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The Tennessee T's met Friday, April 11 at the Fishtale Lodge in Buchanan, TN with 15 members present and 7 guests.

After a great cookout President Larry Williams called the meeting to order and thanked Lynn & Sue Cook for hosting the LBL weekend and especially Sue for organizing the cookout and all the ladies that supplied food and all the "scrumptious" desserts. Williams also welcomed guests and thanked our out of state members for making the long drive. Williams called for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2002 meeting as written in the Newsletter. Motion by Don Krull to accept and seconded by Bud Scudder. Sue Cook, treasurer, reported that the TN T's chapter has a present balance of \$1,428.18. Williams reported that Ford dealerships were looking for cars to display during the month of June for the Ford celebration. Members were encouraged to contact their local dealerships and offer to display their cars.

The secretary reported that only one member did not renew their membership for 2003. Two members have indicated they will not rejoin for 2004 because of business conflicts. The secretary also brought to the floor a discussion of the date dues are to be paid. Our present due date being December 31 with a 60 day grace period. MTFCA insurance payment must be mailed before the end of February so Williams asked for a motion to shorten the grace period by 30 days. A motion was made by Bill Eden and seconded by Susan Harrington to have dues paid by January 31. Motion carried.

A discussion was brought before the membership by Glenn Storck about how to repay the hosts of weekend tours for expenses. After discussion by the group a motion was made by Susan Harrington for the hosts of weekend tours to present receipts for monies spent and to be reimbursed from chapter funds. Second by Anne Alexander. Motion carried.

Ralph & Teresa Williams invited everyone to join them in Northern MS for a day of touring on May 17th. Bob & Nell Harris also invited everyone to Historic Collinsville and to their home for lunch on May 17th. Larry and Carolyn Williams invited everyone to Waverly on July 11th, 12, & 13th. The Christmas party will be in Waverly on Dec. 6th.

Ralph Williams gave an update on the "Catfish Award"

Mac Flowers told about the Blue Suede Cruise In in Tupelo on May 2, 3, & 4.

International Board member, Don Krull, brought the club up to date on MTFCAI upcoming events and tours and encouraged everyone to attend the International events. He especially encouraged everyone to attend the 2004 International annual tour in Wis.

Bud Scudder told the group there was a great swap meet in Maggie Valley, NC over the 4th of July weekend. Lynn Cook gave an overview of upcoming weekend.

Motion to adjourn by Marge Krull. Second by Bud Scudder. Adjourned to Hospitality Cabin for fellowship and more dessert.

## Land Between the Lakes Tour

*Linda Eden*

The Tennessee T's hosted a wonderful Land Between the Lakes tour, April 11 through April the 13th. It was well attended bringing members from Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, and of course all parts of Tennessee.

Four couples arrived early, Bill and Linda Eden, Don and Marge Krull, Bud and Ginny Scudder, and Martin and Anne Alexander. Three of these couples are members of the Crawling T's and the fourth member to attend was Larry and Carolyn Williams. Some of us dined together at Cindy's and relaxed back at the hotel. The morning sent us to Hazel for breakfast and some antiquing. Upon our return, the majority of the Tennessee T's were rolling in, unloading cars and getting ready for a Friday night cookout.

Sue and Lynn Cook organized a cookout for the entire group using the covered patio area to set everything up. Many of the Tennessee T's members brought dishes to pass and fantastic desserts for this event. Food was so plentiful and we had enough for the second evening, we were able to polish off most of it.

April 12th brought our first day of complete touring, we drove on beautiful well maintained roads. The red bud trees were blooming together in combination with showy white dogwoods. We traveled through some pretty little towns, New Providence, Potter town, Aurora and the Kentucky Dam Village. We all gathered for a wonderful buffet lunch in our own private dining room at the Village Inn Lodge. After lunch we headed for the antique shops, stopping at Patti's settlement and then on to Cadiz, Kentucky. We returned to the motel for a get together and leftovers from the cookout.

