

# Running Board News

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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

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!!

Joe Fellin, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Model T Ford Club of America, has been assigned to set up the maintenance and repair seminars for the 2008 T Party, the schedule of seminars will be published on the MTFCA web site soon.

Dan Condor is designing a commemorative coin for the MFTCA and has asked, and was given permission by our Club to use our Club Logo as part of the design for the back of the coin. This will be an honor for our Club.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a good turnout at the last meeting which was hosted by Joe Fellin with his guests from MA. We eventually broke off conversation and snacks to start the meeting late.

The "Cook Shack" status and plans for a work day on it were discussed along with the previous weekend events at the Mesa "Cruise Night" and Saturday "Car



## Calendar of Events

### December 2007

- 1 Christmas Party 2:PM Mi Amigo's,  
1264 S. Gilbert Rd. Mesa
- 7 Apache Junction Holiday Light  
Parade

### January 2008

- 17 General Meeting 7:30 PM at ?
- Chuck Wagon Work Party TBA

### February 2008

- 2 Car Show at Heritage Square
- Chuck Wagon Work Party TBA
- 21 General Meeting 7:30 PM
- 23 Lost Dutchman Days Parade

### March 2008

- 8/9 Antique Tractor Show in AJ
- 20 General Meeting 7:30 PM

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Show”.

We have two issues to be resolved at our next meeting even though it is Party Time. These have been delayed waiting for a more complete contingent of board members and winter visitors. These issues are; 1) The election of a new President for a two year term, and 2) A proposal to conduct our meetings at Berge Ford. Steve Linney has discussed this with them and it may be available at no cost.

Remember that the \$20.00 club dues are due and payable by the first of the year.

Our Christmas Party and evening tour is this weekend! Decorate your car and join us for food, a brief meeting, with a FUN gift exchange and then a tour of some decorated homes in the area.

January will bring you a new President! Lets all help to make the transition easy for him or her.

I want to thank you all for making my term pleasant and rewarding, and thanks for all your support. Serving as a Club Officer gets you more involved with the Club and closer to all members. Everyone needs to participate in this way to better enjoy the hobby. You won't forget it!!

George

### **LOCAL CLUB EVENTS**

#### **Christmas Party and Tour**

Our Christmas Party will be held at Mi Amigo's Restaurant, 1264 S. Gilbert Rd., Mesa at 2:00 PM., Saturday 1

December 2007. Immediately following the party, including gag gift exchange and a short business meeting, we will crank up our "Ts" and take a tour of some of the local decorated neighborhoods in the area. So decorate up your car and head to Mesa. Even if you don't have a "T" available, come on out and enjoy the party. We also have a couple of important items to decide, election of a new President, and whether to have our meetings at Berge Ford. **BE THERE!!**

#### **Apache Junction Holiday Light Parade**

The Apache Junction Holiday Light Parade will be held on Friday, December 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM. All participants should be staged at 567 W. Apache Trail NLT 6:30 PM. This is a fun event! Decorate your car with lots of lights, and come on out, or just join us for the fun of it!! For further information contact Austin Graton at (480) 288-0726.

#### **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.

February 2, 2008 - Motoring Through Time car show at Heritage Square in

downtown Phoenix. Dave Veres has applications.

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

January - Fellin

February - Graton

March - Stolinski

The member(s) hosting the meeting will provide the refreshments.

Berge Ford at Mesa Drive & US 60 has offered a free room for our meetings. A decision as to whether to use will be made at a the Christmas Party on 1 December.

### **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.

### **Health and Welfare of Members**

Dave Veres Dad passed away due in part to a recent partial hip joint fracture. Claudia Linney's step father and nephew also died. Cards were sent to Dave and Claudia.

Ruthann Elms is back on the kidney transplant list. Lynn Graton has offered to be a donor if there is a match.

### **Board of Directors for The Model T Ford Club of America**

Reg Urness, one of our club members is campaigning for board membership again this year. As you know, Joe Fellin was elected last year. It would be a rear coup to get two members of the board elected from our little club at the same time. Let's give Reg our support when it comes voting time. You will find the ballots in The Vintage Ford.

### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

#### **Applesauce Spice Cookies**

1 ¾ cups flour	½ tsp cloves
½ tsp salt	½ tsp nutmeg
1 tsp cinnamon	½ cp shortening
1 cup sugar	1 egg
1 cup applesauce	1 tsp baking soda
1 cp seedless raisins	½ cp rolled oats

Mix flour, salt, spices. Sift. Cream the sugar with shortening, add beaten egg. Add mixed dry ingredients alternately with applesauce to creamed mixture, beating well. Stir in raisins and oats. Drop by the teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 for 10 to 15 minutes.

### **Club "Chuck Wagon"**

The Chuck Wagon has been moved to Bill Allen's garage. John has gathered barbecue parts from several old barbecues. Some parts are still needed. The fenders, wheels, tires and axle arrived with Bill and Kae Allen in Apache Junction late last



week, but are not unloaded yet from their trailer. Harold Hall, an accomplished woodworker, has also volunteered to help with the project.

