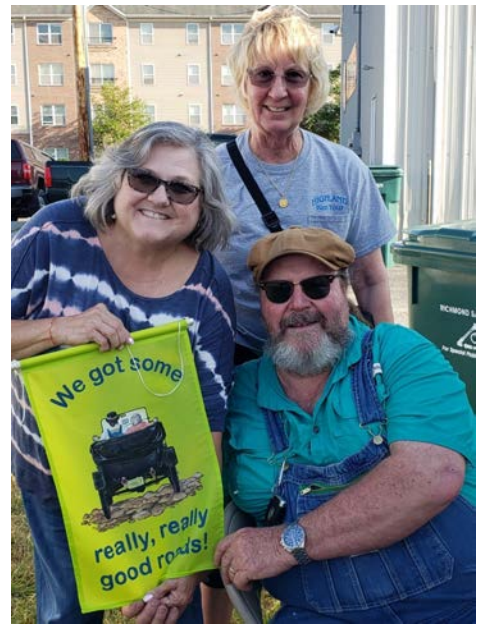




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<http://tennesseets.weebly.com/>



Greeting's Model T'ers,

EDITORS Note: I'm writing the intro note since Ricky and Vandy are up at the Model T homecoming. They do so much for our Club, thanks so much for what you do.

It is getting warm and a great time to get your Model T's tuned up, repaired and out touring. Several of our members were up at the Homecoming at the Model T Museum on June 3, 2023. I find it amazing how active our Tennessee T's group members are in the MTFCA. Our club President, Ricky Williams, is a National Director. Our member George Akin is a Past President and current Vice President on the Executive Board.

Even more exciting is the recent late breaking news announcement of the 2023 Ben Yumori Driving award! Mark and Paula Gember embrace the love of driving Model T's anywhere and everywhere. I consider them in the "Major Leagues" of Model T drivers. We will have more information on this award in the next newsletter, but feel free to check out the write up in the Vintage Ford magazine, Volume 58, number 3.

On that note, I'd like to mention the vast array of members and how they enjoy their wonderful cars. Some of our members have speedsters and like driving the back roads fast, some of us like driving our cars around the farm and neighborhood, some get out in the community in parades, while other go on multi-day and week tours of our Great country. There is one common theme amongst us all- We enjoy driving our Model T's.

Happy T'ing

Paul Gierow, Editor,

p.s. Ricky's message will be back!



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From Tennessee



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.

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events are bold)
➔	Note: contact the event host before making plans to attend.
June 18-23, 2023	MTFCA 2023 National Tour, Manhattan, KS.
JULY 16-21, 2023	MTFCI 66th Annual Tour Baraboo, WI
FALL Sometime	Nobody will Commit Tour, Somewhere near Stella TN
September 6-10, 2023	Hillbilly Tour, Harrison, Arkansas

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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.

Chaplain's Report June 2023

By Don Demio, Tennessee T's



Note From the editor: At the time of publication we were unable to get Don's report. We will take this opportunity to thank Don for his contributions to the newsletter and providing us scripture to lift us up.

Should you experience or become aware of one of our members experiencing a death in the family, hospitalization or serious medical issue, please inform one of our club officers if you wish us to support you.

Isaiah 41:10 "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you."

Treasurer's Report

The Money Bucket

submitted by **Connie Plank**,
Club Treasurer



Starting Balance (03/01/2023)	\$8,235.02
Total Deposits *	\$80.00
Total Expenses **	-\$10.93
Ending Balance – (05/31/2023)	\$8,304.09
* Total Deposits	
Dues	\$80.00
** Total Expenses	
Sympathy/Get Well Cards	\$10.93

Model T Ford **TRIVIA**

Question#1:

What was the Ford guarantee in 1909?

answer on pg 10

Our Member Phillip Lee... distant relative of Moonshine Mike, recently attended the Franklin TN Rodeo Parade. He sent some nice photos of the event showing off his Rodeo T Truck! Get out and show the public our Model T'sgreat job Phillip.



Moonshine Mike's- Gettin' Home

by Phillip Lee

You may remember that Moonshine Mike bartered with Running Waters to make a coat out of the bearskin from the bear that Ma killed when it got into her chicken pen. After telling the story of giving a finger to a coon. Moonshine Mike gave the bearskin to Running Waters saying, "My friend Running Waters, when will coat for Ma be ready?" Running Waters answered while holding up one finger "Coat be done one moon from now."



