



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

Calendar of Events

February 2011

- 5** Motoring Thru Time Car Show
- 12** Florence Historic Tour
- 17** General Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.
- 19** Roaring 20s' Party
- 26** AJ Lost Dutchman Days Parade

March 2011

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It was great to see so many of you at the January meeting and have members volunteering to handle various activities. Member participation is what really makes this hobby a lot of fun!!

One last reminder to get your dues in right away as this will be your last newsletter if you membership is not renewed. Also, if I don't have your MTFCA membership number, I will need it when you get your next Vintage Ford magazine. We have to report our membership numbers to the MTFCA this month, so this information is critical. Also, I will be publishing the final 2011 Membership Roster within the next couple of weeks, so I want to be sure you are included.

Several of our members went to Tucson for the Dillinger Days Celebration on January 22. George Elms got us an excellent rate at the hotel. Thanks again, George. See the report of the tour by Steve Nissle elsewhere in this newsletter.

Several of our members are signed up for the Motoring Thru Time show in downtown Phoenix on February 5th. Our next big event will be the Lost Dutchman Days Parade in Apache Junction on February 26th. See the

article on the parade elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are looking for members, or others, to make presentations at the general meetings. Please consider assisting in this effort. I know we have a lot of talent and knowledge in the club and the other members would appreciate your efforts.

See you on the road, Austin

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

**DECEMBER 31—SCOTTSDALE
NEW YEARS EVE PROPS**

submitted by Austin Graton

We were contacted through our web site by an entertainment company who was looking for a couple of Model T Fords as props for New Years Eve. They were doing a roaring 20's themed event for a prestigious night club in Scottsdale called Axis/Radius.

Dave Veres and Austin Graton took their cars over to Scottsdale about 3:00 pm December 31 and positioned them as the entertainment company desired. They then returned at 12:30 am January 1 to pick them up.

The entertainment company, after a series of paperwork issues were taken care of by Dave, issued a check to the club for \$200. For their late night efforts our treasury is a little fuller.

**JANUARY 15—MESA
POWER SQUARE MALL CAR SHOW**

submitted by Austin Graton

Steve Nissle had mentioned, at the previous meeting, that Power Square Mall wanted to do a car show so several of us decided to attend. The theme was "Antiques and Antique Cars". They have two "antique" shops in the mall which is where the tie-in was. This was their first try at a car show.

A couple of our members drove a long way to get there. Jim Huggins came from Kearney and Curtis Billups came from Maricopa - opposite ends of our area. Steve Nissle, Joe Fellin and Austin & Lynn Graton attended, the latter with their Chevrolet roadster pickup. A little later we had a couple more Model A's join us, a beautiful sedan and a just finished speedster.

The weather for the show was ideal, cool early with great sunshine and warming very comfortably. At first there was very little traffic or lookers. However by about 10:30 we were getting a lot of people taking pictures with/of the cars, asking questions and telling stories.

While this was a small show, it was a fun and relaxing day that provided some time for members to visit with each other as well as with the visitors. We got a surprise when the manager of the mall passed out \$10.00 gift certificates for us to cash in the mall shops. They are going to try to do car shows on somewhat of a regular basis. However nothing is firmed up yet.

WELCOME—NEW MEMBERS

Scott and Cathy Parsons—Tucson
We hope you can join us in many future events and tours.

**GENERAL MEETING
REFRESHMENTS**

Refreshments will be provided by:
February—Forsell's
March—Griffin's
April—

**JANUARY 21-22—TUCSON
DILLINGER DAYS**

submitted by Steve Nissle

Friday, January 21st, Austin Graton and Steve Nissle trailered their T's to the Tucson Dillinger Days event.

