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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Are you ready for the trip to Tucson? This is a good opportunity for open road touring without traffic lights every mile, etc. It should also be a test of these cars we have restored.

I have written a somewhat detailed description of the trip with coffee, lunch, rest stops we can make along with an optional route home. (The route schedule is included with this Newsletter).

Austin tells me our chapter had the best attendance at the Albuquerque National Meeting, other than the Albuquerque folks the report is also in this Newsletter.

Remember the April and May meetings will be held at our house. If you need additional directions please call me.

Looking forward to the Tucson trip. Call me if you have any questions.

George Elms.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members: Gary & Janice Smith. They have a 1925 Coupe which is in need of some work before it is roadworthy.

YARD SALE

The yard sale had to, once again, be postponed due to the weather forecast. The sale has been rescheduled for the fall. This gives everyone more time to gather their unwanted items for our biggest fund raiser!

GOOD LUCK/PARTICIPATION TROPHY

Lynn Graton, concerned with having had the hard luck (Trail Trivial) trophy for most of the time since it was established, including at the present time, suggested a 'good luck' trophy. John Peterson, who built the Trail Travail Trophy, took the initiative to develop another trophy. A name for the trophy & rules for obtaining the trophy are now open for suggestions. Members are asked to bring their suggestions for award criteria to the next general meeting. If you are not able to attend the next general meeting, pass on your ideas to one of the club officers so they can present them at the next meeting. Please give this some serious thought, as we would like to make this a significant and coveted trophy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The overnigher to Tucson, April 8-9, to visit the Franklin Auto Museum. The route and timing details are enclosed with this Newsletter. Please bring it with you!

Joe Fellin will be following with the trouble



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trailer. If you have a cell phone please bring it with you. Joe's cell # is (480 612-2417). If you would like to go but don't have a running 'T' you could drive your modern car or maybe get a ride with one of us. **Don't forget to call the Comfort Suites at (520) 888-6676 for reservations. The group number is 1742.**

GENERAL MEETING

April 21, 2006 The General Meeting will be held at George & Ruthann Elms home at 2055 E. Rice Drive, Tempe, AZ (Just west of Price, off of Baseline take River Street South one block to Rice Drive). This is a very important meeting. We will be passing on more information that came out of the Model T Ford Club of America business meeting. We will also be making the final decisions and complete the planning for the May 12-14 Fort Tuthill Tour. Please try to attend.

FORT TUTHILL

May 12-14 Overnighter to Flagstaff at Fort Tuthill. Directions will be sent with the May 2006 Newsletter. This trip is in the final planning stages. We will need commitments very soon for this trip. This facility is for military or retired military **and their guests**. Therefore, it will require those of us with military ID cards to make the reservations. Some of us are planning to leave on the afternoon of Friday, May 12, with a planned return of Sunday afternoon. The daily rates depend upon what type of unit you want and the length of your stay. RV sites are also available. The rates for the units & RV sites will be available at the next meeting. Please be prepared to make your decision at the meeting so that reservations can be made.

We have several different short tours we can take in the area from Ft. Tuthill. One trip

could be to Sunset Crater and Watpaki National Monument. This would take a full day. We could take a one-half day trip to Ashurst Lake or Lake Mary; the Snowbowl or the Museum of Northern Arizona. We could take a trip to Sedona. None of these tours require travel on the interstate.

A member of the Canyon Country Model T Ford Club has invited us to stop by their house for a garage tour and coffee or drinks. He and some of his club members may join us for part of our tour.

Please try to attend the April 21st meeting due to the vast amount of information that will be available.

2006 ROSTERS

The new roster for 2006 is typed and ready for distribution. They will be available at the April 2006 General Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact the Graton's so that one can be sent to you. (480) 288-0726

The East Valley Model T Ford Club is affiliated with and is a chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA), a national and international organization. Membership in the MFTCA includes six issues of The Vintage Ford and a vote for the Board of Directors. Dues are \$29.00 annually. Membership is strongly encouraged.

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MTFCA BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 23-26, 2006
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
By Roselynn Urness

The Tin Lizzie Model T Ford Club of Albuquerque hosted the 41st annual business meeting at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn. Members attending from our East Valley Model T Ford Club were: Austin and Lynn Graton, Joe Fellin & Jean Reith, Steve (soon-to-be Papa) Linney, and Reg and Roselynn Urness.

