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The Three Rivers Model T Ford Club is a chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. Membership is recommended and encouraged. Make membership requests to: MTFCA P.O. Box 126 Centerville, IN 47330. Annual local club dues are \$20. Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at the Reata Springs Baptist Church, 2830 Leopold Lane, Richland, WA at 7:00 PM.

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1 Year -- Russ Armstrong
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March Birthdays

John Carrarher	March 8
Nancy Betts	March 15
Mike Porter	March 19
Jim Patterson	March 23

Happy Birthday to each of you!

March Anniversaries

Dan and Judy Danko	March 10
Raymond and Angela Lehrman	March 25
Herb and Lois Mettler	March 28
Wayne and Lorraine Williams	March 29

Happy Anniversary!

Coming Events

March 15 Meeting at Fred and Mary Fraser's, 628 Birch, West Richland, at 6:30 PM. Coffee and dessert will be served.

April 4 Breakfast at Langdon's

April 19 Meeting at Old Country Buffet in Richland (Columbia Center).

May 17 Meeting in College Place at Dale and Sharon Peterson's

June 17-22, 2012 National MTFCA Tour in Lincoln, Nebraska

June 17-20, 2012 Montana 500 in Butte, Montana

August 6-9, 2012 Mt Rainier Tour. See the Newsletter for more information.

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2012

Tonight's meeting was held in Hermiston, Oregon at Jim and Phyllis Langdon's workshop. A good number of members attended. President Dean Stokes opened the meeting without the Pledge of Allegiance as we didn't have a flag.

Secretary, Wanda Stokes, read the minutes from the last meeting. They were accepted as read.

Treasurer, Mike Porter gave his report. Ralph and June Anderson paid their dues and we have money in the bank.

Old Business

Wanda explained that her report to the Model T Ford Club of America regarding the annual report of members who belong to the MTFCA needs to be 50% of our membership in order to qualify for liability insurance through the MTFCA. We do qualify.

Dean asked the question regarding "what do members want to do about meetings?" This has

been discussed in the past at great lengths with no real outcome. Several members felt that

when we have meetings at member's homes, restaurants etc., we have better attendance than regular meetings at the church. After much discussion, it was decided that we do enjoy meeting at homes or restaurants and continue to do so perhaps as a trial to see if it improves on-going attendance. Fred and Mary Fraser volunteered their home as our next meeting place. The date is March 15th at 6:30p.m. Dessert and coffee or tea will be offered. Thank you Fred and Mary. Linda Porter mentioned that we should notify the church about not meeting there in March.

It was also expressed that we should just have a standing reservation at Applebee's (which several members liked) and if we cannot meet there, then we can always cancel that reservation. This will be looked into.

April's monthly meeting will be in Walla Walla with Dale and Sharon Peterson. information will be coming soon.

Wanda passed around two cards for members to sign. One card to Marilyn Russell whose

husband and long-time member, was tragically killed in a snowmobile accident. The other card to Faye and Lamar Barnes with Lamar quite ill. We wish him the very best.

Another card will be sent to Bruce McCalley of Allison Park, PA, who several have met and appreciated his enthusiasm for Model T's, on his passing.

Jim Langdon reminded everyone that our breakfast will be April 1st at their home starting at 9:00 a.m. The particulars about what to help bring will be forthcoming.

New Business

Dean asked for updates about the upcoming tours that are in the works for 2012. First off is the Freeze Your Fanny Tour being organized by Bill Sheller. Bill reported that we will not be having a Freeze Your Fanny Tour as he wished. The Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla was just too expensive and he has not had time to get something going with short notice. He is looking into the Wild Horse Hotel in Pendleton as a destination for future tours. Sounds great!

April brings a tour to Walla Walla perhaps to view the Hummingbirds with Dale and Sharon Peterson. Sounds fun!

Lynda Carrarher and Mary Fraser gave information about a wonderful meeting May 19th at the Hat Rock State Park along the Columbia River (not far from Umatilla, Oregon) for a meeting with several other Ford Clubs. This would be a wonderful opportunity to meet other Ford members and see what they are up to in their clubs. A picnic style get-together will be nice.

June brings the National Model Tour in Nebraska along with the Montana Speedster Run. Several members are attending these events.

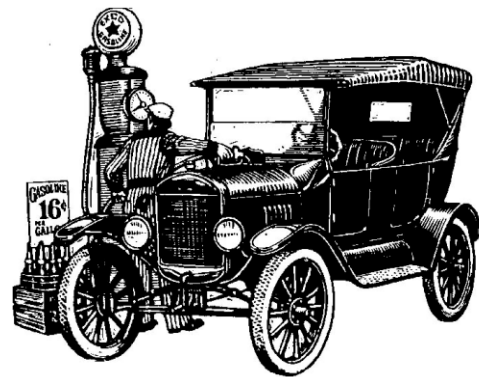
August brings our tour to Mt. Rainier National Park being organized by Dale and Sharon Peterson. If you have not yet made your reservations, please call Dale and talk with him. As of now, all of the rooms have been reserved at the Packwood Inn, but perhaps more accommodations can be made.

Sunnyside High School has asked our Model T group to attend a car show and participate in it at Sunnyside High School. There didn't seem much interest in this event.

Dale asked other clubs about exchanging newsletters and perhaps having a meeting of clubs from the East, West, North and South in Washington State. More later.

With nothing more to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted, Wanda Stokes



Needs, Leads, and Parts for Sale

Have T Parts to sell/trade. 15-25 roadster body with top irons, body parts, fenders, hood, radiator and shell, wheels, engine blocks and much more. Also to sell or trade, 27 T touring body, fenders, frame, radiator.

