



Calendar of Events

May 2011

- 19 General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.
- 28 Cruisin' Main in Mesa

June 2011

- 18 Breakfast Meeting hosted by
Steve Nissle

July 2011

- 16 Breakfast Meeting hosted by
Dave Veres

August 2011

- 20 Breakfast Meeting hosted by
Claudia Linney

September 2011

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great breakfast and museum tour on the 16th of April. We had seven Model T's a Model A, and a couple of modern cars. See the full article by Ruthann Elms elsewhere in this news-letter. Not only was there a great turnout of members, the museum is really awesome!!



Last month we conducted a clinic/workshop on the installation of Ronnie's top material on his 1925 Fordor Sedan. We had seven members in attendance and the installation turned out great. He is just about ready to get his car on the road. See Ronnie's article elsewhere in this newsletter.

At the meeting on the 21st, Dolores presented me with a gavel from her and Ed which Ed had made. Thanks guys. Now maybe I will be able to get the attention of this rowdy bunch! Also at the meeting, I presented a mock up of the Bob Wildman Award for comment. The membership decided to go in a different direction, so this month I will prepare another mock up for final approval at the next meeting. It is not too early to be thinking about someone you may want to nominate for the award. If you don't consider yourself to be a "writer", seek out another member who may agree with your nomination and ask for their help doing the write up.

I guess we will be about the last of the "Snow Birds" to leave the valley. I hope those of you who are left behind have a great, not too hot, summer. I think it would be interesting to get a few summer stories of member's adventures to put into the fall news-letters. It would not have to be T related, although I know there are a few of you that will be participating in summer T events. Feel free to put something together and send it to the Poppe's for publication. Send any related pictures to Joe, preferably in PDF format so it doesn't take so long for him to download on his dial-up.

Happy Mothers Day! Have a great summer!!
See you on the road, Austin

MARCH 31—TECHNICAL ROOF CLINIC for my 1925 FORDOR*submitted by Ronnie Johnston*

I am very fortunate to have such great friends in the Model T Club that would give up their time to come up to Superior and put their knowledge and experience to work to install the roof kit. I purchased it from Macs. Harold Hall, a club member, made floor boards and the top bows. Jim Huggins gave me some burlap and I had some hardware and cloth I used instead of chicken wire. I installed the roof wood, hardware, cloth and burlap not knowing for sure what was the right thing to do. Then I ordered the Top Kit and up came "Team Mesa" to install the top and find a way to fix the things I did not do right. The roof came out beautiful.

Austin brought me a seat spring and some padding. While we were installing the roof we could see what appeared to be lettering under the paint. That inspired me to find out the mystery of what was there and maybe give me a clue on the history of the car. Using 1200 grit sand paper and hours of work, I found that the car was used as a rolling bill board advertising Speedway Camp Cocktail Lounge, Market, Sea Food and Chicken, and Londeens Body Shop. I went online and only found one sentence on Speedway Camp. It was started by a legendary man six miles from Minot with a small building and Gas Pump by Irving (speed) Wallace in 1925.

Once again I would like to thank my friends from the club for helping to get my T closer to being on the road. The car is special to me, my wife bought it as a gift for me before she passed away.

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
Members Cars (*coming soon*)

We will be offering to put a photo of the members and their Model T on the website.

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.

**APRIL 2—
VINTAGE CAR SHOW**

submitted by Austin Graton

On Saturday, April 2, at about 9:30 am, I cruised down Baseline Road from Apache Junction to Power Square Mall in my 25 Chevy Roadster Pickup to join the Vintage Car Show. When I arrived there were already several cars lined up for the show. There was a 57 Chevy, a 31 Model A Tudor, a Model A speedster, a 65 Mustang Hardtop and several others.

The one that really caught my eye was a bright red 63 Ford Fairlane dressed to the 9s. The fellow showing it had done all the work himself except the upholstery. While it looked from the outside like a very nicely restored example, there was a lot more to the story. He had installed a modern V8 with a four speed automatic, upgraded suspension, nicely integrated rotary compressor air conditioning and many other modern upgrades. The paint was especially fine.

They had a live band playing for most of the event except for about a half hour break about noon.

Shortly after arrival I was presented with a goody bag and a ten dollar certificate which I turned in for cash at a merchant inside the mall. These were available for the first ten drivers to arrive at the show. In the goody bag also was a raffle ticket. At about 12:30 they started the drawing for the raffle prizes for the drivers. I received a Arizona Cardinals official cap. There were about eight other prizes awarded including a Cardinals windbreaker.

In addition to the prize drawing, they were having a raffle in the mall to raise money for the East Valley Boys and Girls Club. I bought one ticket for a basket of personal care items from Avon. I won! Lynn was pleased.

