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THE *TARHEEL TS* is
chartered as a chapter in
both major MODEL T clubs.



OH NO!!!

The February tech session ended up providing a lot of instruction regarding the process of replacing the band material—and



also a reminder of how important it is to make sure every possible space in the transmission is covered by rags.



The bands were taken out with the normal effort they all require.



This is a process which requires three sets of hands but in a Model T only two sets can fit. After getting them out, the old material was stripped, new material was riveted on, and then the process of getting them back in be-

gan. Again, a process which can be easy, difficult, or both depending on the band.

At one point, there was a “snap” and one of the band

springs disappeared. It has found a place in the cloths—the one place where it could drop into the transmission!



We did what all T people try to do first..fish it out but ultimately



ly we moved to the only real solution — pull the whole head off. Instantly the spring was found. Since host Craig Coleman also plans to deal with his differential next, he will get the bands back when that job is done. The moral—rags and more rags.



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NOTEORTHY NOTES

The Model T hobby is one that not seem as interesting to the younger folks and the Model T Ford International has been doing something to try to change that.



Each year they have a Youth Scholarship Competition which awards three scholarships to high school seniors.

Last year's winner is attending Grove City College in Pennsylvania after writing an essay on how the hobby and the MTFCI can remain relevant.

This year's subject involves a project that Henry Ford created to provide income to farmers during the idle winter years. What was it and did it work is the question. And whether it did or didn't, why.

While that goes on long-term, we at the club level should take any chance we have to try to encourage young people to enjoy the T, it's history and simply riding around in a near century old part of American culture

DRAPER — STILL WAITING....

The tech session to work on the TT Fire Truck owned by the Draper, NC Fire Department is still planned, but getting the date and time set is still in question.

Our planners have had a difficult time getting in touch with those



who requested our help and so getting it "nailed down" has been a problem.

As those details develop Secretary Craig Coleman will let us know.

We have been involved with this truck for many years as the FD asked for some advice or repairs, but this request required more than just a few wrenches and a screw driver. The back wheels are leaking badly which likely means a number of parts are going to have to be replaced. At the same time a few other more routine areas are to be looked at to make sure the TT is ready and safe to roll.

So, the department is going to have to order the anticipated new parts and have them on hand when our crew arrives. But, communication with their folks has been less than

smooth.

We first became involved with the truck over a decade ago when the Fire Department asked us to go over it and

check out its condition. That review resulted in a four page letter pointing out we found issues

with the wheels, bands, coils, steering, a persistent engine knock and large transmission oil leaks.

We recommended repairs and outlined both the procedures and the parts (*including individual part numbers*) which should be purchased for the repairs.

In this case the department is concerned that the rear wheels are leaking grease and that means the seals in those wheels will have to be replaced along with items such as bearings etc. We have communicated the parts required and since then have not been able to establish a date — a date after the recommended parts are on hand.

So, we await hearing back and short of calling 911 hope to hear from them soon.

HOW ABOUT THAT!!

Recently Member Ron Brake sent an interesting article about the way we used to use trucks in the 50's and 60's. Those large back end storage areas tended to have a large number of standard tools anticipating trouble on the road.

Along with the standard jack, lug wrench and some rags, there was always some oil, anti-freeze, and a collection of wrenches and screw drivers and usually some flares "Just in Case".

That gave through to what we should have as a standard "quick repair kit". If you have some ideas on the basic "always have" list drop a line to our [email](#).

THE DOCTOR IS STILL AT WORK.....

A few years a fellow joined the club as he had just bought a T and was interested in getting it running. Ultimately his work and desire to spend more time with family matters caused the interest in the T to take a back seat. Given the work he was doing, the decision was a wise one. Dr. Anthony Atalia is in charge of a research group at Wake Forest which has been exploring the ability of the human body to regenerate it's parts when they are not functioning properly. Our bodies constantly are working to "fix" problems but often the problems wear out the regeneration process and the disease takes over. Dr. Atalia and his team have been successful in taking small bits of the organ in trouble, and using that sample to regenerate the cells needed to overwhelm the problem. They are also working on creating totally new or-

gans which would replace damaged organs by using a special 3-D printing process. Again, they have had success in tests of this replacement process. However, the work they are doing will still require years of research and testing before we can walk into a drug store and buy a new kidney. But, Dr. Atalia is confident the day will come where transplants or regenerations will become available.

A 2017 interview with him hosted by High Point University President Nido Qubein was aired last month on Greensboro's Fox Channel. It shows that our former acquaintance is not only a world-wide highly honored medical researcher, but has become highly skilled in making this complex research understandable by those of us who can only marvel at the work he is doing and the possibilities it represents.



GOOD TIME FOR SOME MUSIC.....

As we battle the weather, tired of rain and mud and fallen trees it is a good time to not only do some reading, but also listen to some forgotten music.

For instance, we recently became reacquainted to one of Jerry Reeds first successful records. It reached #1 on the country charts and dealt with criticism of what Henry had created.

Titled "Lord Mr. Ford" the song laments what has happened since the first low priced car which he created.



If you are reading this on-line you can hear it by clicking on Mr. Ford's picture.

And, of course, if you think of Jerry Reed and cars his eternal anthem was on the sound track of "Smokey and the Bandit". "Westbound And Down" will live forever as we recall that fancy TransAm with Burt Reynolds breaking every highway rule.

If you want to reminisce about that 70's song, you can click on Jerry's picture and forget the mess outside.



JOIN NOW AND GET ANSWERS



GOOD IDEA.....

Even though the weather has not been accommodating, this is the time to give your "Flivver" a run and see how she survived the unusual winter.

While we want to check out all the details of getting ready for



touring, there is no better check on how she runs that that "seat of the pants" feeling which tends to be our best test-tool. That plus how it all sounds is better than any diagnostic equipment to make sure it is all working and is ready for spring.



What is are they it ?



ANSWER

Since we have been spending time changing bands, it is good to point out two tools which you will want to own/borrow before you get in there trying to keep stuff out of the bottom of the transmission.

The tool on the left is designed to hold the band nut and washer when removing to replacing. By

clasping those items it acts like a third hand as you struggle to line up the rest of the assembly. The second is a tool made for one job only — loosening and tightening the band closest tot the firewall. It is very difficult to get a regular wrench on it and so this wrench was developed specifically to make that job easier.

EVENTS 2019

NOTE: **TBD** indicates the time, gathering location or other details remain unconfirmed

JAN	ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND PLANNING
FEB 17	TECH SESSION TO GO OVER JUST BOUGHT CAR.
MAR ??	TECH SESSION NOON DRAPER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK
APR TBD	TOUR MADISON FESTIVAL 10AM <u>2700 REIDS SCHOOL RD., REIDSVILLE</u>
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