

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club

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**A Message From Ricky Williams,
Our President**



Greetings Model T'ers

Recently, with Vandy being in and out of the hospital on several occasions and my Dad's age catching up with him, it has really made me sit back and think how important our immediate family is to us and how we depend on them in our everyday life. Not only our immediate family, but also our extended family which also includes our Model T friends.

As we get a little older it's nice for life just to slow down a little and I don't know of a better way of slowing down than to spend time in a Model T. I spent years working on my Model T's without really getting to drive and enjoy them. When we finally started touring we started meeting new people and making new friends. Now we have made lifelong friendships that will never be broken. That is a benefit of touring that I never thought about to start with. Now our Model T friends are our best friends of all.

We have been on several tours with people who have their kids with them. I always think, what a way to spend time with your kids. What a way to build memories!

I really never thought, starting out, about the things we would get to experience touring in our Model T's. We have seen some of the most fascinating things on tour that I had never seen before. We got to see a man's private locomotive collection complete with his own newly built round house. We also got to see a museum full of scale model locomotives hand carved out of ebony and ivory that had such great detail it was unbelievable how someone could do that. We have been through coal mines, camel farms, engine plants, up and down mountains, through beautiful valleys, across railroad tracks, beside rivers, over dams, through covered bridges, in every kind of museum there is, and we have also seen the great lakes. Also, Model T touring would just not be complete without good places to eat.

I don't understand why everyone wouldn't want to slow down and live a little bit of life in the slow lane by touring in a Model T. Spring is here so get your car out. It's the best way I know to spend time with your family and make new friends.

Don't forget, we have some really good touring scheduled for this year. Please join us and experience what I am talking about. Check the tour schedule in the newsletter and also on our website.

Happy Touring,

Ricky

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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.
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Folks, you are running out of time-

*The Reelfoot Tour in May only has room for 2 more cars.

*The Highland Rim Tour in August based out of Cookeville, TN only has room for 10 cars.

Details for both tours can be found on the club's website or email the newsletter editor for the brochures.

The caption that accompanies this photo reads,

"May 11, 2002

The Williams, Flowers, and Cooks traveled from New Johnsonville and Waverly to Historic Collinsville near Clarksville, Tn and met the Harris's and Ernest Morris. After displaying the cars and touring the Collinsville village we drove to Bob and Nell's home for a great lunch. Thanks again Nell."

Drivers are KICKED BACK IN THE SHADE AT HISTORIC COLLINSVILLE -->

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OLD BLUE PASSED ON

Susan Harrington

My father, Harry Harrington, gave my husband, Glenn Storck, and me our first Model T in 1998. About a year later, we joined the Tennessee Ts. Thanks to the club we have enjoyed many hours of Model T touring. Due to health issues, Glenn is no longer able to climb up into a Model T.



Harry, Susan, and Glenn 1998
Collierville, TN



Rags n Rust about 1970
Dayton, NJ

Since Old Blue (originally Rags n Rust) was in the family since 1970, we decided to keep it in the family. My son Scott LeWand grew up with this car, spent time helping his grandfather, and has always had a love of all things automotive.



Scott and Susan
Satellite Beach, FL

New Blue now lives in sunny Florida with Scott. Scott has been busy upgrading the wiring and changing to LED lights. He has installed new tubes with rim nuts chrome and chrome covers. He quickly learned about the importance of keeping the tires fully inflated. He claims he can take a tire off and on in 30 minutes now. I'll have to see it to believe it.

READY TO JOIN OUR CLUB ?

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

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.



Welcome to...

Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club
New Members

We want to welcome:

John Ritter, Lawrenceburg, TN

Phillip and Mary Lee, College Grove, TN

Bob Kress, Mason, TN

Johnny Parker, Murray, KY



Our condolences go out to one of our long-time members, **Waldo Emerson**, from Decatur, GA. He lost his wife **Sharon** on January 1, 2019.

The Money Bucket

submitted by Connie Plank, club treasurer
Treasurer's Report as of 04/01/19



Club's Regular Account

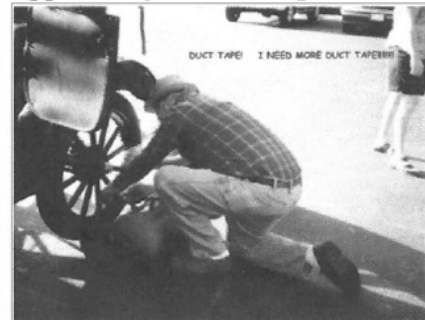
Starting Balance (03/02/19)	\$6,157.84
Total Deposits	\$15.00
Total Deductions (Lynn Cook)	-\$75.89
Ending Balance	\$6,096.95

Nat'l Tour Checking Account

Starting Balance (03/02/19)	\$42,440.00
Deposits	\$4,760.00
Centerpieces	-\$60.00
Checks	-\$15.04
Ending Balance	\$47,124.96

T-HUMOR

"A creative man sees an opportunity for duct tape."



