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### Drips from the President's Dynaflows...

Just got back from a successful and fun time at the Greeneville-Greene County Center for Technology. Five club members and Herb Plemmons from Ridge Runners showed up on a very "IFFY" day to show and tells about our autos to the students. The autos ranged from a Model T truck to a late seventy's 'rolling couch'.

This year the school served us hotdogs and chips for lunch. There are pictures in this issue of BEAR TREADS.

Yesterday we met at Shorty's on 107 next to South Central Elementary School for our monthly Cars & Coffee. April breakfast outing at Hix BBQ.

Jim and Darlene are hard at work planning our show for June 1st. We need you to visit a favorite business and ask them to sponsor an award for a \$50 donation. There will be lots of people seeing their names displayed prominently at the show as well as permanently on the award they sponsored. We also need to be collecting door prizes to give away.

Our show has ended up opposite Bubba's in Mosheim. We have a totally different kind of show, and with a very successful show last year, we expect to give Bubba a 'run for his money'. Darlene had checked the internet extensively looking for other shows on June 1st, but it happens.

June is going to be a busy month for car shows: June 1st: ours show; June 8th – Ridge Runners at Chantz-Scott Dodge; and June 22nd – Volunteer Club at Hardin Park.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can at Georgia's for dinner at 6 pm and meeting at 7 pm on Monday, April 1st. "NO FOOLIN' ".

See you then.... Ed

**GATEWAY**  
Ford LINCOLN

**Davy Crockett Spring Auto Show**

**Saturday, June 1st, 2019 9am-3pm**

- First 100 Entries Receives Dash Plaques
- \$10 Entry Fee
- Free viewing to General Public
- 50/50 Drawing & Raffle
- Trophy Awards Goody Bags Food

1055 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy. Greeneville, Tn

**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 April 1st 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 - Last Call**

Sharon Anderson is finishing the new photo directory of club members. If you have not already had your picture taken or sent it to Sharon with a list of cars you own, do it now. **March 29, 2019 will be the last date to get information to Sharon.**

Sharon got address info that Karen already, so if there are any changes, please let her 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 3 of their touring story & Don for final part of the Tucker story.

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.**

Jim Bollman <Jim@Bollman.com> - 315-589-8815  
217 Chinquapin Ln, Jonesborough, TN 37659

**Cars & Coffee - April 17th**

3rd Wednesday April 17th at 9am:

**Hix BBQ**  
1245 E Andrew Johnson Hwy  
Greeneville, TN

See you then.



**2019 Davy Crockett Spring Show**

The Annual Spring Auto Show, cosponsored by the Davy Crockett Region AACA and Gateway Ford, will be held on **June 1, 2019**, in the parking lot of **Gateway Ford**, located at 1055 W. Andrew Johnson Highway from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Awards will be presented in the following categories: Best of Show, People's Choice, Club President's Choice, Sponsor's Choice, Antique (post and pre-war), Muscle Car, Custom Street Rod, Resto Mod and Trucks.

On Monday, April 1, 2019, at our regular monthly meeting, sponsor letters will be available. It is imperative that club members reach out to potential sponsors. Additionally, club members should begin collecting door prizes for the show.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, the first of the Car Show committee meetings at 9:00 a.m., at Hix BBQ, located at 1245 Andrew Johnson Highway. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

**Birthday & Anniversary**

**Happy Birthday To:**

- April 3 Robert Henrich
- April 4 Trish Moehle
- April 20 Madelyn Rohrer
- April 27 Jim Cunningham

**Happy Anniversary To:**

- April 1 Dave & Karen Simmering

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APRIL 27TH  
10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

FARMHOUSE GALLERY AND GARDENS  
(121 COVERED BRIDGE LANE)

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FOR ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION CONTACT  
VENDOR & BAND INQUIRIES: 423-735-0317 OR RECREATIONAIDE@UNICOITN.NET  
CAR SHOW INQUIRIES: 423-743-5085

