



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

Calendar of Events

November 2010

- 11** Veteran's Day Parade (Mesa)
- 18** General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.
- 26** Fountain Hills Thanksgiving
Day Parade

December 2010

- 3** AJ Holiday Light Parade
- 11** Christmas Party, Meeting &
Light Tour

January 2011

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



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EAST VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB

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Applications for membership in the EVMTFC may be obtained from any current member or from the Vice President/Membership Chairman Bert Diehl at (480) 325-6308. Dues are \$20.00 per year and include all family members. **Dues are due NLT Jan 1.** Members joining after October 1, are paid up for the following year. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to Dave Veres, as the club does not have a bank account. Dave's address is 2531 E. La Jolla, Tempe, AZ 85282.

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 in the MFTCA includes six issues of **The Vintage Ford** and a vote for the Board of Directors. Dues are \$35.00 annually. Membership is strongly encouraged. Direct correspondence to:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this Lynn & I will either be back in Arizona or well on our way. We will see you at the Veteran's Day Parade in Mesa. Several of our other Club members will be back by

the parade.

It is none too soon to be thinking about the upcoming election for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer of our club. If you are interested in running for either of these positions, please let me know. Elections will be held at our Christmas Party. You can wait however, until then, as nominations will also be taken from the floor at that time as well.

As you know a group of ladies in the club are planning a great Roaring 20's Party. It has been postponed from November to February to allow as many as possible of us "snow birds" to attend. During the November meeting we will decide whether the Club will pay for the food at the Christmas Party or at the Roaring 20's Party. Please try to attend the November meeting for this important vote.

See you on the road!
Austin

October 6-Fountain Hills High School Homecoming Parade by Steve Nissle

October 9 - Nissle Tech Clinic Lite by John Peterson.

The "Lite" name for this tech clinic has to do with the attendance and not the scope of work. Attendees were host Steve Nissle and grunt labor Dave Veres and John Peterson. The task was to remove the engine from Steve's speedster. Steve had the job well prepped and most equipment at hand. Dave provided the engine leveler and the

other specialized tools.

The need for this project came about some months ago when Steve was cruising down the road at good speed. He experienced a loud bang and sudden drive-train lock-up. One of the flywheel magnets was trying to escape through the hogshead and visit with Steve's feet. I have never seen this happen but understand that it is not too uncommon. The magnets develop fatigue cracks in the center where they are bent into the "V" shape. The centrifugal force of the engine at high speed exerts quite a strain against the anchor bolt.

When we got the engine out and the pan removed, the extent of the damage was evident. The first magnet half to impact the hogshead had started a cascade process that rippled $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the flywheel. Most of the magnets were broken in half and dragged out of position. All of these broken magnets and bent outer brass screws totally destroyed the magneto coils and completely bound up the engine.

Since it is necessary to rotate the crankshaft to remove the flywheel bolts, we pulled all of the pieces of compacted residue out of the engine. It still would not turn. In addition to the flywheel issue Steve has a water leak into number one cylinder. The multiple months of sitting had frozen up the piston. Removing the rod cap and not-so-gentle tapping on the piston broke it loose and got the rod out of the way.

After removing the flywheel assembly and partially disassembling the transmission, we called it a day and left

Steve with a rather modest number of large, greasy subassemblies. Just think! what we could have accomplished with a full crew. With a crew of thirteen we reduced Dave Veres' engine and transmission to hundreds of small obscure parts! He had to buy another car (the center door) to see him through the recovery period.

Perhaps we should consider renaming the technical clinic. Demolition Department has a nice ring to it. Who would like to sign up for our next visit? Please specify *lite* or *heavy* crew.

October 6 - Fountain Hills High School Homecoming Parade by Steve Nissle.

On October 6th the Fountain Hills HS held their 3rd annual Home Coming Parade! Steve and Nolan Nissle have participated in every one! This year Steve drove the Principal and Vice Principal in his 23 touring and Nolan drove a city councilman in the Auburn speedster. What a contrast...right in front of my 23 touring was a 2010 Corvette!

