



Calendar of Events

September 2011

15 General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.

October 2011

20 General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.

November 2011

11 Veterans Day Parade
(either Apache Junction or Mesa)

17 General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.

East Valley Model T Ford Club
230 S Val Vista Rd
Apache Junction AZ 85119



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As another summer comes to a close and the activities of the East Valley Model T Ford Club crank up again, it's time to pass on to the other members what events you want to participate in. Every idea is worth considering. For instance, The "Blast From the Past" car show in Kearny that is listed in this newsletter. Not really a location you would want to tour to with your T - we would trailer there. It is a location many of you may not have been to, but we do have a very active member from there- Jim Huggins. Maybe we could go up on Friday, camp or stay in a motel and make a weekend of it. Some of us don't like to have to pay to show our cars, so maybe the club should consider donating the entry fee. Just one idea for consideration. What is your idea?

Don't forget to consider nominating someone for the Bob Wildman award. This will be the first award and there are several members worthy of serious consideration. You don't have to go it alone to prepare the nomination if you don't feel you are a good writer, ask someone like minded to help.

As my term as President nears the end, you should also be considering who you would like to nominate as our new President. We have several members that would do a great job. Sometimes we don't see a person's potential until they are given an opportunity to demonstrate it.

Lynn and I should be arriving back in Arizona around mid October this year. Looking forward to seeing you there.

See you on the road, Austin

EVMTFC WEBSITE

Stay connected with the East Valley Model T Ford Club on the web at:

evmtfc.com

To see the monthly newsletter or any of the following information, click on the corresponding tab and keep up with what's happening.

Home Page including Upcoming Events
About EVMTFC
Contacts Information
Membership Application
Newsletters

This site is a perfect tool to use when bragging to your friends and family about all the fun and activities you're involved in with the East Valley Model T Ford Club.

MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

The East Valley Model T Ford Club is a Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. At least **50%** of our members must be members of the national club to keep our free liability insurance. Membership in the MTFCA includes six issues of *The Vintage Ford* and a vote for the Board of Directors. Dues are \$35 annually. Life memberships are available.

Are your dues paid up? Most MTFCA memberships expire at times other than the end of the calendar year, so be sure to renew your membership in the MTFCA when due. If your MTFCA member number is not listed on the roster, please call Austin with the number. The number is shown on your mailing label when you receive your Vintage Ford magazine. You may also be carrying a membership card in your wallet which has the number on it.

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Online membership form:

<http://www.mtfca.com/clubpages/joinamember.htm>



**MAY 7—MESA
POWER SQUARE MALL
VINTAGE CAR SHOW**

submitted by Bert Diehl, Jr.

Most of my time has been spent back in New England the last two years. All things come to an end at some point and so it was with employment in Connecticut. Finished work on April 30th and drove across the US of A to the 'ranch' in Mesa arriving late in the afternoon on May 3rd. It's always nice to be back home, but this one was special because I didn't have to go back to the 'land of hardly any sun'.

It was hard being away from the family, my very own pile of hay to sleep on and of course the old cars. Tough not having a garage to disappear into for a few hours at a clip and I missed the smell of oil, gas, cleaning solvent, and wax. Darned near as capturing as the smell of Chanel No. 5!

Still don't have the '26 T Roadster running and the '30 Coupe needed some work but the '30 Town Sedan and '40 Tudor were running so that meant I was ready for a car show and hoping to make a few of them before the Arizona summer temperatures reduced time spent with the ol' Fords to the early morning hours of the day. Just luv's Arizona but it sure does get warm in the summer!

Heard about the Power Square Mall Car Show on May 7th from several different sources. The location was right although the time, i.e. 10 AM to 2 PM gave reason for pause since the forecast temperature was a hunnert degrees. Not sure I was ready for that, but the lure of a car show was just too much.

Dusted off the Town Sedan and headed for the Power Square Mall on the southeast corner of Power and Baseline. Pulled into the parking lot at about 9:40 AM to find quite a few cars already in the display area. Included in the 'herd' was a T Roadster. Just had to check that one out as I hadn't seen it before. I'll be a sunny beach if the car didn't belong to Jim Huggins from Kearny. Ronnie Johnston (another EVMTFC member from Superior) came along for support and enjoyment. Nice talking to the both of them and it was great to see Jim's '24 Roadster. You just don't know who you might meet at a car show!

