

Merry Christmas



A message from **Gary Tillstrom**, our President:

Greetings T's

It was good to see so many of you at the Christmas party this year. A big thanks to Janna and Diane for hosting. As usual, they did a great job and nobody left hungry. We played dirty Santa and basically had a fun time. For those who weren't there, you were missed.

I hope you can each make it in March to our third Lynn Cook Safety Day in Humbolt this coming March 5th. Ricky and Vandy Williams are hosting that event and Vandy is already busy thinking of things to make it a fun day for the ladies.

Let's plan this year to do more touring. I know life gets busy and this is exactly what we need to relax. One tour is already in the works for June 9-10. Get together with other members near you and see what you can put together. If you plan it, we'll all see you down the road.

I know we have some members who aren't driving their car for need of work that needs done on it. Ask for help as we need as many on the road as possible!

See what events are going on near you and plan a tour of it. I look forward to seeing as many as can make it to as many events as we have in the next year. Have a safe and healthy new year. Gary

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Tennessee T's



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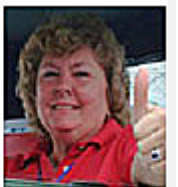
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MINUTES –10-30-15

On October 30, 2015, at 7:30 PM in the breakfast room of the Best Western in Fayetteville, TN, Anita Owen, Secretary-Treasurer, conducted a short business meeting of the Tennessee T's. President Gary Tillstrom and Vice President Ralph Williams were unable to attend.



Anita Owen, Secretary/Treasurer

Anita Owen called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending the Fayetteville tour. She thanked Ricky & Vandy Williams and Bill & Suzi Robinson for putting on an excellent tour with good roads, good food and enjoyable stops.

Anita commented on the sad passing of four of our members: Ernestine Flowers, Martin Alexander, Ewell Hall and Charles Corlew. A moment of silence was taken in their honor. She advised that donations had been sent in their memory on behalf of the Club.

There was a discussion about continuing to mail newsletters to members who do not have an email address. A motion was made and seconded to continue the practice.

It was mentioned that dues will be payable January 1. They will remain \$15.00. Also, the members were reminded of the upcoming Christmas Party in Eagleville, TN on December 5th. They were asked to refer to their newsletter for exact details. There was one last reminder that at the December meeting there will be the election of officers. Anyone interested in being President, Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer should contact Gary Tillstrom.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Anita Owen

MINUTES –12-5-15

At the Tennessee T's Christmas Party on December 5, 2015, at Rover Baptist Church in Eagleville, TN, Gary Tillstrom, President, conducted a business meeting.

The meeting was called to order and Gary thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Jana and Charlie Swann and Dianne and Jerry Waller for hosting the party. The room was festive, the food was delicious and a good time was had by all. Ralph Williams, VP, lead the group in prayer and expressed our thanks for the food, the beautiful weather, safe travel experiences and the fellowship experienced among the attendees.

President Tillstrom reminded everyone of the sad passing of four of our members this past year as well as the fun we experienced at the Safety Workshop, and a number of tours. Anita Owen, Secretary-Treasurer, read the Minutes of the October meeting and also the Financial Report for the end of the year. Both of these documents were approved as read and will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter. She also distributed a new Membership List. Anyone not at the

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meeting will receive one in the mail. After minimal discussion, there was a re-election by affirmation of the current officers.

It was announced that the next Annual Lynn Cook Safety Workshop will be held on March 5th at Ricky and Vandy Williams' shop/home in Humboldt, TN. The men are invited to participate in the workshop and Vandy has invited the ladies to come enjoy the day with her. She will have fun activities planned for them – lunch in town, shopping, relaxing and chatting. If you have suggestions of possible topics/projects to discuss, please contact Gary or Ricky.

The group was informed that there is a fund raising opportunity for the MTFCA Model T Museum in Richmond, IN. Until the end of the year, any contributions will be matched. A motion was made and approved for the Tennessee T's to donate \$350.00 to the Museum in appreciation for their continued dedication to maintaining the history of Model T Ford cars.

It was brought to the attention of the group that, at the tour in Fayetteville, a souped-up Model T joined the group for the day in Lynchburg and as it was thought it presented a hazard to the other drivers. It was suggested that this type of car should be excluded from future tours. After extensive discussion, it was resolved to put a statement on future tour brochures that only Model T's and Model A's with "a period correct appearance" and modern vehicles will be allowed.

Gary encouraged everyone to consider hosting a tour in their area. All you need to do is choose a couple of area landmarks to visit and develop a route. If you invite them, they will come. Several people had ideas of places to go so get your cars ready to roll.

It was mentioned that dues are due now. They will remain \$15.00 per couple. They can be mailed to Anita Owen, 1809 Oriole Drive, Elizabethtown, KY, 42701.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Anita Owen

Treasurer's report

Bank Balance – 12-31-14	3233.25
Deposits -- 1-1-15 / 12-5-15	610.00
Sub Total	3843.25

Expenditures – 1-1-15 / 12-5-15

Trace Creek Baptist Church Building Fund – In Memory of Ernestine Flowers	100.00
St. Jude – In Memory of Martin Alexander.....	100.00
St. Jude – In Memory of Ewell Hall.....	100.00
St. Jude – In Memory of Charles Corlew.....	100.00
Printing & Postage (for mailings to members w/o email as well as a roll of stamps).....	86.74
Sub Total	486.74

Bank Balance – 12-5-15 3356.51





Merry CHRISTMAS

Jana and Charlie Swann and Diane and Jerry Waller hosted the annual Tennessee T's Christmas Party that was held at the Rover Baptist Church in Eagleville, TN. As you will see in the upcoming photographs we all **ate good and laughed hard**. Each member was requested to bring a covered dish while Diane and Jana provided the turkey and ham. I doubt anyone left hungry. There were many good delicious home-cooked platters.

