

August

TENNESSEE T'S NEWSLETTER

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THE TENNESSEE T'S WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Donnie & Deborah Burkeen Don and Marge Krull Dewey and Pat Asher
Mt. Juliet, TN Galesburg, IL Washington, IL

Our membership has grown from 5 families in 1998 to 27 families in 2001.

UPCOMING EVENTS & CHAPTER TOURS

Red Boiling Springs - September 8, 2001- Car show and swap meet.
Always a lot of T parts. Contact Willis Hampton for information.

Tour de Catfish II September 14-16 Pickwick Landing State Park
For more info contact Ken and Joyce Swan. Larry and Charlotte Rucker will
be cooking catfish in the park on Friday the 14th to feed the whole gang. Be
there by 5:30 PM. We will have a Chapter meeting after dinner on Friday.

Estate Sale September 20, 2001 Roadhouse, IL Lots of T cars and parts
List and map at: www.aumannauctions.com

Sango Mills day tour. September 29, 2001. Meet at Larry's and Carolyn's
at 9:30 AM on the 29th and we will drive to Sango Mills for Lunch. Contact
Larry or Bob and Nell for more info. Great white beans and cornbread.

Three (3 day) swap meet in Millington, TN October 5-7th. Thirty miles
north of Memphis. Contact Gary Tillstrom for information. Gary says bring
wagons and cash. Buy it before they get to Hershey with it.

Oct. 6, 01 Barbecue and parade in Rutherford, TN. Call Mac Flowers for
info.

Oct. 6, 01 Fall Pilgrimage at Historic Collinsville. Contact Bob Harris
for info.

Natchez Trace Tour 2001 October 20-27, 2001 If you need info call
Larry or Lynn.

REVIEW OF SUMMER TOURS

ALASKA TOUR

Ken and Joyce left June 2, 2001 and drove their T to Bryan, TX and then on to ALASKA. We welcome them home safe and sound after their 10,000 mile plus tour. Looking forward to some stories from them at the Pickwick weekend.

Bera, KY

Willis and Norma Hampton, Larry and Carolyn Williams, Linda and Bill Eden, and new members Don and Marge Krull and Pat and Dewey Asher toured in June with the MTFCA in Berea, Ky. Beautiful country.

New Philadelphia, Ohio

In July, Larry and Carolyn Williams, Linda and Bill Eden, Gary Tillstrom and Don and Marge Krull attended the MTFCA tour in the Amish country of Ohio. It was great to finally be able to pass some traffic even though it was a horse and buggy.

CHAPTER DAY TOUR

On July, 28, 2001, Ralph & Teresa Williams, Lynn & Sue Cook, Mac & Ernestine Flowers met at Larry & Carolyn Williams for breakfast and we all drove to the Lone Oak Picnic in Clarksville. We met Bob Harris and Ernest Morris there. After having the cars on display for a couple of hours the Flowers went to visit Charles and Ann Corlew and the rest of the group toured cross country to McEwen, TN and the annual Irish Picnic. Ate Again!!!! Ralph and Teresa were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Isn't she a lucky girl..some people have to go on cruises for their anniversary...she got to go on a Model T run!!!!!!

D & D GREAT ADVENTURE

On August 3, 2001 the Williams and Cooks joined the Krulls and Ashers in Galesburg, IL for the 2nd Great Adventure across the mid-west. We toured for 1470 miles from IL. across MO, NB, and Iowa and back to IL. The most sinister thing that happened to any of the cars was a plugged fuel strainer. We met and visited with some terrific people along the way.

Collierville Car Show

Susan Harrington and Glenn Storck were met at the Collierville Car Show by Ralph Williams and Gary Tillstrom. Susan took 1st place and Ralph 2nd. Way to go guys. The Collierville Police Department raised \$11,000 for Special Olympics. What a great project. Gary Tillstrom took his hillbilly truck and said he had the neatest spark plug wires there. (available at a farm near you)

CARS IN PROGRESS REPORT

Bryan Nelson is building a car from parts. He intends to turn it into a 23-24 Roadster. He has driven it around the yard and even has pictures to prove it.

