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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2013

- 12** Casa Grande Ruins
Club Tour & Picnic
- 17** General Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr
- 18** Dillinger Days, Tucson
- 24** Ladies Tea, 2:00 pm,
Jan Peterson's home
- 26** Bluegrass Festival, Casa Grande

February 2013

- 2** Motoring Thru Time, Phoenix
- 9** Florence Historic Tour
- 9** TCH Charity Car Show
- 21** General Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr
- 23** AJ Lost Dutchman Days Parade

March 2013

- TBD** East Meets West Tour
- 11-12** AJ Tractor Show
- 21** General Meeting 7:00 pm
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr



**Congratulations, Austin Graton!
2012 Bob Wildman Award
and
Dave Veres
2011 Bob Wildman Award**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Claudia Linney



Well, Christmas is over and it is time to start a New Year. Time for a fresh start. Remember that the club is something that people do in their spare time and most of us have jobs and other commitments, so we may not be able to devote the same amount of time as others. Let's all please remember to be kind and patient.

The Christmas Party was a great success. Thank you Tom Hoverson for setting that up for us. I think the location and service was great.

A big THANK YOU! We were able to collect \$128.00 and a trunk full of toys to donate. We delivered them 12/23/12. The volunteers were very grateful for the donations.

We held elections and voted in the following:

President: Claudia Linney

Vice President: Tom Hoverson

Secretary: Bert Diehl

Treasurer: Dave Veres

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Bob Wildman Award. I will not spoil the moment in this message, but I was very happy to have 3 nominations this year. Thank you to all who serve in the club.

Happy New Year and Touring!

**WELCOME - NEW MEMBER**

Bob Johnson, Payson

We hope you can join us in many future events and tours.

**DECEMBER 1—APACHE JUNCTION
Holiday Light Parade**

By: Bill & Kae Allen

Photos by: Dave Veres and the Allens

What a difference a year makes - weatherwise that is. Last year it was cold and wet and we were all jacketed and wrapped in blankets. This year the weather was perfect.

Once again members of the club gathered at our house at 4:30 pm to begin the festivities. Dave Veres had the furthest to come and was the first to arrive. Because of the great weather, he chose to drive from Tempe instead of trailering. I believe there were about 24 in attendance, namely 6 from the Linney family, 2 each from the Elms, Urness, Nissles, Stones, McKinneys, Gratons, Harts, and Allens, plus R Johnson and D Veres. We hope that the lack of a Model T to drive didn't keep other members from enjoying a wonderful potluck dinner as there are always spare Model Ts and backseats. As it was, Reg & Roselynn claimed the backseat in our Sedan, 4 of the Linneys piled into our Touring while 2 Linneys and Ron found other backseats. There were 10 Model Ts lined up raring to go but only 9 made the parade since no one claimed our lonely Roadster to drive. Maybe next year.

After enjoying a variety of delicious food from the potluck, we left about 6:15 pm in our gaily decorated lighted T's. Many of us forgot our insurance cards; so, something to keep in mind for next year. We had a good spot to stage and for once, we weren't near the end of the line and were glad to see that the horses were behind us! The floats were nicely decorated as always. The number of people that lined the parade route were the most we have seen in many years. The children especially loved the Ts and were shouting Merry Christmas and asking us to blow our horns.

This parade saw no breakdowns and afterwards, we all stopped in a vacant parking lot so Steve Nissle could take a group picture. Some members came back to the Allens to load their cars on trailers or drop off those who grabbed a backseat. Dave might have been the first to arrive but he was the last to leave as he helped load George's car on his trailer (he held the flash-

light!) But he was well rewarded with a stash of molasses cookies to eat on his way home. We hope that the members found our house to be a good venue to have the gathering before the parade as we'd like to make it a tradition and continue hosting year after year. We think the proximity to the parade, room for trailer parking, and empty garage to set up tables makes it a convenient location. Plus the fact that we have lots of Christmas paper goods left over to use next year. So even if you don't have a Model T to drive, please come to the potluck and chances are they'll be plenty of room in someone's backseat.



DECEMBER 1—APACHE JUNCTION
Holiday (Christmas) Light Parade and Potluck

By: Austin & Lynn Graton

On December 1, 2012 a group of East Valley Model T Ford Club members assembled at Bill and Kae Allen's Apache Junction residence for a potluck meal in preparation for the annual Apache Junction light parade. Bill had cleared out his garage except for his 1964 Thunderbird and had set up tables and chairs in preparation. Kae had the hot cider ready along with plates and utensils. We had about 28 people show up with lots of delicious food dishes to share. Unlike last year, the evening was warm and quite pleasant.

