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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2013

- 1** Francois Tech Clinic
- 8** Petersen Tech Clinic
- 13** Riparian Reserve at Water Ranch
- 15** Nissle Tech Clinic
- 18** General Meeting 7:00 pm
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr
- 22** St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox
Monastery

May 2013

- 16** General Meeting 7:00 pm
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr

June 2013

- 22** Club Breakfast



Congratulations! The East Valley Model T Ford Club "Runningboard News" was selected as the 2012 MTFCA First Place Newsletter. Reg Urness accepted the award for our club from Bud Redding at the MTFCA National Meeting in Dallas, Texas on March 23, 2013.

Editor Note: We would like to thank all the club members for their contributions to the newsletter. It truly is a team effort. Also, thank you to the Model T Ford Club of America for this honor!

- Mel & Lorie Poppe, Editors



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*By: Claudia Linney*

I would like to take the time to again thank Lorie and Mel Poppe for the wonderful job they do in putting together the newsletter.

As I hope you all know our club took first place among all of the newsletters for the Model T Ford Club of America. This is a great honor. So happy for you as a club. Thanks to Reg and Roselyn for accepting this award on their behalf at the Annual Meeting in Texas over the last weekend.

During March we have been able to get those T's out on the road even with the strange weather we have had over the last few weeks; snow, rain and sunshine. I would also like to thank all those who helped out with the various activities cooking, shopping and prepping food for the club. We always pull together and help out.

Another example of working as a team is the tech clinics. This is a great service the club members pull together and help get those cars out on the road. We have quite a few scheduled this next month, so keep your eyes open and hope you're able to attend.

Upcoming events look to be very exciting and different. Ruthann, thanks for taking the time to look for new places to visit and always being so organized and willing to make the tours fun and fulfilling (food of course). haha Thanks for your hard work.

We are finally getting club shirts. The cost will be around \$15.00 per shirt. They will have a large logo on the back and a small one in the front. The men's will be printed on a light grey and women will be on a pale yellow. If you were not at the meeting and would like to order one, please email me with the size. I will make sure this is forwarded to Jack Forsell.

Happy Touring!
Claudia

**FEBRUARY 26th—MESA HIGH SCHOOL***By: Steve Nissle*

Steve Linney and I drove our Model T Fords to Mesa High School Thursday, February 26th for his daughter's class report on Henry Ford.



Following is some of Stephanie Linney's report about the assembly line. It was a power point presentation with pictures and information. This is the part about Henry Ford...

According to Henry Ford the principles of assembly are these:

- (1) Place the tools and the men in the sequence of the operation so that each component part shall travel the least possible distance while in the process of finishing.
- (2) Use work slides or some other form of carrier so that when a workman completes his operation, he drops the part always in the same place—which place must always be the most convenient place to his hand—and if possible have gravity carry the part to the next workman for his operation.
- (3) Use sliding assembling lines by which the parts to be assembled are delivered at convenient distances.

The assembly line developed for the Ford Model T began operation on December 1, 1913. It had immense influence on the world. Despite over simplistic attempts to attribute it to one man or another, it was in fact a composite development based on logic that took 7 years and plenty of intelligent men.

The principal leaders are discussed below:

- Benefits to the workers of an assembly line.
- Workers do no heavy lifting.
- No stooping or bending over.
- No special training required.
- There are jobs that almost anyone can do.
- Provided employment to immigrants.

The gains in productivity allowed Ford to increase worker pay from \$1.50 per day to \$5.00 per day once employees reached three years of service on the assembly line. Ford continued on to reduce the hourly work week while continuously lowering the Model T price. These goals appear altruistic; however, it has been argued that they were implemented by Ford in order to reduce high employee turnover: when the assembly line was introduced in 1913, it was discovered that “every time the company wanted to add 100 men to its factory personnel, it was necessary to hire 963” in order to counteract the natural distaste the assembly line seems to have inspired.



Consider the assembly of a car: assume that certain steps in the assembly line are to install the engine, install the hood, and install the wheels (in that order, with arbitrary interstitial steps); only one of these steps can be done at a time. In traditional production, only one car would be assembled at a time. If engine installation takes 20 minutes, hood installation takes five minutes, and wheel installation takes 10 minutes, then a car can be produced every 35 minutes.

In an assembly line, car assembly is split between several stations, all working simultaneously. When one station is finished with a car, it passes it on to the next. By having three stations, a total of three different cars can be operated on at the same time, each one at a different stage of its assembly.

