

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE EAST VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB**February 2015****Volume 13, Issue 2****CALENDAR OF EVENTS****February 2015**

- 7 Motoring Thru Time, 10:00 am
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- 7 Concours in the Hills, 10:00 am
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iCream Café, Mesa Riverview
- 9 Classic Car Show, V.D.O., 9am
- 19 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Citadel Community Center, Mesa
(SW corner Broadway & Higley)
- 21 Tech Clinic, 8:00 am
Lamonte Einspahr, Mesa
- 28 AJ Lost Dutchman Parade, 7:30 am

March 2015

- 1 EVMTFC Ice Cream Fling - TBA
- 3 MARCA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- ___ Alan Travis Tour - TBA
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Citadel Community Center, Mesa
(SW corner Broadway & Higley)

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- 5 Happy Easter
- ___ EVMTFC Ice Cream Fling - TBA
- 16 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Citadel Community Center, Mesa
(SW corner Broadway & Higley)
- 17,18,19 Tucson Tour
Arizona's Model T Tour



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*By: Steve Nissle*

And a fabulous February to you!
We are scooting into 2015 with a lot of exciting events.

The Tucson tour will be April 17, 18 & 19. Thanks RuthAnn for all your effort in putting the details together. The Flagstaff club is joining us as well and the invitation is open to all our Arizona clubs. More to come....

A reminder, it would be great if you can share a 10-15+ minute program with us at our Thursday meetings. Share your unique hobby or passion with us. You may know of someone who would like to present to our group as well.

This next meeting I have scheduled a WW2 veteran to share his stories of flying 33 missions in a B24 from England to Germany. Fascinating to gain an insight into an era that has a dwindling number of living participants. It will be an honor to have him with us.

Trivia....Who came to Los Angeles from Kansas City in 1923 with only \$40 in his pocket and created a global empire?

See you all soon! *Keep on Drivin'!* -Steve

**MODEL T's at DAIRY QUEEN ~ January 4th in Apache Junction***By: Bert Diehl, Jr.*

T'was a beautiful Sunday afternoon on January 4th, 2015 when approximately 20 members of the East Valley Model T Ford Club met at 3 PM in the parking lot of the Dairy Queen, i.e. DQ, on the Apache Trail in Apache Junction, AZ.

Arrived shortly before 3 PM in a 1940 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedan to find I was the first on the scene. Didn't take more than a minute or two for more club members to arrive in a variety of Model T's and one lone Model A. There was lot's of jawing and inspection of old Fords before we finally entered DQ for something cold and refreshing.



MODEL T's at DAIRY QUEEN ~ January 4th in Apache Junction (continued)
By: Bert Diehl, Jr.



After enjoying a sweet treat it was back outside for a little more talk before piling into our cars and heading out on the road for more driving adventures. I'd say we accomplished what we set out to do, i.e. putting a few more miles on an old car, sharing experiences with like minded club members, answering questions of people who stopped to look over a few old Fords, and adding to our waistlines with ice cream. It's the thing to do on Sunday afternoon.



Hope to see you at the next
Ice Cream Fling on
Sunday, February 8th
at the iCream Café
at Mesa Riverview
at 3:00 pm.



EVMTFC (East Valley Model T Ford Club)

Website: evmtfc.com

Be sure to check our website often for new and updated information.

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Membership Dues:

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.

Applications for membership in the EVMTFC may be printed from the website at evmtfc.com, or obtained from any current member or from the Vice President/Membership Chairman.

Newsletters:

Our monthly newsletter, *Runningboard News*, can be viewed on our website. All articles, photos and information for the upcoming newsletter is due to the Editors by the 26th of the month.

Members Cars (Our T's):

Steve Nissle can take a photo of your T...contact Steve if you are interested.

Dave Veres can put a picture of your T on our website...send him a photo of your T with or without you in the photo.

MTFCA (Model T Ford Club of America):

The EVMTFC is affiliated with, and is a chapter of, the 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 this regard, as almost all of our members belong to the national club.