Austin and Lynn were accompanied by Howard and Daphne Downs and met up with Steve and Dianne around 5 pm at their hotel, the Windmill Inn, in Tucson. A really nice hotel situated in the foothills of the beautiful Catalina mountains of North Tucson. The 6 of us drove our 2 T's to dinner to the El Corral steak house just a block from the hotel! A rustic, Western style steakhouse, El Corral has fantastic prime rib, steaks, ribs and tamale pie and has been serving them for over 60 years! Huge wood beams, flagstone floors and fireplaces where we enjoyed a first class dinner at a really reasonable cost. We all agreed it was a great pick!

Saturday morning, January 22nd, we drove our T's about 10 miles to old town Tucson and the Congress Hotel where the model A club had 2 streets blocked off just full of cars! We squeezed our 2 T's in with the 45+ model A's, a couple more T's a Pierce Arrow and a few other fabulous cars of the 30's! We were happy to have Ronnie Johnston join us for the day! We were met by Scott Parsons, our newest EVMTC member! He drove his 1925 roadster pickup to the event too!

The sights and sounds were incredible! Cars parked side by side clear down the street in front of the Congress Hotel! What a nostalgic feeling! A few people were dressed up in 30's clothes for the occasion and a 20 member big band orchestra played numerous songs of the era!

Around 11 am a cast of actors reenacted the capture of John Dillinger in the courtyard and entrance to the Congress Hotel. It was entertaining to watch the mix of modern acting linked with some historic facts.

The Model A club was a wonderful host! Strolling with T friends and enjoying the day was a super great experience!

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY 12—FLORENCE HISTORICAL TOUR & McFARLAND STATE PARK GRAND RE-OPENING

We have a request from the Florence Visitors Center to participate in the Annual Tour of Historic Florence with our Model T's joining in the festivities. Please think about your ability/interest in participating.

Some of Florence's most treasured historic buildings will be featured from 9 am—4 pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour historic private homes, public and commercial buildings constructed in all of the architectural styles found in Florence — Sonoran Adobes, Anglo Sonoran Territorial, American Victorian, American Bungalow, and Mission Revival. Some of these buildings date back to the 1870s and 1880s when Florence served as the commercial center of activity for area silver mines, ranches and farms.

In addition to learning about Florence's rich history, The Pinal County Historical Museum will host a lecture entitled, "The Southwest Table" and will feature the different edible plants of the desert and how one can cook and eat them.

Florence is located on Highway 79 between Phoenix and Tucson about an hour drive from each city. The tour begins on Main Street and trolleys will provide transportation to tour sites at no additional cost.

Admission is \$10 in advance or \$12 on the day of the tour; children younger than 18 years are free.

Visit: www.florencemainstreet.com
or call toll free: 866-977-4496
or email: info@visitflorenceaz.com
for more information.

FEBRUARY 5—PHOENIX 115 N 6th, Historic Heritage Square Heritage & Science Park MOTORING THRU TIME SHOW

Antique and classic vehicles of all shapes and sizes (cars, trucks, motorcycles, vintage travel trailers and others) on exhibit courtesy of Valley enthusiasts, free, 10 am—4 pm.

Set up time 9:30 am. Food and beverages available for purchase at the event.

Registration form can be found online at:
<http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/2011mtt.pdf>
or call Tammy Parker: 602-262-5071
or e-mail: tammy.parker@phoenix.gov

Space is limited. No fee, but registration and pre-approval required. Please include or e-mail a photo of exhibit vehicle for printed event window signage.

FEBRUARY 19—MESA ROARING 20's PARTY

Preregistration was due
January 10.

**CHANGE of
LOCATION**

Centennial Village
130 W. Brown Rd, Mesa
(on Brown Rd between
Country Club and Center St)

6:00 pm BYOB. Mixers, soda and water will be furnished by the club.

Please drive your "T" if you can see after dark ' cause we will party 'till it's over. Those dressed in vintage style clothing/costume will be eligible for judging and prizes. There will be games, door prizes and lots of fun. You must have the password "*Hoochie Mama*" for entry.



