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Drips from the President's Dynaflows...

Is it March already?

Because many of us were crying and sad seeing so many wrecked Buicks on the front page of BEAR TREADS last month, I am preparing a presidential DRIP.

Sharon Anderson, our Secretary for 2019 (YES, we have a secretary!) is working on a pictorial directory. If you haven't had your picture taken come to our March meeting at Georgia's so we (and our newer members) will know what you look like. If you can't make it send a picture to Sharon.



Thanks to Don Anderson and David and Karen Simmering for their articles for this and past newsletters. The Model T club in the Dallas area have picked up David and Karen's series on traveling in their Model T to the west coast and back.

By the time BEAR TREADS is published for March, we will have had our cars & Coffee at Southern Skillet in Chuckey. Darlene Montgomery is now heading up the "Breakfast Club".

We are also looking ahead to our 'showing' at the Greene County Tech School on Thursday, March 21st. Karen Zimmerman is heading up this effort.

Jim and Darlene are wrapping up negotiating with Gateway Ford for a date for our Spring Show in May of 2019.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our March meeting at Georgia's. The buffet is now \$9.99 PLUS drink.

See you then....

Ed



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 March 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.

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.

Editor's Comments

Thanks to Dave & Karen for part 2 of their touring story & Don for part 2 of the Tucker story.



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

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Cars & Coffee - March 20th

3rd Wednesday March 20th at 9am:

**Shorty's
2959 Rt 107 - East of Greenville
Next to South Central Elementary School**

We tried to have C&C there back in October and they had closed because a service truck damaged their septic system by backing over it and destroying it but they are all repaired and back open now.



**Tech Display/Show - March 21st
Greenville-Greene County Center for Tech**

Come show your old car and talk to the students and teachers about our cars. Bring your old car magazines to give to interested students.

1121 Hal Henard Rd
Greenville - 9am - 2pm

Call Karen Zimmerman with questions 423-787-7768

Birthday & Anniversary

Happy Birthday To:

- March 3 Karen Simmering
- March 11 Don Anderson
- March 22 Mary Noel

Happy Anniversary To:

None

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A Cross-Country Journey in a 1925 Model T Ford

Part 2: We're off! Headed South!

Dave Simmering

Monday, May 15, 1995 arrived! A steady rain announced a day that we had been planning for and anticipating for years. I decided to install the side curtains that I had made to keep us dry. After some last minute packing, and our 'leaving home' photo, we hit the road at noon. We would be traveling on very familiar roads to Bennington, Vermont (the home of Hemmings Motor News), where we would meet up with Kevin and Mary who had a longer drive from Lancaster, NH. A few local hills and a Vermont mountain beckoned us, but we had done the route before in a Model T so we weren't worried. After about 45 miles, our speedometer stopped working; I don't remember why now, but it didn't seem like a big deal, and we still had the odometer part. We stopped for gas at a small station in the town of Alstead, NH



and the attendant was quite amazed when we told him we were headed for California! (I'm not sure he believed us.) I quickly learned that I didn't like my first experience with side curtains. We both felt they were too confining, especially on a two-seater roadster, and the windows were fogging up. (That night, they were removed and put in the bottom of the pod, - I think we used part of them one more time during the trip!). Our plan was to camp that first night at a campground just over the state line in New York. We were dreading that since, even though the rain had let up, we were cold and damp. When we got to Bennington and found Kevin and Mary, we were pleased to hear that they had already started to call some motels in the area! We had a nice dinner and stayed the first night in Bennington at the Kirkside motel. We planned our route for the next day (our destination would be Mary's brother's house in Warwick, NY) and turned in early.



Day 2 was the first real day of our adventure together, and was an uneventful drive. We decided to stop at each state 'Welcome' sign for a photo op. We traveled south through Western Mass and just into Connecticut for a few miles before heading west into New York to cross the Hudson River in Poughkeepsie. We started our postcard ritual – writing postcards each night and finding a post office to mail them the next day. (In 1995 some of our major purchases were postcards, stamps and camera film!) We used back roads to Warwick (near the NJ border) and easily

covered the route to Mary's brother's home for a free night's stay and an equipped garage to do some tinkering. I felt comfortable with what I 'felt' to be about 35 mph for my newly rebuilt engine (with only 50 miles on it when we left!), expecting (hoping) that it would last the many miles of our trip. Day 3 saw us crossing into Pennsylvania near Port Jervis and driving through territory that was familiar from previous trips to Hershey - although this time on back roads! There were hills, but not a lot of traffic. We had originally thought we could do 300 or so miles a day (and get to our first goal, Dave's Mom's house

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in Hendersonville, NC, in 4 days or so), but quickly found out that 200 miles a day was much more realistic, based on the need to get out and stop and stretch at least every 50 miles, and keep our gas tank filled for unanticipated hills (Kevin didn't have to worry about that with his '26). Our daily routine had become: get up early, have breakfast and try to leave before 8 AM; then a mid-morning coffee break; then lunch stop; then a mid-afternoon rest stop to plan where we would stay for the night, and to bed early! This night, after crossing the Susquehanna north of Harrisburg, we stayed in Carlisle, PA.