Some of us took the opportunity to view Bill's latest Model T project that he is building using his extra parts. As usual, he is doing a great job on it and I'm sure we will have the pleasure of seeing it on the road in the next few months.

We had seven nicely lighted and decorated Model T's assembled. It was a particular struggle for one of them to show up. The 1920 Roadster pickup of Jerry and Joyce McKinney had not been on a club event before and nearly didn't make it to this one. Jerry had recently gotten his T on the road and had made a couple of short test runs and all seemed well to go to the parade. However, shortly before time to leave for the potluck, Jerry found a rivet on the ground near his T. As he investigated the situation he found the rivet had come out of the wood felloe and that both of them were out. It happens that the wood felloe is fastened to the rim in four places and two of the four were now disconnected. Apparently when the car was brought to Arizona out of the much more humid climate of Georgia, the wood shrunk, pulling the rivets out of the rim.

At about 4:15 PM Jerry called Austin for help. Austin went over to see what could be done to get Jerry back on the road. They took the wheel of the hub, dismounted the tire, put two small bolts through the wood felloe into the rim where the rivets had fallen out, put the tire back on and then mounted the wheel back on the car. It was nearly 5:00 PM when we arrived for the big feed, but just in time to eat.

At about 6:30 PM we lit up our seven cars and headed for the parade assembly point in downtown Apache Junction. While the parade was not long, probably about ½ mile in total, there were some nicely decorated floats, including horses and horse drawn vehicles. The enormous crowd along the route was very enthusiastic and appreciative of our decorated cars with many greetings of "Merry Christmas".

After the parade, we stopped in the parking lot of the Do It Best Hardware store for group pictures before heading out to our homes. Due to the trouble with his wheels, Austin & Lynn followed Jerry & Joyce home. As they neared home, we noticed their left rear wheel was wobbling several inches side to side. The next day Jerry discovered the rivets had pulled out of the rear wheel and one of the bolts that had been installed in the front wheel had broken off. While the wood is mostly solid in the wheels, Jerry has decided to have all new wheels installed and has sent the hubs, rims and sample spokes off for rebuild.

Hope all that attended the potluck and parade enjoyed it as much as I did!



**DECEMBER 15—MESA
Christmas Party & Meeting**
By: Claudia Linney



The Christmas Party was well attended. We ended up with thirty-seven people at the Black Bear Diner in Mesa. All modern cars were in attendance, due to the very cold day for us Arizona people. It's always a great time with the Model T people; great conversation and great food. People were very generous in bringing toys and donating money to the Youth Haven Ranch.

The highlight of the evening was announcing the recipient of The Bob Wildman Award to the member who has contributed the most of her/herself to the club. We were lucky to have three nominations this year. The winner of the 2012 Bob Wildman Award is Austin Graton.



Congratulations, Austin, for this well deserved honor. Following are some of his accomplishments:

- Growth of our club in members by over 50%.
- Increase in our treasury from a few hundred to over four thousand dollars.
- Hosting the MTFCA Annual Meeting in 2010.
- Heading the construction of our mobile chuck wagon, Lazy Lizzie's Kitchen.
- Served as editor of our newsletter, *Runningboard News*, and as Club President from 2008-2011.
- Planning many tours, events, dinners and tech clinics.
- Constructed and designed the Bob Wildman Award.

Finally, club members elected Tom Hoverson for Vice President and Dave Veres for Treasurer. We would like to thank Steve Nissle for his service as Vice President and stepping in and helping out where needed. Also, thank you, Steve, for all of your time and effort, support and taking wonderful pictures.



A few of us went to look at a few Christmas Lights to bring in the Christmas Spirit. Overall the evening was a great success and fun was had by all. I do miss the white elephant gift exchange though, that was a lot of fun.



LOCAL CLUB EVENTS**GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS**

January 17— Downs & Elms
 February 21—
 March 21—
 April 18—
 May 16—

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

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS**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.

Check the following links for time and place, and the calendar, for weekly “cruisin’-ins” and other classic car events.

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

<http://www.cruisinarizona.com/carshows.html>

Weekly (Fridays) through May “East Valley Car Show” at Fulton Ranch Towne Center, 4040 S Arizona Ave, Chandler.

