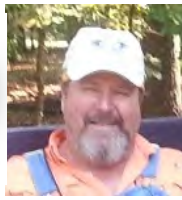


A Message From Ricky Williams,
Our President



Ricky would like to introduce the "New Members" who attended the recent tour in Cookeville:

L to R: Dom Denio, Ooltewah; Connie and Dennis, Anderson, Maryville; Lori and Vic Tankersley, London, KY



See Ricky's message on the next page

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

Editor- Bill Robinson

Be sure to visit our club's website

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

THE COOKEVILLE TOUR - April 5-9



Details for the Cookeville Tour will appear in the June 2018 newsletter. This edition is full-thanks to input from our members.

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REMINDERS

1. Notify Ricky, the president, if you are planning a tour- verify that the dates are open.
2. Send the required registration form for the tour in Pulaski.

[Membership Application click here](#)

Greetings Model T Friends

We just got back from the Tennessee T's spring tour in Cookeville and all I can say is WOW. I like to rate roads as we drive them. Everything from a four lane blacktop which receives close to a 0 in my book, to a one lane gravel mountain road with a limestone rock cliff on one side and a fast running mountain stream on the other, which is always a 10. Throw in a railroad track and the only other thing I could ask for is pearly gates. I never knew there were so many roads that would rate a 10 in one place. All I can say to those of you who missed it is "I'm Sorry".

The good news is you will have one more chance to run this tour. As you already know, we have agreed to host the 2019 MTFCA National Tour. The tour this weekend was to pre-run the routes in preparation for that tour in August of 2019. Plans are now being made for the tour, and your help as a volunteer is needed. The more volunteers we can recruit the less work there will be for all of us. We are expecting 150 Model T's to participate in this tour. For those of us who have never been to a national tour, myself included, just to see that many Model T's in one place is going to be a real treat. That many cars and people will also be a lot of work to feed, park, and direct. Please make plans to attend and help as much as you can.

I had a mother and her young son follow me, as I was driving my 1915 touring back to the trailer for service. The mom told me how much she appreciated the opportunity just to get to show her son my car. Just to see the excitement on that kid's face reminded me of the first time I saw a Model T when I was his age, and how I was in Love. We will be arranging several opportunities for the public to come visit the cars. When I told this kid about the national tour and he would be able to see all these Model T's in one place, I could tell this is going to be a highpoint in his young life. This is why I do this, and this is why I am asking for your help.

For those of you, like me, who live in Tennessee, this will be a unique opportunity to showcase our state, which we are so proud of. From the flat farm land of the Mississippi river bottoms in West TN to the Mountains of East TN, we have something for everyone and it all comes together in Middle TN where we will be hosting the tour. Cars from all over the United States will be there. Many of these people, I am sure, have never been to Tennessee and, for sure, have never driven a 100 year old car off the side of a mountain. What a rush! So please, if you can only attend for a day or two to help with our tour please let us know.

I am also giving those of you who have never toured or haven't toured in a long time your official year and a half notice. You have 18 months to get your car ready, so start now. Save your money, finish putting your car together, add auxiliary brakes, save your vacation time or whatever you need to do, and come join us. This opportunity, to be involved in a national tour, we have never had before.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to the new members who were in Cookeville for the tour; Dom Denio, Dennis and Connie Anderson, and Vic and Lori Tankersley. It was a pleasure touring with you. Thank you for coming. Thanks to you we continue to grow as a group. Thank you George and Ramona for all the hard work you have done to host the tour, and thanks to everyone else for your help, thus far, in the preparation for the national tour.

