

# THE TENNESSEE T'S



## NUTS AND BOLTS NEWS

MAY/JUNE 2005

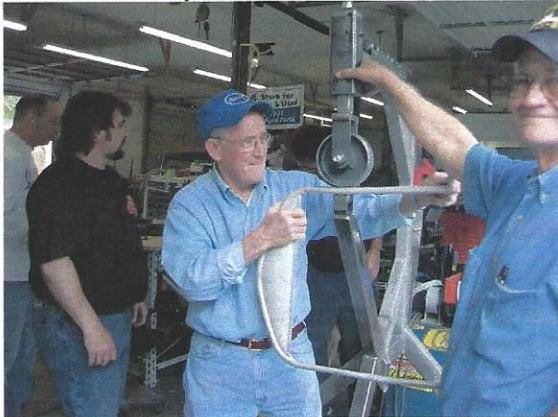
EDITOR: Carolyn Williams

### SPRING IS HERE      MODEL T'S ARE ON THE ROAD

Ken and Joyce Swan and Glenn Storck and Susan Harrington attend the MTFCA winter meeting in Biloxi, MS in early April. Don't miss their article on this "rather wet" but great weekend later in the newsletter.

Gary and Annette Tillstrom, Ralph and Teresa Williams, Tom and Pat Rowe, Ken and Joyce Swan, and Mr. Hall recently attended a picnic in Millington that the AACA club sponsors. They met several folks with T's and A's. Hope to get them out driving.

The weekend of April 22, Larry and Carolyn and Lynn and Sue attended a Restoration Workshop in Elizabethton, TN. Great learning experience. Brent Terry, owner of the shop, plans to conduct this workshop again. We encourage you to attend this workshop if your schedule permits. Watch for a series of articles by Tony Cimorelli in The Model T Times on restoration techniques. Also check the Forum. We left Elizabethton in a snowstorm on Sunday and returned to Cookeville. On Monday we toured the Cookeville area with Tony and Yvonne Cook.



Working with the English wheel.

Mac and Ernestine Flowers attended the Blue Suede Cruise In in Tupelo the weekend of April 30 – May 2. Mac reported a total of 495 cars this year. Three or four T's were there.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> Gary Tillstrom, Tom and Pat Rowe and Darrel and DJ Carter attended the Arlington in May Festival. Gary says the best part was eating at Gus's Fried Chicken.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7<sup>th</sup> – AACA Antique show in Jackson

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 May 21<sup>st</sup> – North MS Day Drive  
 (see flyer in newsletter)

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 June 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> – Petit Jean Swap Meet Morrelton, AR

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 June 23 – 25 – Waverly weekend  
 New route. Friday night cookout.  
 Saturday and Sunday drive.

Hotel – Imperial Lodge  
 (931) 296 –2521  
 Call Larry/Carolyn (931) 296-3172  
 for more information

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 July 17<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 49<sup>th</sup> International Tour  
 See Model T Times for information

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 Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Natchez Trace Tour

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 December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas meeting  
 Waverly, TN.

## GET WELL WISHES

Three of our members need our prayers and cards.

William Johnson-heart problems  
 Ann Corlew  
 Pat Asher

## Birthdays

Recently the Williams, Cooks and Flowers celebrated their March and April birthdays. Between the six that can count 438 years. Shooting for 500. Gary and Frances Curtis helped with the celebration.

## FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT AND COUNTING.....



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Betty VanBruggen.....1<sup>st</sup>  
 Ginny Scudder.....8<sup>th</sup>  
 Mary H. Meadows.....9<sup>th</sup>  
 Pat Johnson.....20<sup>th</sup>  
 Frances Curtis.....23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Betty Jack.....27<sup>th</sup>  
 Charles Corlew .....30<sup>th</sup>  
 Bill Markey.....31<sup>st</sup>

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn Storck/Susan Harrington  
 Larry & Carolyn Williams.....19<sup>th</sup>

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Tony Cook.....3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Nell Harris.....4<sup>th</sup>  
 Yvonne Cook.....5<sup>th</sup>  
 William Johnson.....16<sup>th</sup>  
 Maria Sumerall.....18<sup>th</sup>  
 June Ross.....29<sup>th</sup>  
 Don Meadows.....30<sup>th</sup>

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Marge Krull.....10<sup>th</sup>  
 Charles & Ann Corlew.....16<sup>th</sup>  
 Bud & Ginny Scudder.....21<sup>st</sup>  
 Ken & Joyce Swann.....22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Bill & Linda Eden.....24<sup>th</sup>  
 Mac & Ernestine Flowers.....29<sup>th</sup>



# North Mississippi

## Day Drive



## Hernando A-Fair

Please come and join us on a day drive through the North MS countryside. We will be going to Hernando A-fair. Then on to the Desoto Museum, and Antique stores. It will be a full day of Model t fun.

On Saturday, May 21 we will be leaving at 8:30 am. We will meet at Calvary Baptist Church at the corner of Church Road and Hwy. 51. Take the Church Road exit off I-55 south, then turn right heading west for approx. 2 miles to Hwy 51. The church will be on the northwest corner in sight of the intersection. Church has been confirmed.

This will be a full day, approx. 95 miles. We will travel from Horn Lake to Hernando, then on to Senatobia and then to Olive Branch, and then back to Horn Lake.

There are several hotels in the area if you plan to stay the night. Please call for more information. Ralph Williams 662-342-9140

Drury Inns and Suites 735 Goodman Rd Phone 1-800-378-7946  
These rooms are pricey but nice 80 to 100 a night. Parking Good

Motel 6 701 Southwest Drive, Phone 1-662-349-4439  
Better, room prices for double 65.99 a night. Parking Ok  
Southwest runs right behind Drury Inn.

Sleep Inn 708 Desoto Cove, Phone 1-662-349-2773  
Room prices are \$79.00 for double and \$74.00 for single.  
Trailer parking is in Cracker Barrel parking lot, only curb separates.

Days Inn 801 Desoto Cove Phone 1-662-349-3493  
68.40 for Double 64.80 for single. Parking ok, Lots of Trucks in rear  
Right behind Home Depot, Maybe noisy at times.

Sleep Inn and Days Inn are right across street from Drury and Motel 6  
Call us for directions and details.

Foolish, Foolhardy, or Just Plain Lucky  
Ken and Joyce Swan

We concluded that The Almighty had preordained that his quota of fools had been fulfilled for April 6, 2005, for it was on that day that we chose to drive through several tornadoes in the '22 Model T touring. We left Selmer around 6:30 A.M. under ominous clouds but fortunately, the night before, we had put the top up and had hung the side curtains but had left them rolled up. We had no more than reached Corinth, Ms (approximately 20 miles) on our way to Biloxi to attend the MTFCA Annual Meeting/Tour when the bottom fell out of the skies and continued for some 275 miles. Putting it mildly, the rain came at us sideways in gusts of wind that were not appreciated or fully understood until later in the day. We thought we had good, watertight side curtains. That myth was quickly dispelled as the deluge pounded us.

It was our intent to drive the entire 400+ miles to Biloxi that day, but by the time we had reached Laurel, MS some 10 hours later, plans changed by the exercise of common gumption; we were exhausted, road weary, somewhat soggy, and unsure of the road conditions that lay before us for the next 100 miles. The thought of driving an unfamiliar road and the probability of the untravelled road being six feet under water did not appeal to us at all considering the last 30-40 miles could be well after dark. Fortunately divine intervention gave us the good sense and good timing to find the only remaining room in Laurel, as it seemed there was some sort of convention going on in the region which evidently required all of the local hotel rooms. After checking in, we turned on the television, and to our horror we learned that we had just driven through the middle of several destructive tornadoes. (Thank goodness for Rainex.) This brought us to the conclusion of our opening statement that the Good Lord saw fit to have mercy upon us, and Henry's finest did not fail us.

