



From The President



Hello to all Tennessee T's!

I'm late getting a note out to everyone since the Christmas meeting. Keith Ellis was getting close to the 1st newsletter mailing so I'm taking the easy way out. For those of you who didn't make the Christmas fun you missed a good one. Thanks you Swanns' and Waller's.

Gary Tillstrom and Teresa Williams jobs responsibilities caused them to plead for replacements as President and Sec/Tre. Charlie Swann agreed to stay on as Vice President. There being no other volunteer I agreed to one term as President and Carolyn as Sec/Tre. Keith Ellis will be our new Newsletter editor.

Our chapter is an excellent club and we have numerous members that would make great leaders. Rotating officers every year or two is what most chapters do, so be thinking between now and next election time. You never know what you can do until you try.

This is going to be a good touring year. Bill & Suzi Robinson together with Charlie and Anita Owen already has a tour scheduled. See details in this issue. Big John and Bonnie Ohlrogge have a tour planned for the fall, the West Tennessee gang has a couple of things pending. Also details of the Ark Tin Lizzie tour in this issue. We will get details on other tours as they develop. Let us know when yours is going to happen.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Gary and Frances Curtis and Jerrie and Don Hiner.

Condolences to Lawrence Harris's family. Lawrence is a former member of our chapter passed away a short time ago.

Larry

2011 Christmas Party



On December 3rd a great time was had by all at the 2011 Tennessee "T"s Christmas Party

Tours

Robinson-Owen Tour

Date: May 19, 2012 with optional tour on May 18, 2012.

Place: Fayetteville, TN

Motel: Best Western 931-433-0100

Large area for parking trailers. Mention Tennessee T's for group rate. The motel will accept reservations until April 17th.

Alternate motel...America's Best Value Inn 931-433-6121

Hosts: Suzi & Bill Robinson
Anita & Charlie Owen

Questions: Bill 256-503-4649

Visiting Tour

Everyone with Email capability received a note from Ken Swan January 26th regarding an Arizona Model T group from the Tucson area passing through Tennessee between March 17th and April 4th.

They will begin their tour in Vicksburg, MS, heading for Nashville and then turn south, heading for Mobile, AL and west in to Louisiana, then returning to Vicksburg.

Heads Up!

The Arkansas Tin Lizzies and the Tennessee T's are planning a joint tour for October 23rd – 27th, 2012 in Franklin, TN.

More details will be published in the next newsletter. In the meantime you can contact David Ragsdale at 479-970-3461 for up-to-date information.

Note from the Editor



As a 10 year member of the T's I am likely one of the only member with a model T that is not running, yet! However, while in high school I started to restore a 1920 roadster, three years of hard work, with help from my

Dad and a great friend that had been restoring old cars for many years, I finished my first T.

In 1967, the car won first place in the Vallejo, CA 4TH of July Parade. My T was not the best old car in the parade, but the loss of the water pump belt just before reaching the reviewing stand caused the engine to overheat, steam was coming from the radiator and the car stalled right in front of the reviewing stand. My girlfriend and I exited the roadster in our white dusters, I opening the hood, re-installed the water pump belt, started the car on the first crank and we continued on our way.

At the Awards ceremony, I was advised that my winning was because that brought back so many memories to all the judges.

In September of that year, the UAW struck Ford leaving no new cars to show in the dealerships. The owners of Wilson Russell Ford contacted me with an offer I could not refuse; a trade for new 1967 Ford Mustang GTA, 390 CUI, 380 HP convertible.



(The chassis below the Mustang is a 1913 Pierce Arrow Touring car and is now nearly completely restored)

The Mustang didn't last long because in February of 1968, the US Army forced me to join the US Navy. And the next opportunity to get back into T's is when I bought my 1926 Fordor in 2001.

The restoration has ground to halt because of a job change. After much consideration I have decided to look for a trade for a good, correct, running open car that Penny and I can take tours with the Tennessee T's.

If anyone knows of someone who is interested in this type of trade, please let them know about one of the most complete, best condition unrestored T's I have ever seen. I have over 100 hundred pictures of the car available via a pdf file.

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**Tennessee T'S
December 3, 2011
Minutes**

Presidents' report: Gary thanked the Swanns and the Wallers for being hosts for the Christmas Party. He reviewed the last meeting which included the tour in Millington hosted by Gary Tillstrom and the tour hosted by Bill and Susan Robinson. He said both were very nice tours.