It was a nice show but small and intimate. They are planning the next show for May 7 and it is expected they will have the band there again.

**APRIL 14—
CORONA DEL SOL
HIGH SCHOOL DISPLAY**

submitted by Bill Davisson

Annually, Lowell Brown, a history and business teacher at Corona Del Sol High, teaches the historical effect the mass production technique had on the United States and its society.

To best illustrate this, he invites a Model T club to bring in some T's for the students to see and gives them an assignment to identify the various changes in automobile design.

This year Austin Graton, John Peterson, Dave Veres and Bill Davisson represented the East Valley Model T Club and the Sun Country Model T Club with their cars. About 150 students with a lot of enthusiasm and questions spent 4 hours in, about and on our cars.

Lowell Brown was very appreciative and provided lunch. Everybody had a great time and already began to talk about next year.

**APRIL 16—
CHOMPIES & ARIZONA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY MUSEUM**

submitted by Ruthann Elms

A clear and beautiful morning greeted nine Model Ts from the East Valley Model T Club on their way to Chompies. The restaurant was packed because of the Pat Tillman race, but we were served in good time and the food was excellent.

Then it was on to the Arizona Historical Museum to learn more about the rich history of the state of Arizona.

One complete room is dedicated to Sandra D. O'Conner, the first women appointed to the Supreme Court. One area had a display of transportation through the years and film showing the work involved in the making of the roads and bridges. Upstairs there were several

displays of the very early years from the various Indian tribes, traders, pioneers and farmers. The display of WWII artifacts and the story of the internment of the Japanese was excellent.

This is a museum one could visit many times and learn something new each time.

LOCAL CLUB EVENTS

SUMMER TIME FUN

We encourage as many as possible to come out to the breakfast meetings on June 18, July 16, and August 20 and drive their T.

Steve Nissle, Dave Veres and Claudia Linney, hosts for the breakfast meetings, will be e-mailing out more information giving the time, restaurant name and location to let the members who stay here in the summer know where and when the meetings will be.

These meetings would be a good opportunity to discuss tours/events for the 2011/2012 season.

The summer season is also a good time for some of you to get some work done on your T so it will be ready for a more active touring season later in the year. There are several of our members who are willing to assist to get your T tour ready during this period of limited activity.

Be thinking about a person who you feel has contributed the most to our club to nominate for our first annual Bob Wildman award. Watch for more information.

Look at your calendars and either team up with another club member or sign up to bring refreshments at one of our monthly general meeting snack/visit times. Howard and Daphene Downs are bringing refreshments to the May 19 meeting. We need members to sign up for September 2011 through May 2012.

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.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Free Car Show in the parking lot of the McDonalds at Scottsdale Pavilions shopping center every Saturday from 4:30-9:00 pm.
www.rockandrollcarshow.com

Auto Parts Swap Meet held the 2nd Sunday of each month at The American Legion, 1018 S Meridian Rd, Mesa. Open at 5 am. \$10 per space. There is no charge for buyers.

MAY 7—MESA VINTAGE CAR SHOW

Power Square Mall at 2055 S. Power Road at SEC Power and Baseline, 1/2 mile south of the 60, is having a Vintage Car Show, Saturday, May 7th. Spaces are limited. Complete the registration form online if interested in showing off your "pride and joy".

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

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

**MAY 28—MESA
CRUISIN' ON MAIN**

Every fourth Saturday, from 5:00—9:00 pm, Main Street in downtown Mesa, welcomes all cars and car lovers to cruise from Country Club Drive to Mesa Drive.

We will meet at the southwest corner of Center and Main at about 5:00 pm on Memorial Weekend, Saturday, May 28. Steve Nissle will attempt to have some cones set up to provide space for parking.

A Headlight Clinic will be planned if anyone needs theirs adjusted for driving at night home from Cruisin' Main. Ed Stolinski has a tool he invented to pop off the headlights and Joe Fellin is going to experiment with halogen lights.

Come on out for a night of "car gazin".

MEMBERSHIP**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 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>

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS**MAY 7-8—FLAGSTAFF
SPEEDSTER RUN & LOW LAND TOUR**

The Sun Country Model T Club is hosting its 16th annual Speedster Run and Low Land Tour. They will be touring around historic northern Arizona. The route for the speedster run will include mountains, valleys and some of the most beautiful scenery that Arizona has to offer. For a registration packet and more information call or email: Jim Martin at (602) 819-2001 or martin33@cox.net

NATIONAL EVENTS**JUNE 27-JULY 1—
Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada
NATIONAL MTFCA TOUR**

Dust off your cowboy boots for Cowboys and Coal Mines...the last best west, the MTFCA's 2011 National Tour hosted by the Foothills Model T Club of Calgary, Alberta, Canada!