Moonshine Mike climbed in the T to go home but the battery was down so the "T" would not start. Running Waters and two of his cousins went over to Moonshine Mike and asked, "Why horseless carriage not working?" Moonshine Mike answered, "Don't know Running Waters, but I can start it with the crank on the front." Running Waters said, "Me show cousins how to make horseless carriage go." Moonshine Mike nodded his head. Running Waters grabbed the crank with both hand and gave it a big whirl, but Moonshine Mike had failed to retard the spark control lever and KAPOW went the T and Running Waters was thrown a flip backward.

Boy, you should have seen the Indians grabbing their mid section and rolling on the ground laughing. Running Waters lay on the ground with a big surprise look on his face. Running Waters rolled over, sat up, looked around giving his cousins a very hard stare. The cousins stopped laughing as Running Waters got up with only his pride hurt. Running Waters said as he pointed at one of his cousins, "Now you startum this thing." Moonshine Mike set the spark control all the way up as another Indian grabbed the crank and gave it a whirl. The "T" sputtered to life and the cousins slapped Running Waters on the back while laughing. Running Waters pointed at Moonshine Mike with a scowl and said, "Paleface, you go now!" Moonshine Mike gave a crooked smile, waved at the Indians and slowly drove off.



As the “T” rolled along the valley, a polecat darted from behind a rock right under the right front wheel and the polecat let out a big cloud of stink and the cloud completely covered the T and Moonshine Mike. A big stink accompanied Moonshine Mike and the “T” as he parked by the front porch. Ma met Moonshine Mike at the front door with a broom in her hand and said, “You don’t think you are coming in this house with that polecat all over you, do you? Now get yo self down to the creek and start washing and burn those overalls! Get some of them canned “maters” to scrub with after you get done washing with the lye soap.”



Moonshine Mike started stripping as he headed toward the creek. He threw his outer clothes under the wash pot so Ma could burn them when she heated water for her next clothes washing on Thursday. After washing with lye soap, he poured the “maters” on his head and rubbing them all over his body. When Moonshine Mike went back to his house, Ma was waiting for him with some clean clothes. Ma said with a laugh, “Well Pa, now you smell like a clean polecat that has been running around in the mater patch.” Pa asked, “Ma, do I smell goodnuf to come in the house?” Ma said, “I recon so Pa, but don’t get too close.” Moonshine Mike got a good nights sleep on the floor by the fireplace. It was not the first time he had to sleep in the front room and probably will not be the last either.

Moonshine Mikes continued adventures...

Moonshine Mike was out the door just as the sun was peaking over the ridge and heading to the “T”. Boy, that “T” still had as strong a smell of the polecat that it had yesterday. So, how do you get the smell of a polecat off the “T”? He had used lye soap and “maters” to get most of the polecat smell off him, so why not the “T”? Moonshine Mike drove the “T” to the middle of the creek, got the milk bucket, lye soap, a jar of maters and an old rag and started washing the “T”. About that time, Ma walked out on the porch and saw Moonshine Mike using the milk bucket and shouted, “Pa, if you get that milk bucket smelling like a polecat, you gonna be sleeping in the barn.” Moonshine Mike shrugged his shoulders and kept washing. Moonshine Mike was sure hoping that the polecat smell did not get in the milk bucket.

Moonshine Mike gazed up toward the hills and said to himself, “I thinks it’s time me and the boys went to the hunting lodge fer a few day.”



What is in your Tool Bag... go check!

*Tools To Take Along in a Model T

by Bill Robinson

* NOTE: My Model T's all run on Ford's magneto system. If yours has a distributor, electronic, or other system- then your list may vary.



29 Don't forget the tube patches!

1. Baling wire	15. Tire removal irons
2. Jumper wires 10ga & 16ga	16. Channellock type pliers
3. Electronic test light	17. Asst'd electrical connectors
4. Manifold nut wrench	18. Timing rod bending tool
5. Model T front spindle wrench	19. Cotter pins, tire valve, caps, etc
6. SAE combination wrench assortment	20. Timing tool
7. 15/16" combination wrench	21. Ratchet 3/8" drive
8. Ford head bolt/ spark plug wrench	22. Sockets 3/8"drive asst'd
9. Wire cutters	23. Ratchet 1/2" drive w/15/16" socket
10. Std pliers	24. Adjustable wrenches
11. Needle nose pliers	25. Ford trans band wrench
12. Model T jack	26. Electrical tape
13. Dental floss	27. Hub puller
14. Screwdrivers	28. Tool bag
	29. Inner tube patch kit

