



East Valley Model T Ford Club
1875 N. Monterey Dr.
Apache Junction, AZ 85220

Calendar of Events

January 2011

- 20** General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.
- 22** Dillinger Days, Tucson

February 2011

- 5** Motoring Thru Time Car Show
- 17** General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.
- 19** Roaring 20s' Party
- 26** AJ Lost Dutchman Days Parade

March 2011

- 5** East Meets West "T" Tour
- 12** AJ Tractor Show
- 17** General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US60 & Mesa Dr.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First, I want to welcome to the Board of Directors, your new Vice President, Steve Nissle. Now that he has a new carburetor on his touring car, we should be seeing him on the road more than on the trailer. You should have known I would slip that one in, Steve! Additionally, I want to again thank Dave Veres for his excellent service as Treasurer during the past 4 years. The amazing thing is that he has agreed to serve as Treasurer for 2 more years! Dave, your continued service is much appreciated.

I want to also thank Mel & Lorie Poppe for taking over the job of editors of the Running Board News. Please support them in any way you can as they continue to improve this important publication. I also want to thank Joe Fellin for his continued dedication as the co-editor. He has been a tremendous help in making the Running Board News an attractive and informative newsletter.

We are now entering the busiest of the Model T season. Most of our members will be in the valley so we will have a lot of participation. We have quite a variety of events scheduled during the next few months and are looking forward to seeing many of you. Keep the Calendar of Events handy! Again a reminder, if you have not yet paid your dues for 2011, please get them to Dave as soon as possible.

One last reminder, you need to get your reservations in to Ruthann Elms **NLT January 10** for the Roaring '20s Party. The committee has worked very hard on this event, so let's support it. It should be great fun. See the details in the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

See you on the road, Austin

**November 25—Fountain Hills
Thanksgiving Day Parade**
submitted by Steve Nissle

This was a first for the East Valley Model T Club! What a spectacular location and a beautiful crisp, sunny morning for a parade! Our 7-8 am staging area was all around the fountain park with the parade starting at 9 am. Those attending were Steve Nissle with 5 adults and 4 grandkids piled in his 23 touring, Bill and Kae Allen with their 24 touring and their son driving the roadster, Austin Graton with the 25 tudor, Dave Veres and his 24 coupe, George and Ruthann Elms drove their 1917 roadster and his son and girlfriend were in the 29 model A roadster with 2 youngsters in the rumble seat (they were all decked out with period clothes!) and Ed and Dolores Stolinski snuggled in their warm 39 Ford!

There was a festive Christmas spirit and a wonderful friendly crowd along the 3 ½ block parade route! We had about 2 blocks of a slight up hill grade and with a wide street we zig zagged back and forth greeting everyone! This made it pretty easy to keep our cars in low gear with out too much clutch use.

Before the parade we got to check out a 1922 one of a kind tiny roadster powered by an air-cooled V 2 cylinder motor cycle engine!

A really fun time together as a group! The time spent pre parade, talking and growing our friendships had to be the best... especially during the Holiday season!

Next event, come on out even if your T isn't running or you may not have one...there is plenty of room and ton's of fun and friendship!

December 4—AJ Car Show & Holiday Light Parade

submitted by Austin Graton

From a very humble start about five years ago showcasing a solitary Model T from our club, to this year's participation of eight beautifully decorated cars, we have come a long way.

This year, the City Parks and Recreation Department combined their participation with the Chamber of Commerce Main Street Program for an all day event. In the morning there was a foot race followed in the afternoon by truck loads of snow for the kids to play in. There was a car show that three of us participated in along with vendor booths, pictures of the children with Santa Claus, street vendors and live music.

The evening Light Parade was very well attended with eight T's participating. The parade officials cooperated to get us all together, even though Steve and Dianne Nissle and family arrived just a few minutes prior to the start of the parade. To get to their position in the parade, they were escorted by parade officials walking cross-country with their flashlights to guide them into position. Once on site, Steve proceeded to finish his decorating. It was awesome to see all of our decorated cars as well as other entries, including everything from fire trucks to horses covered in lights. Thousands of people lined the parade route and seemed to really enjoy our cars with many wishing us Merry Christmas, very much in the spirit of the Christmas season.