Membership in the MTFCA includes all the privileges of the Club, including six issues of the *Vintage Ford* and one voting ballot per member-family for election of the Club's Board of Directors. Annual dues are \$40. Lifetime Memberships are available. Payment may be made by check, credit card or PayPal.

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

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LOCAL CLUB EVENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bill & Judy Vogelsang, Gilbert
We hope to see you at future events!

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. Bring your ideas to the next meeting. 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.

GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS

We meet at the Citadel on the southwest corner of Higley and Broadway in Mesa.

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

- February 19 - Jacksons & Poppes
- March 19 - Henrys
- April 16 - Francois & Urness
- May 21 - _____

Be sure to wear your EVMTFC name badge at all club events.

February 7th
(raindate February 14th)
Concours in the Hills
Fountain Hills
10:00 am—2:00 pm

Directions:

From West: Take Shea Blvd to left on Palisades Blvd. Right on Saguaro. Left on El Lago.

From East: Take Shea Blvd to right on Saguaro and right on El Lago.

Please arrive by 9am to ensure a display spot.

All \$50 entry proceeds (tax deductible) from this fun gathering of a broad variety of fascinating automobiles held in a spectacular setting on the beautiful green grass of 64-acre Fountain Park in Fountain Hills, with its famous 562 foot fountain, one of the world's highest, serving as a backdrop will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale.

concoursinthehills.org

Contact Peter Volny
480-773-7297
concoursinthehills@cox.net

2nd Annual
Concours in the Hills

HUNDREDS OF EXOTIC, SPORTS, CLASSICS & MUSCLE CARS
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RAIN DATE FEBRUARY 14
FOUNTAIN PARK, FOUNTAIN HILLS • 10:00AM-2:00PM
FREE SPECTATOR ADMISSION & PARKING VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT: WWW.CONCOURSINTHEHILLS.ORG
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER SCOTTSDALE

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FEBRUARY 7 ~ Motoring Thru Time


Heritage Square - Heritage & Science Park:
115 N. 6th St., Phoenix, (1 blk. south of Van Burn
& 7th Street in downtown Phoenix)

Celebrate Heritage Square's 35th anniversary at our annual Motoring Thru Time event! 10:00 am—4:00 pm. New for 2015! A People's Choice award canned food drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance - vote for your favorite event day exhibit vehicle with 1 can = 1 vote. Event goers can vote as many times as they like on event day - just bring more canned food!

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Motoring-Thru-Time/290954367621827>

Park website & Motoring Thru Time past photo highlights: <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/alphabetical/h-parks/heritage>


Event & Exhibit Vehicle Contact:
Tammy Parker, 602-262-5071,
tammy.parker@phoenix.gov



City of Phoenix
MOTORING
Thru Time

Discover technology, innovation and engineering with antique & classic vehicles on exhibit at this fun free event!

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015
• 10AM - 4PM •
heritagesquarephx.org



MODEL T CLUB - ICE CREAM FLING

We normally meet the first Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm at a different ice cream parlor each month! Due to Super Bowl, we will meet on:

Sunday, February 8th, 3:00 pm

iCream Café located at Mesa Riverview
929 N Dobson Rd, Mesa
(North Building, Suite 104)
(Dobson & Bass Pro Drive)
480-610-6345
mesa@icecreamcafe.com



Yes of course, drive your T's!

Our rapid freezing, super sweet liquid nitrogen machine instantly freezes your customized treat into a uniquely smooth and creamy dessert. We make everything on the spot so that you get exactly what you want. Choose ice cream, yogurt, sorbet, hot pudding, or a shake. Then pick the flavor and fresh fruit or candy toppings. Fill up with smooth iCream ice cream, or go light with non-fat yogurt topped with fresh fruit.

Mark your calendar for our next "Model T Club Ice Cream Fling" on **Sunday, March 1st** at 3:00 pm. Members please suggest possible locations. It could be ice cream, Italian ice, gelato, frozen custard, paleta's, etc.