Did a quick walk around the other cars and then parked myself in a folding chair up in the shade along the south side of the mall building. Didn't take long for the sun to melt the shade and drive most of us to a couple of sun shades provided by the show organizers in front of a lone musician playing his guitar and crooning. Since most of us car show folks are pretty far along in maturity a lot the music was from the 50's, 60's and 70's but his range was pretty good. We heard a wide variety of selections from Merle Haggard and Marty Robbins to Frank Sinatra.

As each car arrived we were handed a goody bag from the Vanity Fair, a \$10 gift card, and a raffle ticket. Raffle prizes were drawn around noon time and again just before the end of the show, i.e. 2 PM. They raffled off some nice gifts and a few of us lucky drivers drove home with more goodies in our cars than what we came with.

The Power Square Mall Show is taking a break for the summer but they intend to be back in the fall when the cooler temperatures migrate into our area again. If you haven't been and you've got the time suggest you consider attending the show. It's a pleasant way to spend a few hours in the company of other car peoples.

**MAY 20—SCOTTSDALE
WEDDING CHAUFFEUR**

submitted by Steve Nissle

I had the great pleasure of transporting a lovely bride & groom from their wedding reception in DC ranch to their hotel, the Marriott Desert Ridge.

It really started out the previous Saturday when a few of the members were at my home assisting in working on my T's. Thank you to Joe, John, Dave, Steve Linney and George Elms! I am glad we took a look at the 23 touring's ignition system because we found spark plug wires shorting out, loose connections and who knows how good the coils were working. Joe took the coils home and did a once over on them proclaiming they are now working super! I dismantled the coil box and cleaned the contacts and tightened it up. I got the coils back at the Thursday meeting ...the bride and groom transport was the next night!

Some of the members told me they were available to help put the car back together but I was up at 5:30am and within 1 ½ hours she was running great! I cleaned and washed her and we were ready for the evening! You guys are really great! Thank you for your help and friendship!

The bride, Ashley, had made contact with the club and I volunteered to take my 23 touring and chauffeur her and her husband from their reception on Friday May 20th. I spoke to her about 2-4 times and we emailed back and forth a few times to get the details organized for her big day! We agreed that I would pick the two of them up at 11:15 pm.

I trailered my Touring to North Scottsdale just north of the 101 off on Pima to the reception sight. Dianne went with me and just as we arrived around 10:45 pm, the bride called and asked if we could leave a little earlier. I said sure! The bride and groom were greeted to a sparkler exit and we gathered around the Model T for a few photos before we got in and traveled the 6-7 miles to the resort. It was uneventful... Dianne followed with the car and trailer. The evening was absolutely perfect!

The weather was ideal for a late night T ride! After we dropped them off, I loaded up the T and we stopped at In-N-Out for a late burger and fries! We got home about 1 am! It is always a treat to have others ride in the T and enjoy the nostalgia!

**MAY 28—MESA
CRUZIN' MAIN**
submitted by Steve Nissle

May 28th was an incredible day weather wise here in Mesa, Arizona! Only in the 90's! Saturday at about 5pm Steve Nissle and Dave Veres met at Main and Center in Mesa to secure a parking spot for the club.

We selected a great spot for just 5 cars right in front of De la Cruz Bistro on the North West corner of Main and Center. It was perfect! Within 30 minutes we had 5 cars!

Those who came and drove their cars were Steve Nissle, Dave Veres, Steve Linney, John Peterson and Bill Davisson with his Model A. Yes! Steve Linney drove his Speedster! He said he was taking it easy and not driving it fast! Right. Does that mean 65 mph and not 75 mph?

The restaurant invited us to sit under their covered tables right next to our cars and then kept us with free soda all evening! We ordered dinner and enjoyed the evening together. There were very few cars of any older vintage or hot rods even "cruzin". We talked with a few people strolling Main who, of course, were intrigued with our 'T's'.

It was a perfect location, perfect weather, perfect friends and perfect cars! We all agreed this would be a great activity next March or April when we could round up more of you before you leave for your summer homes!