After finishing its work on the first car, the engine installation crew can begin working on the second car. While the engine installation crew works on the second car, the first car can be moved to the hood station and fitted with a hood, then to the wheels station and be fitted with wheels. After the engine has been installed on the second car, the second car moves to the hood assembly. At the same time, the third car moves to the engine assembly. When the third car's engine has been mounted, it then can be moved to the hood station; meanwhile, subsequent cars (if any) can be moved to the engine installation station.

Assuming no loss of time when moving a car from one station to another, the longest stage on the assembly line determines the throughput (20 minutes for the engine installation) so a car can be produced every 20 minutes, once the first car taking 35 minutes has been produced.



MARCH 2—SCOTTSDALE; EAST MEETS WEST TOUR #5

By: Sandy Armoto (Sun Country Model T Club);

Photos by: Sandy Armoto and George & Ruthann Elms



It was a beautiful, spring day in the Phoenix area for a Model T Tour. On Saturday, March 2, 2013 members from Sun Country and the East Valley



Model T Club attended our annual East Meets West Tour. We met at Bill Davisson's Mobile Home Park in Scottsdale at 9 am for socializing and enjoying a cup of coffee and Dunkin Donuts. Model T's kept arriving from 9 to 10 until there were 14 vintage cars and 2 Mustangs.



At 10:30 am Bill gathered us together for instructions on how to get to the Pueblo Grande Museum on 44th St. and Washington. It was a nice ride over and back to the museum. At the museum we walked at our own pace to view the various ruins and artifacts from the life that the Native Americans lived many years ago. They were very instrumental in developing the canals to irrigate their crops so they could survive in this area. It was fascinating to see how they used the natural resources to live in the desert. (I have lived in the valley for 50 years and had never been to this museum. It was extremely interesting!)



We met back at Bill's clubhouse for food and drinks at 1 pm. Many thanks to the East Valley Club for providing the food. The homemade salads were delicious (thanks ladies). Claudia and Steve Linney did the hamburgers on the grill. Besides the salads and burgers, we had all the trimmings for the burgers, cookies and drinks.



None of us went hungry!!

Thanks to Bill for providing such a gorgeous setting for our annual tour. Looking forward to next year when the SCMTC will do the honors.



There were 20 members from Sun Country and 23 from the East Valley Club. Some members are members in both clubs.

Thanks again, to the East Valley for organizing and bringing the food.

MARCH 4—APACHE JUNCTION; TECH CLINIC-RUCKSTELL WORKSHOP-Continued

By: Mel Poppe



On Monday, March 4th, we continued with the Ruckstell Tech Clinic located at the Ruckstell Garage in AJ. Our objective this time was to finish putting the pieces of my Ruckstell together and get it installed on the car. We started this project on February 25th, and after much intense labor, we recessed until the 4th.

We needed to find a machine shop capable of pressing gears off the axles. I was able to find one in Mesa, with the help of Dave Veres, that could press the two gears off the axles and onto the new axles. Joe and I worked on the assembly on Saturday afternoon in order to get it closer to completion.

After much intense measuring of the bearings and bearing surfaces and checking tolerances, we were able to complete the assembly.



We were able to install the newly assembled differential in the car by evening. We made final adjustments to the brakes and shifter for the Ruckstell and were ready for the AJ Antique Engine & Tractor Show on the following Saturday.

Thank you to all the "T" mechanics who helped on this project. Also, special thanks to Joe for the use of his tools and Austin for the use of his tools and the Ruckstell Garage.



**MARCH 9—APACHE JUNCTION;
ANTIQUÉ ENGINE & TRACTOR SHOW**

By: Austin Graton

Photos by Dave Veres and Lorie Poppe

At about 7:30 am on March 9 several club members met at the Graton's for the trip to the Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds for the annual Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Show. Mel & Lorie Poppe came to pick up their touring car, Jerry Griffin to join Austin in his Tudor, Joe came over in his Center Door and Dave came by to pick up his Model A.



The day was cold, cloudy and threatening rain, so it was a little surprising to see Joe arrive. It was certainly jacket weather. After Dave got his Model A out of the garage, Mel got his T out of his trailer, and Jerry and I got the Lazy Lizzie's Kitchen out of the garage and hitched up, we headed out for the trip to the show. I had scouted the location for our group the day before and discovered the area we normally occupy, closest to the pulling track was very muddy. This time we set up a little further to the west on the slope to avoid the mud. We sited the chuck wagon, set up the shelter and tables and got out the snacks for nibbling. I had prepared a large pot of coffee in advance that we could keep hot on the back burner.



