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Another year has passed and the chill of winter has been felt throughout the country. I have enjoyed seeing some of the comments on the website regarding snow fall and cold temps, along with those braving the cold and enjoying their rides!! I want to thank Dean McClure who has been the editor for our newsletter for the past few years. Due to personal reasons, Dean requested that we find a new editor and I am pleased to announce that Mike Blanche, aka "TUB T," has agreed to take over this task for our club. I appreciate Mike's willingness to take over this important job!!

The newsletter is YOURS!! It is YOUR news that makes it successful and interesting for all to read. There are a few folks that are very gracious about providing pictures and articles to be included. ALL of us can be contributing articles and pictures. Two things that are common at ANY gathering are people and cameras. When you attend an event or gathering in your area, write a short article about it and get it to Mike so it can be included in a newsletter. One question that has come up in the past is how often we should put out a newsletter so I would ask that you share your thoughts with us on the website. We are considering bi-monthly, depending on the amount of articles and information we get to fill them, so the more you send, the more Mike can put out!!

In a few short months we will be gathering in Ocala Florida for our Eastern Regional event. Dewey, aka "Spark Plug," has been working tirelessly to set up an awesome event for us to enjoy! If you click on the link on the homepage of our website you will find all of the information for this event as well as others coming up this year. I hope to see many of you in Ocala, but if not there, we will see you at one of the many events being held this year. Be sure to look your cars over, tighten all the bolts, check the fluid levels, air up the tires and BE SAFE!!

Rolla Hessel
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Event Calendar

2014 Eastern Regional	Ocala, FL	April 24-26	See Website
2014 Nationals	Branson, MO/ Mt Home, AR	June 22-29, 2014	See Website
2014 Western Regional	Yakima, WA	August 21-23	See Website

If you have an event you would like in the event calendar, send the info to:
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The Nevada 2013 Nationals — Part 2

Thursday June 20, 2013. If you did not read the first three pages in the last newsletter, go back and do so. Then you will know where this story is going.

Great day again in Carson City and as most of the attendees made a run to Virginia City and Reno, we wanted to go south a little bit to see the town of Genoa and the early V8 Ford club that happens to be having their Nationals in and around Lake Tahoe this week. Today was their cruise/lunch in Genoa, so the Pinky T and the Yelot decided to explore the oldest city in Nevada and look at some great old Fords on our own.

The first stop was at the Genoa Courthouse, the Birth Place of Nevada in 1851, according to the sign. This was a really neat museum with lots of history and things to see. You should take all day to be able to see it all. I almost got thrown in the jail house but managed to stay just a little bit in front of the law.



This was a very entertaining cruise and the ice cream was pretty good, to boot. Yes, John and I found the local ice cream joint. Back at the hotel after lunch, lots of the buckets were back in the parking lot, and so we again opened the registration room for the afternoon.

Friday, and it's time for the yearly NTBA National Meeting at the host hotel with lots of Bucketheads in attendance. I really want to thank the officers that voted to name Angel and me to the NTBA Hall of Fame as we think that is a real honor in this club. Thank you, Rolla and the rest of the Board. Thanks were also given to Gilbert and Mary Ann for the great Nats/Show they have put on this year. Just to let you know, they had never been to a NTBA Nationals before!!! Lots of thanks all around to the other folks that had a hand in making the whole Nats go smooth. Thanks, Angie, for the advance planning and hard work.



After the meeting in the morning, it was soon time for the Poker Run/cruise to Dayton, Virginia City and back to Carson City. We tagged along behind to take photos and just enjoy the cruise. On the way back to Carson City we had to make a stop at the Bunny Ranch for a photo op, and I reckon you could tour the place, if you know what I mean! Lunch and REST was needed the remainder of the day for us.

Saturday, and the Show & Shine was to begin soon after breakfast. Lots of raffles and things to do in the park on the south side of town for the Show & Shine. Valve Cover and Mouse Trap races, large amounts of bench racing and, of course, lots of food was enjoyed all day. The end of the 2013 National came at about 3 p.m., after all the door prizes and 50/50 money was given away. Again, one of the best Nationals was in the books and all that was left to do was say the goodbys and no one likes those!





On Sunday, June 22, 2013, we started the trip home behind most everyone else and in a much different direction than most. We elected to take US 50 east through Nevada and into Utah all the way to I-70 east from the middle of Utah, and boy, was it a very interesting trip! One I would not take anytime soon, but it was well worth it this time. Some really outstanding views and many many mountain passes. You can ask the little Angel how big some of those were, but I thought they were great. (Editor's note: US 50 across Nevada is often called "the loneliest highway in the United States. On it, don't pass up a chance to eat, go to the bathroom, or fuel up!) After a night in Ely, Nevada, and another night in Moab, Utah, we finally crossed back into New Mexico. We had done 3500 miles so far on this trip, but we had one more night to spend and visit with some friends in Bloomfield, New Mexico. Really enjoyed that visit and supper but it is about time to go home.

Thursday it was only 444 miles to the house, so here we go for a pretty uneventful run south/southeast across New Mexico and the completion of a great 20 day National trip. Dang, I am already looking forward to either the trip to Washington or Florida and then the Nationals in Mountain Home, Arkansas, in 2014. If you missed the last 15 Nationals, don't miss this next one; it's a gonna be great again, I just know it. See you there in 2014.....

Mike (lincoln) Wade..

Notes from the editor: Many of you know me. I've been a member of the NTBA since 2000. I bought the Tub T from John Ashlock that Spring and attended the Nationals that year in Hannibal, MO. The next year I had the Tub running (most of the time), and I, too, started a long run of enjoyable trips to the Nationals each year, missing only two along the way. In 2013, I sold the Tub T before the Nationals and spent the week of Nationals going to Alabama to pick up our new T, a 1926 Tudor, from another NTBA member. We hope to have it in a condition that we can drive it to the Branson and Mountain Home events this summer.

As Rolla said in his notes, we have hopes of expanding the online version of this newsletter. There are still people who get the newsletter in the mail, and we're more or less limited in the size we can mail, but many members download the newsletter in PDF format, and we aren't so limited there. We would like to include many more articles about local events, rebuilds (isn't that what winter is for?), tech articles, etc. But, to be able to do that, we need the information you can send us. You can e-mail articles to me, along with attached photos, and I can put them in a format that will work here. (Send me a separate "clean" e-mail that you are sending me something, so my spam filter doesn't panic.) I do reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and I may even have to adjust the length of the articles, but we do want to put in as much as possible. I see on Facebook and on our web site that a lot of things are going on, but we just aren't getting contributions sent in. I hope to see stuff from every corner of the country, and on every type of T. This is my first edition of the newsletter, so I hope you enjoy it and look forward to what we hope will come in the future. —Mike Blanche



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