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NATIONAL EVENTS

March 15-17 Chickasha, Oklahoma
Pre-War Swap Meet.

Annual Meeting of the MFTCA, Ft. Worth, TX March 22-25, 2007: The event is being hosted by the Cowtown T's chapter. More info next month.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, everyone!

We have health issues getting in the way of our hobby! As you may know, Ruthann has been in the hospital, and Austin recently spent a couple of nights in one, too. Ruthann and I have missed the last two months' events and may miss a few more. I will try to make the next meeting on the 18th at the Gratoms' but certainly without the "T." Thanks to all of you who "carried the ball" for me and for accepting office positions.

Wildman Work Party

by John Peterson

Bob and Idros Wildman need to sell their 1914 Model T Depot Hack due to their health. If anyone knows of someone interested in purchasing it please get in touch with them. Their plan at this time is to consign it to the Kruse auction in January. Several members of the club helped them prepare it for the auction: Austin, Joe and John. If anyone else can help in final detailing, please contact Austin, who will coordinate the preparation.

Austin Graton, Joe Fellin, and John Peterson met at Bob Wildman's house to prep his depot hack for sale. The car is parked outside and had not been run for quite awhile. Austin and Joe had stopped on the way in from AJ to pick up a new battery. We T'ers owe thanks to the Volkswagen Beetles for keeping these batteries readily available.

In a matter of minutes the new battery was installed, and a gas line leak was repaired. Fresh gas had recently been put in the tank. A quick check showed adequate oil and water and enough air in the tires to keep the rims off the ground. A turn of the crank showed good compression and healthy coil buzzing. This car seemed ready to go.

The starter cranked the engine vigorously, but it would not hit a lick. Generous choking produced a small amount of rotten smelling gas. Draining the float bowl and turning the metering needle in and back out to clean out any crud solved this problem. Aren't these puddle-type carburetors wonderful?

After this flushing, the engine started right up and sounded good. It was time for a short, slow ride. Not only were the tires soft but so were these closed-car drivers on this brisk morning.

After pronouncing the car mechanically well, it was time for cosmetic work. After a sponge bath, it was time to polish brass, varnish the wood, polish the brass, sand, fill and paint the spokes, polish the brass—you get the point. I have gained a new appreciation of the black paint and nickel-plating era. Austin even took the headlights home to continue polishing while watching TV in the evening. Joe suggested a "hen party" to get the distaff members involved in the polishing enterprise. Austin and I found this to be less plausible than lead balloons!

After this spiffing up, a band adjustment, and tire fill up, this

proud car was ready to roll. It was a rewarding day. Good luck to you, Bob and Idros, in selling this great car.

They Are Still out There in North Dakota

by Reginald Urness

While my wife and I were back in Grand Forks, North Dakota for the holidays, a friend of mine (Jim Eck) excitedly told us about a 1926 Model T Touring car which he just purchased (see photos). This Model T was found in a field on a farm homestead in Cavalier, North Dakota. Jim has another 1926 Touring car but couldn't resist buying one more. He also owns a 1914 Touring car and a 1910 Sport Runabout which are in running condition. I guess Jim is a lot like the rest of us Model T owners: he just needed one more Model T to add to his collection. Jim didn't know how many years this one had been sitting outside, but it appears that it has been out there for some time. He is talking about selling it, but I think he should keep it. I gave him a framed photograph of a beautifully restored 1926 Touring car so I hope that will entice him to keep this one.

Also while we were in North Dakota for the holidays, we (my wife Roselynn and I) and Jim and his wife (Gerri) took our Model T's on a tour

around Grand Forks. Our Model T is a 1927 Tudor, and Jim took his 1914 Touring car. The weather was nice for that time of year, about 30 degrees, and we were excited to think we could still drive our T's in December. But Roselynn and I were glad we were in our enclosed car and not an open car like Jim and Gerri.

Roselynn and I feel fortunate that we can belong to two clubs in North Dakota and Minnesota for summer activities and the East Valley Club and Sun Country Club here in Arizona for winter activities. I guess you can call us "year-round Model T'ers".

So keep your ears and eyes open as you travel the countryside because lying in a field or abandoned farm just might be that Model T you've been looking for; remember--they are still out there.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Buckeyes

by Lynn Graton

from someone in Ohio

1 cup softened butter
1 cup smooth peanut butter
4 cups powdered sugar

Mix together. Roll the mixture into hearty teaspoonful balls. Freeze

balls. Melt a large Hershey's bar. Dip a ball with a toothpick into the chocolate. Refrigerate until the chocolate solidifies.

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**JIM ECK'S 1914
AND HIS NEW FIND**



Has everyone paid EVMTFC and national dues? Remember, also, that all board members must be national members. Keep yourselves healthy, and have a Happy New Year.

George

Congratulations, Joe Fellin, for being elected to the MCFTA national board! It's an honor for our club.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Rosson House Museum will be hosting a historic vehicle show on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 7th St and Monroe in downtown Phoenix. This event requires individual pre-registration and approval in order to have a space available. Contact Dave Veres at (480) 897-2209 or Austin Graton at (480) 288-0726 for an application.

Meeting locations. The general meeting location will change from month to month. Members have volunteered to host the general meeting as follows:

January 2007 - Graton

February 2007 - Elms

March 2007 - Urness

April 2007 - Linney

May 2007 -

Other members who were not in attendance and would like to host a meeting should contact George Elms.