The next ones to show up were Autermans' and Edmunson's in their Model A's and then Ronnie Johnston on his second only outing with his T Fordor. Ronnie had trouble getting his car started so we pushed and pulled it and finally, with a little tweaking, got it running quite nicely. Joe and Ronnie had worked on it the day before to get it ready to bring out to the show. Steve Linney, Tom Hoverson and Jack Forsell arrived in modern cars.





As usual, we had plenty to eat with several members assisting in the cooking process. As we were preparing to eat, Reg and Roselynn arrived. A little later Ruthann Elms came out with her grandson, Isaac. We had burgers, brats, and bean & beef soup courtesy of the Edmundsons. I cooked a cherry cobbler in the Dutch oven (which barely cooked due to the cold). While it was cold and did sprinkle a little, we still had a good time. Due to the mud on the approach to the pulling track, we decided not to participate in the parade. Wyatt Linney took his turn driving a John Deere tractor!



For the quilters in the club, recycle your old sewing machine into a toy tractor!

There were not as many exhibitors or visitors as in past years due to the inclement weather and the next day, Sun-



day, the weather was much nicer. I hope the weather is nicer next year, so we have a bigger crowd like we normally do. Thanks to all who attended and assisted in any way. I hope you enjoyed the outing.



MARCH 22—CHANDLER; ZELMA BASHA GALLERY OF WESTERN ART

By: Lynn Graton; Photos by: George & Ruthann Elms & Dave Veres

A SPECTACULAR TOUR THROUGH AN AMAZING MUSEUM

The Basha Museum is a private collection owned by Eddie Basha of Basha's Supermarket. The museum is located at the corporate offices of the supermarket chain. This is an extremely large collection. More than one visit is required to thoroughly appreciate all there is to see. Included in the collection are hundreds of paintings by well known artists to include Bill Owen, Joe Beeler, Yazzie, Redbird, and many, many more extremely talented artists. You may know, or may not know, that Loren Phippen, of Sun Country Model T Ford Club, father was also an artist...two of his paintings were on display. It was nice to see his work.



These were primarily 'Cowboy' or 'Indian' style paintings. If this particular style does not peak your interest, there are other styles for one to enjoy. Some of what may be of interest is the extensive collection of guns, bronzes, carved manzanita figurines, carved stone figurines and Indian crafted baskets from numerous tribes.

Some of the guns were gold in color...if they were real gold it would not be surprising.



The displays of bronzes are basically throughout the museum. One of the favorites was embellished with buffalo hair. It stood about two feet in height. The details of these bronzes is beyond description. Manzanita figurines were carved with each seeming to have their own personality due to the beautiful wood grains. The same is true of the stone carvings. The baskets were displayed primarily on the walls almost from the floor to the ceiling. These baskets are so finely woven that they can actually hold water. They each and every one are woven with a different pattern. The condition of these antique baskets is superb! Just beautiful!



The Western, Indian Art and gun collection at this museum was well worth seeing. As you can see from the pictures, the walk through the museum was hard on some.



After leaving the museum lunch was enjoyed by all at the Paradise Cafe.

A total of twenty-one members of EVMTFC attended, seven brought their old cars.



If you were unable to attend this tour you really missed an amazing outing!

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Roger and Judy Bieberdorf, Mesa

Ralph and Dianna Burchard, Benson

Dale Guenther and Marcia Taillefer, Chandler

We hope you can join us in many future events and tours. We now have 46 EVMTFC members!

East Valley Model T Ford Club (EVMTFC) MEMBERSHIP DUES

Applications for membership in the EVMTFC may be obtained from any current member or from the Vice President/Membership Chairman Tom Hoverson at 602-292-3921 or may be printed from the website at:

<http://evmtfc.com/EVMTAPPL.pdf>

Dues are \$20 per year and include all family members. Please make payment by check payable to East Valley Model T Ford Club. Submit application in person at any member meeting or mail it to: David Veres, Treasurer EVMTFC, PO Box 24502, Tempe AZ 85285.

GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS

April 18—Urness' & Francois'

May 16—Linney's

CLUB BREAKFASTS

June 22____; July 20____; August 17____.

