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Drips from the President's Dynaflows...

I am really not in the mood to 'drip' this morning, but our illustrious editor supreme has threatened to fill the front page of BEAR TREADS with wrecked Buicks again if I don't get this to him pronto.

First I want to thank Sharon and Don Anderson for getting our directory all finished. If there is a mistake, or a picture is missing, that is easily fixed, since the directory is on their computer. It has been printed and it looks very nice. If you haven't received a copy, come to our next meeting and you will receive yours.

Those of us at the last breakfast at Hix BBQ were talking about choosing a central location and sticking to one place each month.

Member Melissa McIntosh won a 1st Junior with her 1931 Model A Ford at Charlotte AACA Nationals early in April.

Our main event is coming up FAST – June 1st at Gateway Ford. We have one meeting between now and then. Each family group or couple needs to bring TWO items to our next meeting for door prizes. You can bring something you have bought, or you can ask for a donated item from stores you frequent. These can be gift cards or a free or reduced price service. Each store who donated gift cards, items, or services will be recognized at the show.

Jim and Darlene Montgomery and Don Anderson have acquired several car show award donations of \$50 each. We are needing several more. It is helpful if you bring a car show flyer with you when asking for a donation or award sponsorship.

I have sent Jim Bollman a bunch of car show and cruise flyers. The dates and time should be listed on the last page. If you want to attend a show, call one or more of us up and let us know...we can meet and go together.

Hope to see you all at Georgia's at 6 pm or dinner and/or 7 pm for our next monthly meeting on Monday, June 6th, 2019.

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

Next Meeting: Monday May 6th 2019

Note Change in Location

George's is now closed on Mondays

Place: The City Garage Car Museum

210 South Main Street Greeneville

Time: Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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, May 6, 2019, at our regular monthly meeting, sponsor letters will be available.

It is imperative that club members reach out to potential sponsors. Additionally, each club member family should bring 2 door prizes for the show.

Birthday & Anniversary

Happy Birthday To:

- May 5 Rosa Lingo
- May 12 Dave Simmering
- May 27 Dan Richardson
- May 28 Lisa Thiefoldt

Happy Anniversary To:

- May 8 Bob & Mary Noel
- May 13 Gary & Lisa Thiefoldt



1938 Buick Y-Job

Editor's Comments

Thanks to Dave & Karen for part 4 of their touring story and Bev for sharing Dave's car stories. 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
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Cars & Coffee - Rooster Robs

May 15th

3rd Wednesday May 15th at 9am:
Rooster Robs 2544 Highway 81 N
Jonesborough, TN 37659



See you then.



Ed's Traveling Companion Electra

A Cross-Country Journey in a 1925 Model T Ford

Part 4: Texas and the Southwest!

Dave Simmering

Monday, May 29. On the morning of Day 15, we decided we really should say we had been in Texas, so we headed southwest to Texhoma and into Texas on US 54 to Dalhart, and then northwest on 87 to our good friend US 64. By lunchtime we were in New Mexico! Raton was our planned stop for the night, at a KOA where we reserved two Kamping cabins. We ran into some downpours in the afternoon and decided to stop at a convenience store (Kevin went on ahead). While we were walking around drying off, it was disconcerting to hear my name and hometown over a police radio – he must have been checking us out! Thankfully the Kamping cabin had a heater and we dried our clothes, warmed up and then had a nice meal across the street. We had purposely chosen the ‘southern’ route for May, figuring it would be warm, but not too hot yet. Ha! We woke up to frost on our Model T’s!

Day 16 was exciting however, as we really felt New Mexico was the start of our ‘trip west’. In the 2 ½ days we were in New Mexico, we saw some beautiful scenery, lots of elevation, not a lot of green trees or grass, a lot



of sage brush – it was all just so different! After we posed for a photo for the KOA folks, we were back on Rt 64 headed to Taos on one of the prettiest days of the trip. We were not prepared for the scenery – especially the snow on the mountains ahead! We took lots of pictures. A model A passed us, turned around and followed us to our coffee stop in Cimarron. A couple from California were on their way home; we chatted for a while, exchanged addresses and actually wrote Christmas cards for a few years after. It was that type of experience that made the trip so memorable. While Kevin was working on his carburetor, we walked over to a large junkyard with 50’s cars; turned

out the owner was from Manchester, NH – small world! We were told we had some climbing to do as we were headed to Eagle Nest! Let me take a minute to explain the two Model T’s. Our ‘25 had a stock engine, transmission and rear end, whereas Kevin’s ‘26 had a Ruckstell. I could go up most of the hills in high gear, but he had to use Ruckstell high, which slowed him up a bit. Kevin was well behind us when we got to the parking area at the top of Eagle Nest and found about 25 motorcycles and riders who were excited to see the old Ford! We were visiting with them and managed to get a picture of Kevin chugging up the hill toward us.



