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The Naches Trail

By Dale Peterson

It has been rumored that Dean and Wanda have now made permanent residence on the banks of the Naches River northwest of Yakima. The club was blessed to be able to visit this “cabin” on one of our tours last summer. We look forward to more visits to this retreat in the mountains.

On the tour last year we took a drive up the Little Naches River to the end of the pavement before turning around to return for lunch at the community park. When doing research for an article for a future newsletter, I stumbled onto information on the Naches Trail. Not being a native to Washington, I found this a very interesting story. So if you native Washingtonians have heard it before, bear with me.

The trail was originally an Indian trail used for millennia of seasonal migrations over the Cascade Mountains. The first reported crossing by the white man was by Lt. Johnson of the United States Exploring Expedition (Wilkes Expedition) in 1841. The western Washington communities thought it a good idea to encourage travel to their area from the

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3 Year – Jim Langdon

Oregon Trail and started work on a wagon trail over the pass. Meanwhile, the Longmire-Biles wagon train left Walla Walla anticipating a road right down into the Puyallup Valley. However, once across Naches Pass, they found the road not done and had to make their own trail down the west side. At one point they lowered their wagons backward down a cliff (actually a steep hill) with ropes. Food and supplies had to be brought in to the party from the west before they made it to the end of the trail.

An Olympia merchant, Gustav Rosenthal collected \$400 in subscriptions for the construction of a wagon road over the pass. James Longmire was hired to superintend the construction. He did assist with a cattle drive over the pass and reported herding a band of sheep over the trail. Yet, an actual wagon road was never constructed. A state resolution passed in 1943 to construct Highway 168 over the pass, but alas, even though the resolution is still on the books, a highway has never been constructed.

In 1953, to commemorate the centennial of the first wagon train over the pass, a group of 4 wheelers hacked a trail over the pass. This trail is reported to get heavy use by motorcycles and jeeps. I am not sure if a road of this reputation would be suitable for Model T's, but it may be fun to find it some day and travel the trail from Yakima to Puyallup.

Those interested in old cars are often also interested in history. After all, our cars play a significant part of the history of this country. There are many of these old roads in the northwest, many much more passable. Just a few years ago we traveled the Ritter-Dale Stage Road, and the old Cabbage Hill Grade has seen our cars en route to Meacham. Gary Ellingson is planning a tour in September on the Wenas Trail. I look forward to traveling another of these historic roads with him! ■

Sunshine Report

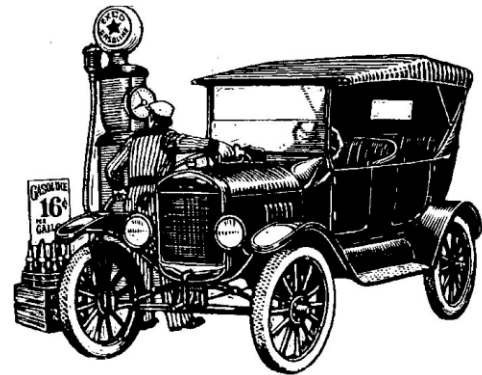
Wanda lost her mother this past week. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Wanda

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

- February 20** Regular Club Meeting 6 PM at Round Table Pizza, Clearwater Avenue, Kennewick
- Feb 24-Mar 1** 2014 MTFCA Business Meeting and Winter Get-Away Cruise
- March 20** Regular Club Meeting 6 PM at Round Table Pizza, Clearwater Avenue, Kennewick
- June 21-22** Hot Lake Springs Tour with Dale and Sharon Peterson
- July 13-18** MTFCA 2014 National Tour, San Diego, California
- Sept. 8-10** Over the Wena Trail Tour with Gary and Sandy Ellingson

Three Rivers Model T Ford Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2014

Meeting was called to order by outgoing President Larry Coder at 1:40 p.m. at the Old Country Buffet restaurant in Kennewick, Washington. Eighteen members were present. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Porter reported that \$160 in dues have been paid for 2014, bringing the balance on hand to \$1,329.03. There were no expenses presented since the last report. Additional income consisted of dues received at this meeting, which will be shown as income in the next report. Members voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Outgoing Secretary Dale Peterson said he didn't have minutes of the December meeting available to pass out. The minutes, covering the Christmas party and election of officers, were printed in the January newsletter. Marlene Coder moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion was seconded and passed by the members.

Old Business:

- Larry reminded members that 2014 membership dues are now due.
- Trouble Trophy: Larry reported that two members were under consideration for the Trouble Trophy: Bill Sheller and Dean Stokes, neither of whom was present. Mike Porter relayed a phone call from Dean stating that he thought a committee should be formed to select nominees for the award. Dale Peterson moved that members attending the current meeting should form such committee. Marlene Coder seconded and the motion passed. Subsequently, Dale moved that Dean Stokes should be the recipient of the Trouble

Trophy. Motion was seconded and passed. Congratulations, Dean!

- Larry thanked the members and officers of the club for their help and support during his term and turned the meeting over to incoming president Gary Ellingson.

