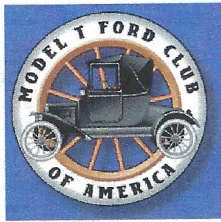


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#### MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2002 MEETING

After a great day of December touring and an outstanding Christmas parade 22 members of the Tennessee T's met at the home of Glenn Storck & Susan Harrington for our annual Christmas party and last club meeting of the year. Larry Williams called the business portion of the meeting to order. Williams thanked Glenn and Susan for all their preparation for this weekend and for so graciously opening their home to everyone. A special welcome was given to Ken and Carol Zelten, Darrel and Ann Carter and Nick and Elka Longworth members attending their first meeting.

The president asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written in the September newsletter. A motion was made by Mac Flowers to accept. A second was made. Motion passed. A financial report was given by Sue Cook.

Williams thanked everyone that helped with the Natchez Trace Tour and recognized all in state and out of state members that came to Nashville a day early to assist with registration, greeting, hospitality room, parking and all assistance during the week. Thanks were also given to Ralph & Teresa Williams and Gary and Annette Tillstrom for Trace Tour banquet table decorations. Recognition was given to club members that sponsored tours and events in 2002. The comment was made that the club pulls together as a group and the club has now grown to 35 memberships.

The secretary announced that it was time for annual dues to be paid and that if you had not filled out a new membership form with MTFCA and/or MTFCA membership #'s and the safety form on the back to please do so. Forms will be mailed to members not present. Mac Flowers reported on a possible "Cruise In" event in Tupelo the first weekend in May and also about the new antique car museum that just opened in Tupelo as a possible attraction for the 2003 Trace tour. Mac will keep us informed on the "Cruise In".

The "Light" from the International Youth Auction was on display along with the article from the International magazine about the light for those not familiar with the story. Maybe the "Light" will find it's home in Tennessee again in the near future.

The group won the GRAND MARSHALL'S AWARD at the Millington parade on Saturday afternoon. By unanimous vote Gary Tillstrom was elected the "KEEPER OF THE TROPHY."

Everyone was encouraged to think about sponsoring an event or weekend tour for 2003. The LBL will be April 11- 13 and the Natchez Trace, October 19-26, 2003. The Christmas weekend events will be Waverly/New Johnsonville area in 2003.

The food was beginning to smell wonderful and we were anxious to see what was in all the lovely wrapped packages so a motion was made by Carol Zelten to adjourn. Second by Ralph Williams. Meeting adjourned.



## TENNESSEE T'S CHRISTMAS



Eleven member families attended the Christmas meeting of the Tennessee T's on Saturday December 7. The meeting was held in Collierville, TN at the home of Susan Harrington & Glenn Storck. Following an abundant pot luck Christmas dinner, President Larry Williams conducted the year end business meeting. After the meeting Theresa Williams directed the Chinese Take Away gift exchange.

The weekend started on Friday afternoon when out of town members arrived in Collierville. After dinner at Barnhill's Buffet, new T owners Ken & Carole Zelten and Tom & Pat Rowe joined the veteran Cooks, Swans, Williams x 2, Wallers, & Harrington/Storck for their first Model T tour. A short drive took the group to the lineup area for the Collierville Christmas parade. The cars were decorated for Christmas and drew a lot of attention from the crowd.

Saturday morning was cold but sunny. At 8:30 the group left the Hampton Inn in Collierville with 3 police cars providing assistance to keep the group together. The cold weather seemed to aggravate the old cars. The majority of the eight cars had some mechanical problems—gas, water, and/or electrical. None of the problems were great enough to keep any of the T's from returning under their own power, but several stops were made along the way to render assistance.

After driving north through east Shelby County the group stopped at the one hundred year old Wilson's Hardware store in Arlington. New member Nick Longsworth of Galloway TN met the group at Wilson's. He had hoped to join the tour but was unable to get his car registered. Something about needing a title.

From Arlington, the group drove west across northern Shelby County to Millington. Gary & Annette Tillstrom joined us for lunch at Old Timers Restaurant and then led us for the Millington Christmas Parade. Gary & Annette's TT Truck was decorated to the maximum and carried the Tennessee T sign. In the Millington parade, the Tennessee T's won first place in the vehicle category and also won the Grand Marshall's award.

By the time the parade was over, clouds were in the sky and the sun was getting low. The goal was to drive the 30 miles back to Collierville before the sun went down. Shortly before 5 PM most of the group arrived. Although a trailer rescue for the Zeltens was contemplated, they made it back under the power of their 1918 touring. Congratulations

New members Darrel & Anne Carter and son DJ as well as Nick Longsworth and his wife Elke came for the Saturday evening events. Mac & Ernestine Flowers were also able to come Saturday evening.

