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November is here and cool with it.

Once again our year is coming to a close. We all have had good times and bad times. But if you look to the future and not the past it will all work out. Remember you can not change the past.

The event are coming to a close and planning for next year is at hand.

Please check out your rides and make them safe.

Wanda and I are looking forward to a great next year with our extended buckethead family.

Happy turky day.

weelstang

NTBA Prez

Info from the editor

Please send any articles or changes to me by the end of each month so that I can get in for the next month. I have had a lot of fun doing so far. Looking forward all of your fine articles. Thanks for the support.

“Rainmaker”

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Event Calendar

14th Annual NTBA Nationals	Chattanooga, TN	June 21-23, 2012	www.nationaltbucketalliance.com

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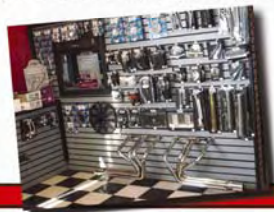
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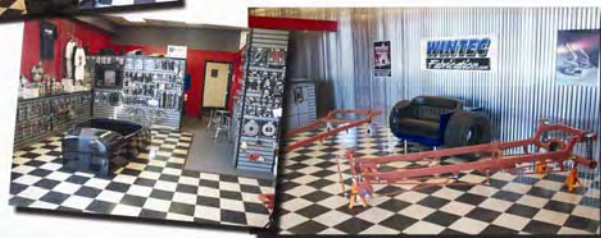
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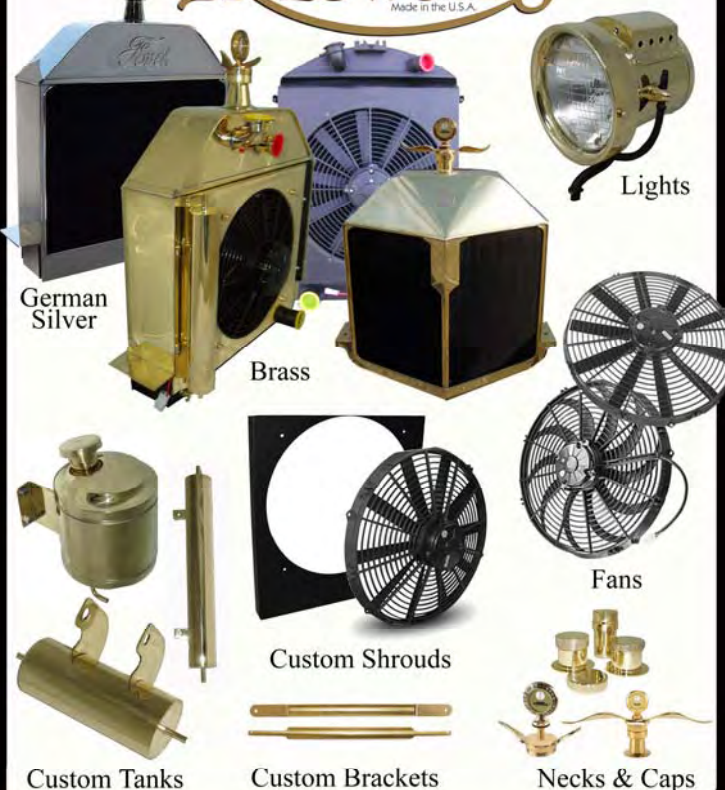
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TRIP TO ASHLOCKS BBQ SEPT 2011

We left Artesia on 9-21-2011 for an 1100 mile trip to Fulton Missouri. Pretty uneventful first day from Artesia to San Jon NM then on to Logan NM on a northeasterly drive up US 54 with a very strong head wind, and that always happens anytime I start a trip, the wind comes from the direction I am going toward all the time. The wind never blows from the northeast in eastern NM, the Texas Panhandle or Kansas I'll bet.....Spend the night at a real nice RV park 5 miles east of Liberal Kansas.

Up early the next morning for a run to Wichita, Kansas and a stop at 'The Yard' for some Aluminum gathering. We spent about two hours at 'The Yard' then lunch and a fuel stop on the east side of town before continuing eastbound on US 54. Around 5:00 pm we arrived in Nevada Missouri and after much discussion it was decided to go ahead and drive on to Columbia for the night. I called John Ashlock and he's going to meet us at Exit 137 on I-70 around 10:00 pm. We should have spent the night in Nevada and drove the last 194 miles on 9-23-2011, JMHO. Angel & I really enjoyed the trip up US 54 because it has less traffic and the small towns you get to see along the way are really a lot nicer than what you can see on an Interstate highway. Except for about 20 miles in Texas US 54 was in real good shape all the way across New Mexico, Kansas & Missouri. Anytime I can travel something other than an interstate highway I want to go that way for a slower pace in life, everyone always seems to be in a hurry on the big roads.....

