

A few images of Tennessee T's members at the Somerset Tour



Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

Editor- Bill Robinson

Be sure to visit our club's website

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

Money Bucket submitted by Connie Plank, treasurer

As of 05/01/2018

Starting Balance- \$3,547.20

2018 Dues- 62.50

Less Expenses- -256.35

Current Balance- \$3,353.35

List of Expenses \$237.57 Lynn Cook Day

\$9.78 Postage

\$3.00 Feb Service Chg

\$3.00 Mar Service Chg

\$3.00 Apr Service Chg

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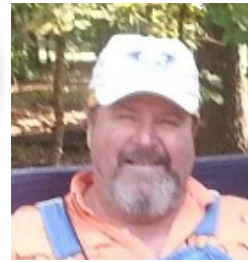
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REMINDERS

- 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

A Message From Ricky Williams, Our President



Greeting Model T Friends,

I went to Memphis a couple of weeks ago to look at a 1912 touring project that a man had for sale. It was a project that he had been working on for 38 years. In our conversation, he mentioned his reason for selling was that someone had given him another T that was already running, and nobody needed more than one T.

That really got me thinking and I wanted to write to you about how I love Model T's. Then over last week's tour in KY after I had a flat and tore up my transmission, I started thinking more on the lines of **"You've got to love Model T's"**.

I and many others of you don't just love them, we are in love with that beautiful little car that Henry Ford named the Model T. From its place in American history, where it changed the world more than anything else ever made because it allowed masses of people to become mobile. At that time, very few people had travelled more than a few miles away from their house.

We not only love these cars for their place in American history, but also for their place in the history of our families. We love them for how they bring us together as friends, and how we get to see the country side and collect stories and make memories we will keep forever. How when we drive down the road people are hanging out their car window taking pictures or yelling questions. How people in their yards will run into the house to get a family member to watch us go by, and how people will gather in the parking lot to look and ask a hundred questions. That is why we are in love with the Model T.

Last week Dennis and I were standing in front of the hotel and a girl pulled up in her car. She got out and just started saying thank you. Thank you for bringing the cars out. As tears rolled down her face she told us the story about her dad, who had died seven years ago. She told us of his love of old cars and how it brought them together, and how our cars reminded her of that special time in her life that she got to share with her dad, and the memories she keeps with her every day. That is why we are in love with Model T, and that is why I do this.

There are a lot of you out there just like me and the man in the beginning of the story who, for a long time, gathered parts and wished we had that car put together if we only had time. I'm telling you, there is less time every day to get that car ready and make memories with your family. Memories that bond. When you are gone and the car lives on, your children and grandchildren will tell of the fun times they shared in the Model T.

I feel that if my kids or grandkids tell that same story someday to a stranger my life will have been a success, and that is why I am in love with Model T.

Happy Touring

Ricky

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Tours and Events

JUNE
2018

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)
June 7-9, 2018	Monett, Missouri - 18th Annual Show Me Tour. For more info contact: Karol Spencer, 417-732-7222 or Dorothy Puckett, 417-882-2110
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
Sept. 5-9, 2018	St. Joseph, Missouri - 36th Annual Hillbilly Tour. To register or for info packet contact: Gene Gemmill, (417) 881-6702 or Email Gene.
Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 2018	Park County, Indiana - Model T Covered Bridge Tour. Brian and Valerie Jordan at 765-762-6067
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
August 17-22 2019	MTFCA National Tour, Highland Rim Tour hosted by the Tennessee T's, based out of Cookeville, TN

Later in this issue- George has done a great job, due to his hard work, creating a brochure which will soon be distributed to the general MTFCA membership. Also in this issue, are pictures of the recent "practice" tour that occurred back in April by our club. We had a great time, saw some beautiful territory, and enjoyed some fine stops.

MTFCA National Tour #2
Highland Rim Tour
Cookeville, TN August 17-22 2019 Hosted by the Tennessee T's



Please make plans to attend the tour. Better yet, volunteer your time and help George and other members make the National Tour a success. hora7@aol.com

Spring Tennessee T's Tour in Cookeville

by George (aka Hobart) and Ramona Akin

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club



April brought not only showers and cold weather to Cookeville, Tennessee but also 13 Model T's and their occupants. The event was organized to introduce the Tennessee T's to the model T friendly back roads and sights of the Upper Cumberland Region of Middle Tennessee. In addition ideas for hosting the Model T Ford Club of America National Tour in August of 2019 would be explored.