## A Cross-Country Journey in a 1925 Model T Ford

### Part 3: Westward Ho!

Dave Simmering

Day 8, Monday May 22 (and Kevin's birthday) – We said goodbye to Mom and headed over to our Model T friend's house, where they had a big brunch and send-off for us. After some tinkering and checking over the T's one more time, we were off. "Shake down" was behind us, we had established our travel pattern, and our direction had now changed from 'southwest to Mom's' to Headed West! Starting our second week of travel. We decided on a scenic route north and west of Hendersonville, to go through Nantahala gorge, where folks were white water rafting. Kevin and Mary were a little ahead of us; I think Kevin wanted to drive a bit faster in his 'tried and proven' Model T, where I was comfortable with what I felt to be 35. We stopped at a rest area to have the picnic lunch and left-over angel cake Mom had made for us – Mary had brought candles and the angel cake was transformed into Kevin's birthday cake. Headed toward the Tennessee border on Rt 64, our plan was to stay at a campground just over the state line. We were surprised and dismayed to see a sign 'Campground closed'. We were in a desolate area and it was dusk, so we were a little concerned, but saw a sign 'lodging 5 miles'. Not knowing what to expect, we followed the road and found a sign pointing right – Tannisee lodging. We kept going and turned into a steep driveway to a log cabin lodge, with a sign Greasy Creek, TN. We got rooms in the motel unit (there were also cabins) which were very rustic but comfortable, and the proprietress, Bonnie, was very welcoming. Next morning she cooked us a nice breakfast and chatted with us, and said in nearby Reliance, they filmed the movie 'Deliverance'.



Greasy Creek

Day 9 brought us back onto Rt 64 on our way to Chattanooga and a stop at Coker Tire. The folks at Coker gave us a tour of their car museum and their tire storage areas, and we even visited with Corky for a while. (Corky couldn't believe we stayed in Reliance – a pretty wild place I guess!) Kevin had a couple very worn tires that he wanted to get every possible mile out of, so he bought an extra spare at Coker's in case he needed a tire change before we got home (he did!). After lunch, we headed west on Rt 64 and stopped for the night at the Davy Crockett campground in Lawrenceburg, TN. Talked to a ranger who said there had been many tornadoes in the area a week before – we had not even thought that we might be headed into that kind of weather, but luck was with us.

Day 10, Wednesday May 24, we packed up our tents and headed west, still on Rt 64 and could see many signs of tornado destruction. We stopped at a local restaurant for breakfast and everyone was talking about



Bolivar, TN

the tornadoes. Bolivar, TN was our lunch break where Kevin visited with the local Ford dealer and I took some pictures (slides) of a pretty southern town. We were on our way to Memphis and the Mississippi River. We navigated through Memphis rush-hour traffic on Rt 64 headed for the I55 bridge across the river. We got as far right as possible on the bridge – lots of trucks, but no one was going very fast. It's unnerving, however, to look to your left and see a truck wheel nearly as high as you, not 2 feet away! The first thing we saw in Arkansas on the other side of the river were rice paddies and silos. We got off the interstate as soon as we could, found our old friend Rt 64 and stopped for the night at a nice motel in Wynne, where we talked to a nice young man who gave us some good information about the routes we were planning. We had made it to the other side of the Mississippi River!

Thursday, May 25. Day 11 was to be Arkansas all the way. Part of our evening routine was to plot out the roads for the next day and look for a big enough town about 200 miles away that would probably have lodging available. We had been pretty much sticking together, but realized if we did lose sight of each other, we would know where to meet up at the end of the day. We were aimed for Fort Smith this day, pretty much on Rt 64 all the way, often paralleling I40. Arkansas wasn't very exciting along this route. The most we saw were many armadillos beside the road that didn't make it. We got to Fort Smith at rush hour

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after some difficult roads and a lot of traffic. For the first (and maybe the only time) we were discouraged about the trip; we remember trying to figure out how we could rent a truck and haul the T home...

But Day 12 was a new day, and we decided to tough it out and motored on into Oklahoma! We left Rt 64 and stopped in the little town of Spiro for breakfast (we tried to find little local restaurants and only use 'fast food' when we had to) at a nice restaurant. Traveling west on a state Rt 9, we stopped for gas and noticed the sky was black in the direction we were headed. We decided to wait out the impending storm in the attached restaurant/general store - the people were so nice. They had us park where the building would shelter the cars from the wind. We watched a very big storm- thunder, lightning, downpours. Someone called the local Stigler newspaper, and a young woman reporter came in to talk to us while we were waiting – she had been wondering what to write about for the next week's edition (we later got a copy of the story that she wrote about us!). When the storm passed, we went on and stopped at a local NAPA store in Stigler, OK to pick up a few things. They were excited to see us; probably didn't see a lot of Model T Fords from NH at their store! They gave us all Stigler NAPA caps (which we wore a lot on the trip; and folks were asking if we were Okies!). We have pictures of us and the NAPA folks in our hats! Sticking to the state routes, we were in Seminole for the night.