Some more climbing and we got to one of the ‘high points’ on our trip – 9100 feet! We finally reached Taos, our stop for the night. A nice motel and a meal at a Mexican restaurant. Kevin complained that his car had no power; I think it was due to his vaporizer carburetor and the elevation.

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Taos was a pretty place and we started Day 17 with a nice breakfast at the Taos Coffee Shop. We had another equally beautiful day – miles and miles of sage brush on our way to the Rio Grande gorge. We crossed the river on the big aluminum bridge, and got some great pictures. US 64 took us through the Carson National Forest and some serious low gear climbing. And more snow – we were glad we weren't here a few days earlier during the storm! Kevin even had a snowman riding on his running board for a while! A post office stop in Tierra Amarilla, and then to Chama for lunch before crossing the Continental Divide. Our goal for that night was Bloomfield, NM and we stopped to call for a motel reservation.



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We had our afternoon coffee on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation. At our last afternoon stop just outside of Bloomfield, we were talking to a young man who was interested

in the Model T's; had never seen one. We mentioned that we were headed to the Super 8 in Bloomfield, and he said that the owner had some old cars. He called the owner's wife and told her we were coming and Red and Barbara Pennington came and met us at the motel after supper. After they looked our T's over, we went to their house where he had a large collection of gas station stuff – and cars! A '12 T delivery C-cab; a Stutz, a '36 Packard, a late 30's Cord convertible, a 1936 Ford 1 ½ ton wrecker. Wow. And small world again – they knew people in New England that were in one of our old car clubs! It was an enjoyable visit with some very nice people, with whom we also exchanged Christmas cards for a few years!

June 1, Thursday. We were into a new month on Day 18 and we were headed to Colorado and one of the stops we had planned years ago – Mesa Verde. We got good directions to avoid some construction and hills and backroaded north into Colorado and picked up US 160 just west of Durango. Driving along the highway, all of a sudden there were black things hitting the windshield, getting into the car - we had driven into a swarm of bees! After an emergency stop and making sure there were no more of them left in the T, we were on our way again to Mesa Verde. Little did we know. While going through the gate to the park, the ranger commented that hopefully we would make it up the hills (what hills?) without having to back up them. Uh oh. We started the climb up and up. No guardrails. Pretty steep drop offs, looking down on mountains. Mesa Verde was very interesting; we got tickets for one of the least strenuous tours, climbing ladders and walking around the cliff houses.



But all I could think of was getting back down that mountain. I forgot to mention that the wind was blowing and I am not at all happy with heights. But we made it – with me driving on the wrong side of the road, hugging the mountainside and if a car came, very carefully moving to the right to let him by. We were both very happy to finally reach level ground! Our one night in Colorado was at another KOA Kamping cabin in Cortez. Next stop – Arizona!



Part 5 Next Month

My Life With Cars

By Dave Selmeski

The beginning of a series of stories Dave left his family that Bev is generously sharing with us.

Part 1: Introduction

I was a "Pearl Harbor" baby. Okay, so what does that mean? My mother told me the story when I was a teenager. When Pearl Harbor was attacked (Dec. 7 1941), the news shook everyone up. She was afraid that my father would be drafted & have to fight in the war and be killed somewhere overseas. She begged him to get her pregnant so that she would at least have a child if he didn't return.

I was born nine months and 3 days later; as it turned out she didn't need to worry because dad was an essential war worker. He was a tool & die maker-machinist-jig maker at the General Motors Fisher Body plant in Tarrytown NY. This plant was soon converted to building Grumman Avenger & Hellcat torpedo dive bombers for the war effort. Dad helped design & build the master jig to assemble engines to the fuselages of the planes.