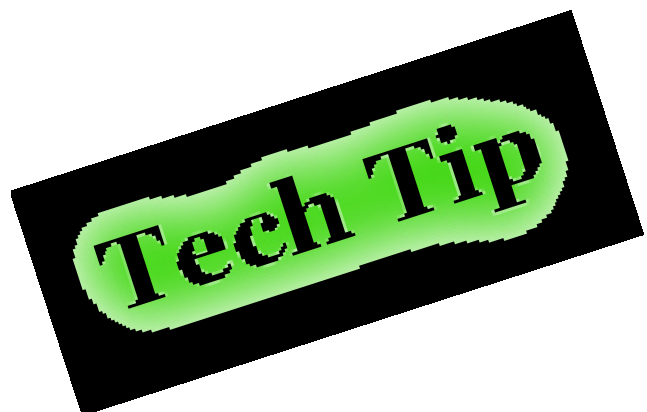
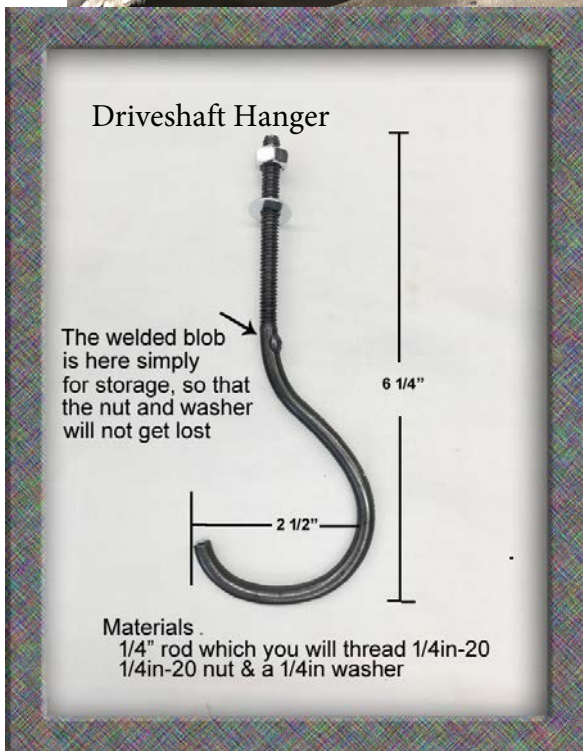
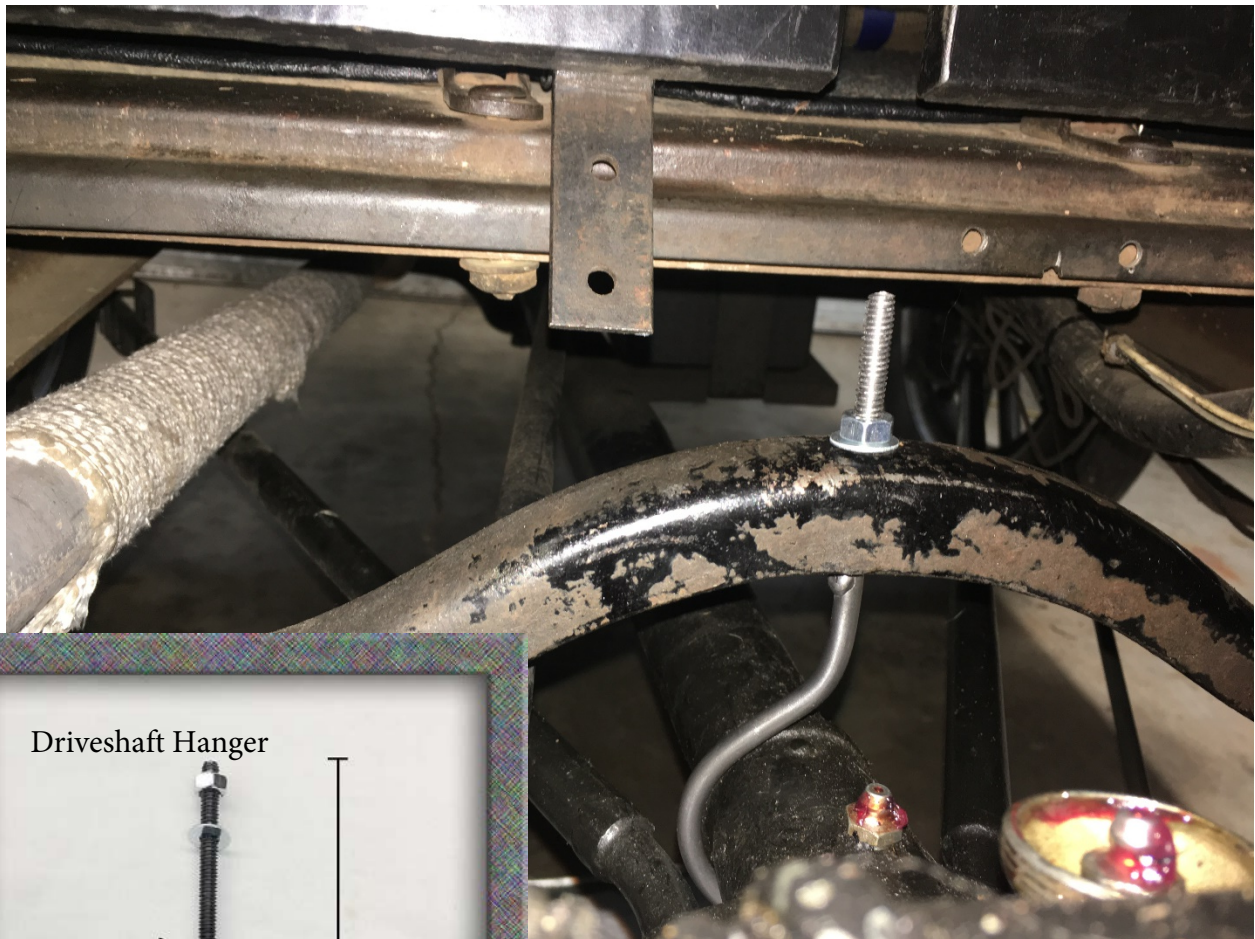
BOOGER... IN THE PAN!