Duct tape! Duct tape! I need more duct tape!

Told you that duct tape would work!

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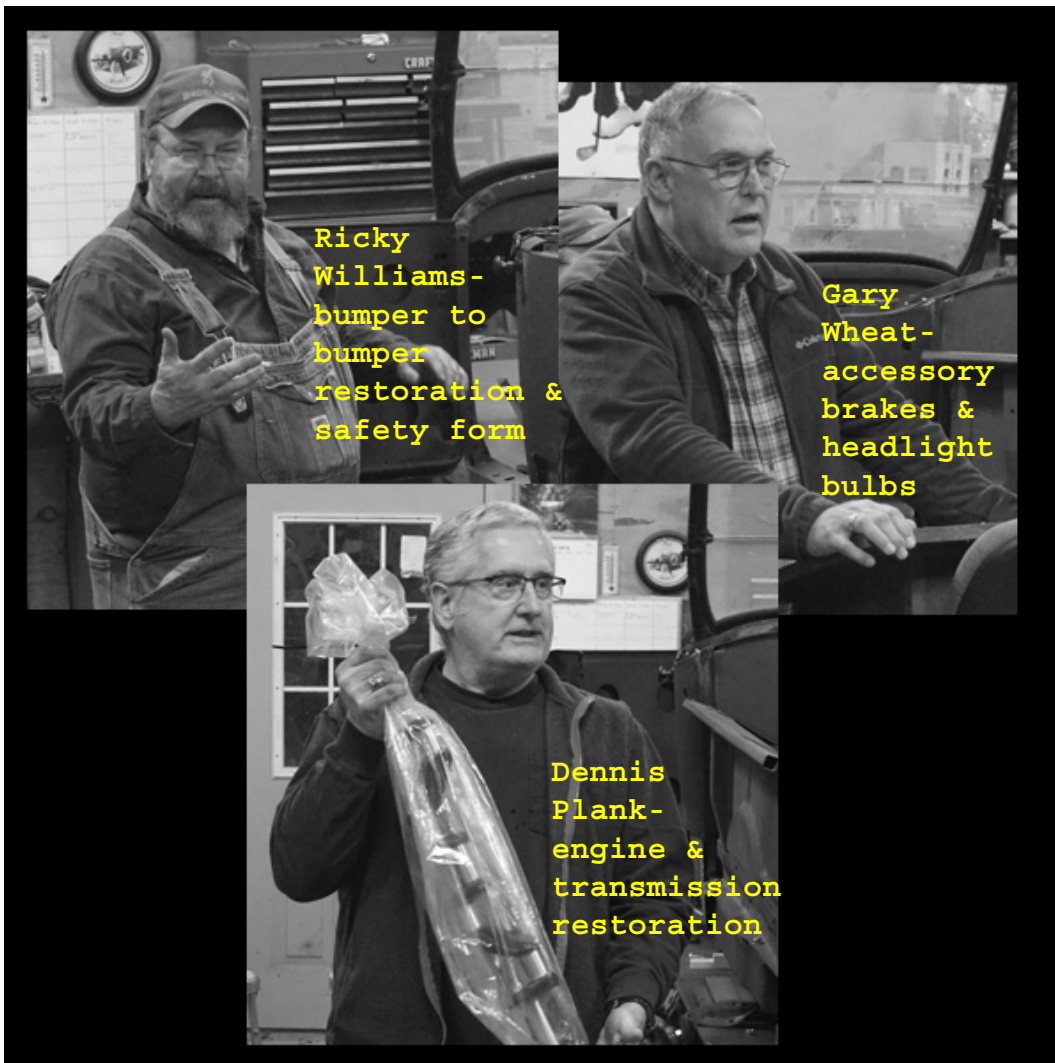
Who was Lynn Cook?



Thanks to Larry Williams

Lynn Cook grew up in the area that is now known as “The Land Between The Lakes”. From early childhood he was mechanically inclined,. After spending four years in the Navy as a mechanic he continued a mechanical career with TVA beginning as an operator and working up through the ranks to retire as a Shift Supervisor. Lynn owned a Model T in high school so after retirement when he was on vacation in Alaska and the opportunity came to purchase a Model T, without hesitation he shipped it home. From day one he determined to learn all he could about Model T’s. He made many improvements to his car and was always willing to share his knowledge and help with any other Model T owner. As he worked to make a car more efficient Lynn always had safety in mind. He was one of five Charter members of the Tennessee T’s. He would be very proud that the Chapter is growing and has elected to meet one weekend each year to share knowledge and experience with one another.