The next day was much more conducive to travel, and we arrived at the convention hotel shortly after lunch. Later on that day, we ran into Glenn Storck and Susan Harrington who were also participating in the festivities. They kindly invited us to dine with them that evening, and needless to say, we enjoyed their camaraderie. It was indeed a pleasant surprise and experience. We returned to Selmer on Saturday driving the entire 403 miles in one day without a hitch. We are happy to report that the weather was fantastic, the flowers and foliage were all in bloom, and it made a spectacular and enjoyable return trip. We highly recommend that drive. Good touring to all.



## **The Extraction of My Rear End**

Gary Tillstrom

Ok, Ok, so it isn't a great title! It does make for a good story though, with no medical implications. This whole story starts back over a year ago. Ralph had been snooping through the antique stores in his area looking for the kinds of things men look for in these kinds of places. After his finding a few T parts he spoke with the owner who is now in his 60's and found out these folks used to run a junkyard right behind the junk store (go figure). He then tells Ralph they had a bunch of A and T stuff years ago near the back of the property.

Previous attempts by Ralph and others to gain access to these gems were met with frustration as this place is overgrown and I also believe it to be the official breeding ground for all the mosquitoes and ticks south of the Mason Dixon line. It's sort of like a national park only for bugs, snakes, etc.

About the end of February I suggested that we need to go explore that site before things turn green again. Ralph agreed and off we were one Saturday like amateur treasure hunters looking for who knows what. I'm not sure either of us would actually know a "who knows what" even if it were staring at us but that didn't matter, we were on a mission!

Sadly, it turns out all that A and T model stuff along the back of the property turned out to be three or four TT's that lost a demolition derby with a bulldozer. No engines, just junk! We did manage to find the remains of a TT that had a very desirable accessory item installed on it. This unit was fitted with a three speed in line auxiliary transmission mounted directly to the differential. With this unit, the truck would have an under drive, a direct gear, and an overdrive. After dragging the owner back there I asked him what he wanted for it. He told me I could have the whole thing (truck) for \$100. This presented a slight problem as I only had about \$35 on me and secondly, that rear axle wasn't going to fit in the trunk of the Buick. I told him I would be back the following Saturday if it wasn't raining.

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, it's "go time". Unlike many model T'ers going after parts, we didn't take what one would call "common tools" to remove this item. I guess I forgot to mention that one end of this axle had a tree grown over the top of it making it impossible to move. There were other trees as well growing through the bent and twisted frame. This was a time for total seriousness (and a couple of shovels). Shovels we had but we were also having fun so there goes the seriousness part.

After digging for the better part of probably 15 minutes (seemed more like a week and a half) we had it loose (sort of). Now the time had come to take this truck apart to get the axle off. Ralph and I both agree that one of the handiest tools you can own is an Oxygen/Acetylene torch. Other than the shovels, that's pretty much all we took. After about 4 minutes, "Ole Smokey" had it off for us. Now the "fun" would begin.

The two of us pick the rear end up and immediately I know we were both looking at the other like "when are you going to carry your half?". Eight seconds and four feet later, we drop it on command. This is just too heavy to carry the 200 feet to

