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Editor- Bill Robinson

A message from Ricky Williams- Our club's new President

Greetings Model Ter's

It's a real honor to be elected as your new president for the Tennessee T's. I'm really looking forward to the club growing with new members and friends. Since Vandy and I have been in the club we have met, who are now, some of our best friends. I really look forward to our tours for the roads and destinations, but most of all for the people we get to tour with. Model T people are just good folks always willing to help and have a good time.

I would like to thank **Gary, Ralph, and Anita** for all the work they have put into the club for so many years. Their dedication to the Tennessee T's has brought us to where we are today. I would also like to thank **Dennis Plank** for agreeing to be the vice president, **Vandy Williams** for agreeing to be the secretary and **Connie Plank** for agreeing to be the Treasurer. Together, along with you, we will work to take the club into the future.

I'm sure that many of you are working on winter maintenance projects for your T's. It always seems like there is something that needs to be done to keep them on the road. I have engine and body parts scattered all over my shop. If you need any help, just ask. There is someone in the club that knows how to do everything related to a Model T and is willing to help. We also have several young members. It's good to see young people enjoying this 100 year old car and learning its history. It would be great to see more young people in our club. Remember, we will only grow if we ask people to be a part of it.

I'm really looking forward to spring and a new year of touring. There are many tours planned for next year, both from our club and others. I would like to encourage everyone to get their T out of the garage and ride with us. I promise you will not meet a stranger. We will try to keep you posted on upcoming events, so make your plans early and we will see you on the road.

Ricky

Reminder Membership Dues

Please pay dues by January 1, 2018

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A message from Gary Tillstrom- Our club's outgoing President

It was so good to see each of you at the Christmas party this year. I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your past president and wish our new officers well. Please stand ready to assist and support them as they guide us into the new year. I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and hope for a healthy and prosperous new year. As always, I'll see you down the road. G

A note from the editor:

I personally would like to thank Gary, Ralph, and Anita for their time and efforts as officers of the Tennessee T's since their election on Dec 14, 2013.

We are still very blessed to have Mac Flowers as our Chaplain.
 Bill

[Membership Application click here](#)

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Club Members in attendance at the Christmas Party

Mark Martinez
Able Martinez
Charlie & Janna Swann
Gary & Penny Wheat
David & Carolyn Miller
Mark & Paula Gember
Ralph & Teresa Williams
Gary & Annette Tillstrom
George & Ramona Akin
Dennis & Connie Plank
Ricky & Vandy Williams

David & Tammy Copeland
Paul Copeland
Jerry & Dianne Waller
Blayne McCafferty
Hubert Garland
Larry & Carolyn Williams
John & Bonnie Ohlrogge
Mac Flowers
Bill & Suzi Robinson



See available
Christmas
Party photos
later in this
newsletter

December 2017



Again, great photos submitted by
Big John Ohlrogge.

Tennessee T's - Model T Ford Club
Meeting Minutes
Pin Oak Lodge – Natchez Trace State Park
December 2, 2017

The December 2nd, 2017 meeting of the Tennessee T's was called to order by President, Gary Tillstrom, with approximately forty members present.

The first order of business was election of new officers. A slate of officers was presented to the club for vote. This slate is as follows:

President – Ricky Williams
Vice President – Dennis Plank
Secretary – Vandy Williams
Treasurer – Connie Plank

With no discussion, motion was made by Mark Martinez and second by Gary Wheat to accept the slate of officers as presented. A vote was taken and motion carried to fill these officer positions.

It was also noted that Bill Robinson will continue to publish the bi-monthly newsletter to the members. Gary Tillstrom will send a 2018 calendar of upcoming tours and events to Bill for the newsletter.

Among the upcoming events discussed is the "Lynn Cook Safety Day" on Saturday, February 24, 2017. This will be hosted by Ricky and Vandy Williams, and will be held at their home at 97 Creekwood Road, Humboldt, Tennessee 38343. More details to come regarding this event.

