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HILLBILLY TOUR 2006



23rd Annual Hillbilly Tour:

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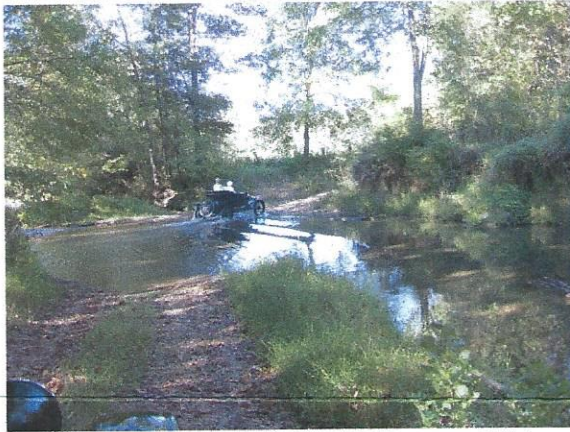
FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:

Last newsletter I commented that T's from our chapter were still rolling regardless of the hot weather. Now the weather is prefect and the T's are really rolling along.

Some are in CO, many have been to the Hillbilly tour and there are many one and two car afternoon drives taking place. One afternoon we started out driving across a cow pasture. At first we were herding the cows but ended up being herded by the cows.



Below is a picture from a recent local outing on a REAL back road. Just wanted to know your thoughts on this road for our next Waverly Weekend.



The Natchez Trace tour is two weeks away. Wish us well. Things are coming together in a hurry. Looking forward to seeing ALL of you at the Christmas meeting on December 2nd if not before. Take care and Happy Trails.
Larry

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The Tennessee T's were well represented the 23rd Annual Hillbilly Tour hosted by the Heart of the Ozarks Model T Club of Springfield, Missouri. Tennessee T's members enjoying this tour were Bill & Judy Markey, Bill & Linda Eden, Martin & Ann Alexander, Max Larson, Lynn & Sue Cook, Gary & Frances Curtis and Larry & Carolyn Williams.

The tour was hubbed in Excelsior Springs, MO and our home for the week was the historical hotel The Elms. The first Elms was built in 1888 and destroyed by fire in 1898. The second Elms was opened in 1909 and also destroyed by fire one year later. The current building was completed in 1912 and since that time has born witness to many historical events. President Harry Truman was at the Elms on election night in 1948. He sought refuge in this quiet place thinking he had lost only to be awakened during the night and told he had won. He was spirited away to Kansas City where the famous picture of him holding the newspaper proclaiming Dewey as the winner was taken.

The Elms was a training facility for Jack Dempsey, played host to the Rockefellers and the Roosevelts. Al Capone reportedly conducted drinking and gambling parties here during Prohibition.

During our stay in Excelsior Springs we visited in the downtown area and surrounding towns. We toured to Weston and Vaughn's apple orchard one day.

One of our favorite days was Friday when we visited an old Woolen Mill and the Jesse James Home. The weather was wonderful and our hosts most gracious. Next years Hillbilly Tour will be in Springfield, MO, September 1-8, 2007.



Editors Note: I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this newsletter. I appreciate your time and interest in our club newsletter. Hope to see everyone at our Christmas party.

In addition, our eldest member Mr. Ewell Hall lost his sister this month. I'm sure as a club, we would want him to know we send our sincere condolences.

Dr. T

by Joyce H. Swan

If I had been told when I was a little girl, or a teenager, or even as a student in college that I would be writing about a Model T, I probably would have responded with “yeah..., right..., what’s a Model T?” If someone would have suggested to me when I was teaching school and working in the ‘real world’ that I would spend hours, days, weeks, months, and now years working on a doctoral degree in the front seat of a T Model, I probably would have said “yeah..., right..., what’s a T Model?”

Fate has a strange way of intervening on one’s career and destiny by injecting providence; sometimes divine, sometimes man-made. In my situation it was more the latter than Celestial. It seems that my destiny was determined by “an offer I couldn’t refuse” in the form of a destitute, lonesome, middle-aged, pudgy, Ken Swan whose sole valued possession was a 1922 Model T Ford touring car. What a deal, what an offer, how could I have refused???