Happy Touring

Ricky

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Tours and Events

Contact Ricky Williams, our club President, if you have a tour or event planned to be sure the date is still open. rwilliams@click1.com

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are bold)
April 21, 2018 10am	Auction of a '22 Huckster and a '26 Roadster. Scottsboro (AL) Auction Center. Call 256.244.0925 for pre-auction viewing.
May 17-20, 2018	23rd Annual Social Security Run, Fayetteville, GA.
May 18-19, 2018	Luray (VA) Swap Meet
June 3-7, 2018	Bluegrass Back Road T's Tour, Somerset, KY. Contact Linda Moorehead for details 502.727.3887
June 9, 2018	Women's Suffrage Parade, downtown Knoxville, 3-5 pm, contact Gary McCracken 865-712-4767
July 8-13, 2018	Richmond, Indiana, MTFCA National Tour- www.mtfca.com
July 14, 2018	MTFCA- Homecoming at the Model T Museum Great vendors and seminars planned www.mtfca.com
July 15-20, 2018	62nd Model T Ford Club International Tour 2018 Western Pennsylvania Tour more info
September 29-October 3, 2018	Covered Bridge Tour, Park County, Indiana. 765.762.6067 for details
October 10-13, 2018	Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey PA
October 12-13, 2018	Tennessee T's Tour, Pulaski, TN. Click here for tour brochure and contact info

It seems that all of our "club characters" sat on the same side of the table. L to R: Big John, Larry, Carolyn, Ramona, George, Gary, Penny, Carolyn (maybe), & David.

Photo submitted by Anita



Tennessee T's, Inc. - Model T Ford Club
Meeting Minutes
Lynn Cook Safety Day – Humboldt, Tennessee
February 24, 2018

The February 24th, 2018 meeting of the Tennessee T's, Inc. was called to order by President, Ricky Williams with thirty-three members present. Everyone was welcomed to the 20th Annual "Lynn Cook Safety Day".

The minutes were read by secretary, Vandy Williams. After discussion to correct the minutes to reflect the Cookeville "working tour" being a pre-run for the MTFCA tour and not the MTFCI tour. Motion was made by Mark Gember, and seconded by Penny Wheat to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Vice-President, Dennis Plank, read the treasurer's report for Connie Plank in her absence. The treasurer's report showed the club's bank balance, as of January 31, 2018, to be \$3,887.20. Motion was made by David Miller, and seconded by Gary Wheat to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Member, George Akin, addressed the group about the upcoming Cookeville "working tour" coming up April 6, 7, 8, 9, with a short tour on the 5th. This tour has 5 routes that will be sent out to attendees prior to the tour date. This is a planning tour and everyone's input is vital.

Member, Bill Robinson, discussed the 2018 fall tour in the Pulaski area. The dates are October 12th and 13th, with the south route planned for one day and the north route for the next day.

President, Ricky Williams, reported that the board of directors voted to file on behalf of the Tennessee T's to incorporate. This effort was done to protect the members from personal financial liability in the event of an accident during tours. Going forward the official name of the club is Tennessee T's, Inc. Insurance coverage for club tours can be obtained through the MTFCA as long as 50% of club membership are also members of MTFCA. Our membership list has been updated and submitted to MTFCA for verification of membership. An updated list must be submitted to the MTFCA for 50% membership verification prior to March 1st of each year in order to receive insurance coverage for club tours that year. The MTFCI requirement for tour insurance coverage is 100% club membership. After discussion, motion was made by Mark Gember and seconded by Seth Spratlin that in order to attend any chapter tour you must be a member of the Tennessee T's, Inc. Motion carried.

A copy of the "MTFCA Model T Safety Inspection Form" was handed out to members present. After discussion about some inaccurate information on the inspection form, and the importance of the form completion for touring, motion was made by Paula Gember and seconded by Mark Gember to adopt this "MTFCA Model T Safety Inspection Form" as a requirement for club touring. Motion carried.

Member, George Akin, stated that he will address the form's inaccurate information with the MTFCA.

