

On Dec 14, 2013, at the Christmas party in Waverly, a new slate of officers was elected.

Effective Dec 14, 2013
President- Gary Tillstrom
Vice President- Ralph Williams
Sec-treasurer- Anita Owen
Chaplain- Mac Flowers- re-elected

From Larry and Carolyn:

Bill asked for a farewell message. Well, this is not farewell because we are not planning on going anywhere.

However, we would like to take this opportunity to say how much, you, the members of the Tennessee T's mean to us. You are truly our extended family. When the club was formed the only members of the chapter we knew were the four families that live in our immediate area. How lucky we are to now we have friends all across the US that we would never have had the opportunity to meet without this Chapter and the Model T. It has also been a source of pleasure for us to watch strong friendships develop between many of you that met through this chapter. Keep those friendships strong.

With the willingness of all of you to conduct tours and help with chapter events we have been able to see a large portion of this wonderful country. The deep South, the Midwest, the mountains of Colorado, the Black Hills of SD, Canada, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and all in the very best way, "in the slow lane."

The diversity and talent in this chapter continues to amaze us. We have master mechanics and machinist, shade tree mechanics and some good at cosmetic car work. We have musicians, master gardeners, bee keepers, pilots, clowns, woodworkers, race boat drivers, engineers, educators, dentists, writers, motor cycle riders, farmers, artists, wonderful cooks and many more talents too numerous to mention. You name it and someone in our chapter can do it. And, one thing we all have in common is our love of the Model T.

When we look back over the last 15 years we know that we have been truly blessed and that each one of you has enriched our lives. You have allowed us to share in your joys and your sorrows. We have rejoiced with you when good things occurred in your lives and have grieved with you and for you in your sorrows.

We are looking forward to the next 15 years. The club is in good hands with our new officers. Please give them the wonderful support and help you have always given to us.
Let's keep this good thing going.
God Bless.

Larry & Carolyn



The new officers of The Tennessee T's

Secretary-Treasurer- Anita Owen

President- Gary Tillstrom

Tis the season to get busy! It seems like all mankind is running around like chickens with their heads cut off this time of year. With Christmas shopping, parties, school programs, you name it, we're all stretched tighter than the 5th string of a banjo.

This years Christmas party was just the needed ticket to slow down, relax, eat, visit with friends, eat, talk model T's, eat, and enjoy one another's company. We welcomed new comers this year into the T family and look forward to getting to know them and spending time with them as they immerse themselves into the best hobby available to mere mortals.

Enjoy the season, spend time with friends and family, enjoy a happy new year as we model T together.

Gary



Vice President- Ralph Williams

Thanks to everyone for allowing me to be the club's vice-president.

I will do my best to help Gary and Anita throughout the next two years.

Thank you,
Ralph



Chaplain- Mac Flowers

Note from the newsletter editor:

Mac was re-elected. He never meets a stranger and he serves us well.



MINUTES – 12-14-2013

During their annual Christmas Party, the Tennessee T's members held a brief business meeting in Waverly, TN, on December 14, 2013.



President Larry Williams called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming to the Christmas Party. He commented on the wonderful turn out this year. Williams conveyed comments from Mac and Ernestine Flowers, who were unable to attend due to a previous commitment, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Motions to accept the minutes and financial reports as reported in the newsletter were made and seconded.

Williams advised there was no old business pending. He also suggested, if you don't save your Model T magazines, to donate them to local schools.

The only new business entailed the election of officers. A slate was presented:

- Gary Tillstrom – President
- Ralph Williams – Vice President
- Anita Owen – Secretary-Treasurer
- Mac Flowers – Chaplain

After asking for and receiving no nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded that the slate of officers be elected.

Larry Williams then turned the floor over to the new President, Garry Tillstrom. Tillstrom, on behalf of the new officers, thanked everyone for voting for them and pledged to continue the work of leading the club for the coming year. He also expressed his desire to stress safety during our tours.