FEBRUARY 21st

Lamonte Einspahr - Tech Clinic
3221 E Fairbrook, Mesa (Lindsay & Brown)
602-571-9638.

Meet at 8:00 am to check out a backfire issue on his 1915 Reo. Come on out and join the club members to learn and help!

Classic Car Show

If you would like to enter your car, contact Bruce Hoople at 480-684-0300
bruceh@montcalm.edu
...so he can reserve a space for you and your car.

Monday, February 9,
2-5 p.m.

Valle del Oro RV Resort

1452 S. Ellsworth Road, Mesa

No entry fee—Sponsored by VDO Car Club

Food Available/Free Water/50¢ Beer and Wine

Concert Ticket Give-Aways and 50-50 Raffle



FEBRUARY 28**Lost Dutchman Days Parade**

(Apache Trail between Idaho & Ironwood)
Apache Junction

We will assemble at Larry & Sandy Hart's beginning at 7:30 am at 1875 N Monterey Dr in Apache Junction. There will be breakfast goodies. At that time, we will be given instructions for the EVMTFC Poker Run to be held after the parade.

There is room to trailer in and unload if you are a distance away. Please be prompt as we must be in the parade lineup no later than 8:30am. Bring a copy of your insurance card. For those who don't have a T here and may want to ride in the parade, come on out. Most of the time someone has a vacant seat they are willing to share.

After the Poker Run, we will meet at the Mining Camp Restaurant, 6100 E Mining Camp St, Apache Junction for lunch. \$17.95+ each.

Photo Day: While at the picturesque Mining Camp Restaurant we will have a group Model T photo. Steve Nissle will take group pictures and/or individual pictures of club members and their cars.

MARCH 3**MARCA Meeting**

Berge Ford, 460 E Auto Center Dr, (US 60 & Mesa Dr), Mesa

The Model A Restorers Club of Arizona (MARCA) has invited us to join them at their March monthly membership meeting that will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm at Berge Ford in Mesa. MARCA will have a guest speaker named Paul Messinger.

Paul moved to Scottsdale with his family in 1942. His father moved them from Grand Rapids, Michigan. His father was a farmer/attorney. Paul grew up in early Scottsdale and has been a farmer/ rancher, and the owner of Messinger Mortuaries.

He is a Model 'T' guy, having built one up from a junker that he found in a barn when he was not yet old enough to drive legally...although young people still did in those days...if they had a good reason...and has some very interesting stories to tell about growing up in the 1940's and delivering his papers over a long route in Scottsdale. He has served on the Scottsdale City Council and in State Government. He writes a weekly history column in the 'Scottsdale Republic' which is part of the Arizona Republic. His writing is quite skillful and he definitely helps to preserve the history of our area. He is now in his mid 80's and is still active in his business. There is an extensive Bio on the Messinger Mortuary web site.

<http://www.messingermortuary.com/html/history.html>

Please plan to attend if you enjoy listening to people talk about their experiences with Model T's and A's when they were practically new.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Stephanie Linney - 2nd

Steven Petersen - 11th

Ken Henry - 12th

Samuel Guthrie - 14th

Lynn Graton - 15th

John Peterson - 15th

Jeniece Petersen—16th

Dick Edmunson - 17th

Susan Stone - 17th

Dianne Nissle - 21st

**MARCH 14****AJ Antique Engine & Tractor Show**

Rodeo Park, Apache Junction

(Lost Dutchman Blvd between Idaho & Tomahawk Roads)

9:00 am—3:00 pm. 1:00pm Parade of vehicles. Admission \$5.00. (If you bring a T, there is no charge to get in). If you bring your T, have it in place by 9:00 am.

Watch for more information!

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, place, and the calendar, for weekly "cruisin'-ins".