George Akin went over some dates on the Cookeville "working tour" coming up April 6, 7, 8, 9, with a short tour on the 5th. This will be a pre-run for the International Tour that our club will host in August 2019. George informed the club that Anita has a list of club volunteers, and most of the tour details can be worked out by conference call. April tour routes will be sent out to attendees prior to tour date.

Ricky Williams stated that a May progressive club tour was in the works. Details have not been confirmed. More information to come.

Bill Robinson discussed a fall tour in the Pulaski area, with more information to be published in the newsletter. This is a beautiful area and the roads are great for Model T riding.

Paula Gember brought up the possibility of changing the Christmas party to the second Saturday in December. There was some discussion, however, it was decided to leave date on the first Saturday in December. Ricky Williams will check on having 2018 party at the Old Country Store in Jackson, Tennessee.

With no further business, motion was made to adjourn by Mark Martinez and seconded by Paula Gember. Meeting adjourned to enjoy gift swap and dinner.

Vandy Williams, Secretary



The TennesseeT's Christmas Party 2017

The Pin Oak Lodge, Natchez Trace State Park, Wildersville, TN, December 2, 2017

We played Dirty Santa by the rules-
sorta.



December 2017



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Tennessee T's Tours and Events

Tennessee T's Events are in BOLD text	
Feb 4 th 2018 – Sunday	Swap Meet – Nashville Fairgrounds
Feb 24 th – Saturday	Lynn Cook Safety Day - Location Ricky Williams in Humboldt TN
Mar 16-17, 2018 (Friday – Saturday)	Chickasha prewar swap meet
April 6-9, 2018	Tennessee T's Spring Tour, Cookeville, TN. Early Bird tour for those who arrive before noon on April 5. Reservations can be made at the Country Inn and Suites Cookeville. Phone (931) 525- 6668 Call or e-mail George Akin for more information. hora7@aol.com (865)789-3234 RSVP Click here → Up-to-date details are on our club's website
June 12-16, 2018	Petit Jean Swap Meet
July 8-13, 2018	National Tour – Richmond Indiana (MTFCA)
July 15-20, 2018	International Tour– Western Pennsylvania (MTFCI)
Oct 10-18th, 2018	Hershey fall swap meet, Hershey PA
Oct 12-14 th , 2018	Tennessee T's Pulaski TN Tour- for info contact David Walker blacknewport65@hotmail.com or Bill Robinson billrobinson1926@gmail.com RSVP Click here → Up-to-date details are on our club's website
Dec 1 nd , 2018	TN T's 2018 Christmas party – Casey Jones Village, Jackson TN

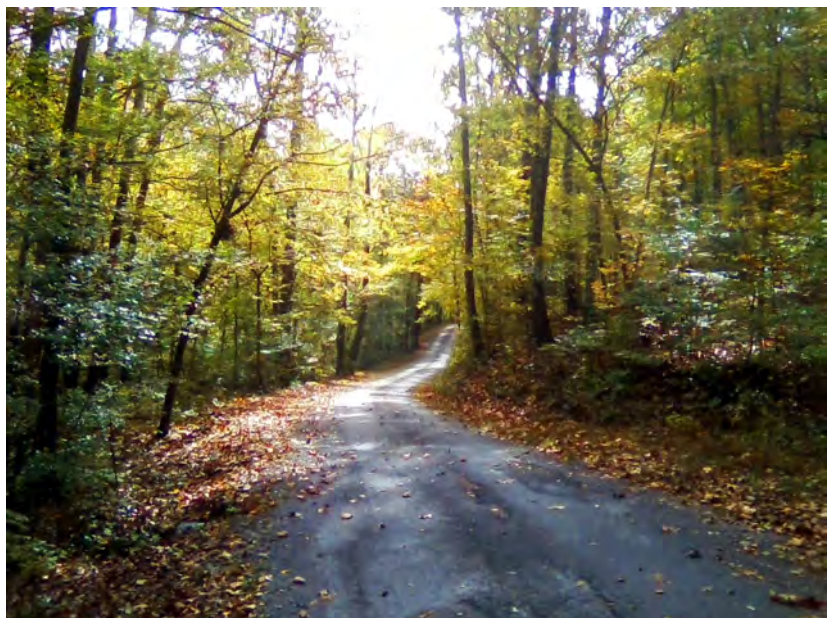


The Tennessee T's would like to welcome our new members:

Alby and Mary Anderson, Rocky Mount, NC
Dennis and Connie Anderson, Maryville, TN
Chad and Sue Horner, Commerce City, CO
David Walker, Ardmore, AL
Dom Denio, Ooltewah, TN

This is an example of the type roads that we will run on the Pulaski Tour in October.----->

Planning a Model T tour? Contact Ricky, our President, to see if the event date is open. If you don't plan a tour- then who will?



⚠ not for sissies tour

29TH ANNUAL



ALL OHIO MODEL T
Jamboree

*August 31 - September 3,
2017
Berlin, Ohio*

Hosted by:



Note from the editor:
Special thanks to
Paula Gember
for submitting this
article



LONGABERGER BASKET BUILDING IN NEWARK, OHIO



MARK GEMBER AT HEINI'S CHEESE CHALET IN MILLERSBURG, OHIO



VISIT TO AMISH FARM | BERLIN, OHIO





MARK GEMBER ADMIRING TRACTORS USED ON AMISH FARM IN BERLIN, OHIO



AMISH FARM TRACTORS IN BERLIN, OHIO



FOLLOWING AMISH BUGGY IN HOLMES COUNTY, OHIO



WORLD'S LARGEST CUCKOO CLOCK IN SWEETWATER, OHIO



2,000 LB. BELGIAN DRAFT HORSES- AMISH HORSEPOWER!