Please let Claudia know which month you would be able to bring "light" refreshment snacks to our "General Meetings", or host a summer breakfast. You could also team up with another couple.

MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

Are your MTFCA dues paid up? If your MTFCA member number is not listed on the roster, please call Claudia or Dave with the number. The number is shown on your mailing label when you receive your *Vintage Ford* magazine.

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. Payment may be made by check, credit card or PayPal.

The East Valley Model T Ford Club is affiliated with and is a chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA), a national and international organization. Membership is strongly encouraged. As a chapter of the MTFCA, at least **50%** of our members must be members of the national club to keep our free liability insurance. Our club is doing very well in, as almost all of our members belong to the national club.

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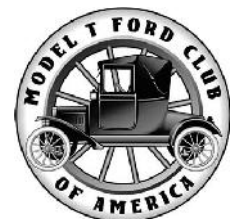
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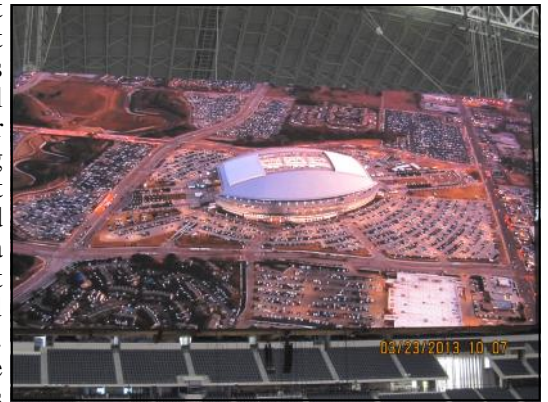
MARCH 22-23-24, 2013—48TH ANNUAL MTFCA BUSINESS MEETING; DALLAS, TEXAS
HOSTED BY THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH MTFCA (LONE STAR T'S); *Written by Roselynn Urness*

Reg and I were happy to represent the EVMTC at the 48th Annual MTFCA Business meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Dallas, Texas. We flew there Friday March 22nd arriving in the afternoon right in the middle of rush hour. Don & Cathy Mitchell from the Lone Star T's were kind enough to pick us up at the airport and drive us to the beautiful host hotel near downtown Dallas where over 96 members had already assembled.

After we checked into our room on the 20th floor (beautiful view), we found the Hospitality Room only to find out everyone was on the 21st floor attending a reception where we had an ice cream social (yummy chocolate and vanilla ice cream with all the toppings). Whenever we go on tours with our Model T's, ice cream is involved either at an afternoon rest stop or dessert after the banquet. It was fun reconnecting with friends from previous tours and meetings. They came from many different states including Canada.

Saturday we woke up to thunder, lightning, rain and a cool wind which disappointed a lot of the members from the northern climates. They were hoping for warmer weather; and one thing you learn when planning an event like this, you're at the mercy of Mother Nature. I remember the event in Mesa a few years ago that our club hosted how we bragged about coming to the Valley of the Sun only to have it rain all day Saturday.

After a delicious complimentary breakfast buffet at the hotel, we gathered outside and boarded 2 buses. By 9:00 a.m. we were off to our big adventure, and it seemed to take forever to get to our destination which was the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, TX. This stadium is touted as the most expensive sports venue ever built at a cost of \$1.2 billion, mostly, if not all, paid for by the owner of the Cowboys, Jerry Jones, who made his millions in the oil business. The stadium is the home of the National Football Dallas Cowboys, college football (Cotton Bowl), and other sporting and nonsporting events. The playing floor was being converted to a basketball court for the upcoming weekend Sweet Sixteen NCAA college basketball tournament. It took 3 years to build the stadium (2006 – 2009), and it is supported by 2 arches with a retractable roof panel. It has a seating capacity of 80,000 seats, but they do sell reduced priced tickets for "standing room only" at each end zone so at times there have been over 100,000 people in attendance. Jerry Jones decides if and when the roof should be open or closed, there is a saying in Dallas that they wanted a retractable roof so when it is open God can look down and watch his favorite team. For some reason the Cowboys are called "America's Team". If so, God must not be too happy with the way the Cowboys have been playing lately. I, being a Minnesota Viking fan, would have to dispute that statement.