The Tennessee T's Christmas Party Eagleville, TN 12.5.2015



The gathering started with lots of friendly talk among friends and we all got to meet and make a new friend and new member, Abel Martinez **FROM????**, and father of Mark Martinez. Then came our superbly prepared Christmas Dinner. Next, Gary Tillstrom, our club president, held a business meeting (pictured above). Several important topics were discussed (the club secretary's minutes should cover the topics discussed). Secretary/Treasurer Anita Owen, read the minutes of the last meeting, and gave our current financial report.



Jana on the left, Diane on the right



Anita Owen, left, Gary Tillstrom, right



Next, comes **Dirty Santa**.....where friends don't necessarily leave the party as friends. Why? Just because you draw a good gift, doesn't mean you get to keep a good gift.

From the Dirty Santa Rule Book:

1. Everyone playing the game brings a wrapped gift so there is no indication about what is inside. Place the gifts together under the tree or on a table.
2. The host writes a number on scrap pieces of paper for every gift and places them in a basket, bowl or hat.
3. Each person draws a number. Getting a higher number is actually better because you will have more opened gifts to choose from.
4. The person with #1 picks a gift to open from the pile. The person with #2 can choose to open another package or steal the gift from #1. If a gift is stolen, the person who had it then steals from someone else or picks another gift to open.
5. The game continues like this until everyone takes a turn opening or stealing a gift. The last person to go can steal from anyone in the game or open the remaining gift.
6. Once a gift is stolen three times, it is retired from the game.



Jana, the host, has numbers to be drawn in the cup



Vandy's number was drawn. Jana is overseeing the choosing to be sure all is legal according to the official rules.





Kind words were not always spoken!







After all bad words are spoken,
we are still best of friends.



Members present

(listed alphabetically according to the registration sheet):

- Cook, Sue;
- Curtis, Francis;
- Gregory, Henry;
- Lowery, Chester and Pat;
- Martinez, Abel;
- Martinez, Mark;
- Miller, David and Carolyn;
- Owen, Charlie and Anita;
- Robinson, Bill and Suzi;
- Swan, Ken and Joyce;
- Swann, Charlie and Jana;
- Tillstrom, Gary and Annette;
- Waller, Jerry and Diane;
- Williams, Larry and Carolyn;
- Williams, Ralph and Teresa;
- Williams, Ricky and Vandy



Tours and Events

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

gtillstrom@aol.com

SAFETY/TECH WORKSHOP

3rd Annual Lynn Cook Safety Day

Mark your calendar

When: March 5, 2016- time to be announced

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

Shop address: 97 Creekwood Rd, Humboldt, TN

Wives are welcome! Activities are planned.

Gary and Ralph are planning an educational agenda.

Possible areas to be covered:

- Coil rebuilding and adjustment
- Generator repair overhaul
- Steering column fix with the rivets
- Additional coverage at member request

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.

21st Annual Social Security Run

May 12-15, 2016, Cartersville, GA

Contact tammy@knwfire.com

Model T Homecoming - Richmond IN June 4-6

www.modelfordclubofamerica.com/homecoming/

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

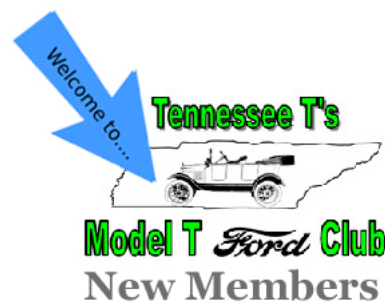
For Sale



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

New Members



• **Charles and Dianne Wilson**, Horton, AL

They are owners of both, a Model T and a Model A.

• **Abel Martinez**, McEwen, TN

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>

The Fayetteville Tour 2016



Watch for the story in the February 2016 issue of the Tennessee T's Newsletter!

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)

BOOGERS IN THE PAN!

Note from the Editor:
This email was received from Kim Doty. Thanks for the submission.

Hi Bill

Your broken axle story reminded me of a problem I had last year when I was getting the runabout ready for the Boone Tour.

I had just put in the new engine from Paul Oxford and had the car out to put some miles on it before the international tour in Boone. I had my buddy Albert with me. We were on a long climb with a short level spot about a third of the way up. We got to the level spot in high, but with the long steep grade ahead I decided to put the Ruckstell in low. We had just started the final ascent when the Ruckstell went into neutral. We started rolling back. The Ruckstell wouldn't shift back and the Rockys were barely working. I hollered at Albert to look for a place to put it in the ditch before we rolled through the level area. I wasn't going down the rest of the hill. Fortunately I got it stopped with the Rockys and the hand brake without ditching it or going on down the hill. There was a BIG sigh of relief...

What Happened: After getting the car home without using the Ruckstell again, I pulled the shift lock off. Upon inspection, I found that the lock had a third V-notch milled into it.

A previous owner had added the third notch to use as a neutral. But in doing so made the other 2 notches shallower and with wear made the lock mechanism so it wouldn't stay in low when under a load. I had been using the Ruckstell for a couple years and never noticed that it had a neutral position. I replaced the entire shift lock with a new one.

I'll send you a picture of the problem shift lock. You can use this for a booger in the pan article if you want to.

Thanks, Kim



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** _____