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Four Seasons Model T Association

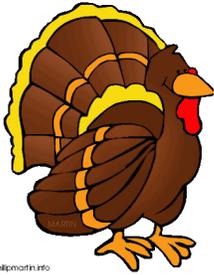
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Presidents Note

Well, 2011 is rapidly coming to a close, and what a year it's been! We'll have chance to look back at it on Sunday Dec 4th. This will be our Holiday Celebration and Annual FSMTA Business Meeting, which will include the election of officers for 2012.

This year's event will be held at the Scotland Fire Department, 47 Brook Road. Following our November 9th monthly meeting at John's, a more detailed announcement will be forthcoming.

Pete



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November Events

Nov 5&6, Sat & Sun - Thompson Speedway Swap Meet, Thompson, CT. exit 99, off I-395, & follow the signs. Hundreds of vendors, millions of parts. 7am - 'till ?? both days.

Nov 9, Weds - FSMTA get together at John's. 5pm-ish. finger foods & lite snacks welcome..

Nov 20, Sun - FSMTA breakfast @ the Elk's. Willimantic, CT. 8am SHARP!

Heard from Ron & Fran re: Glidden Tour

Saturday – Traveled to Rocky Gap & Resort in Cumberland MD.

Sunday – We picked up our goodie bag, got the car checked out, received banners for our car doors, had our picture taken and then took a walk on the hiking trail around the man-made lake.

Monday – The tour consisted of 76 miles. Our first challenge would be the Polish Mountain Hill Climb. After the climb we had a coffee break at Flintstone, MD VFC. Leaving here we were off to the Potomac Eagle Train Station, although first we had to cross the toll bridge over the Chesapeake & Ohio canal using the wooden nickels given us. Here we would have lunch. Once all 500 plus people had eaten, we boarded the train for a great two hour ride. Along the way we passed many fields and ruins of old buildings. We rode through the “trough” where we could see many bald eagles and other animals. Once back to the cars we would take a nice ride back to Cumberland, MD.

Tuesday – It was our longest day, 149 miles. Because of such a large number of cars we were broken up into two groups. After a coffee and donut shop stop, we headed to PA and the Quecreek Mine Rescue Memorial where nine men were trapped underground for three days before being rescued. Our next stop was the flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. It was very moving to be there. On the tour Ron met a person who retreads giant earth moving tires and offered to take a few of us to see how it was done. Then, back to the hotel for a relaxing dinner.

Wednesday – The tour was about 138 miles. Our first stop was the private air-field of Bob Armstrong. While there we saw several planes he and his late father restored. One was a 1947 Aeronca Champ that he later took off in, circling over the field many times. Next we headed toward Swallow Falls State Park, home of: three waterfalls (including Maryland's highest, Muddy Creek), 300-year-old virgin forests, scenic trails and camping sites. Here is where 19th century “vagabonds” (Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs) camped. Our lunch would be at the Elk's Club in Oakland, MD. After lunch we parked downtown and had a chance to walk through several museums. Leaving Oakland we had a beautiful ride back on many rolling hills.

Thursday – The tour would be 145 miles and we would be traveling on the National Road. We traveled though the “Narrows”, know as the gateway to the west, climbed Savage Mountain (2982 ft) to arrive at Penn Alps for our coffee break. Continuing on we passed through the small town of Grantsville, MD then climbed Keyzers Ridge (2894 ft). From there we entered Fallingwater where the Kaufmann family (Pittsburg Department Stores) resided in a home built by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1936. We now headed for the Ohio Pyle Vol Fire Depart. for lunch after which we headed back to Cumberland.

Friday – The tour was only 23 miles as we viewed Historic Cumberland. At our first stop we saw the private Corvette collection of Dr Mike and Lea McCagh. Next we headed to board the Mountain Thunder Steam Train for a 16-mile scenic ride to Frostburg, MD where we were served lunch, and then returned. We had good weather, logged 540 miles and had many steep hills and sharp curves. Not an easy tour for Model T's

Membership Reports

Heard from John Serbin this month. He writes... "I bought a 26 T rolling chassis one year ago in Sept. I was told by the seller that it was a good engine, but what does that mean? For one year I have been losing sleep wondering if I bought a chunk of pig iron. After working on it this entire summer season I can say IT RUNS! I have never driven a T until this Sept. Although it only goes a mile or two at a time (on my Street only) I am having the time of my life driving it around proudly. Most of the running gear is done. Bucket seats, gas tank, trunk, and monacle windshield help dress it up. Fenders are not done yet, next years project, but who needs stinking fenders? Waiting until next season to register it; then hide your women and children. Many thanks to all who have helped along the way, especially Marty. John



Stephanie wins a trophy at Colchester's last Cruise of the Season. Congratulations!



Also heard from Blair Cole "We got the Model T on the road in time for our wedding July 2nd. Harold Bishop drove Karen to the church in it. We've taken it for short drives this summer"



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It has been my observation
that most people get ahead
during the time that others
waste"

— Henry Ford