Following the parade we drove to Tres Banderes Restaurant for a great meal and conversation. We were concerned that with all the parade participants and onlookers we would be coming into a crowded restaurant. As it turned out there were only a few other people there and we got seated together and served quite quickly. A great fun evening!!

December 11—2010 Christmas Party

submitted by Lorna Jackson

A group of Model T's toured from Apache Junction joining the rest of East Valley Model T Ford Club members at Mimi's for the annual Christmas party on December 11. It was a festive evening with thirteen cars all decorated, attracting cameras and conversation.

Following dinner there was a short meeting where Dave Veres was awarded a plaque for his four year service as Treasurer of the club. Elections for the coming year resulted in Steve Nissle as Vice President and Dave Veres for another two-year term. After the gift exchange, Steve and Claudia Linney and family directed the Model T's on a route to several communities of Christmas lights in Mesa on a beautiful starry evening.

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 us 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.

January Technical Seminar in Kansas

The Sunflower State Crankers Chapter of the MTFCA is hosting a technical seminar **January 21st and 22nd**. You can go to the MTFCA site (MTFCA.com) under the events page and Sunflower Crankers listing is a link. This looks to be a really great event located in Hutchinson, Kansas (about the center of the state).

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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

January 22 - Dillinger Days in Tucson.

Dillinger Days will be held in downtown Tucson in celebration of the capture of John Dillinger's notorious gang. In January 1934, the Tucson Police Department, with help from the Tucson Fire Department, were able to do what countless law enforcement agencies around the country had been unable to do -- capture the notorious Public Enemy #1 and his gang, and they did it without firing a shot! Dillinger Days, one of Tucson's most entertaining annual celebrations, provides a fun way to honor this unique bit of Tucson history, celebrate a nostalgic era, and honor the brave men and women who protect our city on a daily basis.

On Saturday, January 22nd, Congress Street, Toole Avenue, and Hotel Congress will be transformed into 1934. Three lively historically re-enactments will relive the Dillinger gang's last bank robbery in Chicago prior to its arrival in Tucson, the series of events leading to the gang's capture in and around Downtown, and the fire that destroyed the third floor of Hotel Congress. The free festival, which begins at 11am, also includes live period music with an outdoor dance floor, a classic car "fashion show," historic walking and trolley tours featuring sites relating to the gang's capture, a special exhibit at the Arizona Historical Society Downtown History Museum at 140 N. Stone Ave., as well as interactive games and contests, old time photography shoots, 1930s themed carnival activities, book signings in the Hotel congress lobby and vendor booths at Maynards and the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum located at the historic train depot. Participants are encouraged to dress in 30's garb and be "extras" in the re-enactments and to participate in a period costume contest. Plans are also in the works for screenings of Johnny Depp's 2008 motion picture "Public Enemy" at The Screening Room located at 127 E. Congress.

Our Participation - Recommend we trailer down on Friday afternoon, January 21 and stay overnight. We will likely be able to park our cars close to the re-enactment site and then enjoy the festivities. Some Tucson car clubs get paid for having their cars there so they are concerned we do not take any of their paid spaces. We will just be attending for enjoyment of the event. It also sounds like we may be able to individually be in the re-enactment area if we are dressed in period clothing, if we wish to do that. We would then be able to leave at our discretion and not be tied up to the end.

In order to try to coordinate parking for the T's and arrange hotel rooms, contact George Elms at (480) 831-0835 or email him at elms1961@yahoo.com **no later than January 7th** if you will be attending. He will do his best to make the necessary arrangements. Once we have the names of those attending we will coordinate the meeting place and time and other necessary arrangements.

Car Show at the Scottsdale Pavilions every Saturday.

Cruisin' Main in Mesa - the 4th Saturday of each month.

Auto Parts Swap Meet held the second Sunday of each month at The American Legion, 1018 S. Meridian Rd, Mesa. Open at 5:00 AM, \$10.00 per space. There is no charge for buyers.