For those who arrived on Thursday April 5th the first day of touring began by way of narrow back roads up onto the Cumberland Plateau to the community of De Rossett. This is where Railroad Grade road began its 8-mile mostly gravel road through forest and along streams. One particular spot afforded a spectacular view of a pristine mountain stream. As we passed by beautiful green meadows cows appeared to be hosting a luncheon yet had time to offer a moo as we passed by. The small town of Monterey was our destination for the day. There we visited the Monterey Train Depot Museum. One important stop was at the Dairy Queen where we felt obligated to have ice cream even though it was rather frigid outside. We always want to help the local economy when we visit small towns along the way. Our trip back to the hotel took us on several narrow yet scenic roads.

Friday's weather cooperated with no rain however the temperature was lower than it had been and those of us with enclosed cars were thankful for the warmth they afforded us. By enduring the cold we were able to enjoy visiting the town of Baxter and the Baxter Train Depot Museum. After coffee and doughnuts, we drove down Indian Creek road to Edgar Evins State Park and Center Hill Dam. The Appalachian Center for Crafts, which is part of Tennessee Tech University's college of fine art, was our next stop where we enjoyed seeing several different genres of art techniques. We traveled down the road to the lovely Retreat at Center Hill where we enjoyed a barbeque lunch. When we arrived we were greeted by Susanne Williams of the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce and by Sarah Beth Urban of the Tennessee Department of Tourism. They are anxious to help us with the National Tour next year. Narrow back roads brought us back to Cookeville and the DeMonaco Winery and Vineyard.



Saturday welcomed us with weather that was so cold that most participants wore every garment they had brought to endure the Arctic blast. It was a full day with Lunch in the historic river town of Granville. Our host Randal Clemmons provided us with a home cooked lunch in the T.B. Sutton General Store. This is the site for a weekly Saturday night radio show featuring Bluegrass and country music. The entire town is a museum. On our return trip we passed thru Gainesboro where Ricky Williams went exploring for model T parts and returned with some essential rusty treasures. Roaring River and Blackburn Creek roads made for a beautiful drive returning to downtown Cookeville.



Sundays route brought us to Burgess Falls State Park and offered a short walk to the Falls. The recent rains helped provide an impressive view of the falls. Lunch was at the Fog Light Food House. Edward Philpot, owner and chef had a gourmet lunch ready for us complete with model T's printed on the menus. After lunch we stopped at Rock Island State Park. We saw water falls that ran out of the rocks and into the Caney Fork River. The route home took us through Bone Cave and White Cave Natural Areas. Some took a short hike to Lost Creek Falls and were rewarded with a spectacular view of the falls.

Monday's first stop was in Algood for coffee and doughnuts. Spring Creek Road took us down a narrow valley with meadows and flowing water. A steep narrow road out of the valley brought us to Standing Stone State Park for a box lunch. Gravel roads through the park made for a fun ride to our next stop in Livingston. Alternator problems caused Gary and Penny Wheat to take a shorter route home. The rest returned on more model T roads to Cookeville.



Based on what we experienced the Tennessee T's appear to be excited about hosting the National Tour to help others experience the beauty of this area of the country. The Model Ts bring us together, but the friendship is what keeps us together.

SPRING 2018 T TOUR
COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE
APRIL 5 THRU 9



Hosted by George and Ramona Akin





TOUR PARTICIPANTS

George and Ramona Akin
 Dennis and Connie Anderson
 Dom Denio
 Mark and Paula Gember
 Mark Martinez and Clara
 David and Carolyn Miller
 Charlie and Anita Owen
 Dennis and Connie Plank
 Bill and Suzi Robinson
 Vic and Lorie Tankersley
 Gary and Penny Wheat
 Ralph and Teresa Williams
 Ricky and Vandy Williams





JUNE 2018







MTFCA National Tour #2
Highland Rim Tour
Cookeville, TN August 17-22 2019
Hosted by the Tennessee T's