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

CULVER'S CAR SHOW

1st & 3rd Sundays ~ 2:00 - 6:00 pm; 1842 S Greenfield Rd, Mesa; Contact Carissa 602-616-5316. All "classic cars" welcome. All you car guys and gals cruise on out to Culver's on Greenfield! Awesome cars, great folks, good music and the best burgers and frozen custard this side of the Mississippi.

ROCK & ROLL CAR SHOW

Saturdays, 4pm - 8pm, McDonalds/Scottsdale Pavillions, 9175 E Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale.

CRUZ'N @ PHIL'S = Every Sunday. 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm; Phil's Filling Station, Fountain Hills.

MANIFOLD COOKER RECIPE

RHUBARB ICE CREAM TOPPING on the Manifold

*From Favorite Recipes for the
Model T Cooker*

By: Frank & Carole Fenton

Line the cooker with wide aluminum foil, lengthwise, about 3 times the length of the cooker. Slice fresh rhubarb into small pieces, add a handful or two of sugar, drive to an ice cream store at least 20 miles away, buy a dish of ice cream, put the topping on it and enjoy.

CHERRY ICE CREAM TOPPING on the Manifold

Buy fresh cherries at a farm stand...be sure to remove all the pits. Add a handful of sugar if you have large hands and two if you have small hands. Drive to an ice cream stand, buy a dish of ice cream, pour on the topping and enjoy.

Do you have a recipe or method of cooking you have tried in your manifold cooker that you would like to share? Please send it to Mel & Lorie Poppe.

NATIONAL EVENTS

MARCH 27-29

Garden Grove (Anaheim), CA

***"FOLLOW THE GOLDEN BRICK ROAD"* MTFCA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY & 50th ANNUAL MEETING.**

Hosted by the Orange County Model T Ford Club. You are cordially invited to join us for a journey through 50 fabulous years of the Model T Ford Club of America! *See details in the Vintage Ford.*

Cost for the planned activities is \$150.00 per person.

Host Hotel: Embassy Suites Anaheim South
(a Hilton Hotel)

11767 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840
800-362-2779

Call to reserve and mention "50th Annual Meeting Model T Ford Club of America" or reserve online at:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LAXGDES-TFO-20150326/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

For more information and to receive the registration packet, please call or e-mail:

Barbara Moody - 714-529-9585

dbm_modelt@sbcglobal.net

or

Mark Mahoney - 714-715-6255

TPrez1923@aol.com

JUNE 24-27**International Speedsters Trials & Reunion**

Host: Museum of American Speed, Lincoln NE



Registration forms are available on the museum's web site:

www.museumofamericanspeed.com

Everyone planning to attend must submit a Reunion Registration Form. Registration fee is \$100 per person.

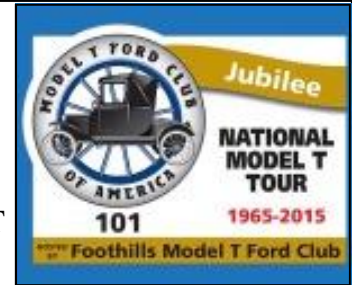
<http://www.mtfca.com/discus/messages/411944/503145.html?1419097306>

F.A.S.T. Hill Climb: If you would like to participate in Friday's fun, sporting, traditional event of hill climbs that were popular in the early days of the automobile, you will need to contact someone involved in the hill climbs, before building a car or bringing one to a hill climb, to obtain a copy of the general rules and requirements. A fee of \$25 and the Hill Climb Racer's Registration Form must be submitted.