LOCAL CLUB EVENTS

FUTURE EVENTS AND TOURS

To all members—make your desires known—sponsor an event—you don't have to do it alone, there are others who are willing to help. Think up something fun you want to do and let the rest of us enjoy it with you!!

This is a family club where the more that participate, the more fun it is. Let Austin know what you would like to do. Remember, even if you don't have a T, we like you to participate. Many times others have available seats and are willing to have others ride along.

**Arizona
turns 100
years old
February 14,
2012.**



GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be provided by:

September 15th—

October 20th—

November 17th— Poppes

January 19th— Gratoms

February 16th—

March 15th—

April 19th—

May 17th—

Please let Austin know which month you would be able to bring "light" refreshment snacks to our "General Meetings". You could also team up with another couple.

BOB WILDMAN AWARD

The Bob Wildman Award is the highest honor the East Valley Model T Ford Club can bestow on one of its members. Bob was a charter member of the Club. Always willing to help in any way he could at club events, he readily lent a helping hand to individual members as well, even if it was something totally unrelated to the Model T. He loved to drive his T and participated in as many events as possible. A very giving and special person, Bob was the first deceased active member of the East Valley Model T Ford Club.

The Bob Wildman Award will be given each year to the member who, in the opinion of the Award Committee, has contributed the most of him/her self to the club.

To nominate a deserving candidate, write to the Award Committee outlining your candidate's contributions and telling why you think he or she is deserving of the award. Even if your candidate is not selected, just being nominated is an honor in itself. Nominations should be in narrative form and may include other documentation such as pictures, news articles, etc.

Nominations must be submitted to a member of the Board of Directors no later than November 30th. The Board of Directors will be the Awards Committee. The award will be presented at the Christmas party.

UPCOMING OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

CRUISE INS...are regularly scheduled weekly or monthly car gatherings. Please confirm information before relying on it, locations and times can change without notice. A car club event, whether a show, race or cruise-in, is always great fun for the individual or family. Check the links for time and place, and the calendar, for weekly "cruisin'-ins".

<http://nationwidecarshows.com/index.php?page=cruiseins&stateid=AZ&cityid=Phoenix>

**SEPTEMBER 17—SURPRISE
1st ANNUAL FALLEN OFFICERS
CHARITY CAR SHOW**

Event host: Arizona Rod & Classic Car Club Inc
Location: Golden Corral, 17674 N Litchfield,
Surprise AZ

7:30 am—12 pm

Event Entry Fee: \$25 pre-registration only.

Limited space - pre registration only. All pre registration must be received by September 14th. Registration open to all makes, models, years, cars, trucks & motorcycles. Top ten plus Best of Show and Ladies Choice. Each registration will receive one event t-shirt, dash plaque, goody bag & two 50% off meal tickets for Golden Corral. Parking will start at 7 am.

Contact Jerry 480-577-4861.

<http://www.azrodandclassic.com/download/FallenOfficersRegistration.pdf>

**SEPTEMBER 17—GLOBE
CV CLASSIC AUTO SHOW**

Event host: Cobre Valley Regional Medical Ctr.

Location: 5880 S Hospital Drive

Registration 8-9am; Show 9am—1pm

\$20 early registration; \$25 day of show.

8 classes, cars and trucks combined: pre 30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81-90, 90+. One class for motorcycles. Class winners will receive a plaque.

T-shirts will be given to each driver. There will also be a best of show plaque and a peoples choice plaque. 50/50 raffle to support the Hospital Foundation. Lunch stand on-site for participants to purchase food and drink.

This classic auto show is being held in conjunction with the CVRMC Health Fair. FREE health screenings. Get checked while your vehicle is being judged. "Race to Your Health" at the CV Classic Auto Show in Globe, Arizona.

Contact: Randy 928-402-1242

http://www.cvrmc.org/docs/car_show_flyer_sept_2011.pdf

<http://www.cvrmc.org/docs/RegistrationForm.pdf>

OCTOBER 1—KEARNY BLAST FROM THE PAST CAR SHOW

Oktoberfest "Blast from the Past V"
Kearny AZ

8am—2:30 pm

\$25 per car event entry fee. Pre-Register by September 9th.