Fountain Hills is an incredibly community active town! It reminds me of the close knit town that I grew up in in the 1950's! The parade started at 4:30 and made a 2 block trip down to the famous fountain then doubled back to the community center. Tons of fun, marching HS band, cheerleaders, the mayor, pep squad and of course our model T and Auburn!

Plan on next year! The committee is always looking for antique cars!

October 16th a 90th Birthday Celebration. By Joe Fellin

The genesis of this celebration was long ago and far away for it was on October 15, 1920 in Detroit, Michigan that little Nelson Cheney entered our world. During the ensuing years, Nelson grew up to be a fine young man and developed into a productive adult with an adoring family of four children. Fast forward to Oct. 16, 2010. It was on this date that the East Valley Model T Ford Club was introduced to Nelson at his 90th birthday celebration.

In the weeks prior to this festive occasion, Nelson's son, Craig, contacted Dave Veres about the possibility of surprising his Dad with a 'Model T or two at the party. By the time of the happy event, five T's were in attendance including Dave, John Peterson, George and Ruthann Elms, Steve Nissle and myself. And five different body styles, to boot, as the saying goes.

A most interesting anecdote to this celebration was the fact that Nelson carried a Model T ignition key on his keychain for many years since the last time he drove a T was sometime in 1936. In fact, his only ownership of T's was during his high school days when he owned a 1924 Touring (\$25) and a 1927 2 door sedan (\$35) at various times.

Upon entering the party, filled with family revelers of multiple generations, we were introduced to Nelson. I asked about his legendary key which he proudly displayed on his keychain. We invited him to join us outside where he was overwhelmed to see so many of his much admired Model Ts. I invited him into my CenterDoor and suggested that

we attempt to start it with his key. To his utter amazement (and mine too), my car started with his key. So much for the security of Model T ignition systems. Check to photo section for the look of delight on his face. We then proceeded to drive around the retirement village. Next John invited him to not only ride, but drive, his sedan. With complete confidence, he drove John not once, but twice around the village. After that, everyone who wanted a T ride had one. What comes to mind here is the taxi lineup at Grand Central Station upon the arrival of the Twentieth Century Limited. (For you youngsters, that was a celebrated train in the early part of the last century.)

After sufficing all rides, we were invited back into the party where we were honored with our own table including an endless supply of slads, pizza and desserts.

Overall a highly satisfying and entertaining event for a gentleman whose appearance and spry actions belie his 90 years. Thanks to all of the Model T's and their beloved T's who participated in this outstanding event.

Happy Birthday, Nelson, and Congratulations on being the Guest of Honor at this wonderful, heartwarming event.

Oh, and did I mention that Nelson is now an official member of the Model T Ford Club of America.

October 23 - Cruisin' on Main. None of our members were able to attend.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

November 11 - Veterans Day Parade in Mesa. The parade begins at 11:00 AM near Main & Center. Veterans are encouraged to wear their uniform. Bring your own flags and banners. Each driver will be required to show their license to a parade official. Further information will be provided before the parade date.

February 2011 - Roaring 20s Party. The members decided at the last meeting to have a themed party. Anyone with ideas to contribute that will help make this a fun event please contact Ruthann, Claudia, Jan, Mary or Janice Smith. The party will be held at the Linney's. The time and other details will be firmed up at the January meeting. These ladies are putting a lot of work into preparing for this party so we would like as many as possible to attend. Please **RSVP to Ruthann (480 831-0835)** once we finalize the date..

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

November 25 - Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Day Parade. This parade starts at 9:00 AM and is fairly short, about a mile in length, and mostly uphill. The entry fee is being waived for our club to participate as Steve is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, the sponsor. Let Steve know if you will participate as they have to provide street space in the staging area based on the length of each entry.