REGISTRATION OPEN - JANUARY 2, 2019

Come join us in Tennessee for an unforgettable tour of the scenic backroads traversing Highland Rim of the Upper Cumberland Plateau. Don't expect any traffic on these roads unless it is an old geezer or gazette driving a Model T. There will be stops at the many state parks that dot the region surrounding Cookeville. We will visit Edgar Evins State Park, Burgess Falls State Park, and Standing Stone State Park - just to name a few. Our stop in Granville features lunch, as well as a tour of the historic riverboat town and the T.B. Sutton General Store. Of course, there will be some Tennessee music to entertain you during your stop. Baxter, Smithville, Livingston, Sparta and Gainsboro are a few of the many towns with sites for antiquing and ice cream. This is a hilly region of Tennessee. Make sure your Model T is up to the task. A stock T will do fine, since none of the hills are very long. There are downhills that will make you glad to know you have accessory brakes. Expect some gravel roads. For those who only want paved roads, we will offer alternative routes. Now, y'all plan on visiting us in Tennessee next year! No foolin'!

Registration fee includes:

Host: Hotel Country Inn and Suites
Cookeville, TN (931) 525-6668
Trailer Parking and RV
Camping at the Putnam Co
Fairgrounds

- Meet-and-Greet Ice Cream Social
- Daily Lunches
- Museum Fees
- Booklets and Badges
- T-shirts
- Closing Banquet

Questions?

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Visit uppercumberland.org

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 ?

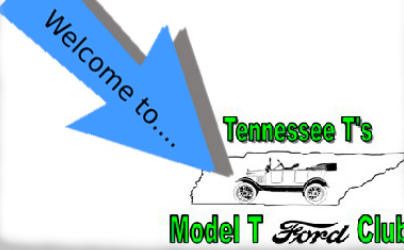
[New member application.. see our website](#)

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

Two of the best!
Mac and Ernestine Flowers
(charter members)



New Members



L to R: Dom Demio, Ooltewah, TN; Connie & Dennis Anderson, Maryville, TN; Lori & Vick Tankersly, London, KY.



Photo taken while attending the Cookeville Tour

Editor's Note: Normally, the Tennessee T's newsletter is limited to articles regarding the Model T Ford. This article written by one of our club's longest standing members and a past club president. Enjoy the recent event in his life.

What ever happened to Dad's Peerless?

by Gary Tillstrom



Big, heavy, underslung chassis and V8 powered, the model 66 touring was a beast that competed directly with the other luxury “P” cars, Packard and Pierce Arrow. The wheel base is about six inches longer than the Ford TT truck.

As a kid growing up, I remember my dad talking about a car he bought in high school that he had to sell when he was in his early 20's. There was something about rent, food, small kids, and other non-sense that pressured that sale. You could tell when he mentioned it that it was his favorite old car. He had owned the 1917 T that I still have, the 1923 Peerless touring car, and a 1936 Ford convertible (which he later swapped for a 1949 Ford coupe, also long gone).

My dad had some books that he was given when he graduated high school that my brother and I likely had every page memorized in. One of those books was of course “Henry's Wonderful Model T” by Floyd Clymer. One of the others was, “Those Wonderful Old Automobiles” by the same author. That book had all the huge Packards, Whites, Thomas Flyers, Peirce Arrows, Peerless, etc. in it. To say my dad was an old car nut would have been an understatement. Once in a while he and my brother and I would go to an antique car show when there was one local. If the car was old and huge my dad would gravitate straight towards it and spend more time looking it over than my brother and I thought was really necessary. He seemed to know every feature of every old car. You could tell he really enjoyed old cars.

Many years have passed and I had always wondered what ever became of that car. He had sold it to man that he kept in touch with for years. He used to give my dad his latest copy of Hemmings Motor News when he saw him. When my dad passed, so did knowledge of what ever became of the Peerless.

A couple weeks ago I was contacted thru Facebook messenger. I was asked if I knew a Gary Tillstrom of Eau Claire Michigan. He explained that he had bought an antique car and the family he got it from still had a bill of sale from my folks dated 1962. I responded with, “Yes, I'm guessing you are now the owner of a Peerless?” He was thrilled as he is trying to track the ownership of the car back to new (*good luck with that*).

The story I always heard was a family from Chicago was vacationing along Lake Michigan and the car developed a problem in the driveline. It was left on a farm in southwest Michigan to be repaired (which didn't happen) and my dad bought it sometime in the mid 50's. He had gotten it to run but didn't have the \$150 to have the needed parts machined so it was later sold.