Need: distributor and lots of other parts. Call (253) 459-5871.

Me and the Model T

By Bill Sheller

Ya know, the other day I was reading my Grandfather's book "Me and the Model T" as I do quite often during the year and it struck me just how lucky I am. I mean, gosh, I have these wonderful Model T Fords that are nothing short of awe inspiring every single time I get close to one. That in and of itself gives me enormous personal satisfaction and I find that I am the happiest and most content when I'm doing something with the T, or better yet, with some of my valued Model T friends! I can honestly say that without the Model T Ford, the majority of my most treasured memories in the last 15 years . . . would never have happened!



As many of you know now that I'm retired, I have the freedom to really work on my bucket list. I'm a fairly simple man and my list is far from what anyone might call extravagant. Not that it's un-important mind you. Just perhaps a mite more do-able than say ... climbing the tallest mountain or ... sailing around the world. (no ... wait, I've already done that last part). Some of you good folks might have heard me mention a few things on my list, such as Model T'ing to the 14,110 foot summit of Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I absolutely must see the Ford Company in Detroit with Fair Lane and Greenfield Village. Bearing an un-foretold early demise ... these things will happen.



When I think Model T Ford, one of the first thoughts in MY mind is ... GRANDFATHER! For obvious reasons! Well, ... Therein lies the reason for the above mentioned "luckiness" ... GRANDCHILDREN! Of course Bill, where have you been? I am blessed with 7 Grandchildren from 2 years old to just past 18 years old.



As you can see by the photos, my youngest Grandson, Colton, is quite happy to be able to go with “Papa” in the Model TT C-Cab. He loves to wiggle the levers and gets a huge smile on his face behind the wheel. Once he gets Model T’er, ... you just mark my words.

Over the just past holiday season, from Thanksgiving through New Year’s, I’ve learned there is interest I was un-aware of! I was happy to share a Thanksgiving meal with my oldest son, Brian, and I cooked the meal and love cooking with wine. Sometimes, we even put it in the food! As you may remember, Brian has shared many a Freeze Your Fanny tour with me, and tags along every time he can get free of his busy “life” schedule. During our visit I asked of my three Grandchildren present, a boy almost 13, and two girls 15 and 18, “who wants to learn

how to drive a Model T Ford?” “I DO, I DO Grandpa,” was unanimous from the three. Gosh, to tell you the truth, I was shocked. I mean ... the old Fords have always been my love and for some reason for which I can’t explain, I really thought my Grandfather’s legacy ended with me! Well, perhaps ... not!

Furthermore, while delivering Christmas gifts so my number two son and his family, I retold the above story and my eleven year old Grandson, Reece was jumping up and down wanting to learn as well. The best part of all this was that my Grandchildren really were genuine in their reactions to my question! Gee whiz, knock me over with a feather!

So ... my new and improved “bucket list” is, all of the above, ... AND ... teaching my Grandchildren to drive a Model T Ford! I surely can’t think of what could possibly make “Papa” prouder. I’ll let you know how this turns out. Like I said earlier ... I’m a very lucky man!

Henry built a darn good car ... Yes he did!



Tours and activities

Montana 500 June 17-20, 2012

Several of our club members have indicated an interest in attending the Montana 500 event, in Butte, Montana this year. Information you will need to participate in this event:

Hotel: Quality Inn 2100 Cornwell Ave. (formerly The War Bonnet Hotel). Phone 800 443-1806. Rate \$80.00, mention Montana 500 T's.

Must be a member of the Montana Cross Country T Association, \$10 annual dues can be paid at the event.

Touring class fee \$25.

Competition class fee \$35.

Check www.montana500.com for updates.

Hummingbird Tour to Dixie

The meeting monthly club meeting May 17 will be hosted by Dale and Sharon Peterson at their home in College Place. We will drive out to Dixie to see the Hummingbirds at "The Hummingbird Crossing." We did this two years ago and had a wonderful time driving the back roads and watching hummingbirds at the many feeders. There will be a meal planned, more about this later.

Black Rock Valley Tour

Dean Stokes has arranged for our club to tour out to Robert Brothers Land and Livestock Ranch in the Black Rock Valley in the North Slope of the Rattlesnake Hills. This will take place Friday June 1. We will meet at the Stokes Ranch at 9AM. A potluck meal/barbecue is a possible option for this tour. You will need to bring your own drinking water and there is indoor plumbing available. More about this later.

Mount Rainier Tour

Plans are well underway for the August 6-9 tour to Mt Rainier. All of the rooms at the Packwood Hotel are spoken for. If you have not reserved a place with Dale Peterson, contact us soon so we can try to find alternative lodging for you. Everyone should also have called Whistling Jack's for reservations by this time. Dean and Dale will be working out the route sometime this summer. This also should be a wonderful time for to spend with your T friends.

Monthly Meetings

By popular request, our meetings in the future will be held at local restaurants or members' homes and short tour

events. The March 15 meeting will be at Fred and Mary Fraser's 628 Birch, Richland, WA. at 6:30 PM. Desert will be provided by the Frasers.

Directions:

From the east; Follow Highway 240 toward Vantage and take the Duportail exit and turn right at the light. Turn left in two blocks onto Birch and their house is on the right after 3 long blocks.

From the West; Take the Wellsian Way exit off the 84 Freeway. Go straight when the exit curves onto Wellsian Way and on to Duportail. At the stop light

turn right and follow the directions as above.

The **April 19** meeting will be held at The Old Country Buffet in Richland (Columbia Center) as the Meeting room at Applebee's is not available. As much as possible, future meetings will be at Applebee's unless scheduled at a member home.

June 21 and **July 19** meetings will be at Applebee's in Kennewick at 6:00 PM.

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