Tillstrom encouraged all members to consider hosting a tour. Larry Williams advised that he and Carolyn are planning a tour in late April. There is a possible Natchez Trace tour in early October being planned by Mike Vaughn. Everyone expressed their appreciation to Larry and Carolyn for their untiring dedication to the club and for their many years of service. Bill Robinson was thanked for the wonderful job he does with the Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned. Sec/Treasurer's Report – Anita Owen

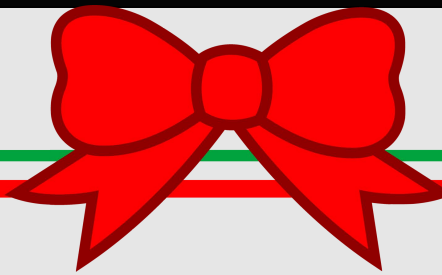
Treasurer's Report

Report given at December 14, 2013 meeting
by Carolyn Williams

TENNESSEE T'S BANK BALANCE

DECEMBER 3, 2012.....	\$3,527.51
DEPOSITS 2013.....	\$ 813.50
EXPENDITURES FOR 2013.....	\$ 928.43
BANK BALANCE- DECEMBER 24, 2013...	\$3,412.58

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018



The Tennessee T's annual Christmas party was held at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Waverly Tennessee, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, and was very well attended. Our hosts, Lynn and Sue, Tom and Joni and Larry and Carolyn, did a great job of planning and the event started and ran like a T (without even so much as a backfire).

A total of 34 members were present. Four states were represented- Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Mississippi. Members who drove the distance were Gary and Penny Wheat from Tuscaloosa, AL. Each male member was to bring a "guy gift" and each gal member was to bring a "girl gift".

The dinner consisted dishes prepared by our members and nobody left hungry.

After the feast, a short business meeting was held, and then the gifts were distributed by each participant drawing a number and following the "Dirty Santa Rules".



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013



And the winner is --->



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018



My First Model T

By Keith Ellis

Starting in 1966 I began restoring my first Model T. The restoration had been started by Mr. Barns in Napa, California and the T had a wooden truck box and was painted a tan color. My goal was to finish the restoration putting the T into as much original condition as I could afford. The title indicated it was a 1920 T based on the engineered serial number, however, the tires were 21" used in later years, which I could not afford to replace.

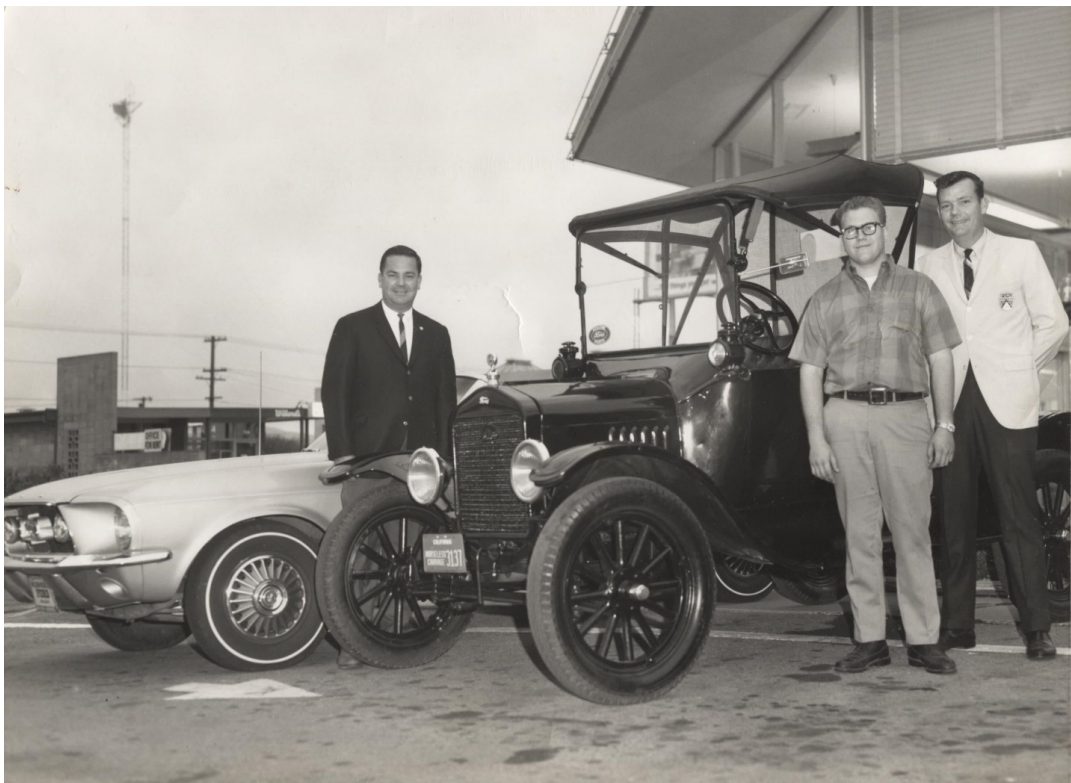
The first thing I did was to locate a turtle deck to replace the wood pickup box, which I located in Oregon and I could afford. The turtle deck was in good condition, requiring little restoration before being installing behind the roaster body. Now, the T was ready for a new coat of Black paint.