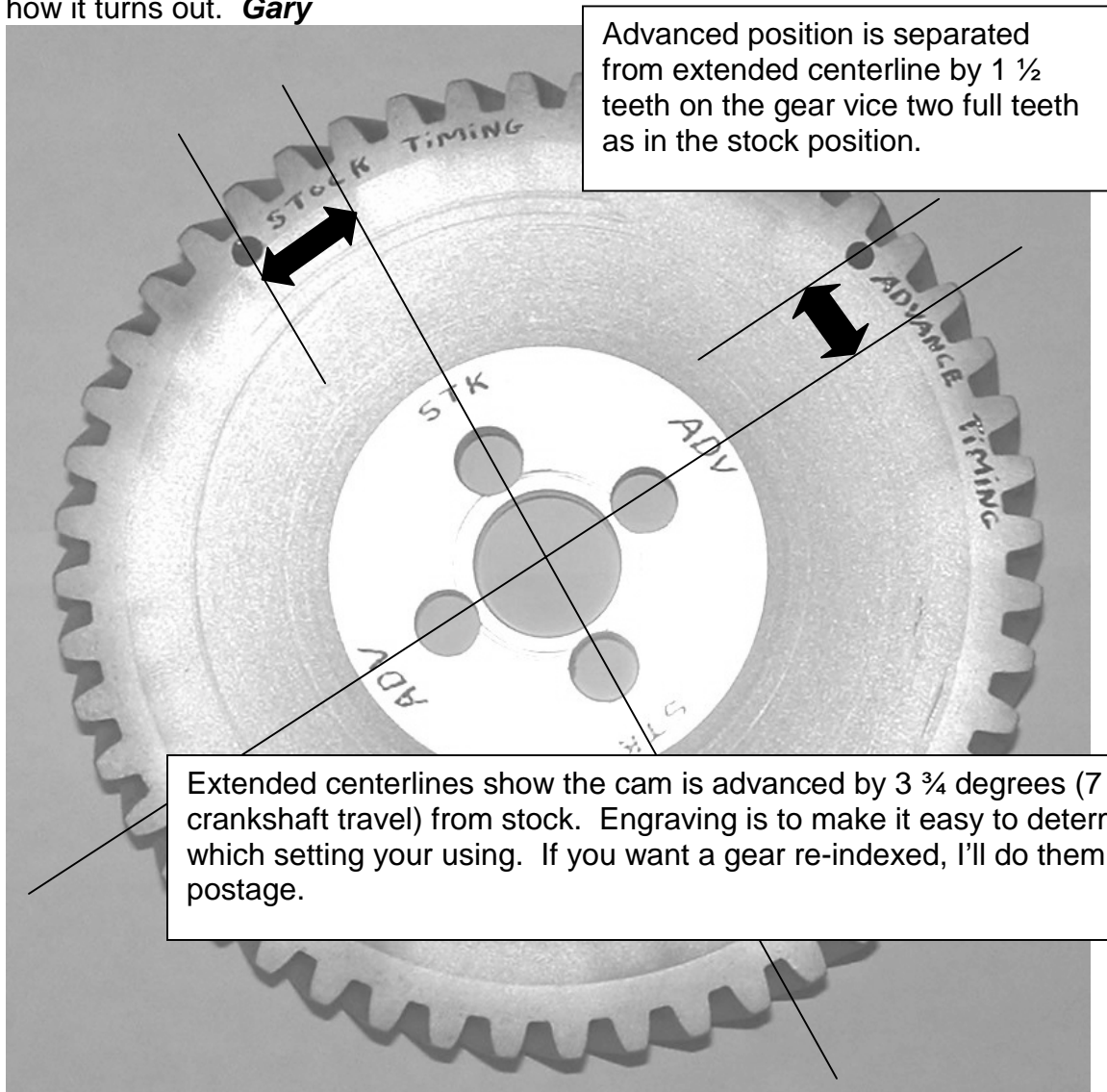
Advancing Valve Timing

I have often heard that Ford had the valve timing for the T model late and that the gear was off from optimum by $\frac{1}{2}$ tooth. Some folks advocate advancing the cam by a full tooth (which is too much) and then open the tappet clearance up by something in the order of .035 to take some of that advance back out. They say the engine will make lots of noise but will run better.

After buying a Tom Carnegie camshaft I decided to email Tom and ask him if he sold a special gear to run this cam at optimum. He told me he didn't and that he just drilled new dowel pin holes in the cam gear and made his own mark on it.

I made a drilling jig from a worn out gear, a piece of shaft turned and pressed in the gear and some drill guides. When done, it allows everything to take place 7.5 degrees sooner than stock.

I plan to put this in my 27, as it is slightly anemic as it stands. I'll let you know how it turns out. **Gary**



Friends Made, Friends Stayed

By Bonnie Ohlrogge

The hobbies of our membership take on many forms. The interest in Model Ts is what has brought us all together.

Un-likely friendships from all walks of life.

John and I decided we were having a bad case of *cabin fever*, so Oct 13, 2017 we headed to Lafayette Tennessee. We took a self guided tour of the areas historical sites on the 13th.

The performance was Saturday at 6:00pm Oct 14,2017.

Johns pretty good at keeping up friendships with people we have met. Chester and Pat Lowery we stuck up a friendship with these folks on a

Model "T" Tour one year. As luck would have it the rain came pouring down. They let us ride along in their covered car.

Chester and Pat love country music and once a month they sponsor plan and appoint help for an old fashioned get together called **Strings & Beans**.

This is a family activity for all ages.

If country from the past, mixed musician styles, Blue Grass, Toe tapping, Stompin music is your style. Then this is diffidently a show not to miss!

We had a spaghetti dinner at 5:00 p. m. that included a drink, entrée and dessert all for seven dollars. Then we enjoyed 3 hours of various country artists. Even Elvis dropped in for a surprise performance!!

Thank you, Chester and Pat, for such a fun time! Contact Pat and Chester for the next **Strings and Beans** event.



A Tip from **Tom Bauer** for those who run a distributor on their Model T.

Don't get stuck on the side of the road when your condenser fails.

For those of us T drivers who run a distributor (and we are many) modern condensers are pretty reliable but they do go bad. And at the worst possible time, guaranteed. It's possible to carry a spare but this kink allows almost instant replacement if suspicions are cast at a condenser's reliability.

