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Model T Ton Truck (unknown vintage), “Retired”

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MODEL T'S ON TOUR IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

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MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

NEWS

May 17, 2014 - Show & Tell Swap & Sell. Join us at the Model T Museum on Saturday, May 17th, 2014 for our second annual "Show & Tell" and our newly added Model T Ford "Swap & Sell" meet.

Remember the excitement that we all shared at the Centennial in 2008. We are rekindling the spirit and the fun we all had in Richmond during that week with a one day Homecoming. The Show & Tell will be held in the museum as last year. The newly added "Swap & Sell" will be held in the surrounding areas adjacent to the museum. Plan NOW to be part of this annual event!

Event Coordinators

Show & Tell, Brent and Nancy Mize, 614-582-9422

Swap & Sell Tony Wiltshire, 317-431-1589

May 18-19, 2014 - Belvidere, IL. Rockford Chapter Model T International 48th Annual Little Hershey Classic Car Swap Meet & Car Show Boone County Fairgrounds. 6am-3pm, \$7 Adm., Under 12 Free, Swap Meet Both Days, Car Show Sunday Only \$10 at the gate, for information contact Bill Leese 815-637-6038 or www.3dsound.org/flyers/Belvidere.pfd

May 22-24, 2014 - Ozark, Missouri. The Show Me T's invite you to their 14th annual tour, based in the antique capital of southwest Missouri. The host hotel is surrounded by five antique malls. While on tour we will be visiting the Amish community around Seymour, MO. Also we will tour the College of the Ozarks where you can see the original "Beverly Hillbillies" car. You have an opportunity to skydive as we eat lunch at the Hanger Kafe. The tour is limited to 50 cars.

For information contact: Karol Spencer, 417-732-7222 or Dorothy Puckett, 417-882-2110.

If you are not yet a member of the Model T Ford Club of America, consider joining. The magazine alone is well worth the membership fee. www.mtfca.com for information.



A Model T Ford serving as a "Crewe tractor" on the Belgian Front during World War I. Photo from the Model T Ford Club of America web forum.

24th Annual International Pre-War Swap Meet

Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, Oklahoma

"Where the East meets the West"

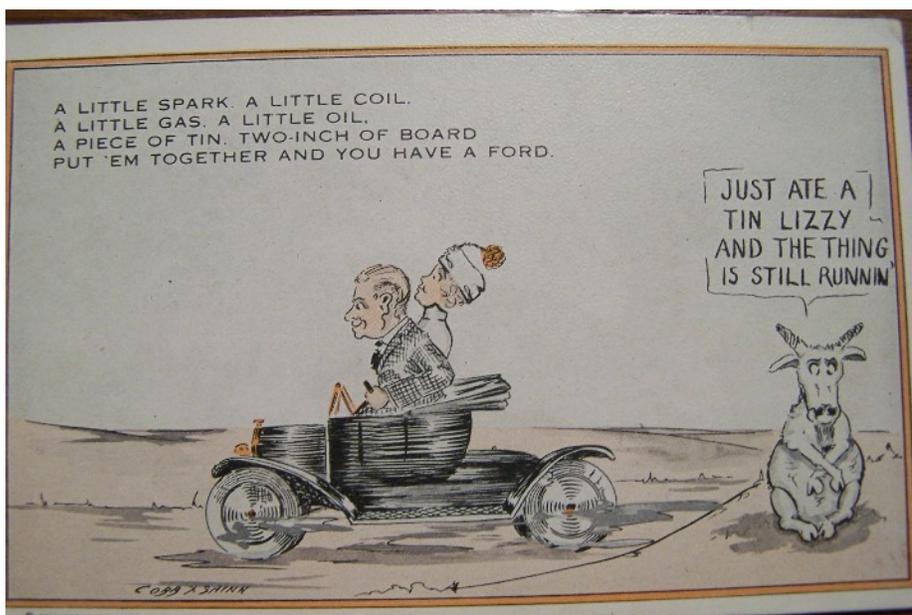
Chickasha, Oklahoma is located in the center of the U.S. on I-44 just off of I-40 & I-35, only 35 miles SW of Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City. It is easily accessible from anywhere in the world. From Oklahoma City, take I-44 (H. E. Bailey Turnpike) west to the 1st Chickasha exit (Exit 83), turn right (west) to The Grady County Fairgrounds (about a mile on your left).