Member, George Akin, brought up the need for a waiver for tour photographs being posted on social media. After discussion, motion was made by George Akin and seconded by Seth Spratlin to add such waiver to tour applications. Motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Vandy Williams, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

February 24, 2018

Tennessee T's, Inc.
97 Creekwood Road
Humboldt, TN 38343

Treasurer's Report as of the **most current** bank statement dated **01/31/18**:

Starting Balance:	\$3,706.85
Deposits (Dues)	525.00
Expenditures*	<u>- 344.65</u>
Current Balance:	\$3,887.20

*Expenditures - Check #1002	\$212.57	Gary Tilstrom – Christmas Party
Check #1003	\$ 38.40	Dennis Plank – Rubber Stamps
Check #1004	\$ 70.02	Connie Plank – Checkbook/Checks
Debit Card	\$ 12.88	Vandy Williams – Postage/Newsletter
Debit Card	<u>\$ 10.78</u>	Connie Plank – Postage Stamps
	\$344.65	

Sincerely,

Connie S Plank

Connie S. Plank
Tennessee T's, Inc.
Treasurer

cc: Vandy Williams

SAFETY/TECH WORKSHOP Humboldt, TN

5th Annual Lynn Cook Safety Day by Gary, Ralph, Dennis & Big John
February 24, 2018

Remembering Lynn by Larry Williams

Recently, while attending the Lynn Cook Safety Workshop Day it occurred to me that a fitting name and tribute to a man that truly loved the Model T hobby. Lynn owned his first Model T when he was in high school.

Lynn Cook was a Charter member of the Tennessee Ts and from day one was determined to learn all he could about the Model T. Many times I have heard Lynn say, I was thinking last night after I went to bed about how to do this or that. He was always willing to try something new.

Lynn was an excellent machinist and mechanic and was always striving to make each Model T he came in contact with run better. Most of the early members of the Tennessee T's have something on their car or have used an idea of Lynn's to improve the operation and/or safety of their car.

Lynn was always willing to share information, ideas and parts with any other Model T enthusiast.

I know he would be greatly appreciative of this yearly workshop in his honor. He would also be very proud, as I am, of how our little club that began with six members is still growing and thriving. I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You on his behalf to all the members that knew him and to the ones that never met him that started this workshop and continue to make it a success.

I was proud to call Lynn Cook my friend for over 50 years and miss him daily.



