



THE MODEL T AND ETC....

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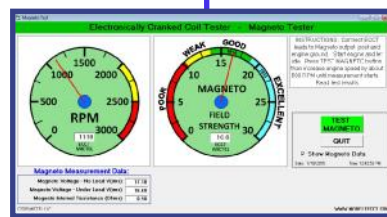
Since the club first formed we have used the traditional coil tester to check out this important item for efficient operation of our Model Ts. It was a large, cast iron hand cranked device which would show if your coil was properly getting the right electricity to your plugs at the right amperage and at the right time.

We now have obtained a much more accurate way of checking virtually every coil element from the points to the condenser.

Named the ECCT device, it will look at every part of the “sparker” using modern technolo-

gy and can even provide a print out when connected to a computer. The club’s ECCT is in the possession of President Don Ellis who is learning how to take advantage of all its switches and tests. He is currently using a number of club member coils to see how they look to the modern technical device. *Guess what??* He has already found that coils

which tested perfect on the old hand wound machine were far from perfect using the ECCT. When he is confident in its operation we will have a session devoted to “how it works”.



**NOTEORTHY
NOTES**

The North Carolina legislature is near passing a new Antique Car law which would reduce the time needed to qualify. Currently an "antique car" is one which is at least 35 years old to qualify, but the new law would reduce that to 25 years old.

While this won't affect the Model Ts, those who are invested in other cars will find that good news since there are costs which will be reduced due to this moved.

Many of us remember not so long ago when the Model T was subject to annual inspections.

It was always a problem to go to an inspection station and have a mechanic who was born long after the first T was made, look at his sheet and try to figure out how to deal with seat belts, rear lights and brakes when assessing the reliability of our cars.



The new law, like the existing one, applies to cars which will be restricted to "exhibitions, club activities, parades and other public interest functions,"

~DRAPER ~

~CAREFREE~

We were ultimately able to schedule a session with the Draper Fire Department to check out some problem with



their TT Fire Truck. The old beauty has received some TLC from the club in the past to keep it up and running for the Fire folks.



The emphasis this time was some badly leaking rear wheel seathat under control, checked out a few other things and now the crimson-beauty will be parade ready in the town of Draper again.

It is always hard to define the "perfect tour" since so often in North Carolina a spring day is simply made for Touring.



That was totally true when the club took a leisurely run to Camp Carefree.

Turned out they were holding a car show and welcomed ours, and holding a Chili Cook-off of which we took advantage as well. That plus great spring weather certainly earns a nomination for "perfect tour"



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HOW ABOUT THAT!!

On June 8th we will be touring to another North Carolina historic place. Saxapahaw is a small town along the Haw River which was the original location for the Sissapahaw Indian tribe first noted by a Spanish explorer in the 1500's. Ultimately disease and various wars virtually erased the tribe and very little history of it's existence remains. However, the Haw River is a reminder of residents in N.C. before Europeans took over.

THEY WERE JUST KIDS YESTERDAY!....

Alan Jackson has a song which tends to remind us of how quickly life goes by. Named "Remember When"

We who have been in the club since it's beginning remember when the children of Don and Janet Ellis were the "club kids". Not so long ago we saw their son graduate medical school and begin his career as a doctor, and now we see our young club

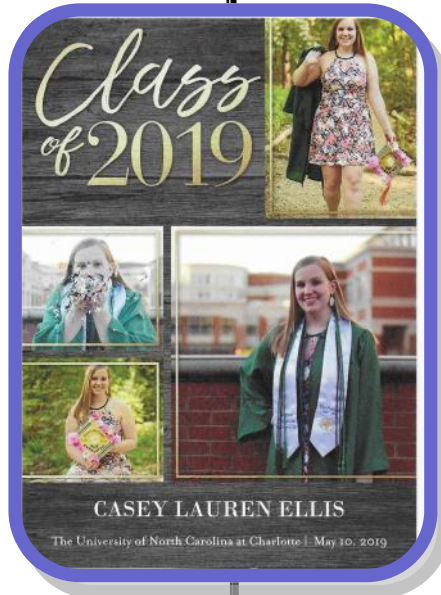
daughter has graduated and is also entering the medical profession. Where has the time gone?

Casey not only graduated from UNC Charlotte, she left with cum laude honors.

She will begin her professional life at Wesley Long Hospital with a Bachelor of Science and a Nursing degree tucked in-

to her hospital "whites".

Congratulations to Casey and her family .



DEALING WITH SADDNESS.....

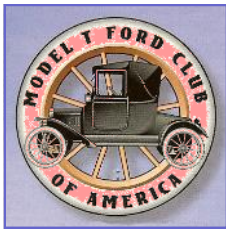
It was with no little anguish we learned that a vital member of our club, and a member of an already grieving family has been lost to us.

Larry Baynes, the silent fellow who dutifully served as our "just in case" flat bed driver passed away in early May from an ailment he had been trying to treat for some time. Always quiet, in many ways



the essence of the "Prayer for Serenity", he recently served as family leader at the burial ceremonies for step-father and member Howard Halbrook.

On every tour, we knew that Larry was back there and on those occasions when needed would get our cars up, and get us back to safe repairs. We will miss this quiet, competent man and friend.

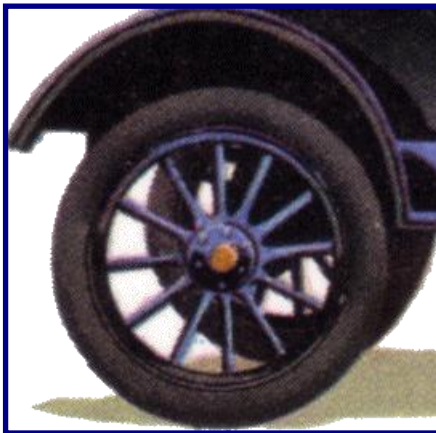


JOIN NOW AND GET ANSWERS



GOOD IDEA.....

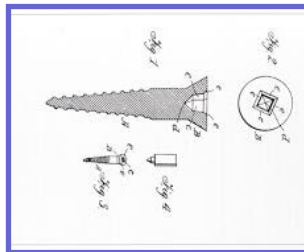
Often our tech sessions involve complex and potentially dangerous issues which must be repaired. However, just as often if not more, we forget the simple checks which can create high danger if not maintained. One is the



simple process of checking tire pressure before going out. Tires are both expensive, and vital to either a pleasant drive or changing a tire or worse, a front tire problem can cause control issues. So, give them a check and don't *forget the spare*.



What is it ?



ANSWER

Just a square head screw you answer. Well, this fellow on the left, P.L. Robertson would correct you. It is a "Robertson fastener" to him and most of his home country Canada. He patented this innovation in 1909 and because it was quick to manufacture and very much easier to use than the "slot head", gained Henry Ford's interest.



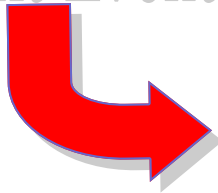
Faster way to make T's. But Henry wanted to buy Robertson out and the Canadian said NO! So, the screw became the standard in Canada, while Henry worked with slot heads until the 1930's when the Phillips screw head was created. Henry had calculated that the Robertson screw would have cut 2 hours off the assembly of each Model T.

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	TOUR
MAY	TOUR
JUN 8	SAXAPHAW HALL LEISURE TOUR <u>SAXAPHAW , NC</u>
JUL 6	TOUR <u>DENTON, NC</u> <u>THRASHER'S REUNION</u>
SEPT	TBD
OCT	TECH SESSION AVAILABLE
NOV	TECH SESSION AVAILABLE
DEC	TECH SESSION AVAILABLE

Next Event!



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