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President's Message

Larry Coder

Here it is April already, Wow! Where has time gone? Getting my model T ready for touring has been a job I have looked forward to all winter but I didn't realize how much just plain dirt one can acquire while being stored in a garage all winter. After the initial "clean-up" our car was ready for her spring outing. I decided to treat Marlene to a Model T lunch date. All went fine for 3 miles. Then...Boom! A blow-out on the back tire. It seems we have to learn lessons the hard way, so, now I know to include a tire check-up in my spring "to-do" list. We all know how much

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attention these cars get by driving them, but they also bring out the goodness in people. Every car that passed us stopped and offered help. I know I would not receive that kindness if I had been in my modern pick-up.

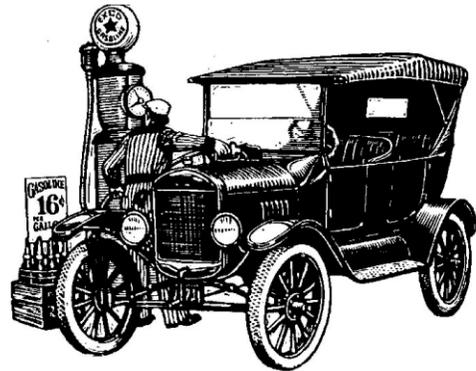
As it turned out, my model T was ready for the Wildhorse Casino tour but I was not. Due to new medications, my driving had to be put off for a few days. Oh well, I am ready now for the next tour. Where will it be? We have lots of places just waiting for our cars to come visit. Plan a tour and see how many join you.■

Birthdays in April

Jim Langdon	April 4
Judy Danko	April 5
Larry Huetson	April 15
Gary Ellingson	April 16
Dean Stokes	April 16
Carol Tesky	April 18
Mike Tesky	April 19

Anniversaries in April

Mary Lou and Dave Ottem April



For Sale

Antique 1920's Wayne Model 615 Visible Gas Pump. Complete with new visible cylinder, restoration and parts books. All there, pretty easy restoration. \$1600. Bill Sheller, Umatilla, Oregon. 541 561-2047.

Set of four 21 inch Model T wood spoke wheels complete with demountable 21 inch steel rims. Great condition. \$650. Bill Sheller, Umatilla, Oregon. 54 561-2047.

Items for Sale? Be sure to give them to me at our monthly meeting or email them to me by the Thursday after the meeting to be included here.

Sunshine Report

Wayne Williams passed away March 16, 2013. He had celebrated his 93rd birthday in January. Wayne was a life member of the Three Rivers Model T Club and a magnificent friend to all. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family. Wayne lived a wonderfully happy and full life and his wisdom and wit will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Coming Events

April 6, 7	Wildhorse Tour
April 18	Monthly meeting at Round Table Pizza on Clearwater Ave., Kennewick 6:00PM
May 17, 18	Waitsburg Days of Real Sport Car show
May 15	Othello Tour
June 16	Father's Day Tour to Palouse Falls
July 13	Lavender Festival, Hermiston
July 21-26	MTFCI Kanab Tour
August 26-29	Grand Coulee Tour
Sept 17-19	Chinook Pass Tour

TRMTFC Meeting Minutes

March 21

The Three Rivers Model T Ford Club monthly meeting for March 2013 was held at the Kennewick Round Table Pizza. President Larry Coder called the meeting to order after everyone present seemed to have had their fill of food for the evening.

Visiting this evening was Bob Jackson from Zilla. He has purchased a 1925 TT closed cab truck that he is working on. Also, present at this meeting, new member David Rose who has a 22/23 Model T.

Minutes of the February meeting were voted as printed in the March newsletter.

Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Mike Porter. There is sufficient money in the bank.

Old Business

Dale reported that the patches are being made. The club cost for 50 is \$815.25 and a Mike made out a check for this amount to Graphic Apparel in College Place. The patches will be sold to members at cost by the club and Mike has agreed to be custodian. Price will be \$16.31. Graphic Apparel waived the setup fee since we ordered a large number. The patches will be available at the next meeting.

Gary Ellingson's Tour. Gary reports that since another tour has been scheduled for September, his tour will move to August 26-29. The tour will be to Grand Coulee Dam and the surrounding area. He said that the Dam Light show, car museum in Curlew, and a hotel that Henry Ford stayed at will be included in the activities. He has asked that we reserve our place on the tour by giving him \$10 that will go towards the trouble truck expenses. More information will be coming as the tour approaches.

Club Library. Terry Shegrud brought 3 CD's of old Ford related information, movies to donate to the club. Gary Ellingson now has possession of these and you can contact him to borrow these or other items in the collection.

