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Presidents Note

Over the past several years I have written about the impact Model Ts have had on the world. The history lesson which Ambulance #255 (George's project) has given to us is now been appreciated internationally due to George's involvement in events in France this summer. At our last monthly club meeting, George gave us a slide show of some of the activities he has been involved with… truly impressive! If you missed it don't worry as George is planning on documenting his experiences in a picture book sometime after the conclusion of his France trip.

While it may seem a bit early to be thinking about our Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party, the event has been set… December 7th , at the Scotland Firehouse. Please hold the date. More details later.

Hope to see you all at the numerous upcoming Fall events. Great fun ahead!!

Happy Motoring

Pete

Lebanon Country Fair
August 10,2014

Brooklyn Fair
August 23, 2014

From Stefanie:

This month, Chuck and I had the opportunity to go “off-roading” in the T’s, thanks to my Dad and Andre. Joan and my Mom joined in also, and it was a really fun experience. We got to drive on some beautiful back county roads along the way, but my favorite part, of course, was “fording the stream”! We have a few pics to share, and Chuck also took a couple of videos, which you can view on YouTube. The links to videos are: http://youtu.be/f5o9YHP7oQo
http://youtu.be/uVKchiuXSS0

An Article From Linda titled

"Life On the Road"

Life in the 1950's

Roadside Rest Areas of the past

As roads became better it meant that motorists could travel greater distances but they needed places along the way to stop and rest. According to RestAreaHistory.org the first roadside stop was established in Michigan in 1929. By the 1950s roadside picnic areas were available in most states. They usually included picnic tables, a grill and a pit toilet. Many of them boasted a scenic view. At that time it was very common for the entire family to take a Sunday drive and stop at one of these picnic areas to enjoy their lunch. When drivers came to a roadside picnic area, they would slowly ease off the road and immediately calm down, surrounded by nature. **The idea was to relax and enjoy your day.**

Life in 2014

Modern day rest areas/service areas

According to the Connecticut DOT website there are 20 rest/service areas in Connecticut. They are right along the highway and may include gas stations, restrooms, information for travelers, restaurants, dog walking area, ATM machines, WIFI, and some have dump stations for RVs. Many have stores where you can buy your travel snacks and other things that you don't need. As soon as you pull into them though, you have to ask yourself, am I a car or a truck or a bus, do I want gas, food, or a restroom, or a dog run. These are all crucial questions a person need to determine in seconds to know which lane you should be in as you come screeching off the highway. **The idea is to get in and out as quickly as possible and to spend money.**

If you long for a simpler time, the next time you are out in your antique vehicle, pack a lunch and visit one of the remaining roadside picnic areas. The following is a list of some that I and my picnic basket have checked out this summer. If you know of any others please email me at Linda06249@yahoo.com so I can add them to my list.

Name	Location	Status
1. Shady Brook Picnic Area	***Salem***-Rt. 85 Across from Salem Country Gardens	Open - 6 picnic tables
2. Music Vale Picnic Area	***Salem*** - Corner Rt. 82 and Music Vale Road	Open - no picnic tables
3. Raymond Hill Picnic Area	***Hebron*** - Jct. of Rt. 85 and Rt. 207	Closed
4. Lebanon Town Pound	***Lebanon*** Rt. 207 - across from the middle school	Open - picnic table
5. Sipple Hill	***East Haddam*** - Rt. 149 - across from dog pound	Open - picnic table with fire pit
6. Seven Falls Picnic Area	***Haddam*** - Rt. 154	Open - many picnic tables & fire pits
7. Five Mile River Picnic Area	***Putnam*** - Rt. 44	Open - 3 tables - along a river
8. Shore Road Picnic Area	***Old Lyme*** - Rt. 156	Open - large area - 5 tables & 5 fire pits
9. Grayrock Picnic Area	***Groton*** - Rt. 184	Open - 5 tables & 3 fire pits
10. French River	***Thompson*** - Rt. 12	Open - 2 tables & 2 fire pits along the river
11. Knolwood	***Thompson*** - Rt. 131	Open - 3 tables & 3 fire pits
12. Old Voluntown Pound	***Sterling*** - Rt. 14	Open - 2 tables, no seats
13. Pitch Pine Grove Picnic Area	***Sterling*** - Jct. 14 & 14A	Open- 1 table

This Month in History:

Sept 28, 1908 –

(from the Ford archives)
Model T engine serial # 1 built, car shipped Oct 1, 1908

Sept 10, 1923 –

"Ford USA" no longer on engine blocks

September's Calendar of Events:

Sept 3, Wed - Columbia Ford Cruise Nite, Rt 6, Columbia CT. 5pm - 'till ?? Raffles, Giveaways, Music by the P'om. Last one of the season.

Sept 7, Sun - 55th Annual YYCC Car Show & Swap Meet. Brooklyn Fair Grounds, Rt 169, Brooklyn, CT. One of the better Car Shows around. Large Swap Meet area. Gates open early.

Sept 10, Wed - FSMTA get together at John's. 5pm-ish. Finger foods & lite snacks welcome. Bring a story to share or something for show & tell.

Sept 14, Sun - Chaplin Antique Car Show, Chaplin Elementary School, Palmer Rd. Chaplin, CT. $7 registration fee, trophies, dash plaques. Music by the P'om.

Sept 16, Tues - Aero Dinner Cruise Nite, Rt 6, No. Windham, CT. 5pm - 'till ??

