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THE NATIONAL T-BUCKET ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

President's Corner

Ok ya'll we're back with a newsletter again. Dean has stepped up to take on the challenge. Many thanks to SquareCab for his efforts with our letter. Great job. Thank You.

There are several NTBA mini nats still left. Please go to as many as ya'll can.

The time is growing closer for all T Bucket Heads to winterixe there rides or tear them down and make ready for next season. Help others make there rides safe and yours also.

Tucson is our next NTBA event. See ya'll in Tucson.

NTBA President
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Event Calendar

Fred's Fun Run	Tucson, AZ	November 4-5 2011	
NTBA Nationals	Chattanooga, TN	June 21-23, 2012	www.nationaltbucketalliance.com

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Dayton Ohio T'Bucket Nationals

Trip to the NATs in Dayton Ohio

June 2011

On the Thursday before the Sunday before the NAT's began on Thursday June 23, 2011 Angel and I left Artesia for the three day trip to Dayton Ohio. The first leg was about 541 miles to El Reno Oklahoma for the evening. Along the way we met Weelstang & Wanda (just outside of Artesia) and Uncle Larry (just outside of Amarillo Texas). The trip was pretty uneventful except for the 114 degree temp at the RV campsite. We happened to show up at the casino RV campground the same night as some big band was putting on two shows with about 5000 people in attendance, well it felt like that many people anyway.



The next day we all were ready to get on down the road early so as to get started on having fun with other Bucketheads. I had been talking to short T about having lunch in Springfield because he was not going to go to the NAT's this year, so as we approached Springfield on I-44 he & 23tzer escorted us to a travel center on the north side of town. Weelstang & Uncle

Larry were real surprised when the two of them appeared beside us as we were going 75 miles per hour down I-44. That was a real treat for some road weary travelers. It even got better when Tammy met us for lunch. As it turned out the both were telling stories because they did show up at Dayton for the NATS but that would be a whole nother story.

After Lunch we got a little lost and made about a 30 mile side trip, but that's what makes trips to the NATS fun and an experience. We also took a small detour into Six Flags west of St Louis and did not find the KOA campground & that kinda put us back on I-44 for the run through St Louis before I was ready. But did I mention

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that is what makes going to the NATS fun, even if weelstang & Uncle Larry might have wanted to kill me about 6:00 PM on Sunday evening in the traffic going north around St Louis. Never the less all of us made it to Troy Ill. for supper at the Cracker Barrel. We talked to the Manager about just staying in the parking lot for the night and we did just that. The RAIN started that night and was on & off for the next week plus..... Most of the third day of this trip was done in the rain all through Illinois, Indiana & Ohio. Upon arrival in Dayton the rain was coming straight down and the parking lot was already filling up with Buckets and now there were three more to cruise town. Very shortly after we got checked into the hotel the supper & Ice Cream run was on, for the first of many impromptu cruises in the week to come. About 10 Buckets cruised downtown Dayton for our first look at Dayton from an open car and it was a real nice night with no rain.



Monday woke up to no rain in the Am but that would soon change during the first unofficial cruise of the NATS that was only about 2 miles down the road to Carillon Historic Park with the early birds (about 35 buckets). this was a very interesting tour of the Wright Bros and Dayton history. Rain about



2:00 PM cut short the tour. Supper was another adventure to a Steakhouse south of the hotel about 5 miles then Ice Cream again... As everyone knows we drive to eat & eat to Drive, with Ice cream any-

Tuesday we took a Police escorted road trip to Brookville Ohio and toured the Brookville Roadster Company. The tour was done by several of the employees and it included the whole thing from flat sheets of steel to finished cars made right in their shop. Monster presses and lots of hands on work by craftsmen, Very interesting for a bunch of Bucketheads that number about 50 cars by that day. Other than some of us following the wrong leader (not a problem Punkun) the trip was great with no rain until we got back to town. Some folks went to the Dayton Airport for a tour of the Wright Brothers flight museum. We stayed at the hotel to help with Registration of more T Buckets arriving for tomorrow.

Wednesday 7-22-2011 we had about 70 buckets by now, and the NATS don't even start until tomorrow, to make a Police escorted cruise to the Model T museum and Candle factory in Centerville Indiana about a 65 mile run one way. Nice trip and some rain was had, but all survived and were none the worst for the wear. Some more supper runs and Ice Cream was again the highlight of the night.

Thursday 7-24-2011 the NATS have finally started and with lots of fun to be had by all, here we go.....The cruise for today is to the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. This was also escorted again by the Dayton Police all the way. There was lots of walking and way too much to see in one trip. The supper cruise for this day is a run to the north side of Dayton on SR 48 with about 45 buckets to a real cool Pizza Grill & Lounge. There was lots of benchracing done in the parking lot along with renewing friendships and making new ones.