Thursday evening (March 23rd) there was a Welcoming Party with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a fashion show by Victory Vintage of Loveland, Colorado, owned and operated by Melanie Patton. Model T Era clothing was modeled by the hosting club members. Melanie had two rooms in the hotel with a variety of men's and women's clothing and hats that were available for purchase. Her website is: www.victoryvintageonline.com

Friday morning, we took a bus trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico which was approximately one hour away. We toured the city via bus and had free time to explore the city. Santa Fe is a very unique city with adobe-style homes and businesses. Many of us shopped in the village square where the vendors sat outside in front of their jewelry, paintings, etc.

A delicious lunch was held at the Hilton Hotel and a bus ride back to Albuquerque took part on the Old Route 66 highway. The rest of the day we were free to visit the sites of Old Town Albuquerque or just rest.

Saturday morning we again boarded a bus to the site of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta which is held each year in October. More than 700 balloons launch from 72 grass-covered acres at Balloon Fiesta Park. This morning, there were two colorful balloons

waiting for us. We watched as they were unwrapped and filled. It was quite the sight to see several Model T Fords lined up in front of the colorful balloons. Joe Fellin was busy photographing this, lying on the ground to get just the right shot. The balloons were tethered to pickup trucks and rides were given for those who were adventurous enough to climb in the baskets and raised up in the air. Steve Linney barely made it in the basket when a gust of wind came and rocked the balloon back and forth. Because of this increase in wind, the balloons had to be taken down. Mother Nature is in charge of this sport.

From there, we toured the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum which opened last year. This museum contains one of the world's finest collections of historic balloons, ballooning artifacts, and decorative and fine arts reflecting the history, science and culture of lighter-than-air flight. It covers 60,000 square feet and was 21 years in the planning stage and took 3 years to construct. The Museum is named for pioneering Albuquerque balloonists Maxie Anderson and Ben Abruzzo, who, with Larry Newman, completed the first manned crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in 1978.

We then toured the J&R Vintage Auto Museum in Rio Rancho, New Mexico (suburb of Albuquerque.) This collection is 50 years old and is worth 2 & 1/2 million dollars. There were over 50 restored vintage cars and trucks housed in the 15,000 sq. ft museum. The museum featured ten classic automobiles that have completed in the Great American Race including the 1995 winner, a 1917 Marmon. We were also privileged to tour the work shop area where the restoration of more vehicles was taking place. There was a 2,000 sq. ft gift shop with hundreds of automotive books, porcelain signs and die cast toys. We had to hurry back to the host hotel for

lunch and get ready to attend the afternoon seminars. The women attended the Model T Era Clothing Seminar which was designed to give an overview of fashion from the 1900s through the 1920s. It was presented by Melanie Patton of Victory Vintage, Loveland Colorado. Her phone number is (970) 635-0804. After the seminar, many of the women purchased unique hats, dresses, jewelry. Even a few men bought hats, shirts, vests.

The men attended a Transmission Repair Seminar by Milt Webb. The Awards Banquet was held in the evening. Many attendees wore vintage clothing and hats from the Model T era. After a delicious meal, we watched a video of the character Ernestine (Lily Tomlin) pretending to be the telephone switchboard operator to Ford Motor Company. She made it sound like it was her fault that all the Model T's were black in color because she ordered way too much black paint. It was a comedy sketch that we could relate to concerning Henry Ford and the Model T's.

Ed and Karen Archer (Hayward, California) were dressed in vintage clothing from the 1920's and danced the Charleston. We all agreed you have to be in good shape to do that dance.

Board members/club officers were introduced:

President Russ Grunewald (Fort Worth, TX)
Vice President Tom Miles (Albuquerque, NM)
Secretary Barbara Klehfoth (Centerville, IN)
Treasurer Mark Mahoney (Anaheim, CA)
CEO Jay Klehfoth (Centerville, IN)

Newsletter winners and web site winners were announced 3rd Place went to the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque, NM for their Enchantment Flyer 2nd Place went to the Three Rivers Model T Ford Club of Spokane, WA and 1st Place to the Lone Star T's of Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX.

The 2006 Walter Rosenthal Award was presented by Ann Bothwell. This is a traveling trophy that has been presented for the past 39 years in honor of Walter Rosenthal. It is presented to the club member who best reflects Walter's attitude in the hobby of Model T Ford and is the highest honor for a member of the club to receive. There were nine nominees, and this year's recipient was Milton Webb who is a member of the Sacramento Valley Model T Club. (Mr. Webb put on the Transmission Seminar earlier in the day.) He was very honored to receive this trophy and said he was willing to share everything he knew about Model T Fords. Door prizes were handed out, photos taken, and we danced to live music.