In the center of the field is a video display board that is the largest high-definition TV screen in the world which was built at a cost of \$40 million. It was quite the screen; and if you don't want to watch the play on the field or on the HD TV screen, there are 3,000 Sony LCD TV displays throughout the stadium. There are eight clubs situated in the stadium and 300 luxury suites on all 5 levels to rent or lease not only to watch the football games but also to have special events like birthday parties, wedding receptions, and/or business meetings. The luxury suites are rented mostly by corporate businesses for a 10, 20, or 30 year lease, and the price is negotiable. You can rent a suite for just one time for \$15,000 to \$20,000, but this cost does not include food or beverages which you buy from the stadium caterers. 90% of the suites are already leased.

Here are some miscellaneous facts about the stadium:

-1600 toilets (60% females, 40% males) that can be changed depending on the event. They just had a concert by the Jonas Brothers where most of the ticket holders were young girls and their mothers so the toilets were changed to accommodate all the females in attendance).

-The number of employees that work there Monday – Friday is 250, but on game day it goes up to 7,000.

-Even the floor drains are in the shape of a "star".

-Jerry Jones played college football at Arkansas State as a right guard. That is why the Cotton Bowl football game is played there. There is a separate area just for Cotton Bowl memorabilia. One of Jones' team mates in college was Jimmy Johnson, so Jones hired Johnson to coach the Cowboys; and during his tenure they won 2 Super Bowls.

-Super Bowl was played there a couple years ago; and for security reasons businesses in the surrounding areas had to be closed so the parking lots were not used for their customers. Just so happens the biggest business near the stadium was Walmart and they refused to close down for that Super Bowl Sunday. But they were given an offer they couldn't refuse; they were paid a sum of up to 3 times the receipts from their best day.

-Also nearby are the Texas Rangers baseball stadium and the Six Flags Amusement Park.

-Average monthly electricity bill is \$700,000.

-The locker rooms are 52 feet below ground level. We toured the Cowboy Cheerleaders locker room. Reg has a hard time smiling when I take his photo, but the photo I took of him standing next to the poster of the cheerleaders shows quite a smile on his face. There is no age limit to be a cheerleader, and the current ones range from 18 to 29 years of age. They have to take a written test so they know what football is all about so they won't be on camera cheering when a penalty is called against the Cowboys. They only get paid \$150 per game but make other money by promotional gigs (calendars, photos, special appearance). The male locker rooms were nicer; each locker cost \$10,000 a piece and is made out of imported wood from Ghana. As our tour guide stated, the lockers for the visiting team are made out of wood imported from Home Depot and Lowes. Our tour guide was very informative and humorous.



-We toured the "Post-Game Interview Room which is 2 times bigger than the White House interview room. It is sound proof; but as our guide said, not sign language proof so the players can't hear what the fans are saying.

-Jerry Jones has his own luxury suite above the 50 yard line and has his own private elevator to get down to the playing field.

There is a Facebook page for the stadium if you want any more information. After the tour, a group photo was taken of us, and we each received a copy. The cost for the tour was \$20.00. We exited the stadium through the gift shop where you could buy any type of Cowboy team clothing, souvenirs, etc. As I walked away, I thought of all the good that could have been done with the money spent on that stadium but then we need our sports teams to cheer on for an escape from reality.

Next our buses took us to the Trail Dust Steak House for lunch which was nearby. As we got off the bus, all the men were handed a necktie; the men have to wear ties to enter into the restaurant. I looked around at the outside of the restaurant and the thought occurred to me, this place isn't fancy enough for that. I soon found out why the men wore ties. The waiters and waitresses all came up and gathered the men in a circle and immediately cut their ties in half leaving just a little bit of a tie left around their necks. They handed out pieces of paper to attach the cut off tie to and they were to print their name and date on the piece of paper. The ties would then be attached to the walls of the restaurant. It reminded me of Tortilla Flat bar where people sign one dollar bills and attach them to the ceiling and wall. The BBQ chicken and ribs were delicious and I told myself, this weekend will be a 5lb weekend with all the good food. What a fun place to take the family especially kids as they had a big wooden slide off to the one side of the dining room where the kids could slide down. I do believe Lorna from the Albuquerque club was brave enough to slide down it with her grandson Cole.

From there the buses drove us to the Texas Fire Museum which used to be the fire truck maintenance building. You could almost call it a graveyard for fire trucks. There were a few of them already restored but so many needed restorations. You have to give them credit though for taking on such a project. I guess it is a disease just like restoring and driving Model T's. The wind was starting to pick up, and it was damp outside so quite a few of us went back inside the bus to warm up and wait for the return trip to our hotel.