Sunday, we traveled between the lakes making a big loop on the land. We stopped to look for some graves that Nell Harris's father had helped mark in the park. Five soldiers had been killed when a cannon blew up and there had been a dedication when the graves were marked, but we were unable to locate them. Lynn Cook and Ralph Williams searched and came up with old rusty parts from a 25 roadster. Ralph loaded them in his trunk, and Lynn is going to save the brackets off the old pieces. We also visited the original home place of Lynn Cook and although we could not go down the old road, I am told some of his Mom's flowers still bloom there. Sue Cook showed us where her Aunt had lived and the area she grew up in. Only one home remains in the park area, where an old pilot had gone crazy and the park allowed him to remain until his death several years ago. We then headed for Cindy's restaurant for a great lunch. Several headed back to the motel to pack up and a few of us headed up to see Fort Donelson and then back to the motel. Cars were loaded and good-byes were said, and a wonderful tour came to a close.





In 1931 two 19 year old young men, "Dib" Fewer and Todd Snedecker ,traveled across the U. S. and back again in a 1921 Model T Ford Their trip lasted 2.5 months and covered 9000 miles. On August 3 , 2003 two other young men re-enact this journey. "Dib" Fewer now 92 will be waving "so long" to the fellas who are taking "Mike II" on the same routes he drove in 1931.

This is a brief overview of a email I received from Theresa Young, 2003 FME Tech Team Leader. I volunteered to be the TN contact person but from the route schedule she sent it does not look as if they will be driving through Tennessee. For information and/or a schedule you can email Theresa at [tyoung7@ford.com](mailto:tyoung7@ford.com).

or the two men making the journey Rick Cleveringa at

[r.clever@worldnet.att.net](mailto:r.clever@worldnet.att.net)

Bill Thornburg at [Tburg007@aol.com](mailto:Tburg007@aol.com).

We can all read along during the trip at [www.modeltmike.com](http://www.modeltmike.com).

If you will email Theresa she will send you a schedule of the trip.

It was great to see so many at the LBL tour and hope to see you on many more during the year. Thanks to everyone that sent information for the newsletter.



LARRY

## A CHALLENGE FOR THE TENNESSEE T'S MEMBERS

Are the Tennessee T's a driving chapter? This is a question that has been asked? Lets all record the number of miles we drive in 2003 and total them up in December. The best way I have found to do this is to keep a small notebook in the T and to write them down after each drive. For the ones that attended LBL, Lynn Cook said we drove 275 miles. For the Tennessee Backroads we logged 700. Larry and I and Don and Marge also drove 700 in FL in February. Keep a total and we'll see what 36 members and T's can do in 2003.

### ON THE ROAD IN LBL





### May Birthdays

Betty Vanbruggen -	May 1
Ginny Scudder -	May 8
Mary Helen Meadows -	May 9
Pat Johnson -	May 20
Betty Jack -	May 27
Charles Corlew -	May 29
Jerry Waller -	May 30



### May Anniversaries

Glenn Storck/Susan Harrington -	May 6
Larry & Carolyn Williams	- May 19



### June Birthdays

Tony Cook -	June 3
Nell Harris -	June 4
Yvonne Cook -	June 5
William Johnson -	June 16
June Ross -	June 29
Don Meadows -	June 30



### June Anniversaries

Don & Marge Krull -	June 10
Charles & Ann Corlew -	June 16
Ben & Nancy Hardeman -	June 17
Bud & Ginny Scudder -	June 21
Ken & Joyce Swan -	June 22
Linda & Bill Eden -	June 24
Joe & Alice Pinegar -	June 25
Mac & Ernestine Flowers -	June 29

### SWAP MEETS

Maggie Valley, North Carolina. July 4th weekend.

### PARTS WANTED

Brian Nelson is looking for 23-25 front tub for his pickup project.

### "CATFISH AWARD"

At the Tour de' Catfish III tour in September 2002, Ken Swan presented a "Catfish Award" to Ralph Williams. Ken said this award was for doing something "not very bright." (Ralph had wounded his own car). The rules are there are no rules other than the person that receives the award has to retain it until he can find someone else doing something "not very bright."

Ralph and Teresa displayed the award at the LBL meeting. Teresa called it the "Don't Ask" award. They listed several things that someone might receive this award for, including, but not limited to: 1) wounding your own car 2) running out of gas 3) running into another Model T 4) getting lost 5) using items from nature to repair your car 6) using more than 3 yards of duct tape on a tour 7) losing you hat more than 3 times on a tour 8) having to bring your own or ask the nearest restaurant for pepper to stop a radiator leak.9) trying to start your car on the first morning of the tour and finding a dead battery.

