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President Report

Hello every one

I hope you all had a safe, healthy and happy Holidays.

Anyone who hasn't yet sent in their dues for 2022, please do so as soon as possible. It will be very helpful if all members are accounted for by January 31. There will be a form at the end of this newsletter for you to fill out and get in the mail. Thank you to everyone who came to the last meeting and took care of this matter at that time.

Now lets start thinking of things to do in 2022. It is only a few months until we will be ready to get the "T"s back on the road.

Any ideas for activities or places to go, no matter how big or small will be welcome. Call MARTY or ED.

Be careful and stay healthy, we are looking to seeing everyone soon.

--Jack--



A blowtorch to heat the intake manifold, a bucket of boiling hot water, and a strong arm always helped a T owner get going on a cold winter morning.

Happy New Year everyone! We have been very fortunate this season so far and have not had any real freezing winter weather yet. Some of us may have even enjoyed a few late autumn drives in out T's.

Let's remember though the cold is coming! Have we all finished winterizing our T's? Is the antifreeze all set? Did you have to add water during the summer that might have diluted the antifreeze? It's not too late to check it with a hydrometer. For those of us with radiators that "weep' just a tad and use just water make sure you have drained the engine and radiator (As a reminder, the drain pet cock is on the bottom of the elbow on the bottom of the radiator. It might take a piece of coat hanger wire to get it draining properly.)

It's a good idea to make sure the battery is charged well too. No need to take it out for the winter, it won't freeze if well charged.

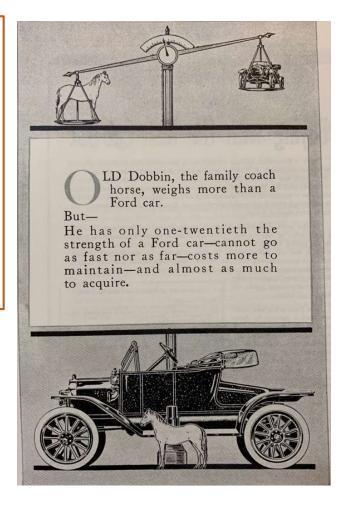
Years ago families would routinely take one of their cars (or even both) out of service for the winter and it was normal to put them up on blocks for the winter so the tires wouldn't get flat spots. Who follows this practice of blocking their T up for the winter today?

Trivia:

Which Model T Fords were originally supplied with water pumps on the engines?

(Henry's Wonderful Model T pg.107.)

Ten weeks to our next meeting!



Heard about Town

-Or-

Upcoming Events

The Powder Mill Barn in Enfield was heard to be having a swap meet on Jan 2 2022. I have not been able to confirm this and it is not on their web site, so please call for confirmation.

January looks like a stay home and stay warm month!

Did I already mention ten weeks to our next meeting?

This just in....

WHO WANTS A FREE YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN THE <u>MTFCA</u> ???

12/20/2021

Hi Model "T"ers

I was reading in the Vintage ford Mag. that the MTFCA will give away a free membership for one year, and it is up to the chapters to decide who gets it. so I was thinking of putting names in a hat and pulling one out. Then I thought not every one wants to participate so if you would like to do so just hit the reply and I will include you in the drawing. The 3 that get U.S. mail because they do not have a computer will be included. So just click reply to be included. PLEASE REPLY BEFORE DEC. 31

Don't you just hate it when this happens?



Jack laRochelle

My "new to me" 1924 mutt and I took a trip this Sept. to Gettysburg PA, where we visited the Eisenhower farm and the Gettysburg Battlefield National Park



I came across this book some time ago and thought there might be some interest in seeing an occasional excerpt from it. It is an interesting perspective from the time when the Model T Ford was truly cutting edge technology and just starting to roll out of the factory as the latest in modern technology.