Instead of going directly to the hotel, the buses toured downtown Dallas. The site that got most of our attention was the JFK Museum near the book depository building where the alleged shooter Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy. I had an eerie feeling looking at this site. We also viewed the "grassy knoll" that is mentioned when talking about the assassination. It is hard to believe that November 2013 will mark the 50th anniversary of his assassination. We all talked about it and where we were when it happened. Some of the other buildings pointed out to us were American Airlines Center where the professional basketball team Dallas Mavericks play; and the Ross Perrot museum.

We had a couple hours to rest before the evening banquet. As we entered the banquet room, we remarked how pretty it was decorated. On each table was a wooden Model T truck with red, white and blue balloons in the truck bed. Our meals were delicious (pork chops, salmon or chicken with a custard for dessert). Pat Ferguson from the host club welcomed us and to the amusement of everyone passed out beanies with helicopter blades on the top of the beanie for all of us to wear. It reminded us of the Howdy Dowdy TV show back in the 1950's we use to watch. Some members took the beanies off as soon as possible but many of us wore them thru the evening. Pat introduced us to his daughter who entertained us with several songs. Door prizes and auction items were handed out.

Next came the awards for best Newsletter and Website. Reg and I both yelled hooray when our EVMTFC name was called. It was honor to accept the first place trophy for our own Running Board Newsletter; thank you Editors Lorie and Mel Poppe for such a fine job that you do for the club. Jay Klehfoth was sick with the stomach flu so he was not able to attend the banquet, but President Dennis Gorder did an excellent job in his place. Introductions of the members of the host club were made along with MTFCA board members and past winners of the Rosenthal award. This year's Rosenthal winner is Larry Azevedo from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was very surprised and grateful. It was very nice because also in attendance were his wife, Lorna, their daughter and grandson.

The next morning the annual business meeting was held. Jay was able to be there but not Barbara, as the flu bug had hit her (we wish them both a quick and speedy recovery). President Gorder gave an update on the club membership, activities, and the museum. Our membership is declining but pretty stable, we are twice the size as the MTFCA. The club is financially sound. It was noted that the museum totally funds itself; no dues are used to fund the museum. Since the club is now considered 501C3, there is more paperwork involved so the club has an assistant editor (Jennifer Hollandbeck). The editors would like us to submit articles for the Vintage Ford magazine containing technical information, local events, youth events, etc. Remember we are caretakers of the Model Ts and we need new and younger members to keep the hobby going. Board member Benny Young talked about the museum in downtown Richmond, Indiana. He helps with the museum facilities. The museum in the depot district of the city and this area is being revitalized with help from the city of Richmond; in fact, they put in a new parking lot plus there are restaurants and shops all around. The museum is trying to establish events 4 times a year at the museum. On May 4th 2013, there is a Ford Memorabilia and Collectibles "Show and Tell", "The First Fifty Years" at the museum. Members are encouraged to bring Ford Collectibles and Memorabilia to the museum to share with other Ford fans. The event is open to the public and all early Ford collectors. All proceeds benefit the museum. For more information visit www.Coildocor.com/Ford Show & Tell or contact Brent Mize at Brentmize@aol.com or call 614-582-9422 or Carl Rismiller at Crismiller@woh.rr.com. Another event is on 7/23/13 at the Hagerstown airport where early 1930 era airplanes will be gathering. The airplanes are on their way to the big air show "Fly-in" in Oshkosh, WI. Benny also reminded us to make vacations plans to come visit the museum which is located between Indianapolis and Dayton Ohio off of I-70 in Richmond.

Upcoming tours were announced:

-February 24 – 28, 2014 Annual Business Meeting leaving Fort Lauderdale, Florida on a 5 day cruise (not Carnival Cruise Lines).

-July 13-18, 2014 – National tour in San Diego, CA. It is a "hub" tour, staying at a host hotel and touring during the day and returning back to the host hotel at night. The tours will be mostly in the city limits of San Diego going to city beaches and foothills; one day will be visiting the Midway aircraft carrier, San Diego Bay and even lunch at a casino.

-Late February or early March 2015 in Hollywood, CA to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the MTFCA.

-July 12 – 17, 2015, Keith Robinson of the Foothills Model T Ford club told about a tour in Alberta, Canada. July 12th is the last day of the Calgary Stampede so we could attend that. Keith has been appointed a new position, International Ambassador for the MTFCA, so congratulations Keith.

