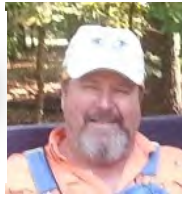


## A Message From Ricky Williams, Our President



Greetings Model T Friends,

With spring hopefully just around the corner, I have a new engine installed in my touring car and a new engine installed in my TT wrecker. If the weather allows, I will take the touring car out for its first test run tomorrow. Dennis has a new engine in his coupe and we are ready for some touring. Several more of you have had to do engine work as well. I hope that most of you are winding down on your winter projects and getting ready for our first tour, coming up in April, in the Cookeville area.

**For insurance purposes, we are now requiring that you fill out and mail in a registration form for each club tour that you plan to attend.** Forms are being sent out when tours are finalized. Please fill out and return to the appropriate party. All tour participants must fill out the tour registration and be a current member of the Tennessee T's. I know this is a pain but as we all know we don't live in the same world we use to. So for the protection of everyone please send in those forms.

A lot of you have already signed up and made your hotel reservations for the upcoming tours. I would like to encourage everyone to go ahead and make your reservations early so we have a good count and can plan a better tour for you. I am really looking forward to hitting the road, as I know you are.

Our chapter also has several new members, and we will be sending out a new current membership list soon. I want to encourage our new members to come tour with us. The Tennessee T's are a really good group and you will make new lifetime friends. We also put on some really good tours, if I do say so myself.

Don't forget about the Lynn Cook workshop to be held at my shop on February 24th. We will have some good food and fellowship, and might even learn something too. We really need to do this more often because it's the only time my shop gets cleaned up. I'm finding a few things I haven't seen for quite some time. I hope to see some of our newer members show up. Please come and be a part.

Vandy is planning things for the girls, too.

There have been several members sick, and getting their winter maintenance done on themselves. Get well soon.

Happy Touring!

Ricky

## Tennessee T's



## Model T Ford Club

Editor- Bill Robinson

Be sure to visit our club's website

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

## Treasurer's Report

As of 2.3.2018		
Starting Balance-	\$3,706.85	
2018 Dues-	\$585.00	
Less Expenses-	-\$744.65	
Current Balance-	\$3,547.20	
List of Expenses	\$400.00	Legal Fees for Incorporation
	\$108.42	Checks; Checkbook; Rubber Stamps
	\$23.66	Postage
	\$212.57	Christmas Party
Submitted by		
Connie S Plank		
Treasurer		
Tennessee T's Inc.		

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## REMINDERS

**1. Notify Ricky if you are attending the Lynn Cook Day workshop.**

**2. Send the required registration form for the tours in Cookeville and Pulaski.**

**Membership Application click here**

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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](mailto:rwilliams@click1.com)

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are <b>bold</b> )
February 24, 2018	<b>Lynn Cook Day 2018</b> / workshop and technical event. Details are on our website <a href="http://www.tennesseets.weebly.com">www.tennesseets.weebly.com</a>
April 6-9, 2018	<b>Tennessee T's Tour, Cookeville, TN.</b> <a href="#">Click here for tour brochure and contact info</a>
May 17-20, 2018	23rd Annual Social Security Run, Fayetteville, GA.
June 3-7, 2018	Bluegrass Back Road T's Tour, Somerset, KY. Contact Linda Moorehead for details 502.727.3887
July 8-13, 2018	Richmond, Indiana, MTFCA National Tour- <a href="http://www.mtfca.com">www.mtfca.com</a>
July 14, 2018	MTFCA- Homecoming at the Model T Museum Great- vendors and seminars planned <a href="http://www.mtfca.com">www.mtfca.com</a>
July 15-20, 2018	62nd Model T Ford Club International Tour 2018 Western Pennsylvania Tour
October 12-13, 2018	<b>Tennessee T's Tour, Pulaski, TN.</b> <a href="#">Click here for tour brochure and contact info</a>

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## Members on the Mend

Folks, **Ramona Akin** has a new knee and she is doing well!