1931-1914



Ricky Williams- bumper to bumper restoration & safety form

Gary Wheat- accessory brakes & headlight bulbs

Dennis Plank- engine & transmission restoration

Photos above- Our very capable instructors. Thanks for your time and experience!

Thanks to **David Walker** for most of the photos at the Lynn Cook Day.







A message from Ken Nye & Jenni Whitehall

Here's some photos of Winter Tour from us! What a sand and sun blast! Good job, Steve Ellis & Co.! Our daughter & family live in Clermont FL...in a house built in 1920. We couldn't resist taking a photo of it with our 1923 T in the sandy "driveway"! And we picked up our granddaughter at school, too. There's a photo out the hotel room window of pool area. And one of the beach stop to get sand in our toes. Thanx for all you do...see you at Reelfoot Tour! Ken Nye & Jenni Whitehall in NC.



Thanks, Jenni, for the submission

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)
May 16-18, 2019	Tennessee T's Spring Tour- Reelfoot Lake Region
May 17-18, 2019	Lurey, Virginia, Hosted by Shenandoah Valley Racket-Ters, dennis@fairviewnet.com
June 8, 2019	Richmond, Indiana USA - Homecoming at Model T Museum
June 15-July 14, 2019	1909 Great Race Reenactment The Reenactment of the 1909 Great Race (a.k.a. Ocean to Ocean 2019 Tour) www.oceantoocean.ning.com
July 14-19, 2019	2019 MTFCI Annual Tour in Prince Edward Island, Canada
June 16-19, 2019	59th Annual Endurance Run "Montana 500"
June 16-20, 2019	Poor Boy Tour 2019, Hendersonville, NC
June 19-22, 2019	Lincoln, Nebraska USA - 2019 International Speedsters Trials & Reunion
July 14-19, 2019	2019 MTFCI Annual Tour in Prince Edward Island, Canada
August 17-23, 2019	MTFCA National Tour, Highland Rim Tour hosted by the Tennessee T's, based out of Cookeville, TN
Around Labor day	Ohio Jamboree (exact dates to be published when known)
Sept. 4-8, 2019	Salem, Missouri USA - 37th Annual Hillbilly Tour
Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2019	Park County Indiana Covered Bridge Tour
October 9-12, 2019	Hershey Swap Meet

T-HUMOR CONTINUED

One car on the Tour de Catfish II had a leaky radiator. Owner of car quickly dispatched his wife to find either black pepper or horse manure. Thank goodness she found black pepper. After pouring a cup full into the radiator the leak stopped and we were off. The ones of us bringing up the rear that day were really glad she found the pepper because we have been told the horse manure creates quite an aroma.

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Watch out for distracted drivers!

Back in July 2009 Charlie and Anita Owen were on the national tour in Johnson City, TN. This was their 2nd tour (ever), sitting and waiting in traffic, when a distracted driver with loose steering made a left hand turn and clipped the fender of their '26 Coupe. There is not much you can do in a situation like this.

Not necessarily a Model T event, but it is definitely an "old car event"- member **Ken Jack** sent me an online brochure for a Sotheby Auction, 4-5 May, in St. Louis <http://media.rmsothebys.com/digitalcatalogs/2019/GC19/index.html>
Let us know what you buy!

2019 Model T Winter Tour – February 24th – 28th

St. Augustine, Florida



The Tin Lizzie Club of North Central Florida hosted more than 150 Model T's at the 2019 Winter Tour held at the Renaissance Resort in World Golf Village. The Tennessee T's were well represented with 12 members & their spouses in attendance.

Left: Model T's begin arriving at host hotel

Below: Cars line up near hotel lobby. That's Ken Nye & Jennie Whitehall's 1923 touring in the foreground.

Sunday afternoon we did a short 25 mile tour of the area around World Golf Village and had lunch at one of the local diners along International Golf Parkway. Need I say golf is VERY big here?



The World Golf Village hosts various PGA events, gives golf lessons, and is home to the World Golf Hall of Fame. Actor Bill Murray and his brother opened "Caddyshack" restaurant here as well. Best shrimp in town! Later that evening, everyone gathered for the opening banquet.