For the past three and a half years, I have been steadily in hot pursuit of my Ed.D. degree. When not in a classroom as a graduate doctoral student at The University of Memphis or in a classroom standing as an instructor before students at The University of Tennessee Martin, I have devoured tons of written matter while riding many, many, many miles in a Model T Ford. The ’22 (and also now in our ’27 camper project chassis) has been my relief valve from the pressure of the academic load of teaching at UTM and the research work required for the dissertation. Since my family life has been somewhat on hold for the past few years, I have sought refuge and consolation in the atmosphere of The Ford Motor Company’s legacy.

Rarely do we venture out that I am not in the company of books or academic publications. In the few times we do paperless tours, I have often marveled at roadside scenes never before observed by me only to be told that the road we are on is the umpteenth time we have passed the sight in question. Apparently we have many more routes to re-explore!

At this writing, I can say that great progress has been made, and I am hopeful that I can see a little light at the end of a long, long tunnel. Perhaps, just perhaps, the objective is in sight. With your kind prayers for me, a little luck, and a Model T that continues to rattle along, my mission **will** be accomplished.

Curing The Common Cold (and life's other little difficulties)

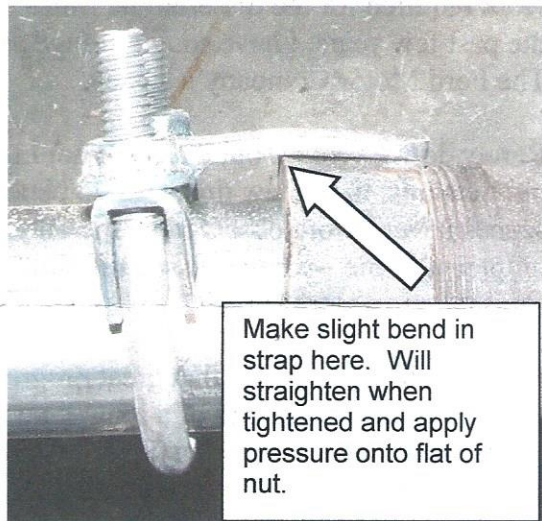
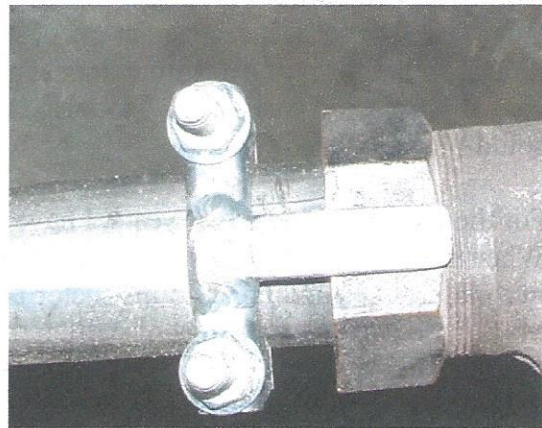
There have been certain things that have plagued mankind since the beginning of time. As fall approaches the chances are high that we will each catch a cold this year. I have always found there are two ways to be done with such misery. The first way is to go to the doctor and after about a week, your cold will be gone. The second way is to avoid going to the doctor at all cost and your cold will be gone in roughly seven days.

Not all problems are so easily solved. I'm still trying to figure out the "missing sock" phenomena that most men have in their dresser drawer. You know, when the socks are all paired up there always seems to be an extra with no mate. The only solution (not cure mind you) is to buy all the same color socks (no stripes, checks, etc.). This approach, while it doesn't fix the issue, at least allows one to usually find a matching pair.

One item that plagues many T's is the inability to keep the exhaust pack nut tight. Many grab a wrench to fit and tighten like there is no tomorrow. Ralph and I witnessed one being tightened in Wisconsin a couple of years ago and it was pulled on so hard that you could see the manifold actually twist. I suspect this only serves to start an exhaust leak where the manifold meets the block as the crush rings become slightly deformed on one side. Later that day, the same pack nut was again loose.

I am not sure why some T's can't keep that nut on but it is a fact of life that some just won't stay tight.

