

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

February 2016

Newsletter



A message from Gary Tillstrom, our President:

Greetings T's,

This past few days being in the 50's and 60's reveals that winter won't last forever and longer days are just ahead of us. I sure hope you're planning on making your way to Humbolt March 5th to Ricky and Vandy's for our 3rd Lynn Cook safety day. I promise there will be good eats and a good time to be had. What else can you possibly do in early March anyway? By now, we've all given up on New Year's Resolutions (some of us gave up Jan 2nd) so 99% of us have the day free.

If you have an acquaintance near you that is even remotely interested in Model T's, bring them along. I know there are lots of T's sitting around not being used for one reason or another. Let's do what we can to correct that. Stay warm for the next few weeks and we'll see you down the road. Gary

Thanks to all



*who contributed
to this edition of the
Tennessee T's newsletter !*

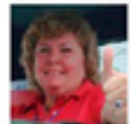
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A note from Anita Owen

We would like to express our appreciation for all the beautiful cards and many prayers sent after the death of Charlie's Mother.

We are grateful to have such great friends.

Charlie & Anita Owen

Thanks,

Anita

Tours and Events

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

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SAFETY/TECH WORKSHOP

3rd Annual Lynn Cook Safety Day by Gary & Ralph

Mark your calendar

When: March 5, 2016- beginning at 8am

Where: Set your GPS for the location of **Ricky Williams' shop**

Shop address: 97 Creekwood Rd, Humboldt, TN

Wives are welcome! Activities are planned.

- Coil rebuilding and adjustment using both the hand cranked coil tester and one of John Regan's Strobe Scopes
- Generator repair/overhaul
- Steering column fix
- Disassembly of the transmission, balance and reassembly
- Valve adjustments
- How to re-index a cam gear to advance it ½ tooth

Note from Gary: "If someone has some expertise in a certain area to not be bashful".

We have some talented guys in our group. Contact Gary if you have a shop procedure to present.

Model T Ford Winter Tour 2016

Feb 28 - Mar 3, 2016

Ocala, Florida

For additional information we suggest an email to Steve Ellis: ellis-1@embarqmail.com or a phone call: (352) 207-1498 (cell)

We will limit registrations to the 100 cars this year.

Please get your registration and motel reservation completed by December 31st.

2016 Winter Swap Meet

Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Marietta, Ohio.

March 17 & 18 2016, Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet

Chickasha, OK

JUNE 2-4 – Richmond, Indiana. The Model T

Museum will be hosting its 4th annual Homecoming Event in the Historic Depot District. Tours, swap meet, show-n-tell. You won't want to miss this event!

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BlueGrass Backroad Ts Presents Tour 2016

Tour Dates: We will be touring on **June 1, 2, 3, & 4**. Plan to check in on May 31. The Host Motel: Holiday Inn Express in Corydon, IN.

For those who are not familiar with Corydon- it is across the river, approximately 25 miles west and from Louisville, KY.

For more information visit the tour's website

<http://bluegrassbackroadts.weebly.com/about-the-tour.html>

Contact Linda Moorehead regarding the tour tomlinda@twc.com

Contact Kim Doty regarding the roads and routes

kwdoty@earthlink.net

2016 Poor Boy Tour, Galax, Virginia, afternoon of Sunday 6/12 thru Thursday 6/16.

Places to be visited;

- Blue Ridge Music Center
- Andy Griffith Museum
- Andy Griffith's hometown known as Mt. Airy, NC
- Strickland's Truck museum
- A Luthier's shop who makes Guitars & Mandolins
- The Mabry Mill
- Driving on the blue Ridge Parkway
- A Vineyard
- Woods Bro's racing museum
- ... and several other stops including Antique

Malls, General Stores, & places for the ladies to shop!

Contact Poor Boy tour poorboytour@model-a-ford.com

July 17 - 22 2016, 60th Annual MTFCI Tour, Auburn, NY

For Sale



Good pair of doors for a center door T, I think. \$100.00 each or will accept any offer from a T member that can use them. copelandmetals@gmail.com

2016 Calendars



The 2016 edition of the Tennessee T's calendar is now available through SuzyQshirts. The cars pictured are cars that are owned by our club members. If you missed the Christmas party, but still want to purchase a calendar, this is how to purchase one. Go to the SuzyQshirts' shopping cart:

1. Select the "starting month" you want. (prior month, current month, or January. You have to click a box to select January)
2. Price \$14.99 plus shipping. Order several to save on shipping cost.

Order the calendar online at:

<http://www.cafepress.com/suzyqshirts.1677483345>

Also available: T Shirts, coffee mugs, Tennessee T's logos, etc. Available through

<http://www.cafepress.com/suzyqshirts/1076161>

If you would like your car or truck to be considered for next year's 2017 calendar, send your high resolution photo to Carolyn Williams barnbb@waverly.net. Seasonal photos are requested. Please, no people in the picture.