Saturday & Sunday, May 27 and 28. Days 13 and 14 were Oklahoma days. From Seminole, still on state roads, we were south of Oklahoma City through Norman and Chickasha, west and then north to Clinton.

Time for a motel with a laundry. The next day headed north and then west into the panhandle of Oklahoma. Stopping for lunch that day at an Arby's, a truck and trailer with a model A on it followed us into the parking lot. He was a model T guy and couldn't believe what he was seeing! He invited us to stop at his house, which we did and looked at his stuff before motoring on. We couldn't resist stopping at the smallest town we were in on the trip – Slapout, OK (pop. 8) - in the little store, we met half the town! How the town got its name? When people asked for things they couldn't find at the store, the storekeeper always said 'we're slap out!'. Our night's stop, our last night in Oklahoma, was in Guymon. In the morning, Texas and points west!.

Part 4 Next Month



### Greenville Tech Show and Tell



## Tucker.....seen one? - Part 3: The Pizza Connection

by Don Anderson

A few years later I was working in Kalamazoo, Michigan, when a customer had a picture of a Tucker on a calendar and I had asked for a copy or if he could send it to me when the month went out. Well he went to his closet and gave me a whole calendar. Since I was interested in Tuckers he told me of a body shop in town that a few years ago, had restored a rare Tucker for the owner and founder of Domino's Pizza, Tom Monaghan. So in my spare time at the end of the day I stopped over there to see. Believe it or not, this little body shop was right across the street from my hotel there. The lot was filled with old rusting Cadillac El Dorados, Sevilles, and rare Lincoln coupes. Kind of luxury car graveyard look. Ready to be restored I guess. But I found the door and went in and met the owner. He was friendly and very interesting to talk with. The Tucker was a project he had done some years back. But he made a scrap book all about the restoration and he dug it out for us (he and I) to look at. This car had been an early car that was often used as a factory show sample in the western part of the country. They removed many layers of different colors and were not sure what color it had originally been factory painted. But he was happy to say they found that the round hatch or door for the central headlight was the keeper of the secret. Because under that panel, when removed was the original color. The famous blue metallic, the one Mrs. Tucker loved so much. (At least in the movie she did.) But there was no code or formula to duplicate it. And Mr. Monaghan wanted authenticity. So with the customer's guidance and approval they made what they thought it should be. For the sake of brevity here I'll just say they used an early sixties Rambler or American Motors color and added metallic and pearl until everyone involved was happy.

So I told him I would make him a model of the car if he could give me a sample of the paint. And I went home that weekend to bring back some model Tuckers to show him what I did. And on my return visit the following Monday afternoon, he was happy to see me and also very impressed with the models. Plus he had searched around his paint room and found a can of the paint. Almost half a quart or so and it was still liquid! I couldn't believe it. He gave it all to me. Wow. I felt like a rich man. Waltz Blue! I actually had Waltz Blue.



So of course when my week in Kalamazoo was over and I got back home to Illinois all I could do was strip die-cast Tucker bodies and spray them this color. And when assembled I sent the first ones to him in Michigan because he supplied the paint. My little ad in the Tucker newsletter brought several orders in for models and a phone call from a man I had earlier talked to from the Franklin Mint. Back a couple of years he was interested in my clubs model car show in Chicago but now he wanted to buy some paint. It seems they are about to be making a 1/24 scale Tucker model and would like to make it Waltz Blue. I sure didn't want to sell him any, but I did send him enough to see what it really looked like and to analyze for reproduction. And then I forgot all about that. Then about 10 months later, I get a package from The Franklin Mint. Inside was a letter and a new Waltz Blue Tucker in 1/24 scale. Neat.