I was now driving my shiny black roadster everywhere, including to high school, drive-ins and even drive in movies! (Which I had to lower the top so I did not block the view for cars behind us)

In July, I entered the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce's 4th of July parade. The parade began in downtown Vallejo ending in a local park a several miles away. Dressed in our white dusters, my girlfriend and I slowly drove the Roadster along the parade route and just before reaching viewing stands on Tennessee Street, the T's fan belt slipped off and the T overheated, causing steam and water to boil out of the radiator, stalling the T right in front of the reviewing stands. My Girlfriend and I exited the only door; I raised the hood, put to fan belt back in place, and cranked the T back to life and continued along the parade route without further issues.

The parade had large numbers of old cars, such as Duisenberg's, Packard's, Cadillac's, Pierce Arrow's and other great old cars, so I never expected to win a prize for my little Model T Roadster! So when the trophies were being handed out and they finally got to the 1st place Classic Car award, I was surprised to hear my name and car announce at the winning classic car trophy for 1967!

In August, the UAW struck Ford and the local Ford dealer, Wilson-Russell Ford had no new 1968 model cars to draw in customers to their dealership. The dealer remembered my car from the parade and asked if I would be interested in a trade? They had a 1967 Ford Mustang, GTA convertible, which was driven by Mrs. Russell. They made me an offer I could not refuse! They put my car in front of the showroom and it did its job, getting people to stop and talk about Ford automobiles!



That's Keith in the center

Miss Gopher Hill



In Ridgeland, SC on October 5, Glenn Storck was the chauffeur for Miss Gopher Hill in 42nd annual Gopher Hill Festival Parade.

The Town of Ridgeland has a rich history stemming from the Charleston and Savannah Railroad that was completed in the mid-1800s. The Town was originally named Gopher Hill due to the "gopher tortoise" which was indigenous to the area at that time. In later days, the name Gopher Hill was not considered suitable for a railroad station and the name was changed to Ridgeland because the Railroad Depot was located on the highest ridge between Charleston and Savannah.



Glenn couldn't resist giving a little advice to a fellow Model T'er at the car show.

Text from Susan Harrington's email dated 10.22.2013



Susan and Glenn in a recent Christmas parade

We were recently invited to attend a tour in Tennessee to tour the area around the Cherokee national park. Just like the tours the Tennessee T's do, we all really had a good time. Approximately 18 cars attended.

When the Backroad T's in Kentucky have a tour, we always arraign for meals and tours and things to do, that require an upfront charge for attendees, less the cost of the motel. A lot of work goes into the tours, to make sure everyone has a good time. While we have never had anyone complain about the cost of one of our tours, it is really neat to go on a no cost tour. I am not saying that we will not continue to do as we have done in the past, but it is interesting to see how others set up a low or no cost tour. And in reality, we have every bit as much fun as those tours that cost less money. But these no or low cost tours require the same type of planning as any other tour. Bill's last tour in Alabama is a perfect example, too.

This tour included some really neat roads, to include a gravel road in the national park that climbed to more than 4,000 feet. Little did we know that it would be snowing when we got to near the peak and the temperature would be 34 degrees! And being in an open car, with every bit of covering we could muster, let's just say a good time was not had by all, at this particular moment in time. But that was our (my) fault. With two vehicles at home that are enclosed, who the heck thought it was a good idea to bring an open car.

The hot coffee, hot apple cider and cocoa at each pit stop, being carried by a 1914 roadster pick up, made a big difference in helping to keep the cold at bay. Some awesome scenery and some interesting wildlife made for a fun time.