January 15 - Car Show at Power Square, Power Rd. just south of Baseline. The theme is antiques and antique cars. The time is 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

January 29 - Old Fashioned Car Show at Pinal Co. Fairgrounds in Casa Grande in conjunction with Bluegrass Festival & Fiddlers Contest.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS**January Auctions**

14-15 Motoexotica at Tolleson 363-600-4600

17-23 Barrett-Jackson at Scottsdale 480-663-6255

19-23 Russo & Steele at Scottsdale 602-252-2697

20-21 RM at Phoenix 519-532-4575

21-24 Silver at Ft McDowell 800-255-4485

21-22 Gooding & Co. at Scottsdale 310-899-1960

February 5—Motoring through Time Show

We need to register early for this event to be held at Heritage Square, Phoenix. Registration form can be found online at

<http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/2011mtt.pdf>

Space is limited. No fee but registration and pre-approval required. Please include or e-mail a photo of exhibit vehicle for printed event window signage.

March 6—Coronado Home

The 2011 Coronado Home Tour is looking for classic car/vehicle owners and clubs to participate in their event. The entire home tour will be on two blocks of Mitchell St. (between Palm and Oak) and they hope to have one block dedicated to the display of classic vehicles and the other to vendors. Individual sign-up.

Contact Jen Kitson at 323 702-8774 or email at jikitson@asu.edu if interested in participating.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

We extend our sympathy to the family of *Thelma Huggins* who recently passed away.

General Meeting Refreshments

Refreshments will be provided by:

January—Graton's February—

March— April—

MEMBERSHIP**East Valley Model T Ford Club**

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2011, they were due January 1st. Dues are \$20.00 per year and include all family members. Checks should be made payable to Dave Veres or East Valley Model T Ford Club and given/sent to Dave.

Model T Ford Club of America

As 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 MFTCA includes six issues of **The Vintage Ford** and a vote for the Board of Directors. Dues are \$35.00 annually.

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.

Direct correspondence to:

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February 19—Roaring 20's Party

Needed:

-empty wine bottles. Please bring to the January meeting.

-white lights.

-help with stringing lights and other jobs a week before the party and that day.

Other details will be firmed up at the January meeting. Ruthann, Claudia, Jan, Mary and Janice Smith have put a lot of work into preparing for this party with dancing and game activities, so come out and enjoy a night to remember!

Roaring 20's Party

Where: Linney's Home, 2520 E. Pueblo Ave, Mesa

When: February 19, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

Who: East Valley Model T Ford Club (members of the Sun Country Model T Ford Club are cordially invited)

Details: Please drive your 'T' if you can see after dark 'cause we will party 'till it's over. A catered meal will be served consisting of roast beef or chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, white/wheat rolls, and white cake. The cost will be \$15.00 per person for the catered meal, which must be paid in advance. Checks should be made payable to David Veres or East Valley Model T Ford Club and given/sent to Ruthann Elms at 2055 E. Rice Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283 **no later than January 10, 2011.** The caterer needs a headcount by that date.

This is a BYOB party. Mixers, soda & water will be furnished by the club.

There will be period music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Those dressed in vintage style clothing/costume will be eligible for judging and prizes. There will be games, door prizes & lots of fun. You must have the password "*Hoochie Mama*" for entry.

Come out and enjoy a night to remember!!



A Man and His Model T

as told by Bill Davisson

My interest in Model T Fords started years ago in a very casual manor, being my neighbor had one and it sat outside so us kids could go over and “look but not touch”.

Fast forward to November 2004 and while at Manheim Auto Auction at 83rd Ave and Buckeye Rd, I was talking with a customer (I hauled auto’s to California and back) realized he was looking at a 1965 Mustang to purchase but couldn’t for some reason. He disclosed he had 7 cars in his garage and in order to buy another he had to sell one. His wife put her foot down.

I asked him what other cars he had and he told me, finishing with a Model T Ford in many pieces, that he bought at an estate sale in 1995. It was still in pieces always being that project never started but always going to happen. I pulled out my checkbook – held it up to him and asked, “will this buy that T?” he thought for a moment said yes, spun around at the auction block and bought that Mustang. This was all done in about 2 minutes and on a handshake.

