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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2012

- 18 General Meeting, 7:00 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr
- TBA Elmcroft Senior Living,
Fall Festival
- 27 Penske Museum

November 2012

- 11 Veterans Day Parade
- 15 General Meeting, 7:00 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr
- 22 Thanksgiving Day Parade,
Fountain Hills

December 2012

- AJ Holiday Light Parade
- Christmas Party, Meeting



This future member of the EVMTFC has always had a love of cars. Here he is in one of his first contraptions! *"The suburb of Los Angeles we lived in had lots of steep hills so we had perfect coaster car streets!"*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: *Claudia Linney*



Well where does the time go? Summer has been long and hot. As the news said, this has been a record breaking August, I can vouch for that. For someone who is usually cold, I sure havn't been this summer! I need to figure out this *leaving in summer* stuff soon.

We were pretty quiet this summer; not too much touring going on. We had our monthly breakfast and each had great turnouts. It's nice to sit around and chat with friends. We have a few new members that joined us over the summer. Welcome and looking forward to getting to know you all better.

Well it is hard to believe our little East Valley Model T Club is 10 years old. It seems like yesterday when Carl Roser and Steve Linney were sitting around our kitchen table talking about making it happen and it became a reality. I love this club; everyone's kindness and willingness to help each other out. A lot has happened over last 10 years as you all saw in the special edition of the newsletter. I would like to thank Mel and Lorie Poppe for doing such a wonderful job on the special edition of the newsletter. They do such a great job.

We hope to have some great tours over the next few months. Remember, this is your club and it is up to all of us to put together tours, overnights and articles. Please step up and let's make this a fun year for touring. Also, thank you to Ruthanne Elms for all her hard work. I really could not do this without the support from you all. November is around the corner; think how you can serve OUR CLUB!

Thank you,
Claudia Linney

Typewriting while driving



JUNE 22—SCOTTSDALE

The Mint Bar & Restaurant

By: *Steve Nissle*

Our club was asked to provide a couple of T's for the opening of the Mint Bar and Restaurant in Scottsdale. Dave Veres and Steve Nissle volunteered their cars and when we went over to the club for the use of the cars they decided on only one car.

Steve Nissle trailered his 12 Speedster to the event and dropped it off around 8pm and then returned at midnight to pick it up. The T was placed next to the entrance which meant Steve drove it up a couple stairs and joggled it back and forth on a porch to get it in place. A tight fit!

The little Victorian speedster seemed a bit out of place with a crowd of mostly 20+ something young women and men dressed to kill (speaking mildly). It was super crowded with security everywhere so the little red T was quite shy and all alone except for a few that posed to take photos by her. Her red color even blushed a stronger red as she witnessed the wild revealing dresses scooting by.



I would suggest maybe the A club provide cars next year....the newer A's might feel a little more at home with the younger crowd!



**JUNE 23—MESA
Breakfast Meeting**

By: Steve Nissle

On June 23rd we were just getting into the summer, but it wasn't too hot to keep the year round model T's from coming out to breakfast!

We met at 8am at Village Inn on Recker and Brown in Mesa. As you can see by the photos, the turnout was quite well attended. Yes, the food was great, but the company was the BEST!





JUNE 28—MESA
Berge Ford Open House
COLT305 Launch Party
By: Steve Nissle & George & Ruthann Elms



On June 28th the EVMTCF along with members from the Model A Club got together to support Berge Ford's open house!

As you can see by the cars, it was a really nice show! We had a really great mix of T's, A's and those new fangled cars! It was really incredible to compare the new with the old. Berge Ford provided refreshments for us all! Thanks to all who brought their cars and supported Berge Ford just as our Arizona weather started to turn the heat up!



Do you know who I am?

Wouldn't it be fun to have members submit childhood photos and we could guess who they are? Did you figure out who is on our front page? Dust off your old photo albums and scrapbooks and send Mel and Lorie your favorite photo. Perhaps it is a photo of you with your "first" vehicle. Also, submit a caption with your photo to give a hint of who you are. We'll add you to our cover page in the next Runningboard News.



JULY 21—MESA Breakfast Meeting

By: Claudia Linney

Well, we tried a new place, Joe's Farm and Grill, in Gilbert that is affiliated with Joe's Bar B Que. We met bright and early and the sun was shining bright and HOT. Why would I expect anything else in July. We arrived a little early and were able to chat in the park-like setting which was nice. I think it would be a great place to take some pictures of the cars.