Cyclopedia of Engineering

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CHICAGO AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CORRESPONDENCE 1908

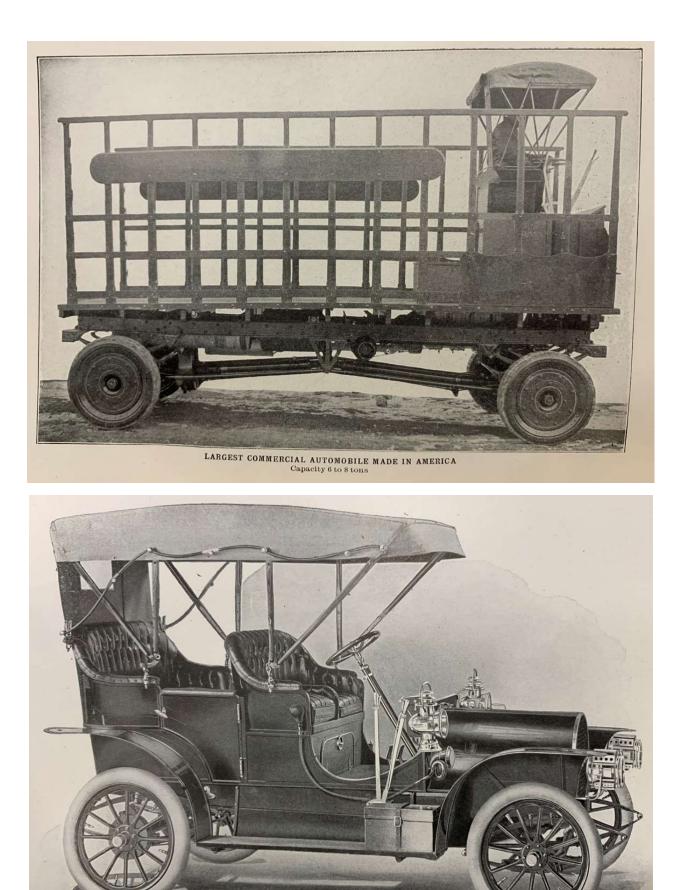
AUTOMOBILES

As a device for saving time and distance, the motor vehicle bids fair to eclipse all others and to prove itself one of the greatest inventions of an inventive age. Its motor will, in time, be built cheaper than a horse can be grown, its transmission gear will cost less than a harness, while its body need cost little, if any more than similar parts of horse vehicles. Rapid as has been the growth, and astonishing as are the results shown to-day by this class of vehicles, it is evident that this is but the beginning and that in the very near future, a development and growth far beyond present conception is sure to come.

The motor vehicle is not a new invention. It is the father of the traction engine and of the locomotive. It is one of the devices earliest sought for but latest to be practically and popularly worked out; and few problems of greater severity have been presented to engineers. Its need has been felt everywhere, for we spend our lives exchanging what we have for what we desire and this requires transportation. At both ends and often between ends of the route over which the exchange is made animal power is used and here the auto is needed and will be used with great saving. The director of the United States Road Inquiry Bureau says the cost of moving tonnage 1250 miles by steamships, 250 miles by steam cars, or 25 miles by electric cars is no greater than the cost of moving tonnage 5 miles by animal power on the common roads—a proportion of 1 to 5, 1 to 50 and 1 to 250 in favor of mechanical transportation against the horse; and yet with these figures before them, capitalists build larger steamships and better railways in an attempt to save an additional slight percentage on these already cheap methods, while the horse has continued to draw the same old wagon at a snail's pace over abominable roads, simply because heretofore the motor vehicle has not come into use.

On the other hand while this has been the general condition, there have always been attempts to secure better results. Pioneers have exerted themselves to build mechanical motors for use on the common

roads in the face of the great chances of failure and the derision of the world. To them we owe the progress that has been made.



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Four Seasons Model T Association 2021 Membership Registration Form

Please return this form to:

Peter Smith 167 Daleville Road Willington, CT 06279

Name:

Address:

Town:

Zip:

Phone:

Email Address

Note: Are you a member of *The Model T Ford Club of America*? Please circle one: Yes No

2022 FSMTA Chapter Dues \$15.00

Please List Your Vintage Vehicle(s) Below

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