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Board News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2012

- 14 Gold Canyon Spring Fling
United Methodist Church
- 19 General Meeting, 7:00 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.
- 21 Bryce Thompson Arboretum
Tour, 8:30 AM

May 2012

- 12 Musical Instruments Museum
Tour, 8:00 AM
- 17 General Meeting, 7:00 PM,
Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.

June 2012

- 16 Breakfast Meeting



*First Woman Model T Driver at Club
Event*

Susan Stone of Camdenton, Missouri drove the Allen's '24 Roadster to the Antique Tractor and Engine Show on March 10. Congratulations and Thank You for your support, Susan!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*By: Claudia Linney*

I hope all is well with everyone. The summer is fast approaching and our winter visitors are slowly fleeing the heat. We will miss you and think of you often as we are baking, not in the kitchen, but out in the heat. We hope everyone's travels to their final destination is safe.

Just a reminder, on April 21st, we will be touring the beautiful Bryce Thompson Arboretum State Park. I would like to thank Ruthann for setting up this fun tour. This will be something new for me, as I have never been there and am very excited to go. I hope everyone can make it. In May, we are really looking forward to visiting the Musical Instruments Museum in Scottsdale. I have heard nothing but great comments about the museum, so I'm really looking forward to that also.

Summer Breakfast Schedule is: June 16, July 21 and August 18.

Keep these dates in mind. Also, it would be great to have some volunteers to set those up. Just give me a call.



The Linney's would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

MARCH 3—TEMPE EAST MEETS WEST TOUR

By: Steve Franco

Saturday March 3, began with a beautiful sunrise promising another wonderful day in God's country. The day before was windy and cold, so this day was delightful. The East/West tour had begun. Hardy souls from the Sun Country Model T Club began their trek eastward, meeting at Horizon High School on 56th Street and Greenway, leaving there at 8:30

A.M. and eventually caravanning to Bill Davisson's abode on East McKellips Road at 9:15 A.M.

Equally hardy souls from the East Valley Model T Club likewise began the journey westward, joining up with fellow T'ers at Bill Davisson's. One East Valley member, Scott Parsons, came all the way from Tucson.

Members of both clubs then proceeded to engage in eating and drinking goodies supplied by Bill at his clubhouse, kicking tires, eating/drinking, admiring the cars, eating/drinking, discussing various favorite topics, and eating/drinking. You get the picture. A total of 20 Model Ts and about 50 people assembled at Bill's that morning for what promised to be a great tour day.

Then around 10:00 A.M., the assembled multitude departed for a tour of the Hall of Flame. We proceeded to Tempe, passing through the Arizona State University campus and down through the center of Tempe's downtown area, as if in our own special parade. People young and old admired the cars. We continued on across Tempe's Town Lake area and on to the Hall of Flame located next to the Salt River Project's headquarters.

Once at the museum, we were split into two groups of about 25 people each. Each group was given their own separate tour. And what tours they were. The many beautifully restored fire apparatus were displayed in all their brilliance. My personal favorites were the big American LaFrance rigs and the "Bull-dog" Mack fire truck.

After about 1½ hours, the museum tours came to an end. The first tour ended before the other tour, so I had the opportunity to sneak into the other tour to garner additional information on the museum. Then it was "start 'em up and ship 'em out" time as individual members cranked up their T's and departed on their way back to Bill Davisson's community center for a wonderful barbeque hosted by Bill and some of his neighbors.

A big "Thank You" goes out to all the people who volunteered putting this wonderful tour together. A good time, on a beautiful March day in Arizona, was had by all. I sincerely hope this East Meets West Tour tradition continues.

MARCH 11—APACHE JUNCTION ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR SHOW

By: Austin Graton

Annually, on the second weekend in March, the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association conducts a gas engine and tractor show and pull at the Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds. Their members and others bring hundreds of tractors and stationary engines to the show. Most of the gas engines are powering everything from washing machines and water pumps to miniature hay bailers. There are tractors from toy and lawn types to huge farm tractors, and everything in between. There are many brands, some very popular and some nearly unheard of. There are two days of competitive pulling with the tractors. There are vintage trucks on display as well.