Charlie Swann is still trying to get all the bugs out of the engine in his 1927 Tudor. He is looking forward to getting it restored and participating in Chapter events.

Mac Flowers and his Hack are back on the road as of today (8-27-2001) after repairing a front main bearing.

Larry Williams still has the engine out of his Roadster and scattered to h--- and back. He seems to be determined to find something called a SLAP that Don Krull said was in it.

From what we hear from Ralph Williams and Gary Tillstrom, their cars are a continuing work in progress.

With winning 1st place at the car show it sounds like Susan Harrington has a handle on her 1921 Touring.

Jerry Wallers reports his 1924 Roadster is coming along nicely.

Bill and Linda Eden have purchased a 1921 Roadster. Linda says it runs and has "most" of its parts and that they may drive it awhile just like it is before getting into a restoration project.

MODEL T COOKING

Ken Swan

Joyce and I purchased a cooker from Paul Larson to take on our trip to Alaska. We enjoyed it so much we want to encourage others to use them also. To use it there are a few things you must remember. First you must make sure you take it with you, then make sure you have enough driving time for the food to cook. The cook must "plan ahead" and use common sense. Multiple courses have to be cleverly thought through and you should not have left overs. (now Ken when has that been a problem with Model T folks) Foods that are canned, vacuum packed, or easily thawed should be considered primarily. With fresh food you must realize that it is a use it or lose it situation. We successfully cooked pork chops, steaks stewed potatoes, carrots, and beans to mention a few. Chicken pot pie(sans crust) made from canned cream of chicken soup, chicken broth, canned veggies and boneless chicken breast cut into medium pieces was a favorite. Other successful recipes were developed from soup, tuna helper, etc. The location of the cooker on the manifold will have a significant influence on the outcome of the meal. Relocating the foods in the cooker, from front to back and vice versa, and stops to vigorously stir ingredients should be part of the cooking routine. If several people on a tour have cookers you can divide up the menu responsibilities and the result will be a multi-coursed menu that is not only delicious but fun and nourishing. On our tour to Alaska we had better quality meals, hot meals, and at a tremendously reduced cost. In fact, we cooked for the entire group what it would have cost for one person or at least one couple more than once. An unexpected benefit was the fact that we had quality meals while looking at beautiful surroundings, at the time frame we dictated, AND IN AREAS WHERE NO RESTAURANTS OR FOOD SERVICES even existed for hours in any direction. The only downside was restrooms were sometimes defined as a good clump of bushes and even that condition provided good entertainment on one or two occasions. (this may be an whole "nuther article) And it probably didn't hurt that we had a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York as a member of our group, a minor detail though. Another thing you must remember is to bring along a can opener. A must.

GET WELL NEWS

Mac Flowers and William Johnson are both finished with their radiation treatments and on the mend.

Ann Corlew is not finished with her chemo and still has to have radiation treatment. Ann says she is looking forward to the day she can join Mac and William's club. We are too Ann. Hang in there.

Charles Corlew is on the mend after his surgery.

Norma Hampton has had surgery on both her hands and is still recuperating. Norma, is Willis doing the cooking?

MODEL T TIPS

LYNN COOK

While visiting Martin Alexander in Queen City, MO I picked up this tip on reshaping transmission bands. I have already tried this out and it really works.

Before you put your linings on bands bend the bands to fit the outside contour of the drum. Reshape the bands to near contact 360 degrees on the drum. Do this even if it requires removing the ears and bending them also.

After bands have been reshaped and linings installed recheck. Some slight adjustments might have to be made to bring back to 360 degree contact with drum. (bands can be and shaped with linings already on if you are not replacing them)

This 360 degree contact will make your pedals 70 % softer and your brakes 50% better. There will be less drag on the engine, less wear on the bands and less heat buildup.

If you are interested or have questions call Lynn at (931) 535-2451.