Event will be judged. Plaques for cars & trucks 1900-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 1980 & up. Best of Show, Muffler Rappin, Best of Copper Basin Trophies awarded. Best of Chevy, Ford and Mopar. Pre-register by Sept 9 to receive a t-shirt and dash plaque.

There will be a street fair that will open Friday, September 30 at 12 noon and also on Saturday, October 1 starting at 8 am with car show.

Food and merchant vendors, hotdog eating contest, firemans' chili cookoff, music, drawings & door prizes. Childrens activities, Salsa contest.

Car show chairman name is John Leep and can be reached at 623-202-5122.

<http://www.cruisearizona.com/oct1copperbasin.pdf>

OCTOBER 9 & NOVEMBER 13—MESA POWER SQUARE MALL VINTAGE CAR SHOW

Power Square Mall
2055 South Power Rd
Mesa AZ

Call the mall office at 480-361-3059 to confirm your registration and get details.

Space is limited. Complete registration form.

<http://powersquaremall.com/index.php?page=car-show-registration>

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

SWITCHEL: THE HAYMAKERS PUNCH by: Austin Graton

This is a very refreshing drink that was possibly developed in the Caribbean or Nova Scotia. This drink was very popular in New England in the 17 and 18 hundreds. It was an early energy drink that farmers used while working in the fields cutting hay. In those days haying was all done by hand with a scythe and pitch forks and was grueling work.

2 quarts cold spring water
1 1/2 cups cider vinegar
1 cup molasses
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon ginger

The above amounts can be varied to taste. Maple syrup was many times substituted for the sugar. Try it - it's great!



*Do you have
a favorite recipe?
Let us know and
we can share it in our
"Recipe of the Month".*

NATIONAL EVENTS

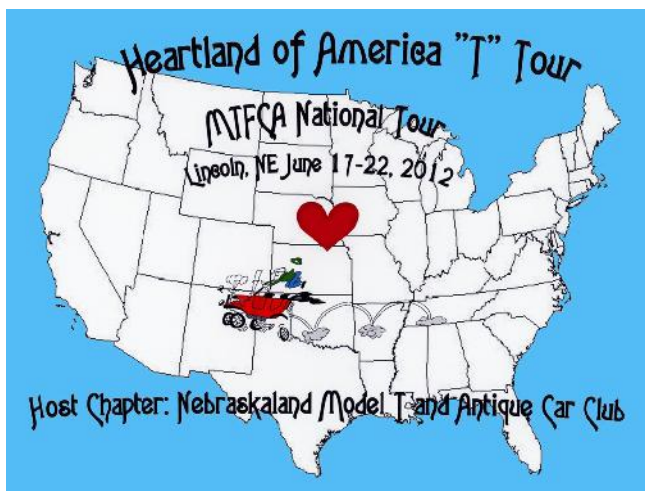
JUNE 17-22, 2012—LINCOLN, NEBRASKA HEARTLAND OF AMERICA NATIONAL MTFCA TOUR

Mark your calendars to join your fellow T members in Nebraska, for the MTFCA's 2012 National Tour hosted by the Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car Club.

Watch for more information in your Vintage Ford magazine. Space is limited. Send in your registration early.

Check the website often for more information.

<http://heartlandofamericattour.com/index.html>



JUNE 15-18—LINCOLN, NE 5th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SPEEDSTERS TRIALS & REUNION

by Mel Poppe

The reunion is a bi-annual meeting celebrating cars powered by pre-'35 side-valve Ford four-cylinder engines. It was held at the Smith Collection Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Nebraska. These speedsters were the earliest racecars, simple and affordable, one and two seat machines that were easily built using Model T and Model A engines.

Approximately thirty Speedsters, Model As and Model Ts from across the U.S. traveled 135 miles on rural paved roads from Lincoln to SAC Museum near Omaha. Members of the Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car Club, helped as turn marshalls for the tour. During a light rain in the morning, we tried to make sure no one missed their turn. After our tour through the Strategic Air Command Museum, we ate lunch at Round the Bend Steakhouse. In the afternoon it was a beautiful sunny drive back to Lincoln.