A few years ago, I took the opportunity to stop by the show to see if I could put my Model T in the show. They welcomed me and invited me to bring others out also. In a few short years this has evolved into a well-attended and very enjoyable show for our club.

The day started early for Dave and his preparation started even earlier by shopping for the meats, buns and drinks and with Ruthann's help, preparing the burgers. Dave arrived at the Graton's at 7:00 am and began unloading boxes with the food, drinks and the folding tables. He unloaded his car, hooked up the chuck wagon and shortly before 8:00 am we left for the rodeo grounds. Upon arrival we set up the canopy, sited the chuck wagon and began setting up tables and putting the food in the ice box.

Within minutes others began to arrive and helped with the setup. Sandy and a couple of the other ladies set out the plates, utensils and condiments. John brought his vintage music and speaker for our entertainment. For a while we only had chips to snack on and then Reg showed up with donuts and cookies, which did not last long.

The cars just kept coming until we had fourteen Model Ts and two model As. We ran out of space and were double lined. We had a large and continuous crowd of people coming through the area, looking at the cars and asking questions. Pat Edmunson brought out her big pot of beans for heating on the chuck wagon. George brought Ruthann's potato salad for all to enjoy.

Dave made a list of the cars and drivers for the parade announcer to use and got us organized by placing a number on each windshield so we would know our location in the parade. Joe had agreed to do the cooking on the chuck wagon grill. While he was cooking, we had the usual questions about how much the meal was, who to pay, etc. Dave had made some signs and put them on the chuck wagon, telling people the meal was for club members only because we were not licensed to sell to the public. The signs elicited comments from potential customers about the Government getting into our business. Also while Joe was cooking, Steve Nissle lit the charcoal in preparation for cooking the raspberry cobbler in his Dutch oven.

We had a great lunch of special recipe burgers made by Dave and Ruthann with fixin's, brats, beans, potato salad, chips, drinks and potato salad. We topped it all off a few minutes later with Steve's delicious raspberry cobbler. We sure know how to eat!! There were a few brats and burgers left that we froze and will finish off at the coil clinic.

After lunch we took our place this time at the front of the parade. Dave was in the lead and headed south on the pulling track but George in the number 2 car thought he was going the wrong way so he did not follow. Instead we did a circle around the rodeo grounds before parading past the stands.

At one point Larry noticed an attendee reading our Model T book in some detail. Dave had put a note on it that it was for sale. After a bit, Larry reminded the fellow that it was for sale and he was convincing enough that the fellow bought it. That was the last of that books that the club still had.

Thanks to all the members who attended. This is a generally relaxing day that gives us a chance to socialize more than probably any other event. A special thanks to all who helped with the meal. Many hands make light work!!

MARCH 20—COIL TECHNICAL CLINIC*By: Joe Fellin*

Joe's garage in Apache Junction was the setting for our latest tech clinic on March 20 - this time a rebuild session for those old, tired, worn-out coils whose proper functioning is critical for proper operation of Model T engines. This morning was unusually cool and, in addition to the normal perk-me-up of coffee and doughnuts, this session actually required some supplemental morning heat, thoughtfully provided by Austin in the form of a portable propane heater. The two sets of wheels which normally share the garage were temporarily stored in the front yard giving us adequate work space for our two folding cookout tables. And soon the coils and parts began to arrive. In short order, there were probably 50 or so of these vibrating devices requiring repair.

We began the session by a brief overview presentation describing the makeup of the coils including both the internal components and external vibrator. A show and tell was provided to allow all to better understand the operation of the coils as well as several charts indicating the specs for the electrical parameters. After this brief introduction, we started measuring coils to determine what repairs were necessary. As expected, most of the malfunctioning was caused by worn out or improperly adjusted vibrators on the coil tops. Generally, most coils were serviceable internally although a few required resoldering of some internal wires and only one actually needed a new capacitor.

Steve Kozak capably dug out the old capacitor from its tar encapsulation and replaced with a modern cap. In short order, his nonfunctioning unit was happily vibrating according to its prescribed mission. After a short startup period, we had three sets of coil test and rebuild stations operated by John, Dave and Joe. This allowed us to test all of the units which were brought to the session and most of the units were operating by the end of the session.

