

# OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE EAST VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB

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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 1 Jan.** 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 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. Direct correspondence to:

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#### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

Northern Colorado 2009 Regional Tour The northern Colorado Model T

Club has announced a regional tour planned for June 12 - 18, 2009. This tour will cover 526 miles over 6 days and is sure to be exciting for those individuals interested in mountain (high) travel. Starting in Loveland, Colorado. the route progresses north through Wyoming including such places as Laramie and Snow Range Pass (10847) ft.), back into Colorado through Steamboat Springs and the Rocky Mountain National Park over Trail Ridge Road (at an elevation of 12,183 feet, the road has been voted the No. 1 scenic byway in the U.S.) returning back to Loveland. For information, contact: Dave Huson, (303) 774-9246, E-mail: modelt1912@msn.com.

#### T Party 2008

The 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for the Model T will take place July 21-26, 2008 in Centerville, IN.

Motel rooms are already getting harder to find. Reserve yours soon!! Go to www.ipartv2008.com. for the latest information on T Party 2008.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March was a busy month for our Club with a lot of activities/events. I hope you enjoyed at least one of them. Several were enjoyed by a lot of our members.

Our major event for April will be our

resa, Arizona

## Calendar of Events April 2008

- 5 Montessa Car Show
- 12 Globe Main Street Event
- 17 General Meeting 7:00 PM at Berge Ford, US 60 & Mesa Dr.
- 19 Car Show at Scottsdale Pavillions
- 26 Club Yard Sale at Linney's

#### May 2008

- 15 General Meeting 7:00 PM at Berge Ford, US 60 & mesa Dr.
- 16 18 Overnighter at Cave Creek

#### **June 2008**

- 14 Breakfast Meeting at 8:00 AM July 2008
- 12 Breakfast Meeting at 8:00 AM August 2008
  - 9 Breakfast Meeting at 8:00 AM

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John & Jan Peterson 925 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Pl. Mesa, AZ 85201-3117 yard and bake sale on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Start setting things aside now and bring them to the Linney's on Friday evening, the 25<sup>th</sup>, especially if you can't be at the sale for the early shift on Saturday.

I am working on plans for an overnight event for 16-18 May at? More to come at our April meeting.

See you on the road!!

Austin

#### LOCAL CLUB EVENTS

April 5 car Show at Montessa at Gold Canyon, 7373 E. US Hwy 60. The show will be from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Food will be provided and live music will be playing.

April 12 A Globe 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, Main Street show and tour. This should be a fun event with the Globe Main Street Program paying our entry fees for up to 10 cars for the 'Globe Firehouse Show and Shine'. On Friday, April 11 at 6:00 PM an outdoor dinner will be provided and at 7:30 PM we will be escorted up the hill to the Sonic Drive In for a free dessert. Saturday morning, 7:30 - 9:00 AM breakfast will be provided at the Globe Firehouse @ 131 West Cedar (between Pine & Broad Streets). At 12:00 noon lunch will be provided. Awards presentations begin at 3:30 PM. Dash plaques. There will be 10 awards of gorgeous sandstone trophies cut by water jet.

There is much more going on at this event and many historic and interesting places to see as well as many antique shops to peruse.

April 19 Cruise In Car Show at the Scottsdale Pavillions Shopping Center, 9175 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale. Space is available on a first-come-first-served basis only. It has been recommended that we arrive NLT 3:30 PM if we want to park together as a group. Rarely are there any Model T Fords at this show, so it should be a real treat for those attending and we will probably get a lot of attention.

April 26 Club Yard & Bake Sale to be held at the Linney's at 2520 E. Pueblo Ave., Mesa.

Bring your items ready for sale beginning on Friday, April 25 at 5:30 PM, especially those who will not be able to be at the opening at 7:00 AM on Saturday. Sale items will include anything you want to donate to the Club. When the sale is over, all remaining items must either be taken home at the end of sale day or they will be donated to a local charity.

In the past, clothing and baked items have been our best sellers, including the hot dogs and sodas. We may need tables for display this year, so if you have one/some available please be prepared to bring them.

Remember, this is our primary fund raiser for the year, so let's make it a great success. Don't forget to drive your old cars, as they are a real attraction for the traffic.

**16 - 18 May Overnighter at?** Make plans now. I am trying to come up with a relatively close location where there is camping as well as close access to

reasonably priced hotel accommodations and an interesting area we can tour to.

#### **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!!

#### OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Cruise-in at Red Mountain sponsored by the Red Mountain Community Church Men's Ministry and held at the church at 6101 E. Virginia St, Mesa. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 3:30 to 6:30 PM.

April 12 - Dreamland Villa Spring Car Show from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Farnsworth Hall, 6159 E. University, Mesa. The organizer is Tommy Hahn at (480) 580-0955 (cell).

**April 19 & 20** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SCMTC Speedster Run and Low Land Tour, Green Valley, AZ. Contact Jim Martin at 602-819-2001.