Gary Diagnosed a Starter



Describing the use of a load tester



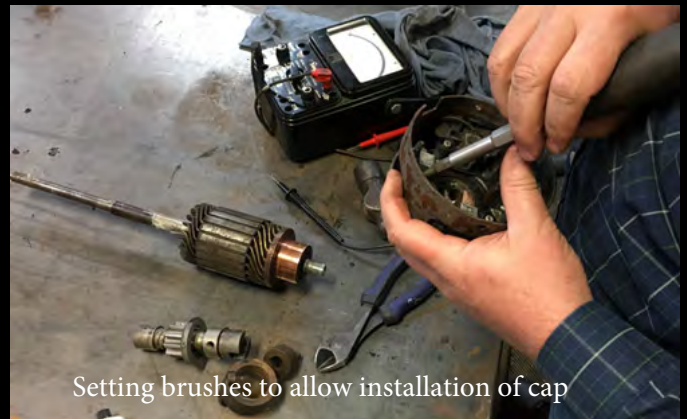
Showing spring trouble in brush holder



Explaining voltage drop test across connections



Showing endcap assembly in good condition



Setting brushes to allow installation of cap



Commonly needed insulation repair



Showing thrust washer from oil seal mod

*Ralph Rebuilds
a Mag Ring*



*Step 1- Remove copper
and clean*



*Step 2- Re-insulate
copper*



*Step 3- Wind copper
right and left*



Step 4- Coil ready to tape



*Step 5- Rewrap with
cloth tape*



Step 6- Insulate Mag Ring



*Step 7- Install coils
rights and lefts*



Completed Mag Ring

DENNIS DOES BABBITT



Necessary equipment



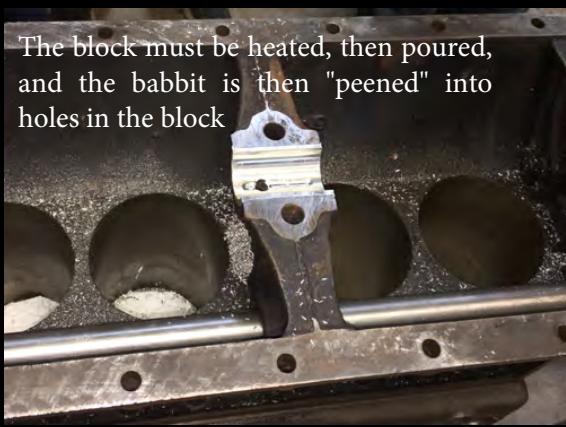
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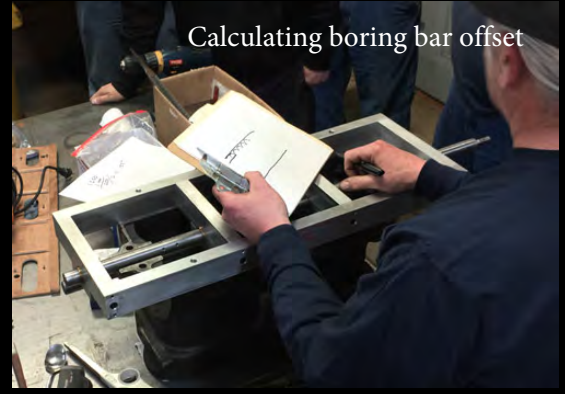
Next, heat the main bearing cap for "tinning"



Once the bearing cap is heated, pour the molten babbitt into the mold



The block must be heated, then poured, and the babbitt is then "peened" into holes in the block



Calculating boring bar offset

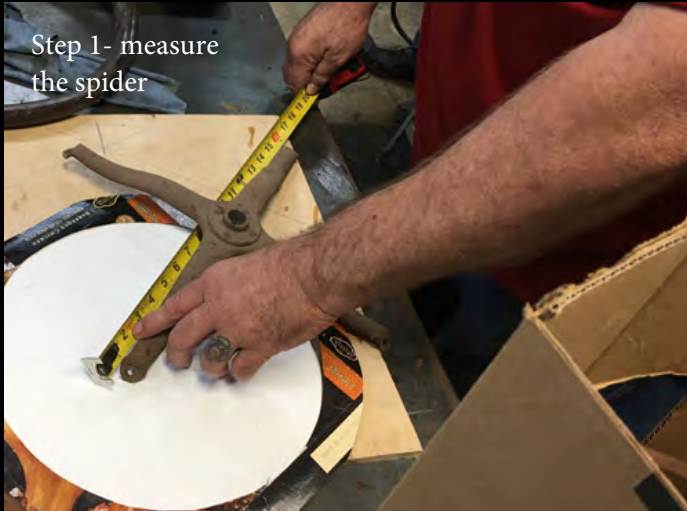


Measuring the boring bar bit offset



Finally, boring the center main to specs

HOW BIG JOHN MAKES WOODEN STEERING WHEELS



Step 1- measure the spider



Step 2- cut 12 pieces, then lay out to be glued



Step 3- two glued hexagons stacked and then glued



Step 4- circular patten drawn on wood assembly



Completed steering wheel

- Basic steering price \$100.00 plus freight
- For domestic wood
- Exotic wood add the cost of the wood
- The screws are domed slotted screws I can get them they will be added to the cost or you can order them
- You can have your choice of finish
- I prefer to have your spider to ensure the fit

John Ohlogge bigjohn331958@gmail.com

WINTER TOUR 2018, MARCH 4TH – MARCH 8TH

photos and article by Paula Gember

The Tin Lizzie Club of North Central Florida hosted the 2018 “Model T Ford Winter Tour” in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. The town was founded by William John Howey, who developed 60,000 acres of land into a lucrative citrus business during the Model T era. Around 1917, he built the Florida Chain-o-Lakes Country Club golf course and hotel to lure potential investors to the area. The Mission Inn Resort & Club, as it is known today, was the host hotel for the tour. Thirteen Tennessee T’s members participated.