Met John at the appointed time and he escorted us to their beautiful homestead. Boy living in Missouri must have some benefits because this place is really nice. Set up camp beside Tom & Debbie from Michigan while wheelstang stopped right where he was and went to bed, I guess the fun drive was more than he could take..



On Friday we woke up to a cool morning and the smell of coffee in the air, John & Rose were already up and had breakfast almost ready by the time everyone was up and ready for the day to begin. It was great to meet Brian, Josh & family and the rest of the folks that had already arrived. Great food and good friends is what we do in this T Bucket family, O' Yes and a little bit of cruising and benchracing go along with that. Most of the day was spent visiting and greeting new arrivals. Some time was spent working on cars getting ready for



an afternoon cruise to Columbia for supper and Ice Cream/frozen Yogurt. Supper cruise was great we went to MugsRus and had two RootBeer Floats, well at least I did and the BBQ burger was not bad either.....

The cruise around town was neat with great escorts (I think Rose was trying to get me turned around which she did) and the weather was



perfect. Andy's Frozen Custard was a good stop to finish the evening I even had a frozen yogurt cone.

Saturday started out with a few runs up and down the road in front of Ashlocks to wake up all the Bucket drivers that had arrived late last night. Short T was the one that forced me to make all the noise I assure you.....



Breakfast again was ready by the time all the lazy folks were up and moving around. After breakfast and some visiting several of us decided to make a run up to the Swap meet/



antique shop at Exit 137 on I-70. On the way back Gordo (from KC) thought he would see if he could beat up on a dead possum in the middle of the road, boy did he make a mess of his car, and yes I did get a



photo of the wheelie bars..... Lots more benchracing and repairs on cars was done while John



started the cooking machine.....Believe me he had already fixed most of the fixings long before he started the smoker this morning. He had way to much help (in the At about 12:00 noon the reason I drove DAMM let me tell you it was



way help) all day long. 1100 miles was ready to eat and great.....



Around 3pm it was time for another cruise, this time to Jefferson City for a car show, some more benchracing and looking at great cars. We did enjoy looking at some great cars on 5 blocks of the main street right below the State Capitol Building. After about 2 1/2 hours at the show we all decided it was time to get on the road back to Ashlocks via Columbia. The cruise back to John & Rose's was great, right up US 63 at 65 mph....the weather could not have been better for

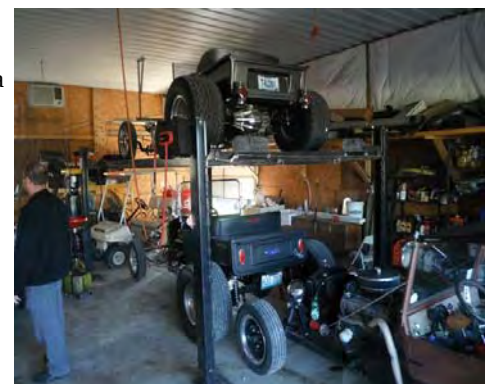


arriving back to the site of a great lunch we all dug into the leftovers for supper, I think it was better the second time around.....Not...it was great both times.....

Sunday as usual is the time that always comes at a meeting of an NTBA Family gathering. Time for Hugs & Goodbyes and that's never a good time.....But none the less Sunday did arrive and with that our return trip to NM began but with a slight detour.



Angel always said I could not go the most direct route to anywhere, so, on the way back to New Mexico it was decided to make a trip through Branson Missouri, with a stop off to see her cousins in Warsaw Missouri. The time spent in Branson was very enjoyable and ended on Friday 9-30-2011 for the next stop on our way back to NM. The Fall Fling in Mountain Home, Arkansas and that will be the next installment to the newsletter.....