New Business

- Gary passed around a "Needs & Leads" list, as well as a flyer on the 1924 Model T speedster Dan Danko has for sale.

- A sign-up sheet for tours was passed around and members were asked to pick a month to lead a tour. Mary Fraser suggested that members might want to check their personal schedules for upcoming events before committing to leading a tour. The list will go to Dale to be published in the news-letter so members can see which months are open.

- A sign-up sheet for presentations was also sent around. These presentations or programs will be done following the regular business meetings and should be planned to last approximately 30 minutes. Gary said he plans a slide show after the April meeting. Other program ideas could be anything Model T related that would be of interest to members. This list will also be published in the newsletter.

- A roster update sheet was passed around, and members were asked to provide name, mailing address, phone numbers (including cell numbers if applicable), birthdays, and anniversary dates. The updated roster will be printed in an upcoming newsletter for member reference.

- Gary reminded members that Dale is always on the lookout for newsletter articles. Any old-car related stories that members would like to share can be sent to Dale. Photos are also welcome.

- Dale reminded members that the club library has gotten too big to be easily brought in to every

meeting, though he will continue to transport it to meetings in his car. He has a list of what's available in the library. Members can pick up or return material at the meetings. Dale also wants to start a list of tools which could be loaned or used at the owner's garage site, especially those kinds of tools used very seldom which owners are willing to share with other members.

- Marlene Coder reminded members that all club officers must also be members in the Model T Ford Club of America.
- Members discussed current projects.
- Joe Kuhns said he had met a club member who was from Fargo, North Dakota, but couldn't

remember who it was. Joe said he has a VHS tape of the movie "Fargo" which he thought that members might enjoy, but nobody at the meeting 'fessed up.

- Terry Shegrud said he can convert VHS tapes to DVD for members if they would like.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on February 20 at the Round Table Pizza in Kennewick. Meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of the month but members are welcome to suggest other venues.

Adjournment: Dale Peterson moved and Larry Coder seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. ■

Upcoming Meeting Programs

At our January meeting, we decided to start having a special program at the meetings. This is the start of our sign-up sheet, if you have an idea for a program that would be of interest to the club, contact Dale Peterson or Lynda Carraher. Dale Peterson has a digital video projector that can be used for a program.

Month	Name In Charge	Program
January	Larry Coder, 2013 President	Officer Installation Dinner
February	Dale Peterson	What Every Woman Should Know about an Auto
March		
April	Gary Ellingson	Slides of Model T activity in the 60s and 70s
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		Christmas Party

Joe Kuhns – video on Las Vegas Car Museum – no month selected

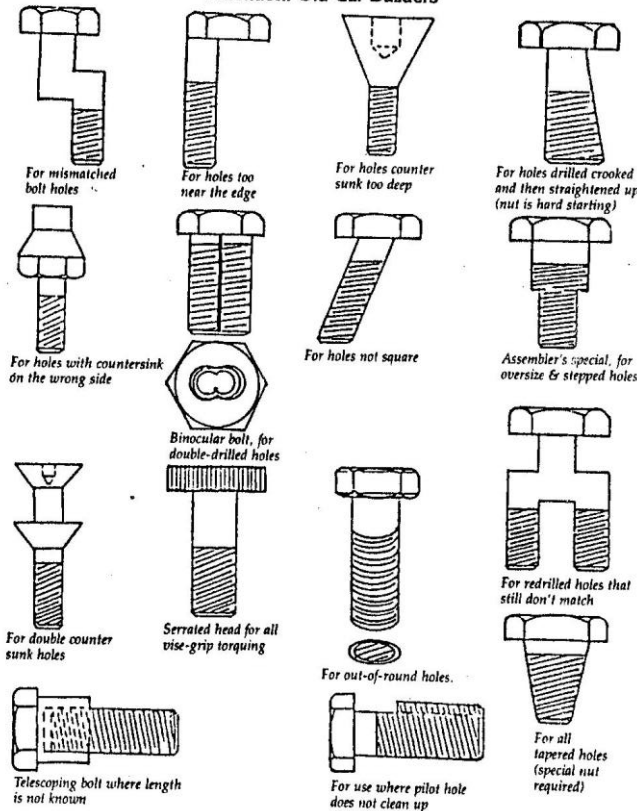
2014 Tour/Activity Sign-up Sheet

Have an idea for a tour for the club? Contact one of the officers or bring it up at the monthly meeting and we will put it on the calendar. One day tours, overnights or longer tours are all popular with our membership, because we all love getting our T's out and driving whenever we get a chance. Don't have a running T? Come along in you A or whatever, volunteer to drive the trouble truck, or fallow along in your modern car.

Month	Name	Tour
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June	Dale Peterson	Father's Day Tour to LaGrande (Hot Lake Springs, Oregon - David Manuel gallery & restored Hot Lake Springs Hotel)
July		
August		
September	Gary Ellingson	Over the Wenas Trail, Sept 8-10
October		
November		
December		Christmas Party

A Stock of These Special Bolts is a Must!

Attention: Old Car Builders



Compliments of Gary Ellingson

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