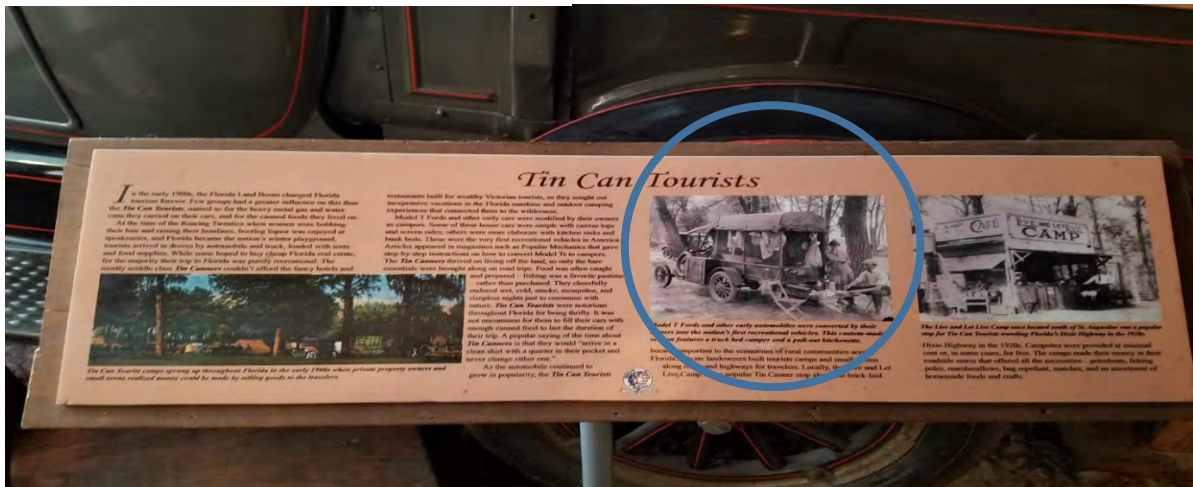
Doug Hauge, left, and his parents Bob & Ruth, far right, were featured in the December newsletter. Their home & the car pictured were destroyed by Hurricane Michael. Doug is rebuilding their home and the adjacent Model T garage. His parents are living in Doug's camper on a lot nearby. Doug decided to give them a break from all the carnage and cleanup. Glad to be touring with them this week. They're joined here by their day nurse, Linda.



Tennessee T'ers at opening banquet-
L to R: Waldo Emerson, Paula Gember, Sam Turner, Mark Gember, Dom Denio, Clara Hooshmand, Kathy Easley, Mark Martinez, Jenny Whitehall, Bob Easley, Ken Nye, Max Larson, Judy Marley, Ramona Aiken, Bill Markey, and George Aiken. Not pictured: Lori Tankersly, Doug Hauge, Dave and Karen Simmering

On Monday, our first full day of touring, we drove ~15 miles into downtown St. Augustine. We visited the Oldest Store Museum, then boarded trolley cars and took a leisurely sightseeing tour of America's oldest city. The "Ancient City" of St. Augustine was established in 1565 by Spanish explorers, and is the oldest permanent city in the United States. Points of Interest included the Fountain of Youth, an 18th century schoolhouse, the oldest house in the U.S., Flagler College, and the Lightner Museum. We departed the trolley in the Old Town district, and strolled down St. George St., lunching at one of the local eateries. We then toured Castillo de San Marcos, the oldest and northernmost outpost of Spain's vast New World empire, built in 1695. For ~45 years, the fort successfully endured sieges by British, Georgian, and Carolinian forces.

Right: T's line up near the Oldest Store Museum.
 Below: In the early 1900's, "Tin Can Tourists" came to Florida in droves, named for the gas and water cans carried on their Model T's, and for the tin cans of food they brought. Many couldn't afford the fancy hotels built for the rich & famous who wintered here, so they modified their T's with makeshift tents.



On Tuesday our tour route took us across the St. Johns River to the town of Palatka and Ravine Gardens State Park, a natural, scenic area discovered in 1774. Recent rains had washed out the main road and prevented travel in our T's. So we walked the hiking trails that looped through the ravine and crossed a wooden swinging bridge. The colorful landscape in the ravine was draped in thick blankets of azaleas, tropical and subtropical plants.



After dinner, we met back at the hotel for the ice cream social, followed by the annual auction.

Right: Brent Terry assists "auctioneer" Steve Ellis during the bidding over a wide variety of items, including numerous Model T parts, handmade stools, quilts, artwork, period clothing & baskets of goodies from various chapters.

The raffle for a fully rebuilt engine & transmission raised more than \$6000.

