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Drips from the President's Dynaflows...

Ed appears to be out of town at deadline so I will substitute some vintage dripping Buick pictures.



Dues Time - 2019 dues should be send to Karen Simmering, 2615 Ripley Island Rd, Afton, TN, 37616 or see Karen at the next monthly meeting. \$10 for the year. Also don't forget to send in your AACA dues to the National Club.

Next Meeting: Monday Feb 4th 2019

Our regular meeting date is normally the first Monday of each month unless otherwise changed due to a holiday or special event.

Place: Georgia's (old Ryan's, 2645 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Greeneville, TN, 37743.

Time: Meal - 6:00 p.m. Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Note: Location change - We decided at the December meeting to try moving back to the new restaurant that opened where Ryan's was located. If it doesn't work out we will look into other options.

Tell them when you order that you are with the car club, they have promised a discount.

Editor's Comments

Thanks to Dave & Karen for their touring story & Don for another car story.



I need stories, if every member wrote a one page story I would have material for 2 years of newsletters.

Who is next with a story? Pictures are always good, you and/or your cars, cars you have seen whatever others might like to see.

This is your newsletter, contribute.

Jim Bollman <Jim@Bollman.com> -

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Club Directory

Our new secretary, Sharon Anderson, will be compiling a photo directory of club members. This will make it easier for us to get to know each other. Photos will be taken at the February and March meetings. If you won't be at a meeting you can send your photo to Sharon. We would also like to include a list of cars that you own. Sharon will use the address info that Karen already has, so if there are any changes, please let us know. Please contact Sharon with all info at 423-913-4921 or eMail sfanderson2@comcast.net.

Cars & Coffee - Feb 20th

Darlene Montgomery is our new Cars & Coffee leader.

Our first Cars & Coffee for 2019 is the 3rd Wednesday Feb 20th at 9am:

Southern Skillet

9305 Kingsport Hwy (Rt 93)

Chuckey, TN 37641 (Cash Only)



I want to go party tonight!

Sorry babe, car show season is less than 2 months away and my car is NOT ready!

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Birthday & Anniversary

Happy Birthday To:

- February 2 Beverly Selmeski
- February 3 Bob Zimmerman
- February 10 Frank Coakley
- February 12 Patricia Lockwood
- February 21 Howard Rohrer

Happy Anniversary To:

- February 12 John & Rosa Lingo

A Cross-Country Journey in a 1925 Model T Ford

Part 1: Planning and Preparation

Dave Simmering

This is a story about an adventure trip that Karen and I took in 1995. While that's almost 24 years ago, many of the details are still very fresh.

It all started in the late 1980's. New Hampshire winters are long, cold and sometimes boring. We were good friends with a Model T couple in Lancaster, NH, Kevin and Mary Kopp. Kevin was the Ford dealer in Lancaster, a small town about 2 hours north of where we lived. Lancaster is close to New Hampshire's White Mountains and from their back porch, Kevin and Mary had a beautiful view of Mount Washington, the highest mountain east of the Mississippi. Karen and I were often invited to spend a weekend there, a welcome relief from winter boredom. It was on such a weekend day, sitting in front of a nice fire, perhaps indulging in an adult beverage, that Kevin said how someday he would like to drive his Model T (a '26 Roadster pickup) across the U.S. and back. After hearing this comment several times, I said that 'someday never comes' so why don't we pick a specific date and plan on it. We picked 6 or 7 years in the future – May, 1995 – and everyone thought what a wonderful idea, let's do it!

Years went by in a blur. Kevin and Mary had a big map of the U.S. on an easel, and when we would go up for a weekend we would put push-pins in places that we wanted to visit along the way. We had a general idea of the route we would take – south to North Carolina area, then west along a southern route, then north up the California coast to Oregon or Washington, then east on a northern route back to NH.