Sunday March 26th began with a tasty breakfast and then the 41st Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Russ Grunewald. Reports were given by club officers and different board members. Highlights of the meeting were:

- 1) The National Club is doing great. Membership is 8,000 which is a little low but should pick up once the renewals are received. There has been trouble with bulk mailing at the US Post Office for the membership renewals and the mailing of the Vintage Ford magazine. There are Life Memberships available for anyone who is interested. Contact Secretary Barbara Klehfoth at 765-855-5248 for issues relating to membership, Vintage Ford Magazines and other related topics.
- 2) The Executive Board met on March 24, 2006 and they are re-writing By-laws which are out-of-date reference material. The website for National is: www.mtfc.com
- 3) Nominees for the board for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 are requested to send a letter of interest to include a brief biography and photo to Jay Klehfoth, PO Box 126, Centerville, IN

47330-0126. Board members are expected to attend two board meetings throughout the year. The transportation is paid but not hotel. During the year, you will spend approximately 2 to 3 weeks doing board work. Any questions should be directed to Jay Klehfoth at 765-855-5248.

4) David Williams does the club newsletter which is mailed to local chapters. In this newsletter is information about tours, swap meets and general information that doesn't get into the Vintage Ford Magazine. Local chapters should keep their mailing addresses updated. Send updates to: Dave Williams, 203 NW Manzanita Avenue, Grants Pass, OR 97526 (541) 479-7580

5) FYI: Names and address of officers and board members are in the front cover in the Vintage Ford Magazine.

6) Each chapter should have their own newsletter; "it is the glue to keep the members together."

7) Articles for the Vintage Ford Magazine should be sent to: Jay Klehfoth, PO Box 126, Centerville, IN 47330-0126. He might be able to use the material right away but will keep it in file for future use.

8) Ideas for fundraising: Chapter Swap Meets and Auctions.

9) Model T Ford Club of America Membership Directories are on sale. There are over 2000 photos of Model T's (a few Model A Fords were included in error). Cost is \$79.95 plus shipping. Contact Jay/Barbara Klehfoth (address previously listed).

10) The Club is in good shape financially. The club fills out IRS Form 990 (36 pages) and you can request a copy by writing to board. The

Club was issued a 501C corporation (educational) status on July 2, 2002. This is for the main club, not chapters.

11) Efforts to attract new members particular younger members were discussed. There is a publication called "Lesson Plan" which contains facts and photos about our Club and is available to civic organizations and schools. It is a helpful guideline and 10 copies are available. Contact schools and ask to bring in Model T's for displays to show the students especially students taking shop classes what Model T's are all about. Even elementary school age students are interested. Keep membership brochures available for any potential members. For further information, contact Eric "Gator" Gould, 97 Model T Cir., Monroeville, AL 36460, 251-765-2677.

12) The Board is committed to build a Model T Museum in Centerville, Indiana, on Interstate 70 at Exit 145 (I-70 is a major east/west interstate). Warm Glow Candle store is building a new facility and has retail space available which they will rent to our club for \$1,000 a month (usual rent would be \$5,000). The candle business is mostly an interest to woman so the idea of something for the men was very appealing that's why the museum would be a good fit for that location. The board has been looking to build a museum for the past 7 to 8 years. So far there is \$33,000 in donations already received. Plans are to be open in August 2006, donations are welcomed. For further information, contact Roger Peterson, 416 Spring Street, Marshfield, MA 02050, 781-837-4462.

13) **Upcoming events:** 2007 MTFCA Annual Membership Meeting on March 22 - March 25, 2007. Fort Worth, Texas. Host hotel is presently named the AmeriSuites owned by Hyatt. In the next few months, the Fort Worth AmeriSuites will be changed to the Hyatt name

and our headquarters will become the "Hyatt Place". For more information contact, Cowtown T's MTFCA Meeting, 4424 Idledell Dr, Fort Worth TX 76116-7611

Model T Party 2008 celebrating 100 years July 21-26, 2008 in Centerville, Indiana. The Model T Ford turns 100 in 2008; to celebrate, there will be a swap meet, a party, tours, plenty of fun. For more information contact: MTFCA, PO Box 126, Centerville, IN 47330; 765-855-5248.