Enjoy the most spectacular scenery in Southern Alberta. The tour objective is simple: good food, easy Model T driving, beautiful scenery, quiet roads and world-class attractions, all delivered in a small town atmosphere.

A web site has been set up for the event. Be sure to visit it often as details are subject to change.

<http://cowboysandcoalmines.com/>



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. In the event that there is no nomination, no award would be given. If only one nomination is received and therefore there is no competition, the Board would have discretion as to whether to award, based on the merits of the application. If not awarded due to a single nomination, that nomination could be held until such time as there was competition and a decision made at that time. The recognition could be for a single highly significant event but will more likely be for contributions over a period of time, not specific to any calendar period. The award can be given to a member only once.

The award itself will be of such a design that anyone would be proud to display it in their home and will include a miniature Model T as well as a likeness of Bob Wildman. The final design will include a vertical back in the shape of the State of Arizona with a likeness of Bob Wildman and the club logo on it. The base will be thick enough to accommodate inscribed plaques with the names and years of award. There will be a Model T Depot Hack mounted on the base. This award would be a traveling award and would remain with the recipient until awarded to another member and would serve as a history of the award. A plaque with the member's name inscribed would also be presented as a permanent memento. Those nominated but not selected will receive a certificate in recognition.

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 annually. The Board of Directors will be the Awards Committee. The award will be presented at the Christmas party each year. Should a member of the Board be nominated or submit a nomination on behalf of another member, that Board member will not participate in the selection process in any way, including any discussion of the nomination(s) or in the decision. In the unlikely event that more than one Board member is so involved, the remaining Board member(s) would select another member at large so that there were three members involved in the decision.

A MAN & HIS MODEL T

as told by Steve Nissle

I purchased my 1923 model T Ford Touring May 20th 1970 from a man in Garden Grove California.

I saw it at a swap meet nearby just as it was being trailered away. I stopped the man, got his info and me and my Dad purchased it for \$600. It ran but had a horrible engine knock! There was no wood in the body, tires were shot, no upholstery, no spare tire mount, no top bows and all body parts were rough and needed a total restoration. Luckily I found a set of top irons which I stored with the car. I was 19 years old... so I stuck it in my parent's garage and left in October for a 2 year LDS mission to England.

In 1973 I attended BYU for 4 years, met Dianne Curtis and we were married October 21, 1977. (23 T still in my parent's garage). Dianne and I purchased our first home October 1979 in Temple City California and had the T moved to my garage.

Fast forward to 1990 and 3 kids later I decided it was time to restore my model T! Luckily I had a neighbor a block away who had a couple T's and had restored many. Between his help and the resources of the MTFCA and local associations I found a man in Santa Ana to rebuild the engine and a man in Long Beach to rebuild the transmission. I dismantled the car, had all the parts sandblasted and primed then took the body to another man in Long Beach who replaced all the wood including the top bows.

Two wheels needed to be redone so they went off for new wood. The leaf springs were dismantled and all the wear grooves were ground off, painted, greased and reassembled. The Steering column was rebuilt. I purchased a new windshield frame which I painted and installed safety glass. I have never touched the rear end... it was only cleaned and painted! I purchased Rocky mountain brakes and as the painted pieces began the reassembly the brakes were mounted on the car.

The day the chassis was completed I finally fired up the engine for the first time! Shouts of joy were heard all over my neighborhood especially as neighbors watched the 4 wheels, radiator, steering column and me setting on the gas tank driving it around and around! I convinced Dianne she should also bask in my juvenile behavior and she reluctantly took a seat next to me on the oval tank! As much as she appreciated my enthusiasm, she wasn't ready for another T ride until it had a body, seats and a floor board!

The work progressed as I had the body, fenders and splash aprons dropped off at a body shop for final body work and primer. I painted the final black enamel coat and mounted the body and fenders!

In August of 1992 Dianne and I moved our family to Mesa Arizona and I began a 7 year commute to Southern California as we built our Arizona photography business from scratch. Of course the touring came with us to Mesa! As soon as we moved I ordered and received the upholstery and top kit. I drove the 23 touring occasionally with blankets on the seat springs and no top. It wasn't until 2001 that my son Nolan and I upholstered the interior.

In 2009 I joined the East Valley Model T Ford Club. What a wonderful group of caring and helpful model T enthusiasts! I began to drive with the club in parades and events taking my family and of course my grand children! Grandpa's aoogha car is what they call it!