Past President and Rosenthal award recipient Russ Grunewald told us that nothing has been set up for tours and/or annual business meetings in 2016 and 2017. Chapters are needed to come forward and volunteer to host these events.

Past President and Rosenthal award recipient Tom Miles said they are working on new DVDs for release in the summer. He wants input from our chapters on what you want to see, he needs new ideas for upcoming DVD's.

Board member Bud Redding encourage the members to get younger people interested and involved with our hobby. He drives to local nursing homes and gives rides on weekends when families are visiting. Drive your T around town, go to schools, and give a talk on Model T history. Mike Vaughn from Lincoln, Nebraska said he works in a high school and cars of today are just too hard for kids to work on but they love working on the T's. He encouraged members to get their own families involved. He suggested having a tour with only passengers who are only 25 years old or younger. He encouraged chapter clubs to share their ideas with other chapters, what is working for them, etc. Another suggestion from the floor was to maybe not charge a fee for anyone younger than 15 on a tour, this would encourage more families to attend tours.

Lastly, President Gorder invited everyone to Hershey, PA which is the first full week in October. Stop by the MTFCA booth.

Meeting ended and everyone bid their goodbyes and said "See Ya Down the Road".

LOCAL CLUB EVENTS**TECH CLINICS**

1. **Monday, April 1st;** 8:00 am - 12:00 noon.
Tech clinic - Transmission assembly, including alignment, balance and correction for runout on Steve Francois' 1915 Model T Roadster.
Meet at Austin Graton's shop at 230 S. Val Vista ROAD, Apache Junction.
If anyone has an adaptor to mount the engine in a vertical position and/or the tool for aligning the magnets, we could sure use those. All are welcome to attend.
Austin's e-mail: austgrat@q.com
Austin's phone: 480-280-0726.
Steve's e-mail: fordgood1@yahoo.com
Steve's phone: 480-946-3590.

2. **Monday, April 8th;** 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
Tech clinic - Assessment of the condition of Steven Petersen's 1926 Model T Roadster.
Meet at Petersen's at 34822 N Barzona Trail, San Tan Valley (Queen Creek).
This clinic is to assess the condition of the T and various parts and make recommendations of things that need to be done to make it safe and reliable for use. The more eyes on it the better. All are welcome to attend.
Steven's e-mail: stevenmpetersen@yahoo.com
Steven's phone: 703-217-5375.

3. **Monday, April 15th;** 8:00 am - 12:00 noon.
Tech clinic - Continuation of Transmission/Rear End on Steve Nissle' 1912 Speedster.
Meet at Steve Nissle's, 3733 E Minton Place, Mesa. All are welcome to attend. Steve also has various parts for sale.
Steve's e-mail: stevenissle@gmail.com
Steve's phone: 480-461-3100.

**APRIL 13—GILBERT
RIPARIAN RESERVE at Water Ranch**
2757 E Guadalupe Rd. (Guadalupe & Greenfield)
Meet there at 10:30 am.
Bring a picnic lunch and drink!
We have a Ramada rented for 12:00 to 1:00 pm!
(No sooner or later) (480-797-2019)
George will stay with the cars if necessary !
No charge to enter!

APRIL 20—FLORENCE; ST. ANTHONY'S GREEK ORTHODOX MONASTERY

4784 N. St. Josephs Way, Florence
(8 miles south of Florence on route 79)
Meet at the shopping mall on Superstition Mountain Rd on Route 60, Gold Canyon at 9:00, and leave at 9:30 am.
(Ladies must wear long skirts and sleeves and a scarf. Men must wear long pants and long sleeves. Sandals must have socks).
Lunch after TBD. Any suggestions ?

NATIONAL EVENTS**APRIL 27-28—PINETOP, AZ
18th ANNUAL SCMTC SPEEDSTER RUN
AND LOW LAND TOUR**

Sponsored by the Sun Country Model T Club

The Hon-Dah Casino Resort will be tour headquarters. Call Hotel facilities at 928-369-0299 and mention "Sun Country Model T Club" for the agreed rate of \$94 + tax per night. Cut-off date is April 12th to make reservations at the reduced rate. Our Group Code is SCMTC. Web address of the Hotel/Casino is: <http://www.hon-dah.com/index.html>

RVs will be staying at the Casino's RV facility which is next door. The rate is \$29.20 daily. For reservations call 800-WAY-UP-HI.