Friday 7-25 started with another Police escorted cruise to the DD Restoration Shop north of Dayton. About 70 buckets made this cruise and enjoyed a great Hamburger Burn by the Boy Scouts along with a real interesting tour of a very nice shop & some very nice HIGH Dollar cars. Some Rain on the way back to Dayton but not enough to dampen (pun intended) the cruise. Many things happened all week at the NATS but this story would get way too long for the newsletter if I made mention of them all.

Saturday was the best weather day of the whole week. I think Big Bill must have connections somewhere because with the Cold Stone Creamery truck in the parking lot along with 140 T



Buckets and nice sunny weather what more could you ask for..... O' yes you could ask for Brisket & Chicken cooked on site, in the parking lot, for supper, and that would be a very fitting finish to one of the greatest NATS I have been too. thanks to T-Odd for the two photos) Way too soon it is time to say goodbye to all the family but that is what always happens at the end of the NATS and the

loading and leaving began for another year.

Sunday saw the rain come back early in the morning and was going to make the first 100 miles or so pretty wet driving. Our trip got as far as Rolla (I knew he had pull in Missouri) MO for the night at the KOA with Harvey & Angie, weelstang & Wanda & of course the little Angel who rides with me.. Supper was some real good pork ribs and tater salad.

Weelstang & Wanda pulled out early Monday in a driving rain storm for the run to Artesia. We stayed back with Harv & Angie until the rain let up some and then drove to Tulsa OK for the evening to do some work for the company on Tuesday. We stayed at the KOA in Claremont OK for the evening.



Tuesday found us leaving Tulsa driving to Ardmore OK for a visit with Angel's cousins. We stayed in Ardmore until Thursday then drove to Harvey & Angie's for the night and to deliver bucket parts from RPM to Rocking T in Amarillo Texas.

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Artesia, NM Mini Nationals Sept. 8-10 2011



Artesia Mini Nats 2011

Sept-9/10-2011

Here we go again on a NTBA Mini Nats in Southeast New Mexico.

The Fun began on Thursday with the arrival in Artesia of several T Buckets, one 1956 Ford pickup & a 1934 Chevy powered Ford from Texas. When the Pinky T unloaded at

the motel around 5:30 the first of many cruises took place to supper. It was a great night cruising to Hagerman for supper at Piccolino's. Real nice weather (no rain) and great meal with Family Members of the NTBA.....What



more could you ask for Around 10:00 on Friday 9-8 we all met at wheelstang's shop and departed for a cruise to Carlsbad NM for lunch and Ice Cream. Great weather, again (no rain) and real good food. Did I mention Ice Cream and cruising, only 110 miles for lunch & Ice Cream.... We got back to Artesia about



3:00pm with plenty of time to get in line for the Homecoming Parade at 4:00 pm. this is the largest Homecoming Parade we have taken part in with the New Mexico Mini Nats fun run . After

the parade it was time to regroup at weelstang's shop for the supper cruise to Loco Hills and BBQ.



Great food and no rain again real nice cruising back to Artesia to get some much needed sleep for the big cruise & money give away on Saturday 9-10-2011.

Saturday began with the rain I was afraid might show up in the place it never rains.....Artesia..... Not much rain and not enough to dampen the spirit and fun in store for the 30 cars on this run to the mountains. We will be going from 3300 feet



above Sea Level to around 7000 feet in about 100 miles. The cruise started a little cool but we all bundled up and off we go.....About 60 miles into the cruise we took a break for legs and Butts..... some benchracing was also done while we got ready for the last 40 miles to Mayhill



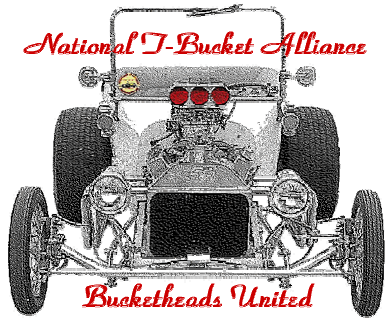
In Mayhill NM we were treated to a great hamburger lunch and \$6500 dollars was given away.....For the Supper on Friday in Loco Hills and the Lunch in Mayhill on Saturday there was no charge to the participants because they were paid for by a sponsor. So not only did you get a chance for part of 6500 bucks you got lunch & Supper again what more could you ask for..... After the drawing we made our way back to Artesia for the end of a very successful Fun Run. As usual there were many more meals eaten from Thursday until the last Bucket left on Sunday because as you know we “drive to eat and eat to drive”.

Until next year all the Artesia Bucketeheads Thank all of you that made the drive to join us at the 2011 New Mexico Mini Nats. Lets do it again in 12 months.....

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