



Calendar of Events

January 2010

- 21 General Meeting, 6:30 PM
Berge Ford, US60 & Mesa Dr.
- 23 Tour to Superior and museum
Visit
- 30 Discovery Point Car Show

February 2010

- 6 Motoring Thru Time Car Show
- 18 General Meeting, 6:30 PM
Berge Ford, US60 & Mesa Dr.
- 19-21 **45th Annual MTFCA
Members Meeting**
- 27 Lost Dutchman Days Parade
- 28 Car Show at Sunshine Acres

March 2010

- 6 East Meets West "T" Tour
- 12 Car Show at a Mesa School
- 13 Antique Tractor Show

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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 MTFCA 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

You will probably notice a lot of my focus for the next month and a half will be on the 45th Annual MTFCA Members

Meeting. This is a major undertaking which we want to be an enjoyable and memorable event for all the attendees.

A

lot of planning has gone into this event with a lot more still to be done. I am developing a detailed task list and will be contacting many of you in the near future to ask for your assistance in helping your club make this a very successful event.

With regard to the MTFCA Meeting, we ask that if you are going to attend that you get your registration in as soon as possible. You will, however, be able to register up until three days before it starts but it will be much easier for the committee if you register early.

We are still in need of more donated items for our door prizes and raffle. These can be member donations or items you have solicited from businesses. Any money the club makes on raffle items belongs to the club so this is a great opportunity to improve our treasury.

The elections for Secretary and President were held at our Christmas Party. Both Jan Peterson and Austin Graton were reelected to their positions.

As a reminder, don't hesitate to participate in any of our events even if you don't have a Model T here. Many times other members may have a vacant seat for a tour. If it is a show, come on out to visit with other members anyway.

Happy New Year! See you on the road.

Austin

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Donald and Peggy Hughes

Bill and Carolyn McNabb

Mel and Lorie Poppe

Welcome aboard!! 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.

LOCAL CLUB EVENTS

23 January Tour to Superior and museum visit. We will assemble at Idaho Rd. & Old West Highway in Apache Junction at 8:15 AM. We will depart from there promptly at 8:30 AM. This tour is about 35 mi one way from AJ. We will need someone who will not be driving a "T" to follow behind with flashers and possible tow a trouble trailer. If you would like to do this, let Austin know. We will meet Jim Huggins at the "Welcome to Superior" sign (near to the Superior Airport entrance) then proceed to the Buckaroo Café. Here we will visit the "world's smallest museum". Then we will proceed to the downtown to visit the Bob Jones Museum and do a car show at the Senior Center. Following that we will have lunch at a local eatery and proceed to the "oar cart trail". Time permitting we may also visit the arboretum before leaving town for the return trip.

30 January, Discovery Point retirement Community Car Show. Cars should be in place before 09:00 AM. The show goes till 12:00 noon. There will be live music in the parking lot where the show is held. Those

driving a vintage car will be treated to a sit down breakfast in their dining room along with their rider.

Discovery Point is located at 6210 E. Arbor Ave., Mesa The contact is Dustin Beckstead at (480) 924-6474.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Car Show at Pinal County Fairgrounds on January 30 during the Bluegrass Jamboree. For more information or an application call Norma Brown at (520) 866-7653 or email at norma.brown@pinalcountyz.gov.

Motoring Thru Time Car Show at Heritage Square in downtown Phoenix Saturday February 6, 2010. This is a great show of all sorts of vintage vehicles including campers, motorcycles, autos and fire equipment. Preregistration is required. Austin can provide an application if you would like to show your car. Several other members may also have applications. You can also call Tammy Parker at (602) 262-5071.

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:

January - Graton's

February - Allen's

March - Jackson'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!!

NATIONAL EVENTS

MTFCA National Tour August 1-6, 2010 Whitefish Montana. The Montana Majestic Mountain T Tour will be hosted by the Rocky Mountain Model T Club. Contact Mike Cuffe, PO Box 1685, Eureka, MT 59917. Phone 406-889-5777.

Email mmmtt2010@interbel.net.

Christmas Party 2010 by Bill Allen

With our trusty Model T already decorated from the Apache Junction Christmas Parade, I headed West for the annual East Valley Model T Christmas Party. First I picked up Austin and Lynn at 1:00 as they opted to ride with us in our 'air-conditioned' Touring. Next stop was to pick up Kae at a horseshoe tournament on Hobson, right around the corner from our third stop, the Marriott Hotel. The ride went well with most lights changing green as we approached the intersections and all systems working perfectly, save for an occasional shimmy in the front end.

At the Marriott, we met the Petersons, Griffins, Joe Fellin & Dave Veres to check out the facilities where we'll be hosting the Annual MTFCA Meeting in February. As it was our first visit there, Austin had questions as to what rooms would be available for the upcoming meeting. We were also treated to a guided tour of the facilities. The Mesa area and Marriott facility should be a welcome treat for those coming from the frigid North as the weather here at that time should be at its best.

