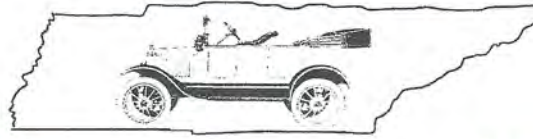




Tennessee T's



Model T Ford Club



Winter 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



It hardly seems possible that another year has come and gone. I've always heard that the older you get the faster the years go. Well, I must be ancient because every year seems to go at warp speed.

Thanks to each one of you the Tennessee T's had a fantastic year with several weekend tours and adding four new members. We now have 67 members from 12 states. Keep up the good work guys.

It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas party. We want to thank all of you for coming and a special thank-you to the ones that came from so many miles away.

Everyone did a great job in 2008 getting information out about items of interest and things for sale. Continue to get information to me or to Gary and we will pass it on. You never know who might be looking for an additional car or parts.

The International Tour this year is in Johnson City TN. Don't miss it.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on the T trail in 2009. *Larry*

New Members Welcome!

Tom and Cherie Allison
25 Field Road
Waverly, TN 37185
931-296-4676

Homer and Marjorie Long
7153 Country Oaks Cove
Memphis, TN 78125
901-756-4487

Meeting Minutes - December 2008

President Larry Williams called the business meeting of the TN T's to order and "bragged on" the ladies for the meal & recognized new members.

Williams called for a motion to accept previous minutes as appeared in the Newsletter. Motion by Gary Tillstrom, second by Don Krull.

Sue Cook, reported that in December of 2007 the club had a balance of \$2,192.16. In 2008 we had deposits of \$900 and expenditures of \$649.87 leaving a balance of \$2,442.29.

Williams gave an overview of 2008 recognizing everyone that held Chapter tours. No old business.

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Meeting Minutes from previous page

New business consisted of plans by Hubert Garland, Darrel Carter, Jerry Waller & Charlie Swann for 09 tours.

The Garlands presented their completed directions and agenda.

Ken Swan reported on plans for a joint venture with the TN T's and the Arkansas Tin Lizzies at Ark. State University in Oct.

Dates to be announced for all events.

President Williams appointed a nominating committee consisting of current officers plus Ken Swan, Gary Tillstrom and Jerry Waller to nominate a slate of officers for 2010/11.

A current membership list was given to all members present.

Gary Tillstrom agreed to continue as editor of the newsletter for 2009.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Swan, second by Darrel Carter. Meeting adjourned.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays

Tony Verschoore.....	1 st
Homer Long.....	2 nd
Kevin Bandy.....	19 th
Brenda Bandy.....	20 th
Charlie Swann.....	20 th
Diane Waller.....	21 st
Ewell Hall.....	26 th
Marjorie Long.....	26 th
Bill Eden.....	28 th
Brenda Verschoore.....	28 th
Susan Harrington.....	29 th

December Anniversaries

Dennis & Ginger Bobel.....	8 th
Tom & Pat Rowe.....	21 st
Ryan & Jennifer Miller.....	15 th
Mike & Maria' Sumerall.....	15 th
Darrel & Ann Carter.....	26 ^t

January Birthdays

Hubert Garland.....	16 th
Annette Tillstrom.....	17 th
Bob Harris.....	27 th
Tom Rowe.....	25 th
Barbara Wagner.....	30 th
Bonnie Ollrogge.....	31 st

January Anniversaries

Bill & Patsy Taylor.....	1 st
Ewell & Gloria Hall.....	17 th
Charles & Jana Swann.....	20 th
Fred & Kay McDonald.....	25 th

February Birthdays

Tommy Kuntz.....	4 th
Steve Summers.....	6 th
Keith Barrier.....	7 th
Gloria Hall.....	10 th
Gary Tillstrom.....	10 th
Charles Wagner.....	15 th
Max Larson.....	18 th
Ann Carter.....	23 rd
Ginger Bobel.....	23 rd
Bud Scudder.....	28 th

February Anniversaries

Waldo & Sharon Emerson.....	3 rd
Ray & Melissa Elkins.....	14 th
Steve & Jane Summers.....	14 th
Julian & Jane Sides.....	16 th
Bill & Susan Robinson.....	26 th
Bryan & Kathe Nelson.....	28 th

Upcoming Tours and Events

Swap Meet - Nashville State Fair Grounds - 1 Feb 2009 (Sunday)

Your Tour Goes Here! Just let me know.