#### **Meeting Location**

Berge Ford at Mesa Drive & US 60 has offered a free room for our meetings. Refreshments will be provided by: April - Griffins May - Linneys

# 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

#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### **Spiced Pecans**

2 cups pecan halves 1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon ½ teaspoon ground cloves ½ teaspoon ground ginger

Oil baking sheet. In shallow, heavy pan, combine all ingredients. Cook, stirring constantly, over medium heat until sugar melts. Continue to cook and stir until sugar is a dark caramel brown and nuts are coated. Pour mixture onto baking sheet, cool. Remove caramelized nuts from baking sheet and break into pieces. Serve with fresh fruit or any light dessert.

About 2 cups

### Hangin' on the Corner...by Bert Diehl

Remember when you were a teenager and looking to spend time with some your friends without 'da parents' around to make sure nobody got into trouble? Well, for a lot of us that meant hangin' on the corner somewhere and if it was in the '50's or early 60's it was most likely

on a corner on Main St., USA. Some of my time was spent at either the 'Boulevard Drive-In', the Rt 443 Diner, or the Sunoco Station on the corner of Main and? Just don't remember anymore what the exact cross streets are! Most it was good times just talking and watching cars go by. It beat staying at home watching Lawrence Welk, the Friday night fights, etc. and I stayed out of trouble (well most of the time). Sometimes it's nice to go back and relive some of those days and one of those times was on Friday evening, March 15th, 2008 on the southwest corner of MacDonald and Main St. in Mesa. AZ. John Peterson had reserved a number of spots on the corner for the Model T Club to park a few cars and we had six Model T's and one Model A show up for the event. Cars began arriving shortly before 5:00 PM to find that the 'reserved' spots were filled with modern machinery so we patiently waited at a few parking spots around the corner on MacDonald. Did not take long for folks to notice our moving snippets of history and we soon had people looking over some fine examples of Mr. Fords early cars. Joe Fellin acted as an advance scout and was soon having cars move from the temporary parking spots on MacDonald to our preferred places on Main. It took a little while but eventually all of our cars were parked in the intended spots on Main St in front of a church/book store and an art gallery. Church members began passing out water and plastic Easter eggs filled with chocolate goodies while the art gallery set up small tables and chairs outside the store front for folks to sit and listen to live music while enjoying a fresh cup of coffee. The music didn't necessarily go with the age of our vehicles but Joe Fellin again came through and provided period music via the 'sound system', i.e. gramo phone, in his 1925 Centerdoor Sedan.
All in all, I believe everyone who attended the show of cars (Model T and A) had an enjoyable evening talking to the folks that came out to have a look as well as fellow club members. The weather was great, the company was great, and hopefully we created a few more moments to remember.
And I'll be darned, I managed to stay out of trouble for the most part!
Till we're a more miles down the road...

### MTFCA 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA by Roselynn Urness

**Editors Note:** this report was edited to fit the space available.

The meeting was held at Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn Feb 29-March 2. About 76 MTFCA Members were registered for the weekend festivities. We received a homemade cloth goody bag made out of material with old cars on it. The well stocked hospitality room was a great place to meet and greet friends from previous meetings and tours.

Friday evening was the welcome reception with more food, two old-time movies and plenty of popcorn.

Saturday morning we took a bus trip to downtown Hollywood. We visited the Hollywood Walk of Fame and stood in front of Gruman's Chinese Theatre and saw the names and handprints in cement of the Hollywood famous. We saw the Kodak Theatre, where just the week

prior the Oscar Awards were held. Joe & Austin walked down to Hollywood & Vine just to say they were there. All in all, I don't think many of us were impressed with Hollywood, but in it's prime, I'm sure it was quite an attraction.

Saturday afternoon we toured the Nethercutt Museum and Collection CA, Sylmar, which established by J. B. Nethercutt, owner of Merle Norman Cosmetics. This world-class museum houses prize-winning automobiles. mechanical musical instruments, and many rare collectibles. Some of these rare collectibles are a 1900 music box, 1893 mahogany grandfather clock, 1927 reproducing grand piano, pipe organ, and a collection of 1000 hood ornaments. We listened to a Popper Orchestian, which was used in a restaurant to play music. Jukeboxes replaced these orchestians, or as Steve Linney said, these are now called I-PODs. We also listened to a pipe organ with over 5,000 pipes housed in three rooms. There is a re-creation of an automotive Grand Salon of the '20s & '30s. The floor is marble from all over the world. It showcases more than 100 vehicles, six of which have won the top award at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance unprecedented six times. The total automobile collection numbers 250.

On Saturday evening the "Henry Awards" banquet was held. With a theme of "A Star is Born" we walked down the red carpet, had our

pictures taken in front of the MTFCA chapter logo quilt and interviewed by the MC. A surprise visit by Jay Leno was a highlight of the evening. My husband, Reg Urness, walked up to Leno and asked him if he could take a photo of him and his wife (me) which he agreed to. As I stood next to Jay Leno and Reg was ready to snap the photo, Leno said, "Tell your Dad to come over and have his picture taken too." Reg says, "Leno is a master at insulting people, so it was no surprise he insulted me." Leno talked to the group; he loves his T and drives it to work; it gets a lot of attention.

