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Has the summer blown by or is it just me? Seems not that long ago we were together in Chattanooga and now we are a few months from the new year. I want to cover a couple of things that I have been reading about on the boards so all are on the same page regarding changes that are taking place. I would also ask if you have a question or an issue with something go to the source of the issue or someone who can resolve it or at least give you a valid answer. ALL officers are available via Private Message on the board, Personal Email, or by phone. Many of you know from experience, I will call you back and you will get a response to your emails. I assure you all of your current officers feel the same way.

Okay, with that said here goes: We will have "A Database" of the members and past members, along with "Bucket Buddies" available through the MOBBS side of the boards very soon. We have had the database all along and it is being used by several folks on a daily basis. What we are working on is a new web-based interface that is user friendly and very functional. It will only be available through MOBBS to protect the personal information of our members AND will only include Name, City, State and Contact phone numbers. ADDRESSES WILL NOT be included. I have heard some say "It's been 3 month" and this or that is not done.. Correct is has been "ONLY" three months and we are continuing to move forward and address those things that need fixed. It's hard to remember back 10-12 years but I can assure you what we had in the past was developed over a few years, not a few months. The other thought is rather than making knee jerk reactions that we regret down the road we are discussing the concerns, issues, and problems then addressing them in the manner that is best LONG TERM for the NTBA.

NEWSLETTERS!!! These are you the members, not the officers, not Dean, our editor.. They are yours to create so the rest of the club knows what is happening in other areas of the country. On the boards, I read about the shows in Artesia, Fred's Fun Run, the NTTB BBQ, the Mini at the Lake, John Ashlocks BBQ and various shows that take place around the country. PLEASE take a few photos and drop a paragraph or two to Dean so he can share it with everyone. THIS is what will enhance our membership, the website, and our pleasure of being members of the NTBA. The more fun people see being had around the country, the more they want to come be a part of it.

CARSON CITY NATS!!! Hats off to the team that Gilbert has assembled to put on this event in Carson City next June. All of the information we have to date is posted on the website, along with the registration form, tentative itinerary, hotel and camping information. There was conversation at John's BBQ, where there may be two trailers heading west hauling about 18 cars which will considerably lower the cost of these folks to make it to NATS. This looks to be an awesome event that you are not going to want to miss.

As fall takes over and, for many of us, the cruising season winds down, Be Safe and Have Fun!
Rolla

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15th Annual NTBA Nationals	Carson City, NV	June 19-22, 2013	www.nationaltbucketalliance.com

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THE EPIC WYOMING TREK

BY ANGIE MILTON

The girl scouts from Camp Mary White decided it was time for another reunion so they sent out the invitations. One of the recipients was Chromedome! It seems he is an honorary girl scout



because of his horse wrangling abilities. Where is the reunion? Worland, Wyoming of course! So after much discussion on the mode of transport to arrive at the reunion, it was decided we would hook the trailer to the t-bucket, fill it up with all of our essentials and drive from Nazareth, Texas to Worland, Wyoming. The morning of July 18 came quickly and at 7:30 A.M. , we were off. Our destination for day



one was Trinidad, Colorado. After our first bout of road construction, we arrived in Trinidad with plenty of time to tour the town. It turned out Sonic was next door to the motel so; we did partake of some ice cream. The next morning, we were on the road at 7. After several miscues, we ended up finding highway 50 and then 24. After being on 24 and planning on being it for a while, we encountered the sign that said it was closed for all through traffic. So, we had to modify our plans and ended up on I-70 long before wanting to. For all of you planning on the 2013 NATS, we found the scenery and the tunnels on I-70 absolutely wonderful. It was a very nice drive without heavy traffic. We did encounter several trying to hitch hike in the name of bees.



Yes, one of us must have been sweet as one rode with us for over 20 miles.... We finished the day in Rifle, Colorado after 8 hours in the bucket. From Rifle to Riverton, Wyoming, the scenery was beautiful and the oil leak we picked up on day one seemed to get worse. We arrived in Riverton without much fanfare besides laundry and leaking oil. Saturday morning we got up to wash the oil off the car and trailer and to find a lift to see if Chromedome could fix the oil leak. We found a lift by the car wash. The mechanic had no issues with Chrome using their lift and even helped

