

The Ford Model T

The Ford Model T (also known as the Tin Lizzie and the Flivver) was an automobile built by the Ford Motor Company from 1908 through 1927. The first production Model T was built on September 27, 1908, at the Piquette Plant in Detroit, Michigan and was introduced to the public on October 1, 1908. It had many important innovations such as the steering wheel on the left (which every other company soon copied); the entire engine and transmission were enclosed; the four cylinders were cast in a solid block; and the suspension used two semi-elliptic springs. The car was very simple to drive, and easy and cheap to repair.

Ford created a massive publicity machine in Detroit to ensure every newspaper carried stories and ads about the new product. Ford's network of local dealers made the car ubiquitous in virtually every city in North America. As independent dealers, the franchises grew rich and publicized not just the Ford but the very concept of driving; local motor clubs sprang up to help new drivers and to explore the countryside.

Ford was always eager to sell to farmers, who looked on the vehicle as a commercial device to help their business. Sales skyrocketed—several years posted 100% gains on the previous year. Always on the hunt for more efficiency and lower costs, in 1913 Ford introduced the moving assembly belts into his plants, which enabled an enormous increase in production. Although Henry Ford is often credited with the idea, its development most likely came from employees Clarence Avery, Peter E. Martin, Charles E. Sorensen, and C.H. Wills.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show 2008. Our theme for our show is the 100th anniversary of Henry Ford's Model T. This year we have 20 stamp and 1 post card dealers from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps and post cards from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stocks. The dealers are always ready to help and answer your questions. Our stamp club maintain tables at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems or just stop by and chat. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at our stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2008

Our annual stamp show is being held this year at The Music Valley Event Center located at 2416 Music Valley Drive, suite #144 near Opryland Hotel. This is the same location as last it was last year. I must thank all who have helped make this year's show a success. You have done a great job! Second, I must thank the staff of the Valley Expo for working so hard to get the venue ready. Lastly, to all the collectors attending our show - have fun !!!

Our Annual Christmas Party

The party was held on December 10th and was well attended by member and guest alike. Music of the season played, Marie brought her now famous warm apple cider, and everyone else brought eats and drinks. People sat, ate, talked, and just enjoyed each others company. Once the food was eaten and everyone content the party reluctantly broke up. The room was quickly put back into shape with everyone's help. Goodbyes were said and everyone made their ways home.

Edward Saunders, Jr. passes away

As many of you know Ed Saunders was a member of our stamp club for many years. I was informed that he had passed away in late December by a friend from work where Ed had worked with me for many years. He was married and had a young daughter. He will missed by everyone who knew him.

New Members

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays
of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30
p.m., Business meeting a 6:30.m.,
and Program at 6:45 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Madison
Branch Library, 610 South Gallatin
Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp
packet at their first attendance.
Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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Minutes Review for September 2007 – February 2008

The NPS had its 9/10/07 meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/27/07 meeting were read and approved. Allen Bollmeier's application for NPS membership received second reading and approval and he was welcomed into the NPS membership. Bill Vance won the door prize. Matt Benward won the Participation Award again! Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. A stamp donation was received from Tom Tribke. Thank you! Matt reported that eight dealers had now committed to the 2008 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation by Matt on "Potato Tax Stamps".

The NPS had its 9/24/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 9/10/07 meeting were read and approved. Virginia Smith won the door prize. Ricky Wright's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt asked for Theme Suggestions for the 2008 Stamp Show and advised that thirteen dealers had committed for the 2008 Show. Matt announced that Bob Picirilli was retiring from Stamp Show organizing and support duties and that Dave Bodkin and Nick Munn would be assuming these responsibilities. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 10/8/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/24/07 meeting were read and approved. Matt won the door prize. Ricky Wright's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bill Vance donated stamps. Thank you! Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the third quarter 2007 that was approved by the NPS membership. Matt announced that fourteen dealers had committed for the 2008 Stamp Show. Nick Munn suggested "the 100th Anniversary of the Introduction of the Model "T" and "the 50th Anniversary of the Mercury Capsule" as 2008 Show themes. Thank you! The business session then adjourned for an excellent presentation by Bill Vance on "Confessions of a Stamp Dealer".