I HOPE YOU NEVER NEED THIS TOOL! ..by Bill Robinson

It's a Driveshaft Hanger.

If the need happens where you have to pull your Model T engine (1925-27), insert the threaded end up through the hole in the crossmember that is above the u-joint. Swivel the hook of the tool so that it is hooked under the driveshaft, then put the washer and nut onto the treaded portion. Snug the nut down "finger tight", then remove the engine.

When the engine is ready to be re-installed the driveshaft will be hanging correctly and ready for installation into the transmission.



With great sadness we announce that Tennessee club member Kenneth Nye passed away May 5, 2023. Click on the link for his wonderfully written obituary and funeral arrangements. <https://mtnviewcremation.com/obituaries/kenneth-h-nye/>



FALL TOUR 2022 DAY 4

image provided via Paula Gember youtube "sweetting"

Please Notify the Editor for any illnesses or deaths within the club



New Members

§ *The Tennessee T's need some new Members to carry on the fun of driving a Model T! ...much like Phillip Lee's grandchildren....*

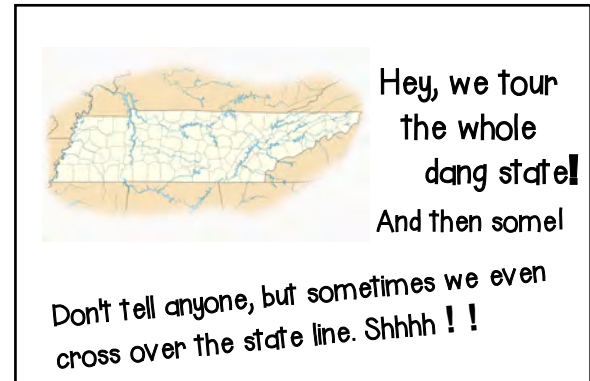
TRIVIA answer

Answer to Question #1-

The Guarantee:

Henry Ford has built more automobiles than any other manufacturer and he has never designed or built a failure. Twenty-five thousand successful cars bearing the Ford imprint are in use today and are just so many testimonials of Ford success. This is your guarantee when you buy a Ford car.

As Described in the January 1909 Catalog



FULL TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS CAN JOIN DUES - FREE

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. pgierow@tennrose.com

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.

FACEBOOK

For those members who don't already know it, the Tennessee T's club now has a Facebook page that is hosted by Ricky and Vandy Williams. To find it click on the link **FACEBOOK** - Where it says "search Facebook" type in Tennessee T's.

Please leave comments, videos, pictures, etc to let Rick and Vandy know that their efforts aren't wasted

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

for
TENNESSEE T'S, INC.
Model T Ford Club

Name _____ Spouse _____
Birthday _____ Birthday _____
Anniversary _____
Email _____ Email _____
Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: .. \$20.00
Due By: *January 1st / each year*
Make Check Payable To: **Tennessee T's, Inc.**
Mail To: *Vandy Williams, Secretary*
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You are cordially invited to join the Tennessee T's, Inc. pursuant to the rules and By-laws governing the club and its membership. You must be a member in good standing of either the Model T Ford Club of America or the Model T Ford Club International. (WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH.) To participate in chapter events (tours), your vehicle must meet chapter safety guidelines. *(Safety form is not required for club membership.)*

MTFCI# _____ MTFCA# _____

List cars (body style and year)

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Signature

Date