I sent out an email soliciting stories and I know you all have them. I would like to eventually get enough of these to print a small book of them. Not only are most of them funny, they are very much a part of the T's history. Send me what ya got! The following were taken off the internet forum.

Steve Jelf - The old man decided it was time to modernize, so he hitched up the horse to the buggy and drove downtown to the Ford dealer where he traded in his rig on a new 1912 Model T. The dealer showed him how to drive the car, and he drove it home and parked it in his barn. The neighbor saw this, and decided to have some fun. He scooped up some horse droppings with a shovel and put them on the barn floor under the car's tail pipe. When the old man brought his wife out to the barn to show her the new car and saw the road apples under the car's exhaust pipe, he was utterly perplexed. His wife said, "Let's look in the book, Father." So he got the Ford manual and began searching for an explanation. He found nothing pertinent for a long time, then his face brightened and he said, "Aha! Here it is, Mother. Mr. Ford says his car will do anything a horse can do."

Layden Butler - A guy I worked with years ago told me about his family gatherings in the early 1930's. The women would be cooking in the kitchen and all the men would go out to the garage to "work on the Model T". He remembered peeking thru the cracks of the boards and seeing his dad lift off the cylinder head of the T and pull a Mason jar of "shine" out of one of the cylinders. They would pass it around and "work" on the Model T. He said that car got a lot of work but never did run!

Cars for Sale

23 TT Truck

Ken Jack
901-682-4948

Stuff wanted

Wanted- a straight, full length driveshaft for a TT one ton truck. Call Bill Robinson 256-503-4649 or billrobinson06@bellsouth.net.

Looking for a 1926-27 Model T Roadster body. Any help or information on this project would be greatly appreciated. I can be reached at 813-752-3111 or at Elizabeth.Mcclendon@gte.net

2008 Christmas Party

2008 was a banner year for the Christmas Party. We had members from all over the state and even a few foreigners from KY, MS and IL in attendance. Ken Swan proclaimed that we men had somehow managed to marry the best cooks in the world. After a few amen's to that statement we managed to get down to the serious business of eating.

There was plenty of good conversation and all were having a great time. Then came the time for the gift exchange. Of course we played "dirty Santa" which means if you really liked what you opened, somebody else would be taking it home rather than you. The tie down straps I opened for instance went to someone else (dang it). It wasn't just the men this year that were playing for keeps. The women were equally as good at it as the men were. Marge Krull for instance got a really nice bird feeder which she can visit over at Sue Cooks whenever she wants to. There were other well positioned present grabs as well and we all laughed about them (*except me, loosing a good set of tie downs for instance just isn't that funny*).

Good fun was had by all and we look forward to a new year filled with T events (and of course another Christmas party with good food).

Scenes From The Road

September 2-7, 2008 twenty one members of the TN T's attended the 25th anniversary of the Hillbilly Tour in Cape Girardeau, MO



Gary Curtis pretending to drive across!



Mac and Frances searching!



Frances and Ernestine



If Marge will not lead us onto dusty roads and through streams this little car will stay clean.

Tennessee Back Roads

After the Hillbilly Tour, two couples, one from Nebraska and one from South Dakota returned to Waverly with the Cooks, Curtis, Flowers and Williams'. After spending a day washing clothes and doing minor repairs on the cars the Williams, Cooks, Finningsmiers and Millers left on a 700+ mile journey across TN. On our way to Henry Horton State Park we visited Grinder's switch, home of Minnie Pearl.