Weekly (Fridays) Hobby Town USA Cruise-In & Toy Car Event, 1915 E Baseline, Gilbert.

Weekly (Saturdays) Superstition Springs, K-Mart, 1445 S Power Rd, Mesa.

Weekly (Saturdays) Mesa Riverview Cruise In, Mesa Riverview Plaza 202 & Dobson Rd.

Weekly (Saturdays) McDonalds/Scottsdale Pavillions Shopping Center, 9175 E Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale.

Weekly (Sundays) “Cruz’n at Phil’s” at 16852 E Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills. 12:00 noon—3:00 pm.

Fourth Saturday each month “Cruisin’ on Main” at 100 N Center, Mesa.

Monthly (2nd Friday) “Freddy’s Friday Night Cruise” at Freddy’s Frozen Custard and Steakburgers, 2065 E Baseline Rd, Gilbert.

Monthly (4th Sunday) “Cruise-In at Red Mountain” 3:30 pm at 6101 E Recker E Virginia (Recker & 202 NE Corner), Mesa.

Monthly (2nd Sunday) “Swap Meet & Parts Exchange” at American Legion, 1018 S Meridian, Mesa.

January 16-20 Russo and Steele’s 13th Annual Scottsdale Arizona Auction.
www.russoandsteele.com/collector-car/1926-Ford-Model-T/31772

January 13-20 Barrett Jackson “Worlds Greatest Collector Car Auction” www.barrett-jackson.com

January 18-19 Dillinger Days, Tucson. Recapture the spirit of the 1930s. Re-enactments of John Dillinger’s capture, vintage car shows, live music, tours of the Hotel Congress, & downtown walking tours, free. 520-547-3338 or 800-722-8848 or www.hotelcongress.com

January 19 Automotive Restoration Club of Sun City West presents a car show and swap meet at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, 19803 RH Johnson Blvd, Sun City West, AZ. 8:00 am—5:00 pm.

February 2 Motoring Thru Time. Must register! Call 602-262-5071 or e-mail tammy.parker@phoenix.gov
http://phoenix.gov/webcms/groups/internet/@inter/@dept/@parks/documents/web_content/089736.pdf

JANUARY 12—COOLIDGE
Casa Grande Ruins
EVMTF “T” Tour

On Saturday, January 12th, we are planning a tour to the Casa Grande Ruins, Indian dwelling, have a picnic lunch there, or use the cooker, and play some car games before coming home. Following are some suggested travel routes. **If anyone is available to pull a breakdown trailer**, or has any questions, please contact George and Ruthann Elms. Phone 480-831-0835 or Cell Phone 480-747-3066.

Suggested Travel routes for those in the Tempe and Mesa-Apache Junction areas!

Meet at ‘Lowe’s’ at 9:00 am, Rt. 60 and Ellsworth Rd. area.

Leave at Approx. 9:15

Estimated arrival at Dunkin Donuts 9:45

Leave about 10:15 to arrive at ‘Ruins’ about 11:30

Picnic lunch at about 12:30

Leave for home about 1:30 (Reverse route home)

From Lowe’s, follow Ellsworth south to E. Rittenhouse Rd..

Turn left on Rittenhouse to Dunkin Donuts at 21148 E, Rittenhouse Rd. to meet those from Tempe

From the Elms home, leave about 8:00

Follow Price Road south to E. Queen Creek Rd.

Follow Queen Creek to Power Rd.

Follow Power Rd. to E. Occotillo Rd

Follow Occotillo to Rittenhouse Rd.

Turn left to Dunkin Donuts.

Leaving Dunkin Donuts, follow Rittenhouse south

Turn south onto N. Gary Rd.

Turn left on W. Hunt Highway and follow to E. Hunt Hwy. and then N. Hunt Hwy.

After the road turns left, go past N. Walker Butte Dr. and turn right on N. Attaway Rd.

Turn Right on 287 Hwy. to Rt. 287 S. towards Coolidge.

Turn right into the ‘Casa Grande Ruins’

www.nps.gov/cagr/index.htm

1100 West Ruins Drive

Coolidge AZ

520-723-3172

Hours: 9:00 am—5:00 pm, every day.

Entrance Fee: (16 years & older) \$5.00

Children 15 & under, Annual Pass and

Senior Pass holders—Free admission.