Likely the same spot since 1962. You could throw a cat through the barn siding!



Should roll a tad easier with tires that now hold air!



Typical Michigan weather for November. Probably the first daylight this car has seen since 1962. I sure like the accessory wind wings!

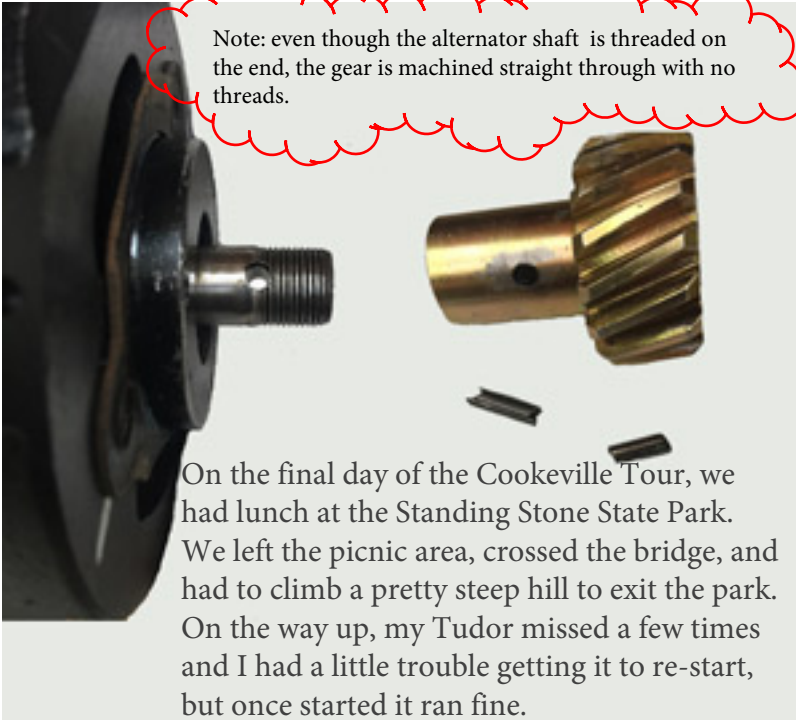
The car is now in very capable hands. The new owner is now the curator of the National Corvette Museum in Kentucky. He previously worked at the Henry Ford Museum for eight years maintaining the transportation collection. He has also served as the Curator to the Crawford Auto Aviation Museum in Cleveland. I think my dad would be pleased to know it ended up in the hands of such a very capable car nut. It is about four hours away from Memphis; I will venture up there in the near future as I would like to see it one day.

I know this isn't "T" related but I thought it makes a cool story that has a connection to my dad. He was after all a "T" nut. *Gary*

BOOGER... IN THE PAN!

by Gary Wheat (as told to the editor)

Note: even though the alternator shaft is threaded on the end, the gear is machined straight through with no threads.



On the final day of the Cookeville Tour, we had lunch at the Standing Stone State Park. We left the picnic area, crossed the bridge, and had to climb a pretty steep hill to exit the park. On the way up, my Tudor missed a few times and I had a little trouble getting it to re-start, but once started it ran fine.

I then noticed the modern alternator was not charging. Mark Martinez noticed that the internals inside the alternator were not spinning, which would mean it was not charging the battery. So, a small group of us took a short-cut back to the motel rather than risk a discharged battery, which would mean the car would not have battery power to run the ignition system.

When I got home, I found that the 44cent shear pin that secures the gear to the alternator shaft had failed and was allowing the gear to simply spin on the alternator shaft. I found a replacement pin at Tractor Supply, and now there are spares in my tool box!



June 3-7, Somerset KY. Hosted by Tom & Linda Moorehead, B.J. & Casey Miller and the Bluegrass Back Road T's.

Tennessee T's Members present: LtoR: Gary & Penny Wheat, George & Ramona Akin, Ricky & Vandy Williams, Mark Gember, Meagan, Suzi, & Bill Robinson, Clara Hooshmand, Mark Martinez, Connie & Dennis Plank, Anita & Charlie Owen, Linda & Tom Moorehead. Not present for the photo: Paula Gember, Kim & Carolyn Doty, Vic & Lori Tankersley.

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

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**



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



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.

**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.