

Greeting's Model T'ers

We often talk about how the Model T "changed the world", everything we know, and how this little car, that we all love, put the common man on wheels for the first time; but we don't really realize how much of a secondary market the Model T created.

I saw on Facebook a few days ago, an elbow that fits on top of your radiator facing forward. It was advertised for better cooling. Supposedly, the elbow would bring extra cool air into your radiator. Another time, and this is my favorite, I saw a screen door that replaced your transmission inspection cover. This was advertised to give you a better view of what was going on in your transmission. All these things make me chuckle, but there was a whole industry devoted to accessories for the Model T. Many companies, such as Montgomery Ward, had catalogs just for Model T accessories they offered. They ranged from small parts, for better performance, to large kits made for converting your car to a tractor, a snowmobile, or even a large truck.

As we all know, Henry wasn't much on accessories, but that didn't stop the market from offering everything imaginable to accessorize your car. There were many companies that would furnish you a whole body, if you wanted a different look or if you needed to carry something special. It is very entertaining to sit down and look through one of the catalogs, and just ponder over what a new car owner in the early 20th century would have thought.

I love seeing my car put a smile on peoples' faces. Everywhere I go people always wave, or grab their cameras to take a picture. Just think of what the people 100 years ago thought when they saw a new Model T Ford turning into the Walmart parking lot.

I hope you are able to enjoy your car. Vandy and I enjoyed a great spring tour, and are looking forward to several others that we will be attending this year.

Don't miss your chance to put a smile on someone's face, and don't forget to tell them the story of the Model T Ford.

Happy T'ing

Ricky

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Chaplain- D.D. From Tennessee

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Contact Ricky Williams, our club President, if you have a tour or event planned to be sure the date is still open. Click for contact info.

Date	Event (Tennessee T's events
	are bold)
	Note: contact the event
	host before making plans to
June 11-12th,	32nd Annual Model T Ford
2022	Reunion
June 19-24, 2022	MTFCA 2022 National Tour:
	Wonderful Wisconsin Tour,
	Fon du lac, WI
July 17-22, 2022	2022 MTFCI Annual Tour,
	Hamilton, OH
September 24-	Model T Covered Bridge
28, 2022	Tour, Parke County
	Fairgrounds 1472 N U.S.
	41, Rockville, Indiana





The Tennessee T's club is a member of both the MTFCA and the MTFCI. Most of our members are also members of both associations that help preserve our hobby and our historic old cars.

JUNE 2022

Chaplain's Report May 29, 20022 By Dom D., Tennessee T's Chaplain

During this most recent reporting period a Get-Well card sent to Ken Nye after knee replacement surgery on 4/26 & a Sympathy Card sent to Don Lang after the passing of his wife Patty on 5/10.



Should you experience or become aware of one of our members experiencing a death in the family, hospitalization or serious medical issue, please inform one of our club officers if you wish us to support you.

Romans 10:13 KJV

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

In this chapter Paul is relating salvation is for everyone who asks Him. It is that simple to have eternal life.



The Money Bucket

submitted by **Connie Plank**, club treasurer



Starting Balance (04/01/2022)	\$8,000.28
Total Deposits Donations	\$40.00
Total Expenses *	\$288.87
Ending Balance – (05/31/2022)	\$7,751.41
* Secretary of State Annual Report Service Fee	\$20.46
Food Giant - Cookies - Five Rivers Tour	\$31.13
Video Corner Cafe - Pizzas - Five Rivers Tour	\$144.45
Commodore Cafe- Snacks for Cookout- Five Rivers	Tour .\$92.83



Model T Ford TRIVIA

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When and on what cars were the demountable wheels and starters standard equipment?

Model T Ford TRIVIA

Question #2:

Will an exhaust cutout increase the HP in a T engine?

THANK YOU TENNESSEE T'S

THANKS FOR THE PICTURES AND ARTICLES THAT YOU SUBMITTED THIS MONTH. I CAN T TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT HELPS ME WHEN <u>You</u> WRITE THE NEWSLETTER.

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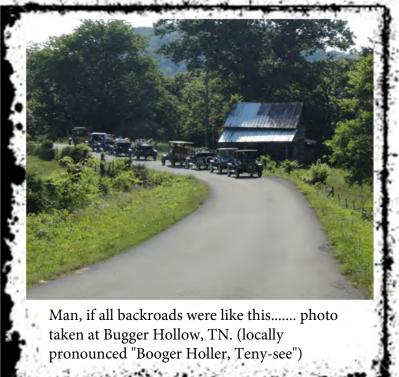


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Darren & Rashelle Chaney- Burlison, TN





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gas prices at \$3.39 we thought

we were being robbed.