The NPS had its 10/22/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members were present. Minutes of the 10/9/06 meeting were read and approved. Matt won the door prize again! James Jones' name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt and Bill Vance reported on the Evansville, Indiana show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bill Vance donated stamps. Thank you! Theme Selection ballots were distributed for theme selection. Voting was also to be continued at our following meeting. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 11/12/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/22/07 meeting were read and approved. Amelia Munn won the door prize. Emmett Sullivan won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Stamp donations were received from Al Bollmeier and Bill Vance. Thank you! After voting on the 2008 Show theme during this and the previous club meetings, the "100th Anniversary of the Model "T"" was selected as our Show theme. Matt asked if anyone of our membership knew of an inexpensive source of tables for rent or purchase for our Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for an excellent program by Dave Bodkin on "the Love of Love Stamps".

The NPS had its 11/26/07 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and five guests were present. Minutes of the 11/12/07 meeting were read and approved. Steve Meyer won the door prize. Wesley Lepter's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Bill Vance reported on his recent "My Stock Only" Show. Al Bollmeier showed examples of "Camping Revenue Stamps" that he had. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt

reported that fifteen stamp dealers had committed to the 2008 Stamp Show. NPS members were encouraged to bring family and friends to the 12/10/07 Christmas Party. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

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Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for September 2007 – February 2008 Cont'd

NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/10/07 at the Madison Branch Library. No business session was held. Approximately twenty-four members and guests joined together for fellowship and plenty of good food!!!

The NPS held its 1/14/08 meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/26/07 meeting were read and approved. An informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 10, 2007. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Bill Vance won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows and the new postage rates were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bill Vance donated a very large quantity of stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 4th Quarter and 2007 Annual Report. Matt reported that sixteen stamp dealers were committed for the NPS 2008 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a talk by Matt on the "1969 Christmas Stamp Pre-cancels".

The NPS had its 1/28/08 meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 1/14/08 meeting were read and approved. Al Bollmeier won the door prize. Matt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt reported former member Ed Saunders, Jr. had died. Matt reported that seventeen stamp dealers and one postcard dealer had committed for the show. Posters and flyers were handed out for advertising the show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 2/11/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nine members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 1/28/08 meeting were read and approved. Former member Scott Bastoky requested to rejoin NPS. Members approved and he was welcomed back as a NPS member. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Ricky Wright was drawn for the Participation Award, but was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Show committees. Matt reported that USPS Sales might not participate in our 2008 Stamp Show. Matt and Steve Meyer said that they would check on USPS's participation. Additional show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. NPS members were advised that no exhibits had been received for the show. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide presentation on the "6.3 cent Bulk Rate Mail Stamp Story".

The NPS held its 2/25/08 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 2/11/08 meeting were read and approved. Randal Coble won the door prize. Ricky Wright's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Mr. Hall donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Tom Tribke presented samples of the show cover cachet representing the 2008 Show theme. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2008 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

A Big Year for Collecting “Scouts on Stamps”

By Tom Tribke (With a lot of help from the Web) continued from the last issue

Growth of the Movement

The success of "Scouting for Boys" produced a Movement that quickly – automatically it seemed – adopted the name of The Boy Scouts and necessitated the establishment of an office to administer it.

By 1909 the Movement had taken firm root. "Scouting for Boys" had been translated into five languages. A Scout rally in London attracted more than 11,000 Scouts. As a result of B-P taking a holiday in South America, Chile was one of the first countries outside Britain to begin Scouting. In 1910 he visited Canada and the United States where it had already started.

The coming of the war in 1914 could have brought about the collapse of the Movement, but the training provided through the patrol system proved its worth. Patrol leaders took over when adult leaders volunteered for active service. Scouts contributed to the war effort in many ways; most notable perhaps were the Sea Scouts who took the place of regular coastguardsmen, thus freeing them for service afloat.