The nut can be stopped from turning fairly easily. I bought a muffler clamp and welded a small piece of strap to it. The scrap will need to be bent slightly so as to provide interference onto the nut when tightened. For \$1.50 you can stop the nut from turning. It just looks better to me than the hose clamp you see on so many cars (which also seems to work by the way).



Make slight bend in strap here. Will straighten when tightened and apply pressure onto flat of nut.

This isn't a new approach. I saw a NOS accessory on ebay and basically just copied it (for a lot less than it sold for).

While many of life's problems go unsolved, we can put this one to rest. *Gary*

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TENNESEE T'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: DECEMBER 2, 2006

**WHERE: WAVERLY, TN
MARIAH CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

TIME: 4:30 – TILL?

ANYONE ARRIVING EARLY JUST COME ON BY THE WILLIAMS HILL. CALL 931-296-3172 FOR DIRECTIONS TO CHURCH

The chapter will furnish meats for dinner. Everyone bring a dish to share.

Each person bring a \$10 man's or woman's gift to play "Dirty Santa."

For anyone wishing to remain overnight call the Imperial Lodge 931-296-2521 to make reservations.

We will meet on Sunday morning at McDonalds for breakfast with everyone staying over.

Christmas news bulletin from Ken Swan

As you all know, our annual Christmas party this year is December 2 in Waverly. As a part of the activities and festivities, it is requested that every family group attending bring an item (or several items) of special interest that reflects not only the Model T Ford but also the time frame in which it was produced. If at all possible, bring an item of unusual character. Some suggestions may possibly be an automotive part, a genuine period garment, a period photo of a family member, a publication, or anything that has been relegated to the historical time frame of the heyday of our beloved T.

Please be prepared to give a brief oral descriptive anecdote of its use, purpose or function. It is suggested that short written identifying synopses accompany these special items for display before and after the party in an area prepared for them. Of course each family group will be responsible for the artifact's security and being returned to their rightful owners. Put the word out for all members to attend. Let's send '06 out with a big cheerful **MODEL T HOLIDAY SPLASH!!!!!!**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Teresa Williams 1st
Ernest Morris 4th
Hollie Dote 4th
Jack VanBruggen 6th
Elke Longsworth 7th
Jana Swann 8th
Judy Kuntz 9th
Darryl Carter 16th

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Dewey & Pat Asher 2nd
Mark & Hollie Dote 9th
Ken & Betty Jack 14th
Tommy & Judy Kuntz 20th
Ralph & Teresa Williams 28th
Don & Mary Helen Meadows 30th

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Julian Sides 7th
Joyce Swan 24th
Glen Weakly 24th
Norma Hampton 29th
Anne Alexander 31st
Gary Curtis 31st

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Donna Wade 1st
Bob & Katherine Easley 14th
Waldo & Sharon Emerson 22nd
Jerry & Diane Waller 24th
Willis & Norma Hampton 30th

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Decker 3rd
Pat Rowe 5th
Jane Sides 11th
Connie Nicholas 19th
Don Hiner 21st
Mac Monteith 25th
Marge Krull 27th
Earl Lake 30th

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lynn & Sue Cook 1st
Mac & Elizabeth Monteith 2nd
Gary & Frances Curtis 3rd
Gary & Annette Tillstrom 14th

Martin & Anne Alexander 29th

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Monteith 9th
Ralph Williams 11th
Mike Sumerall 15th
Keith Ellis 17th
Nick Nicholas 24th
Don Krull 27th

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

George & June Ross 14th
John & Bonnie Ollrogge 14th
Bill & Judy Markey 21st
Bob & Nell Harris 22nd

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

After having the front spokes replaced in April, we've now been able to drive the T for 6 weeks after a rear spoke broke.

The rear wheels were pulled and sent in for new spokes but they are busier this time of year and we have an estimate of mid October before we get the wheels back. That will make nearly 3 months being unable to drive the T by then. Needless to say we're not getting many miles driven this year. Hope we do better next year. We're planning to go to Rome, GA (Sept. 16) to the all Ford show at Berry College in honor of Henry Ford who financially supported the college. They say there are to be lots of Model T's and A's there. Mike and Maria Sumerall

Ralph Williams is working on his speedster and he is quickly running out of room in his two-car garage.