All proceeds from the raffle and auction go directly to Model T Ford club youth initiatives and scholarship funds.



The next day we headed out to the Military Museum of North Florida. Small but very interesting. It featured exhibits from the Revolutionary War days to present. Below, several T's pose beside a WWII transport vehicle.



Tour participants explore the exhibits inside the military museum



Know what this is ???

Hint: It ties back to something we showcase in Huntsville.

Answer at the end of this article.



On Thursday we crossed the inter-coastal waterway to visit Anastasia State Park, and took a long walk along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. Next we visited the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. In the olden days, the lighthouse keeper had to carry buckets filled with 20 lbs. of oil up the stairs several times a day to keep the lamplight burning. Only 219 steps to the top!

Next we visited an Alligator Farm featuring rare and exotic birds, mammals, and reptiles, including **23 species of crocodilians!** I was anxious to see a masked critter I saw in an ad I mistakenly called a "Panda Monkey."



The ring-tailed Lemur... Paula's Panda Monkey!



There were many "ginormous" gators...thank goodness Mark didn't get swallowed up by a real one!



Several of our Tennessee T's Florida residents knew all the best places to eat in & around St. Augustine. We met up at Corky Bell's for a delicious lunch. Fresh seafood, catfish, or gator tail, anyone?

Bill Markey is doing well following bypass surgery. Max Larson's grand-daughter Emmy was with him this week & shared driving duties in his '27 touring.

The highlight of Thursday's tour was a drive along the Atlantic coast to a private car & memorabilia collection. We have been fortunate to see many unique collections over the years, but this was the first time we had seen a shaving mug and children's barber chair collection! Check out that motorboat & roadster!



The owner was a Ford executive for many years and owns several Ford dealerships. He told us he began collecting as a young teen and couldn't stop. He now has a very extensive and "illuminating" sign display & many cars.

Once back at the hotel, many of us changed into vintage clothing for the closing banquet.



We'd like to thank tour planners Steve Ellis, and Adam & Karen Krawchuk, and the rest of the Tin Lizzie Club for everything they did to make this tour so enjoyable. Next year's Winter Tour will be in Gainesville, Florida.

One final note...In the "Know What This Is?" photo, our '26 Coupe was parked next to an external fuel tank used on one of the Space Shuttle Missions. It was jettisoned over the Atlantic and later recovered by the Navy.

Paula recently posted a video of the tour on YouTube. Be sure to give her a thumbs-up if you like it.

<https://youtu.be/neFi-s2Pnds>

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

BOOGERS IN THE PAN!

By Brett Ritter

I don't know if this qualifies, but.... A mouse family had made our spare engine in the barn their home. Sadly, they had to be evicted since we had to use the block to replace our cracked one.

The transformation when it was rebuilt was astonishing. Brett



FACT or FICTION- Did Henry Ford use Spanish moss in his Model T seat cushions?



We all can't help but notice the Spanish moss that heavily blankets trees in many southern states. It makes very soft bedding, and it is so prevalent that it was once used to stuff mattresses and furniture upholstery. The trolley drivers in St. Augustine told us Henry Ford tried to use Spanish moss in his Model T's instead of horse hair. But, it had not been properly washed and treated before use, and tiny biting red bugs that like to nest in it emerged. This resulted in the very first automotive recall. Whether Henry really used Spanish moss has been defended and disputed in many publications, but we found the story interesting nonetheless.

Thanks to Paula Gember for this info



Big John got lost. And, 'Ol Rowdy found him smelling the daffodils. :)

Members on the Mend

Vandy Williams was on her annual anniversary trip to Natchez, MS, when she fell ill, requiring hospitalization. The latest report is that she is back in the hospital, in Humboldt, awaiting the latest test results. **Breaking News!! She has been released and is back at home.** See the final page.

Charlie Owen has recently been having back problems, to the point that it's been troublesome to drive his Model T. I understand that he is being administered a series of injections that has eased his pain some with each dose. Come on Charlie- get behind the wheel again!



Hey, we tour
the whole
dang state!
And then some!

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



Go To the **Final page**- be sure to go to the final page and read the note from Vandy.

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

Don't forget- Big John makes beautiful, hand-crafted wooden steering wheels.

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**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 COLLEGE STUDENTS
CAN JOIN DUES - FREE**

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.

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Bill, Will you include this.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls and texts. My Model T friendships mean more to me than words could ever express. I appreciate those that were there for Ricky (who has been my rock through this whole ordeal) offering him calming words when we really needed to hear them. I love and cherish you all and look forward to seeing you on tour.

Vandy

Sent from my iPhone