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Presidents Note

We've added something new to the calendar this year, the first annual *President's Event*. This year it will be a tour/ picnic to kickoff August. I realize it is short notice but I'm hopeful many calendars can accommodate it.

Speaking of August, Marty has at least 3 fairs lined up for us. Don't forget, to give FSMTA business cards to those who show some strong interest in Model Ts. You never know where our next member will come from.

If you haven't checked out our website lately you should do so. Andre & Joan are doing a great job updating it with pictures. Don't forget to keep supplying them with some of your favorite photos.

Finally, I am very happy to report that Herb's car has found a new home. While we'll always call it *Herb's car*, it will now reside in Marty's & Linda's garage and I can't think of a better home for it. Herb would be very pleased!

Happy Motoring

Pete

August's Calendar of Events

Aug 2, Sun - President's Tour, Come and explore some local country roads in the Willington area. We will meet at the Mansfield Public Library on rt 89 (official address is: 54 Warrenville Rd, Mansfield Center). (Starting time to be announced shortly). Lunch will be Peter and Nancy's house. You're welcome to bring a dish to share. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. A lawn chair might be useful & bathing suit if you want to sit in the Fenton River to cool off. Once refreshed and full, we will head back with a possible stop at Uconn's Dairy Bar (if we have room). For those who would like to meet up with us at a different location please give me a call. Also, if you don't wish to drive the tour but would like to join us for lunch, just show up at our house about 12 noonish. A head count is always useful, so please let us know if you can make it. 860-429-3193 or www.fordt1926@gmail.com

Aug 5, Wed - Columbia Ford Cruise Nite, Rt. 6, Columbia, CT. 5pm - 'till ??

Aug 9, Sun - Lebanon Country Fair, Mack Rd. Lebanon, CT. They'd like to have some T's & A's there for the day, (9am - 3pm). You don't have to be there all day, a few hours will do. Enter at the upper gate. Call Marty with any ?'s or concerns @ 860-456-3220.

Aug 12, Wed - FSMTA get together at Johns, 27 Brooklyn Tpke, Windham Ctr. CT. 5pm-ish. Finger foods & lite snacks welcome. Bring a story to share or something for show & tell.

Aug 16, Sun - FSMTA Breakfast at the Elk's, 198 Pleasant St, Willimantic, CT. 8am SHARP !!!...

Aug 19, Wed - Colchester Cruise on the Green, Colchester, CT. 5pm - 'till ???

Aug 23, Sun - Little Rhody Truck Show, Rt. 14, CT/RI state line, (at the old airport). 7am - 'till ??? See antique trucks , cars, motor cycles, firetrucks, and antique airplanes taking off & landing all day.

Aug 29, Sat - FSMTA Brooklyn Fair Run, Rt. 169, Brooklyn, CT. We'll meet at John's in time to leave by 9am, SHARP !!! Or, if coming from the Nor'east, be there by 10am if possible. Be Gassed-up, Tuned-up & ready to go. As always, any ?'s or concerns call Marty @ 860-456-3220.

<<<ADVANCED NOTICE >>> Sept 6, Sun - Labor Day Weekend - FSMTA Woodstock Fair Run, Rt 169, Woodstock, CT. We'll meet at John's in time to leave at 8am SHARP !!! Be Gassed-up, Tuned-up & ready to go. Remember, the Woostock Fair Association makes a generous contribution to our club for being there, so let's get as many cars & trucks there as we can. Those living up there in the quiet corner can just meet us there.

And let's take a look at this month in history:

Aug 4, 1941 - the last Model T engine built at the River Rouge Plant. serial # 15,176,888 (7 Model T engines were built in 1941)

Aug 10, 1923 - engine in Ted Swol's Model T Open X-press built. serial # 8,181,796

A write up from a tour two of our members attended

Poor Boy Tour

Richlands/Claypool Hill, Virginia

June 14-19, 2015

This tour was held in Southwest Virginia. Our travels this week took us along roads of Southern Appalachia finding a diverse economic culture that was found back during the Model-T's era.

We started the week with a trip north and west to Breaks International Park, an area described as the Grand Canyon of the South. Traveling along we saw many "Coal Towns" that sprang up during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Here we would have our buffet lunch.

We traveled along many of the wagon trails that early settlers blazed across the Appalachian Mountain range. We drove along part of the road called "Tail of the Dragon" with many steep hills and curves cooking our meals on manifold cookers to share and enjoy at Crab Orchard Village. Later in the afternoon we had a chance to stop at Plum Creek Winery.

We had a chance to walk through the Pocahontas coal mine and have lunch in Bramwell, WV. Bramwell sprang up as a result of the coal boom. Coal Baron's had several homes here. We also got to visit an exotic Llama and Camel Farm where a baby camel had been born only a few hours earlier.

An Amish prepared lunch was delivered to us by horse and buggy in the Community Center in "Burkes Garden" in the bowl. Burkes Garden was a place settlers traveled through. They buried food scrapes upon leaving. When they returned the next Spring they found many vegetables growing.

We had a great week traveling over some mountains over 3000' tall with many switch-back curves. Many of the mountain roads were very steep. We smoked the brakes about three different times due to the steepness of the hill. We went up mountains where seven gallons was not quite enough, we needed eight. This tour saw many black angus cattle and horses. No traffic and no cell phone service. A great tour. In all we traveled about 430 miles.

Thanks to Ron and Fran for sharing their tour with the club.

Zagray Farm Show & Swap



In closing, here's a look at back in the day

