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Editor's Note

The Three Rivers Model T Ford club has enjoyed a very good year of touring and other activities to celebrate our Model T Ford cars. There have been tours to check out the Montana 500 race, Black Rock Ranch, Hummingbirds in Dixie, and Mount Rainier to name a few. We had one member take the drive to Lincoln for the MTFCA National Tour. There have been meetings and picnics at different members' homes. All in all, we have had a good year and have enjoyed each other's company while also enjoying "life in the slow lane."

Speaking of meetings, we made a decision to have our meetings at members' homes or at selected restaurants. It is a lot of work to plan out where the next meeting is going to be and make reservations, so let them know if you like this arrangement or would like to host a meeting at your home of favorite eating place.

Coming up in the next two meetings we are going to need to make nominations for our club officers to

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2012 Officers

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1 Year -- Russ Armstrong
2 Year -- Fred Fraser
3 Year -- Jim Elenbaas

lead us through the next year. Again, it is a lot of work to plan activities, put out a newsletter, record and prepare meeting minutes and everything else that our officers do to make this the great club that it is.

Speaking of being busy, how have you been doing with your T projects this past year. I for one have always got at least one project underway. It was in 2006 that we drove to Sicamoose, BC to fetch a Fordor Sedan to restore (Sharon would really like an enclosed car for those fall and winter tours). A house fire caused one delay in that restoration, but now I am back to work on it. The frame has been cleaned and powder coated, a Ruckstel axle located and installed, and the front end rebuilt. This year the plan was to get the motor/transmission rebuilt. Last year Dave Johnson did the babbit bearings after Gene Simmons bored the block and put in valve seats and Chevy valves. Wally in Illinois rewound the coil ring while Tom Carnegie Spokane rebuilt and balanced the transmission.

So, why the long discourse on rebuilding Elizabeth the 26 Fordor? Well, one thing I have learned is, don't plan on getting much done in the summer because we just love driving Miss Daisy too much to get much done on the other projects. And the lesson learned the hard way is—put heat in the shop so you can get those projects done—in the winter. Dale Peterson

August Minutes

August 16

Tonight's meeting was held at Howard Amon Park in Richland, Washington.

We had a good turnout of members. Thank you to Fred and Mary Frazer who brought homemade ice cream for the members to enjoy on this hot summer day.

Dean Stokes, President, opened tonight's meeting. He asked Wanda Stokes, Secretary, to read the minutes from the last meeting. All approved.

Treasurer, Mike Porter gave his report: we

Birthdays in September

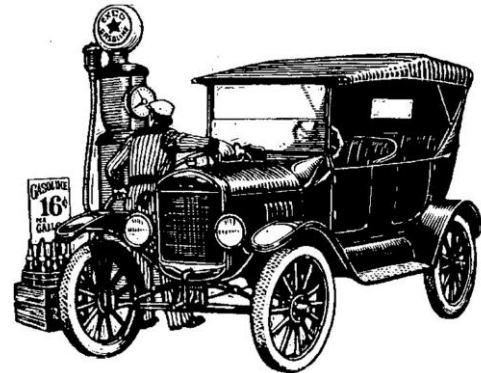
Linda Porter 9/8

Anniversaries in September

Russ and Jane Armstrong 9/11

Paul and Doris Burma 9/7

Gary and Sandy Ellingson 9/30



Coming Events

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| Sept. 12 | Sun Terrace Assisted Living. 907 Ida Belle Street, Sunnyside. 10-12 noon, Car show and rides for Residents, followed by Lunch hosted by Sun Terrace. |
| Sept. 20 | Monthly Meeting at Round Table Pizza, 1769 Leslie Rd, Richland at 6PM. |
| Oct. 18 | Monthly Meeting, Location TBA |
| Nov. 15 | Monthly Meeting, Location TBA, Elections for 2013 Club Officers. |
| Dec. | Annual Christmas Party, place and date TBA. |

have money in the bank. \$1,687.71. Dean mentioned that Dale Peterson our editor should get his bill to Mike soon so he can be reimbursed for all his expenses. He also pointed out that Statue of Limitations might apply!

Old Business

Everyone enjoyed the Mt. Rainier tour very much. Thank you Dale and Sharon for hosting this beautiful tour. well done! Dean also reported that Gary Ellingson is recovering from not feeling well at Mt. Rainier and is home and doing fine.

New Business

Jim and Phyllis are hosting a tour to Mecham, Oregon August 26th (Sunday) for lunch. If you are interested, please be at the Langdon's by 10:00 ready to go on this fun tour.

Bill Sheller mentioned that the Western Antique Airplane and Automobile Museum in Hood River, Oregon will be hosting their annual Fly – In. He said that we could stay again at the Lyle, Washington, hotel and attend the Fly-In. The dates are September 8th and 9th. Give this some thought as it should be fun.

Dale Peterson also mentioned the Liability Run at Vantage, Washington. Model T's and other antique autos will travel from the Western side of Washington or travel from the Eastern side of Washington and converge in the middle at Vantage. The side of the state that has the most cars wins! Lunch will be at Vantage 12 Noon. The date is September 15th.

Dean told about the 2013 tour to Kanab, Utah. As of this past week, registered are 101 cars with a maximum field of 200. Rooms are already booked at the host hotel, the Shiloh Inn, but Dean has an extra room reserved, so if interested, please call Dean.