We had pleaded with Charlie Swann for a tour of his garage and wouldn't you know he had to be out of town but his good buddy Jerry Waller came to show us around. On the way we stopped at Marcy Jo's diner for a photo op and as I was busy posing the cars for a picture who should show up but Jerry and Diane Waller along with Bob and Nell Harris. What perfect timing!

Since returning to South Dakota the Miller's have seen Marcy Jo's on a commercial. They said they will have to return to TN to go inside.



How perfect is that? Looks like a calendar picture to me.



The guys enjoying Charlie's shop. The gals meanwhile robbed Jana's pear tree. Jana, they lasted all week!



Denis & Ginger Bobel also came to have dinner with us. They had been to Nebraska

and purchased a truck from Dale and Hattie. Small world! Charlie made it in time for dinner.



Beautiful grassy cove near Spring City, Tennessee.



We stopped at Rock Island on Sunday so the hydro plant was closed. We were wishing it was a weekday so we could have a tour when who should arrive but the senior operator escorting a maintenance crew. He allowed us to drive across the bridge and gave us a personal plant tour. Being a retired "old poop" from TVA does have its privileges.

Let us know when you're ready to go. We are always ready for a tour of the Tennessee back roads. *Carolyn*

Project Camper As many of you know, Ken and Joyce Swan are building a replica of a period correct camper. Ken has been busy this fall building the final rendition of the body. The following pictures show the progress.



We want to know how many slivers you have picked out of your hands on this one Ken?



It's always T Time!

A Much Needed Fix

Ray Elkins sent this in last summer and I have actually had more newsletter input that I have been able to use but this is good enough that I am showing at least the highlights. Keith Barrier and I noticed Ray's truck has ZERO slop at the steering wheel. He has come up with a sound fix for a worn steering gear case.



After centering the gear case, Ray bored it just enough to make it round again.



The shaft is machined allowing for the flange surface from the bushing. The bearing surface is polished smooth.

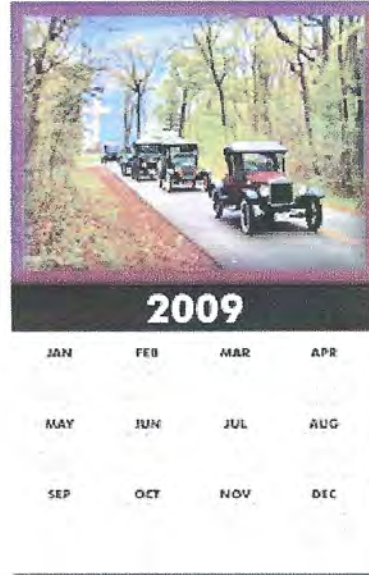


Triple gear bushing .005 tight to the case. The flange also is machined away by the amount of remaining flange on the bushing.



The pressed fit bushing is then bored for a good fit to the cleaned up shaft. All is then assembled with grease. Keith and I will both attest to the fact that Ray's truck has this area of wear taken care of once and for all.

Many of you noticed the excitement caused by the neat clock "T time" at the Christmas party. All of us guys were thinking, "man, that would look cool in my garage". Unfortunately for Mac Flowers and Ralph Williams (owners 1 and 2), dirty Santa (owner 3) ended up with it. The good news is they are available along with model T calendars, hats, shirts and more. They can be ordered on line at <http://www.cafepress.com/suzyqshirts>



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Upcoming Tours



Tougher Times Indeed

Spring is just around the corner and Tennessee has roads in your area that will be in prime condition for a tour. Give some thought to putting together a drive. Even if you mess it up and get us lost, nobody else knows where we're going either!

June 5th-6th - Lawrenceburg, TN area. Hurbert & Joyce Garland will be hosting this tour. That part of the state has some great roads, you won't want to miss this and it is a pretty central location for us all. Hotel is the Best Western and the phone number is 931-762-9172. When making a reservation be sure and let them know you're with the model T club.

Make plans for next October to take part in the 100th anniversary of AR State in **Jonesboro AR**. More info

will be coming as the date draws closer. Ken Swan is the point of contact for this event.

