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## Editor's Ramblings

I see patches of blue sky and February 2 is almost here. It's time to start plans for the coming year of touring with Miss Daisy. The winter has been spent, though on her new stable mate who got her name at the last club meeting—Clara. We are looking forward to future tours where Clara can get better acquainted with Henry! I am working with the paint store on the correct (is there such a thing) color of maroon. The body is mostly together, doors adjusted and upholstery is about to be ordered. After a visit to Uncle LaVar's sand blaster, the fenders should be ready to finish straitening and install. Then, of course there is glass, wiring lights and ... Well, Henry may have to wait a little while to meet Clara.

Back to touring. At the January meeting available tours for the coming year were discussed.

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Since then, I have thought it would be of benefit to the club to have a list of the tours in the region that may be of interest as we get our cars out this year. Some of the members know those in other clubs in the northwest. It seems that this would be a good year for the rest of us to get to know some in our sister clubs.

Opportunities to join in tours with others are many if you start looking. There is the "Long Dam Tour" that the Inland Chapter is planning. The Western Idaho Model T Club has a "Melba Fun Run" the first Saturday of May and August 30-Sept 2 is the "61st Annual McCall Tour." The Horseless Carriage Club has been putting on an annual tour for the Nickel Era cars. This year it is planned for Baker City June 21-25.

For those looking for parts, there is the "Early Bird Swap Meet" at the Puyallup Fairgrounds Feb 16-17 and the Portland Swap Meet is April 5-7. Isn't there also a swap meet in Monroe?

Now for the Three Rivers MTF Club? Plans this year are shaping up for a "Father's Day Picnic" complete with ice cream June 14. Gary Ellingson mentioned interest in planning an overnight trip to Grand Coulee Dam for the light show and visit to the Curlew museum. Interest was expressed for an overnight tour to Warm Lake.

Besides touring, there should be room for other activities, such as an afternoon at Larry and Marlene's to fix the Tudor's steering. It's time to set a date!

Bring your ideas for a fun year to the next meeting, and we will notify, invite the local clubs to join in our touring fun. □

### Sunshine report

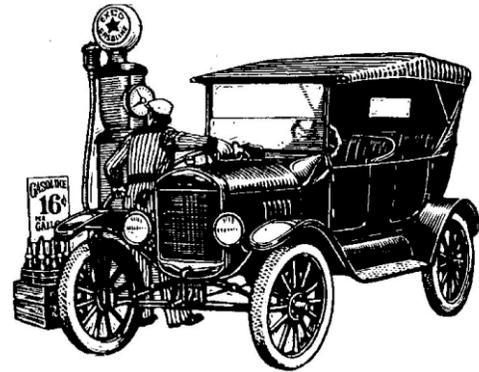
**Our heartfelt sympathy is sent out to Jim and Phyllis Langdon on the loss of their son-in-law, Mike, to cancer. Mike lost his battle with cancer a few days after his 64<sup>th</sup> birthday in January. Jim and Phyllis know that you are held tightly in our hearts and prayers.**

## Birthdays in February

Larry Coder, Feb 2  
Howard Fry, Feb 4  
Sandy Ellingson, Feb 8  
Lucille Knutson, Feb 13  
Dan Danko, Feb 13.

## Anniversaries in February

Richard and Becky Sewer, Feb 14



### Coming Events

<b>Feb 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Early Bird Swap Meet, Puyallup</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Annual Installation Dinner</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>Regular monthly meeting at Kennewick Round Table Pizza</b>
<b>April 11-13</b>	<b>Bakersfield Tour and Swap meet</b>
<b>June?</b>	<b>Hot Spring Lake Tour to La Grande</b>
<b>July 21-26</b>	<b>MTFCI Kanab Tour</b>
<b>September?</b>	<b>Grand Coulee Tour</b>
<b>September 4-8</b>	<b>MTFCA National Tour</b>

## January Meeting Minutes

The January meeting of the Three Rivers Model T Ford Club was held at Kennewick Round Table Pizza on January 17, 2013. President Larry Coder not being present, Past President Dean Stokes called the meeting to order as Vice President had not yet been officially installed. After the 24 members present had their fill of pizza we turned our attention to the business important to our club.