As I said, Kevin had a '26 T Roadster pickup that he had finished restoring. I had a 1911 Model T touring, and a 1917 Coupelet – and I didn't feel comfortable driving either across country. I did, however, have the makings of a 1925 Roadster – basically some rusty body panels - but also plenty of fenders, wheels, engines and chassis parts. And I had (and still have) an early circa 1917 wooden pickup body which was made to replace the 'turtle deck' usually found on a Roadster. The building of our tour car was a complete 'ground-up' restoration, starting with a sandblasted frame and all the correct



Winter 1995

sandblasted parts for a 1925 T. I had a '25 engine that I rebuilt; it had good babbitt, so I got newly babbitted mains and rods and fit them to a good crankshaft. When we left, this engine only had about 50 miles on it, but it ran perfectly for the whole trip, over 8000 miles.

In planning our lodging, we decided to find campgrounds whenever possible. Kevin and Mary already had camping gear and cooking equipment, so we bought a dome tent, expensive air mats and sleeping bags. To accommodate our clothing and camping gear and keep it dry and protected, we got a Sears "Escargot" car-top carrier. I built a platform on the pick-up bed to hold the carrier (it fit perfectly!) and under the platform there was room for a spare wheel, tools and some extra parts. One nice weekend in the fall of 1994 we did an overnight practice camping trip to make sure we had everything we needed. (As it turned out, we only camped five times during the whole trip; we found that it was a lot easier to find a nice motel room at about \$40-\$45 – remember it was 1995 – than to find a campground and unpack and pack all our camping gear.)

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Getting closer.

March and April of 1995 were busy for me. I put the final touches on the Model T and after a few practice runs felt that everything was good to go. Nearly. The magneto wasn't putting out as much as I wanted so I bought a new distributor from a Model T supplier in Texas to replace the timer. It was the only deviation from a stock Model T other than a speedometer (which failed on the second day of our trip!). The distributor worked very well except that when I had to adjust the points I had to remove the radiator! Oh, and one more little thing – the distributor-for-timer caused a problem with the fan belt tracking. After adjusting it a few times during our first week on the road, I decided to remove the belt, and later on into the trip I actually removed the entire fan assembly. Doing that caused no trouble and the T made the entire trip without overheating.



Everyone wonders what I would have done if I needed any parts during the trip, far from home. There is a Model T parts dealer, Don Lang, in Massachusetts and we worked out a plan. If either Kevin or I needed anything, we would call him, he would locate one of his many customers close to where we were and he would ship the part and we could pick it up from his customer. I never needed the help, but it was good to know that I could get anything in a day or so.

While I was working to get the T ready, Karen had been involved in a project at work that required a lot of extra hours. Her boss was very understanding, and she managed to get all the time off (with pay) that we needed for the trip. It was in the early days of ATMs but with a paycheck being deposited every 2 weeks we could draw cash as we needed it. We prepaid all of our monthly bills to cover the 2 months we would be gone (again, before the days of internet banking and automatic withdrawals!), and arranged for someone to come mow the front lawn. We decided to pack about 7 days' worth of clothes for each of us and we'd look for laundromats along the way. We managed to fit everything in the carrier.

As 1995 was before cell phones, we had a plan if we got separated from our traveling companions and were in trouble - we would find a pay phone and call one of Kevin's sons in NH and give him the information where we were, what was the problem - and then when the other one called they would get the message. We both had AAA for emergencies (came in handy!), and we were armed with AAA maps for all the states we planned to travel through (no GPS!).

We were ready!



Tucker.....seen one? - Part 1: Way Back When

by Don Anderson

First I will start with the simple fact that I am very pleased to be with this car club. You are a very friendly and active group. And that is an opinion that comes from my experience with a few car clubs. But I often forget about one club I belonged to and it was a most interesting experience. But the story goes way back to my early childhood. As a kid with three older brothers it was natural to like cars. We even lived on a busy street in the suburbs of Chicago that converged 3 major highways and that was before the interstate system and toll roads. Just a mile and a half from the famous Route 66 as it left Chicago and Cook County for parts west. We lived in a big house, our Dad was a doctor, an osteopath, who also kept an office in the city and drove a Cadillac, albeit a used one. The first I remember was his 1942 fastback two door. Next one he bought was the 1946 Fleetwood 4 door sedan, but both Caddies were black. I look back in wonder at how he and Mom got all of us in that two door. But it WAS a Caddy and we were all small fry.