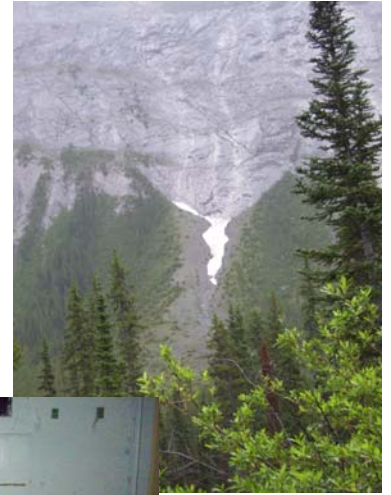
him figure out the problem. After putting new washers and liquid gasket on 3 of the screws, the leak seemed to go away. The cost? "Pay it forward." A way of life we all need to live. Off to Thermopolis to the hot springs we went. After touring the springs, we ventured on to Worland for day one of the reunion. After spending 4 days with friends and reminiscing the days past (52 years), it was time to say goodbye to good friends and move on. Wednesday, the 25th, found us travelling from Worland to Great Falls, Mon-



tana as we decided we needed to go to Banff, Alberta, Canada! The drive, once again, was beautiful. I don't think you can drive any of the trail we have taken without finding beauty! On the 26th, we drove from Great Falls to Calgary via Route 89 in the US. Oh what wonders did we see! We had to



tour Glacier National Park. Some of the sights will about take your breath away. The mountains, rivers, lakes, flowers, trees....the wondrous creations are a true sight to see especially in a t-bucket! After spending the night in Calgary, we headed to Canmore as it is less expensive than Banff. We went to Sulphur Mountain and rode the gondola and toured Banff on foot. Yes, we parked the t-bucket and it did receive a parking ticket. Ted, you are going to take care of it, 'eh?! After



a good night's sleep in Canmore, we did the Glacier Ice-



fields northwest of Banff. Oh, the Canadian Rockies~ WOW!

say? Absolutely, magnificent! There is no do the Icefields in the a t-bucket. Spectacular!



What can we nificantly, better way to summer than

The wild flowers... Rose, we already miss you. Saturday evening found us packing everything once again into the trailer so we could make the ride back home easy when it came to checking in and out of a motel baggage wise. Sunday evening found us in Bozeman, Montana after hiking to pick up the missing alternator and bolt. Yes, the alternator fell off the bucket. A nice Canadian lady helped us out and after sitting on the side of the road for 30 minutes or so, we were back on the road. From Bozeman to Greeley, Colorado on Monday, nothing really spectacular happened besides a few sprin-

kles and lots of people wanting to take pictures. From Greeley to the Texas Panhandle, not much exciting happened. We arrived home to 102 degrees outside and 94 inside.



Would we make this trek in a t-bucket again? Heck ya but the bucket is going to have to have doors!



Credits for this outing:

Lincolnut for offering to drive the tow vehicle. Sorry we didn't need you Mike.

Lavelle Tunnell for teaching us how to pack. Now to figure out

the shoes!

Norm Benton for the margarita recipe so we could serve the girl scouts margaritas.

John Brown for keeping us apprised of all the news.

John Ashlock for sharing Rose with us on our travels back home. I know she was riding with us when we lost the alternator as we weren't even going 5 mph when we lost it.

Mary Ann for the umbrella...It sure came in handy when the snaps quit on us!

All of the t-bucket folks out there: You supported and rallied for us on our journey. Boy, was it ever a journey! Each and every bucket head needs to experience this!!



manmade tunnels in Canada. They were built over the road....



the hot springs in Thermopolis Wyoming



Umbrella holding the side curtain!



girl scout trying to look like Chrome!

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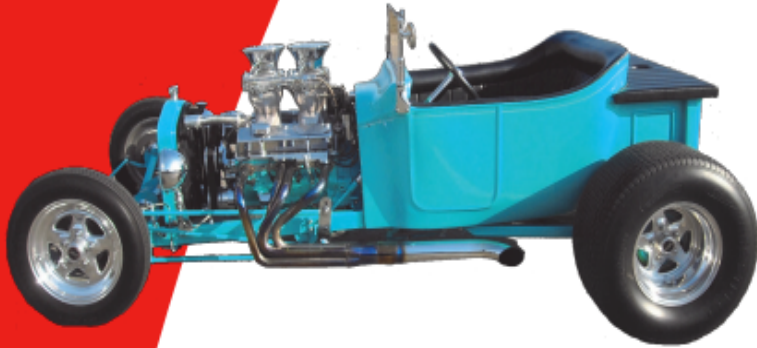
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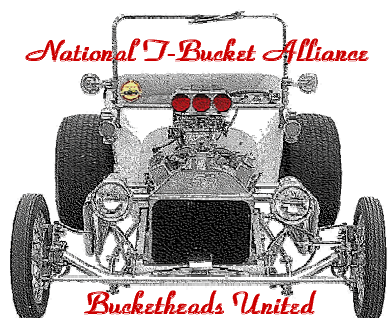


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