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### Model T Short Story, Killarney

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I met Jerry in Spain and the subject got on to Model T's.

The last rally was held by Jerry and Onagh in Callan and a very successful rally it was.

It was decided to leave my 1914 Model T with him to have the hood sorted, he has found a guy in Kilkenny to do such work, all went well then the hood supports had to be sorted.

It was decided to fit a starter and ring gear etc. to make life easier going forward oh and better sort out the clutch at the same time to save me having to jack up the back axel for cold starting.

There and then we rang Tuckett for the necessary parts.

I rang Bill Cuddy and asked him if he had a ring gear, he said no that they were all locked up until Christmas, we talked on and then I asked him again, after awhile he realised that I was looking for a ring gear and not a reindeer, he keeps those locked up for the amusement of his grandchildren at Christmas time.

Next Jerry advises me the timber firewall is gone and will have to be replaced, then the goods arrived from U.K, the hogs head was blasted and painted as promised but unfortunately was broken and not fit for use.

I told Jerry this is a good time to padlock your tongue.

Eventually all is progressing according to plan and to be ready for Killarney then disaster struck.

As soon as painting started it was discovered that the existing paint was unsuitable and would need going back to bare metal to do a good job, that's the programme gone out the window.

Jerry's friend from N.I a Banker was down for Killarney, I asked him if I should notify the Bank that Jerry was repairing my Model T and that the work was extending on a weekly basis.

I managed for Killarney by getting a loan of Jerry's other car 1914 similar to my own, very convenient indeed, now that is what Brothers are for.

I called Jerry to find out if I would need to charge the battery, he said that he was working on a complete battery operated model but that for the present I would still have to use petrol.

Then I rang Brendan Dowling in Malaga, he had used the car on Jerry's rally to know if he had left the car back full of petrol. I know he is used to hiring cars and this is normal, you get it full and return it full, he said no, he left it back full of water and could not find the petrol tank. O.K. I said check your Credit Card now it will cost you double.

During the Killarney run Jerry's car produced a rather disturbing noise from the engine, now I fear this may interfere with the major works that are ongoing on my car!

Who would think that a 104 year old car could be such a talking point.

It is easy to keep us happy.

Entertain only *Positive Thoughts*

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