As always, we learn something new when on a model t tour. While driving deep in the woods, we noticed some orange balls hanging on power lines, like what you would see around a small airport. While no satisfactory area was available to land a plane, we asked what the purpose was for the balls. Several years ago, a plan was made by the National Park Service here, that would allow for the emergency evacuations of a person in need, deep in these hills and hollers. It was basically a marker so a helicopter could land to fly the injured person out. This was obviously a pretty good idea and it would be interesting to know if other national parks have a similar plan.

So basically, we had a great time, met up with some old friends and new ones. It is more apparent now than ever, that this hobby does not require more than the basics to have a wonderful time. And printing our own directions, in the font we prefer, is a great idea. And a GPS was necessary, to be able navigate the frequent, unmarked roads.

So, before we do another October tour, the coupe will be equipped with a Ruckstell and the Moorhead's will be warm, along with many of the other folks who attended this chilly tour in closed cars.

Tom Moorehead



Tom & Linda Moorehead (far right) dressed for the high-altitude tour in Cherokee National Park.

November BIRTHDAYS

Butch Mercer..... 1st
 Peter Clavier.....8th
 Jeanne Zibell.....8th
 Bill Robinson.....11th
 Walter Longworth.....15th
 Kenneth Jack..... 15th
 Gary Wheat.....18th
 Joni Allison.....18th
 Dennis Bobel.....21st
 Penny Wheat..... 23rd
 Ken Swan.....23rd
 Vandy Williams.....27th



December BIRTHDAYS

Tony Verschoore.....1st
 Homer Long.....2nd
 Angie Walker.....13th
 Charlie Swann.....20th
 Diane Waller..... 21st
 Wayne Dobson.....22nd
 Ewell Hall.....26th
 Marjorie Long.....26th
 Holly Shelton.....27th
 Bill Eden.....28th
 Brenda Verschoore.....28th
 Susan Harrington.....29th
 Jim Berg.....30th



November ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & June Dunning.....16th
 Monty & Mary Monteith... 29th
 Don & Jerrie Hiner..... 29th
 Tom & Linda Moorehead... 30th



December ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Ginger Bobel.....8th
 Tom & Pat Rowe.....21st
 Darrel & Ann Carter.....26th
 Gary & Penny Wheat..... 31st

NEW MEMBERS.....

Jim & Nancy Berg
 Selmer, TN
 1916 Depot Hack

Henry Gregory
 Gallatin, TN
 1926 Touring Car

EMAIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS Tours, Tour and event pictures, future tours, tech articles, cars for sale, forgotten birthdays and anniversaries.

Without input, there will be no newsletter.
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NOTE: PLEASE... photos should include at least one **Model T** and/or one **Tennessee T's member**.

Tours: Mark your calendars-

Tennessee T's Club Tour

When: April 25 & 26, 2013

Where: Waverly, TN

Come on Thursday and tour on Friday and Sat. Some may not be able to come until Friday and tour on Sat. Hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express. Number is 931-296-2999. Ask for rooms blocked under the TN T's Model T Ford Club.

Natchez Trace Tour 2014

Dates: October 4-12, 2014

Mike Vaughn, from Nebraska, and several members of his chapter are touring the Trace and he has only invited members of this chapter to go along.

It is to be a no frills tour, no help truck, etc. Anyone wanting to go should contact Mike for information as soon as possible.

Contact Mike for details

email: mikebeth@hughes.net

cell phone: 402-540-0573

MTFCI 2014 National Tour-High Country Tour

July 13-18. Boone, NC. Details- visit www.modelt.org and click on "events".

Lynn Cook wants our club members to know that if anyone is rebuilding a Model T mag coil ring that he has a limited supply of the coating that is used to coat and insulate the windings. Just pay the shipping. Call him at 931-535-2451.

Dues are due now. They are still \$15.00. Payable to: The Tennessee T's and mailed to our sec-treasurer.

Anita Owen

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Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Please plan a tour in your area!

Big John's Wheel Chock



For those members who missed the **Scottsboro Tour** back in September, you will not know about the wheel chock.

For those who were not present:

Big John and Bonnie Ohlogge gave each tour participant a custom made wheel chock to be used on our parked model T's, not only on tour but while driving locally, too. These were presented to each driver at our business meeting. Maybe, one of these chocks will prevent a runaway someday.

Incidentally, John and Bonnie are at home recuperating. Bonnie had knee surgery and John slipped on ice in the parking lot at 3am as he was reporting for work one morning. The Tennessee T's wish them both a speedy recovery.