New Business

Chinook Pass Tour. Dean and Wanda will be hosting a tour to Chinook Pass September 17-19. This will be a Tuesday to Thursday. The cost is estimated to be \$40 couple or single. We will be staying at either their cabin or a nearby cabin. Some of the meals (breakfast) will be there and meals coming and going will be at restaurants. More as the time approaches.

Lavender Festival in Hermiston. This will be July 13 from 10 AM to 8PM. Our club has been invited to show our cars. Proceeds from this event will be for the benefit of the Agape House in Hermiston. Contact Bill Sheller for further information.

Dave Ottem has invited us on a tour May 15 to Othello. Those wishing to participate will meet at 10AM at Wal-Mart on Road 68. More details at the April meeting.

Antique Truck show in Pendleton was mentioned. It is the last weekend of May, 1st weekend of June.

An announcement was made about the death of Wayne Williams. We will miss him as well as the Christmas parties at the retirement center. Our thoughts are with Lorraine her loss.

No further business to report, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 18 at Round Table Pizza in Kennewick, 6PM. Come hungry!

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Peterson

Me and the Model T ... Favorite Things

by Bill Sheller

Ya know, I was visiting with Jim and Phyllis Langdon the other day, something I do quite often, as they are both close by and are on my Model T most valued treasured friends list! I was whining about the cold weather, no current Model T adventures, and trying to come up with something interesting to write about for the T-Times. I have spent many a memorable moment over some pretty remarkable coffee and marvelous friendship at their kitchen table over the years. Phyllis,

with a sparkle in her eyes, suggested writing about some favorite Model T memories. She even came up with a photo or two to wet what ever creative writing abilities I might have. Gosh, what a wonderful idea! I went home and started searching through some of my photographs, you know, just to see what might cross my aging and feeble mind. The Model T Ford has enriched my life with so many wonderful memories that unless I stop and remember just a few, they all blend together in one giant warm and fuzzy lump. So my friends, permit me to travel back to but a small slice of my Model T memories and share them with you. Perhaps some of you folks may jar a memory or two yourselves!



Ken and Bernice TerMaaten

Quite a few years ago, I got the wild idea of going on a long distance tour in a Model T Ford. I found it completely remarkable that some of my wonderful Model T friends were more than willing to join me and the first of many tours to come headed for Cannon Beach, Oregon. I will never forget meeting Ted and Sally VanBeek of Clatskanie, Oregon for the first time. They showed up at the beach house in their 60 inch wide track 1909 replica of the winner of the original New York to Seattle cross country race. I marveled at both the couple and the Model T. The Ford Motor Company asked them to bring this Model T to the 100th anniversary of the FoMoCo in 2003, which they did, complete with Ford sponsored cross country assistance... Wow! Without the Model T Ford, that would never have happened! On that very trip to Cannon Beach was Ken and Bernice TerMaaten with their "HOT ROD" Grandview Dairy Model T Ford. Ken was a remarkable man and Bernice was his perfect match. I'm honored to have been able to have shared life with them. I miss you Ken.



Ted and Sally VanBeek



In 2002, I got the crazy idea to recreate perhaps a small portion of my Grandfather's and the Sheller Motor Company's Ford Day celebration in Sunnyside, Washington for the centennial of Sunnyside, Washington. Guess what happened. Yup everyone joined right in and we had a shin-dig of a great time. My fondest memory of

that event was when Wayne and Lorraine Williams showed up with their Model TT closed cab truck. To tell you the truth, I was speechless! Not so much because folks had a chance to see BOTH versions of Ford's factory built ton truck models in the same parking lot at the same time, but because it was obvious to me that Wayne and Lorraine brought that TT to Sunnyside, Washington ... just for me! Words are completely inadequate to describe how honored I was to have that TT right next to my C-Cab. WOW! I miss you Wayne.

Another of my favorite things Model T memories is the Barlow Road tour. I thought it might be fun to re-enact some Oregon Trail history and travel some of yesterdays routes. That trip took us to Dufer, Oregon and the Balch Hotel which was built the same year as the Model T was introduced to the world. I asked Lucille Knutson who is a founding member of the Three Rivers Model T Club, a magnificent dear friend and a seamstress EXTRAORDINAIRE if she would make some covered wagon type sun bonnets as mementos for the gals on the tour. She didn't even hesitate, and produced a keep sake to be treasured by those honored to have one, well ... forever! Linda Porter still wears hers on every single Model T outing. It makes my heart warm! I would venture to say that some of the "roads" we traveled on that tour, although less traveled were nothing short of breath-taking. Gosh, such wonderful memories to be treasured for a life time! So, my remarkable friends, these are but just a few of my favorite Model T memories. I had such a wonderful time re-living them that I just may re-visit them again from time to time.

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





Motor cars of the commercial type are rapidly taking the place of horse-drawn vehicles in, Walla Walla. Merchants find the motor cars the most economical. The above illustration shows the type of car used by the Davies-McDonnell Grocery Company.

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