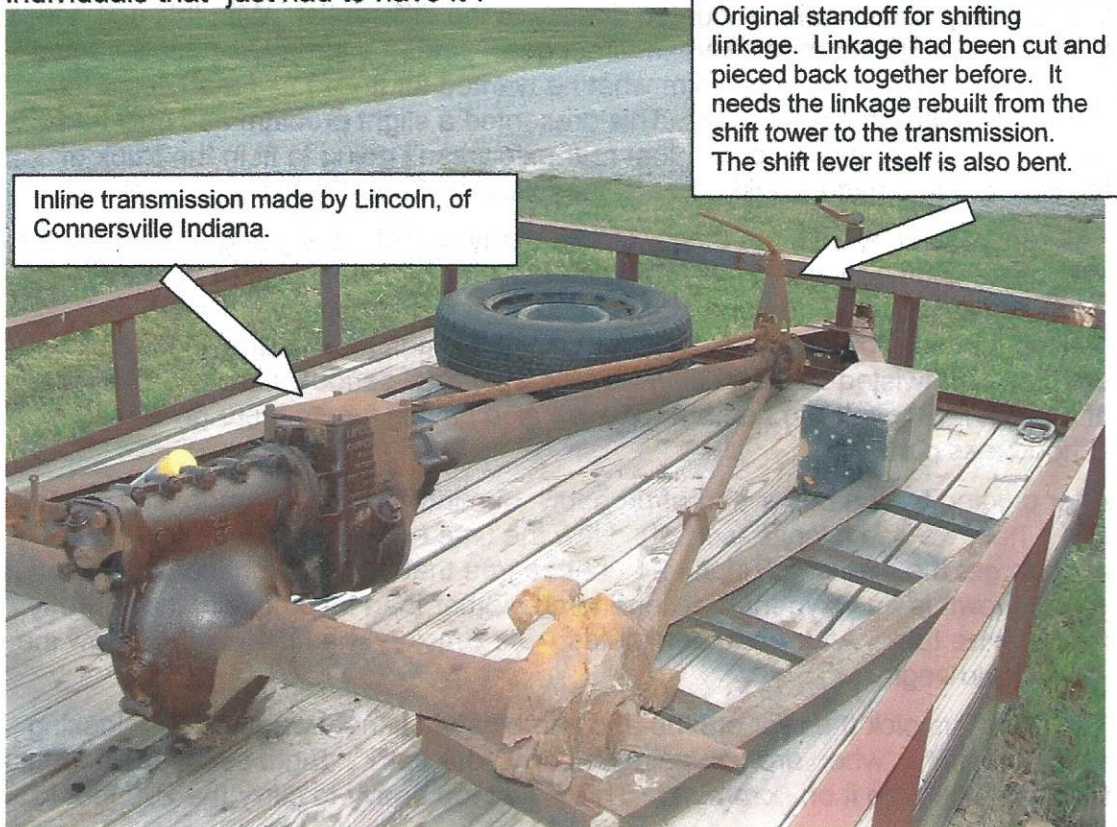


the truck. Now we're serious, we torch off the rear spring and cross member in an effort to reduce weight. Before we cut the spring we figured this thing to weigh about 400 pounds. With it now at a mere 385 we begin towards the truck crossing a gully, barbed wire fence, and a pile of beer bottles.

After going about 150 feet, we agreed to drop it on three. "One, three!" By this time, Ralph and I both have two legs that feel like noodles. We take all the tie down straps I have, a piece of chain, Ralph's come-alongs and can just barely reach the corner of the trailer. We use the truck to drag this thing across the mud spot that prevented us from getting the truck closer in the first place. With our new found treasure now on dry ground, all that is left to do is pick it up and put it on the trailer. We won't swear to it but we each think it gained another 150 pounds when we drug it because it was much harder to pick it up now than it was when we first grabbed it attempting to show it who was boss (We concede, it was!).

After opening this unit up, it looks new inside. It needs the shift linkage remade, as the elements and a mechanic once upon a time were not kind to it. I think it will work fine in my truck, which already has the 5:1, high-speed gear in it. With the 5:1 it will go 35 MPH but it is pretty busy inside and I'm hoping with the overdrive to just reduce the RPM to where 30-35 MPH sustained is a possibility.

Ralph and I are in agreement that had we each reached our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, that rear end would still be sitting right where we found it waiting on two other "Lucky" individuals that "just had to have it"!