Ralph did not give anyone the award on the LBL tour although I do believe there were several that deserved it. Everyone better be on guard on our next tour because Ralph and the "Catfish" will be watching.



Which way did they go?

## Touring the Tennessee Back roads

Linda Eden

Five cars pulling trailers with Model T's left the Fishtail Lodge and headed for the beginning of the Tennessee back roads tour. Martin and Ann Alexander, Marge and Don Krull, Bill and Linda Eden, Lynn and Sue Cook and Carolyn and Larry Williams weaved their way to Waverly. Sue and Lynn headed home to repack and the rest of us were led to Larry and Carolyn's on Mariah Church Lane. We all made it up the ten-gallon hill to Larry and Carolyn's and squeezed through the brick pillars with Larry's guidance. Carolyn had made a wonderful meal and popped it in the oven when we arrived. We were treated to a tour of Larry's garage space and the beautiful cars he has on the premises. Carolyn served us wonderful lasagna with fresh salad and garlic bread. After dinner we sat on the patio for a little while and were then led to the motel in Waverly.

Our first day, Larry and Carolyn met us at the motel at 7:30 and we all went to a nice little restaurant near the motel and went about two blocks when the Alexander's starter broke a bolt. Martin was able to fix the problem and we were on the way in minutes, it was our first and longest day. We headed out passing through Ashland City, and Springfield heading to a tour of a Flour Mill and lunch in a real country grocery store. We passed through Orlinda, Portland, Lafayette, Red Boiling Springs and Moss on our way to Celina. We visited a wonderful winery in Moss and after the taste test we all came away with several bottles. We then arrived in Celina 170 miles from our start. We had dinner together at the Crow's Nest and stayed the night at the Valley View Motel.

We were up and off by 7:30 the next morning we traveled beautiful roads, and saw some of the most expensive homes and some of the poorest in our travels. We stopped at Forbes General Store for candy and other good stuff, then off to the home of Alvin C. York, the most decorated soldier in World War I. We saw the videos of his heroism and his life after the war, and we toured his home. We had lunch in the town of Rugby, then continued through Sunbright TN, and on to Monterey and Algood. We tagged along to Tom and Jen's (Larry and Carolyn's daughter and son in law) for refreshments. They showed us their restored beautifully decorated home, and we met Pearl, the puppy. We all met for dinner at a Mexican restaurant. We were met there by Brian and Kathy Nelson of Smithville. Brian and Kathy trailered their car up to Cookeville and drove to dinner with us. This was the Nelson's very first tour but they say not their last.

. Day 3 was shorter in travel, but just as beautiful. We all headed out of town traveling the back roads, ending up at Falls Creek, where we all viewed the beautiful falls. Lunch was at the Park Inn, and was another stunning buffet. We headed out of town on an old state highway and went through the town of Grutelli-Laager to Tracy City, TN to visit the Dutch Maid Bakery and take a guided tour. We purchased bread, and cheese, cookies and dipsticks for sharing back at the motel. We were pleasantly surprised to find we were able to get cabins instead of motel rooms and we all opted for the rockers and big roomy areas with whirl pools. Dinner was a combination of all we had bought and we added two pizzas to the menu. Leonard and Charlotte Brown met with us for dinner, and invited us to their home the next day to view their private collection.

Day 4 we drove through the campus of the University of the South at Sewanee.

Continuing on to Cowan, where we saw the fabulous collection of Leonard and Charlotte Brown. On through Winchester, and heading for the Distillery in Lynchburg. We had a happy comedic tour guide and even saw a Model T Delivery truck while we were there.

Leaving we traveled through Tullahoma, Normandy, Wartrace, and Bell buckle for ice cream. We stayed the night at the Baymont in Franklin.