All of this was at least ten years ago and I no longer belong to the Tucker Club. But the story of my Tucker interest didn't stop there. About four years after all my painting models for Tucker Club members. I got the opportunity to visit the old Tucker family mansion in Ypsilanti, Michigan. My oldest brother's second son, Eric, was going to be married in Ann Arbor and my whole family went. Somehow there was a time lag between practice and the real deal that one of my

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brothers and I drove off to Ypsilanti to see the famous Tucker mansion. And we found it. Not restored or preserved, but it was still there. A big house on a big lot, kind of close to town too. The rooms upstairs had separate fire escapes because the house was all sub-divided into various apartments. So Bob, my brother and I didn't look at the house too much. We were more interested in the garage in the back. A big garage with a lot of room and a backyard all its own. With what looked like engine hoists erected in a few places. But it was all weed infested and unkept. A man was working on an 80's Mercury Cougar jacked up in the garage. He was an older fellow and very friendly. As we looked around he introduced himself and said he was glad to see our interest. It turned out he was a very knowledgeable guy and showed us around. As a

young man he had worked for Preston Tucker when he lived there. And now he lives here. He mentioned plans for the Tucker family that's left, and together with the Tucker Club, which is growing, are trying to buy the property to restore and make into a museum.

Now I do not know as of this writing in 2019 if that happened. I certainly do know that every once in a while a Tucker gets sold at another record figure on auction. And I do hope that the Tucker Club is still active and keeping the fires burning. And I would love to go to another Tucker convention. I guess I missed the great 50<sup>th</sup> they must have had near the Chicago factory. But I'm not a big fan of hoopla. However I don't think the car is as unsightly as I did as a little boy.



### Honor Flight Breakfast

A few members made it out for breakfast on a cold March 2nd but only our fearless leader Ed and DC friend Herb from RoadRunners drove a car to the show (heaters help). Only about 2 dozen cars and a couple of motorcycles came out for the show but they had a huge turn out for a great breakfast.

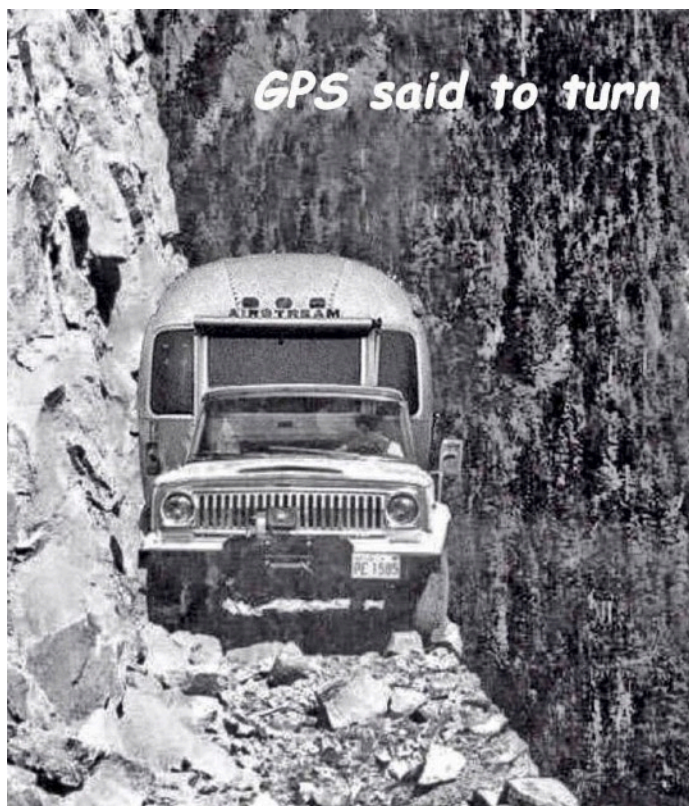


**Gosh, I just hate talking to an Old Coot, and then find out, I went to school with him.....**

### March Cars & Coffee at Shorty's



Good food and good conversation for 9 DC members at C&C for March.



Be sure and save the cream off the top

## Minutes of the 3/4/2019 meeting Davy Crockett Region AACA

Meeting was opened with prayer. 20 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$2,083,51

### Old Business

- Greenville Tech School date is Thursday, March 21, 2019. Suggested that members also bring old magazines for the students.
- Photo Directory: Don Anderson called the members that we did not have pictures for. Five of those members came to the meeting; pictures taken. Paper passed around for people to write down their cars for the directory. March 29, 2019 will be the last date to get information to Sharon.
- (423-913-4921 or [sfanderson2@comcast.net](mailto:sfanderson2@comcast.net)) to get your picture and car information in the new directory. If there have been any changes to your address, phone or email, please let Sharon know.