## RELAY FOR LIFE BENEFIT

Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am till....?  
First Federal Bank in Waverly will be having a cookout with proceeds going to Relay for Life. We have been asked to bring T's as we did last year and give rides for donations with monies generated going to Relay for life. This is certainly a worthy cause and we hope that everyone that can will bring your car and donate rides.

## CAR SAVED

Bud Scudder now has the 1916 he purchased in Nashville back on the road. He replaced the carburetor, gas tank, changed the oil, aired the tires, two turns to prime, switch on, 3/4 turn and she was off and running. Way to go Bud.

## MTFCI NEWSLETTERS

We are attaching two mailing we received from the International. In one you will see that they are having a membership drive along with a competition to see which chapter can add the most new members. We are attaching a membership application to the International that has Tennessee T's stamped on the bottom. If you sign up any new Tennessee Chapter members this year ask them to use this form when they join the International. Who knows the Tennessee T's might be the winner.

## SOMEBODY – is not a mother

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby...**somebody doesn't know once you're a mother, "Normal," is history.**

Somebody said you learn to be a mother by instinct....**somebody never took a three year old shopping.**

Somebody said being a mother is boring...

**Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a drivers permit.**

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good,"...**somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.**

Somebody said you don't need a education to be a mother....**somebody never helped a fourth grader with her math.**

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first....**somebody never had five children.**

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books....**somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.**

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery....**somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten or on a plane headed for military "boot" camp.**

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home...**somebody never had grandchildren.**

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her..**somebody isn't a mother.**

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

AND:

REMEMBER THAT BEHIND  
EVERY SUCCESSFUL  
MOTHER.....

**is a basket of dirty laundry.**





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Special Edition, March, 2005  
Chapter Relations & Membership  
Committee Announces the  
2005 Membership Drive  
Competition

We invite all chapters to enter the competition to get new members of the Model T Ford Club International. The Award will be a Chapter Special Achievement Award for the most new members and will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January, 2006 and will be reported in a Model T Times Article. There will be First, Second and Third place awards for the highest number of new members and also the same awards for the highest percentage gains in new members for chapters. The competition is for Chapters chartered as of March 1, 2005. Membership in the Model T Ford Club International includes 6 issues per year of the Model T Times, access to over 600 pieces of technical literature on the website at [www.modelt.org](http://www.modelt.org) and the all-important liability insurance coverage in case of damage caused during one of your club events. This liability insurance covers MTFCI members during club events. The MTFCI also has a great Annual Tour as well as many regional tours. Just make sure your chapter name is on the application when you send it in. We have attached an application form that you can copy. It has your chapter name on it.

From your Chapter Relations Committee:  
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We'll keep you informed of progress during the year. Also, there has been a lot of youth activity. We know of two chapters that have youngsters building Model T projects, and the Ton Truck Club is building a TT Truck to benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund. Does your chapter have anyone working on one? We would appreciate your comments and input on how to better get the youth involved in the Model T hobby. The pictures are Richard, Ryan and Mike of the Rockford Chapter working on their car. Forward your pictures...we'll include them, also.





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Welcome to the April, 2005 edition of the Fun T-Times, a newsletter for the MTFCI Chapters to share information of interest.



The Spring Board Meeting was held at the Holliday Inn in Moline, IL on April 2, 2005 at 1pm. Highlights of the proceedings include:



- The July, 2005 International Tour planning is complete and will be one of the best yet. Sign up using the forms in the Model T Times and be sure to make hotel reservations ASAP.
- The Annual Meeting in January, 2006 will be on-board a cruise ship....a very good time for a very reasonable price. See the information in the Model T Times
- The MTFCI Foundation will award three scholarships this year, and the TT Truck Club is restoring a vehicle to be raffled to earn more money for the foundation. Details are in the Model T Times. Your support is appreciated. They need parts and monetary donations. Details in the Model T Times and at the website: [www.fordtontruckclub.org](http://www.fordtontruckclub.org)
- Youth activities at the July Tour will include activities for every age group, including special activities for the 18-27 age group spearheaded by BJ Miller. There will be a gathering one evening of the tour, and at registration, this group will be asked to help determine future activities.
- Several Chapters have expressed interest in hosting tours. Why not sponsor one in your region?
- Howard has printed some excellent articles from members and Chapters in the Model T Times, and always needs more. There is much expertise and experience within the membership. Want to see your name in print? Send your articles to Howard.



