

Chickasha 2011

Hi HCR Builders,

This has been my fourth Chickasha Swap Meet. In the past years we faced rain & cold winds & last year, an early departure due to an incoming blizzard but there were no disappointments this year, the weather was picture perfect. Being an early arrival, I witnessed on Wednesday afternoon at least 200 vendors waiting to get through the gates of the grounds.

No sooner did they get in the parking area, the vendors were bartering & purchasing items between themselves, so much so, that it seemed like a virtual feeding frenzy. While Dave Hughes & I made our way between the vendor's trucks & trailers taking pictures for this special issue, I spotted Dale Kelmerer of Oregon. Thinking that Dale being a REO specialist that furnished me with the frame dimensions for my own REO replica project might put me in touch with the right person to furnish me with the only missing piece for my REO replica build, I went over to chat with him.

After greeting Dale, I started telling him that I was looking for the top hood cover to complete my REO build, when I spotted one inside of the P/U bed of a fellow he was talking to. Asking Dale about it, he quickly told me that it belonged to the other guy who was trying to sell it along with the hood for \$300. I quickly asked the fellow if he would part with it & he stated that it went with the hood. To make a long story short, the hood cover came back with me to Louisiana for a small sum & the hood stayed in his P/U.

These are the kind of buys one can make at these swap meets. Dave was also able to snag some great buys. I also picked up a spare Model T steering column, complete with frame bracket & pitman arm for \$10, the drag link & tie rod for another \$5 and a brass radiator for my Speedster build for \$100.

All together there were five HCR Members there including Dave & I. We were also joined for lunch by John Masters, author of the CDO Service Manual "1901-1905 Curved Dash Oldsmobile".

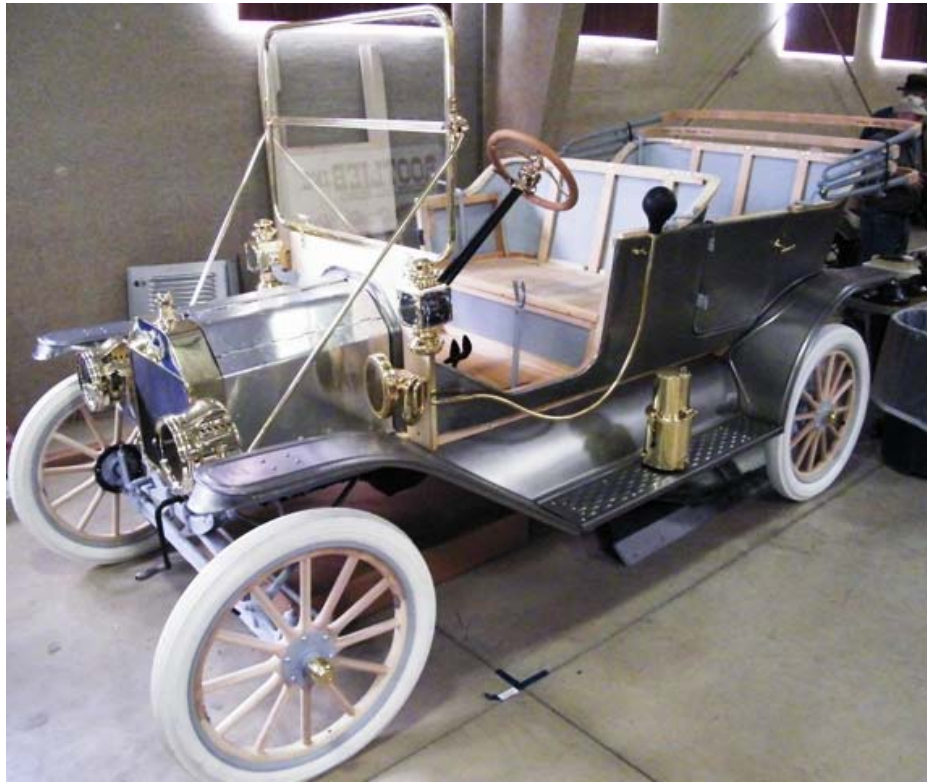
We returned to the Swap Meet grounds around 7 am on Thursday & had a full day of shopping, seeing the sights & meeting various friends we had met the years before. All together, a very productive adventure.....:)

I hope you all enjoy the pictures of the meet,

Lee Thevenet
Dave Hughes

The following pictures were taken by Dave Hughes....





A fine example of the brand new sheet metal now available to builders & restorers. This Ford T Touring was completely built using newly manufactured sheet metal. The display above was by Rootlieb Inc.



A close look on top of the hood, reveals a similar cover to the one I purchased from the owner of this 1906 REO B Runabout.....Lee

Did someone mention they wanted wheels?





Are you wishing you had been there yet?

This was Dave's little catch of much needed parts...
Check out the price on the wheel with the tag....



Saying good bye to dear friends is always hard to do!

Dave & I hope you have enjoyed the tour in pictures & we hope you will
join us next year for the Pre War Swap Meet in Chickasha, OK

Lee & Dave