From there we left for dinner at the Landmark Restaurant and arrived at our

4th stop of the day at 3:00, right on schedule. There we met with - Yup, you guessed it - more T's, some with out-of-state plates from as far away as Montana. Goes to show you how much fun we have at our Christmas Parties. And this year thanks to the excellent planning by Ruthann Elms, we weren't having Mexican and I didn't have to order a Gringo burger. Red meat and tatters. YUM - my kind of victuals. A little pricey (that's because we ordered Margaritas with our prime rib) but worth every penny. And the old photos (many with Model Ts depicted) throughout the building were amazing.

Those in attendance were George & Ruthann Elms, Austin & Lynn Graton, Mary & Jerry Griffin, Gary & Janice Smith, Steve & Marilyn Francois, John & Jan Peterson, Ed & Dolores Stolinski, Joe Fellin, Dave Veres, Lorna & John Jackson, Larry & Sandy Hart, Bill & Kae Allen, Steve & Diane Nissle, and Ben & Jill Smith with their two beautiful children. After dinner we drew numbers for the Yankee Swap exchange. Luck would have it that I drew #2 and didn't have a chance at the model of the old car that passed through many owners before Gary Smith walked away with it. Like who is going to exchange even a used dishcloth for a pair of panties with the Model T logo?? Be advised, you're likely to see these again next year in a real pretty package that you can't resist.

Austin conducted a brief meeting before dinner updating everyone on the plans for the Annual MTFCA Feb. Meeting. Also on the agenda was the election of the President and Secretary for 2010. As there were no volunteers from the floor, the only nominations who agreed to serve were the reigning president and

secretary. So thank you to Austin Graton and Jan Peterson for being willing to serve again.

From the Landmark we drove to our 5th and final stop of the day, the beautifully decorated Mormon Temple on Main Street in Mesa to view the wonderful display of holiday lights. For those that didn't make it this year or have never been before, put it on your list as a must see for next year. It goes without saying that you'll never see anywhere a better display of lights on a single property. The Graton's decided they'd had enough of my nearly perfect air conditioning for one night and rode back in comfort and style in Joe's center door sedan. The evening was a great success and one to remember. Many thanks to Ruthann for organizing this event.

Tech Session of Dec. 18, 2009 by John Peterson

This was Ruckstell Repair II at the home of Jerry Griffin. Session I had converted his rear-end assembly into a pile of parts and generated an extensive (read *expensive*) replacement parts list. Jerry had addressed this list with vigor and was well prepared when the A team arrived. Note in this case A refers to the specialty of the team (axles) and not the quality of the team. When the team arrived on this brisk December morn, their wondering eyes were greeted by tables galore set in the driveway with an abundance of mysterious parts requiring "some assembly."

The "A" team this day consisted of **Austin Graton, Joe Fellin, John Peterson, Dave Veres**, and host **Jerry Griffin**. **Steve Nissle** was able to stop in for a cameo bolt tightening and photo shoot. We were ably backed by the

cheerleading and hardware store "gofer" squad of **Mary Griffin** and **Lynn Graton**.

After treats of pastries and coffee the team was set to tackle the task at hand. Rear-end assembly is an ideal team project. Separate sub-assemblies such as the carrier, torque tube, and axle housings can be worked on in parallel and all come together for the grand finale.

Even well planned projects of this sort always require unexpected parts and tools. Fortunately, this one was hosted ½ mile as the crow flies from the Fellin Garage and Parts Supply Depot. Note--it seems a bit further as the S-10 rolls. In fact, one of the many trips extended so long that the rest of the team took our lunch break; Jerry (and Mary) set a mean table. Joe's explanation was that his computerized inventory system let him down. We think that he was either padding the mileage charge or taking a power nap.

This 8-to-5 day resulted in good progress. Jerry was left with a much smaller pile of much larger parts. The driveshaft and carrier assemblies are fully completed, and the initial ring and pinion backlash was tested. Another ½ day should see a complete assembly. These projects always take much longer than anticipated, at least three times as long as we now plan and more like ten times the Ford flat-rate book time. Those guys had instant access to new parts that fit--not like current repo parts--and did this work every day.

These sessions are rewarding, and I feel that they are at least as important a part of the hobby as meetings and tours.

This was my first time to be exposed to the inner workings of the Ruckstell. It also allowed Joe and me to come up with an answer to the Ruckstell riddle of the vacillating lube level. It is commonly observed that the lube level on Ruckstells goes down when cars sit unused for some time. Joe and I theorize that the imperfect seal between the planetary internal gear and ring gear support bell allow the lube to seep slowly into the bell cavity, thus equalizing the oil level. When the car is in operation, centrifugal force from the rotating bell will quickly squirt this oil out into the external cavity. This should also cause the frothy appearance of the oil in a warm unit. This is only one of the mysteries of the world that we retired (or is that *retarded*) engineers are called to solve.

I hope to see you all at the next tech session.

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.