The **January meeting minutes** were read by Dale Peterson and then motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as read.

The **treasurer's report** was presented by Mike Porter. The post office box rental fee is due and the membership voted to pay the bill. Mike assured us there was money in the bank and that also, we have two new members who have submitted their application and dues, Dave and Dagmar Rose of Richland. A motion was offered, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

### New Business

Lucille Knutsen sent a letter of appreciation to the club for our card of condolence sent last month. This was read for the members present.

An advertisement for the Early Bird Swap Meet in Puyallup was read.

The Spokane club is sponsoring the Regional 4<sup>th</sup> of July tour this year 7/5-7/2013, is the "Long Dam Tour." Tour information is located at the website, [www.spokanettour.com](http://www.spokanettour.com).

### Old Business

**Club Library.** A proposed club library continues to be of interest for the club. Gary Ellingson has volunteered to maintain and make the items available carting them to the monthly meetings and accounting for and caring for them. It was noted that there is a 20% discount offered by the MTFCA when the books and DVD's are ordered

by the club for the library. Motion was made, seconded and voted for members to think of their wish list and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

**Club Jackets/Patches.** Dale was asked what he had found out about an alternative source for the patches, jackets. He reported that Graphic Apparel in Walla Walla had the design and their estimate was pending at the time of the meeting. Catalogs with jackets available through this business were presented to the group. Following much discussion, a motion was made for the club to purchase patches from the most favorable source and sell them to club members who would purchase their own jackets and sew the patches on themselves. After further discussion, this motion passed a vote of those present.

**Sunshine Report.** Wayne Williams was reported to be at Kennewick Life Care Center recovering from a recent illness. The Center is located at 7<sup>th</sup> and Olympian in Kennewick. He will be 93 on January 18 and members were encouraged to call or visit.

**Dave Johnson.** It was reported that Dave Johnson will be moving his business from Wilkinson. It is rumored he is looking at a more eastern location. As several of our members use him for the machine work on our engines, it is hoped this is true.

**Future Tours.** Discussion was held on tours for this coming year. Those mentioned include: CanAm tour on Vancouver Island 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of September. MTFCI Canyonlands Tour late July Gary Ellingson's annual tour in July, ?overnight tour to Grand Coulee area. Possible tour to Warm Lake near LaGrande.

**February Meeting.** Installation banquet for our new officers. The location and time will be announced in the February newsletter.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and voted.

Respectfully submitted, Dale Peterson, sec. □

## Me and the Model T--Just a Thought

by Bill Sheller

As I think back on all of my Model T adventures over the years, I do so with great pleasure. All but a very few bring a smile to my face and a feeling of well-being that's well, ... indescribable. I've thought about this phenomenon a great deal in my attempt to discover just why this happens to the human spirit when it comes in contact with a Model T Ford. It's almost a unanimous feeling among anyone who owns one, ...that's for sure! Think for just a moment how you feel when you open the garage door and see the Model T sitting there. Even if it's a fleeting moment and the Model T has nothing to do with your venture into the garage, none the less you experience it! I have many times mentioned that I believe the Model T Ford is, ... "in my blood", because of my Grandfather and the once very famous Sheller Motor Company. Therefore, does that mean it's a genetic trait? Gosh, do you suppose there is a Model T Ford gene that some future genius might someday stumble across? That would surely solve the dilemma, ... for me anyway! But, ... what about all the other folks who didn't have a Grandfather who was a Ford Dealer during Model T days? No, that certainly can't be it!

As many of you know, I have recently purchased what I have openly referred to as my dream car, a 1966 Ford Mustang. Aha!, you say, what about all those accolades I've poured over the Model T saying it's my most favorite car I've ever owned in my LIFE! Well, nothing's changed there. Although I completely enjoy that Mustang, it's only my dream car because I've wanted one since they were brand new and I was a senior in High School. Turning a dream into a reality is a very satisfying experience indeed but, I've never talked to it while driving down the road or given it a name. Oh sure, it gives me pleasure when I walk into the garage and see it. However, I absolutely can not walk into the barn without saying ... "Hello Henry"! Gosh, just what is it that makes the Model T Ford so special to thousands of folks today and millions of folks during the years it was being manufactured by the Ford Motor Company? You know, I just plain don't know. Perhaps today folks are enamored with the Model T Ford simply because it has endured, by the tens of thousands, for well over a century! No small fete for anything mechanical no matter what it

is! When was the last time you saw a 1909 washing machine, or a Buick or Dodge for that matter?