Numerous tours are planned this year but without firm dates yet.

Darrel and Ann Carter are planning on hosting a tour again this spring in the **Columbus MS** area.

The "Tomado Tour" will be announced when the date is known. It will be further north (**Clarksville TN**) this year (but still well within the tornado belt).

The west TN regiment of the club will be putting together a tour close to **Memphis, TN**.

As dates are firmed up, hotels are known, etc., I will make up and send out flyers.

Don't forget the International Club is having the annual tour this year in **Johnson City, TN**. More info on that at the back of this newsletter.

Be sure to send me an email or give me a call if you have info on an upcoming event, auction, car show, etc. that should be in the newsletter.



This guy really found some mud!

The following story was sent to us by one of our newer members, Butch Mercer. I'll bet there are thousands more good stories like this one. Send me what you got and thank you Butch for your submission! The Blue Boys were great uncles of the author.

Blue Boys

My grandmother and I were the best of friends. Since she and my grandfather took me into their home and their lives when I was just a baby, I called her "Mama" and my grandfather "Daddy". Mama was born in 1900 and lived to see many unbelievable changes. Often she and I would sit, and I would listen as she told of some of those first sightings. She grew up about 8 miles from the nearest town. A dirt road ran in front of the house and there was not another house in sight.

After hearing her tell of the ordeal of washing clothes, I began to understand why her generation wore clothes for more than one day. One washing day turned out to be one that she never forgot. She recounted the day started like any other with building a fire around a big iron pot, boiling the clothes in soapy water, rubbing them on a rub board and then rinsing the garments in fresh water. The white clothes were then placed in the tub with bluing, a stick of a blue chalk like material, that while turning the water blue, made the clothes as white as snow.

On this morning, Mama helped her mother with the washing and made every effort to keep her three little brothers safe from the fire. The weather was warm and sunny and the back yard where the washing took place was private. When the washing was complete and the clothes were hung on the line, the brothers stripped down to their birthday suits and went for a swim in the bluing water. Just as the three of them got settled in the tub, Mama said they heard an awful racket down the road. It sounded like a sewing machine, but lots louder. Curiosity got the best of the boys. They started running toward the road, forgetting the fact that they were naked as jaybirds. One shouted, "Look, it's a buggy with no horses."

Mama said she tried to catch the boys but couldn't keep up with them. By the time she caught them, it was too late. The three of them were standing on the bank of the road, buck naked and blue, like three statues. The three of them stood on the edge of the road as the contraption clicked by and out of sight. It took awhile for them to realize that they were witnessing an historic event. That was the first automobile ever to bump down the Bowling Green Road in Holmes County.

Mama often wondered who was the most surprised: The three blue boys seeing the buggy with no horse or the folks in the buggy seeing the three blue nude statues on the Bowling Green Road.

E. Mac Huddleston, DVM

Start making plans!

52nd Annual
National Tour
Trails, Tales, & 'T's
Johnson City, Tennessee
July 20-24, 2009

The Model T Ford Club

The graphic features a light blue background with a stylized mountain range. In the center, there is an illustration of several vintage Model T cars and a motorcycle. A group of people in period clothing are gathered around the vehicles. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout.

For those interested in staying at the host hotel, they are now accepting reservations (if you're planning on going you need to book early). The toll free number is 866-400-0541. You must tell them you are with the model T tour to get the special rate. \$95 plus tax per night. There are also other hotels near the host hotel.

Next July will be on us quicker than ants at a picnic.

There is new info available on the web with the week's itinerary and hotel info, tour cost, etc. Here is the live link

<http://www.modelttour.org/>

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If your car is in need of band relining and you want to try a set of wood bands, let me know. I have been running a set since 2003. These can actually be installed through the inspection door with quick change bands. Email me at gillstrom@aol.com or call at 901-837-1608.



Window decals. Print them in color and laminate them. These were both popular years ago depending on which view you held as to which one you displayed.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!