Host Hotel: Country Inn & Suites,
5353 N 27th St, Lincoln NE
402-476-5353. Call to reserve and mention "2015 Speedsters Reunion" for best rates, or register online:

www.countryinns.com/2015speedsterreunion

Contact Rich Johnston 402-598-2947 or e-mail rsjohnston@speedwaymotors.com

**JULY 12-17****50th Anniversary****Tour MTFCA**Cochrane, Alberta,
CANADA

The Foothills Model T Club of Calgary will be hosting the MTFCA's National Tour celebrating the MTFCA's 50th year. www.mtfca50.com

Registration Form:

<http://mtfca50.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/T-Tour-Registration-Form-2015-2-FINAL.pdf>

Model T Safety Inspection Form:

<http://mtfca50.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/InspectionJubilee2015.pdf>

Host Hotel: Ramada Cochrane,
10 Westside Dr, Cochrane, Alberta, Canada
403-932-6355 or 866-860-8846 (toll free)
Call to reserve and mention "MTFCA 50th" or register online:

<http://www.ramada.com/hotels/alberta/cochrane/ramada-cochrane/hotel-overview>

Check out the Model T Store online!

<http://modeltstore.myshopify.com/>

The Model T Store is the Model T Ford Club of America's online store. They are increasing their inventory, so check back often to find newly added items.

Purchase MTFCA items on-line, including lapel pins, decals in 3 sizes, restoration manuals, restoration DVDs, books and more! Many of the items sold at the Model T Museum can be purchased from this site, including hats, clothing, books, and toys.

The Model T Museum is located in the Historic Depot District at 309 N 8th St in Richmond, IN. Phone 765-488-0026.

E-mail: museum@mtfca.com

Contact the Model T Ford Club of America at 765-855-5248 or e-mail: barbara@mtfca.com

A MAN AND HIS T - The Story of my 1925 Tudor

Submitted by: Austin Graton

I had always wanted a Model T since I was a pre-teen, but Dad discouraged me because he had several and had bought and sold them for as little as \$7.50 each, so he really didn't see much value in them. At age 13, when I convinced him to take me to look at a Touring for \$300 he did not want me to buy it, even though it was running and we took a ride in it.



In about 1970, after having moved to Arizona, I attended one of the many collector car auctions in Scottsdale. When the Tudor went up for bid, I did not win the bid. The bid on the Tudor went higher than I wanted to pay and it did not meet the reserve so it was a no sale. I found the T in the lot after the sale and left an offer on the windshield with my phone number. My offer was less than the bid. Later that day the owner called and said he would take my offer. In those days an after auction sale did not have to go through the auction company so he did not have to pay the commission.

As Lynn and I were both working full time and money was tight we didn't do anything with the T, it just sat. Then in 1977 I went on active duty for several years and the T sat outside at Lynn's folk's house. Needless to say, it got weathered quite a bit during that time. When we returned to Arizona in 1984 we stored the car in our own yard, again outside. Regrettably, I never took the time to work on the T or use it or even run it until 1995. We had moved to Apache Junction at that point and again I went to work full time as I was still 5 years away from receiving retired pay from my National Guard service at age 60.



My neighbor in Apache Junction, Mr. King, was very interested in the Model T. After working for Pinal County for nearly 3 years, my brother offered me a job working for him on the east coast. When Mr. King found that out that we would be gone for several years, he asked if he could drive the T around our lots while I was gone and I agreed. Before we left we towed the T and got it started and I showed him how to drive it. A few years later, before we returned to Arizona, Mr. King passed away. He had enjoyed the T so much that the family put a picture of him with the T on the front of his memorial announcement.

Once we returned to AJ in 2001 I started the process of getting the T registered. After all the time had passed since I had purchased it, I could not find any paperwork on it. This began the process of securing a bonded title. I thought I had remembered the seller telling me that he bought the car from a museum in Florida. To attempt to trace its source I had to contact auto museums in Florida to see if they had any record of the car. Several months later, with some negative responses and some no responses, I took all my documentation in to DMV. At that point I applied for the bonded title and paid my fee. This whole process took almost an entire year to complete. Finally I was legally able to drive the T on the road. That was when I began to actually work on it and use it, after 30+ years.



BACK-IN-THE-DAY Submitted by: Bill Allen
MODEL T FORD REPAIR ADVERTISEMENT IN 1928...Sent on a penny postcard!



Dear Sir:—

We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.

It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.

The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.

Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.

New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.

The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.