Don’t forget: hat, sunscreen, lip balm,

bottled water, jacket, camera, etc.





*To all the Ladies in EVMITFC
You are invited to*

*An Afternoon Tea
(potluck style)*

*at the home of Jan Peterson,
925 West 11th Place, Mesa, AZ*

*on January 24, 2013, a Thursday,
at 2:00 p.m.*

Everyone is asked to bring a plate of a tea party delicacy, such as bite-sized sandwiches, cookies, quiche squares, strawberries dipped in chocolate, etc. Recipes will be offered at the January meeting and the Christmas party for your convenience if you desire. Tea, china, etc., will be provided.

Dress: hats/gloves not required, vintage clothing optional

*RVSP to Ruthann Elms, 480-831-0835,
or Jan Peterson, 480-969-0695,
by Thursday, January 17, 2013*



OUR MODEL "T" STORY

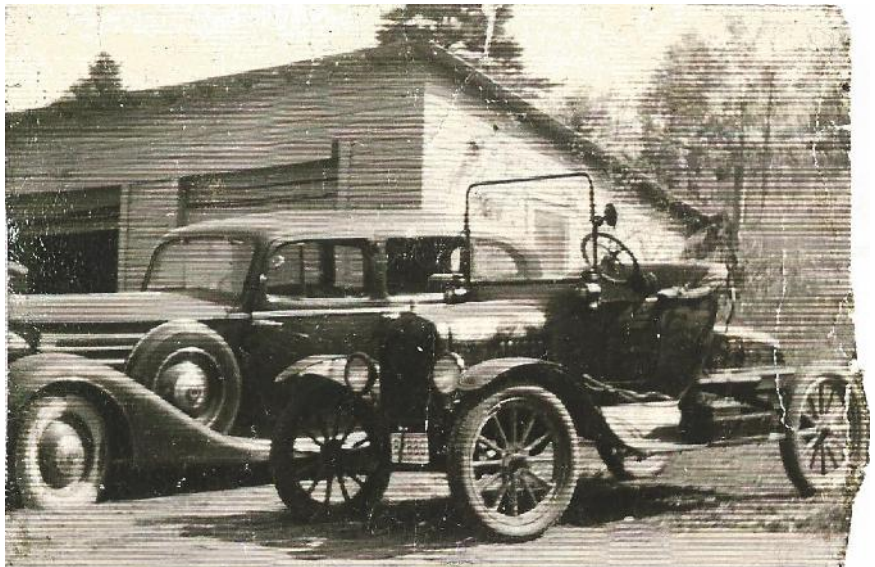
By: George Elms

As best I can recall, my story starts in about 1948! Someone now unknown, rebuilt our 1917 Roadster using parts from other cars. The chassis is 1917, however the body is a '15. My brother-in-law Jim Austin needed transportation and found this car in town, but the owner wanted \$10. Having only \$5 the sale was made and so began 'My T Story' some 15 years later. Jim would park his 'T' on a small incline behind our apartment evenings after high school, leaving it there because it had no lights for night travel the 5 miles to his home, in Springfield Vermont.

I remember him starting it in the early morning by pushing it down the incline, then go off to his job delivering milk before school. He would use it on 'good weather days' for after school and weekend school games and practices, as well as dating my older sister 'Penny'.

In about 1963, while visiting their home, Jim took me on my first driving lesson. Climbing up the driveway to his home in 'low' was no problem but I forgot to take it out of 'high' as we approached a friends new Thunderbird, and ran into the back bumper. Luckily there was no damage to either car. But it was a good first lesson!

In 1963, Ruthann and I purchased our "T" from Jim after some fun rides on the Vermont country roads. We in the 'T' and the Austin family in their 1923 Dodge touring. Our most memorable ride was to the top of a mountain, on a cloudless day, to view the 'fall foliage' which was at its peak. Shortly after arriving at the top, we noticed one large black cloud approaching and made a hasty exit toward home. Needless to say we got soaked as we had no top yet! On top of that, the car quit running because the coils got wet. That was almost the last of the 'T' touring, but Ruthann got over it eventually as she did on many other similar outings.



After moving to Arizona in 1979, we joined the SCMTC. Without a running car, we participated in all the events, and I served as President in 1986. In 2002 we joined with others to start the EVMTC chapter, and I served as President as well as other offices. Ruthann continues to get involved in activity planning as tour chairman.