### New Business

- Cars & Coffee for March will be Wed, 3/20 at Shorty's Restaurant, 2959 Hwy 107, Chuckey.
- Car Show date is June 1, 2019. Darlene had fliers for everyone to take with. Darlene also seeking suggestions for the car that will be on the show

plaques. Reminder to all members: Be looking for sponsors and door prizes.

- Jim Bollman was contacted by Car Museum about participating at Cruise Night at the Car Museum this summer. Club decided that Saturday evening would be best for us.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2019 at Georgia's. Meeting adjourned.

Sharon Anderson

## Neglected Car of the Month



Not sure if this 1947 Crosley roundside pickup was saved or not. It was for sale here in TN about 5 years ago.

**City Garage Car Museum**  
 210 South Main Street  
 Greeneville, TN 37743  
 (423) 470-0841  
 (423) 638-6971/639-3217  
[info@citygaragecarmuseum.com](mailto:info@citygaragecarmuseum.com)



**April Exhibit: The Auburn Auto/Autos & Auto Art**  
 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

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 It'll be a great trade!**

| Date  | Upcoming Event   | More Info  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>4/01/19</b>                                    | <b>Davy Crockett Region Regular Meeting<br/>2645 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Greeneville, TN</b>   | <b>Georgia's - 6pm Supper<br/>7pm Meeting</b>                                  |
| 4/04-07/19  | Spring Charlotte AutoFair and Spring AACA National Meet<br><a href="http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/">http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/</a> | \$11/day flea market - National AACA show on Saturday free spectator admission |
| <b>4/17/19</b>                                    | <b>Cars &amp; Coffee with Davy Crockett Region</b>   | <b>9am - Hix BBQ 1245 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy Greeneville</b>                    |
| 4/20/19   | 1st Annual Hope Helps Cruise-In 12-6pm - Donation - Food Pantry  | 4540 W Stone Drive Kingsport   |
| 4/27/19   | Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Festival 10am-7pm - Free Car Show, Free Bluegrass, BBQ  | 121 Covered Bridge Ln Unicoi, Tennessee 37692                                  |
| 5/24/19   | Super Cruise at Fort Henry Mall - 6 to 9pm - Kingsport, TN   |  |
| 5/25/19   | Wilderness Trail Rod Run at Train Station 1 to 6pm   | Downtown Kingsport, TN   |
| 5/30-6/1/19                                       | AACA Grand National Meet - Auburn, IN  |  |
| <b>6/01/19</b>                                    | <b>Davy Crockett Car Show - Gateway Ford</b>   | <b>See Flyer on first page</b>   |
| 6/08/19   | SW Autorama, Downtown Erwin, gates open at 8 am  | Free   |
| 6/26-29/19  | AACA Eastern National Meet - Parsippany, NJ  |  |
| 7/13/19   | Fun Fest Car Show at ETSU's Allandale Campus   | 10am until 2pm - Kingsport, TN   |
| 9/15/19   | Allandale Car Show - Kingsport, TN   |  |
| <b>Bold Print is Davy Crockett Regional Event</b> |  |  |

| When                                     | Cruise-ins - Event  | More Info  |
|--|---|--|
| March-Nov Saturday evenings              | Clinton Highway Cruise-In<br>5104 Clinton Hwy. Knoxville, Tn 37912          | Just north of I-640, South of Merchants Drive                        |
| April - Oct Saturday 5:00                | Cruise-ins, downtown Elizabethton TN  | <a href="http://cartercountycarclub.com">cartercountycarclub.com</a> |
| April - Oct - Fridays 5:30               | Cruise-ins, downtown Erwin TN   | Unicoi County Court House parking lot                                |
| 4/13, 5/11, 6/15, 7/20, 8/3, 9/14, 10/12 | Fundraiser Car Show - Freddy's<br>928 N. State of Franklin Johnson City, TN | 1st TN Mustang Club<br>Proceeds to local charity                     |