A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Very truly yours,
 Bottineau, N. Dak. C. R. GLEASON CO.

THE DODGE BROTHERS *Submitted by: Steve Francois**Reprinted from the Fabulous Fifties Ford Club newsletter and the web:**<http://bangshift.com/general-news/incredible-rise-dodge-brothers-matched-tragically-early-deaths-heres-whats-dodge-ads/>*

Dodge has produced some pretty neat ads recently which feature “John and Horace Dodge” playing the roles of speedy drivers, caring factory owners, and mavericks of the early automotive age. The good news that the brothers were all three of those things. They raced cars and boats, they made more money and more savvy business deals than virtually anyone else alive in their time, and they did take better care of their workers than friend turned bitter rival Henry Ford. The part of their story you will not see or hear much about during the Dodge ad campaign is how their lives ended far too young and perhaps before the brothers had even tasted their biggest successes. The culprit? Spanish Flu. In a 20 year period, between 1900 and 1920 the Dodge brothers went from skilled machinists making bicycles to the owners and operators of one of the largest industrial operations in the world. Through it all, the brothers were rarely ever seen apart, wore identically tailored suits, and even managed to pass away in tragically similar fashions.



The story begins in the late 1860s when both brothers were born into a hard working family led by a machinist father who had a second generation business repairing marine engines. A devout Methodist, he raised the boys to be hard workers and while both of them quite literally grew up in the machine shop it was John who became the better machinist and Horace who developed the strong leadership skills and financial ability that would be the perfect match to his brother’s mechanical genius. After designing some innovative parts and earning reputations as smart, and industrious guys, the brothers went into the bicycle business in the 1890s. The only problem with the bicycle business is that it was getting pushed further and further to the back burner by the increased demand that companies were placing on them to develop car parts. Because there were so many small manufacturers at that point, the Dodge Brothers were supplying lots of parts to lots of companies and the word was out that their quality and precision was the best in town. This led a pretty big time guy to their front door.



That guy was Ransom E. Olds and in 1902 the Dodge Brothers started making all of the engines and other hard parts for the famed “Curved Dash Olds”. This amounted to thousands of engines, transmissions, and axles. At that point in time, Olds was the largest volume seller of cars in the country. If the story ended here it would be a great tale of hard work and success during a wild time in America, but the reality is that this tale was just starting to get cranked up.

In 1903, the brothers were approached by Henry Ford who was desperate to get his latest venture off the ground after having his previous two car companies fold up and go down the tubes. Working out a deal with the Dodge brothers, they would get 10% of the company and the rights to everything Ford had if it all went kaput. It was the only way they would sign the deal and in desperation, Ford signed. For the next 10 years, the Dodge brothers and their 100+ employees would manufacture every mechanical part for the Model T.

At this point we should note that the Dodge brothers were a couple of hard living guys. They drank lots, they got into fights at bars, and they were generally the types of devil-may-care mavericks that lived adventurous lives during the wild west period of the automotive age. While fantastically wealthy they were not accepted by the elite in Detroit at the time and did whatever they could to hang out with the city's wealthy high rollers. Their reputation as ruffians (despite that strict religious upbringing) led them wherever they went.

Just because they liked to blow off steam outside of the plant didn't make them bad guys inside it, though. They would serve beer on hot afternoons in the foundry, they had a part of the plant called the "Play Pen" where workers could invent and create things after hours, and they had what was probably the first HR office in a car factory ever where employees could meet with people and work through personal issues and other stuff that may or may not have been directly involved with work. They respected the workers and what they did as much as any ultra-wealthy industrialists of the age did anyway which certainly didn't put them in a league with Ghandi but it did put them ahead of many others.

In 1913 it was announced that Dodge would stop building parts for Ford and the company would make their own cars. This was something that the brothers had been planning on after Ford started construction of the massive River Rouge plant outside of Detroit. As you could imagine this really pissed Henry Ford off and he tried to stop paying the brothers money on the stock that they owned in Ford. In typical fashion Henry did what he wanted, got sued, and had to pay them the terrific sum (for the day!) of \$19-million dollars. After that happened he really wanted to get rid of the Dodge brothers and made another dastardly attempt to screw them over but once again failed.