A Fishing We Will Go

by Phillip Lee with help from Moonshine Mike

Moonshine Mike had invited Trader Jim and Running Waters to join them for a feast after Ma had ran the T through the barn, over one of the pigs, catching a hen in the radiator and finally coming to a stop in the middle of the creek. Everyone enjoyed the fixings and then went out on the porch to have desserts of apple pie and blackberry cobbler. They also partook of a little "sipping shine".

Trader Jim said, "Hey Mike, I heard of a new place to go fishing, but it is a long way off. How bout if we make a fishing and hunting trip. Maybe three or four days?" Moonshine Mike said, "Sounds good to me. "Ma, what do you think?" Ma answered, "Well Pa, we could use some fish and some venison and it won't hurt none for you and the boys to be gone for a few days. Me and the girls can get some canning done and y'all can learn the boys more about hunting and fishing somewhere besides these hills." Moonshine Mike said, "Well Jim, that settles it. When do you and Running Waters want to go?" "How bout me and Running Waters meet you and the boys up on the ridge day after tomorrow at sunrise?" asked Trader Jim looking over at Running Waters and getting a hod of his head. So it was set. The big hunting and fishing trip was on. The location was near a new bridge called Five Arches Bridge somewhere in Tennessee.

The next day Moonshine Mike set about making sure the T was ready for the long trip to Five Arches Bridge that Trader Jim told him about. Moonshine Mike changed the oil, cleaned the timer, greased and oiled the T from front to back and adjusted the bands. Moonshine Mike also greased the front wheel bearings after he finally remembered that the one of the castle nuts turned backwards to take it off. The boys gathered up their hunting and fishing gear, blankets for them to sleep on and an old canvas cover to have a makeshift tent.

They had loaded up the day before, so shortly before daylight the next morning Moonshine Mike and the boys loaded up in the T and headed for the ridge. Ma had made up some biscuits with ham for them to eat on the way to the ridge. The sun was just peaking over the treetops when the Loonies got to the top of the ridge and waiting for them was Trader Jim, Running Waters and Sheriff Josia, Trader Jim had asked the Sheriff (Trader Jim's brother-in-law) to go with them on the fishing trip. Moonshine Mike was a little surprised but glad to see his old school mate. Sheriff Raymond Josia and Moonshine Mike had gone to the same school up to the sixth grad when Moonshine Mike quit school to help support the family. Moonshine Mike said, "Sheriff, on this fishing trip, you are just Ray, right?" Sheriff Josia said, "Sounds good to me, Mike. I am just here to go fishing and hunting with y'all." The sheriff had been trying to catch Moonshine Mike running or making moonshine for several years now and had just about given up. Moonshine Mike did have three gallon jugs of his best "sipping shine" for the trip, but he now knew that once they got out of Sheriff Josia jurisdiction, that the Sheriff would help them put the "sipping shine" to good use.

The day passed with no incidents out of the ordinary. So before it got dark, they decided to stop for the night. Camp was set up under some trees near a creek. While the adults set up camp, the boys went fishing and caught two big catfish, some crawdads and three perch. Supper was really good with toasted fish, crawdads and the cornbread Ma had baked the day before for the trip.

Just before noon the next day, Trader Jim noticed the touring was pulling to the right so they stopped to take a look and sure enough the right front tire was going flat. (Good thing he carried patches for the inner tube but he forgot to pack a jack.) Trader Jim asked, "Hey Mike, did you bring your jack? I left

mine back at the Trading Post." Moonshine Mike was not too happy about that because he had to empty half of the gear in the back of his truck to find his jack and tire pump. It turned out to be a good time to teach the boys how to remove the tube from the tire without taking the wheel off the T or taking the tire all the way off the rim. Moonshine Mike said, "Jim, how about you and Running Waters show the boys how to patch that inner tube and put it back in the tire and I will put this stuff back in the truck." It took Moonshine Mike longer to put everything back in the truck than it did for Trader Jim to patch the tube, put the tube back in the tire and pump it up. By now half of one of the jugs of "sipping shine" had been put to good use.