Everyone ordered on their own. I liked that part, but I was a little disappointed in the food, but that's just me. I have gone back for lunch and it was very good, just maybe not breakfast again.

We had a great turnout for the summer and got caught up with everyone's summer happenings. Thank you to all that came. I recommend we go back for lunch when it's cooler so we can enjoy the farm setting.



AUGUST 18—MESA Breakfast Meeting

By: Dave Veres and George & Ruthann Elms

We had 15 club members in attendance at T.C. Eggingtons for breakfast. George and Ruthann returned from their stay in Washington State the night before and joined us for breakfast. Sammy Guthrie, George and I drove our A's and T's to the breakfast this morning. It was a nice turnout and enjoyed by all. Sammy's parents and grandmother were able to attend. It was a first for them.



**SEPTEMBER 20,—MESA
EVMTFC 10 Year Celebration**

By: Dave Veres

East Valley Model T Ford Club is 10 years old. We had a nice get together for the anniversary celebration and meeting at Sunny Brook Apartments Club House. It was a small group of 21 as most snow birds are still in snow country. Everyone brought a dish or dessert to share and the Club provided either breaded and deep fried or baked chicken and the drinks. Claudia did a nice job of setting up the room and decorating it for the event. The tables were covered with white tablecloths and balloons attached to the centerpieces.

Claudia also had the scrap books for each of the 10 years on display for everyone to look at. Larry and Sandy Hart were the only snow birds in attendance. Larry and Sandy were passing through the area on their way back to Washington after attending the Hillbilly Model T Tour in Missouri. They are headed back to Washington shortly and will return to the valley before snow fall in Washington.

A special edition of the *Runningboard News* was published in September to highlight memories and club accomplishments during the last ten years.

BOB WILDMAN AWARD

Dave Veres was the first recipient of the Bob Wildman Award in 2011. It is not too early to be thinking about who you will nominate this year as a deserving candidate. The Bob Wildman Award is given each year to the member who, in the opinion of the Award Committee, which is the Board of Directors, has contributed the most of him/her self to the club.

The Bob Wildman Award is the highest honor the East Valley Model T Ford Club can bestow on one of its members. Bob was a charter member of the Club. Always willing to help in any way he could at club events, he readily lent a helping hand to individual members as well, even if it was something totally unrelated to the Model T. He loved to drive his T and participated in as many events as possible. A very giving and special person, Bob was the first deceased active member of the East Valley Model T Ford Club.

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LOCAL CLUB EVENTS

TECH CLINICS

Anyone who would like to have a technical clinic to have help with their project should contact a member of the Club Board of Directors. We are fortunate to have a number of club members who have plenty of expertise about these wonderful vehicles. These work days, once a month or quarter to help members work on their cars, especially those who are still employed or are new to the hobby with limited knowledge or resources, are great opportunities for all of us to learn a little more about our classic cars and to socialize as well. This could possibly be scheduled during the time the ladies are getting together for their special day together.

HEALTH & WELFARE

John Peterson is facing a colonoscopy and gall bladder surgery.

While on vacation in Orlando Florida with family Steve Nissle took Dianne to a nearby hospital as she complained of chest pain...within 1 hour she had 5 stents placed in her heart! Modern medicine is amazing! She watched the entire procedure on a monitor as it took place! She is doing great! Would still like your thoughts and prayers during adjustments to meds, etc. Thank you!

SPECIALTY SERVICE PROVIDERS

Steve François has compiled a list of unique service providers for future reference for club members. If you have found a business which has done satisfactory work for you and you would like to share the name of that business and their specialty, please contact Steve.

FUTURE EVENTS AND TOURS

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

This is a family club where the more that participate, the more fun it is. 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.

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 Steve Nissle at 480-226-6883 or may be printed from the website at:

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

Dues are \$20 per year and include all family members. Dues are due no later than January 1.

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.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

EVMTFC Vice President & Treasurer

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 Claudia know. Elections will be held at our Christmas Party. You can also wait until then, to nominate yourself or someone else, as nominations will also be taken from the floor at that time as well.

November 6th—Election Day

Aside from club interests, we are at an extremely critical period in the history of this great country. Find out as much as you can about your candidates before Election Day and then ***get out and vote!*** Every vote is critical! We have the opportunity to get things moving in the right direction.

GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS

October 18—Poppe's
November 15—
December—Christmas Party
January 17—
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

OCTOBER 24, 25 or 30th—TEMPE Elmcroft Senior Living Fall Festival Tentative dates: October 24, 25 or 30th

By: Claudia Linney

Susan Griffin, Community Relations Director for Elmcroft Senior Living in Tempe is planning a fall festival. Susan's brother is a past National President of the Model T and Horseless Carriage Association and has been active restoring cars "tinkering" since he was a teenager. His name is Dr. Bruce Rimmer from Bakersfield, CA.

Susan would like to know if some of the members of our club might be interested in showing off a few of our beautiful restored cars?

Let Claudia know if you are interested in participating ASAP.

OCTOBER 27—SCOTTSDALE Penske Museum

By: Jerry & Joyce McKinney

Watch for more information concerning a club tour to Penske Racing Museum or contact Jerry and Joyce. **If you will be attending, please let them know by the next meeting on October 18th, as we need to know how many cars will be in attendance!**

The Penske Racing Museum showcases an amazing collection of cars, trophies and racing memorabilia chronicling the career of one of the most successful dynasties in all of sports. Penske Racing has over 35 years of racing experience and over 250 major race wins highlighted by 14 Indianapolis 500-mile race victories. On display in the museum are cars detailing the diversity of Penske Racing including a replica of the 1963 Pontiac Catalina which Roger Penske drove to victory in the 1963 Riverside 250. Additionally, a number of Indianapolis 500-mile race winners are on display including the 2006 Dallara Honda which Sam Hornish Jr. drove to win the 2006 Indy 500.

<http://penskeracingmuseum.com>



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>

October 5-6 "Blast from the Past VI" at Kearny.

October 13 "Cruise on Central" at Park Central Mall, 3110 N Central Ave, Phoenix.

October 21 "Parts Exchange Swap Meet" at Glendale Community College, 6000 W Olive (59th Ave & Olive), Glendale.

October 27 "Wheels & Wings" at Commemorative Air Force Arizona Wing, 2017 N Greenfield, Mesa.

October 28 "38th ASRA Swap Meet" at East Valley Institute of Technology, 1601 W Main St, Mesa.

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

Weekly (Saturdays) "Rock & Roll Car & Bike Show" at McDonalds/Scottsdale Pavillions, 9175 E Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale.

Fourth Saturday each month "Cruisin' on Main" at 100 N Center, Mesa.

Each Saturday through Nov 26th "Car Show and Cruise-In" at Mesa Riverview, 1061 N Dobson, Mesa.

Monthly (2nd & 4th Fridays) "Freddy's Friday Night Cruise" at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers, 2065 E Baseline Rd, Gilbert.

Monthly (last Sunday) "Cruise-In at Red Mountain" at 6101 E Recker E Virginia (Recker & 202 NE Corner), Mesa.

Monthly (second Sunday) "Swap Meet & Parts Exchange" at American Legion, 1018 S Meridian, Mesa.

RECIPE OF THE MONTHBy: *Daphne Downs***COOKIES-and-CREAM CAKE**

*This recipe came from a recipe book called
One Hundred & One Things To Do With Cake Mix.*

1 white cake mix
1-1/4 cups water
1/3 cup vegetable oil
3 egg whites
1-1/2 cups Oreo cookies, crushed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine cake mix, water, oil, and egg whites until smooth; gently stir in crushed cookies. Pour batter into greased-and-floured 9x13 inch pan.

Bake 25-35 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely.

Frosting:

1 can (16 ounces) vanilla frosting
1/2 cup Oreo cookies, crushed
Mix frosting ingredients and spread over cake.

NATIONAL EVENTS
**Canyon Country Model T Club
Presents MTFCA Annual Tour
CANYONLANDS IV—July 21-26, 2013**

Based in Kanab, Utah. No freeway driving. 200 car limit. HURRY! 140 cars are already registered. The popular radiator cap competition will be held on Sunday. 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

**PATTERNS FOR
VINTAGE DRESSES**

Of interest to the ladies—
patterns for vintage dresses can
be found at

www.pastpatterns.com

(#925 is a simple slip on dress)

MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

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.

Are your 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.

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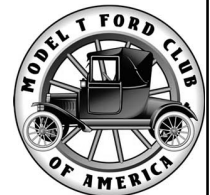
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October 20-21st - The 25th Anniversary Annual Speedster Endurance Run and Low Land Tour will take place out of Ramona in the East county of San Diego over the weekend of October 20/21.