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

General Meeting Refreshments

Refreshments will be provided by:
November - Poppe's
January - Graton's

Future Events and Tours

To all members - make your desires known - **sponsor an event - you don't have to do it alone**, there are others who are willing to help. Think up something fun you want to do and let the rest of us enjoy it with you!!

Membership in the Model T Ford Club of America

As a Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America at least **50%** of our members must be members of the national club to keep our free insurance. Our club is doing very well in this regard, as almost all of our members belong to the national club. Are your dues paid up??

If your MTFCA member number is not listed on the roster, please call Austin with the number. The number is shown on your mailing label when you receive your Vintage Ford magazine. You may also be carrying a membership card in your wallet which has the number on it.

A Man and His Model T as told by Thomas Auterman

In 2002 my friend and neighbor, who has a Model A Ford, got me interested in old cars by taking me to his friend who had two Model A's for sale. My first old cars were these two Model A's. I started reading old car ads in the paper. Later that year I saw a Model T for sale at an auction. I went to see what it would sell for. I happened

to say yes and ended up buying the car. It is a 1926 Coupe. It was a complete car, but it had no top and no interior. The body had some rust. I dismantled the car to rebuild the chassis. After investigating the chassis I found it had a 1920 motor and a 1920-25 rear axle. I have a friend who sells used A and T parts and he found me a 1926 block and a 1926 rear axle. The chassis is now rebuilt and I am working on the body and interior. I had hoped to finish it before the 100th anniversary of the Model T but now my hope is to just finish it. Through reading books and manuals on the rebuilding of the Model T, I have done all the rebuilding myself except he machine work on the engine.

December 3 - Apache Junction Holiday Light Parade. Just a few years ago there was only one Model T from our club in this parade. That was for about 2 years, then there were 4. Last year we were up to at least 7 well decorated and lighted Model T's. This is a fun event and much appreciated by the locals who assemble along the route. Please try to attend in your decorated T or to cheer the others on and enjoy the show. More information as to the time and location for assembly will be furnished at the November meeting.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chicken & broccoli stir-fry from Woman's Day magazine.

Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup

reduced-sodium soy sauce, 1 tbsp each minced garlic and sugar, and 2 tsp cornstarch in small bowl until blended; set aside. Cut **1 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs** into bite-size pieces. Toss with **2 tbsp cornstarch** in a large zip top bag. Heat **1 tbsp oil** in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and stir-fry 5 minutes or until just cooked through; remove to plate. Heat **2 tsp oil** in same skillet; stir-fry **4 cups broccoli florets** 3 to 5 minutes until crisp-tender. Add soy sauce mixture and chicken to skillet; bring mixture to a simmer and cook 1 minute until sauce is thickened.