For helpful tips on taking a great picture of your car for submission to the 2017 Calendar, click on this document in Microsoft's OneDrive <http://1drv.ms/1OPTLrm>

'Ya know what? The Tennessee T's now has a website!

Features of our new website are:

- Archived newsletters back to 2001 are displayed. These newsletters go back to the very beginnings of our club
- Photos of past tours and events
- Movie clips that relate to the Model T
- A brief history of the club
- The website is FREE to us. Nothing out of our club's funds to post the site.

Since the club's site is new, there is room for expansion. If you have photos or movie clips, email the webmaster through "contact" page for details.

Click here to view the website. Save it to your FAVORITES, view frequently to keep up with the updates.

<http://tennesseets.weebly.com/>

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Bill Robinson, webmaster and newsletter editor

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.

Find your own Booger in the Pan?

Write a short article and tell our club members about what you found. Send pictures. BillRobinson06@bellsouth.net (zero6)

Fayetteville Tour 2015

The 2015 Fall tour for the Tennessee T's Model T Club was held on Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31 with an optional ride on Thursday October 29 for those who were able to come early. The weather was a threat. The tour was planned around peak Fall color dates but thanks to high winds from Hurricane Patricia many of the leaves fell a few days early. Despite the predictions the weather was pleasant, and only a 2 hour sprinkle prevailed on the final leg of Saturday's drive.



The tour was based out of the Best Western in Fayetteville with stops on various days at Lynchburg, Belvidere, Bell Buckle, War Trace, Frankewing, Cornersville, Flat Creek, and others. We had a possible record turnout for a club tour with 22 cars present. States represented were Tennessee, Indiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Kentucky, Florida, and North Carolina.



The tour, stops, and events were planned by Ricky and Vandy Williams and the routes were mapped by Bill, Suzi, and Brianna Robinson. Also assisting in pre-tour planning were Charlie and Anita Owen, Brian and Karen Robinson, and Gary and Penny Wheat.

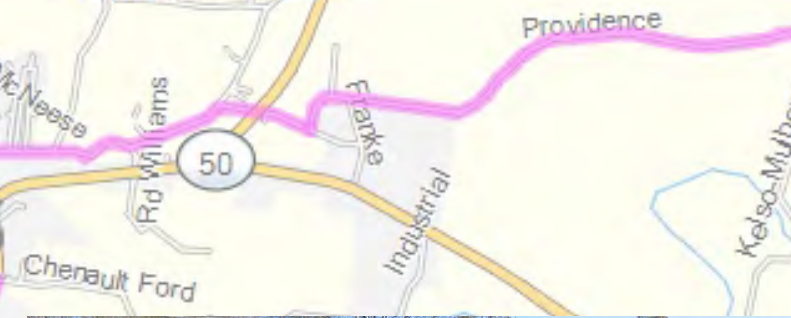
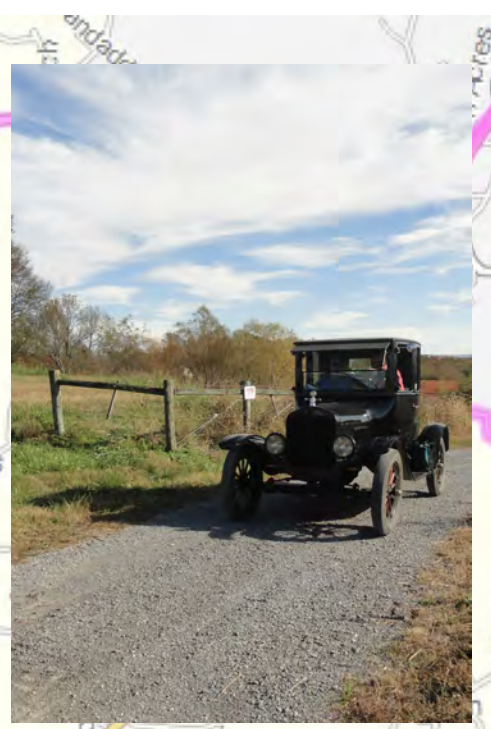
Left: Ricky and Vandy- the tour organizers on Halloween Day.

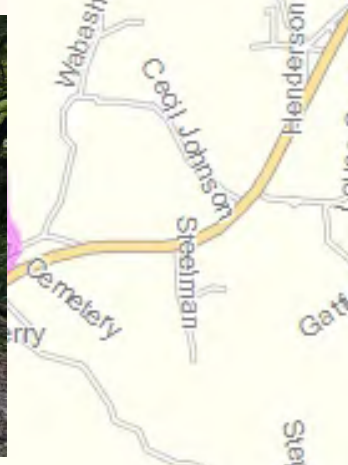


Mark "Punkin" Gember



Don't follow me! It's Halloween!









© Richard Malone





Ricky? Bank? Keg?