## PHOTO FROM THE PAST

Some of our elite members were able to attend the MTFCI Tour in Kanab, Utah in July. Carolyn sent some photos for our newsletter. This photo originally appeared in the August 2013 edition of the newsletter.



Seated: L to R: Carolyn Williams, Linda Eden, Don Krull Standing left to right: Larry Williams, Bill Eden, Sam Turner, Bill Guiney(yellow shirt) Max Larson, Joni Allison, Tom Allison, Sue Cook, Waldo Emerson, Marge Krull, Charlotte Miller, Dwight Miller. AWOL: Lynn Cook, John Strickland



## **IT'S NEVER AS EASY AS YOU THINK IT'S GOING TO BE**

by Dennis Plank

Over the winter I built a new engine for our Coupe. The engine in it was fine, I just wanted a new, fresh one for our tours this year. I had a couple of spare engines, so I selected a 1926 block and spent way too much money on it. You know how it is.

I got it done and decided it was time to make the swap. I was able to get the old engine out with no problems and was sliding the new engine back on the frame rails when I noticed something that didn't look right on the front cross member. It almost looked like a shim under the front motor mount. On further inspection, I could see that the cross member had rotted completely out to the point that the spring was coming up through a nice rectangular hole in the cross member.



Not good news when you are anxious to hear your new motor. Time to replace the cross member. Ricky showed up and said he had one hanging on the wall in his barn he would give me, so I took him up on the offer. It's a job drilling all those rivets out, but I finally got it done. No, he didn't stay and help.

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Here is another shot of the damage. The hole was so clean it almost looked machined.



Here is the completed project with the new cross member and engine in place.



**Note from the editor:**  
Special thanks to  
**Dennis Plank**  
for submitting this  
article

## The Best Things Don't Cost Much (and are Priceless!)

My granddaughter Lydia and grandson Coy don't have the common "garden-variety" set of grandparents that spoil them at each possible moment. They actually have two sets that fit into that description!

Yesterday morning they came with their mom and dad to church. I crack up every time Coy sees me as he smiles and reaches for me. There is no doubt that he and I are buddies. Annette will be heart broke as I think he is going to say Grandpa and Model T before he says Grandma.

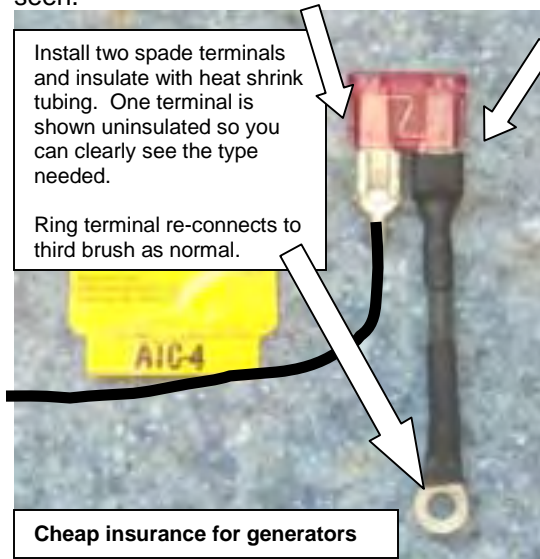
Lydia is much the same. She loves to come over and be told stories, help Annette make cookies etc. She also loves to sit in the T out in the garage and drive her dolls to go shopping and take them all over the continental 48. Sorry Ken, she just hasn't got the driving experience to tackle Alaska yet! That plus we couldn't stand not seeing her for 3 months (even if they are imaginary months). I made the mistake of leaving something lay on the seat one day and she asked my why "my junk" was in "her car".

I'm sure by now your asking what in the world this has to do with the Model T and why is it in the Newsletter? No reason really, I just wanted to brag on the grandkids and let everyone else read it! I didn't have enough of anything technical to fill up a full page and thought since I enjoy them so much, you should too.