I bought my first Model T Ford sight unseen for \$3000.00. I sent one of my drivers to Alhambra California the next day and in 2 days this beauty arrived.

The car had no steering wheel, engine head in the front seat, wires all over the place, convertible top bows broken, no carburetor or intake manifold to be seen and a box full of parts. Now this created quite a sight in the driveway of my fabricated home located in a park which didn’t allow (by contract) residents to repair cars on their property. What have I gotten myself into?

I made a distress call to SOCAL Speed shop who told me they only knew about model A’s or later but gave me the phone number of a guy who might help. I made that call to Kirk Wright, met him at the Pavilions Auto show that Saturday afternoon and thus began the 19 month learn by doing experience with Kirk as my mentor.



Finished but never finished—top speed 66 mi/hr

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR SALE:

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 rearend 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) 288-0726.

Full set of Franciscan ware "Hacienda Green" dinnerware, 8-pc. Place settings + more: \$100. If interested, call Jan Peterson, (480) 969-0695.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tomato Jelly

By

Helen Fellin (mother of Joe)

Peel red ripe tomatoes. If they are dry, add about 1 cup water. Cook well for about 15 minutes so they mash out. Then measure:

- 5 cups tomatoes
- 7 cups sugar
- 1 heaping tablespoon of
Cinnamon
- 1 lemon (slice paper thin)

Bring to a boil; skim off the foam. Boil for about 15 minutes being careful not to burn. It scorches easily. Then add 1 package of Surejell or Certo. Bring to a boil and remove from stove. Pour into hot jars. Melt paraffin cover on jelly to seal. If tomatoes are very watery, added water is not necessary.





Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Day Parade - Nov. 25, 2010
A mighty Chilly drive from Tempe





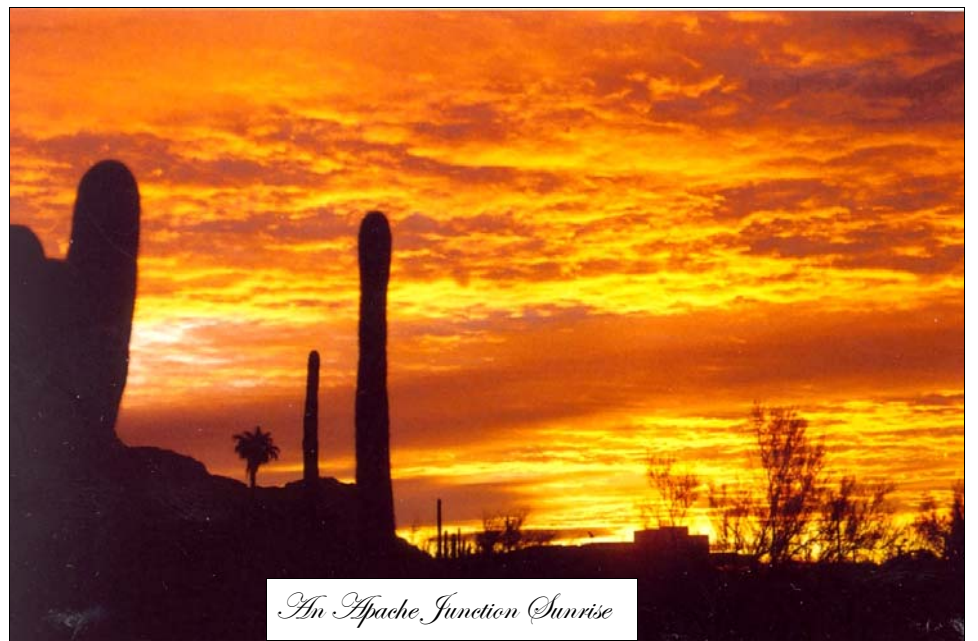
Our Christmas Party - Mimi's Restaurant, Mesa - Dec. 11, 2010







Bert's "new" 1940 Ford



An Apache Junction Sunrise

Bert's Christmas Visit - 2010