Our lesson from this session again demonstrated that work sessions wherein all can participate are far more effective than presentations and displays. In total, throughout the day, we had 12

workers including a few visitors. Among the guests were Sandy Hart and Roselynn Urness as well as Keith and Carol Gumbinger from Wisconsin who are very skilled with Model T's and just happened by for a visit. We were also fortunate to have excess food available from the tractor show although Lazy Lizzie was nowhere to be found for this session.

Overall, a very productive time for coils as well as an excellent social gathering which continued until after 3:00 considerably later than our usual tech clinics. Many thanks to all who participated and visited with us. And a special thank you to Austin who conceived the idea of the clinic and organized the event. See the photo section in this newsletter for further information.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH**BUTTERMILK PANCAKES ala FRANCOIS***By: Steve & Marilyn Francois*

(2) eggs beaten
 1 1/2 cups of buttermilk
 1/2 teaspoon of salt
 1 teaspoon of baking soda
(add to mix before flour)
 Flour - 1 1/2 cups
(or enough for desired consistency).

ENJOY!

**WELCOME—NEW MEMBERS**

Carl Masak, Mesa

George Gosselin, Gold Canyon
newest & oldest member at 102 years old

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

47th Annual MTFCA Meeting**“T” Time on the Rio**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

By: Joe Fellin

Hosted by the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque, this was the third annual meeting produced by the club in recent years. With this amount of experience, one has high expectations for a great event and this was no exception. As one can attest based on our club hosting the same meeting in 2010, an affair of this scope requires significant effort and coordination for a considerable period of time.

Home base for the weekend was the Rio Grande Inn. The event began with registration on Thursday afternoon. A well stocked and staffed Hospitality Room allowed for renewal of old friendships and developing new ones. An evening welcoming reception provided “heavy hors d’oeuvres” which amounted to a buffet dinner. Afterwards, the MTFCA Board held it’s semi-annual Board Meeting to discuss and act on a multitude of items concerning the national organization.

The activities of the weekend began Friday morning with two separate agendas: one for the men and another for the women. The men traveled to the residence of Larry and Lorna Azevedo in nearby Corrales for a day of technical seminars including an excellent lunch. Seminars included Babbitting, Transmission assembly, Magnet recharging, Model T coils, Dyno testing and Transmission alignment - a full day of heavy technical information presented by outstanding experts in each subject. At the same time, the womens’ day included a tour of the Casa San Ysidro Museum followed by travel to the Azevedos for seminars on vintage dress, including hats and hand-made clothes as well as a “High Tea”. The evening was free for dinner on our own and, of course, the Hospitality Room was available for the entire weekend, a great place to socialize.

The Saturday schedule included a continuation of technical seminars on Camshafts and Front Axle alignment as well as a tour of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, a visit to a local casino, a walking tour of the Old Town and a fascinating tour of the National Museum of Nuclear Science and history. To be sure, the day was as busy (or relaxed) as one chose.

The evening annual Award Banquet started with the requisite “Happy Hour” followed by an outstanding dinner. The serious part of the evening was the presentation of awards. The first place Newsletter Award was presented to “The Backfire”, Santa Clara Valley chapter, Saratoga, California. The Golden Mouse award for the best website was presented to the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque.

The highlight of the awards was the presentation of the Rosenthal Award, the highest honor the MTFCA can bestow on one of its members, to the individual who is judged “to best exemplify the spirit and attitude of the Club’s first President, Walter Rosenthal”. Bud Redding of Waverly, Kansas was awarded the 2012 honor.

Sunday activities included breakfast followed by a Members Meeting with the Board of Directors to obtain an update of the status of the club by the MTFCA President, Tom Miles, as well as a question and answer session with members. The most significant new project of the MTFCA is the reestablishment of the Model T Museum at a new location in the historic section of downtown Richmond, Indiana. A building was provided to us by the city and is presently undergoing extensive modification to house all of our museum vehicles and accessories. Current status indicates that the museum will be opened within the next month or two. When completed, our facility will be a showcase of the city. The city is offering considerable assistance and civic pride in this new attraction.