FEBRUARY 26—APACHE JUNCTION LOST DUTCHMAN DAYS PARADE

The parade will begin at 9:00 AM. We will assemble at Bill and Kae Allen's at 960 S. Wickiup in Apache Junction, beginning at 7:30 AM. Bill will have "office pastries" aka Dunkin' Donuts on hand. There will also be coffee and juice available.

There is plenty of room to trailer in and unload if you are a distance away. Please be prompt as we must be in the parade lineup NLT 8:30 AM. Anyone trailering and arriving late can unload at the North East corner of Idaho and Old West Highway. For those that 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 parade we will return to the Allen's for lunch. Please bring your chairs, a dish to share and your beverages. The Club will provide the meat to cook on the chuck wagon and plates and utensils. Even if you are not coming out for the parade, try to join us for the pot luck lunch. We should be back to the Allen's by about 11:00 AM.

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. Let us know what you would like to do. 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.

MARCH 5— EAST MEETS WEST T TOUR

Our annual tour with Sun Country Model T Club will take place in the north or west part of the Valley. SCMTC will provide the food. EVMTC will cook it with the chuckwagon. Plan to attend this fun event of good food and fellowship. Watch for more information.



MARCH 6— CORONADO HOME TOUR

The 2011 Coronado Home Tour is looking for classic car/vehicle owners and clubs to participate in their event. The entire home tour will be on two blocks of Mitchell Street (between Palm and Oak) and they hope to have one block dedicated to the display of classic vehicles and the other to vendors. Individual sign-up.

Contact Jen Kitson at: 323-702-8774
or e-mail at: jikitson@asu.edu
if interested in participating.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Car Show at the Scottsdale Pavilions every Saturday.

Cruisin' Main in Mesa—the 4th Saturday of each month.

Auto Parts Swap Meet held the 2nd Sunday of each month at The American Legion, 1018 S Meridian Rd, Mesa. Open at 5 am. \$10 per space. There is no charge for buyers.

A MAN AND HIS MODEL T *as told by Reg Urness*

From 1941 to 1945, I recall seeing a 1925 Model T Ford Coupe with disc wheels driving in my hometown of Leeds, North Dakota. Since buying a 1926 Runabout in 1955, a 1921 Tudor in 1998, and becoming more interested in Model T Fords, I have wished I could own a 1925 Coupe like the one I saw in my schoolboy days. After acquiring three more Model T's and selling two, I decided to look for a 1925 Coupe. I advertised in the Vintage Ford magazine and received a response from Ray Versaw in Grand Junction, Colorado. On our way back from Arizona to North Dakota in April 1990, we stopped there to see the car. I drove the car and was impressed with it immediately and bought it. The wheels were in excellent condition, but the tires were 45 years old. The plan was to replace them with disc wheels. I advertised in the Vintage Ford magazine for disc wheels and got two responses. One response was double the price of the other response.

The car had been restored in 1959 and 1960. Ray bought the car July 22, 1953 so he had owned it 58 years when I bought it. He bought it for \$75.00 from a man who was 90 years old. When Ray bought it, the upholstery was bad, as well as the headliner, one window glass was broken, and the fenders were in poor condition. There was a wood stick in a soft plug hole on the side of the engine block. He said it held water pretty good when the stick got wet and swelled up.

Ray also had a 1929 Packard four-door sedan unrestored and a 1933 Chrysler Airflow for sale. At the time he was 85 years old and I

was 80; Ray was downsizing and wondered why I was buying an antique car when I should also be downsizing. Along with the 1925 Coupe, he filled the front seat area and the trunk with parts. He also filled a large box with parts. After buying the Model T, I had it shipped with all the parts back to Grand Forks.

After sandblasting and painting, I installed the discs wheels last summer. I also plan to install bumpers so I advertised for them in a Minnesota T Club and got the front bumper from South Dakota and the rear from Minnesota. They were after market and I call them the "Smiley" bumpers.