They arrived at the Five Arches Bridge about mid afternoon and started setting up their camp site. The boys were playing in the creek and looking for a good spot to fish when along came a man in a T Tudor. The man said, "Howdy, I am Joe Bob." Then asked, "What are your plans?" Moonshine Mike answered, "We plan to camp here a couple of days and do some fishing and hunting. Where is the best fishing spot?" Joe Bob said, "Well, climb in here and I will take you up the river a ways and show you the best fishing spot on this whole river."

Moonshine Mike got in the T with Joe Bob and down the bank and into the river they went. The river had lots of gravel in it so the Tudor did real good until they hit a hole about 3/4's of the way across, that is when the Tudor stopped and try as hard as they could, the Tudor would not budge. Moonshine Mike looked backwards and saw Running Waters about to fall off the back off the roadster pickup because he was laughing so hard. That T tried real hard but just could not get going again. Joe Bob and Moonshine Mike waded back across the river and started talking to Trader Jim and Ray (Sheriff Josia) about how they could get the Tudor out of the river. About that time a freight wagon with a four mule team came trotting across the bridge. The freighter was carrying a load of flour and cornmeal to the mercantile.

Joe Bob exclaimed, "That's my cousin, Flop eared Jack, driving that team of mules." Jack said, "Hey Cuz, looks like you done it again. You want me to pull you out of that river again?' Joe Bob said, "Sure do Jack, but I'll pay you this time, if you want me too." "Naw," said Flop eared Jack, "We will settle up some other way." They unhitched the four mule team, drove them out into the river and hitched up to the rear bumper of the Tudor. After a couple of tries, the mules got the Tudor moving backwards but the Tudor stalled after nearly running over the mules. The four mule team gave another hard pull and out came the mules with the Tudor.

After all this, Joe Bob decided it was time for him to head home and said to Moonshine Mike, "The best fishing is about a quarter of a mile up the river, but you had best walk or you could be **"up the creek."** Turning to his cousin, Joe Bob said, "Jack, I'll settle up with you later." And off he went in a small cloud of dust.

Flop eared Jack said, "That's my cousin and he is all the time getting his self in some kind of trouble and looking fer somebody else to get him out! Well, y'all be careful and hope you have a good hunt."

After getting the camp all squared away, the adults decided to sit around the campfire, eat and sip some more of the "sipping shine" while the boys played in the creek.

Bright and early the next morning, Moonshine Mike and the boys started up stream to find the fishing hole that Joe Bob had told them about. Trader Jim, Running Waters and Ray went deer hunting. It was said that Running Waters could track an ant across a boulder.

The End for Now

Sandy Hook Tour- April 19 & 20, 2022 by Bill Robinson



This tour got it's backbone in the second week of March 2022, when I got an email from Kevin Davis from Sandy Hook, TN, just West of Columbia. Kevin's email stated "and I'm writing to you in hopes of inviting some of your members over to the Community of Sandy Hook, just south of Mt. Pleasant TN, in getting a photo shoot of your members' Model T cars & trucks in support of Saving our Historical Landmark 5 Arch Bridge."

That sounded interesting and like fun to me, especially if we could put together enough backroads to make our day a good run, plus our helping the community of Sandy Hook save the old historic 1916 bridge from demolition.

In the end, we went for an afternoon ride to The Soda Pop Junction in Lynnville for ice cream on Friday afternoon, then on Saturday morning we made our way to the scheduled photoshoot, where Kevin and his daughter, Willow, took many great pictures of us in and around the bridge that crosses the Big Bigby Creek. From there we spent the rest of the day traveling very rural roads, many of which had no line in the center, and many intersections on roads that were not marked. Thankfully the Tennessee T's have adapted to using Garmin GPS's. And, somehow we made it back to our motel without getting lost. We stopped at THE FARM near Summertown, later had a picnic lunch prepared by the folks at Riverside Market near Hohenwald, and on to Mt. Pleasant for a break at the History Museum and the Mt. Pleasant Grille for ice cream. Thanks to Kevin for the invitation to his event, and incidently, Kevin gave me a rough draft of some of the backroads that we traveled.

















FIVE RIVERS TOUR-MAY 11-15, 2022

by Vandy Williams

There were hills and curves, dips and turns. *No, it wasn't a roller coaster.* There were beautiful overlooks, lush foliage, and water hazards. *No, it wasn't a golf course.*

It was the Tennessee T's Spring "Five Rivers" Tour, and there was a little bit of everything for everyone!