We toured Bill Smith's Speedway Motors Museum which is home to Kirk Wright's famous Model T. According to Joe Fellin, Kirk was a member of the Sun Country Club, and most of his T collection went to the Speedster Museum. We saw his "skinnin' wagon" that looked old and decrepid, but was very advanced mechanically. Joe said Kirk had a ticket once for going 100 mph on the freeway.

I helped fellow T club members inspect each car that was going to participate in the old fashioned hill climb the next day.

An exciting part of the event was our own club's speedster, that was built from scratch in a shop class at Lincoln Northeast High School under the guidance of the Nebraska Club members, participated in the tour. You may remember the four Nebraska guys who attended the National Meeting in Mesa in 2008 which EVMTFC hosted, and won the Youth Program Award for this project.

It was an interesting event and we had fun helping. Watch your Vintage Ford magazine for more photos and articles. If you get a chance to come to Nebraska, be sure to check out the Speedway Museum. Maybe we will see you next summer at the MTFCA National Tour in Lincoln, which the Nebraska club is hosting.

A MAN & HIS MODEL T*by Mel Poppe*

It all started when I was about 4 or 5 years old. My dad had a 1930 Model A. I loved to ride in it. My dad would come home from work at noon every day and my brothers and I would watch for him. He would stop at the end of the driveway to get the mail. When he jumped out to get the mail, we had to time it just right and be in the car when he came back and he would give us a ride to the house. It was almost a block but it was a ride. Since that time, when I would see a Model A or T, it would be a reminder. I told myself, "Mel someday you are going to have one of those."

Over the years I kept watching for the right one to come along at the right price. A friend of mine discovered this 1926 T Touring and it was for sale. I had just built myself a shop and was ready for it; problem was my shop was just a

shell of a building with dirt floors, no electricity and nothing much for equipment other than hand tools.

As I accumulated more equipment and put electricity and a cement floor in the shop, I began the disassembly and sandblasted the parts. The bottom 4-6 inches of the body was rusted out and had to be replaced. I didn't know much about body work so I went to night classes to learn how to weld body metal and reshape. It turned out very helpful to be able to use the school's metal brake and shears.

Here it is at last, after 13 years of taking it down to the frame and putting it back together again and completely overhauling the engine, transmission and differential. I took it out of the shop on June 27, washed the dust off that had been accumulating and took it on its maiden voyage of about 15 miles. It ran good and made it back on its own power. Top speed of about 38 mile an hour.

**Left Rear Quarter****Totally disassembled & sandblasted****September 1997****June 2011**

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
FOR SALE:**

The boss says "They've gotta go."

1966 Triumph TR4 A 90% restored. \$7,700.

1966 Mustang V/8 Coupe, A Code, Restoration started. \$5,400.

1964 Ranchero 6 Cylinder, Restoration started. \$4,600.

1953 Ford Victoria, 80% restored. Coronado Kit, Wide White Walls, Skirts. \$8,500.

I have various Model T parts for sale. I'm looking for 1915/1916 Model T fenders.

Call Steve Francois at 480-946-3590.

1917 Model T Roadster. Asking \$10,000. Call Paul Cocking at 480-981-0363, 7327 E. Baywood (Mesa East Park).

1924 Model T Speedster. Collen Varnson, House #23, 2055 Apache Wells Condos, McKellips & 56th St. Call 701-330-8651.

1931 Model A Ford Coupe w/rumble seat. All original and in very good condition. Everything works and she drives like new. Two tone green with black fenders. Asking \$14,500. Also have a complete Model A rear end for sale. Call Bob Sarraillon at 480-945-8700.

Assorted Model T parts such as hogs heads, heads, front & rear ends, frame, Model A crankshafts, etc. Call Austin at 480-288-0695.

Do you have any Model T parts for sale OR are you looking for specific Model T parts? Let us know and we can add it to our "Classified Advertising".

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**5th Annual International Speedsters Trials and Reunion
June 15-18, 2011 - Lincoln, Nebraska**



A speedster approaching one of the intersections on the tour.



Speedster on the left was built by Lincoln Northeast High School Auto Tech class with the help of members of the Nebraska Model T Club and Rebels Auto Club members. They won the MTFCA Youth Program Award at Mesa, AZ at the 45th Annual MTFCA meeting in 2008.