Now for the technical side. Ron Patterson posted a super idea on the model T forum (America Club) recently. Ron rebuilds tons of T generators each year and often sees the same problems with cores coming in. Since the T generator has its output regulated by the position of the third brush, it is susceptible to self-destruction should the system go open. If the system goes open, all of the generators output is fed to the third brush causing the output to be even higher. This higher output will soon be feeding so many amps through the armature that solder begins to melt and the armature is rendered junk in no time. Electrically speaking, it is like a dog chasing its tail, the more he wants

to catch it the faster he runs, the faster he runs...well, you get the idea.

This little modification will save the generator in the event that its output enters the runaway state previously described. On the lead to the third brush, slave in a 4 or 5 amp blade type fuse. That way, should the regulating current become excessive, the fuse will fail saving the generator. The modification is undetectable. Even the purist won't mind this one since it can't be seen.



This is not absolutely necessary if you're running a voltage regulator in place of a cutout as the regulator is designed to save the generator in cases like this.

It is a good idea however with the original cutout and to a lesser degree, with the diode. While the diode can't "stick open", the ammeter certainly can go open giving the same result. Either way, with the battery load removed from the generator the result is the same and chances are, "you ain't gonna like it".

Quick review here, modification to prevent an 80 year old generator from self destruction, – **25 cents**.

Chance to brag on grandkids – **Priceless!**

*Gary*

**Note from the Editor:**  
Special thanks to  
**Gary Tillstrom**  
for this submission

**PHOTOS FROM**

# **35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Hillbilly Tour 2017**



## **Osage Beach, MO**

**September 6-10, 2017**

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



LINING UP FOR PHOTOS AT LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK



LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK



STOP AT CAMDEN COUNTY MUSEUM



THE OLD LINN SCHOOLHOUSE IS NOW A MUSEUM IN HAMDEN COUNTY





MUSEUM ON HISTORIC ROUTE 66 IN LEBANON, MO



LUNCH STOP AT DOWD'S CATFISH HOUSE IN LEBANON, MO



LUNCH IN THE MENNONITE COMMUNITY OF VERSAILLES, MO



WONDER IF THEY HAVE CHICKEN ON THE MENU AT THIS RESTAURANT!



PREPARING TO CROSS A SHORT SWINGING BRIDGE



BRIDGE IS SWAYING (and CREAKING and GROWLING)... NOTE: the sand filled roadway DID NOT soften the ride!

Paula made a video of a similar bridge on the same tour- [click here to view](#)



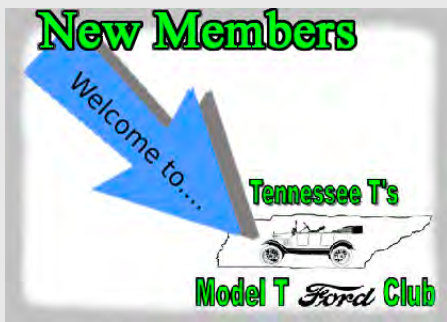
WE CERTAINLY WON'T MIND THOSE OLD, RUTTY GRAVEL ROADS SO MUCH AFTER CROSSING THIS!



BOARDING FOR HILLBILLY TOUR LUNCH CRUISE ON OZARK LAKE



DON & MARGE KRULL ARE READY FOR LUNCH CRUISE ON OZARK LAKE



Jim and Judy Eubanks- Powell, TN

ARE YOU  
**READY TO JOIN OUR CLUB ?**  
[New member application.. see our website](#)



**PHOTOS FROM THE PAST**



Don Meadows in front of his shop in White Bluff. Don was one of the first members of the Tennessee T's. He is now deceased and his car museum is closed.



Max Larson, Sue Cook, Ann Alexander and Don's wife Mary Helen. The picture was made at the end of one of the Trace Tours. Sorry, I cannot identify everyone. Help me if you can.

If your truck won't climb the snowy hill.....



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Simply add some gription !



Thanks to Ricky Williams for the photos

**Need A  
TENNESSEE T'S  
T-SHIRT?  
Contact Hillary  
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## **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](mailto: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.

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TECH PAGE on our  
website, then pay it a visit.  
There are many good  
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