A debt of gratitude is due to the members of the Tin Lizzies club who worked long and hard to produce a very successful event. Thank you, Tin Lizzies!

NATIONAL EVENTS



MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

The East Valley Model T Ford Club is 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. Payment may be made by check, credit card or PayPal.

Limited Edition Postcards exclusively from the Model T Ford Club of America are available.

The focus of the forum is to provide a place where questions and answers regarding the history, maintenance and restoration of the Model T can be shared.

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JUNE 17-22—LINCOLN, NE MTFCA National Tour Heartland of America "T" Tour

Hosted by the Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car Club. Headquartered at Country Inn and Suites, 5353 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE 68521. 1-800-596-2375. Be sure to mention Heartland of America T Tour when booking your room for a very special rate.

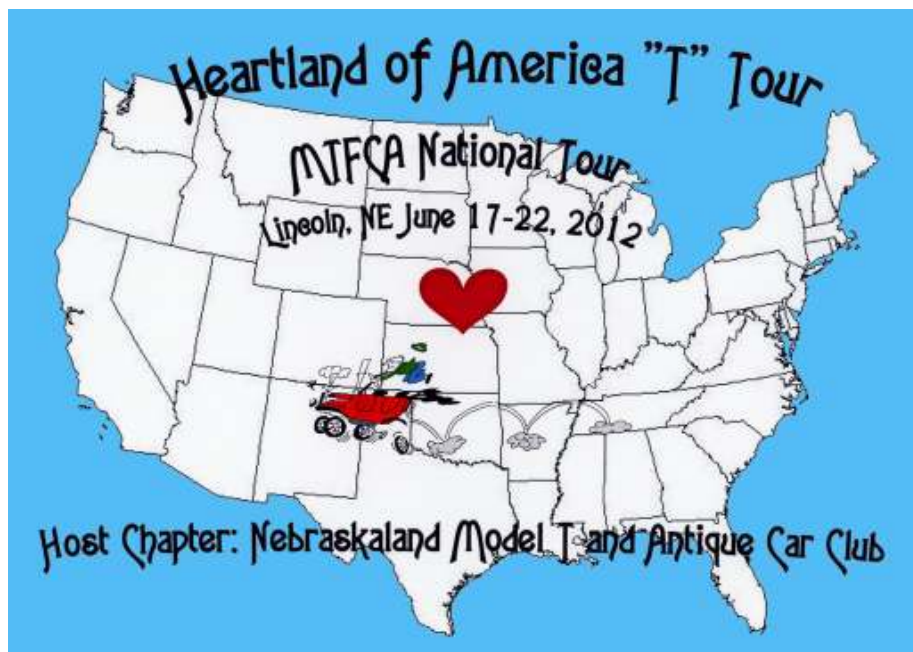
Tours will include: A visit to a Pony express Station, Arbor Lodge, A living history farm, Museum of American Speed, University of Nebraska Tractor Test Lab, Homestead National Monument, Strategic Air and space Museum and much more. We will travel the back roads of Southeast Nebraska viewing some of the most productive crop land in our country. See where the Pony Express Riders traveled. Discover the Oregon and Mormon Trails. Learn about homestead life and the difficulties they endured. It's our history, re-live some of the past as we visit a living history farm. We will see how we went from horse and buggy to landing on the moon. The Model T fits in there very nicely as a very important part of our transportation history. All this and more make plans now to join us in the Heartland of our nation!

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LOCAL CLUB EVENTS**HEALTH & WELFARE**

Thank you to Jan Peterson for sending cards on behalf of the East Valley Model T Ford Club. If you know of someone who is sick, had a death in their family, or needs some well wishes from their friends and neighbors, please let Jan know.

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.

**GENERAL MEETING
REFRESHMENTS**

Refreshments will be provided by:

April 19th—Urness & Francois

May 17th—Downs, Griffins & Veres

EVMTFC MEMBERSHIP DUES

Applications for membership may be printed from our 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.

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.