Beechwood Plantation- Wartrace, TN

Phillip Gentry, caretaker and owner of the **Beechwood Plantation**, made time for our group and gave us a very informative, yet brief, history of the area around Wartrace and Tullahoma before, during, and after the War Between the States.

To learn more about Beechwood Plantation:
<http://www.tnvacation.com/vendors/beechwood-plantation-historical-marker/>





Will K *Parkes, The Ford Garage, circa 1913, Lynchburg, TN

A group of tour participants were shopping in the [Diamond Gusset Jeans store](#), which is located on the square in Lynchburg, TN, when the lady on duty at the time pointed to a historical photo on display in the store near the cash register. She explained to us that the site of the Diamond Gusset Jeans store is currently located in a building that was previously **Mr. Parkes' Model-T Ford Dealership** in the 1920's.

Lisa, from Diamond Gusset Jeans, kindly supplied the above photo for our newsletter.

For more info click on the link <http://www.jdcollectorspage.com/lynchburg/4.html>

*Note: A source reports that family records spell his name Parkes, while other records dropped the "e" and spell it Parks.

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**DON'T FORGET- ALL
MEMBER'S
DUES ARE DUE AND
PAYABLE ON JAN 1.
DUES ARE STILL
\$15/YEAR.**



What is a "burnt valve"?

Most Model T owners know the term "burnt valve" or "burned valve" but have never experienced the condition. For those who have never had the condition occur here is my attempt to describe the term "burnt valve".

What is a burnt valve? The most common definition that I was able to find on the web regarding a burnt valve states: A burnt valve can happen for one of many reasons, but the underlying issue is, the valve is not seating correctly and allows hot engine gases during the combustion phase to leak past the seal which is formed by the valve and seat. When the seal is lost, the hot exhaust gases escape past the valve (can happen to either the intake or the exhaust valve, but is much more common on the exhaust) and wreak havoc. The burnt valve is usually not the cause of the issue, but more so the outcome of a different issue.

Common causes: As leaded fuel's burned, it leaves a deposit on the combustion chamber areas, most notably the valve seats on both valves and heads, and valve stems. These deposits prevent the valve from seating, thus the exhaust gas leaks past and eventually burns the valve and seat. Also, unleaded gas leaves gummy deposits on the stem, thus slowing down valve action.

Provided the lash was set to specs when the valves were installed, another cause is the bolt with nut for adjustable lifter has loosened, causing an incorrect lash, and allowing the gasses to leak past the seat. Any condition that causes the valve not to seat will cause the condition (ex: worn valve stem, worn cam lobe, etc.). [View Mike Bender's valve installation video](#)



This valve is making seating properly

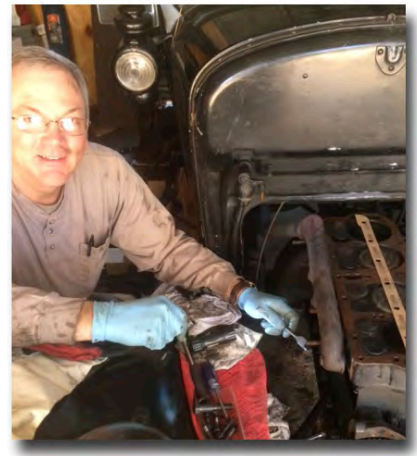


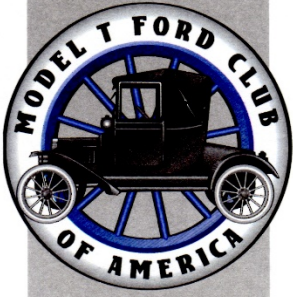
This valve is burnt and leaking



This is obviously burnt and showing hotspots

In the following photos, Ralph Williams and Gary Elam are replacing burnt valve on Gary's 26 T.





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December 31, 2015

Tennessee T's Model T Club
c/o Anita Owen, Secretary/Treasurer
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Dear Anita and Members of the Tennessee T's Model T Club:

On behalf of the officers, directors, and members of the Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Museum, thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$350 for the Museum Fund. Thank you for helping us towards meeting our Challenge Match goal by December 31, 2015. This is a great opportunity and we appreciate your support.

Your gift will help continue our mission to preserve and promote the Model T for future generations by educating people of all ages in the history, lore, and skills of maintenance and restoration of the car that put the world on wheels!

In its short 8 year history since being established by the MTFCA, the Model T Ford Museum has grown significantly, both in the outstanding collection of Model Ts and related items, as well as the physical facility. The support of people like you helps us continue to grow the educational programs and improve technologies, plus showcase and care for the Museum's outstanding collection.

Thank you again for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan Yaeger
Executive Director

Please retain this letter as substantiation for your gift that may be claimed as a tax deduction in 2015. The Model T Ford Club of America has not provided any goods or services in consideration of this gift that would affect its deductibility for federal or state income tax purposes.



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"CELEBRATING THE CAR THAT PUT THE WORLD ON WHEELS"

*Thanks to you
all for helping us
meet our goal!*