Health and Welfare of Members

Austin is recovering from 30

November hernia surgery.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH **SENATE BEAN SOUP**

1 ½ c. dry Michigan white beans
Water
1 smoked ham hock
1 medium potato, finely diced
1 onion, diced
salt and pepper

Soak beans overnight in water. For a quick soak, bring beans and water to boil and boil 2 minutes. Cover and let stand 1 hour. Drain beans and measure liquid. Add enough water to make 2 quarts. Place soaked beans, water and ham hock in kettle. Cover and simmer 2 hours. Add potato, onion, celery and simmer 1 hour. Remove ham hock and cut up meat. Return meat to kettle. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Note: It is suggested that the cook remove 1 cup beans and some liquid. Puree in blender and return to the soup kettle. Heat, season to taste with salt and pepper, and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Serves 6.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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

SPECIAL GUESTS AND PICTURE

We have a couple, the Bennett's, coming all the way from Australia for the MTFCA Meeting. Allan Bennett was the recipient of the

Rosenthal Award in 2000 but was not able to attend that Meeting to personally receive the award. They will be staying in the States for over a month on this trip. They have furnished a picture of their special car, described here, which is found on another page of this newsletter.

The car is a 1924 Tarrant deluxe tourer. Tarrants were the Ford agents in Victoria. As in the other Australian states, the Victorian distributors built their own bodies, because imported complete cars were hit with punitive tariffs. However, when Tarrants wanted a body of superior quality, they purchased a body built by Holdens in Adelaide, South Australia. As part of the "special" package, this car features;

Full leather upholstery with door pockets and rug rail,

Fuel fed by vacuum tank from the original gas tank hung under the spare tyre carrier at the back of the car.

Nickel plated radiator shell, headlight rims and windscreen.

Rubber covered running boards and alloy kick plates.

A cowl ventilator, (my aircon)

4.40 x 23 balloon tyres

It did originally have a Stewart speedometer, but I can't find a good one to fit. I have all but the head.

Today, Holdens are General Motors Holden, builders of your Pontiac G8. Who'd have thought it possible?

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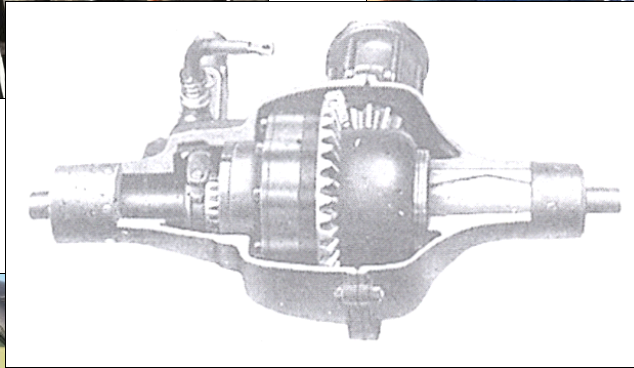
John & Lorna Jackson's 1926 Roadster, Wolf Point, Montana



Serial owners of the "White Elephant" antique car



EVMTFC Christmas party - Landmark Restaurant, Mesa - December 12, 2009

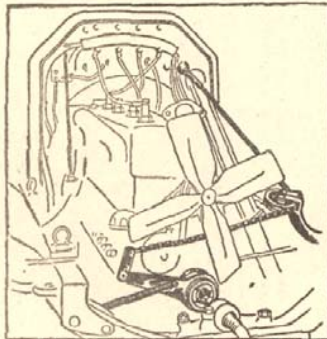


Jerry's Ruckstell Restoration Clinic - December 18, 2009



McDonald's Car Show - Scottsdale Pavilions - December 19, 2006

Every Ford Auto Should Have a Starter



Easily attached. Simply drill hole through the wood dash. The cable, which connects the handle with the starting mechanism, works through this hole. Nothing is shown outside of the hood except starter handle.

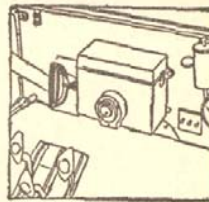
\$10.00 Challenge Starter for Ford Engines \$4.75

Additional pleasure and comfort comes to the Ford owner who has his machine equipped with this engine starter. It is a great convenience in muddy, sloppy weather, when the engine is stalled or stops. It does away with getting out of the car to start it. You remain in the seat, adjust the speed lever and pull the starting handle which turns the engine over and starts the motor.

In case of back firing no damage will result to car or operator. This starter automatically disconnects when the motor back-fires, a feature not to be overlooked, as a great many accidents occur on account of back-firing when the motor is cranked the old way.

Built to stand up under the very hardest usage. Constructed of high-grade steel stock; machined and hardened by best process known. Cable is of sufficient size to give the very best wear and to last as long as the other parts. We have given

this starter the most severe tests and have found it to be mechanically perfect. It will do everything claimed for it and we heartily recommend it to you. Usual price, \$10.00. 161R5424—Shipping weight, 10 pounds\$4.75



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Their wives don't know they have all these old cars hidden in someone else's yard.



Allen & Nancy Bennett's 1924 Tarrant Deluxe Tourer, Gawler, Australia