A Model A condenser is used here mostly because it has a foot that facilitates mounting and a connecting wire to the coil is easily attached. About any 6V condenser will work but it'll probably be necessary to splice in a length of wire. Mount the condenser wherever suits you as long as it's well grounded. I used the radiator rod to mount both the coil (to get it as far as practical away from engine heat) and the condenser. An alligator clip allows almost instant and secure connection. The condenser will attach to the negative side of the coil, assuming your T has the negative grounding still in place.

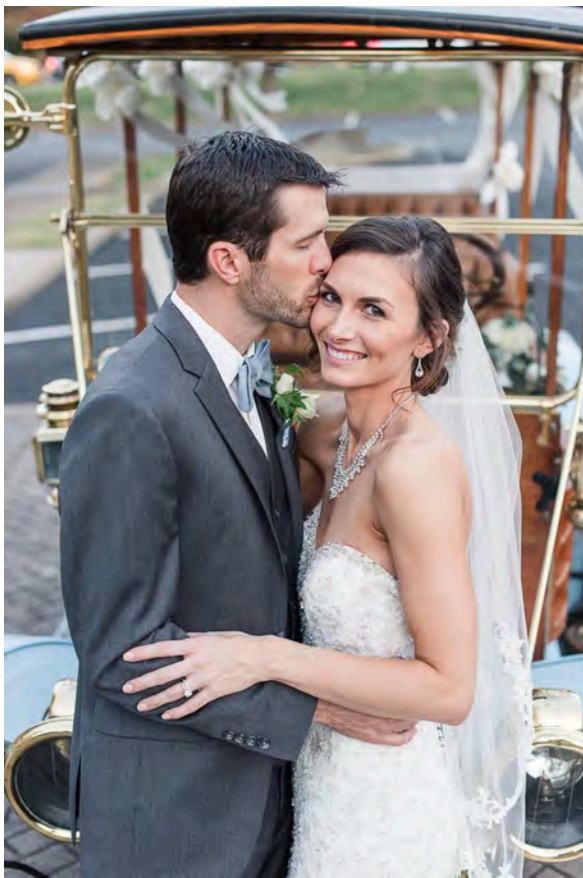


This view clearly shows the alligator clip "in reserve" attached to a plastic zip tie

I scrounged around the junk pile (you do have one don't you?) in the barn and found a thin piece of scrap metal about the size of a light switch cover plate. This is secured to the radiator rod with cable clamps. There's a size the fits the rod perfectly. You use the foot of the clamp for a template for where to drill the holes. Similarly, use the holes in the coil mounting bracket to locate holes used to secure it.

Pictured is the finished job. It's not a thing of beauty, but of function. I suppose you could summarize it all by saying mount a grounded condenser wherever it suits you and have an alligator clip in place at the end of the wire running from the condenser to the coil to connect the reserve condenser to the negative side of the coil

2 new club members and 1 old Model T



James *Ryan* Snellen and his new bride, Brittany. Ryan, himself is a fairly new member of the Tennessee T's, and now we have another new member, Brittany. (Ryan inherited his grandfather's 1912 depot hack.) The car was originally restored in the early '70's by my Great Great Uncle, Taylor Watt Douglas, there in Elizabethtown. He passed it to my Grandpa in the later 90's and I inherited it in 2006.

I recently obtained my private pilots license and when creatively thinking of how I could propose to Brittany, the idea of free-style maneuvering "Marry Me" in the air kept standing out. I've attached the link where we were featured on HowHeAsked.com to see the full story. Ryan

<https://howheasked.com/pilot-uses-clever-flight-pattern-to-propose/>

5 INGREDIENT SLOW COOKER MAPLE DIJON HAM

YIELD: **6-8 SERVINGS**

TOTAL TIME: **6 HOURS 10 MINUTES**

PREP TIME: **10 MINUTES**

COOK TIME: **6 HOURS**

Whether you're entertaining or just looking for an easy dinner with great leftovers – this maple dijon ham is for you. Bonus: SLOW COOKER. Totally hands-off!