The meet has the largest selection of brass era parts anywhere. It is limited to automobiles, parts, transportation items pre-1945. There is plenty of free parking, and admission is free. Chickasha reportedly has more Model T parts than Hershey.

This year the meet is Thursday, March 20th and Friday, March 21st, 2014. Gates will open daily at 7:00 am. Swap Meet Venders will be allowed to come in and set up Wednesday afternoon after 4 P.M. No Vending is allowed on the fairgrounds before Thursday, March 20th.

There are over 600 spaces indoors with all new restroom facilities. We also have acres of outside spaces available for anyone wishing to set up outside. There is also an area just East of the swap meet grounds available for RV parking with electric hookup. Electric is \$20.00/day; parking is free. No reservations.

The Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet is sponsored by The Old Pueblo Touring Association and is not affiliated with any other swap meet. The swap meet is an annual event that will always begin the 3rd Thursday in March.



MODEL T POSTCARD HUMOR

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope this finds you in good health.

Winter is finally winding down and spring better not be far behind. The arrival of spring means the beginning of the Old Car season! The events are too numerous to mention here but the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Chickasha Oklahoma Swap Meet, the Easter Show in Forest Park and, of course, our swap meet are just a few of the many activities you'll want to be part of in the coming months. There is a complete listing of upcoming car-related events elsewhere in this issue.

We have a very interesting membership, most of whom had a car-crazed and adventure-filled youth. That's why we are starting something new at our monthly meetings. Every month one or more of our members will tell a story about some of the crazy things he did as an inexperienced yet enthusiastic youth. The stories will sound nutty today but back then just seemed like the right thing to do. I know you'll enjoy them.

I hope to see you at the next meeting.
Sam Atkinson

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Fellow T Enthusiasts -

I recently agreed to edit "The Occasional" with some trepidation. Our previous editor, Shannon Olson, had done such a wonderful job, she is simply a tough act to follow. However, if you will be patient with me, I'll do what I can to produce an acceptable version, with the assistance of my wife, Sherry. We are pictured here, with our 1914 Touring at the top of Pike's Peak.



My goal for this publication is to use type fonts that reflect the Model T era, but yet are easy to read. I also hope to fill this publication, as Shannon did, with information you find valuable and helpful as you seek to enjoy the Model T hobby.

I hope to disprove the old adage "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" as I struggle to learn how to use the software to produce this publication. We are continuing those content items you have come to enjoy and anticipate. But I also hope to add some new things you might find interesting.

In the meanwhile, Spring is right around the corner (though it is snowing as I type this), and it is time to drool over the parts catalogues, the manuals, and get our T's ready to drive! Remember, when you drive your T, it is a parade! When you park your T, it is a car show! Keep it spiffy, be courteous, but above all, be safe!

Happy Motoring! Steven G. Williams (steven1912@att.net; cell 636-575-1469; home 636-548-8256)

STAN MUSIAL VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE DEDICATION/OPENING

By Dave Kuenzel

The Model T Club participated Saturday Jan. 8th in the grand opening of the Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge. Five club members brought their Model T's downtown and lined up on the Illinois side of the the river to start the parade. These were the FIRST Model T's to ever cross the bridge.