Application forms and tour package, available site at: www.mtfcsd.com

or by phone or email request to Tony Bowker:
tonybowker@aol.com

**MTFCA NATIONAL TOUR – HEARTLAND OF AMERICA “T” TOUR
JUNE 17-22, 2012 — LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
HOST CHAPTER: NEBRASKALAND MODEL T AND ANTIQUE CAR CLUB**

By: Roselynn Urness

Reg and I were delayed in arriving in Lincoln because of a family wedding on June 16th. We arrived at the Country Suites in Lincoln (host hotel) Monday afternoon (June 18th). The hotel was a great place and the staff friendly and accommodating. We took the 1927 Model T Tudor with us in our enclosed trailer and it did start right away but only ran for about 5 minutes and quit and I thought, “Oh no, here we go again, car trouble”. Reg and a friend back in Grand Forks had worked on tightening the bands before we left and Reg thought maybe they were too tight. It was so hot out that he waited for some shade to work on the T. I unpacked while he worked on the T. Why in the world did we bring so much “stuff” along, but then I reminded myself we usually go thru 2 outfits a day because of the heat during the daytime and when you get back to your room you just want a shower and change of clothes. Later that afternoon we went to the hospitality room and hardly anyone was there. We were told everyone was still out on the tour for the day and were all slowly returning. The tour for that day was to Beatrice, NE and it was 182.9 miles. We ran into Lorie Poppe in the hallway, her and Mel had just returned from the tour, and she looked so hot and tired. Both Reg & I agreed we didn’t feel so bad now that we missed the tour that day.

Tuesday June 19th, after a delicious breakfast (complimentary of the hotel) we were off and running to Nebraska City. We pulled out of the parking lot at 7:30 a.m. right in morning rush hour traffic. I read the directions in the tour book while Reg maneuvered in and out of traffic. Most of the people were friendly and let us in, but others were not happy that we were slowing down their morning commute. Our main stop for today was the Arbor Lodge State Park and we toured the Arbor Lodge mansion. This was the home of J. Sterling Morton (Morton Salt). It was a beautiful mansion, even had a bowling alley in it. The mansion features Victorian and empire furnishings, many of which were owned by the Morton family. The mansion currently functions as a museum and contains many items related to the history of Nebraska. The carriage house contained early carriages, steam driven vehicles, fire wagons, and gasoline driven vehicles. There certainly was a lot of history there. It was getting hot (high of 95 that day with winds of 35 mph), but because there were so many trees in the grounds, we had plenty of shade. The mansion is surrounded by 270 varieties of trees and shrubs.

Sitting in front of the mansion in the shade, we found our good friends Orrin and Mayola Holen from McClusky, North Dakota so it was fun to visit with them and catch up on what is happening in their lives. We first met them in Mesa, AZ at our Model T club meeting we belong to. Like us, they are snowbirds from North Dakota and go to Arizona to escape the sometimes harsh winters of North Dakota. It was also at that club meeting a couple years ago that we met Lorie and Mel Poppe. So it was fun to get to know all of them better on this tour. Photos were taken of us standing in front of our “T” with the mansion in the background and the photo almost looks like we are in front of the White House in Washington D.C. (that photo might become the photo on our Christmas card.)



We then went to a local park and had a catered lunch. There we met others on the tour and talked about “T”s and what kind of carburetor do you have? Reg has always had trouble with his ’27 T because it had a vaporizer carburetor. He met someone else (Gail Lanning) whose car also has a vaporizer carburetor so they talked on and on about how to get it from leaking air. Gail was even so kind to give Reg a diagram of the carburetor. We decided not to spend too much time sightseeing and head back to the hotel before the afternoon rush hour started (we had enough of the morning traffic).

In the evening we went to the hotel restaurant and enjoyed a tasty meal and in the parking lot the host club had ice cream for everyone. That was a treat. We then met Mike Vaughn, the tour coordinator, and we thanked him for all his hard work. He was a gracious host and explained that he was not the only one who worked hard; all the club members were involved and helped. Mel and Lorie are members of this club because they also live in NE.



Wednesday June 20th off we went again but didn't have quite as far to tour that day as the attractions were local. We had 2 choices to tour in the morning, the Larsen Tractor Test Museum or the International Quilt Center and Museum. Since I am not a quilter, I decided to go with Reg to the tractor test museum. This was the highlight of the tour for Reg. There he saw many antique tractors, some of which he use to drive when he was helping out on the farm. There sitting on the end of a tractor was our friend Orrin. We teased him how come he always was there first sitting and waiting for everyone to show up. We then realized he has a Model A engine in his Model T and can drive faster. Sure enough as the days went by, we'd say "I wonder where Orrin will be sitting this time" and there he'd be the first one to be at the site waiting for us.

The Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory was very interesting, and the history was explained to us that in 1919 a law was passed in Nebraska that tractors more than 40 hp must be tested and approved by the Tractor Test Board if they are going to be sold in Nebraska. Once approved, a sales permit is issued by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Every tractor tested must be a production model equipped with the most common features that will be sold in Nebraska. Tractors are tested in 5 performance areas: PTO power (unless tractor has no PTO), hydraulic flow and power, sound level, drawbar power and three point lift capacity. Completing all 5 tests takes about one week per tractor so this is a very busy place.

Next we drove to the Museum of American Speed (Speedway Motors) where all the Ts were assembled for a group photo. "Speedy" Bill Smith is the founder of the museum and he was there to view all the Ts. He enjoyed seeing all the T's and was such a gracious host. Lunch was served inside the museum, and Speedy Bill talked about his love for speed and that it became a "passion" with him. Bill has 8 decades of experience with racing and hot rods starting in the 1940's when he raced roaring roadsters on half-mile county fair tracks. The museum has 150,000 square feet of display space housing thousands of examples of vintage engines, performance parts and accessories, race cars and historic automobiles of the past 100 years. The museum also has thousands of aftermarket accessories and speed equipment for the Model T Ford. Everything from water pumps to wheels are on display including the 5 Millionth Model T to roll off the Ford assembly line. Also there is the world's largest collection of pedal cars, over 1,000 pedal cars. I enjoyed the collection of lunch boxes, many of them I remembered seeing when I was growing up.

That evening we met at the Anderson Ford car dealership where we were to display our cars and have a "running board" BBQ supper; but Mother Nature had other plans, and it rained hard with lightning so our outside picnic went inside the dealership. We felt so bad because the public missed seeing the cars on display although there were some hardy souls with umbrellas out in the parking lot admiring the Ts.

Thursday was another fun day starting early (7:30 a.m.) where we drove to York, NE and visited the Wessel's Living History Farm. This is a very unique restored farm that is operated as it was in the 1920's. It was a lovely farm with a wonderful 2 story farm house and big front porch and there sitting on the porch in a rocking chair was our good friend Orrin waiting for us, so Reg sat with him and they visited. The weather was beautiful and the Ts were all lined up in a row which drew a lot of attention from the other visitors to the farm, some were from a nursing home so you knew they enjoyed seeing the T's. Lunch was a traditional "chicken dinner" at the farm which once again was delicious. This tour was turning out to be a "5 lb. tour" (weight gained from eating so much).

Friday June 22nd we went to the Strategic Air and Space Museum where there was a wonderful display of aircraft from all decades of fight. A member on our tour Russ Grunewald use to be a B52 pilot so the tour guide turned the tour over to him, and Russ gave us firsthand information about the B52. We could have spent the whole day at this museum but had to keep up with the tour. Next was lunch at the "Round the Bend Steakhouse" and off we went back to Lincoln. On our way, we saw Lorie and Mel by the side of the road. We stopped to see if we could help, I should say Reg helped, I just stood around and talked with Lorie. But it was gratifying to see that so many T's did stop to see if they could help.



Mayola & Orrin Holen with Reg at SAC Museum

We all are in the same boat, if someone has car trouble, we all want to stop and help. I don't think there were many breakdowns; one couple from Texas were disappointed as the wife said, "We drove 1000 miles just to put the T on the trouble wagon and drive our modern pickup on the tour". I guess that's the chance you take going on a tour. We returned to the hotel in plenty of time to rest and then get ready for the closing banquet. Many people came to the banquet dressed in period clothing; and we had a live Jazz Band performing for us. After the delicious meal, we had the Speedster Race Car Hall of Fame awards and induction ceremony. The award for Restoration of the year was a 1923 Mercury bodied speedster restored and owned by Bud Voth. Bud was there to accept his award and was so proud to go outside and show us the vehicle.

Closing remarks were made by the tour chairman and it was announced that arrangements have not been made for the next year's tour. We need a club to step up and take on the tour planning. (I told Reg, sit on your hands, and don't volunteer because we know how much work is involved.) We want to thank the Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car club especially Mike Vaughn, chairperson. Also thanks to Mel and Lorie for all they did for the tour.