Did you make this recipe? [Leave a review »](#)

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 boneless ham (2.5-3 pounds)
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons course ground dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

DIRECTIONS:

1. Lay ham on cutting board. Place two wooden spoons on either side of it and cut through ham to spoons, making slices that don't go all the way through.
2. Place ham, sliced side up, in slow cooker.
3. Mix together maple syrup, dijon mustard, brown sugar and cloves in a small bowl. Pour this mixture over ham, trying to get as much between the slices as you can.
4. Cook on low for 4-6 hours or until heated through, basting with sauce (spoon it over the top) every 1-2 hours.

Note: Feel free to use a bone-in ham instead of boneless, as long as it will fit in the slow cooker. They have great flavor thanks to the bone, plus you can use the bone to make soup!



Submitted by **Linda Moorehead**

This recipe can be cooked at home, the warmed up in your manifold cooker for a meal on-the-road.



Note from the editor:
Please read this request from the
MTFCA. The MTFCA needs our help.

December 11, 2017

The Model T Ford and its history have been a passion of mine for more than 30 years. I have learned much about the legacy and enjoyment these wonderful cars can provide.

My wife and I own two Model Ts and are enthusiastic members of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA). We have planned and directed many driving tours around America including the 3,000 mile journey from LA to Detroit for Ford's Centennial.

Since 2007 when the Model T Museum first opened in Centerville, we became advocates of its mission to preserve, collect, and exhibit cars and artifacts from the Model T era for the education and enjoyment of future generations. This unique museum is now permanently located in the Historic Depot District of Richmond, Indiana and is dedicated to preserving the history of the car that put America on wheels.

The past decade and particularly the past two years the Museum has seen tremendous growth in the number of visitors, the collection, and exhibits. Interactive educational programs are being developed for all ages, elementary through adult. As we prepare for a second decade, it is critical that we purchase the Annex building, which is currently rented, in order to secure our future and meet our long-term goals. This second building is needed to properly display all of the Model Ts in the collection and also has space for a small movie theater, oral history recording booth, a classroom, exhibit space, Vintage Garage, machine shop, and archival storage space that is sorely needed.

I am asking you to consider making a donation to help the Museum raise the down payment needed to acquire this property. The MTFCA is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me or Susan Yaeger with any questions.

Sincerely,

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For Sale

Custom printed Tennessee T's T Shirts and other apparel. Contact Hillary Spratlin (member) hillary.spratlin@gmail.com

Custom-made wooden steering wheels- Contact Big John Ohlrogge (member) bigjohn331958@gmail.com

On the mend

Gary Wheat was on the sick list last week, but thankfully, he has made a miraculous recovery.



WE WILL SEE Y'ALL NEXT YEAR!

THANK YOU! TENNESSEE T'S!

THANKS FOR THE PICTURES AND ARTICLES THAT YOU SUBMITTED THIS MONTH. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT HELPS ME WHEN YOU WRITE THE NEWSLETTER. 😊

Bill, newsletter editor

ARE YOU READY TO JOIN OUR CLUB ?

[New member application.. see our website](#)

FULL-TIME STUDENTS JOIN DUES-FREE

Important notice, in case you missed it. Our club that any full-time college student with an interest in Model Ts can join the Tennessee T's and their membership fees will be waived. The motion passed. We currently have two full-time students as members: **Seth Stratlin** and **Blayne McCafferty**.

So, if you have college age kids or grandkids actively attending college, then encourage them to become members and The Tennessee T's will pay their dues. Maybe they will stay.

If you have not found the **TECH PAGE** on our website, then pay it a visit. There are many good articles posted that can help out on your next project. Also, if you write an article, send it to the newsletter editor for consideration.

BOOGER.. IN THE PAN!

Find something in your old car that is not supposed to be there? Let us all see your find!

Here's how:

Write a short article and tell our club members about what you found. **Send pictures to the editor.** tennesseets@hotmail.com

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 tennesseets@hotmail.com
Note: Please.... photos should include at least one Model T and/or one Tennessee T's member.