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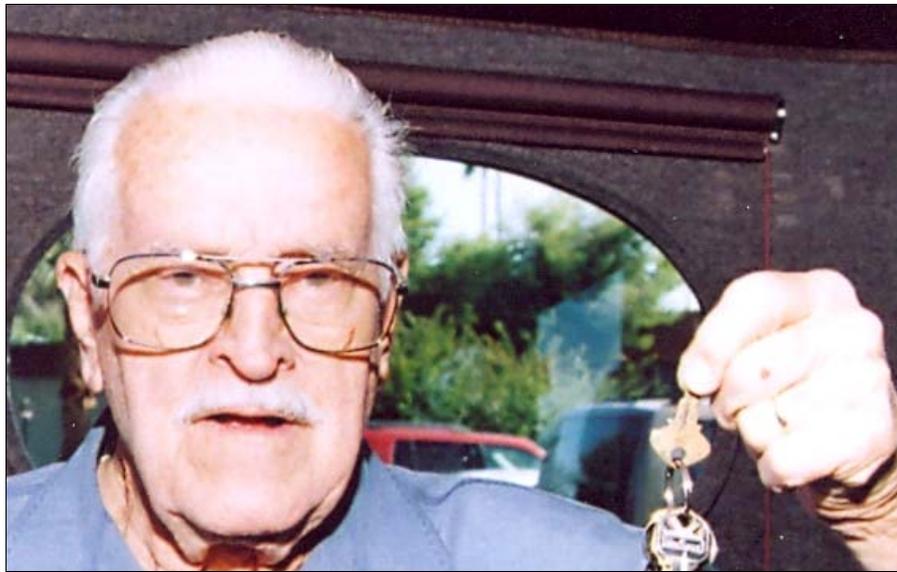
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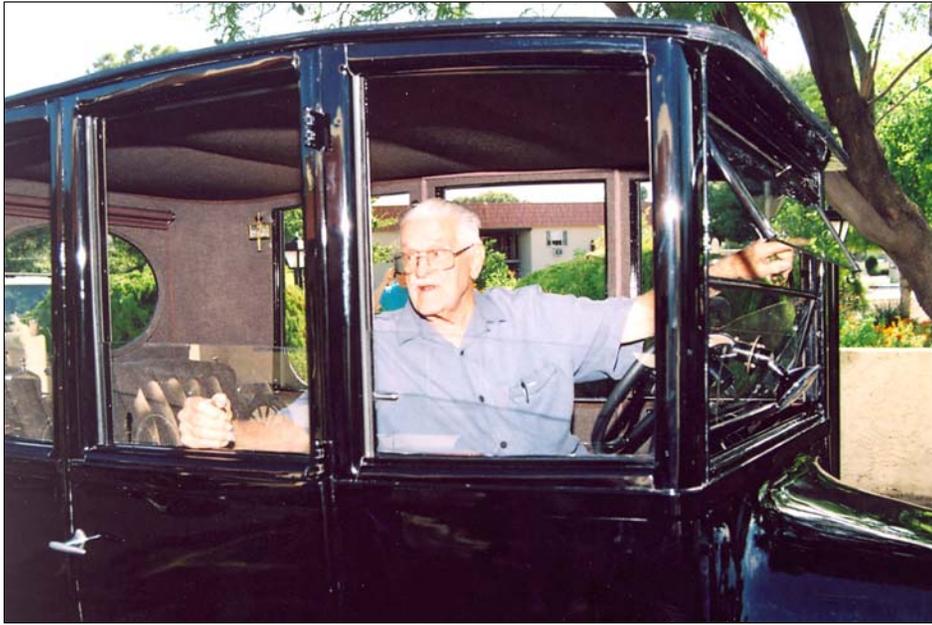