You have to admit, that by today's automotive standards the Model T Ford looks much like a buggy without a horse in front of it, and very fragile. But it is endeared by all those who see it as, ... absolutely irresistibly adorable! Well, that's it then! To the human spirit, the Model T Ford is simply, ... IRRESISTABLE

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

## TRMTFC Christmas Party Dec 15

The Three River's Model T Christmas Party was held at the Stokes' home in Sunnyside. We had 28 guests with lots of good food, company and ,of course, wonderful gifts. Perhaps the most popular gift was the return of "the cat'in the bag" that howled, hissed and growled when you pushed his buttons! The next great gift was a talking and singing wall fish that went home with a lucky recipient. The most unusual, rare gift was a brand new un-opened box of Hostess Ding Dongs as Hostess is going out of business. This was a terrific gift that everyone wanted and the lucky recipient was envied! Perhaps this gift will reappear at next year's meeting as it is purported that Ding Dongs do not spoil - EVER!!!! Maybe these Hostess Ding Dongs will be sold for a tidy profit on e-Bay - just wondering!

It snowed about 3 inches the day of the Christmas Party which added the spirit of Christmas for the occasion. The party was held in the early afternoon so everyone could make it home before dark and perhaps, tough driving. We are happy to report that everyone made it home okay.

We did not hold a meeting at the Christmas Party. Larry Coder will be our new President and we are looking forward to a GREAT year of Model T'ing. The thing that makes our Three River's Model T Club such a wonderful association, is it's PEOPLE! We have some of the best people on the face of the earth! Many thank you's to all and to all a good night!

Blessings in the New Year - Dean and Wanda Stokes ☐

## A few words, Enjoy...

I've learned:

...that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.  
...that when you're in love, it shows.  
...that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.  
...that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.  
...that being kind is more important than being right.  
...that you should never say no to a gift from a child.  
...that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.  
...that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.  
...that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.  
...that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.  
...that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.  
...that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.  
...that money doesn't buy class.  
...that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.  
...that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.  
...that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.  
...that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.  
...that love, not time, heals all wounds.  
...that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.  
...that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.  
...that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.  
...that life is tough, but I'm tougher.  
...that opportunities are never lost, someone will take the ones you miss.  
...that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.  
...that I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

...that one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

...that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

...that when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that your hooked for life.

...that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

...that the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

**YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND I AM HONORED!**

Submitted by Gary Ellingson

## Leads and Needs

**For Sale:** Selling out my three 1928-30 trucks and AA parts.

1. 1928 running wire wheel wrecker
2. 1928 disc wheel flat-bed truck, running.
3. 1930 flat-bed restored chassis. Rebuilt front and rear ends with a Muncy O/D (3 speed) and a 5:14 rear end.

All three are on air.

Three 28 cabs but only three doors, two left and one right. Two 30 frames, 131" and 157". One complete set of original stakes and clips. A complete trailer load of misc. AA parts. Have pictures. Like new 650 tires with tubes and flaps, two very good 600 20's, no splits. All goes as one unit, \$5,000 for all AA parts. 253 459-5871. Gary Ellingson

**Wanted:** I would like to trade my 1915-22 T roadster body for a 24-25 body. It could be anything open or closed but would prefer a touring. Will trade for part or as body for body. 253 459-5871. Gary Ellingson

**Wanted:** Rear radius rods and early front axle for 1912 accessory bodied tour-about project. 509 520-9576. Dale Peterson.

**Annual Club Officer Installation Dinner**  
**February 21, 2013 at 6:00 PM**  
**El Molcajetes Family Mexican Restaurant**  
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