Henry awards were given out in several categories. MTFCA Awards were also presented: Chapter Newsletter, Chapter Website and the Rosenthal Award which was given to Tom Miles of Albuquerque. Tom has been instrumental in producing videos and DVDs on many aspects of the Model T.

Sunday morning started with a breakfast buffet and Champaign The business toasts. meeting followed: Total membership is about 8,000, by October MTFCA dues will increase to \$35.00; Model T Museum is up and running but not yet self sustaining. building currently houses 11 vehicles and memorabilia . The Orange County Chapter donated \$500 to the museum. There are over 700 Model Ts registered for the T Party 2008 celebration.

### Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Show at Viewpoint Resort by Austin Graton

The day, March 17, dawned cool and breezy, jacket weather for folks in the valley. We initially met in a parking lot next to the golf course. For about a half hour, all types of old cars kept arriving, interspersed with Model Ts. We then lined up for a short tour through the development but were stopped when we came up a group of decorated behind walkers, golf carts and dogs. then proceeded on to the main street of the development to the cheers and waves of many of the residents as we passed. As we neared the Activity Center, each driver was interviewed by the director over the loudspeaker system as we passed by. We went on to another parking lot near the many where Center Activity residents gathered to view our cars and talk with the owners.

Live music was playing inside, green beer and other drinks were available for purchase and a meal was furnished to our members. We waited in line for about a half hour to get our meal. To get an idea of how many people were there, the had two people handing out meals for a solid two hours. We had corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, a cookie and drinks.

It was a fun day, with our cars a big attraction for the residents.

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Tractor and Engine Show by Joe Fellin

The Arizona Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association presented the 16th Superstition Mountain Annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show on March 8 and 9, 2008 at the Rodeo Junction. Apache Grounds in Always a crowd pleaser, our club was invited back again this year after a very successful display of our Model Ts last year and this year was no different. Actually our turnout this year surpassed that of last year. Ts of the Allens, Browns, Elms, Halls, Harts, Gratons, Fellin. Petersons, Jacksons, Helmans, Stolinskis, and Veres graced the rodeo grounds together with dozens, if not hundreds, of tractors of all ages and sizes, all of which were in amazingly good working condition. As if the tractors were not enough, engines stationery many present operating all types of early rural implements including water pumps, washing machines, wood cutters, corn grinders, can crushers and one fascinating machine which actually created miniature bales of hay.

Of course, the main event of the day was the requisite tractor pulling event which seemed to go on all day. A highlite of the first day was the annual parade across the pulling field wherein each and every tractor had the opportunity to slowly parade in front of the viewing stands while the announcer described each beauty. At some point during the

lengthy procession of vehicles, our Ts also paraded in front of the viewing stands to the delight of throngs of spectators.

In addition to the vehicles, a Silent Auction was held which attracted a large gathering to inspect and bid on some "treasure". Our club entered several items which were successfully purchased including the axle/wheels/springs assembly from the purchased frame of the Chuck wagon, a Model T rear view mirror and a hand winch. The proceeds will be combined with our special Chuck wagon Fund.

In addition, remote control model trucks and construction equipment were displayed. Threshing, a garden tractor pull, a raffle drawing of a pedal tractor and a church service completed the activities of the weekend.

An interesting coin displaying a 1915 Case Steam Tractor on one side and the club logo on the other was offered for sale at \$10.00 The formation of the coin itself, used a historical process by the Arizona Territorial Mint using an 1893 Coining Press to make the blanks followed by an 1861 400 pound Coining Drop Hammer to stamp the coin. The equipment came from a U.S. Mint in Philadelphia

Chuck wagon Update by Austin Graton

Harold Hall completed the lower

front, rear, and side panels in the Depot Hack style. Bill Allen disassembled the wheels, sanded and finished the spokes, blasted and painted the fellows and hubs, painted the rims and mounted the tires. He also built the brackets for the grille and water tanks and mounted them. The frame and lower portion of the trailer have been painted. John Peterson is working on completing the ice box. Dave Veres obtained the plumbing necessary to hookup the sink. Austin completed the grille including the heat shield.

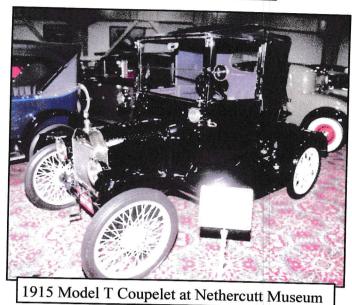
The chuck wagon has now been moved to Ed Stolinski's for completion of much of the remaining woodwork and the fenders.

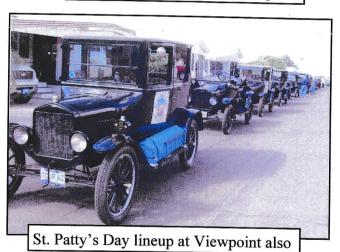
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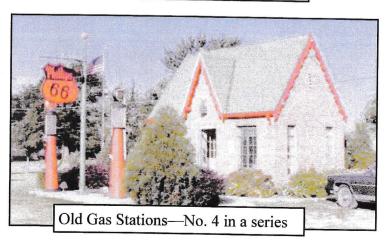
















Some of the lineup at the Tractor Show