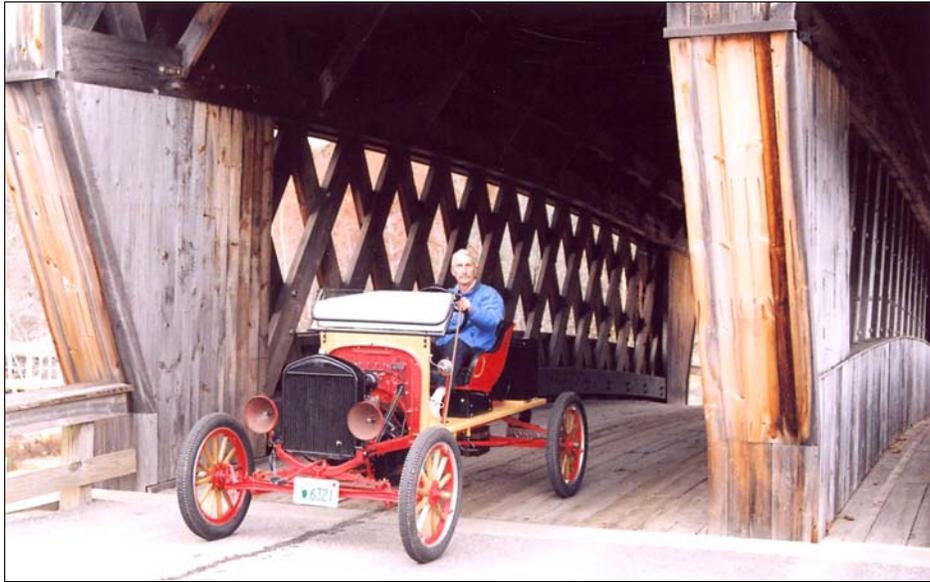


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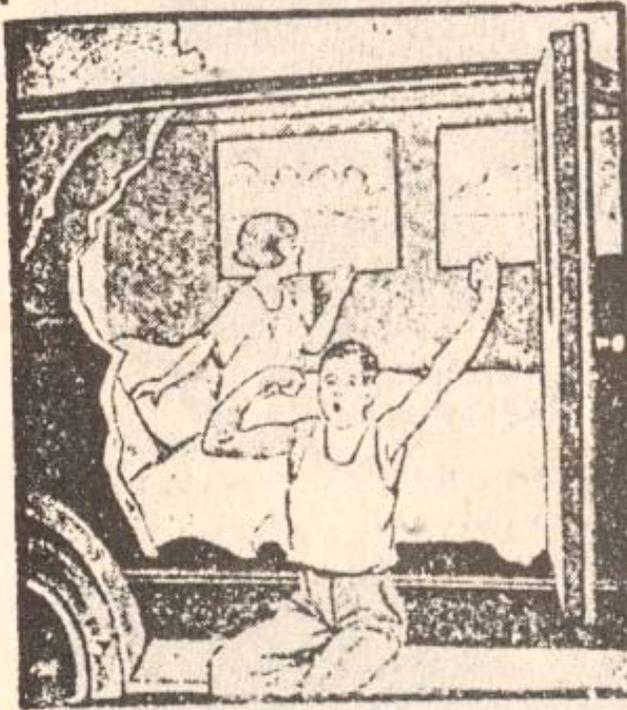
A 90th Birthday Celebration for Nelson Cheney - born October 20, 1920, Detroit, Michigan





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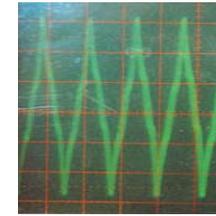
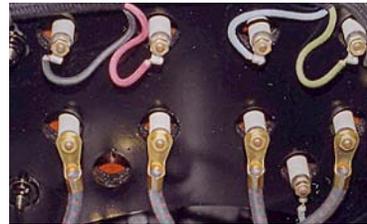
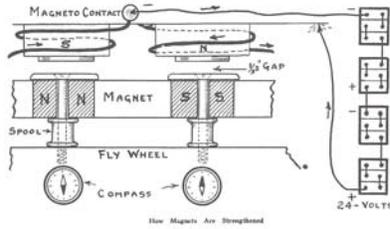
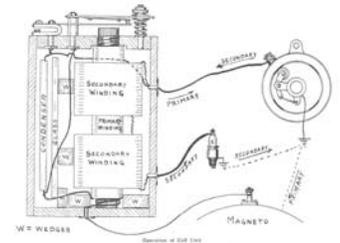
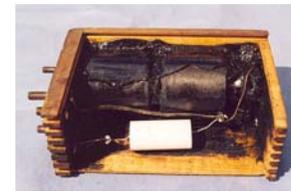
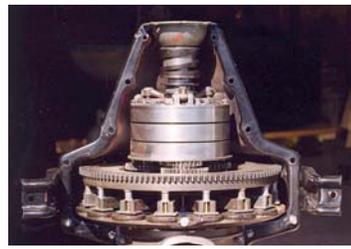
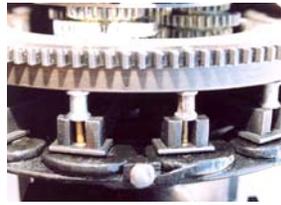
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