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# The East Valley Model T Ford New Letter

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### Hall of Flame

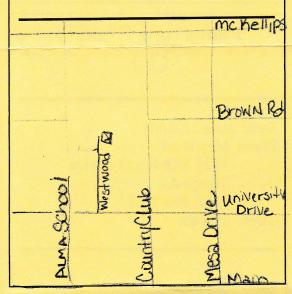
By Jan Peterson

Saturday, May 3, ten of us saw the brightest and most unusual vehicles we've seen for a long time at the Hall of Flame Museum of Firefighting. Present were George and Ruthann Elms, Ed and Dolores Stolinski, John and Jan Peterson, Petersons' friends Mike and Ingrid Herr, Steve Linney, and George Tunnell. This museum the world's largest firefighting museum, has five sections consisting of real vehicles dating back to the year 1725 AD. In addition, the visitor can examine small models, dioramas, costumes, drawings, copies of paintings, firemarks, fireplugs, helmets, chemical carts, badges, a dollhouse with hazards to identify, and safety house. One of the sections focuses on wildland firefighters; another sections is the Hall of Heroes with special emphasis on fighters who were killed while fighting rural fires. There is and alarm room with real calls taking place at every minute the museum visitor stands there. One can watch an informative video—or shimmy up and slide down a pole. Look for the Moreland donation by Gene Autry (I never saw it).

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**Next Meeting** June 19, 2003

John and Jan Peterson 925 West 11th Place Mesa, AZ 85201 480-969-0695



The Egg and I Breakfast Report By Claudia Linney

Summer is upon us and was very apparent on Saturday May 31, when the club member met for a breakfast at The Egg and I. Those in attendance were John and Jan Peterson, with their car George and Ruthann Elms, Bill and Idros Wildman with family and their car, Steve and Claudia Linney with a car and there guests Sammy Gunthrie and Cameron Finnesy with Sam's Model A. We were able to sit back and relax and enjoy each other company. Jan brought the scrapbook for everyone to view and enjoy she is doing a great job on it if you haven't had a chance to view it make sure you take the time, and want to thank her for doing such a great job.

Hope to see you all at the next Breakfast on June 21, at May West.

Hall of flame cont.—

Our group studies the vehicles carefully while filling out a trivia quiz we later graded. Some of the items I found interesting are the following: the oldest vehicle on exhibit, a pump wagon from the year 1725; a blue and yellow rotary sweep pumper using horses from 1882; household fire grenades in glass etched, used solely for parades; the Christie Champion Water Tower of 1887 used for multistory buildings, a transition from horse drawn to motorized fire equipment; several Model T vehicles; the trampoline on the side of a 1922 Mack truck; and a fire truck for John Peterson's home town of Paxton ,Illinois. Another personal tidbit is that Ed Stolinski knew the founder of this museum and saw it before it moved to Arizona.

We enjoyed lunch at Pete's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Restaurant near the museum before we dispersed for home. We wish all of you had gone== there was a lot to see.

## Summertime Breakfast Club

Date: June 21, 2003 Place: May West

1825 E University Drive

Tempe AZ (480) 966-2761

Time: 8:30 am

Date: July 12

We will join the Sun Country Club for breakfast this month

Place: ?? Time: ??

Keep and eye on your Leak for Place

and time.

Or you can contact Glen Floe

### On a National Note

2003

July 25-26: Long Beach Swap Meet at Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Boulevard in Norwalk. For information: 310-353-6662 or www.LBMTC.com

August 16-17: Riverside CA Swap Meet at same location as last year any info contact Greg Hill at 909-681-5346.

September 14-20: Southern AZ 7<sup>th</sup> Shootout Tour in Sierra Vista, AZ For information, contact Frank Hoiles, 2121 N. Nightshade Dr., Tucson, AZ 85715. Phone 520-722-6110. frankahoiles@msn.com

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June 20-24 San Diego, California. The Model T Ford Club of San Diego will host a MTFCA National Tour.

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