One member (who shall remind nameless) let a little oil slick on the bridge to christen it. (Ed. Note: "Model T's don't leak, they mark their territory!") I had an opportunity to photograph Stan's niece's wedding and got to meet "The Man". What a great human being.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 12 - Board Meeting
14 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM, Feasting Fox Restaurant
15 - St. Patrick's Parade, noon, downtown St. Louis. If interested in participating call Flo Reichardt (314-723-0456) and whether you participate or not you can join other club members at The Feasting Fox afterward for Corned Beef and Cabbage.
17 - Dogtown St. Patrick's parade, 12:30 PM
20-21 - Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, Oklahoma
- April 6 - Vintage Ford Show, Museum of Transportation, 11 AM - 3 PM Featuring Ford cars made between 1903 and 1959. We'd love to have your Model T there to bolster our club's presence. Your car doesn't need to be beautiful - this is a non-judged fun event.
9 - Board Meeting
11 - Membership Meeting, 8 PM Feasting Fox Restaurant.
20 - Easter Show, MUNY lot in Forest Park. A long-standing Easter tradition, this is the biggest and best old car show in St. Louis. If you would like to join your fellow club members in our non-judged display please call Sam Atkinson (636-386-2088) or if you would like to enter the show and be judged please call Lou Allen (314-741-4158).
- May 3 - Swap Meet set-up Day, Gateway Motorsports Park, Madison, IL. This is preparation for our club's only fund raiser the next day. Arrive at noon and stay as long as you can.
4 - 46th Annual Swap Meet, Gateway Motorsports Park, Madison, IL. This is a very large event requiring lots of personnel. Arrive early and stay as long as you can. If you've signed up to be on a certain team, get instructions from your team leader. If you aren't on a team just show up EARLY and we'll find a place for you. These jobs don't require any knowledge or experience.
17 - Model T Homecoming at The Model T Museum, Richmond, Indiana. This is a total-immersion Model T Weekend. Show and tell, car displays, swap meet and informed conversation all taking place in one of the greatest towns in middle-America.
18 - Spring Tour, Destination TBA

Helpful Tips

(Ed. Note - Each issue I'd like to include hints and tips here, so if you have any to suggest, email me - steven1912@att.net.)

Sources - in addition to the usual - Lang's, Snyder's, Mac's, check out Restoration Supply Company, www.RestorationStuff.com. Also, Texas T Parts, www.TexasTParts.com.

From "The Silver Trumpet" a publication of SPAAMFAA (Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America):

Fuel lines - from Tim Elder - "If you have to re-do your fuel system plumbing, **do not use** rubber fuel line anywhere in the system. Terrible tragedies occur with rubber fuel lines, gravity feed, and fire. Use copper lines and flare fittings. You can use steel lines, but it is harder to bend, and rust prone." (Some folks put a shut off valve in the line near the carburetor. I have put a rubber line **around** a steel or copper line near the engine to help prevent vapor lock.)

Restoration - As you disassemble the car do not throw away any of the old parts, even the perishable parts that you intend to replace. You will often need the old part so that you can put them right next to the new ones to make sure the new ones are the correct size, shape, and configuration. And you may need to reuse some of the old parts that you assumed you would replace. (This assumes the old part is itself not a replacement, but original.) And finally, you may be able to fabricate new parts yourself. (Also as you disassemble, take pictures, it will help in reassembly.)

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The meeting was called to order January 10th at 8:10 pm by President Atkinson. The treasurer's report was presented and accepted by the membership.

New Members, Steven and Sherry Williams of Imperial, were introduced. They own a 1912 Torpedo and 1914 Touring. A 1914 Chain Drive Truck Conversion is in parts.

We also welcomed Tom and Vicky Mettler from New Douglas, Illinois.

Feb. 8th is the dedication of the new Stan Musial Bridge and the Model T Club has been invited to participate. We hope to have 8 cars in the parade.

There will be a Rapid Assemble Car Demonstration on March 29th in Effingham, IL. If interested in participating talk to Sam Atkinson.

Sam reported we will need reporters for "The Occasional." If you are interested and like to write and submit articles for the newsletter... (contact the editor, steven1912@att.net. Pictures are also welcome and needed!)

Jackie Allen was presented the President's Award Trophy.

Kent Gilbene is this year's Swap Meet Chairman and will report at the next meeting. We will need people to sign up to work the two day event to be held May 4th and 5th at the Gateway Raceway, in Madison, IL.

Steve Thum reported the Spring Tour will be May 18th with an attraction and lunch.

50/50 drawing was won by Ann O'Malley and Steve Heartherly. Amount was \$66 each.

TRADING POST

(If you have items "For Sale," "Wanted," or "To Trade," email the information to the Editor at steven1912@att.net. Items will be listed only once, so if you want it relisted, you must send it again. Please include contact information)

For Sale - Dave Groerich has a small trailer for sale.

For Sale - Steven Williams has the poster "Location of Ford Model T Power Plant Troubles Made Easy". In good shape but not pristine, \$5. Contact me at steven1912@att.net or 636-575-1469.