After the board meeting, we toured Craig Beek's collection of early Fords. Craig's place is more of a museum than a workshop and storage area for his cars. His collection also includes a 1903 Model A Ford...see the photos. All are beautifully restored or in the process of restoration.

The Membership Drive announced last month has stirred interest and several chapters are planning on winning the first place prize. The many benefits of the Model T Ford Club International include The Model T Times Magazine, a website which includes a huge technical library and member forum, and the all-important liability insurance for your club's activities. It is important that all Chapter members belong to the MTFCI so there can be no question of coverage. Attached are details of this coverage.

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## LIABILITY INSURANCE

**Cost** – The International pays for the Insurance premiums. There is no cost to the chapters.

**Insured** – All members, officers and directors of the International while performing any sanctioned activity on behalf of the Chapter or International. Member is defined as Member, Spouse and all Children through 18 years of age.

**Insurer** – J.C. Taylor Inc. Agent: Dan Marek, 14202 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. East, Tacoma, WA 98442.  
Phone: 253-537-4000

**Types of Coverage** - \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 Aggregate with a \$1,000,000 umbrella.

**Geographical Coverage** – The United States of America, its territories or possessions, and Canada.

**Coverage** – Coverage is automatic. You do not have to request coverage for each sponsored event. It is highly recommended, however, that you check with the International agent above if you have any questions or concern.

**Events Covered** – The insured are covered for occurrences happening on any property which is rented, leased or used by a Chapter for Chapter sponsored activities. This includes, but is not limited to, Chapter sponsored meetings, tours, picnics, dances, swap meets, parades and Chapter offices.

### Other Coverage –

**Product Liability** – Including the dispensing of food at Chapter sponsored events.

**Personal Injury Liability** – arising out of an offense, such as libel, slander or defamation of character, by a member while acting on behalf of the Chapter or the International.

**Fire Liability** – protects the Chapter and the International up to \$50,000 on building used but not owned by the Chapter or the International.

**Host Liquor Liability** – protects the International in regards to giving or serving of alcoholic beverages at Chapter or International sponsored functions, provided the sponsoring Chapter is not engaged in the business of selling or serving alcoholic beverages.

### Not Covered –

**Automobiles themselves are not covered.** It is their responsibility of every participant to have their own automobile liability insurance. Although this insurance coverage protects the Chapter in the event of some mishap, it in no way covers insured, under-insured or uninsured owners and drivers in auto related accidents. State laws regarding automobile insurance coverage must be obeyed.

**Sponsored Events that do not comply** with the laws of the State in which they occur are not covered.

**Events using Grandstands**, unless the grandstands are inspected. If grandstands are inspected and used for an event, there is no charge. If grandstands are inspected and not used, there will be an inspection charge. At least sixty (60) days notice to the International agent must be given for inspection.

**Qualifications** – Chapters must be active Chapters of the Model T Ford Club International and comply with the Bylaws of the International.

**Certificate of Insurance** – If a chapter rents or uses an area for an event, it may be requested to provide liability for the owner. If a Certificate of Insurance is needed for the landlord, it will be issued at no charge. At least sixty (60) days notice must be given. Contact the International agent listed above.

**Final Note** – We ask that you not accept our brief description of the insurance coverage as a complete explanation of the policy. We have tried to word the coverage in a non-legal way so it can be better understood. However, a narrative description can never replace a policy and the actual policy language will govern the limits of coverage involved.

Any questions pertaining to our Insurance coverage should be directed to the International agent shown on the preceding page.

From the MTFCI board meeting April 2, 2005