The first World Jamboree took place in 1920 with 8,000 participants, and proved that young people of many nations could come together to share common interests and ideals. Since that first World Jamboree at Olympia in London, there have been 17 others at different locations. During the Jamboree the first International Scout Conference was held with 33 national Scout organizations represented. The Boy Scouts International Bureau was founded in London in 1920.

In 1922 the first International Committee was elected at the 2nd International Conference (Paris), where 31 national Scout organizations were represented. World membership was just over 1 million.

The Early Scout Programs

Scouting began as a program for boys 11 to 18 years of age. Yet almost immediately there were demands by others to participate. The Girl Guides program was started in 1910 by B-P. His wife, Olave, whom he married in 1912, became Chief Guide.

A Wolf Cub section was formed for younger boys. It used Kipling's "Jungle Book", to provide an imaginative symbolic background for activities. For older boys, a Rover Scout branch was formed. The names and characteristics of programs vary from country to country: Cub Scouts, Beavers, Rovers, Explorers, Senior Scouts and many more. In some countries boys can start when they are six years old. Some programs are open to girls and boys.

The World Wars

Between the two world wars Scouting continued to flourish in all parts of the world - except in totalitarian countries where it was banned. Scouting is essentially democratic and voluntary.

The war came in 1939, Scouts again carried on under their patrol leaders; they undertook many national service tasks – messengers, fire watchers, stretcher bearers, salvage collectors and so on. In occupied countries, Scouting continued in secret with Scouts playing important roles in the resistance and underground movements. After the liberation, it was found that the numbers of Scouts in some occupied countries had, in fact, increased.

The '60s, '70s and '80s

Many countries gained their independence during these years. Scouting in developing countries gradually evolved to be a youth program that was designed by Scout leaders in each country to better meet the needs of their communities.

Scouts, particularly in developing countries, became more involved with issues such as child health, low-cost housing, literacy, food production and agriculture, job skills training, etc.

Drug abuse prevention, life skills training, integration of the handicapped, environmental conservation and education, and peace education became issues of concern to Scouts around the world.

The Ford Model T
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By 1918, half of all cars in America were Model T's. The Model T was pretty basic as Ford wrote in his autobiography, "Any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants so long as it is black". Until the development of the assembly line, which mandated black because of its quicker drying time, Model T's were available in other colors including red. The design was fervently promoted and defended by Ford, and production continued as late as 1927; the final total production was 15,007,034. This record stood for the next 45 years.

The assembly line was introduced to Ford by William C. Klann while visiting a slaughterhouse at Chicago's Union Stock Yards and viewing what was referred to the "disassembly line". The efficiency of one person removing the same piece over and over caught his attention. He reported the idea to Peter E. Martin, who was doubtful at the time, but encouraged him to proceed.

Others at Ford have claimed to have put the idea forth to Henry Ford, but William "Pa" Klann's slaughterhouse revelation is well documented in the archives at the Henry Ford Museum and elsewhere, making him the father of the modern automated assembly line concept. The process was an evolution by trial and error of a team consisting primarily of Peter E. Martin, the factory superintendent; Charles E. Sorensen, Martin's assistant; Harold Wills, draftsman and toolmaker; Clarence W. Avery; and Charles Lewis. When the first car was completed using the assembly line, in front of the media, onlookers and even Henry Ford, it was Pa Klann who drove it proudly off the line.

As a result, Ford's cars came off the line in three minute intervals, much faster than previous methods, increasing production by seven to one (requiring 12.5 man-hours before, 1 hour 33 minutes after), while using less manpower. In 1914, an assembly line worker could buy a Model T with four months' pay.

When introduced, the T used the building methods typical at the time, assembly by hand, and production was small. The standard four-seat open "tourer" of 1909 cost \$1850; in 1913, the price dropped to \$550, and \$440 in 1915. Sales were 69,762 in 1911, 170,211 in 1912, 202,667 in 1913, 308,162 in 1914, and 501,462 in 1915.

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