By the time the war ended I can remember watching for him come home from work in his 1938 Chevrolet business coupe (with 2 jump seats in the rear). My earliest memories were of cars.

I haven't included any last names in my narrative, so as not to embarrass anyone. Unless my memories are only complementary. If any of my mentioned friends can identify yourself in these stories, my hope is that I have factually presented what you remember as well as what I remember. Speaking of remembering, I may misremember specific information as to the year or model, of a vehicle, or the exact sequence of events, which occurred, but I'll try to get them as correct as possible.



1938 Chevy

Earliest Memories

My very first memory of playing with little die cast metal cars around the base of a big floor lamp. It had 2 concentric rings in the wooded base, and I drove around as if in a race track. I was probably 2 years old. Around the same time, I had a wooden stake body truck, child sized, that I would drive back and forth in the yard or on the top of the fence rail.

Dad opened his own auto body shop after the war ended, in an old blacksmith shop. I was probably 5 years old then, and remember it as a very dark, dingy place. In later 1948 Dad bought a new 49 Kaiser. This brand new car was being driven from a rail siding after being unloaded from a rail car, to the dealership. It was late at night and the delivery driver fell asleep at the wheel and ran head on into a

telephone pole, which sheared off and fell on the roof of the car. Needless to say, Dad got a great deal on the car. This was the only "new" car we had until 1957. Of course, he repaired it to "new" condition and it served us well for about 8 years. Two other memories of that Kaiser follow. When at the beach one summer day in 1956, my mother sent me back to the car to get a towel she forgot. The parking attendant saw me getting into the car and asked me to pull it up a couple feet in the space. My first chance to drive the car! I put the key in the ignition and started it but it was still in gear. I forgot (or didn't know) to put in the clutch! almost a disaster, but didn't hit anything before I shut it off.



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My Life With Cars The second vivid memory was later on that summer. My mom loved to investigate old houses-particularly boarded up ones. I remember being in that car and pulling into a very overgrown driveway near the Westchester County airport. We got out of the car and went up on the porch of a house that had some of the windows and the front door boarded up. I remember my mother trying to wipe a clean spot off of a front window to look inside- only to see a tramp's face inside looking out at her. You should have heard the scream she let out, grabbing me and racing to the car, jumping in, starting and "peeling out", spinning the tires to get away. We did laugh about it later. "Don't tell Dad".

That same summer my uncle "gave" me a 1931 Model A coupe, up on his farm in Chatham, NY. The deal was that it was supposed to be mine, but had to stay there until my dad would let me bring it home. (It never did come home). But at least I could drive it all over the cow pastures (be sure to close the gate!) when we went to visit every summer. I loved driving that car with no floorboards and no exhaust, my first of many Model A's

Part 2 in a Future Issue

Fiddles & Fiddle Heads Show

Beautiful day for a car show and some Bluegrass music. Only a few members made it out and even fewer members brought their cars but everyone seems have a good time.



Melissa McIntosh's Model A, fresh from winning her 1st Junior AACA award at Charlotte in early April.



Bob & Karen Zimmerman's 1934 Ford Sedan. Also showing was Dave & Karen's 1911 Ford Model T Touring and Jim Bollman's 1950 Ford Stakebed. Sorry if I missed others with cars at the show.

April Cars & Coffee at His BBQ

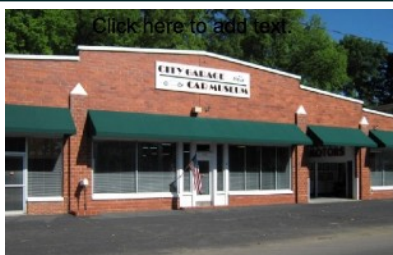


Bob Noel said on April 7th: *"Finally got everything back together on the 1923 Ford Model T! Mary and I went for a spin down Smith Bridge Road and Keebler. Final things I need to replace are thrust washers in rear differential and I need new tires. She starts immediately and runs very well, runs very quiet in high gear. It's nothing more than a motorized carriage!"*



City Garage Car Museum

210 South Main Street
Greeneville, TN 37743
(423) 470-0841
(423) 638-6971/639-3217



info@citygaragecarmuseum.com

May Exhibit: Classic Cars & Classic Clothes

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

Jim & Myra Cunningham are downsizing - FOR SALE:
The Cunningham Farm, almost 60 acres, lovely home, 6 Bay garage plus double detached carport, shop, stable, automatic house generator-much more, \$569,000. Call Mary Beckner, C21 Legacy, 423-552-2009 or 423-639-6781 - MLS 420136