TRANSMISSION REPAIR SEMINAR

By Reg Urness

The transmission repair seminar at the National Meeting was presented by Milton Webb (current recipient of the Rosenthal Traveling Trophy).

Milt has written numerous articles for the Vintage Ford magazine such as:

- 1) Overhauling Model T transmission - case study.
- 2) Model T Starter Overhaul;
- 3) Shocking a T for Safer Touring;
- 4) Snubbing your T. Copies of these articles are available from members who attended the Albuquerque Meeting.

Club members should feel free to contact him regarding any questions we have regarding his articles:

Milton Webb, 8737 Lodestone Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95624

Phone: 916-685-4527

E-mail: miltinstr@hotmail.com

The main emphasis concerning the transmission was for proper alignment of the crankshaft and transmission. We have heard many horror stories about broken crankshafts. Milt's theory is the crankshaft broke because of improper alignment to the transmission. Each revolution

of an out of line crankshaft and transmission will cause a strain on all of the parts because of excessive wobbling. He concluded the seminar stating how important it is that the oil pan be checked for straightness. He stated that a few of our members have pan straighteners and we could call him to get their names.

MARCH 12 CAR SHOW AT THE GRAND HOTEL ANTIQUE MALL

By Austin Graton

Although the weather forecaster was predicting more rain, the day dawned clear and bright. Though it was cool and breezy, jacket weather for sure, it looked like we could still have a show. I called several members who would be possible attendees and encouraged them to come out.

By 9:45 AM we had five cars lined up and we were getting lots of lookers. Those attending were: Austin Graton (1925 Tudor), John Peterson (1924 Tudor), Joe Fellin (1922 Center Door), Steve & Jessica Linney (1919 Speedster) and Bert Diehl (1930 Deluxe Coupe).

Steve had sold his 1924 Fordor the week before and with snow on the Superstition Mountains it was quite a cool morning for a ride in an open speedster. They braved the cold and showed up anyway to support the club.

The people coming to the show really enjoyed it. Lots of questions were asked and appreciation express for our attendance. Joe was showing off his latest addition to his accessories; what he calls his "pre-flapper hi-fi".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2006

8-9 OVERNIGHT TRIP TO FRANKLIN AUTO MUSEUM

21 GENERAL MEETING AT THE ELMS' HOME AT 7:30 PM 2055 E. Rice Dr., Tempe

MAY 2006

12-14 OVERNIGHT TO FORT TUTHILL NEAR FLAGSTAFF

19 GENERAL MEETING AT THE ELMS' HOME AT 7:30 PM

SUMMER SCHEDULE

THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST. THE MEETINGS WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 AT THE LINNEY HOME.

SUMMER BREAKFAST SPONSORS

JUNE 2006: BERT DIEHL

JULY 2006: STEVE & CLAUDIA LINNEY

AUGUST 2006: GEORGE & RUTHANN ELMS

REFRESHMENTS

APRIL 2006 - GRATON'S

MAY 2006 - VERES

SEPTEMBER 2006 - PETERSON'S

NATIONAL EVENTS

April 27-30, 2006. Fort Worth, Texas. The 34th annual Pate Swap Meet at Texas Motor Speedway. For more info call Don Moore (713) 679-0922

June 11-16, 2006. Riverside, California, the MTFCA's Western National Tour, The Orange Blossom Tour, will be hosted by the Riverside-Corona Model T Club. For information, contact Phil Emmerson, 2221 Karendale Circle, Riverside, CA 92506. Phone (951) 780-8769. E-mail: Tengine@aol.com (be sure to note Model T Tour in subject line).

June 18-23, 2006. Massachusetts. The MTFCA's Eastern National Tour, The Central Mass T Party, will be hosted by

The Central Massachusetts Model T Club. For information, contact David Loving, 31 West St., Mansfield, MA 02048. Phone (508) 339-9667. E-mail: thundercastle@comcast.net.