Carolyn Williams asked for the floor and presented Sue Cook with an award for the "dumpling queen" of the year! She was presented with a gorgeous crown and sash.

Ken Swan then offered several proposals for the club to vote on. He mentioned a progressive tour with our friends in Arkansas, and two donation proposals.

Before voting on the issues, Teresa Williams reported on the clubs finances for the year.

After discussion, recommendations were concluded and the club decided to give \$100 to the host church for their food pantry, \$100 to St. Jude and \$100 to French Camp.

It was also mentioned that it is important to keep the young people aware of the Model T/antique vehicles. Several members offered the suggestion that old magazines can be donated to organizations to promote awareness.

Gary then proposed that the LIFETIME membership age be changed to 80 years old. Tom Allison agreed to the motion and Jana Swann seconded the motion. The club also agreed to make Ginny Scudder a LIFETIME member.

Election of Officers: Gary presented the officer of president to the club as an open position. He asked for a volunteer of which Larry Williams said he would take the office for the next term. Gary motion this proposal and Jana seconded it. Carolyn Williams volunteered to be secretary/treasurer. It was proposed and seconded by June and Jana. Charlie Swann was secured as Vice President by Mac Flowers and Jerry Waller. Keith Ellis graciously volunteered to be the newsletter editor.

Annette Tillstrom asked the group to pray for Gary Curtis and Francis and also Don and Jerrie Hiner.

Larry Williams offered a note from several of our members who could not be in attendance. Dwight and Sharlotte Miller, Martin and Anne Alexander, Bill and Linda Eden, Don and Marge Krull, and Bonnie and Big John Ohlrogge.

Larry reported that Big John still plans to do a tour in September. He also gave a "thank you" to all of those who did tours throughout the year.

Charlie Swann made a motion to adjourn and Ralph Williams seconded it.

Those in attendance at our Christmas Party of 2011 included:

Gary and Annette Tillstrom
Charlie and Jana Swann
Jerry and Diane Waller
Mac and Ernestine Flowers
Lynn and Sue Cook
Larry and Carolyn Williams
Ken and Joyce Swan
Keith and Penny Ellis
George and June Ross
Tom and Joni Allison
David and Tammy Copeland
Ralph and Teresa Williams

The Dumpling Queen

One day, Sue Cook' granddaughter, Megan, made the statement that her Nana could make better "dumplings" than anyone in the world.

Sue's sister, Etta Jane overheard this conversation and said, "Oh no, I can beat "Punkin" any day of the week making dumplings.

Well, it was decided then and there that there would have to be a "dumpling cook-off" to settle this weighty matter.

The two sisters gathered their ingredients and supplies and prepared for battle.

In the meantime family, friends, neighbors and even some complete strangers were invited to the "judging." When the dumpling cooking was complete and everyone gathered together each person was given a sample of dumpling, some from the red pot, some from the black pot. At this point no one but the two sisters knew whose pot was whose. Each taster was also given a judging sheet. They judged the dumplings on taste, color, texture, presentation etc.

When the tasting was complete and all judging sheets tallied up the red pot was proclaimed the winner. The red pot belonged to Tennessee T's member Sue Cook. Thus the banner and crown proclaiming our own Sue Cook, "The Dumpling Queen."

Carolyn Williams

With the extra space in this issue I have placed a couple of the pictures of my 1926 Fordor

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays:

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

January Anniversaries:

Bill & Patsy Taylor, 1st, Ewell & Gloria Hall, 17th, Charles & Jana Swann, 25th.

February Birthdays:

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

February Anniversaries:

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

March Birthdays:

Judy Markey, 1st, Penny Ellis, 1st, John Ohlrogge, 3rd, Jim Wade, 8th, Sharon Emerson, 10th, Carol Barrier, 10th, Larry Williams, 18th, Glenn Stork, 19th, Ernestine Flowers, 20th, Katherine Easley, 22nd, Ray Elkins, 23rd, Jerrie Hiner, 23rd, Steve Wyatt, 28th, Carolyn Williams, 29th, Sue Cook, 31st, Elizabeth Monteith, 31st, Kay McDonald, 31st.

March Anniversaries:

Tony & Brenda Verschoore, 23rd.



Future Newsletters!

Please send articles, announcements, interesting T news, T's for sale or Trade or any other items or pictures that would be of interest to your fellow members to me at keithcota@aol.com or 641 Kingsway Drive, Old Hickory, TN 37138