Some of those already scheduled may have to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances. The member(s) hosting the meeting will provide the refreshments.

Elections -Elections were held at our November meeting. The following members were elected to the offices as shown:

President-George Elms

VicePres./Membership-Bert Diehl

Secretary-Lynn Graton

Treasurer-Dave Veres

Historian-Dolores Stolinski

Congratulations to our new board and our new Historian. Let's do all we can to support them to make 2007 a fun and active year!!

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.

Club Yard Sale - The sale has been tentatively rescheduled for February 2007.

Health and Welfare of Members

Ruthann Elms spent 5 weeks in the hospital, half of that time in ICU, but returned home for Christmas. She is taking dialysis and has a drainage

tube for fluid in her lungs.

Idros Wildman is back home and recovering.

Cheryl Wood needs calls and visits. It is lonely for her when Tim is away at work.

Austin Graton spent 3 days in the hospital after being dizzy and fainting 3 times. His condition still has not been diagnosed. He's home doing normal activities but not driving.

2008 100th Anniversary T party

Several of our club members are planning to attend the 100th Anniversary of the Model T Ford at the Model T Ford Club of America celebration 21-26 July in Centerville, Indiana.

20 January Tour

Plans are coming together for our January 2007 tour to the Queen Creek Olive Mill and the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum in Apache Junction.

The olive mill is located at 25062 S. Meridian. We will take a tour of Arizona's only working olive farm and mill. The tour costs \$5.00 and lasts about 20 minutes. On the tour you will see how Extra Virgin Olive

Oil is made, learn about the trees and the different olive oil characteristics they produce as well as the health benefits of Extra Virgin Olive Oil. There will be an opportunity to taste flavored olive oils, tapenades & stuffed olives.

The Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum is located at 4087 N. Apache Trail (State Route 88 & Mountain View Road) in Apache Junction. There is a 23 map Lost Dutchman exhibit, a natural history exhibit of animals native to the area, a 20-stamp mill, Roosevelt Dam blocks, a Military History Exhibit as well as a gift shop.

5-7 January Fiddlers Jamboree and Car Show at Pinal County Fairgrounds, 11 Mile Corner, Casa Grande

One of our former members, Harold Hall, attended this event last year and took first place in his class with his Model T Paddy Wagon. Austin will have more details.

November Event

Our November event was a trip to Mesquite Jr. High School in Gilbert to attend a play, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. This live performance was quite well done.

We had five old cars show up. In addition we had 13 club members in

attendance.

After the play we adjourned to Joe's Barbecue for a hearty meal - yummy!!! By the time we finished eating it was already getting dark. This was the maiden after-dark voyage for Joe Fellin and his Center Door. After we ate, someone had the brainy idea to go to the cruise night car show at Power and Southern. Several of us decided to tour over and it drew a lot of attention when we drove in as a group.

Needless to say, we got quite a crowd in our corner of the parking lot and developed a great amount of interest and lots of questions. This was a really fun idea we should consider repeating.

Christmas Dinner & Tour

by John Peterson

Eighteen East Valley Model T'ers gathered at Ed & Dolores Stolinskis' house on Friday afternoon Dec. 8 for our annual Christmas dinner. This one was a delicious pot luck with the support of a Honey Baked ham. In attendance were Stolinskis, Petersons, Linneys, Urnesses, Bert Diehl, Dave Veres & Becky, Joe Fellin & friend, Griffins, and Gratoms.

Austin decorated his car with over 300 lights, having transported Santa

Claus in the AJ light parade. Five Ts and two Model A's were in attendance for our party and ready for the after-dinner tour. This was the second month in a row that the old fellows were out after dark.

Earlier in the day I had beefed up the underdash wiring and set up the generator output of Lizzie Jane. We now had our full 50 candle power and as a bonus much more *oogah* power on the horn.

The tour was through View Point RV Resort, located about 4 miles from Ed's house. We followed their tour train through every street in this 400 acre, 4,000 person park—quite a low pedal drive, as long as any parade I have been in. Many of the streets had decorating themes with every unit on the block using the same display.

After the tour we headed back to Ed's house for a gift exchange. Everyone drew a number from a hat to determine picking order. After opening their selection, they could force one exchange with any other gift that had been opened. Some gifts were purloined several times. Jan Peterson drew first and got to exchange last. She selected, lost, and later was able to reclaim a beautiful quilt with an old car pattern that had been hand made by Dolores.

ARRIVAL FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY
AT STOLINSKIS'



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FORD**





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Calendar of Events

January 2007

5-7 Fiddler Jamboree & Car Show, CG
18 General Meeting 7:30 PM at Lynn
and Austin Graton's, 1875 N.
Monterey Dr., Apache Junction
20 Tour of Olive Mill & Superstition
Mountain Museum

February 2007

3 Heritage Square Car Show
10 Car Show, AJ High School
15 General Meeting 7:30 PM at
Joe Fellin's, 1083 N. Val Vista Rd.,
Apache Junction
17 Club Yard Sale???
24 Lost Dutchman Day's Parade, AJ

March 2007

15 General Meeting 7:30 PM at
Reginald & Roselynn Urness's,
5735 E. McDowell Rd. #130, Mesa
9-11 Antique Tractor Show, AJ