Only the Swans expressed much enthusiasm for a Sunday tour, so the planned drive to Holly Springs, Mississippi will have to wait for another sunny and warm day.

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## It's The Little Things That Bite Us

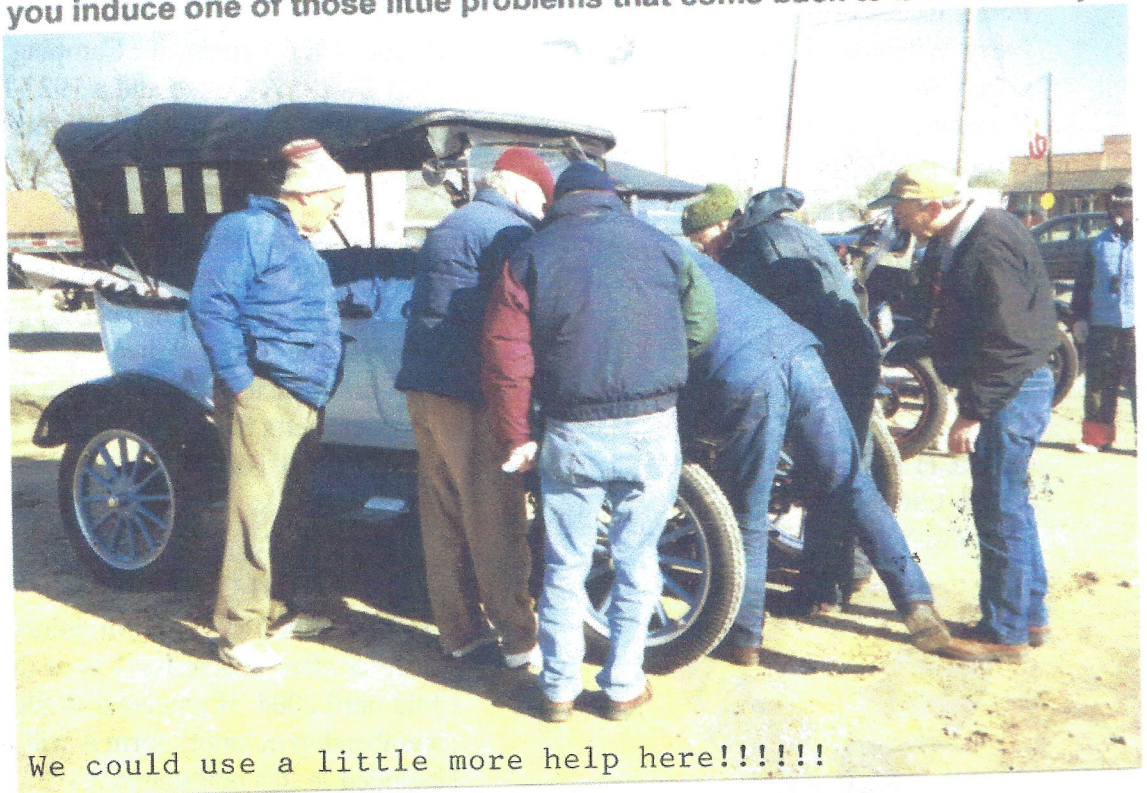
Gary Tillstrom

All model T folks I know would look at me like I was crazy if I suggested they throw in a hand full of kitty litter to their wheel bearings, U-joint, etc., etc. There could be no good come from such goofy action but many of us do just that without even knowing. Let me explain.

General-purpose grease is made up of oil and either clay based or ester based thickeners as well as other additives to prevent the grease from "bleeding". Either type by itself is fine. Recently, the aviation industry has learned that greases should not ever be mixed, as the additives are often not compatible with one another. When mixed, they will often make the little hard "rocks" which can destroy bearings. Another problem that happens is when it hardens it can prevent fresh grease from reaching the areas that need it. The end results are always the same, \$.

Now think back a bit, how many of us have found and dug out old grease that has turned hard and formed these chunks? Do you think a new tube of grease will do the same thing over time? Not likely.

Here is my advice on the subject. Buy only one brand of grease and stick with it forever. Most of us (especially me) are guilty of buying grease at whatever location we happen to be at when we remember we need a tube. If you identify your self as a "mixer" purge your grease gun today before you induce one of those little problems that come back to bite us. Gary



We could use a little more help here!!!!!!