The final day, we left the motel early and arrived at the Carnton Plantation. The tour was set to begin early, but the staff claimed they were not notified and we did not want to wait, so we took some pictures and wandered the yard of the plantation. We drove through downtown Franklin and on to Leipers Fork stopping for shopping and touring. We traveled the scenic roads to our lunch spot the Front Porch Restaurant. Any good tour ends with ice cream, as did this one. We all went back to Larry and Carolyn's and picked up our trailers and then on to the motel in Waverly. Larry picked up all of us in several trips and we had a final dinner in Waverly on the main street (and of course ice cream after). We said our farewells, thanked our hosts and left hoping to see each of them on another tour.



Lunch at The Front Porch in Dickson last day.  
Should the infamous "Catfish" investigate the scene below??????



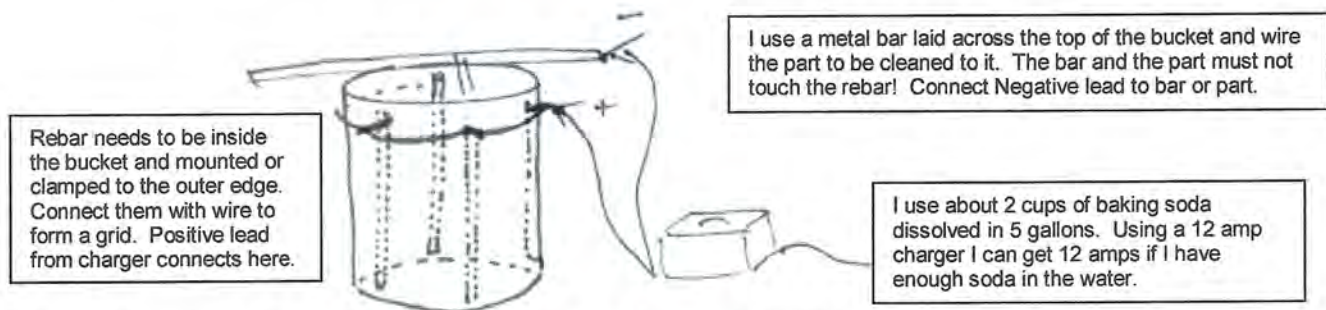
# Rust Removal

Gary Tillstrom

There are a few things in life that are certain. Death, taxes and the ever presence of our arch enemy 'rust' found on model T parts rescued out of barns, fields, wood lots and where ever else they happen to be found. While certain vehicles (my TT) should retain a certain 'Ford Brown' patina, for the most part we wish to see it removed.

I did not invent the following method. I found in on the Internet, have tried it and can attest to the fact that it is the easiest way to remove rust that I have seen (besides pulling a Tom Sawyer on your buddy).

You will need a 5 gallon plastic bucket, some rebar, #12 AWG wire, baking soda and a battery charger. I mounted the rebar in my bucket by drilling and attaching with screws but you can use clamps as well.



It is very important that the polarity be as shown (positive to the bucket and negative to the part). This is actually how they plate parts and what you are doing is plating the rebar with rust. Of course the rust is coming from your part. Eventually the rebar will load up and need to be replaced.

Do not be alarmed if after 3 hours the part still looks rusty or even black. It is all loose and will brush off with a laundry brush.

Be sure to do this outside as the little bubbles you see coming to the surface are hydrogen. You don't want that in the garage.

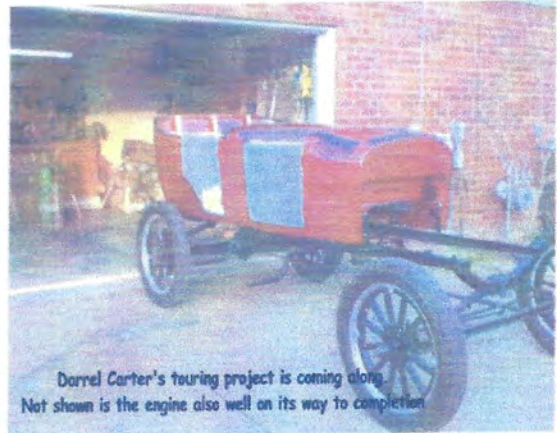
If you need to do larger parts just make a larger container. I have my eye on a 30 gallon blue plastic barrel and I have even seen one club member use a kid's plastic swimming pool. The larger the battery charger the better but even a 6 amp will work.