**MTFCA NATIONAL TOUR – HEARTLAND OF AMERICA “T” TOUR
JUNE 17-22, 2012 — LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
HOST CHAPTER: NEBRASKALAND MODEL T AND ANTIQUE CAR CLUB**

By: Mel Poppe

The MTFCA National Tour was hosted by the Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car Club based in Lincoln NE and chaired by Mike Vaughn from the Nebraska Club. It all started on Sunday, registering the T's and parking the trailers for 50 entrants. They came from Minnesota, New Mexico, Wyoming, California, South Dakota, North Dakota, Texas, Indiana, Washington, New York, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Florida, Arizona, Colorado, Ohio, Nevada, Oklahoma, Canada and The United Kingdom. The early arrivals had the opportunity to tour the worlds fifth-oldest Ford dealership in continuance family ownership in Ceresco NE approximately 10 miles north of Lincoln. The Ford dealership remains in the same location although the building has been updated and renovated.

On Monday the 18th, we left early for a 183 mile trip to Beatrice and Rock Creek Station. In Beatrice, we toured the Gage County Historical Museum and the Homestead National Monument. This was the home of Daniel Freeman, one of the first homesteaders taking advantage of the Homestead Act which was signed by President Lincoln in 1862 and went into effect on Jan 1st, 1863. Thirty of the 50 states had homestead lands during the Homesteads Act existence(1863-1986). We traveled on to Rock Creek Station which was established in 1857 and catered to stages, freight and emigrant traffic and the Pony Express on the Oregon Trail. It was here where James Butler Hickok alias Wild Bill Hickok killed David McCandles and began his career as a gunfighter.



On Tuesday, we traveled 128 miles to Nebraska City which was home of J Sterling Morton who as president of the State Board of Agriculture, introduced a resolution calling for a tree-planting day to be known as Arbor Day. In 1885, the Legislature made Arbor Day a legal holiday in Nebraska. It was so popular that over one million trees

were planted throughout the state on that a first Arbor Day.

Since that time, the observance has spread to nearly every state and to many foreign countries. He was the father of Joy Morton, founder of the Morton Salt Company.



On Wednesday, we traveled across town to the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory on the university campus. In 1919, a farmer from Osceola NE, elected to the Nebraska State Legislature, frustrated with poor performing tractors, introduced the Nebraska Tractor Bill which became law. In order for a tractor to be sold in the state of Nebraska, it must be tested and exceed the claims made by the manufacturer and have a state issued sales permit. The University of Nebraska– Lincoln Tractor Test Lab is the only test lab in North America. At the same time, our participants were touring The International Quilt Study Center also located on the U of N campus. With more than 2300 quilts, it is believed to be the worlds largest publicly held quilt collection. Nearly 20 countries are represented in the collection.



Later we traveled to Speedway Motors where some of us received a personal tour by “Speedy Bill” himself. The Smith Collection museum is the home of the 5 millionth Model T built. It features the worlds largest collection of antique racing engines, numerous restored antique vehicles, and is also the home of Kirk Wright’s skinning’ wagon and race car. Kirk was a member of the Sun Country Model T Club in Phoenix.



On Thursday, we traveled approximately 152 miles (round trip) to York to visit the Wessels Living History Farm. The farm is a 1/4 section of land with a 1920’s house restored along with a post and beam barn. It consisted of a granary, chicken house and other outbuildings. It also contains a machine shed which houses restored tractors and equipment from the Wessels collection.



On Friday, we traveled to the Strategic Air & Space Museum approximately 78 miles round trip. This 300,000 square foot World-class museum houses a huge collection of famous aircraft, missiles, and spacecraft, including the B-1, SR-71, B-52, B-36, MiG-21, FB-111, Vulcan and Apollo 009 as well as the history of the Strategic Air Command.



After stopping for lunch at the Round The Bend Steakhouse, we proceeded to return to Lincoln. As I was coming into Elmwood, my car backfired and was dead. My only thought was to call the trouble truck. As it turned out, both trouble trucks were already full and headed back to Lincoln. I jumped out of the car and opened the hood to find my timer hanging by the wires. From my observation, it was too much oil—in the oilcan. The roller in the timer had worn out from lack of oil. Reg and Roselyn Urness were following us and he just happened to have a spare roller. Within minutes we were back on the road and back to Lincoln. Thanks Reg for coming to my rescue.

All in all it was a good tour. We traveled approximately 560 miles for the week.



Mel & Lorie Poppe



Reg & Roselynn Urness



Orrin & Mayola Holen

A MAN AND HIS T

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