Since installing new Firestone 30 x 3 1/2 demountable rims on the disc wheels, I have had a problem with it pulling to the right when driving on a straight, flat road. The shackles are worn, maybe this is doing it. If anyone has had experience with this type of problem, I would enjoy hearing what the solution was to fix it. I also have a problem with a noise in the back axle.

Last summer I drove the car about twice each week and enjoyed driving it because it started so well and the transmission was so smooth; very little gear noise when pressing on the pedals.

The 1925 Coupe was sometimes called the "Doctor's" Coupe. A 1925 Ford advertisement offered a booklet entitled "Her Personal Car", and showed photos of women driving a 1925 Coupe. This advertising was an attempt to show that a 1925 Coupe was so easy to drive a woman could drive one.

I have considered bringing the 1925 Coupe to Mesa, but I have not done so as yet because I don't have a garage where I live.



MEMBERSHIP

EAST VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2011, they were due January 1st. Dues are \$20 per year and include all family members. Checks should be made payable to Dave Veres or East Valley Model T Ford Club and given/sent to Dave.

This will be your last newsletter if your membership is not renewed.

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 liability insurance.

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.

Are your dues paid up? Most MTFCA memberships expire at times other than the end of the calendar year, so be sure to renew your membership in the MTFCA when due.

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.

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Annual Meeting
Mid- Winter Getaway
Carnival Paradise Cruise
Long Beach, California
March 4-7, 2011
2011 MTFCA Nat'l Tour
Alberta Canada
June 27-July 1, 2011

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The Model T Ford Club International was started in December 1952 in Chicago. The intention was to form a family oriented club where members could share their experience, knowledge, and most importantly drive the T's. Over the years, MTFCI has evolved into truly an international organization hosting tours and events in many countries throughout the world.

Membership includes a subscription to the award winning *Model T Times*. Annual dues are \$35.

Online membership form:

http://www.modelt.org/index.php?option=com_chronocontact&Itemid=43

Email: mtfci.exe.dir@modelt.org

Upcoming Tours:

2011 Model T Winter Tour
Ocala Florida
March 3-6, 2011

55th MTFCI Annual Tour
Rochester, Minnesota
July 18-22, 2011

SPECIAL NOTE!

East Valley Model T Ford Club members Reginald and Roselynn Urness have a special connection to the photo "Beauties and the Beast" in the January/February issue of *The Model T Times* on page 24.

BEAUTIES AND THE BEAST

as told by Reg Urness

Recently I found this photo of my mother and her sister and my father's two sisters and their other friends. I would estimate they were in high school and were about 17 or 18 years old. My mother was born in 1904 so I would guess this photo was taken in 1921. Maybe someone in the club could identify the year of the Model T. It looks well worn so it must be older than 1921. In those days most Model T's looked well worn soon after they were new. I think this is because the roads were so bad and they weren't always washed as often as cars are now. My guess would be the T Ford is about a 1916 or 1917 model. I notice it has 30x30 1/2 demountable rims. I don't have any of my Model T books here in Arizona but I think the engine hood louvers date the car.

It is interesting to see all of the girls wearing dresses. Those were the days before slacks and jeans. This photo was taken at Leeds, North Dakota where my mother and father were born and raised; and where I was born and raised. My father started working for the government as a rural mail carrier at the age of 20 so it is possible this could be his mail car. He was a rural mail carrier for 47 & 1/2 years so he owned and wore out many cars during those many years of driving. I have often wondered how many of the cars he used to deliver the mail were Model T Fords. He had a record of no car accidents during those 47 & 1/2 years and the family has many awards recognizing that.

For the last two years, I have been accumulating photos of the winter vehicles my father owned. I have one photo of a Model T with rear tracks and skis on the front. Another vehicle he had (I have no photo) was a snow plane. It had a Model T frame and Model T front end on both the rear and front with metal skies. It wasn't a very practical vehicle and it was very dangerous to drive. It had a World War I Genie aeroplane motor with an eight-foot propeller and was water-cooled. Alcohol was used to prevent it from freezing and was not very efficient.