After retiring in 2004, I restarted the restoration process and have driven it on many occasions. We even drove it to Tucson and back once, and to the Florence-Coolidge areas a couple times. We trailered it back to New Hampshire-Vermont in 2005 for the Springfield High School class reunion parade, so that Jim could drive his 'T' in it, which was his 50th anniversary. We then drove several hundred miles with the annual family reunion which they do every year with the old cars. We didn't keep up with the others, but we did make the trips!

At the present time we are the holders of the club "Trail Travail Trophy" but expect to be relieved of that soon!

NATIONAL EVENTS**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 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 this regard, as almost all of our members belong to the national club.

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**Canyon Country Model T Club
Presents MTFCI Annual Tour
CANYONLANDS IV—July 21-26**

Based in Kanab, Utah. No freeway driving. **ONLY 10 SPACES LEFT!** 200 car limit. Membership in the MTFCI is required to attend this tour.

<http://www.modelt.org/>

Thursday's tour will be to the north rim of Grand Canyon.

Contact Russ Furstnow for more information.
928-526-1343 1stnow@msn.com

Contact Marilyn Peterson to register.
928-526-9662 Canyonlands4@gmail.com

CCMTC website:
www.canyoncountrymodeltclub.com

[http://canyoncountrymodeltclub.com/
Canyonlands%20III.htm](http://canyoncountrymodeltclub.com/Canyonlands%20III.htm)

Click on "Newsletter 1" at the bottom of the webpage for more information.

**MODEL T FORD—
THE CAR THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**
Book By: Bruce McCalley

The Model T Ford Club of America has ordered copies of the reprint of Bruce McCalley's book, *Model T Ford--The Car That Changed the World*. These will be available online and at the Model T Museum. These will sell for \$30 (list price is \$29.99). Old Cars Weekly reprinted the books.

Turlock Swap Meet
January 26-27, Modesto CA

One of the premier events in the hobby of restoring and collecting antique and classic automobiles always takes place during the last full weekend in January. Saturday 7:00 am—5:00 pm and Sunday 7:00 am—3:00 pm. Admission is \$10 at the gate on Saturday and \$5.00 on Sunday. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

www.turlockswapmeet.com

Chickasha Swap Meet
March 21-22, Chickasha OK

The 23rd Annual International Pre-War Swap Meet "Where the East Meets the West" will be held at the Grady County Fairgrounds. There is plenty of parking and admission is free. Gates open at 7:00 am. The Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet is sponsored by The Old Pueblo Touring Association and is not affiliated with any other swap meet. The swap meet is an annual event that will always begin the 3rd Thursday in March.

Contact: Mike or Susie Ersland at
405-224-9090; E-mail: information@pwsms.com

MTFCA Winter Meeting
March 22-23-24, Dallas, Texas

Model T Ford Club of America 48th Annual Business Meeting hosted by the Lone Star T's. VIP Tour of Cowboy Stadium, Texas Museum of Automotive History, annual business meeting, socializing and of course food.

<http://lone-star-ts.com/2013-Annual-Meeting/>

Must register by March 2nd. The special room rate will be available until March 2nd, or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By: Claudia Linney

LITTLE WIENIES

(or we call them little heart attacks)

- 1 lb bacon
- 2 pkg little Hormel weenies
- Brown sugar

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Cut bacon strips into thirds. Wrap around the weenie and roll in brown sugar. Cover well with brown sugar. Place on baker rack or broiler pan so the fat can drain off the bacon. If you like crispy, cook for about 45-50 minutes until it looks crispy. Enjoy!

SPINACH DIP

- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 cups mayo
- 1 pkg Knorr leak soup mix (or veggie dip)
- 1 pkg frozen chopped spinach

Defrost the spinach under hot water and drain very well. I squeeze and put on a paper towel. Mix sour cream, mayo and soup mix with the spinach. Stir well and let set up in fridge overnight for best results. Serve with bread or crackers.

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480-897-2209 (Board Member)
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(2008-2011) 480-288-0726

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All articles, photos and information for the upcoming newsletter are due to Mel & Lorie by the 26th of the month. E-mail: LMP_2006@hotmail.com

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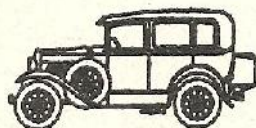
Do you have any Model T items for sale OR are you looking for specific Model T parts? Let Mel and Lorie know and we can add it to this section of the newsletter.

WANTED:

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. - Dave Veres

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