Day 4 we headed south on Rt 11 for quick succession of welcome signs through Maryland and West Virginia to Winchester, VA for lunch (we remember stopping for a little while to let a quick heavy rain pass); then on to Front Royal to pick up the Skyline Drive, which we had planned as a main route for a few days. We bought our National Park passes, and signed in at the Visitor Center "on our way to CA in a '25 T!" Some beautiful views! We stopped for a visit and tour of Luray Caverns before heading to a Day's Inn in New Market for the night. Day 5, Friday, saw us on Rt 11 again and back up on the Blue Ridge in Harrisonburg – after climbing steadily, we decided it wasn't smart to keep getting on



and off the parkway! We had a beautiful day's drive with some spectacular scenery (and about the best blackberry cobbler we've ever had at a restaurant on the parkway!). One inconvenience of traveling the parkway was a need to get off for gasoline – somewhere in mid Virginia that afternoon, we decided it was time and we wound our way down to the nearest gas station. After filling up, we knew we did not want to return on the same route with that much of a climb, so we drove along back roads to the next entrance to the Parkway. Although we had wanted to travel farther, we settled for the campground on the parkway near Roanoke – our first time camping and it was a really pretty spot. Day 6, after breakfast and packing up our camping gear (and thinking it was easier to find a motel and restaurant breakfast!) we continued on the Parkway headed south. Getting closer to our first goal of 'Mom's house' in Hendersonville, NC, where we also had some Model T friends that would help us with a check-up of our vehicles, we decided to leave the



parkway on Rt 18 and head to Morganton, NC for the night. (Karen, being a big fan of the TV show "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" had only one stipulation for our trip – she had to be at a motel room with a TV in time to watch the episode where Dr. Quinn got married. It was the motel in Morganton and she did!)

Day 7, Sunday May 21 – we arrived at Mom's! We had reached our first milestone – the end of what we had thought of as the 'shake down' portion of the trip, the first 1000 or so miles. The first thing we did was buy some foam seat cushions for extra padding where we needed it! Karen and Mary did laundry and Kevin and I went to visit a Model

T friend where he and Mary would stay for the night. We had dinner at Mom's (we stayed in her guest room), and Kevin and Mary left for their lodging. We decided to leave some stuff at Mom's that we found we wouldn't use, including some of Mary's camping cooking equipment (easier to eat out!) It was our last night in familiar surroundings – with 'Shake Down' behind us, we were headed West in the morning to parts unknown and not a familiar face until we reach Dave's sister's house in Oakland CA!

Tucker.....seen one? - Part 2: 35 or so Years Later

by Don Anderson

So now let's just jump into a time many years later, maybe 35 or more, and the Tucker now becomes hot stuff because of the movie. Or Jeff Bridges. Now it may be 1986 or 87 but some friends of mine are collecting 1/43 scale Tucker model cars made in Europe. And they tell me that members of the Tucker Club want models of the car they own. Specifically their color. And because I can build model cars and like to paint them I'm their go-to guy. And these guys both belong to the Tucker Club which I was surprised that you didn't have to own the real deal, so I joined too. And with a little ad in their monthly newsletter I soon started making and painting some replicas of the owners' cars. Metal scale models about 5 inches long that I stripped and repainted and detailed. But I never did hear from Frances Ford Coppola, George Lucas, or any big wig Hollywood owners. But I heard from several others. A few dozen.



The following summer there was a Tucker convention in Indiana. I talked to one of the other guys I knew, and he was going so I went. It was a nice day for a drive. Top down on the MG. Camera in the car and so I was kind of anxious. Hoping I could meet him there but never did. He never did show. But it was not a lot full of Tuckers I saw. Less than half a dozen. So I did get to chat with the owners of a few of them. And one guy gave me a ride in his. An experience I will never forget. We were in Auburn, Indiana. A true car town and even though it was small, it was the home of Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg automobiles. This is where they were built. I had moved my car and parked my MG right next to a green Tucker on the street smack in the downtown. I really did so in order to show one of the older guys sitting there a few of my Tucker repaints. And so the owner of the green one was looking on

and he asked if I could do one for him. Of course I replied. The color of his Tucker was a pearl green metallic, he called it Andante Green. And he had the paint too. He offered me a ride in his Tucker to his house a few blocks away and so off we went. He was a Texan who relocated there and also collected old cars too. His name was Richard Vick. On the way there I noted how he shifted gears. There was a little thumb-sized toggle switch off of a stalk from the right side of the steering column and it electrically switched from one gear to the next silently and very smoothly. He switched it by pinching the little lever. It also had a Lincoln steering wheel and Mr. Vick