There was ample room for trailers and dry camping RV’s in a large lot adjacent to the golf course, just a short Model T drive to the hotel parking lot.



Our room TV’s were equipped with a special “Osprey Cam” channel that allowed us to watch the pair of ospreys nesting over the golf course.

Sunday, March 4th, tour planners Steve Ellis and Adam & Karen Krawchuk gave us three route options for an afternoon shakedown tour:

- 1) Yahala bakery, known for their home-made sandwiches and German pastries, then a trip to Sara Maude Mason Nature Preserve, heavily damaged by the hurricane and recently reopened
- 2) Renninger’s Antique and Flea Market, lunch in Mt. Dora, then a drive along Lake Dora
- 3) Yahala Bakery for lunch, then to Lakeridge Winery for wine tasting



Sunday evening, the opening banquet was held in the main ballroom.



Tin Lizzie Club members, Ben and Ann Wasman, who participated in our Tennessee T resurrection tour on the Natchez Trace last May, greeted guests in the lobby before dinner.



Monday, March 5th, we drove to Umatilla and toured a small family owned citrus company.



The giant orange was rescued from an abandoned orange grove and relocated in front of the citrus plant

Did you know? In 1921, William John Howey built "Silver Springs," Florida's first citrus juice plant, in Howey. Since then that plant has grown from a small local operation into one of the largest private label North American manufacturers of refrigerated orange and grapefruit juice, selling 40+ million gallons annually.



We continued to the town of Mt. Dora for lunch and shopping.





Next we stopped at Palm Island Park, which features a boardwalk along the shore of Lake Dora. Tour planners Adam & Karen Krawchuk enjoy one of the friendlier locals.

One of the many lakes we passed along our tour routes





On Tuesday, March 6th, we stopped in the town of Winter Garden.



The streets of Winter Garden were lined palms and oak trees draped in Spanish moss.



Main Street Looking North From Chamber of Commerce.
Winter Garden, Fla. 6

Vintage photo
of Winter
Garden during
the Model T
era

We all enjoyed the Railroad Museum in Winter Garden



On our way back to the hotel, we toured the Old Time Boat Restoration facility. They specialize in wood boats and there was a variety of projects in progress.

After that evening's ice cream social, Waldo Emerson, Bob Easley, and Max Larson wait for the bidding to begin.





A licensed falconer (it takes almost 12 years to become a master) gave us a demonstration of how he hunts with his Peregrine falcon. He uses a quail leg as bait during training and swings it overhead as the falcon swoops in for the kill.



On Wednesday we travelled toward Plymouth Sorrento. We stopped at the Avian Reconditioning Center, which rehabs injured birds of prey and releases them back to the wild. The bird handlers discussed several of their current "patients."

The wood structures provide shelter for a bald eagle, an osprey, a red-tail hawk, a turkey buzzard, and several different owls. The taller structure in back is one of three "flight barns" used for enclosed training and aerial evaluation.

At Kelly Park we gathered for a boxed lunch...





...then it was off to Oak Haven Farms & Winery to pick fresh strawberries and do a little wine tasting.



The strawberry season in Florida spans four months, versus the two week period in Alabama or Tennessee, and runs from Thanksgiving to Easter!



Citrus crops have a long growing season here, too. The fruit continues to develop through the winter months and is harvested the last two weeks of March. February was much warmer this year, and everything bloomed much earlier. Mark Gember looks over orange trees full of fragrant blossoms and mature fruit waiting to be picked.



The Easleys didn't notice that their tour/goody bag contained the closing banquet's \$50 cash prize. Bob reluctantly hands the winnings over to a jubilant Kathy.