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Bryce Thompson Arboretum Tour

Saturday, April 21st, 2012

Please join us for this wonderful tour of the Arboretum! We will tour the garden at 11:00am if you wish to take part in this portion of the tour. Bring your own brown bag lunch and join us for eats at the available picnic tables on the grounds.

Please meet at Bashas on Route 60 at 8:30, leaving at 9:00am
(5311 South Superstition Mountain Drive)

About an hour's drive will have us out at the Arboretum approximately 10:00am with a chance to look around before the 11:00am guided tour of the 1.5 mile trail.

Departure time estimation: 2:30pm

Sign-up sheet at the April 19th meeting

\$9.00/adult \$4.50/children 5-12





Musical Instruments Museum

Model T Tour Thursday, May 12, 2012

Come join the East Valley Model T Club's Tour of the Musical Museum on May 21, 2012. The hours on Saturday are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. On Saturday there is a guided group tour starting at 10:00 am. Guided tours are free with the cost of admission. Admission is \$15.00 for adults and \$13.00 for seniors, \$10.00 for children aged 6-17. The guests are given wireless headsets to wear throughout the museum.

The Museum is location is 4725 East Mayo Blvd. We will meet at the Target on Baseline Rd. in Tempe at 8:00 and leave at 8:30. From Baseline Rd., turn right at the first light onto McClintock Drive, north to Haydon Rd, turn left onto Scottsdale Rd. Turn left onto E. Mayo Blvd. Because of the distance, you might like to go modern. If you would like to go modern, take the 202 to the 101 to Mayo Blvd.

A MAN AND HIS T *By: Ronnie L. Johnston*

My dream of owning a vintage Ford came true in 1998 when my wife bought me my first vintage Ford. It was a 1925 Ford she found in Tempe. It was unrestored and needed much work but the body was good and not rusted out. The top wood was partly gone and the engine was partly disassembled. We bought a place in Superior and moved, leaving me with no place to work on the T. While my stepson moved into my house in Mesa, the T remained in the garage there. I could not find much time to work on it there. Then my wife had a massive heart attack leaving her heart with only a 13% working capacity and a need for a new heart. All plans for the T



were put on hold. On Valentines day 2004, she got a new heart, but six months later a lung infection took her from me. Medical costs kept me from building a garage so I could bring the T up to Superior to work on until November of 2009, when I could use my retirement savings to build a garage.

In February of 2010, the garage was finally completed and the T was home. I had met some of the East Valley members at the tractor show in AJ and joined the club. Austin told me of a member, Jim Huggins who lived in Kearney. I called him and he came over to give me advice on where to start on the T. He suggested that the first thing I needed was to put the engine back together and see if it would run. The car had new valves sitting in a box, so I ordered new springs and a overhaul gasket set to put the engine back together. I rebuilt the carb and Jim came over and within 30 minutes we got the car to start and run. What a thrill that was!

I met Herald Hall from Florence at the Bluegrass Festival and Car Show when I went with Jim Huggins and his T. He said that he would come up and look at my T. He came up and looked at what was left of my roof wood. He said he had some maple wood and he took some pieces of my roof wood and front floorboards home with him.



A month later, he came to my house with new floorboards and pieces he had made for the roof and helped me get started reassembling the roof wood. Once that was completed, I ordered a top cover kit and seven members came up to my home and the new top was placed on the car. Austin gave me padding so I could get started on making some temporary seat coverings so I could take the T out and learn to drive it. I bought a set of wheels from Steve Francois and put them on. I had a new windshield made at Apache Glass and Jim Huggins came over and took me out for my first driving lesson. What a dream come true when we rolled the car out of the garage for the first time on its own power!

Joe Fellin and Jim Huggins came over and gave the car a once over checking the rear axles, timing etc. When we were putting the top on the car someone noticed that there was some lettering under the paint on the doors. I took some 1200 grit sand paper and begin sanding lightly. What I found was the following: Speedway Camp Bar and Cocktail Lounge, open air market, café, steaks, seafood and chicken in the basket and on the rear quarter panel advertised Lundeens Body Shop.

