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Well, it has been a busy summer with cruises all over the country! So far this year I have been to Ocala, Mt. Home, Yakima and now at the Lake of the Ozarks for our annual MO Mini Nats. This has been a great year for me, as I have had the opportunity to meet so many folks and, better yet, actually had time to visit and get to know them. I have wanted to see more NTBA events around the country for quite some time, and as it is becoming a reality, I am encouraged by the positive feedback I am hearing from you, our members, and energized to keep this moving forward! My most recent event was Yakima, WA, and kudos to Ceec for putting together a great event. We had buckets there from 9 states by last count and EVERYONE had a great time and saw some beautiful country. For me, the time visiting with folks was priceless because I wasn't on a dead run the whole weekend. We have more cars at the MO Mini Nats on Wednesday evening than we had the first year we did this AND IT'S ONLY WEDNESDAY! We have folks from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Indiana, Kansas, MO, IL, and more coming in today and tomorrow. FUN FUN FUN!!

Be sure to check out the upcoming event links on the NTBA Website! There are still more this year and a list stacking up for next year that is going to be TOP NOTCH!! Florida, Utah, Wisconsin, California, Texas, MO, New Mexico, just to name a few of the areas that are already in the works. You will hear more about those in the next few months but for now, just keep on cruising and share the smiles! Be safe.

Rolla Hessel



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Event Calendar

North Texas BBQ	Keller, TX	October 4, 2014	In conjunction with Goodguy's Lone Star Nationals.
Fred's Fun Run	Tucson, AZ	Novemer 7-8, 2014	
2015 Nationals	Green Bay, Wi	July 8-11, 2015	
2015 Western Regional	San Diego, CA	September 10-12	

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PIGEON FORGE 2014

There was a rumble heard in East Tennessee earlier this summer but it wasn't the sound of thunder, it was the rumble of over 50 T-Buckets gathering for the NTBA Pigeon Forge Regionals, which were held from the 24th-26th of July at The Oak Tree Lodge in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Under a threat of rain, the group gathered on Thursday to head out to Townsend to run the infamous "Tail of the Dragon" at Deal's Gap, which has 318 curves in 11 miles. Cautious because of the rain forecast, there were only 8 cars that went on this trip. Lou and Maribeth Sauer did a great job leading the group through the switchback curves (with more than a little help from Lou's GPS, Karen). After having a quick lunch at the Ironhorse Motorcycle Lodge in North Carolina, the group encountered a little rain on the returned trip to The Oak Tree Lodge. Upon the return the group split off to make mayhem among the many other attractions in the area.

That evening the group gathered back for a movie night featuring "The Snake and the Mon-goose", which was shown with the projector and big screen at the hotel's convention center. Fresh popcorn and drinks were provided by Ron Pope's family.

On Friday everyone met up and had a short run up to Metcalf Bottoms, a picnic area in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Ron Pope's daughter, Valarie Deckard, and his wife, Pam, had been there most of the morning getting the food all prepared. The Bucketheads and their families got to settle in for some mountain air and enjoyed burgers and hot dogs with all the fixins'. That evening at The Oak Tree Lodge, Waylon and Rick Redden provided watermelons (fresh from a roadside farm stand) for the group and lots of stories were told sitting around the parking lot.

Saturday morning the group gathered once more for a cruise to Bush's Baked Beans in Chesnut Hill, Tennessee. Across the street from the factory there is a Welcome Center that houses a Museum, Bush's Family Café, and the General Store. After a great lunch of country cooking the group had some time to look around and purchase souvenirs if desired. Leaving there, the T-Bucket group cruised over to The Diner in Sevierville for their "Hot Nights, Cool Cars Cruise-In". After checking out all the cars and listening to some classic tunes, the "Best of Show" award was awarded to a T-Bucket owned by Mike Emch.

Although some of the Bucketheads got wet on their way into town on that previous Wednesday, the

sun finally showed up later in the week and blessed everyone with some great weather. This was the 2nd Annual NTBA Regional in Pigeon Forge, TN and judging by the turnout it will continue to be a must stop on the summer circuit.





2014 PANHANDLE FUN RUN

By Mike Wade

I bet most of you have never started a 250 mile trip from home, about 1600 miles away from that home. Our run to Nazareth, TX, started in Ocala, FL, at the NTBA Eastern Regional event. On the way back west, we used US 82, and that portion started in Waycross, GA.

A few years ago I sold a 1930 Model A Roaster, that I had restored, to a fellow in Waycross, so "while in the neighborhood," I wanted to stop and visit with him and his wife. He has done really good, lots of trophies since he bought the car. He has also driven the Model A on the same strip of Daytona Beach that we drove the T Bucket just last week.



After a great reunion (with my car) and lunch we headed west to Tifton, GA, for the night. The next night we arrived in Tuscaloosa, AL for a very interesting night surrounded by tornadoes. Thirteen, in fact, on the ground all around us, but we only got lots of wind and rain. Did I mention "LOTS of RAIN and WIND?"

That little Angel I live with woke up after that night and said that she wanted Alabama and Mississippi east of this westbound motorhome today, so we got on the road after a stop for gas and a Waffle House breakfast.

We did get to Lake Village, AR, this night for a real pleasant evening, after the one in Alabama. We unloaded the Yelot and drove around the town and found a neat café for supper. There was no wind or rain all night.