Sometime in 1947, I'm not certain when, he got an invitation to the showing of the new Tucker automobile at the factory down on the south side of Chicago. And because I was more of a car guy than my brothers (and better looking) (well, cuter) he took me along. You see even when I was about three years old I could name the make and year of every car that passed our house. And that amazed people. Don't ask me to do that now. Too many look alike.

I do distinctly remember that day at the factory with my Dad, waiting by the stage for the curtains to go up. I was either five or six years old but Dad put me on his shoulders to see. But it took so long that I got cranky

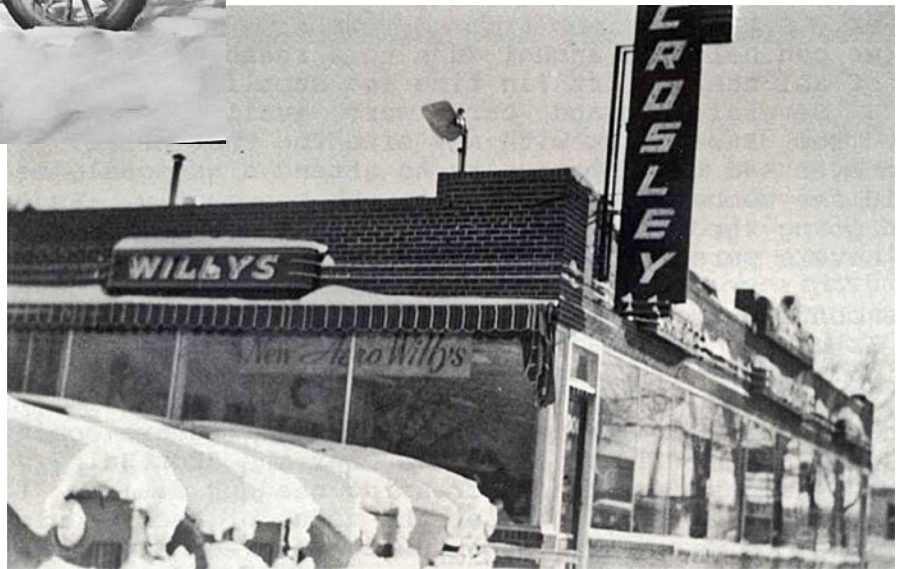
and didn't want to wait any longer. But he and I stayed and they finally opened with Mr. Tucker walking back and forth in front of the curtains smoking too and yakking about all of the



advancements of his car. But when the curtains finally opened I was not impressed. The car really looked kinda ugly to me. Three headlights! And from my angle of view maybe that is all I saw. And worse yet, it was a four door, ugh! They were only going to make four door cars. Hump backed four door cars. Well I was done and ready to go home. So we got out of there. I don't remember Dad and me even talking about it on the way home. I know he didn't stay to order one of them.

Part 2: 35 or so Years Later: Next Month

More Winter



Dave's Hubcap Stash

Advice to members: Do not let your collection multiply when you have your back turned!!!

Beverly



Son Scott has moved these to his house in NY

Back When



Minutes of the 1/7/2019 meeting Davy Crockett Region AACA

- The January 2019 meeting of the Davy Crockett Car Club was held at Georgia's Restaurant in Greenville. The meeting was opened with prayer by John Lingo.
- Ed Logan announced Birthdays and Anniversaries for January.
- Treasurer's Report: Balance \$1,933.51
- Dues for 2019 are due. \$10.00 per couple

Old Business:

- End of 2018 Donations have been made: Humane Society, Wood Ministry, Holston Home, Coal Fund
- Cars & Coffee will NOT meet in January. We have not heard if the previous Cars & Coffee "location finder"/organizer is interested in continuing. In order to continue our monthly Cars & Coffee we will need to find a volunteer to find locations. Volunteers should contact Ed Logan.