Cars were inspected for the hill climb.





**5th Annual International
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Old Fashioned Hill Climb



Museum of American Speed—Lincoln, Nebraska

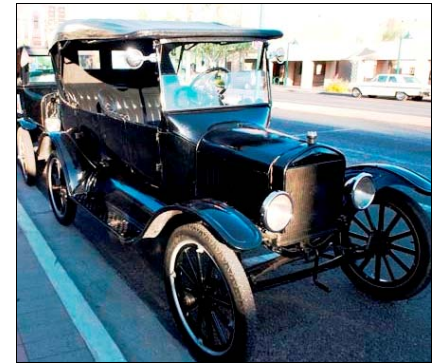


The Five Millionth Model T is on the left.

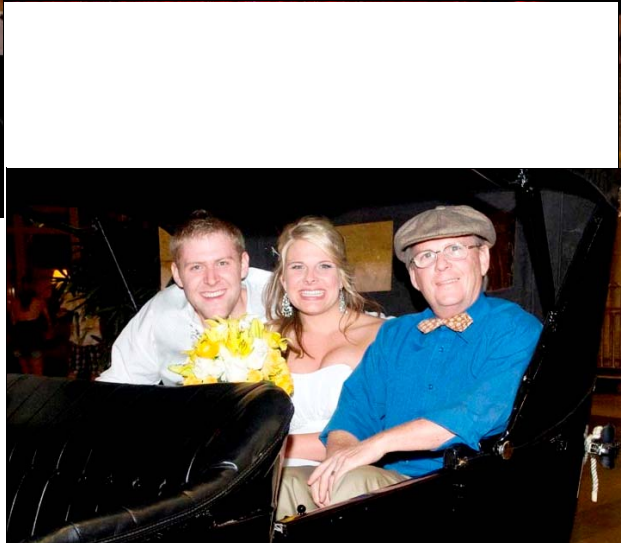


**Kirk Wright's
"skinnin'
wagon".**

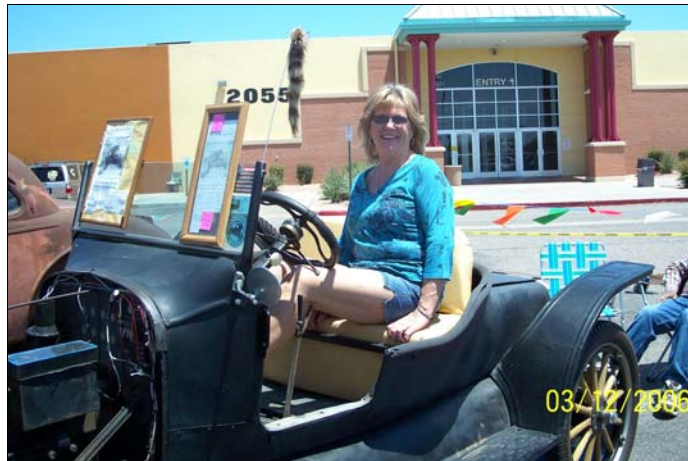




Cruisin' Main, Mesa - May 28, 2011



Steve Nissle chauffeuring the Bride & Groom from the D.C. Ranch Reception to the Marriott Desert Ridge Hotel - May 20, 2011