Ford announced he was quitting and was going to start another company to undercut the Model T. This caused the stock prices to drop (even though the whole thing was a ruse) and people began contacting the Dodges to sell. They sat on their stock for a while, waiting for the prices to come back up and promptly sold for \$25-million dollars. This was 1916 (or thereabouts) and the Dodge car had begun to take off, production was flying and the men were in the prime of their lives. In less than a decade and a half they had gone from bicycle part machinists to among the wealthiest people in America and competing head to head with the likes of Henry Ford.

Production continued to grow, hitting 400,000 cars in 1919 along with thousands of artillery pieces manufactured for the American and French forces fighting WWI. Car production did not stop, the guys simply made a new line and built the big guns while the car factory was humming along. Things literally could not have been going better. 1920 was poised to be the year of all years for the Dodge brothers. Every signal indicated that their cars were going to sell like they had never sold before. Both men attended the NY Auto Show that year in advance of the new models coming out to the public. It was Horace who took sick first, being stricken with the Spanish Flu that was revenging the country. Sadly John caught the same Flu, likely from his time tending to Horace and died about a week later. Horace never fully recovered and lived in a sickly state for a short time before he also died. Out of nowhere, the two brothers who had literally spent their lives attached to the hip were both dead. It wasn't the hard drinking, hard living, bar fighting lifestyle that got them, it was germs. Perhaps the most amazing chapter of their lives happened after the men died.

During this age and most any other, when the leaders of an outfit like the Dodge brothers pass on the whole works is thrown into chaos and fails. Their planning, structure, and methods were so strong that the company survived. The contributions from the widows of the brothers cannot be forgotten either. It was they who promoted Fred Haynes to run the place. Haynes had been with the brothers since the bicycle days and he continued to operate and grow the company in the manner the brothers would have. While the company was sold to an investment group, they did not interfere with day to day operations and things continued on. In 1925 General Motors almost bought Dodge but it was instead sold to a financial firm that some guy Walter Chrysler had a hand in. 1928 was the year that Chrysler automotive company bought Dodge for \$170 million dollars and it has stayed as part of the Chrysler umbrella ever since. There have been up years and down years but the company is still around today and stands as a vitally important brand to the Chrysler portfolio which has positioned it as their performance and excitement label.

We really like the new Dodge ad campaign because it is telling a compelling story and one that lots of people do not know. It is amazing to think about what John and Horace Dodge presided over in their relatively short tenure at the helm of the company. Their lives were taken far too soon and we can only imagine what their impact would have been had they spent more time steering the good ship Dodge through those amazing growth years of the auto industry in the 1920s and beyond.

DIRECTION SIGNAL LEVER

Submitted by: Steve Nissle

So this guy in Illinois gets in a serious car accident 51 years ago, and totaled his '63 T Bird...I mean photos testified that he was one lucky guy to even live through such a disastrous wreck! He had surgeries to his ribs and chest area...all successful.

But only recently, he set off one of the metal detectors at the airport, and later, noticed a swelling beginning to show on his upper arm. X-rays revealed that something was inside...something long, and thin and apparently made of metal. So surgery was done, and you wouldn't believe what they discovered in his arm! The 7 inch, slender, metal, direction signal lever, from his smashed '63 T Bird...and what's really weird is that when he looked once again at the photos of the interior of the wrecked car, he noticed that the lever was missing then...but never suspected where it was!

And as our friend Paul Harvey, whom we miss, would say, "And now you know the rest of the story!"

THE END...