The next morning we got on the road fairly early to make a run across the southern end of Arkansas, all the time knowing that in June we would most likely be on the north side of this state in Mountain Home for the NTBA Nats. We drove all the way to Gainesville, TX, today (longest day on the whole trip) and then about 2 miles into Oklahoma to the "Largest Casino in the Nation RV Park," well that's according to the casino's advertisement. Another great restful night and in the morning we will be on the last leg of the trip to the Panhandle Fun Run.

Awoke to the WIND blowing from the west and I mean fence-post-bending blowing, but what did I expect in West Texas? The wind always blows and never from the direction I am coming from. The bad gas mileage I was getting before got much worse on this leg of the trip. After 2 or 3 gas stops and a trip through Turkey, TX, (the home of Bob Wills and the Texas Play Boys, but more on that later), we finally arrived at the barn home of Harvey and Angie Milton for the evening and a Fun Run get together over the next three days.



Bill Darr was already camped out in the yard. After some bench racing in the shop part of the barn, Angie put on a great supper for these road weary travelers. The wind is still blowing when we crawl into bed for the night and it's still blowing when I wake up in the AM on Friday, but nonetheless we are going to have a FUN RUN in the Texas Panhandle.



Breakfast in Nazareth, then a trip to Plainview for some antique shopping, sightseeing and lunch. Back to the barn house to get ready for supper in Umbarger, TX. You do remember that T Bucket drivers "Live to Drive, and Drive to Food," don't you? About 6 PM we cruised the 25 miles north to an All You Can Eat Fish Fry with 4 buckets on the ground and one in a trailer, because he was late, but it was all good. Again some bench racing was done in the shop afterwards and then off to bed for some rest before the Fun Run to Quitaque (kitty quay) and Turkey, TX. Saturday.....



Five T Buckets met up with one Mustang (a friend from Amarillo) in Tulia for breakfast (3292) and then head east to the Home of Bob Wills and the Texas Play Boys in (0002) Turkey, Texas, see I told you there would be more.



The wind is still blowing but not quite as bad as it has been, in spite of that wind the trip was very good and enjoyable. After photo ops and some shopping, we started back to the west. We stopped at the Caprock Canyon State Park for a real neat tour complete with Buffalo/Bison, photo ops, and a small lake.....



For a pretty late Lunch, almost supper, we drove back west to Silverton and had a great meal, all the while there was a car show going on in the parking lot, the locals don't see that many T Buckets at one time very often. Ice cream at the barn house and the 2014 Panhandle Fun Run is history. THANK YOU, Harvey and Angie, let's do it again in 2015 and I hope more bucketheads will join in the FUN.

The last 250 miles of this 3800 mile trip to Florida and back to NM was done around noon on Sunday after 17 days on the road and what a great trip it was!



HOW TO MAKE YOUR HORN GO “OOOOOO-GAH!”

OK, you've finished up your T bucket. You're anxious to get it down the road in a roar, and your last big job is wiring. You run all those different-colored wires from where the power comes from to where you need it to do some work, whether it's firing sparkplugs, or lighting lights, or honking that old-timey “oogah” horn. You make the last connection, connect the battery, turn on the switch, and hit the horn button.

So...it honks, sort of. But the sound isn't right.

And it may not be that you just bought a cheap, Harbor Freight horn that was on sale for \$10 (as they almost always are).

I would like to claim to be the originator of this fix. Actually, I saw it somewhere online, but I can't find it any more.

The problem is that when the Chinese copycats copied an original oogah horn, they seem to have also copied all the electrical parts in it, including those that require 6 volts instead of 12.

The fix is easy. Go to Radio Shack and buy a 1/2-ohm, 5-watt resistor. It will cost you about \$3. While you're at it, you might want to get a 1-ohm resistor. Some horns will require the heavier resistor. I found the 1/2-ohm worked great for mine. You will find these in the drawers toward the back of most stores.

You can wire the resistor in anywhere you'd like in the power wire to the horn, but I put mine right at the horn connection. To do that, I put the spade terminals on each end of the resistor wire (direction doesn't matter), covered the resistor and the connectors with shrink-wrap tubing, plugged one end of the resistor into the horn connector and then the other end into the power wire. This should protect it from the weather.



Horn end connector.



Power wire end connector.



Completed connection.

I found this fix turned my cheap Harbor Freight horn into a correct-sounding vintage honker. Some horns may require some adjusting on the adjuster next to the power connections.

—by Mike Blanche



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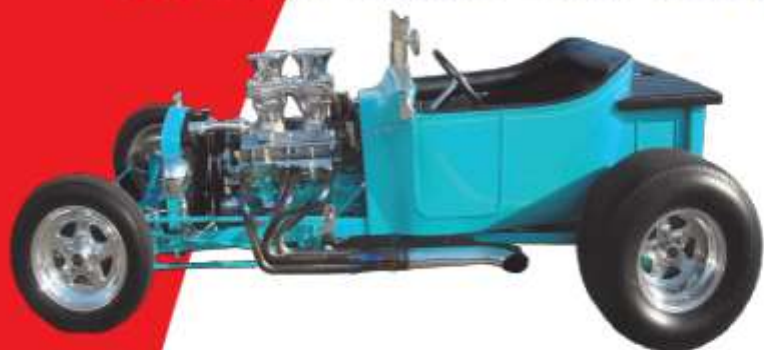
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