Phyllis Langdon mentioned that Kanab also has a very nice RV park at reasonable prices if interested in staying there. Dean also pointed out that if you are attending this fantastic tour, you must be members of the Model T Ford International Club.

Dean also stressed that future tours probably will not happen if we do not have trouble truck drivers. This is a must especially if we travel any distance from home. Please consider being a trouble truck driver for future tours.

There was much discussion about September's meeting. Bill Sheller mentioned that Round Table Pizza in Kennewick/Richland on Gage and Leslie has a nice meeting room available. Bill will check this out; be sure to check out newsletter.

Bill told us about the trip to Elgin, Oregon to see Fiddler on the Roof at the Elgin Opera House. He said it would be a great tour for September, but September seems to be so full now that we will not do this tour at this time. Perhaps later on we can plan on attending the Elgin Opera House for another performance.

Wanda mentioned that we should be thinking about a Model T inspection meeting for early next spring. The men could all get together and inspect the Model T's to make sure everyone is up to "par" for next year's tours. Mary Frazer mentioned that New Zealand does this and everyone appreciates a fresh pair of eyes to look over the T's.

Dean also mentioned that we should be thinking about upcoming elections, and a place for our annual Christmas party.

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

Respectively Submitted,
Wanda Stokes, Secretary

Peterson's Mt. Rainier Tour

by Bill Sheller

The Mt. Rainier Tour August 6th through the 9th was well attended and carefully planned out to insure the 11 antique Fords and 21 people had nothing short of a magnificent time. Dale and Sharon did a wonderful job of organizing and leading this majestic tour around beautiful Mt. Rainier. The weather was “almost” perfect and the mountain very friendly to Model T and Model A touring enthusiasts. We had six Model A's, five Model T's, and one trouble truck and trailer driven by Brian Peterson which went un-needed the entire trip. We all met at the Stokes' Ranch in Sunnyside for a 9:00 am departure on Monday August 6th, 2012. The day dawned clear and HOT, but the promise of cooler temperatures lured us, once we traveled up the mountain a bit. Surely it would be quite a lot cooler once we were in the Cascades ... WRONG! Monday's drive, although breathtakingly beautiful, never dipped below 95 degrees. The high temps took their toll on only the human participants, as Henry's Fords chortled along as if it was a fine Spring day.

Our Monday's destination was the Packwood Hotel, in Packwood, Washington. The hotel was built in 1912 and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. We filled the place to overflowing, and spilled the excess to one of two motels in Packwood. The owner of the antique Packwood Hotel was very happy to be full and excited to have antique automobiles surround her fine establishment.

Tuesday August 7th was our first day up the mountain. Our destination was Paradise up the mountainside at 5600 feet. Gosh, when it's not raining in the Cascade Mountain range, you can almost feel God smiling down upon you. Such beauty is surely manifested by the Creator! The climb to Paradise was certainly a doable drive, but was a little tough for a T close to the top. High Ruckstel low pedal was needed, but the grand old Ford never faltered!



Restored Tea Pot Gas Station



On our way to Paradise on Mt. Rainier



Our Hosts on the way to Sunrise



Sunrise point elev. 6100 ft.



Henry at Sunrise elev. 6400 ft.



Grand Finale road less traveled

Wednesday morning we checked out of the Packwood establishments and headed back up the mountain. We had two destinations for the day. First a trip to Sunrise at 6400 feet for lunch and then on to Whistlin' Jack Lodge for our final overnight stay. The pull up the mountain was spectacular, with sheer mountain cliffs where the view from the tree tops were beyond my description capabilities. There were breath taking vistas as the road switched back right up to the very top. Henry got in the proper torque range and pulled the mountain steady as you please in low Ruckstel high pedal. It was a gorgeous drive. The weather finally had cooled to the very comfortable stage, which surely enhanced everyone's enjoyment level. We spent a couple of hours at Sunrise and then headed over Chinook Pass to Whistlin' Jack's for overnight and dinner.

Thursday morning we headed out early at 8:00 am for our final leg of this great tour. We were headed for lunch in Toppenish and then we were to go our separate ways to home. Heck sakes, why such an early start you say. Toppenish is not that far from Naches even in a Model T Ford. But wait, there's more! The grand finale was a gravel and dirt road up over the Yakima Valley rim which rivaled anything Mt. Rainier had to offer. Steep ... yup! Rough and dusty ... you betcha! Great fun ... absolutely! Henry has never boiled over in all the years we've been together, but ...he did this day!

We all had a great lunch in Toppenish and parted company for home. Thank you Dale and Sharon for such a well planned and hugely enjoyable tour. Henry and I would follow you anywhere!

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

For Sale

1930 Model A Ford Coup with rumble seat, new steering gear box. \$10,000 OBO
3 Speed Jumbo Giant Aux trans. for Ford. \$50.00

1956 Ford Pickup. Steering gear used for Model A Ford conversion (makes them easy to steer). \$100.00

2- 1927 License plates, Washington. \$20.00

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Next Meeting

September 20, 6PM

at

Round Table Pizza

1769 Leslie Road, Richland

(Gage and Leslie Road)

See you there!

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