From Your Treasurer

This year has been a success. The NATS filled our bank with plenty of money to survive for another year even with the downed economy. This event would never happen without your (The Members) support, not to mention Big Bill and all the volunteers. BTW, the guitar fetched \$350.00. Thanks Tub T

The NATS breakdown is as follows:

Shirt Sales Profit	387.20
New Members	1015.00
Renewals	575.00
50/50	847.00
Auction/Raffle	930.00
Commerce Refund	1010.00
Refund from	
Big Bill	<u>484.76</u>
TOTAL	\$5,248.96

Enclosed is the unedited Profit and Loss Statement along with the Balance Sheet for 2010 and unedited 2011. We are looking good for 2011 and a lot better than last year. Unexpected cost at the 2010 NATS and the new accelerated depreciation for the website computer made a negative number look even worse, although the number is only on paper. Please e-mail me if you have any questions.

Jim "Top Hat" Diehl

**National T-Bucket Alliance
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010**

	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Petty Cash	-660.00
Wells Fargo Bank	-558.79
Wells Fargo Savings Account	8,092.99
Total Checking/Savings	<u>6,874.20</u>
Total Current Assets	6,874.20
Fixed Assets	
Computer for Website	2,530.89
Equipment	
Accumulated Depreciation-Equip.	-2,355.96
Equipment - Other	837.42
Total Equipment	<u>-1,518.54</u>
Inventory	
Accumulated Depreciation	-1,200.00
Inventory - Other	1,200.00
Total Inventory	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,012.35</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>7,886.55</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	16,886.74
Net Income	-9,000.19
Total Equity	<u>7,886.55</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>7,886.55</u></u>

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Final Basis

**National T-Bucket Alliance
Profit & Loss
January through December 2010**

	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2010 Income	7,784.39
Advertising on NTBA Website	550.00
Donations	100.00
Event Shirts Sold	384.75
Lifetime Membership	350.00
Membership Dues	23.87
Membership Renewals	8,542.21
Membership shirts sold at NATS	40.00
New Membership Dues-Income	4,251.22
Newsletter Advertising	100.00
Raffle Tickets	1,802.00
Store Sales Income	65.00
Total Income	<u>23,993.54</u>
Expense	
2010 NATS Expense	11,511.33
2011 NATS Expense	1,000.00
Advertising	7,080.00
Bank Service Charges	104.46
Computer Program Expense	187.72
Credit Card Charges from Bank	135.00
credit card fees	506.61
Depreciation Expense	1,518.54
Equipment Rental	44.00
Finance Charge	3.20
Ink/Toner	1,123.85
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	1,057.00
Total Insurance	<u>1,057.00</u>
Interest Expense	
Finance Charge	5.89
Total Interest Expense	<u>5.89</u>
Late Payment Charge	38.00
Office Equipment	212.29
Office Supplies	686.49
Postage	235.95
Postage and Delivery	2,383.85
Postage for Newsletter	330.29
Professional Fees	
Accounting	1,025.00
Total Professional Fees	<u>1,025.00</u>
Return	-184.55
Store Inventory	1,515.00
Store Sales Inventory	-315.00
Voided Check	0.00
Web Site Cost	1,800.00
Website ISP	1,500.00
Total Expense	<u>33,505.92</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-9,512.38
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	12.19
Silent Auction	500.00
Total Other Income	<u>512.19</u>
Net Other Income	<u>512.19</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-8,000.19</u></u>

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National T-Bucket Alliance
Balance Sheet
As of October 19, 2011

	<u>Oct 19, 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Petty Cash	-660.00
Wells Fargo Bank	8,699.18
Wells Fargo Savings Account	8,598.88
Total Checking/Savings	<u>16,638.06</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>16,638.06</u>
Fixed Assets	
Computer for Website	2,530.89
Equipment	
Accumulated Depreciation-Equip.	-2,355.96
Equipment - Other	837.42
Total Equipment	<u>-1,518.54</u>
Inventory	
Accumulated Depreciation	-1,200.00
Inventory - Other	1,200.00
Total Inventory	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,012.35</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>17,650.41</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	7,886.55
Net Income	9,763.86
Total Equity	<u>17,650.41</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>17,650.41</u></u>