We will have a Low Land Tour on Saturday. On Sunday morning the mighty speedsters will begin their run of about 165 miles. If you would like to participate in the run, but don't have a speedster, you may run in the "other" class. There will be one trophy for that class. We will ask several of the participants of the Low Land tour to assist with the check points and to be vultures (i.e. to pick up dead cars). At around 3:00 pm we will all get together for the closing banquet and trophy presentation.

The cost of the Speedster Run is \$90 for driver and mechanic. Additional people will be \$25 per person. Low Land participants will be \$25 per person which will include the banquet. Please join us for a fun filled Model T weekend in the scenic White Mountains of Northern Arizona.

For a registration packet and more information call, mail or e-mail: Dana Crosby, Cell: 602-579-3928.
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GRACIE AND ME*By: Dolores Stolinski*

I first met Gracie after I told Ed that I would like to take the 1984 Cross Country tour that the International Model T Club was putting on. It was from New York to Seattle, Washington. Since Gracie wasn't born yet, Ed and I had a lot of work to do. Sitting at our friend's house, we were talking about Gracie's color. On the table was a blue pencil and we decided to paint her, Pencil Blue.

In July 1984, we left for New York, RV and trailer carrying Gracie. The cars (31 of them) were parked by the towers for two days. The people were very interested in what we were doing and doing it in our cars. Finally we started the tour. Boy were the New York drivers mad at us. We stopped the traffic on Broadway and finally got on the road to Albany, New York.

Friends of ours drove the RV. We parked it every night at a Holiday Inn. Were they nice! Ask for it, you got it! On through Pennsylvania, Ohio, up to Michigan for one week in Livonia. International Model T Club had their annual tour. It was a good time to rest and fix cars if they were acting up. We were ready to get back on the road at the end of the week.

We got to Indiana, Illinois where we met my sister, Marge who drove the RV to Colorado. We also met some of our family in Joliet, Illinois. Off to Missouri, Kansas where the tall corn grows and Colorado. Gracie took one look at the mountains and said 'no way'. We trailered her and her burn valve to Rock Springs, Wyoming. My brother was now driving the RV.

All this time the Model T chapters were wonderful and the people who kept taking pictures of us. On to Pocatello, Idaho. We had a nice lunch there with their chapter and of course, it included Idaho potatoes.

After three weeks on the road, we got to Seattle, Washington and our cars were by the Washington University. Only one car was trailered in. On the trip there were a few breakdowns but they were fixed. The weather was good and the scenery beautiful. Eleven beautiful states we went through. It was a trip we would never forget.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Do you have any Model T items for sale OR are you looking for specific Model T parts? Contact Steve Francois who is compiling a list and will try to locate them for you, or let Mel and Lorie know and we can add it to this section of the newsletter.

FOR SALE: I have a supply of EVMTFC magnetic signs to sell to our members. The signs measure 12 inches X 12 inches. They are priced at \$15 each. I also have some 4" EVMTFC patches for \$6 each. - *Dave Veres*

FOR SALE: I have a friend back in New Hampshire looking to sell his 1924 roadster pickup. This T has been my ride summers for the past four years and runs and drives well. It has had the seat and top replaced but other than that is barn fresh. Also has turn signals and distributor. I'll be driving back to AZ in Sept/Oct with trailer and could arrange to transport. Asking price is \$5,500. - *Bill Allen (see photos)*



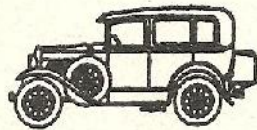
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FOR SALE: Rebuilt T short block \$1600.
Call Steve Nissle 480-226-6883.

FOR SALE: Anyone interested in the most recent printing of “The Model T Ford, The Car That Changed The World” by Bruce W. McCalley, in paperback for \$30 please e-mail Tom Hoverson at tom1757@aol.com I have 6 on order. 2 are spoken for. The price went up from my supplier to \$29.99 with free shipping.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

RICE KRISPIE TREATS

By: Susan Stone

- 1 cup Karo syrup
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 6 cups Rice Krispies
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 cup of sugar

Heat peanut butter and karo syrup and sugar until well blended and very warm, Add the Rice Krispies and stir well. Spread in a greased 9x13 pan and let cool. Combine chocolate chips and butterscotch chips and melt them in the microwave for about 1 1/2 minutes until completely melted. Spread over Rice Krispies. Let the frosting set up and then cut into squares. Enjoy!

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