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TRMTFC on Lopez Island

August 22 five Model T's from the Three Rivers Model T Club set off on a grand adventure in the San Juan Islands. Jim and Phyllis Langdon in their 1925 Roadster Pickup, Jim and Sandi Ellingston in their 1925 Roadster Pickup, Dave and Lou Ottem in their Model T speedster, Mike and Linda Porter in their 1911 Torpedo Roadster, and Dale and Sharon Peterson in their 1926 Canadian Fordor met at the Walla Walla University Marine biology station near Deception Pass on Whidbey Island. It was a beautiful sunny morning to set off on this adventure.

As the ferry reservations were for 5:20 PM, we had some time to tour around the Oak Harbor and Anacortes areas. First order of business was lunch. Heading south to Oak Harbor, we encountered more traffic than was anticipated. The drive was 10 miles of many pull offs to let traffic by but we made it without mishap. Oak Harbor is home to the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station and our restaurant was themed for the Naval Pilots and named "Wings."

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We enjoyed some delicious sandwiches at the outdoor tables. Unfortunately, Linda Porter and Sharon became overly familiar with one of the yellow jackets buzzing lower than the F18's flying overhead.

Summer tourism in full swing meant that the parking was tight at the Deception Pass bridge but we did find some spots on the far side from the souvenir shop, but we still had plenty of curious people to ogle at our cars and ask questions. Those smart enough to leave their cars as soon as they parked got to enjoy the view of the rushing water below.

The remainder of the drive to the Anacortes Ferry terminal was on forested backroads with an occasional peak at the Rosario Strait. Once at the ferry terminal, we again had many visitors to converse with including one family from Lopez Island, whose Grandfather on Lopez had a Model T! We never saw this one on the island but did run into this family a couple more times on the tour.

Loading onto the ferry both to and from Lopez Island we were given special treatment. We were always parked together. On the way back I was asked how much of a hill our cars could climb. The attendant wanted to place us on the second level where our cars "would be a little safer." Wherever we parked, people would find us and visit about these amazing cars.

Once on Lopez Island, our first order of business was an evening meal. Armed with a list of the three available eateries in Lopez Village, the first we came to was Bay Cafe. The Maitre d' asked if we had cell phones in those old cars. It seems he expected us to call ahead for reservations. None the less, he did come up with seats for the ten of us. (There were empty seats available the whole evening we were there). Despite the name of the establishment, this was a bit high class for its name. The food was quite good, though and the view over the water was nice.

After our meal, we made our way over to the "Bay Houses" where we had rented two vacation homes overlooking Fisherman's Bay. We were able to relax here, stretch out on the deck or relax in the living room of the main house. Everyone had their own bedroom for a much deserved rest that night.

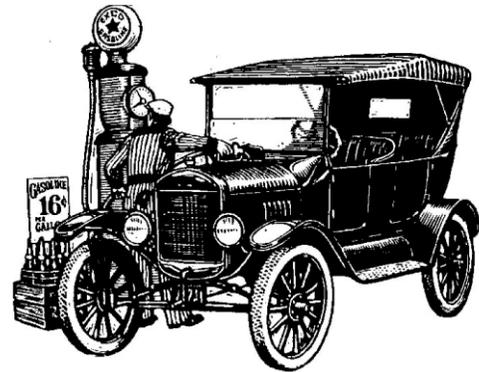
In the morning we were treated to a nice

Birthdays in September

Linda Porter 9/8

Anniversaries in September

Russ and Jane Armstrong 9/11
Gary and Sandy Ellingson 9/30



Coming Events

- Sept. 21** Picnic at Dave and Lou Ottem's
1135 S Lemaster, Othello 1PM
- October 20** Meeting at Reata Springs Church. 7
PM. Nominations for 2017 officers.
- November 17** Meeting at the Reata Springs
Church, election of 2017 officers.
Board Meeting at 6:30 PM
- December 11** Annual Christmas Party, location
TBA.



breakfast. Thank you, Sharon. It was much more than the promised “continental” breakfast!

Before touring for the day, one of the group needed to visit the local pharmacy. While the rest of us waited, one of the community members that had a key opened the museum next door for us to see. It was very nice of him. The museum was full of relics of the island and the information on the exhibits gave us ideas for the rest of the day’s touring around the island. There were still roads left unexplored by the end of the trip and none were traveled twice. There are several parks on the island but it seems the beaches are mostly privately owned, so we only strolled on a couple at state parks. A favorite was Shark Point where we hiked a long ½ mile out and back. There were many sea lions basking on the rocks across a small water passage, and a bald eagle perched on the top of the rocky crest of a small island.

Lunch was planned for a restaurant on the southern tip of the island. But wouldn’t you know, it is not open on Tuesdays. I should have known better, this happened to me the last time I was there! But, the store was open and we were all able to find some nourishment to get us back to the other end of the island.

On our way back to Lopez Village we were chased down by a TT truck. Seems the guy uses it for his business at the Lopez Island Grist Mill. He saw us as we passed his farm so he jumped in the truck to have a visit. He told us he had that stake bed truck and another with the metal bed that he uses to make deliveries on the island of his freshly ground flour. He even makes deliveries to Seattle with the TT. He plans to shorten the stake bed truck a little to get him into the cheaper ferry class. He invited us to his farm the next day, but it didn’t happen as we wanted to leave earlier the next day... a destination for a future tour?

The evening at the Bay Houses was again a treat as we watched the sunset and the many bunnies cavorting on the grass below the houses.

Wednesday morning breakfast was again wonderful. We packed up the cars and took the long way to the ferry along back roads. As mentioned above, we were treated special on the ferry and our trip was uneventful. And, oh, the view! All of the cars made the trip without so much as a hiccup; these are wonderful cars for touring. ☺



At the museum in Lopez Village



Do you see the bald eagle? The sea lions?



Country church on hilltop, Lopez Island

Elenbaas Picnic

July 21 was a great day for a picnic. Sunny, warm, and not too hot. You couldn't have asked for better weather or a better group of people to visit with on this day. The Model A club was asked to join us so we had a good group of people and a parking lot full of old cars. Jim and Sandi treated us to a wonderful barbecue as always. It all ended too soon, but we all had a nice drive back home. Thank you, Jim and Sandi! ☺



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