The car came form Minot, North Dakota. I did some research and found out that a legendary man named Irving (Speed) Wallace started Speedway Camp in 1925 six miles west of Minot with a small gas station, then a cafe and cabin motel. He was an Olympic athlete in the twenties, a friend of the president and a famous novelist who wrote over three hundred novels. He died in 1988, but still has a fan club today. My stepson did some further research and located his son and daughter and contacted them. They told him that the car was their dad's car.

There is still much left to do on the car as finances will permit, but I have been truly blessed having joined the East Valley Model T Ford Club. One could not find a better set of friends to share the love of the Model T with and spend time together with. Thanks to each and every one of you.



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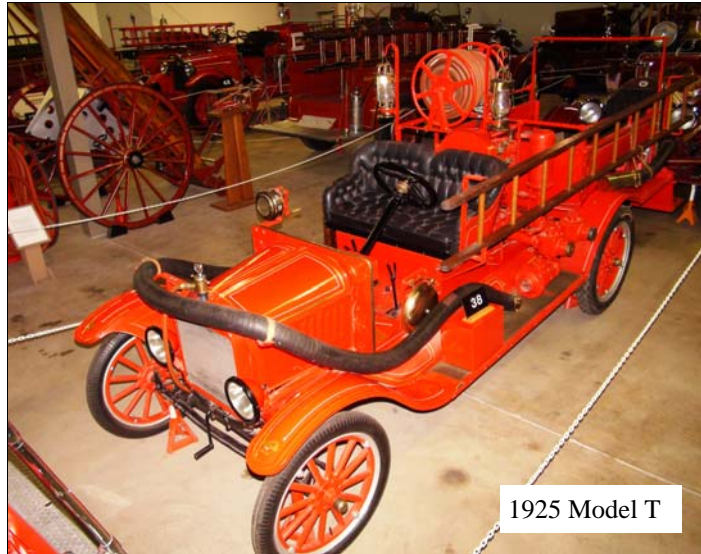
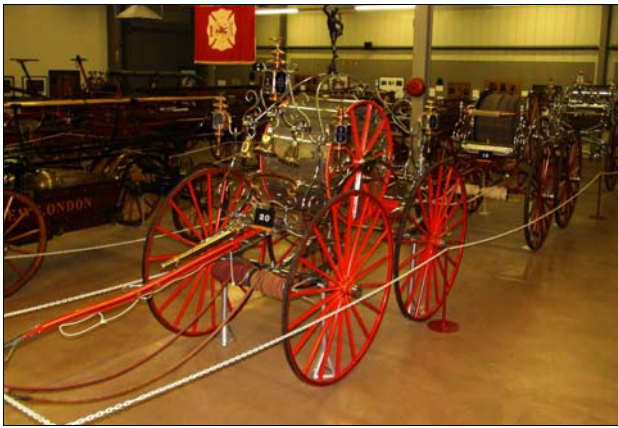
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4th Annual East Meets West Tour - March 3, 2012



East Meets West Tour - Hall of Flame Museum, Phoenix



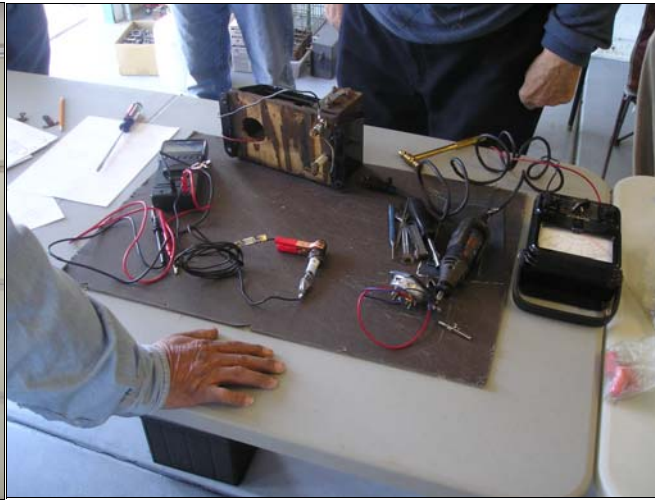
20th Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show - Apache Junction - March 10, 2012