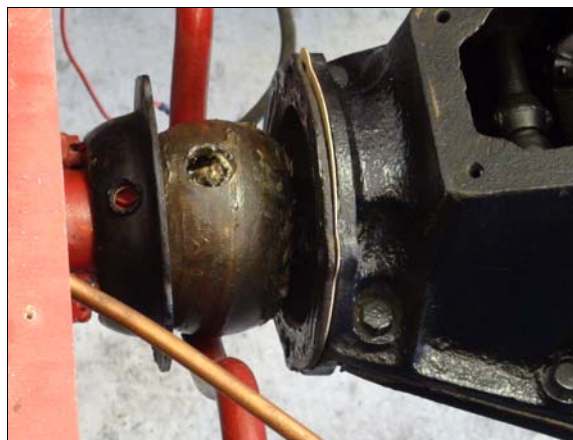
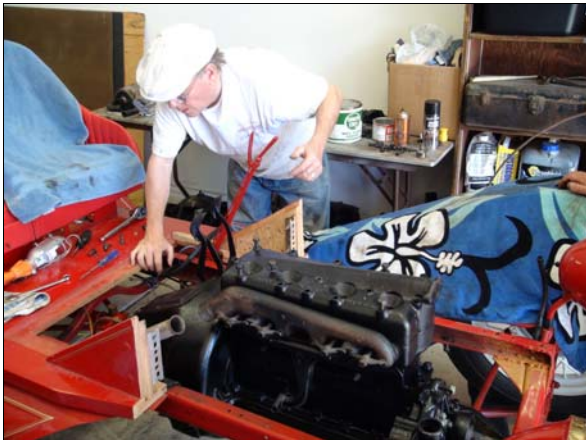
Power Square Car Show - May 7, 2011



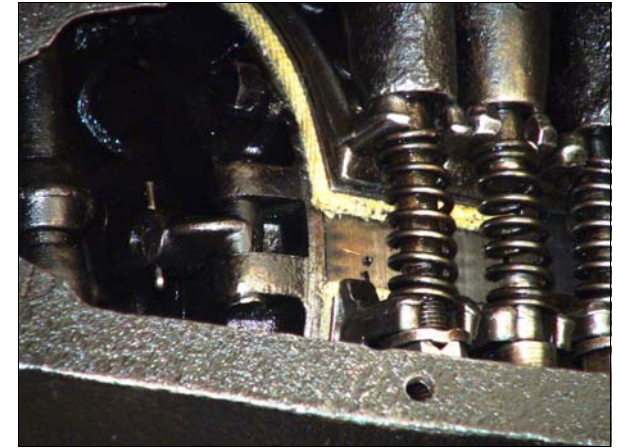
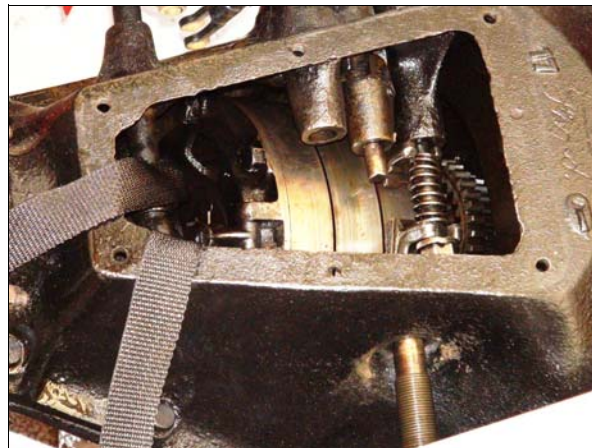
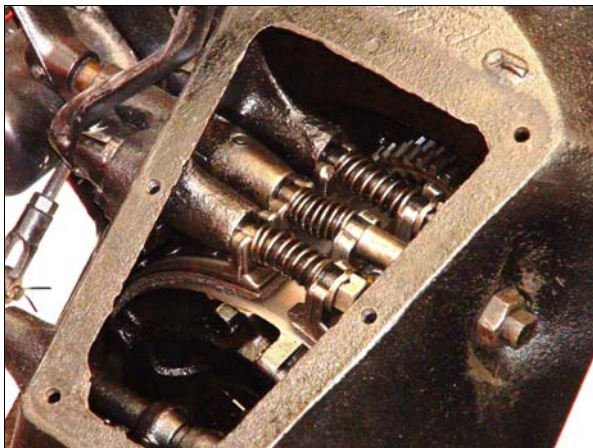
Saturday breakfast - Black Bear Diner, Mesa - June 18, 2011



Saturday breakfast - Crackers & Co., Mesa - July 23, 2011



Another project by the crack East Valley Team - "dropping" the engine in the Nissle Speedster - May 14, 2011