Thursday, March 8th, our day began with a trip to downtown Clermont for shopping and lunch, followed by a visit to the Historic Village on Lake Minneola. Here Mark Gember attempts his first-ever parallel parking of a Model T.



Max Larson co-pilots for longtime friend Ken Nye, who participated with Max in last year's Natchez Trace tour. Ken's daughter lives in Clermont. After lunch, Ken and Max drove to see his granddaughter at school.

In the early years, Florida was predominantly settled by horse breeders and ranchers. Our journeys this week took us on back roads through some of the ranchlands where horses, cattle and alpaca now graze.





While most non-paved Model T type roads tend to be dirt or gravel, many in Florida are sand. Scott Porter had been experiencing some steering problems with his 1912 Runabout earlier in the tour. When he hit this stretch of soft sand, his car fishtailed right in front of us. The car nearly flipped over before skidding to a stop on the embankment.



Our final stop was a tour of the 7200 sq. ft. Howey Mansion, built by William J. Howey in 1925 as his primary residence.



Tennessee T members enjoy the closing banquet. Seated: new members Vic and Lori Tankersley (they will be joining us on the April tour in Cookeville). Standing left to right: Clara Hooshmand and Mark Martinez, Mark Gember, Kathy Easley, George and Ramona Aiken, Dominic Denio, Paula Gember, Bob Easley. Not pictured: Max Larson, Waldo Emerson. Also pictured Lori and Vic Tankersly.



After dinner, guests show off their vintage clothing

Our thanks to the Tin Lizzie Club for putting on such a wonderful tour, enjoyed by all.

Next year the Winter Tour will be held in St. Augustine, Florida.

A Note From the Editor

Thanks to:
Paula Gember
for submitting this
Article

For Sale

MODEL T FOR SALE:

1926 FORDOR



\$5,500.00 Firm- Will deliver to any Tennessee T member for cash or certified check in TN or AL.

If there are any questions, or would like specific pictures, please let me know.

Also, FOR SALE:

Eighteen foot enclosed car hauler designed to accommodate loading and unloading Model T Fordor via rear loading ramp. Only 300 miles on the road (Nashville to Opelika). \$10,000.00 when new, will consider reasonable offer.

Keith Ellis

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The Tennessee T's club is a member of both the MTFCA and the MTFCI. Most of our members are also members of both associations that help preserve our hobby and our historic old cars.



Are YOU YOU
READY TO JOIN OUR CLUB ?

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

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

Members left to right:
 Glenn Storck, Susan Harrington,
 Ridgeland, SC

Driving 'Ol Blue



New Members



Tennessee T's

Model T Ford Club

- Dave and Karen Simmering
Afton, TN
- Ryan and Brittany
Snellen, Nashville, TN
- Keith and Laci Waid,
Cottdonale, AL
- Vic and Lori Tankersley,
Louisville, KY



Seen at the **Chickasha Swap Meet** in Oklahoma- L to R Ricky, Keith, Mark, Rick, and Dennis. Also present but not in the photo were George and Ryan (a new member)

Members on the Mend

Steve Shelton, Mulberry TN, had shoulder surgery
Ken Swan, Selmer TN, recovering from a triple by-pass
Annette Tillstrom, Atoka TN, broken ribs after a hard fall
Larry Williams, Waverly TN, is recovering from a recent surgery
John Zibell, Huntsville AL, had knee surgery



Darrel Carter must be doing fine. He just got the motor installed in the '24 Tudor that he is restoring.

On April 4th I got a call from Ken Swan. He would like to thank everyone who sent him a note regarding his surgery.

**Need A
TENNESSEE T'S
T-SHIRT?
Contact Hillary
hillary.spratlin@gmail.com**



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.**
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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.

**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 Robinson,
newsletter
editor*

FULL-TIME STUDENTS JOIN DUES-FREE

Important notice, in case you missed it in Anita's minutes of our latest business meeting. Gary made a motion 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.