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2015/01/02/turn-signal-lever-removed-arm/21181305/>

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/01/02/living/feat-man-turn-signal-arm-accident/>

1910 FORD*Submitted by: Bill Allen*

The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago.
What a difference a century makes!

www.conceptcarz.com/vehicle/z6976/Ford-Model-T.aspx

Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
 - Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.
 - Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
 - Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
 - There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
 - The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
 - The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
 - The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.
 - The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
 - A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year.
 - A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
 - More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
 - Ninety percent of all physicians had no college education!
Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as 'substandard.'
 - Sugar cost four cents a pound.
 - Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
 - Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
 - Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
 - Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- The five leading causes of death were:
1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke
- The American flag had 45 stars.
 - The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!
 - Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
 - There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
 - Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
 - Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
 - There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.
(but almost everyone had a gun!)



Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years!

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE: '39 Deluxe Ford. \$20,000. 4 door Deluxe. 3 speed on floor. V8.
Call Ed Stolinski 480-986-0711. E-mail: edslim012@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 1929 Model A Roadster Pickup. \$14,500. Mint condition.
Call Dominic Vannucci at 520-490-2243. E-mail: dvannucci23@icloud.com



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE:

'26 Model T Ford Roadster Pickup.

\$8,000. Runs great.

Call Jerry for details. 928-635-9167.



FOUR CARS FOR SALE:

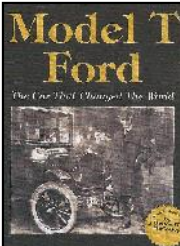
1926 Two Door Sedan.

1922 Touring.

1925 Roadster Pickup.

January 1923 all aluminum body Four Door Sedan.
(no picture yet)

Please call Scott Parsons for more information.
520-237-0499



FOR SALE:

The most recent printing of "The Model T Ford, The Car That Changed The World" by Bruce W. McCalley.

One soft cover book left for \$25, e-mail Tom Hoverson at tom1757@aol.com

FOR SALE: Dave Veres has a supply of EVMTFC magnetic signs to sell to our members.

-12 inches X 12 inches for \$15.

-9 inches X 9 inches for \$10.

-6 inches X 6 inches for \$6.

He also has 4" EVMTFC patches for \$6 each.

Only one club t-shirt left with the EVMTFC logo, Large. Yellow. \$15. Call Dave at 480-897-2209.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE:

- 2 - 1926 front fenders
- 2 - 1926 rear fenders
- 2 - 1926 running boards
- 1 - set of windshield stanchions
- 2 - 1926 splash aprons
- 4 - wood 21" wheels

All of the above are original and ARE NOT rusted through. They will need to be reworked and have a few welded spots. Total price \$2,000 OBO. Call Gary Schicketanz at 480-268-7472.

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FOR SALE: We recently moved to Scottsdale from California. Just prior to moving, I sold my early 1912 T and parts. When unpacking, I found several parts with my Model A stuff and would like to sell them. These include:

- Low Head, bead blasted, clean, painted: \$80
- Transmission puller tool (used once): \$50
- Repro Champion X spark plugs (unused), set of 4: \$50

*If anyone is interested, I can be contacted through my email at maf1930@gmail.com or phone 714-717-9321. Thanks, Dan.

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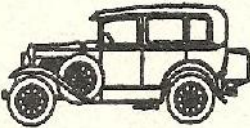
FOR SALE: (See "Vintage Ford" Trading Post for this ad). 1926 Model T Roadster. Paint and body in good condition with a few nicks and scratches. Starts easily and runs good. New Rocky Mountain Brakes, rebuilt carburetor, new kingpins and bushings, new top, new front shackles and bushings. Ready to drive and enjoy. Includes rare aftermarket Rumble Seat kit, wire wheels, running board luggage rack, running board tool box, good tires. Engine # 14429763. Clear Arizona Title. Detail photos available on request. \$8,000. For further information, call Howard Downs, 480-982-2062.

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FOR SALE: Contact Steve Francois at 480-946-3590 or e-mail fordgood1@yahoo.com
I have a multitude of Model T and Mustang parts, too many to list. Also, Ford parts for 1952-1954. The 1953 Victoria is also still for sale.

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