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

Minutes of the 4/1/2019 meeting Davy Crockett Region AACA

Meeting was opened with Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. 17 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - \$2,083.51

Old Business

- Greenville Tech School was held March 21. It was a very cold day. Six cars attended.
- Photo Directory is finished and was handed out to 10 families in attendance.
- Copies will be available to other members at future meetings.
- Car Show on June 1, 2019. Darlene had checked for other car shows on that date. After fliers were printed it was noticed that Bubba's also has a show same date. Don Anderson brought in the first check for sponsorship. Still time for members to contact businesses to get sponsorship. We anticipate the each member (2 per couple) will provide a Door Prize for the Show. Please bring the Door Prizes to May 6th meeting, since we will not have another meeting before the Show.

Neglected Car of the Month



New Business

- Car Show Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, April 10 at 9:00 am at Hick's BBQ, just past Big Lots on 11E. Everyone is welcome.
- Cars & Coffee for April is Wednesday, April 17 at 9:00 am at Hick's BBQ in Greeneville.
- South Greene High School Band Boosters will be April 6. Hours 10-6. Address 7469 Asheville Hwy. Food – Crafts – Music
- Elizabethton Cruise Night is starting up April 6. Ed Logan will check it out, and if anyone is interested, he will lead a group out there some Saturday night.

Car Stories

- Bob Noel talked about his Model T and the adventures of getting it on the road. He hopes to have it at the Car Show in June.
- Karen & Dave Simmering told stories about attending the Model T show in St Augustine, FL. About 150 Model T's were in attendance. Planned activities had them driving about 100 miles each day.
- Don Anderson brought a few 1/43 scale metal Tucker models to show. These cars go with his stories printed in Bear Treads.

Next meeting May 6, 2019 at Georgia's.
Meeting adjourned.

Sharon Anderson



When working on your car and it takes you longer than 5 minutes to do, you're doin' it wrong cause the guy on the assembly line never had that much time!

Date	Upcoming Event	More Info
5/06/19	Davy Crockett Region Regular Meeting 2645 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Greeneville, TN	Georgia's - 6pm Supper 7pm Meeting
5/15/19	Cars & Coffee with Davy Crockett Region	9am - Rooster Robs 2544 Highway 81 N; Jonesborough
5/18/19	City Garage Car Museum - Auto Flea Market - Greeneville	CGCM Parking Lot
5/18/19	Sundown on Depot - 12 to 7 - Iris Festival - Greeneville	\$10 fee to benefit Holston Home
5/24/19	Super Cruise at Fort Henry Mall - 6pm to 9 pm	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	
6/01/19	Davy Crockett Car Show - Gateway Ford	See Flyer on first page
6/08/19	SW Autorama, Downtown Erwin, gates open at 8 am	Free
6/26-29/19	AACA Eastern National Meet – Parsippany, NJ	
6/29/19	Fall Branch Car Club Cruise ins - 10am-2pm - Bradley Field	1600 Hwy 93, Fall Branch, Free
7/13/19	Dan'l Boone AACA Fun Fest at ETSU's Allandale Campus	10am until 2pm - Kingsport, TN
8/31/19	Fall Branch Car Club Cruise ins - 10am-2pm - Bradley Field	1600 Hwy 93, Fall Branch, Free
9/15/19	Dan'l Boone AACA - Allandale Car Show	Kingsport, TN
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 5:00	Cruise-ins, downtown Elizabethton TN	cartercountycarclub.com
April - Oct - Fridays 5:30	Cruise-ins, downtown Erwin TN	Unicoi County Court House parking lot
5/11, 6/15, 7/20, 8/3, 9/14, 10/12	Fundraiser Car Show - Freddy's - 10 am to 2 pm 928 N. State of Franklin Johnson City, TN	1st TN Mustang Club Proceeds to local charity
Friday evenings from 6-9	Krystal Burger	State of Franklin Rd just North of 11-E
June - Sept - 4th Friday	Dan'l Boone AACA Region Cruises	East Stone Drive Sonic this year
May - Till ??	Jonesborough Hardie's on Rt 11E	Friday Evenings