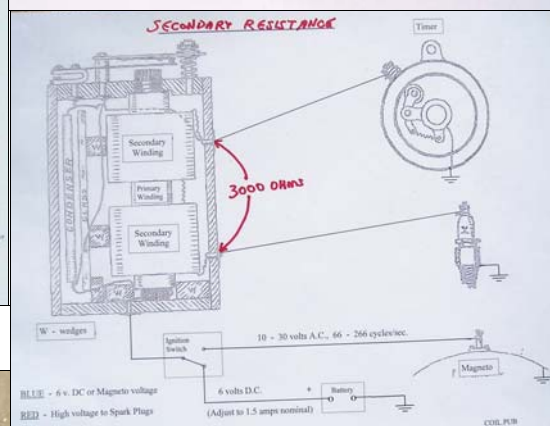
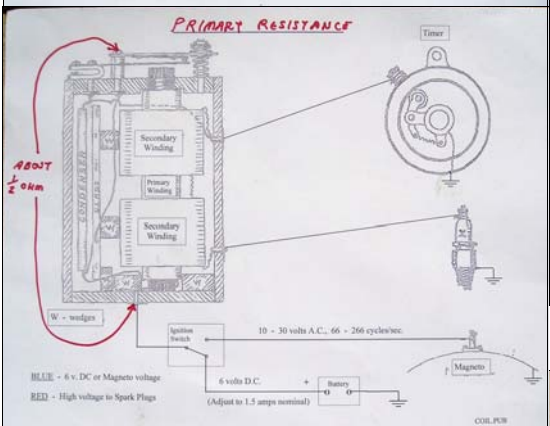
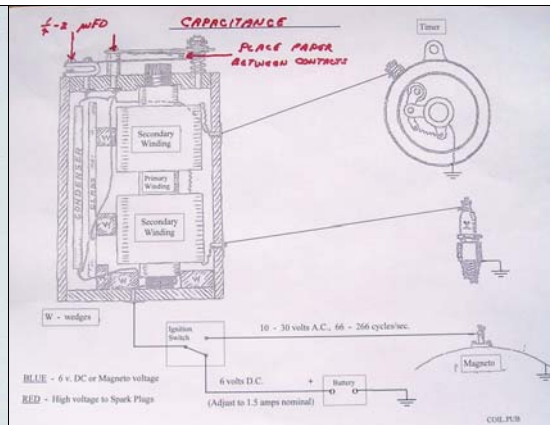
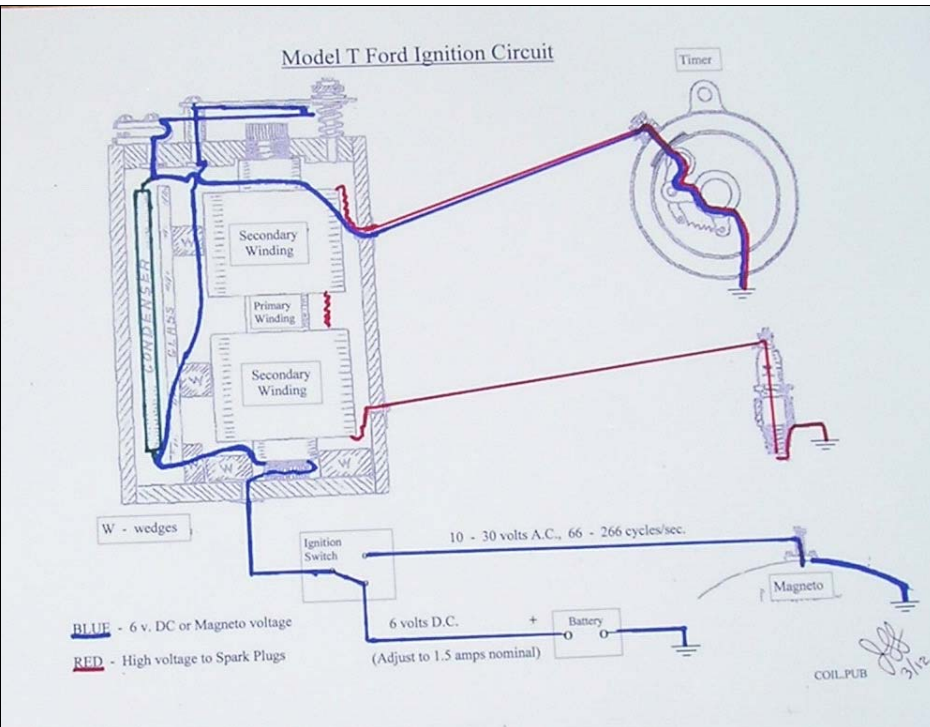
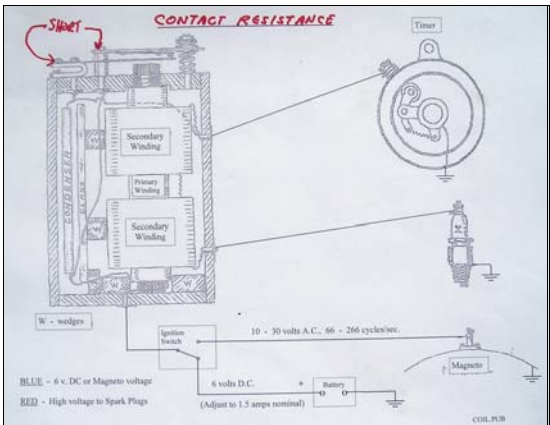
Antique Tractor & Engine Show - East Valley Model T Ford Club participation