We will be scheduling a few work parties to finish construction, disassemble the completed part, paint it, and photograph it. The Club plans to take it to the 2008 T Party in Centerville, IN for display. The first work party will be at Bill Allen's in January. The date will be announced later.

#### **Mesa Cruise Night** by John Peterson

We had five cars in attendance for the November 9, 2007, Friday night downtown merchants' promotion. In the order of line-up we were represented by Joe Fellin, John/Jan Peterson, Bert Diehl, Ed/Dolores Stolinski, and Dave Veres.

We chose to remain parked and watch the cruisers go by. It looked like a night out of the past -- lots of traditional "hot rods" and street cruisers from the '50s & '60s, just a few low riders, and no no rice burning "tuners". Some of us were present the whole time to answer the questions from the many shoppers and curiosity seekers on the street while others of us visited the open stores and eating places. Joe got so tired of answering questions about his canister set that he worked up a new story. I won't tell what it is, but a clue is that these are cars that were around during the prohibition era.

This cruise was the most successful promo event that the city has had to date. I understand that all the merchants ran out of food. The present plan is to repeat the cruise night in March. I understand that Apache Junction is toying with the idea of a similar event -- just the thing for our East Valley Club, east side contingent.

#### **November 23, 2007, Fund Raiser** by John Peterson

On November 23, the day after Turkey Day, the EVMTFC and Three MARCA cars met in Gilbert at the invitation of the Blakely family which was hosting a reunion/birthday party. We were represented by Steve/Jessica Linney in his speedster, Gary Smith in his coupe, and John Peterson in his Tudor sedan. Bert Diehl was wearing his Model A hat with his coupe. The "A" club was also represented by a Fordor sedan and a pickup. This made for a nice selection of old Ford cars.

Old-timers in the Valley will remember the Blakely name. They owned an early Ford dealership in Gilbert. I understand that the hardships of the Model T to Model A transition caused them to change over to Chevrolet. My memories of the Blakely name harken to the '50s with their high profile gas stations -- the first highly promoted, large, modern stations. Their "Free with Fill-up Glassware" is still found in antique shops. Gary Smith says he

worked at a Blakely gas station during the summer when he was going to school. The company peaked at approximately 100 stations in Arizona. Mesa's Main Street had two.

Our cars were highly appreciated with the "small folks" climbing all over Steve's speedster and many of the "older" folks' stopping to read the material I had taped to the windows of our sedan.

The family is planning to put together a program on the history of Blakely Oil. The intent is to have it ready in April. They would like to have us participate. Gary Smith knows one of the family members and will keep us informed.

Events like this can be enjoyable and financially rewarding to us. This group contacted George, who got the ball rolling. Neither club specified a price for our participation. The Blakelys took our business cards and will forward each club a "donation". We as a club may want to set a "fee" for such events or perhaps want to leave it open. Some occasions may give us a "warm" enough feeling to want to participate at no charge.

#### **Discovery Point Car Show by Bert Diehl**

On Saturday morning, November 10<sup>th</sup>, members of the East Valley Model T Ford Club joined several members of the Model A Restorers Club of Arizona to put on a car show

for the residents and family members of Discovery Point Retirement Community. We began arriving at 7:30 AM and had our cars parked in a parking lot by 8:00 AM. The general area was decorated with balloons and flags and an area was set up with tables and chairs for people to sit and listen to live music or enjoy a cup of coffee, popcorn or something from the bake sale. Raffle tickets were also sold for several car related items.

All those who drove a vintage car were treated to breakfast in the dining facility that consisted of juice, coffee, fruit slices, and biscuits and gravy. It was good and we got to spend 30 minutes or so enjoying each others company afore heading back outside to be with our cars.

The best part of the day was when the residents came out to have a look at our cars with pictures and memories of days gone by. Smiles were everywhere and it was a treat to listen to stories, answer questions and even pose for a picture or two. Leo ( a 98 year young man whose last name I forget) stopped by several times with a picture of him from 1927 posing at the rear of a Model T. Leo had a lot more hair back then and it appeared to be a darker color than it is now, but Leo couldn't be any prouder of his picture and his stories. It was great to see so many people enjoying our automotive relics. The cars were on display from 8:00 till 11:00 AM, but those 3 hours flew by.



The car show at Discovery Point was a success and thanks to all who participated. Before leaving the site I asked the staff if they were happy with the turnout, etc. The response was an overwhelming yes and I was asked if we would be interested in participating in a similar event next year. They want us to come back!! Hopefully there will be more glossy, black and white, dog eared photos available next year and we hope Leo will come out to see us. The precious memories go on forever and so many of them are centered around old Fords.

#### **Letter to the Editor**

I received the following that is published in it's entirety.

Are we in Danger of Becoming Known as a Club of Wimps? By John Peterson

With the exception of Steve's speedster, we have not had a single open car participate in a fall activity. Before the weather gets too cold, let's get some open cars out participating. After all, the Model T era was not all about boring, basic, black sedans. Let's show off all our shapes, styles, and colors.