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JANUARY

Laura Beussink - 4th  
Annette Tillstrom- 17th  
Alice Pinegar - 24th  
Bob Harris - 27th  
Tom Rowe - 25th  
Ben Hardeman - 30th

### FEBRUARY

Gary Tillstrom - 10th  
Ricky Williams - 20th  
Ann Carter - 23rd  
Bud Scudder - 28th

### MARCH

Penny Ellis - 11th  
Larry Williams - 18th  
Glenn Storck - 19th  
Ernestine Flowers - 20th  
Carolyn Williams - 29th  
Sue Cook - 31st

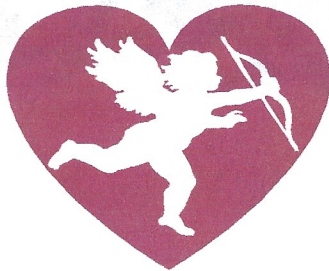
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### FEBRUARY ANNIV'S

Bryan & Kathe Nelson - 28th

### MARCH ANNIV'S

Bill & Laura Beussink - 21st  
Ricky & Vandy Williams - 26th



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Keith & Penny Ellis  
641 Kingsway Drive  
Old Hickory, TN 37138  
(615) 847-2157  
keithcota@aol.com

Keith and Penny own a 1916 Roadster Pickup and a 1926 Fordor and are members of the MTFCA. Welcome Keith & Penny and we hope you will be able to join us in tours and meeting this year.

Ben and Nancy Hardeman  
1820 Gray Stone Drive  
Bryan, TX 77807- 2621  
(979) 775-9229  
nancy@hardeman.com

Ben and Nancy are the owners of Texas T Parts. They own a 1927 Fordor Sedan, 1927 Touring, 1927 Roadster, 1926 Pickup, 1926 Coupe, 1916 Zagelmeier Camping Trailer, a 1931 Model A Coupe and a 1927 Fordor (under construction) They are members of both the MTFCI and the MTFCA.

Ben and Nancy welcome to the chapter and invite you to join us when you can. Nancy said the first order of business for them this year was the National meeting ( a cruise in the Caribbean in Feb) and a tour in Massachusetts in June sponsored by the Tent Topped Touring T's of Connecticut.



### 2003 DUES TIME

Dues are still \$15.00. If you joined the Chapter after September 1 your dues are paid until 2004. If you need to fill out a new membership or safety form it will be included in this newsletter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES TOUR  
APRIL 11, 12 & 13, 2003

### FISHTALE LODGE

(731) 642-7113

Rooms blocked under Tennessee T's

\$60.00 + tax

No cost for tour

### COOKOUT FRIDAY NIGHT

For information call Lynn or Sue Cook

(931) 535-2451

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Ralph and Teresa Williams are checking out the backroads around Desoto county. They are hoping to add a drive to the list of club activities for this year. Ralph said they had found LOTS of antique shops around Hernando and Olive Branch. More information later.

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Mac Flowers is still working on details for the Tupelo, MS "cruise in" weekend in May. For information call Mac or Ernestine at (931) 535-2327.

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Information on the Natchez Trace Tour VI will be mailed this week. If you are interested return your application SOON.. tour filled early last year.

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The Blue Ridge Riders, Hendersonville, NC will be hosting their annual tour May 25-30, 2003. This is a great tour. For information call Sandy Lynch at(828) 692-3008.

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Other events in upcoming newsletters.



We received word from Joe and Alice Pinegar a few days ago that when the

Tornadoes came through the South in November that one zeroed in on them and completely destroyed not only their home but their daughters as well. Joe and Alice were in their basement and were not injured but their daughter and son-in-law were not so lucky. They were seriously injured but are out of the hospital and doing fine now. Joe said his Model T was saved by a metal garage door that bent around it and shielded it. It was severely damaged but repairable and Joe has already started working on it. Be thinking of Joe and Alice as they pick up the pieces and rebuild.

## CARS REPORTED IN PROGRESS

Ralph Williams is on the third time painting fenders. Hang in there Ralph. As you said third time is charm.

Bryan Nelson is still looking for a front bucket for his Roadster project.

Charles Swan says his 27 Tudor is beginning to take shape. The chassis is complete and ready for the engine and transmission. He says thanks to Lynn Cook his transmission should give outstanding service. He hopes to be ready to drive for the Land Between the Lakes tour in April.

Gary Tillstrom is looking for a touring car. Let him know if you hear of a good one.

Mac Flowers recently purchased a 25 touring in excellent condition. He moved Ernestine's "stuff" out of the garage and has the car in there working on it. All you Tennessee folks will remember the Jake Butcher family. This car was part of that families estate.

Several other members have projects in progress but have no update on them.