With the clubs help and a DVD I purchased on installing a one man T top, about 10+ men helped with stage one of T top installation. I finished putting on the top in Spring of 2000, found a spare tire mount and my 23 T touring is just about perfect! It has to be one of the most fun cars I have ever owned and it brings joy to me, my family and everyone that sees it!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH**GREEN BEANS WITH TOMATOES**

From the Amish & Mennonite Kitchens
By Ruthann Elms

1 quart cooked green beans
4 Tablespoons butter
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1/4 cup green pepper, diced
1 cup canned tomatoes
1 teaspoon flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter, sauté green beans, onion, and green pepper until lightly browned.

Mix flour, salt and pepper with tomatoes.

Add to green bean mixture and cook slowly for 6-8 minutes.

Makes 6-8 servings.

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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.

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.

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





Breakfast at Chompie's followed by a visit to the Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park - April 16, 2011



Another successful project by the crack East Valley Tech Team - reroofing Ronnie Johnston's 1925 4 Fordor Sedan - March 31, 2011
(No charge for the Lundeen Body Shop door ad)



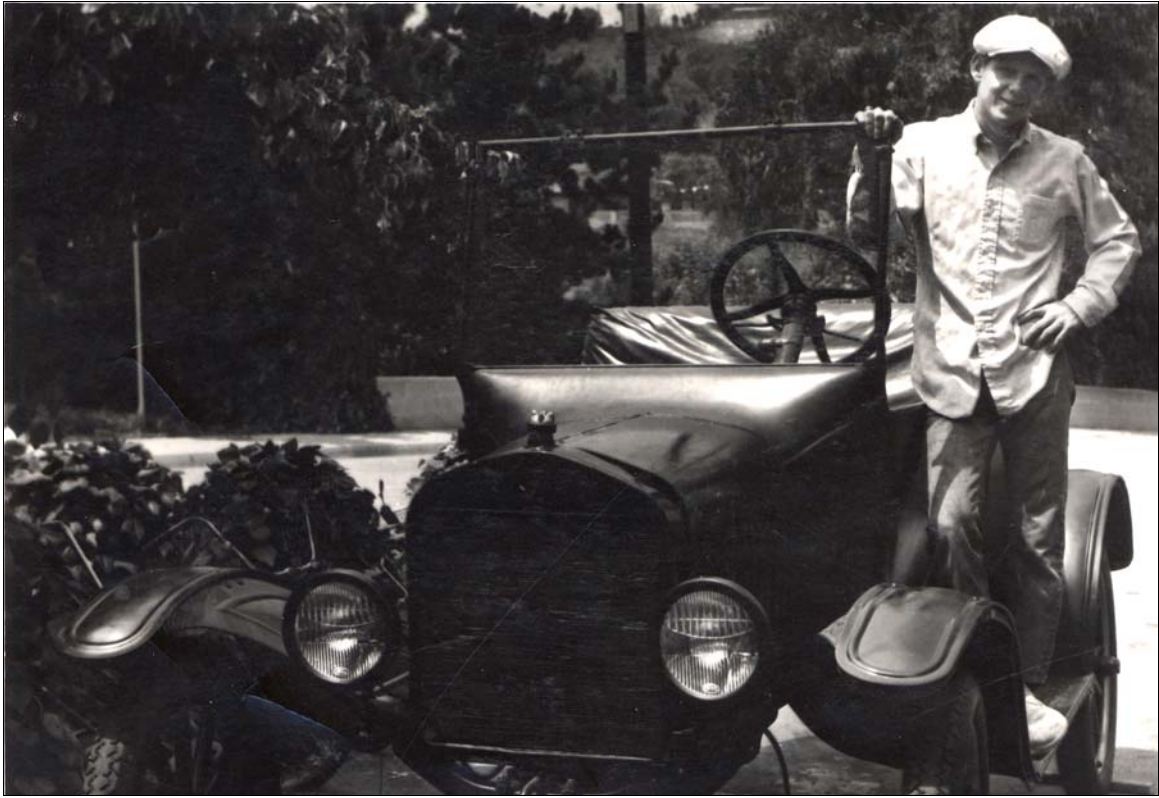
A visit to Corona Del Sol High School - April 14, 2011



Steve Francoise's Dad on hood of 1924 Model T with other family members



Hubbell Trading Post - Navajo Reservation, Ganado, AZ



Steve Nissle, age 19, with his 1923 Model T - May 20, 1970



Steve & Dianne on their Wedding Day - Oct. 21, 1977



Austin with his new "Symbol of Authority"
Hand crafted by Ed Stolinski



Austin with a first pass model of the
Wildman Award



graduation party for jessica linney's

you are invited to
attend
May 27, 2011
2:30pm to 10pm
come and go
2520 E. Pueblo Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85204
come and Party!



What a revoltin' development this is - "Saguaro'd" by a Mountain Lion