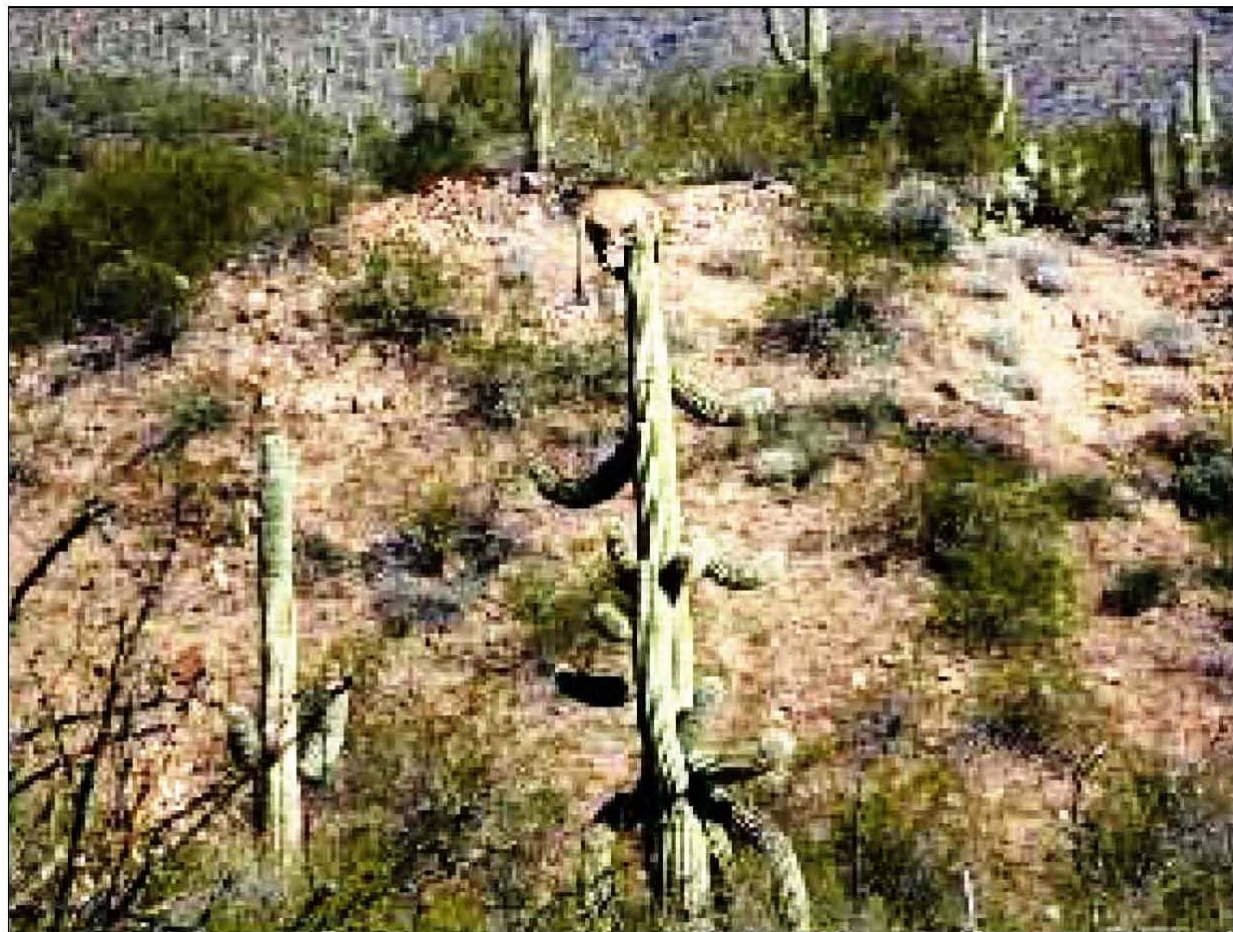
Yet another Steve project - this time replacing the tranny bands of the Nissle Speedster - June 20, 2011



Frederick & Marian Nissle, grandparents of Steve Nissle, c. 1920's



A great pic of a CenterDoor. OK, so it's partially hidden by Dave with his "Cousin" (l.) and her friend.



How Humiliating! Me, a *Mountain Lion* - The King of the Desert - “Saguaro’d”



Gary & Janice's "Maiden Voyage" with their newly overhauled Coupe



The last Hurrah of Summer (sort of) - Saturday breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Mesa - Aug. 20, 2011