New Business:

- Sharon Anderson has agreed to be the club secretary for 2019. One item she would like do

is have a Photo Directory made, to make it easier for new members to get to know others. Pictures were taken at the end of the meeting to use in the directory. We will continue taking pictures until March, to give every member a chance to get their picture in the directory. Jim Bollman would like to include the cars each member owns in the directory. You can call Sharon at 423-913-4921 or email sfanderson2@comcast.net if you want to have your car (make and year) included in the directory. We will use the information that Karen Simmering already has on members, so if there are any new changes, please let us know.

- Jim & Darlene Montgomery were not in attendance. Club is assuming that the 2019 Car Show will be held May 11. We will once again need sponsors for the event. Start now to see if you can find a category sponsor or someone to donate a door prize.
- Club decided that Georgia's was a good location, and will continue to meet there. Next meeting Monday, February 4.
- Meeting adjourned

Sharon Anderson

A day without sunshine is like, night.

City Garage Car Museum

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Greeneville, TN 37743
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(423) 638-6971/639-3217

info@citygaragecarmuseum.com

Open Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Optional Scheduling on Request and Special Events



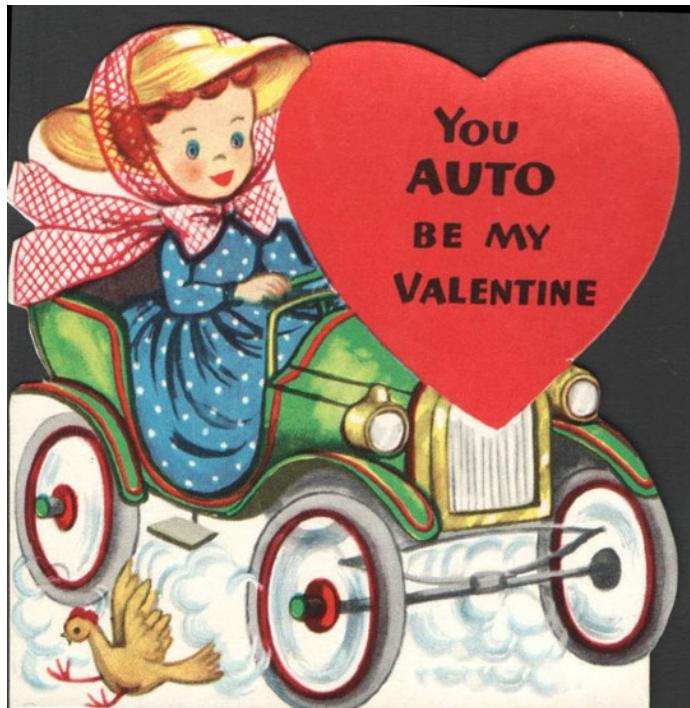
Vehicles & Related Items For Sale

Model A & T Fords & Parts For Sale,
Call Mike 423-743-5085

For Sale: 1954 Mercury - 48,000 miles - 4Dr - \$14,500

1972 VW Super Beetle - Total Restoration - New Interior - Rust Free Car - \$10,500
Call for Details Tom Koziol 423-237-3740

Ads will appear in one issue unless the editor is contacted to run again - jim@Bollman.com



Neglected Car of the Month



Date	Upcoming Event	More Info
1/4/19	Davy Crockett Region Annual Regular Meeting	Georgia's - 6pm Supper 7pm Meeting
2/20/19	Cars & Coffee - 9am at Southern Skillet 9305 Kingsport Hwy Chuckey, TN 37641	Cash Only
4/4-7/19	Spring Charlotte AutoFair and Spring AACA National Meet http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/	\$11/day flea market National AACA show on Saturday free spectator admission
5/11/19	Davy Crockett Car Show Gateway Ford???	Date and location tentative
	Slow Season - Let me know of Winter Events	
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