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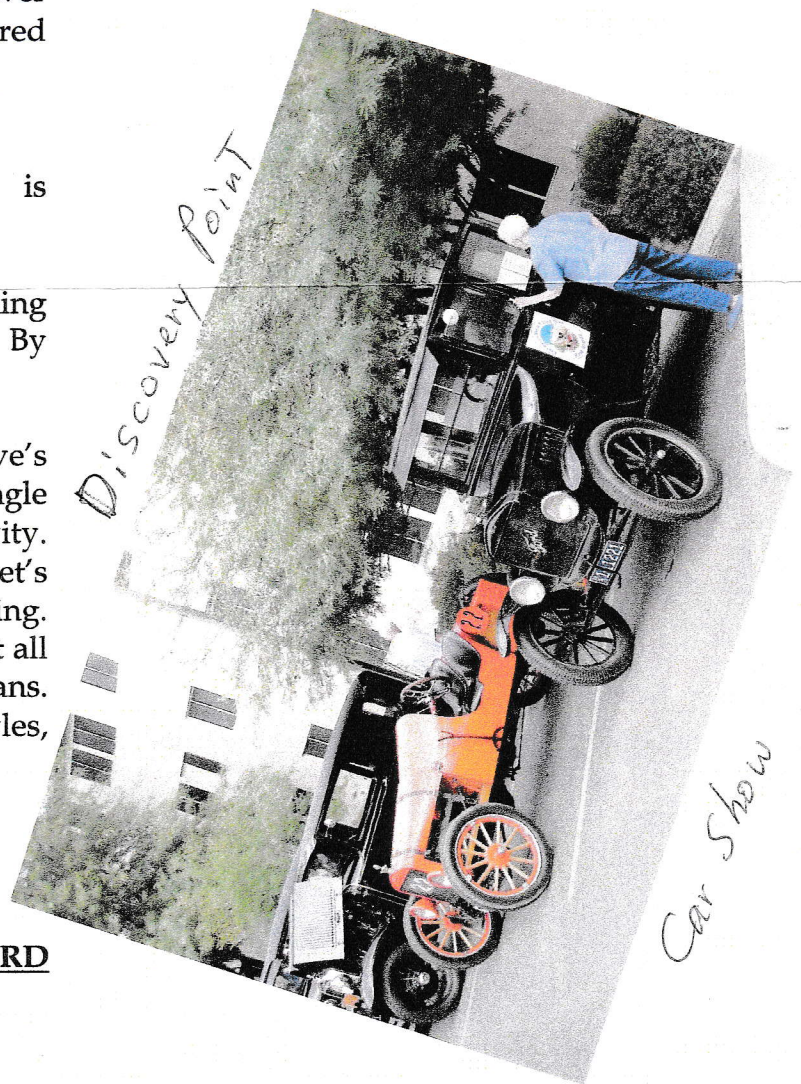
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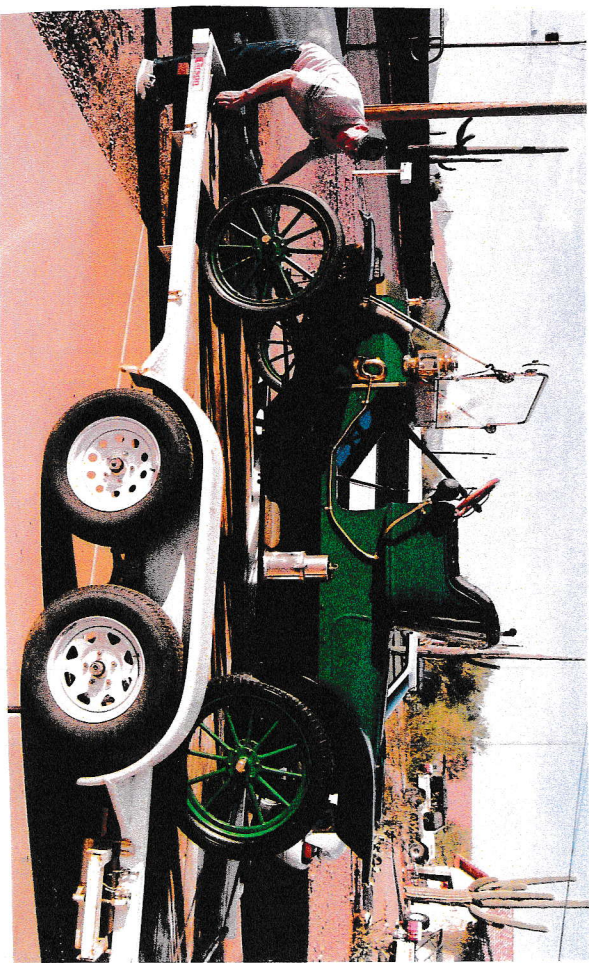




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Nov Meeting at Joe's, Gary looking serious.



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