He had to drive it too fast to keep the water warm. The eight-foot propeller on the rear pushed it much too fast to be safe. In the spring when the snow became wet, the runners would stick down when he stopped at the mailboxes so to start moving he had to jump on each runner to break it loose. Breaking the last one loose was the most dangerous because the snow plane would start moving and he would then jump inside the cab. The propeller did not have a protective screen in front of it so that was another dangerous part of the vehicle. One Christmas season, a child's chair that was tied to the side of the vehicle came loose and went through the propeller destroying both the chair and the propeller. All of his family and mail patrons were happy and relieved when this happened because they felt that snowmobile would kill him eventually.

It is a miracle that two of my father's sisters were alive and sitting on that Model T Ford in the photo because in 1912 a tornado (or a cyclone as it was referred to at that time) struck my grandparent's farmhouse. My grandmother tried to open the trapdoor to the cellar but it wouldn't open. As a result, my grandmother and her fourteen children were lifted up over the trees and the farmhouse exploded. My grandfather was plowing in the nearby field with horses and saw this happen. For two days they looked for the children who were scattered about the area. My father who was the oldest came walking home with a piece of wood sticking through his upper thigh. The youngest child (a baby) was found wrapped in barbwire. Doctors from throughout the Midwest came to care for the family and helped them all survive.

I made reference to a T Ford earlier in the article. I have been in Norway a few times and have met Model T fans there. They always refer to them as T Fords.

I am happy that I now have on paper a story about Model T Fords that I have only spoken of to family and friends about, so now it is documented.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR SALE:

1917 Model T Roadster. Asking \$10,000. Call Paul Cocking at 480-981-0363, 7327 E Baywood (Mesa East Park).

1924 Model T Speedster. Collen Varnson, House #23, 2055 Apache Wells Condos, McKellips & 56th St. Call 701-330-8651.

1931 Model A Ford Coupe w/rumble seat. All original and in very good condition. Everything works and she drives like new. Two tone green with black fenders. Asking \$14,500. Also have a complete Model A rear end for sale. Call Bob Sarraillon at 480-945-8700.

Assorted Model T parts such as hogs heads, heads, front & rear ends, frame, Model A crankshafts, etc. Call Austin at 480-288-0695.

Full set of Franciscan ware "Hacienda Green" dinnerware, 8-pc. Place settings + more: \$100. If interested, call Jan Peterson, 480-969-0695.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

SAUER KRAUT

By
Gabe Fellin (father of Joe)

For a 20 pound batch:

- 16 to 18 heads winter cabbage
- 1/2 pound salt
- handful of Caraway seeds

1. Grate a layer (about 3") in a ceramic crock. Add a mixture of salt and caraway seeds and pack tightly
2. Add additional layers of cabbage, salt and caraway until all cabbage is used up
3. Pack tightly and cover with a plate on top almost as large as the crock
4. Allow to stand about a week at approximately 70 degrees. Then transfer to a cooler area for about 1 to 4 weeks.
5. Check periodically until ready. Skim off any foam which appears.
6. Check by taste to determine when Sauer Kraut is ready.



Are we having fun yet?



Scottsdale New Years Eve Props
Austin & Dave's T's on display at the Axis/Radius nightclub



The first car show at Power Square, Mesa - January 15, 2011



Our first 2011 EVMTFC meeting - January 20, 2011



Tucson Dillinger Days, Jan 21 - 22, 2011



BEAUTIES AND THE BEAST

Reg's Mother (Frances) is the first beauty on the left with her sister; and the two of the other beauties are Reg's Aunts (his father's sisters); the others are their friends.



Visit of Rick & Char Bonebright (center) from the Rocky Mt. Model T Club
Hosts of the 2010 MTFCA National Tour



The first Pietenpol aircraft powered by a Model T engine
Restored by Fred Houston, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Donated to the MTFCA Museum