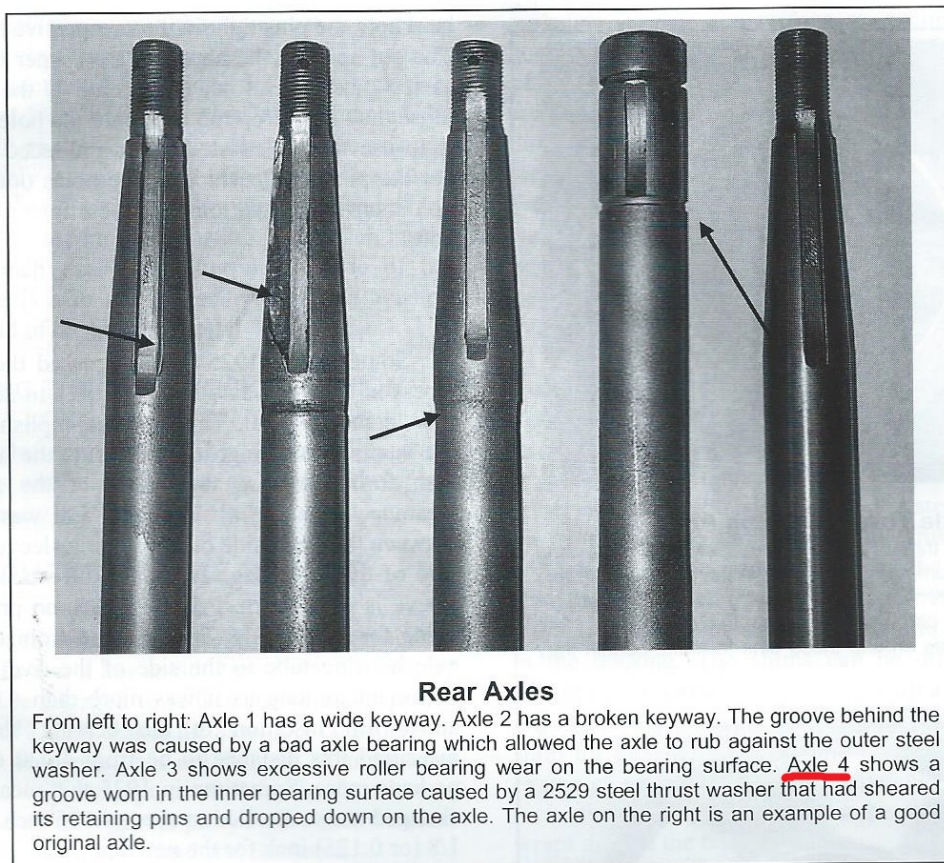
Next day, the car was jacked up and put on stands. A bit of turning, then pulling on the right rear axle, the axle assembly pulled out of the differential housing. Only part of the axle shaft came out, though. The short section at the end where the differential gear is pressed on had broken off and was still in the housing. See photo.

Ford brakes don't operate if anything in the driveline breaks and Rockies don't work well anytime in reverse. For Christmas, I want a set of Disc brakes for the Tudor. Why? They stop a car when going backwards!



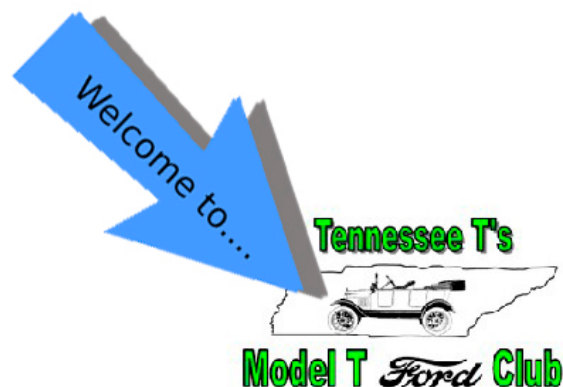
Further inspection revealed that both right and left axles had the groove worn in them.

In the book *Ruckstell Axle* by Glen Chaffin/MTFCA, a cause for the groove that caused my break is listed in the document below, see axle #4. Since all 4 of the retaining pins were present and in good shape, it's fairly obvious that the damage was done prior to my ownership of the car. In the past, someone knew that the axles had been damaged but chose to use them anyway.



New Member

- **Gary Elam**- Potts Camp, MS- Welcome Gary!



Important!

The MTFCI contacted me and told me that 100% of our members must be members of the International in order to maintain the insurance provided to us. I don't believe the same requirement exist with the MTFCA and that we are only required to maintain 50%. If you're not a member of the MTFCI, please join them. If Anita doesn't have your member number, please send it to her. Gary

Anita's email address is alowen@kymodelt.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
for
TENNESSEE T'S MODEL T FORD CLUB

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
BIRTHDAY _____ BIRTHDAY _____
ANNIVERSARY _____
EMAIL _____ EMAIL _____
CELL PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$15.00
DUE BY: January 1 / each year
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: The Tennessee T's
MAIL TO: Anita Owen
1809 Oriole Drive
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

You are cordially invited to join the Tennessee T's pursuant to the rules and by-laws governing the club and its membership. You must be a member in good standing of either the Model T Ford Club of America or the Model T Ford Club International. (WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH.) To participate in chapter events, your vehicle must meet chapter safety guidelines.

MTFCI# _____ **MTFCA#** _____

List cars (body style and year)

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Signature

Date

**TENNESSEE T'S MODEL T FORD CLUB
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT CAR SAFETY CHECK LIST
For Participation in Club Tours**

- INSURANCE:** All members must have proof of current insurance.
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER:** A standard make portable Underwriters Laboratories approved B-C extinguisher must be carried in car. It must be readily available.
- BRAKES:** Brakes must bring the car to a full stop within 25 feet for each 10 miles per hour speed. Pedal pressure must feel solid. Brake pedal must be less than 2/3 of maximum travel.
The hand brake travel must be less than 2/3 of maximum and the hand brake pawl must lock securely.
Working brake lights are recommended.
- LIGHTS:** All electric lights must be operative.
- HORN:** All type horns or sounding devices must work.
- WINDSHIELD:** Safety glass is required in windshields and recommended for other flat glass windows.
- TIRES:** All tires must pass visual check for excessive tread wear and cracks.
- STEERING:** Steering mechanisms must be properly adjusted so movement of steering wheel exceeding 2 inches actually turns front wheels.
- RADIUS ROD:** Crankcase studs holding radius rod ball cap must be safety wired.
- WIRE WHEELS:** Must be in good condition with no broken or loose spokes.
- WOOD WHEELS:** Must be tight and crack free (spokes & felloes) with no loose wheel nuts or missing bolts.
- SUSPENSION:** No broken springs or excessive shackle wear.
- ENGINE:** No excessive fluid leaks – gas, oil or water.

WAIVER/CERTIFICATION

In consideration of being a member of the Tennessee T's Model T Ford Club, I certify that:

- I agree to maintain any vehicle I use for Club events according to the above standards.
- I certify my vehicle is properly titled and registered as required by the state of my residence.
- I certify that I have insurance coverage on my vehicle that covers my liability and physical damage as required in my state of residence.
- I release and hold harmless the Tennessee T's Model T Ford Club officers, directors and members and the Model T Ford Club International and/or Model T Ford Club of America from any liability of any kind whatsoever as a result of any personal injury or property damage sustained by the undersigned.

OWNER _____ **DATE** _____

RECEIVED BY _____ **DATE** _____