OVERNIGHT CHICKEN CASSEROLE

2-3 cups diced cooked chicken
4 eggs
2 cups cooked rice
1 ½ cups celery, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
2 cans mushroom soup
3 oz. slivered almonds
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. salt
2 Tbls. Lemon juice
1 cup bread crumbs
2 Tbls. Butter or margarine

Mix all ingredients except bread crumbs and butter. Place mixture in a buttered dish (9x13). Brown bread crumbs lightly in butter & sprinkle on top. Refrigerate overnight. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 40-45 minutes. Yield: 8-12 servings.
(The Stoney Creek Recipe Collection)

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Jan Peterson, Historian

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EVMTFC TRIP TO TUCSON

APRIL 8, 2006

**APACHE JUNCTION AREA CARS: MEET AT THE GRATON'S.
APACHE JUNCTION CARS FOLLOW ROUTE 60 EAST TO ROUTE 89
SOUTH.**

**TEMPE AREA CARS: MEET AT THE ELMS.
TEMPE AREA CARS FOLLOW ROUTE 87 SOUTH THROUGH CHANDLER
TO ROUTE 287 EAST.**

**ALL CARS MEET IN FLORENCE BETWEEN 9:00 & 9:30 A.M. AT THE
BURGER KING. ALL CARS ADD GAS AND GROUP FOR COFFEE, ETC.**

**LEAVE FLORENCE BETWEEN 9:30 & 10:00 A.M. ON ROUTE 79 SOUTH.
STOP AT "TOM MIX" MEMORIAL FOR REST, ETC. CONTINUE SOUTH
THROUGH ORACLE JUNCTION TO ROUTE 77 SOUTH TO CATALINA FOR
GAS AND PICNIC LUNCH. EACH TO BRING THEIR OWN PICNIC LUNCH.**

**CONTINUE SOUTH ON 77 THROUGH ORO VALLEY TO PRINCE ROAD,
TURN LEFT. (PAST WETMORE & ROGER) FOLLOW PRINCE 2 MILES TO
VINE, TURN RIGHT (JUST AFTER MOUNTAIN).**

**GO TO DIRT ROAD, PAST CENTER ISLAND. MUSEUM IS ON THE LEFT
THROUGH TREES.**

MUSEUM CLOSES AT 4:00 P.M. NOT OPEN ON SUNDAY! (520 326-8068).

**TRIP ESTIMATED TO BE 120 MILES, AT 30 MPH, 4 ½ TO 5 HOURS LONG.
AFTER THE MUSEUM, RETURN TO PRINCE ROAD TURN RIGHT ON
ORACLE ROAD.**

**AFTER WETMORE ROAD TURN LEFT ON AUTO MALL DRIVE (OPPOSITE
TUCSON MALL). COMFORT SUITES MOTEL IS ON THE LEFT! (TUCSON
COMFORT SUITES, 515 W. AUTOMALL DRIVE, TUCSON, AZ. 520 888-6676).**

**DINNER IS YOUR CHOICE OF RESTAURANTS ON WETMORE, ORACLE,
OR IN THE TUCSON MALL, ETC.**

RETURN HOME ON SUNDAY

LEAVE THE MOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 A.M.

FOLLOW ORACLE SOUTH TO GRANT ROAD, TURN RIGHT (WEST) TO SILVERBELL AND TURN LEFT (SOUTH) TO SPEEDWAY, TURN RIGHT (WEST) AND FOLLOW TO THE TOP OF MOUNTAIN.

**EXIT TO VIEWING AREA ON THE RIGHT.
CONTINUE DOWN THE MOUNTAIN IN "LOW" GEAR UNTIL CLEAR OF THE STEEP AREA.**

TURN RIGHT ON KINNEY ROAD TO THE SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK. STOP AT VISITORS CENTER FOR VIEWING.

CONTINUE ON KINNEY ROAD TO SANDARIO ROAD, TURN RIGHT AND FOLLOW TO AVRA VALLEY ROAD. TURN RIGHT TO MARANA. AT INTERSTATE 10 TURN NORTH TO TANGERINE ROAD FOR COFFEE, GAS, ETC.

AT THE TANGERINE ROAD STOP WE HAVE A CHOICE OF RETURNING HOME VIA ORO VALLEY AND ROUTE 77 OR FOLLOWING THE I-10 ACCESS ROAD TO ELOY AND FOLLOW ROUTE 87 TO COOLIDGE. THIS IS THE SHORTEST ROUTE.

WE ALSO CAN FOLLOW I-10 TO THE CARPENTER RANCH ROAD AT RED ROCK TO ROUTE 79. THIS IS 20 MILES OF RANCH LAND AND HAS A FEW MILES OF DIRT ROAD.

JOE FELLIN WILL PULL THE "TROUBLE" TRAILER. WE ALSO HAVE A COUPLE OF WALKIE-TALKIE UNITS. ANYONE ELSE HAVE SOME? JOE WILL ALSO HAVE A CELL PHONE WITH HIM (480) 612-2417.