National T-Bucket Alliance
Profit & Loss
January through December 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
50/50 Tickets Sold in 2011	847.00
Advertising in Newsletter	300.00
Advertising on NTBA Website	100.00
Corporate Renewals	300.00
Event Shirts Sold	2,730.00
Membership Renewals	5,598.03
New Membership Dues-Income	3,649.52
Raffle Tickets	930.00
Reimbursed Expenses	1,010.00
Store Sales Income	65.00
Total Income	<u>15,529.55</u>
Expense	
2011 NATS Expense	3,203.50
Bank Service Charges	21.00
Computer Program Expense	160.38
Courier	26.32
credit card fees	271.21
Ink/Toner	477.29
Office Supplies	470.48
Postage and Delivery	1,181.36
Registration report fee	10.00
Store Inventory	434.80
Total Expense	<u>6,256.34</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>9,273.21</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	5.89
Other Income	484.76
Total Other Income	<u>490.65</u>
Net Other Income	<u>490.65</u>
Net Income	<u><u>9,763.86</u></u>

Mountain Home Fall Fling

9-30/10-2-2011

Well here we go again from Branson, Missouri to Mountain Home, Arkansas for another Fun Run with other Buckeheads. The short run down US 65 to US 62 was a little over 2 hours. We set up camp at a real nice RV Park in Gassville Ark. where do they come up with the names of some towns? After we got paid up and set up we unloaded the cars and set off toward Mountain Home.

About 5 miles east on US 62 we were met by T-Five-O and 5 other Buckets on a cruise around the country side for lunch & maybe a rootbeer Float. After about 40 miles we arrived at a Pizza parlor in Lakeview Ark. for lunch, visiting and some benchracing.....Great



time was had but it was soon time to return to Mountain Home so we could get ready for the evening activities.....

Around 5:30 PM Bill, Wanda, Angel & I returned to the Sonic Drive-in on US 62 west

of Mountain Home for Supper and a get together with about 20 buckets, a very nice turnout. I would try to list the Bucketheads that were there but I can just barely remember my name and I'm sure that I would leave someone out and then be in trouble. There were some very nice Buckets in attendance that I had never seen before, Thanks for the memories folks.....

After a really deserved sleep it was once again time to meet for Breakfast and a cruise for



lunch, how many times have I said we drive to eat and eat to drive.....? Breakfast in Mountain Home at the old Baxter Inn was



great and some time spent in the parking lot taking photos and letting the eggs & Sausages settle was indeed needed..Around 9:00 am we were off to the Ferry crossing for our Saturday cruise to lunch in Missouri. Great crossing but the lake was way down so it was a short trip, about 1.5 miles only, but with 10 buckets on the ferry it was fun..... We had to wait for Short T and Tammy to make the crossing trip after the buckets did so there was enough time to check



out the other side of the lake. When all the buckets & Short T were on the north side of the lake we cruised up SR 125 to US 160 and turned east going to Gainesville Missouri for a great Buffet Lunch.



After a short car show with the locals (anytime you have more than 1 Bucket you have a car show) we made the run back to Mountain Home on SR 5 for a little rest time before a supper cruise to T-Five-O's home around 5:30 pm. Again here we are thinking about supper and we just finished lunch but that's what bucketheads do.... After a great supper (Chile and another Stew) that Rick and his wife made for us some time was spent touring their home and visiting. Unfortunately I did not get photos.....Around 8 pm we made the run back to the RV's for the night. THANK YOU Rick and all the folks that had a hand in making my first trip to Mountain Home a really en-

joyable experience.....The memoirs are never going to leave.....

On 10-2-2011 it was time to start the two day run back to New Mexico via Dallas and an overnight stay with Charles & Lavelle. They had supper ready to set on the table upon our arrival and I don't think I have ever enjoyed a salad with all the fixing as I did that one.....Lots of visiting and looking at the cars in the neighborhood and soon it was time to retire again for a well deserved nights rest.

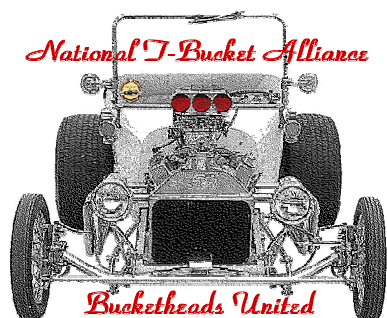
At around 4:00 am on Monday 10-3 Angel & I broke camp and headed west on I-20 for the last leg of the trip back from another great trip to the Midwest. This was our second trip east this year and after about 7000 miles total we were ready to get back to the old home place where I need to get back to work on the 1926 T Coupe I am working on for her. Until next time Thanks again for all the 2011 memories.....Next trip Fred's in November.....that one may be over with by the time you read this.....



Mike (Lincolnut)

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