The thing I like about doing this is you can be working on something else while your battery charger is cleaning your parts. Try it, you'll like it. Gary

## TENNESSEE T'S NEW TOYS



Dewey Asher & his own personal 66 station



Darrel Carter's touring project is coming along. Not shown is the engine also well on its way to completion



CHARLIE SWANN'S LATEST ACQUISITION



Not rain, sleet or a Montana blizzard could keep this little jewel from coming home to Lynn Cooks basement



Mac Flowers new Touring car will be ready for the Natchez Trace Tour in October

## ANOTHER TOY RESTORED

Bill & Linda Eden recently restored this horse for their grandchildren.



Gary & Annette Tillstrom went to Lawton OK. in seach of a touring car. They didn't come home with one but Annette (Pickles the Clown) came home with a little Model T parade clown car. Better luck next time Gary. Annette we need a picture for the next newsletter.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tupelo, Mississippi May 2, 3 & 4

Blue Suede Cruise In

Registration \$40.00 Lots of prizes

Hotel - Ramada Inn 1-662-844-4111 \$55

Call: Mac Flowers for information

May 17th - Day drive - Northern MS

Ralph & Teresa Williams host

For those arriving Friday night the Dury Inn has trailer parking. Phone # 662-349-6622. We will meet at Calvary Baptist Church on the corner of Hwy 51 and Church Road, approximately 3 miles from Dury Inn and .5 miles from Ralph and Teresa's. We will leave the church at 9 AM for the tour and return around 3:30 or 4:00. If anyone arrives early you are invited to the Williams for coffee and donuts and a pitstop. If you want more than a donut, waffle house is just down the road. If you have questions call Ralph or Teresa at 662-342-9140. Sounds like they have a great day planned. Lots of antique stores.

May 17th - Historical Collinsville , Clarksville, TN.

Due to the conflict with the MS day drive Bob and Nell Harris have cancelled the lunch at their house on the 17th for this year however Collinsville will still be doing their annual opening day festivities.

June - Ford Celebration Don't forget to check with your local dealers to see if they would like your car on display in their showrooms.

July 11th, 12th & 13th - Waverly, TN - Weekend tour. Host Larry & Carolyn Williams. Details in future newsletter.

July 20th-25th - MTFCI Annual Tour Detroit, Michigan See magazine for details.

July 26th - Lone Oak Picnic Clarksville, TN

Call Ernest Morris for information.

October 18th - 26th Natchez Trace Tour VI

December 6th - Christmas Party Waverly, TN Details in future newsletter.



## THANKS TENNESSEE T'S MEMBERS

for all you have done to make the Tennessee T's Chapter of MTFCI & MTFCA a success. When we received our Charter from MTFCI in October 1998 with five members we never dreamed that by 2003 we would grow to a Chapter with thirty-six members that now feel like family. Neither did we dream when we did the first Natchez Trace Tour that year with six cars that it would become an annual event, growing to fifty cars and be one of the longest, if not the longest, annual Chapter tour the International has. Thanks to everyone that has provided assistance with this tour, providing trouble trailers, door prizes, assistance with first day parking and registration, hospitality room and allowing the group to visit private collections.

The success our Chapter has enjoyed has been because of the willingness of it's members to host tours, such as, LBL, Tour de Catfish, Cars for Kids, Christmas in Collierville, Brownsville, and day drives like Collinsville, Lone Oak, Horn Lake and Sango Mills.

The clubs success is also due in part to our members being willing to share T parts, knowledge and expertise. Some of us have been at the hobby longer and/or just have more mechanical/electrical expertise, than myself for example, and are willing to spend time helping others when they hit a snag. Our Chapter membership is very widespread. To all of you that drive long distances to attend events we thank you.

Last of all, but by no way least, thank you ladies, for driving all over creation with us in search of parts, washing greasy clothes, listening while we explain when you could care less how the greasy thing we hold in our hand works. A special thank you to two ladies that rode from TN to Washington state in the back seat of a Dodge Ram to chaperone two old \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up a T.

Without a word of complaint I might add. And most importantly, thank you ladies, for how you keep us fed at all our events, the cookouts, catfish dinners, the meals in your homes, the wonderful desserts you supply and the surprise breakfasts such as Diane Waller supplied at LBL. Its no wonder we all keep coming back for more. Thanks to Carolyn for keeping me straight.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU,  
LARRY