For those that love nature and seek adventure, there was *adventure*. Huckleberry Finn, himself, would have loved to ridden with us, as we travelled country roads, that held the stories of a by-gone era, where time moved as slowly as the Model T's we were driving. We crossed old bridges and new bridges, forded creeks, drove roads (that were creeks), and enjoyed lunches overlooking the beautiful Tennessee River and scenic Laurel Hill Lake. Our pit stops included general stores and a ranch (that was like an oasis in the hills of Tennessee), complete with its own spring, flowing into a creek that was perfect for wading.

Oh, and there was also a Commodore! Not the kind that first comes to mind, but the Commodore Hotel and Music Café in Linden, Tennessee was home base for the tour. This *historic* hotel was a welcomed respite after our days of touring, and offered dining and entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. The owners of the Commodore, Mike and Kathy Dumont, hosted our group to a cookout at their home on Thursday night. There, we forded a creek to get to their home and enjoyed banjo and guitar music, with our group joining in on some of the songs.

Tennessee offers some of the most diverse scenery, from the flat deltas in West Tennessee to the rock hills and valleys of Middle and East Tennessee. We hope this tour had something for everyone's enjoyment. I know we had a blast planning it! Riding the backroads in our Model T is one of our favorite things to do, but most of all, we **absolutely** treasure the time we get to spend with our old friends, and making new friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. *We looking forward to seeing everyone on our next adventure!*





















SPARE TIRE IN-TRAILER WALL MOUNT WITH VELCRO

By Dom D.



With the use of a piece of Velcro 2" wide X 18" long and a ¼" X1 ¼ fender washer, a 30 X 3 ½ Model T spare tire can be mounted inside a trailer wall. The advantage to this system is the ease of mounting and dismounting the tire repeatedly. When the spare tire is mounted resting on the trailer floor, it is secure, and an inexpensive way to store/or and transport it.

A package of 2" X 5' Velcro can be found at Walmart stores for \$8.47. This is not a product endorsement.







BOOGER. IN THE PAN by Bill Robinson



While on the Five Rivers Tour, Suzi and I were going up a slight hill- it was not a hard pull. As we reached the top and the road began to flatten out, a Model T, that was 2 cars ahead of us, suddenly blew a huge plum of white smoke from under the hood of the car. The driver pulled over and every car behind him pulled over to check things out- that's what we do. Within a few minutes the cars that were ahead of us, turned around to check things out, too.

By the time I got to the car, the car's owner/member Ron Bolser, had discovered that the oil-filler cap had blown off and couldn't be found. Suzi and I, followed by Phillip Lee, we turned around and slowly went back down the road to the failure point, in hopes of finding the cap, but no luck finding it.

I requested that Ron let me know the results of his findings and today I received his email. This is what he found:

Bill, here is what I discovered after I removed the head after we arrived back home to Illinois.

About a dozen small pieces of the piston were still laying on top of it. I also found a pea size piece of rock hard carbon laying there. The contact on the spark plug was smashed flat, grounding it out.

There was no evidence of any other damage anywhere. The Pruss aluminum head did not even have a scratch on it.

Valves are in all working order.

I searched the entire block and trany and found no more metal pieces. Replacement piston is installed and just need to get everything buttoned back up.

This is an original 97 year old engine with the only parts replaced are the head and spark plugs.

I know I need to get rid of the two piece values and install aluminum pistons. This will be a future project when the day comes that I need to rebuild the engine. I have put about 10,000 miles on it since I have owned it with no problems.

PORTABLE SAFE AS AN OPTION FOR SECURING VALUABLES ON TOURS

By Dom D.

Unfortunately we are living in the time where we need to be more vigilant about our safety and security while still engaging in the activities that bring quality to our lives. The Model T Ford and those who are engaged in our hobby do that very well.

It is difficult to secure valuables; cash, jewelry, medicine, and handguns in a Model T Ford. While touring we may even be visiting venues that prohibit firearms in their facilities. An inexpensive, secure product to address these issues is a portable safe.

The Harbor Freight Company offers a portable safe (recently \$19.99) that has a metal cable that allows the safe to be secured on/in a vehicle or in a hotel room. The cable has been secured around the frame of my Touring Car with the safe between the gas tank and body under the front seat.



NOTE: This information is offered as a suggestion to address personal security issues and is not a product endorsement.



