



May 2026 President's Message



During the LBMTTC tour to In and Out Burger on April 18, 2026, I had the opportunity to ride with my friend, Curt Sibley. Curt purchased a 1915 Touring on Ebay about 20 years ago and refers to his Model T as Ol' Knocky.

On the way to In and Out Burger, Curt reached down to switch the key from battery to magneto. Somehow the key fell out as it reached the off position. The key dropped onto the floor mat. Ol' Knocky immediately knew that something was wrong.

Curt, "Carl! Quick put the key back in!"

In a panic, I fumbled at first but was able to insert the key and switch to magneto. With only a couple of seconds to spare, the engine came to life.

A second surprise soon arose when we heard a loud noise and exhaust fumes/smoke started to pour from the floorboards. We pulled into a parking lot and Curt quickly discovered that the exhaust pack nut had come off. Jeff Hood opened the toolbox on his running board and an exhaust pack nut wrench was right on top! Thanks, Jeff! We drove the rest of the way with a very loud exhaust system and tightened the exhaust pack nut at In and Out Burger after it had a chance to cool down.

These incidents are part of the adventure and memories. I will also remember countless people smiling, waving, and honking horns at 100+ years old Model T's driving down the road in their neighborhood. We are quickly approaching June and July which will be very busy for LBMTTC. Please check the Cranking Calendar!

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