Antique Engine & Tractor Show - Stationery Engines



Coil Rebuild Clinic at Joe's garage - March 20, 2012



Coil Rebuild Clinic - Coil components including circuit and initial electrical specs



Bud Redding 2012 Awardee



Rosenthal Awardees



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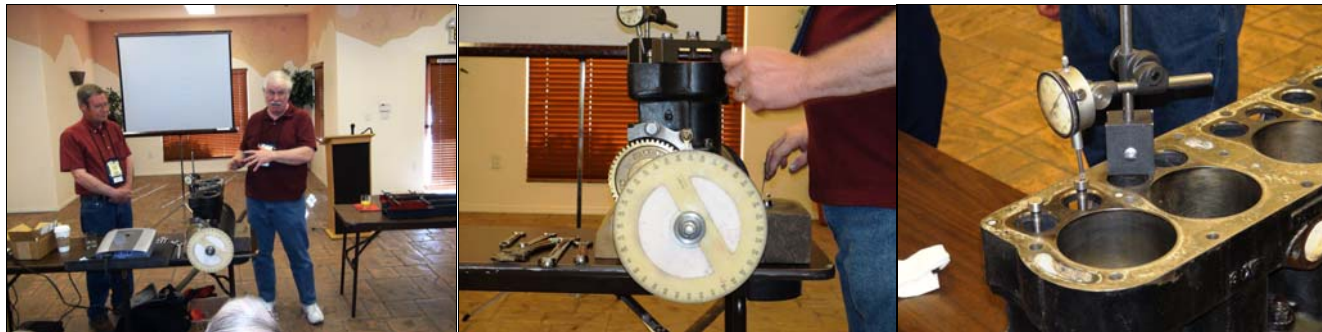
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Front Axle Alignment



Coil Rebuilding

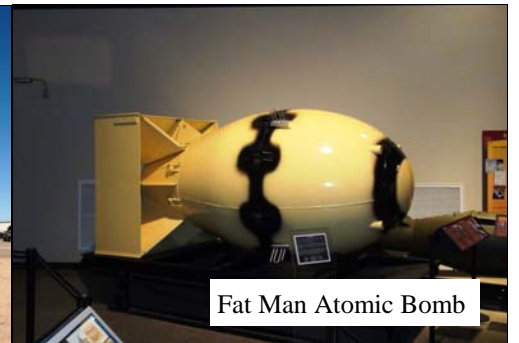


Camshafts

MTFCA Meeting - Technical Seminars



B-29 Atomic Bomb delivery plane



Fat Man Atomic Bomb



Cars of the MTFCA Meeting



George (l. top,& bottom) with Star & brother Jim



George (r.) with first Model T & brother Jim



102 year old George Gosselin rediscovers his Model T roots - another item checked off his "Bucket List" - March 28, 2012