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mentioned that Ford Motor Company sold Tucker quite a few parts to help the company. The house we drove up to, was on the main street right in the middle of the north part of town. And it had a huge garage in the back of the house. It was a beautifully restored white mansion reminding me of Graceland in Nashville. Not huge, but impressive nonetheless. In his garage which was possibly as big as the house, I looked around while he went to a corner and poured me enough paint for a supply. He had a lot of older cars in various states of repair and enough signage to choke a museum. Then he brought me a quart jar full of Andante Green the original color of his Tucker. I believe he had car number 48 in the run. When done we rode back to the town and he dropped me off by my car. And Mr. Vick gave me a poster of his car from the trunk. Then he went off somewhere else. Someone I had been talking to earlier was waiting by my car and asked me how I liked my ride. Of course I replied honestly that it was kind of neat. And then he asked where did we drive to? I said this guy's house up on the north end. Then that man told me I had just visited the old E.L. Cord mansion.



Wow, I should have notice the house some more. I guess I'm not a real estate guy. I'm a car guy.

Besides when I was a kid all four boys in our family used to take the family car to church Sundays without the folks and we never made it to church at all. We cruised through the rich neighborhoods looking for fancy cars in the driveways. I remember seeing the first Corvette in the summer of 1952 in a driveway in Hinsdale Illinois. That was Kettering's house. The GM big wig that invented the self-starter. That old Corvette had a clear bubble top too.

Part 3: The Pizza Connection - Next Month

February Cars & Coffee

Darlene Montgomery set Southern Skillet as our first Cars & Coffee for 2019. We met on Wednesday Feb 20th. A dozen of us braved the cool morning and had a breakfast together. Good car talk and a little club event planning. The restaurant staff were very friendly and told us to be sure and come back. Good food we will probably return again for a future C&C.



Back When



Mail delivery in Tennessee's rainy season in 1960

Minutes of the 2/4/2019 meeting Davy Crockett Region AACA

- Meeting opened with prayer. 18 members were in attendance.
- Treasurer's Report: \$1,953.51

Old Business

- Darlene Montgomery is the new chairman for Cars & Coffee. Next date is Wednesday, February 22 at 9 AM at Southern Skillet, 9305 Kingsport Highway (Route 93), Chuckey, TN. CASH ONLY!
- No date set for May Car Show at Gateway yet. Darlene will meet with Gateway to decide. It will not be May 11. Discussion about needed workers on the date. It would be great to get a large group of our oldest cars at the show to be on display. It is also time to be finding Sponsors as soon as possible, so names of Sponsors can be put on the flyer. Also, now is the time to be asking for Door Prizes. Each member should try to get a Door Prize.

New Business

- Tech School date is set for March 21, 2019. Suggested that members also bring old magazines for the students.

- Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Festival date was announced for April 27th. Times: 10 am to 7 pm.
- Three additional members had their photos taken for the Photo Directory. If you have not had your picture taken, try to be at the March meeting so it can be included in the new directory. Also, we would like information on your cars to be included. Please contact Sharon Anderson at 423-913-4921 or email to: sfanderson2@comcast.net
- Next meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2019 at Georgia's.
- Meeting adjourned.

Sharon Anderson

Neglected Car of the Month

Might need more than paint & upholstery to bring back this 1946-48 Crosley Sedan.



City Garage Car Museum
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 Greeneville, TN 37743
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 (423) 638-6971/639-3217
info@citygaragecarmuseum.com



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When I was a child I thought “Nap Time” was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.

Date	Upcoming Event	More Info
3/2/19	Honor Flight Benefit and Car Show & Breakfast Central Church of Christ 8am-12 - Donation	2722 E Oakland Ave Johnson City, TN More Info - 423-330-6189
3/20/19	Cars & Coffee with Davy Crockett Region	9am - Shorty's Rt 107 next to South Central Elementary
3/21	Greeneville-Greene County Center for Technology, 1121 Hal Henard Rd, Greeneville - 9am - 2pm	Come show your old car and talk to the students and teachers
3/4/19	Davy Crockett Region Regular Meeting 2645 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Greeneville, TN	Georgia's - 6pm Supper 7pm Meeting
4/27	Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Festival 10am-7pm - Free Car Show, Free Bluegrass, BBQ	121 Covered Bridge Ln Unicoi, Tennessee 37692
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/XX/19	Davy Crockett Car Show Gateway Ford???	Date and location tentative
6/8	SW Autorama, Downtown Erwin, gates open at 8 am	Free
	Slow Season - Let me know of Winter Events	
Bold Print is Davy Crockett Regional Event		

When	Cruise-ins - Event	More Info
March-Nov Saturday evenings	Clinton Highway Cruise-In 5104 Clinton Hwy. Knoxville, Tn 37912	Just north of I-640, South of Merchants Drive
April - Oct Saturday eves 5:00- 10:00 - Tentative	Cruise-ins, downtown Elizabethton TN	cartercountycarclub.com