Model T & Parts

25 T pickup w/oak bed and side rails, side curtains, Texas T distributor. (Have Title)

- 1 14 foot flat bed trailer (tandem axle)
- 2 Turtle Decks
- 4 Wire Wheels
- 1 set Hub Adapters (wood to wire)
- 2 sets Original Cast Iron Pistons
- 1 Engine block, 1 transmission w/ hogshead
- 2 Crankshafts, 2 heads, 1- camshaft

Assorted Kerosene lamps

- 2 Running board luggage cages
- 1 Running board spare tire bracket
- 1 Running board mounted auxillary air pump
- 2 Fat man steering wheel spiders (1 w/locking device needs key)
- 2 Wooden steering wheels w/spiders
- 1 Water pump
- 1 Starter
- 1 Generator
- 1 4 x 21 tire (new, still in wrapper)
- 1 Exhaust pipe (new)
- 1 Left front fender
- 1 Steering column tube and throttle rods
- 1 Rear mount spare tire bracket
- 2 sets Rear springs
- 1 Auxillary windshield post mounted spotlight Assorted parts (see photos) Several 4 x 21 split rims (original)
- Numerous misc. parts

I want to sell these as an entire package to avoid "piecemeal sales". I am asking \$11,000 for the entire package.

Email: Brian Nelson bknelson@dtccom.net Cell#: 615-351-7396













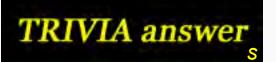
<mark>ben Yumori Driwing Award 2022</mark>

Q. Are you aware that one of our club members won this year's award?

A. Sure enough! Doug Hauge, a member of the Tennessee T's, was this year's recipient of the award, which is awarded by the MTFCA annually. Read more about his adventurous driving "spells" in the MAY/JUNE Vintage Ford magazine- page 22.

Congratulations Doug!





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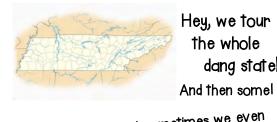
Answer #1: Closed cars, after January 1919, were supplied with demountable wheels and starters as standard equipment, but such equipment on open cars was optional until early 1926 production late 1925.

Question #2: Will an exhaust cutout increase the HP in a T engine?

Answer #2: No.

From the comparatively small pipe, the exhaust is liberated into the larger chambers of the muffler, where the force of the exhaust is lessened by expansion and discharged out of the muffler with practically no noise. The Ford muffler construction is such that there is very little back pressure of the escaping gases, consequently there is nothing to be gained by putting a cutout in the exhaust pipe between the engine and the muffler.





Hey, we tour the whole dang state

Don't tell anyone, but sometimes we even cross over the state line. Shhhh ! !

BOOGER ... IN THE PAN!

Find something in your old car that is not supposed to be there? Let us all see your find!

Here's how:

Write a short article and tell our club members about what you found. Send pictures to the editor. tennesseets@hotmail.com

Don't forget- Big John makes beautiful, hand- crafted wooden steering wheels. bigjohn331958@gmail.com

FULL TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS **CAN JOIN DUES - FREE**

If you have not found the **TECH PAGE on our** website, then pay it a visit. There are many good articles posted that can help out on your next project. Also, if you write an article, send it to the newsletter editor for consideration.

FACEBOOK

For those members who don't already know it, the Tennessee T's club now has a Facebook page that is hosted by Ricky and Vandy Williams. To find it click on the link FACEBOOK - Where it says "search Facebook" type in Tennessee T's.

Please leave comments, videos, pictures, etc to let Rick and Vandy know that their efforts aren't wasted

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

for

TENNESSEE T'S, INC. Model T Ford Club

Name	_ Spouse
Birthday	_ Birthday
Anniversary	_
Email	_ Email
Cell Phone	Cell Phone
Address	
City	StateZip
Home Phone	
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: Due By: Make Check Payable To: Mail To:	\$20.00 January 1st / each year Tennessee T's, Inc. Vandy Williams, Secretary 97 Creekwood Rd Humboldt, TN 38343 731-414-9085

You are cordially invited to join the Tennessee T's, Inc. pursuant to the rules and By-laws governing the club and its membership. You must be a member in good standing of either the Model T Ford Club of America or the Model T Ford Club International. (WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH.) To participate in chapter events (tours), your vehicle must meet chapter safety guidelines. *(Safety form is not required for club membership.)*

MTFCI#	MTFCA#
List cars (body style and year)	
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3	6