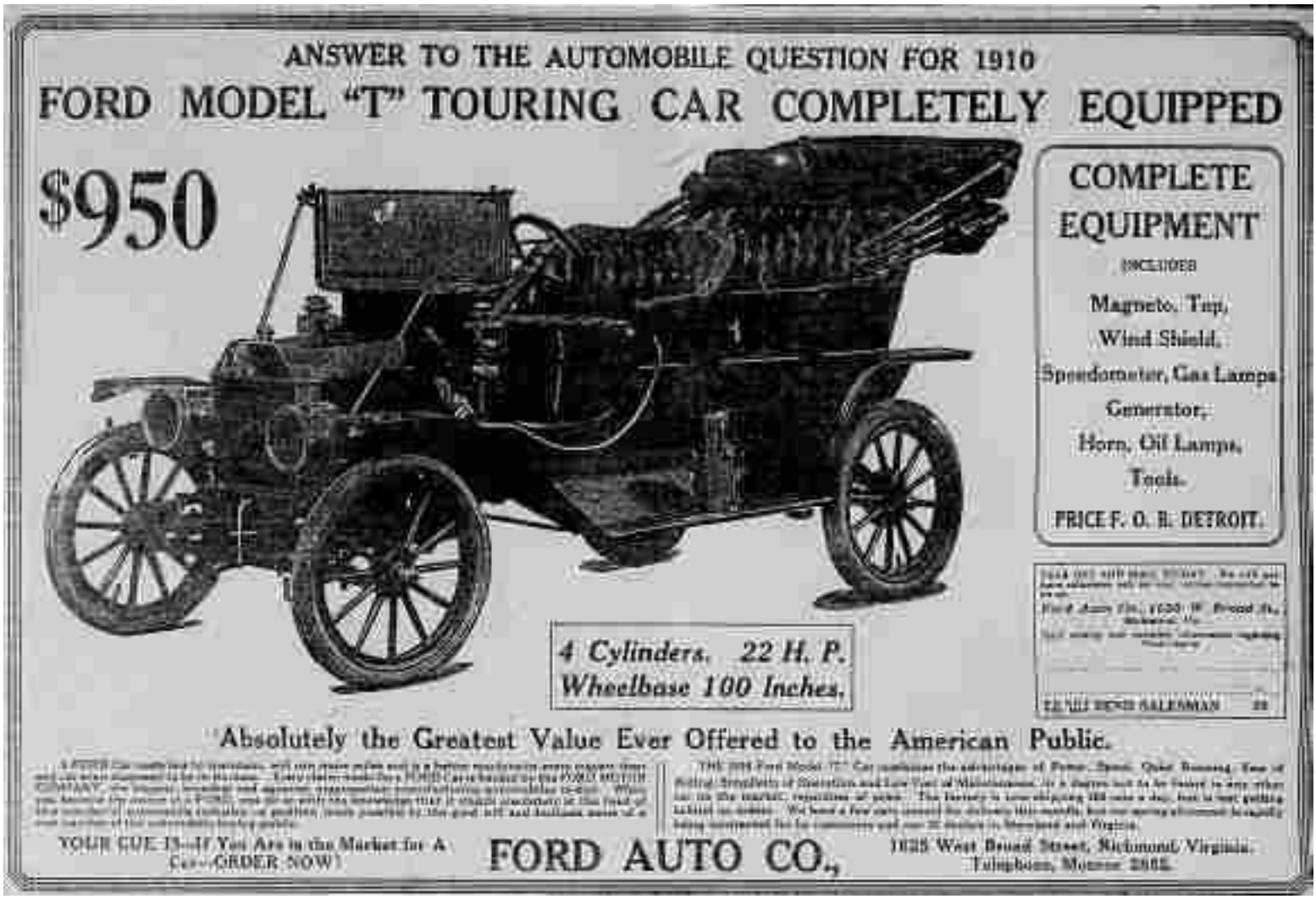
Sept 17, Wed - Colchester Green Cruise Nite, Colchester, CT. 5pm - 'till??

Sept 17, Wed - FSMTA trip to Connecticut Day at the "Big E" , Eastern States Expo, West Springfield, MA. Bring your T's or A's or old farm trucks and park in front of the CT Building for the day. We'll meet at Dunkin Donuts on No. Main St. (Rt. 32) in Willimantic, CT in time to leave at 5:30 am, SHARP !! See Marty or call me with any ?'s or concerns. 860-456-3220

Sept 21, Sun - FSMTA Tour to By Land & By Sea, Mystic, Seaport. We'll meet in Baltic, CT on Rt. 97, across from Cumberland Farms in time to leave there at 7am SHARP !! Be gassed-up, tuned-up & ready to go. Any ?'s or concerns call Marty @ 860-456-3220.

Sept 20 & 21, Sat & Sun - Tobacco Valley Flywheelers Engine Show & Swap Meet. Haddam Meadows State Park, Rt. 154 Haddam, CT. On the Banks of the CT River. 8am - 'till ?? both days.

Sept 28, Sun - Marty & Linda's FSMTA Fall Foliage Tour. We'll meet at John's in time to leave at 9:30am. We'll kinda be heading north from there with a lunch break around noon. Any ?'s or concerns call Marty @ 860-456-3220.

Sept 28, Sun - Mansfield Lions Club Fall Fesival & Car Show. Holiday Hill Camp, 41 Chaffeeville Rd. Mansfield Ctr. CT. 12:00 - 4:00pm. Food , Fun, Raffles & Giveaways. Music by the P'om.

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