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MEMORY



CAROL LYNN GRATON

FEBRUARY 15TH, 1946 - OCTOBER 5TH, 2023

O B I T U A R Y

Carol Lynn Graton, age 77, of Kingman, AZ, passed away October 5th, 2023, after battling Small Cell Lung Cancer. She was born February 15th, 1946, in Phoenix, AZ to the late Carroll and Rosa Fields.

Lynn was the youngest of six children.

Lynn was a devoted and loving wife to her husband of over 53 years. She spent many of the early years of their marriage traveling with her family as her husband served in the Army National Guard. She enjoyed spending time with her family, exploring new arts and crafts, cooking and baking, and making the holiday season all about her loved ones.

Lynn is survived by her husband, Austin Sumner Graton IV; daughter Leslie Graton; and her two grandchildren, Tyler Graton and Briana Nimmo. She was also survived by stepsons Austin Graton V and Allan Graton; along with Austin V's children Jessica, Cassie and Austin VI; and Allan's children Hayley and Elise.

Lynn's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

EVMTFC says farewell to good friend and longtime Model-er, Lynn Graton. She will be missed!

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Membership Dues: Dues are \$20 per year and include all family members. Please make payment by check payable to East Valley Model T Ford Club. Submit application in person at any member meeting or mail it to: David Veres, Treasurer, EVMTFC, PO Box 24502, Tempe AZ 85285.

Applications for membership in the EVMTFC may be printed from the website at evmtfc.com or obtained from any current member or from the Vice President/Membership Chairman.

Newsletters: We e-mail our monthly newsletter, *Runningboard News*, which also can be viewed on our website. All articles, photos and information for the upcoming newsletter is due to the Editor by the 26th of the month.

Members Cars (Our T's):

Jeff Henry can take a photo of your T... contact Jeff if you are interested.

Jeff can put a photo of your T on our website. Send him a photo of your T.

MTFCA (Model T Ford Club of America): The EVMTFC is affiliated with, and is a chapter of, the MTFCA, a national and international organization. Membership is strongly encouraged. As a chapter of the MTFCA, at least 50% of our members must be members of the national club to keep our free liability insurance. Our club is doing very well in this regard, as almost all of our members belong to the national club.

Membership in the MTFCA includes all the privileges of the Club, including six issues of the *Vintage Ford* and one voting ballot per member-family for election of the Club's Board of Directors. Annual dues are \$40.

Lifetime Memberships are available. Payment may be made by check, credit card or PayPal.

Are your MTFCA dues paid up? If your MTFCA member number is not listed on the roster, please call the President or the Treasurer with the number. The number is shown on your mailing label when you receive your

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It is welcoming time as we greet some of our winter visitors as they begin returning to the area. We had a good turnout at our annual picnic held at Usery Park. We spent the time visiting and catching up on each other's lives. Thanks to our cook Tom, we had a great lunch of hamburgers, brats and other dishes provided by our members. Many helping hands sat up the tables and put the food out and then helped with cleanup. Thanks to each of you that attended, help with the many tasks to get ready, Ken and Dave for shopping, Ken for bringing the chuck wagon. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

Next up will be our ice cream. This will be on Nov 5 at Freddy's on Hampton and Power in Mesa. Then we have the Veterans Day parade in Mesa.

It is that time of year when we select a new President and Secretary at our December dinner. Nominations are also open for the Wildman award. See complete information of criteria on the website. Previous winners were Dave Veres, Austin Graton, Joe Fellin, Ruth Ann Elms, Mel and Lorie Poppe, John and Jan Peterson, Bill Allen, Steve Nissele, Ed Stolinski, Jeff Henry, Ken Henry and Sandy Hart. Please email your nominations to Sandy Hart, Ken Henry or Jeff Henry by December 1. See criteria on page 16 of this newsletter.

Hope to see you soon at a club function.

Hello from the Hart Family



EVMTFC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes October 11, 2023

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of guests/new members There were about 25 members in attendance.

Announcement Long time member Lynn Graton passed away on Oct 5. Her service will be October 18, at 10 am Regency Mortuary 9850 W Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City, AZ She was a founding member of the club.

Approval of September minutes as published a motion made and seconded, to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried.

Vice President Report – Tom

Treasurers Report – Dave

Dave gave the report on finances to the club.

Hospitality – Jan

A sympathy card was circulated at the meeting for notes to the family.

Newsletter – Ken & Cher

Old Business

10-1-23 Ice cream at Fruitlandia 8 people with 3 Model T's.

10-21-23 Usery Park picnic 9-1. Club will provide burgers, buns, condiments and drinks Need volunteer to bring lettuce, tomatoes and onions. Will need salads and desserts. \$7.00 per car entrance fee, we will have games, food and fellowship. We will be in same Ramada as last year. Corn hole game, and cast-iron fry pan toss. Other games are welcome. Bring your favorite potluck dish. Dave Veres and Ken Henry (Ken was volunteered by Jeff) will get the club foods.

11-11-23 Veterans Day parade lunch location how many anticipate coming? Suggestions at last meeting were Blue Adobe grill or Crackers & Co.

A motion was made and seconded to go to Crackers & Co. it passed.

Other Old Business**New Business**

11-5-23 Ice Cream at Freddy's located at Hampton and Power

Holiday light Parade first Saturday in December. Jim Rohde will check and see if we can have the room at Roadhaven for the potluck in Apache Junction.

Christmas Charity A motion was made to support: Genesis project (food bank).

Christmas party location and food Date of 12-8 or 9

Door prizes a motion was made for \$500. It passed.

Mi amigos

Future tours and ideas

Bashas museum Alma School south of Ocotillo it is at their distribution center. Go soon it's closing in November.

Train Museum off Arizona avenue in Chandler?

Sanderson Ford west Phoenix/Glendale

Franklin Museum in Tucson

Harrah's collection in Reno

Other New Business

Break

Refreshments this evening were provided by Tom Hoverson, Glen, & Diane, Thank you for the refreshments!

Need volunteer for November.

Good of the Order –Election of officers at December meeting need people Need a president and Secretary.

Clinics

Nobody is requesting a clinic.

50-50 drawing

\$52 raised \$26 raffled. 612181 was the winning ticket. Tom Hoverson won.

Adjourn

A Motion was made and seconded to adjourn, it passed at 8:00 pm.

Up and Coming Events

Nov. 5- Ice cream 2pm at Freddy's
6846 E Hampton Ave, Mesa

Nov. 8- General Meeting 7pm 640
N. Mesa Dr. Mesa

Nov.11- Veterans Day Parade
Mesa

Nov. 23= Thanksgiving

Dec. 2- Christmas parade and
potluck, Apache Junction

Dec.3- Ice cream TBD

Dec. 10- Christmas Party at
MiAmigos 5:30pm 1264 S Gilbert
Rd. Mesa

**November and December
Birthdays**

Nov. 8 Duane Dailey
Nov. 18 Marcia Taillefer
Nov. 21 Judy Mugrage
Nov. 26 Bill Leslie

Dec. 14 Claudia Linney
Dec. 16 Steve Francois

Happy Birthday everyone!
If your birthday is this month and you
don't see your name. let Jan Peterson
or Cheryl Henry know. You will get a
beautiful handmade card on your

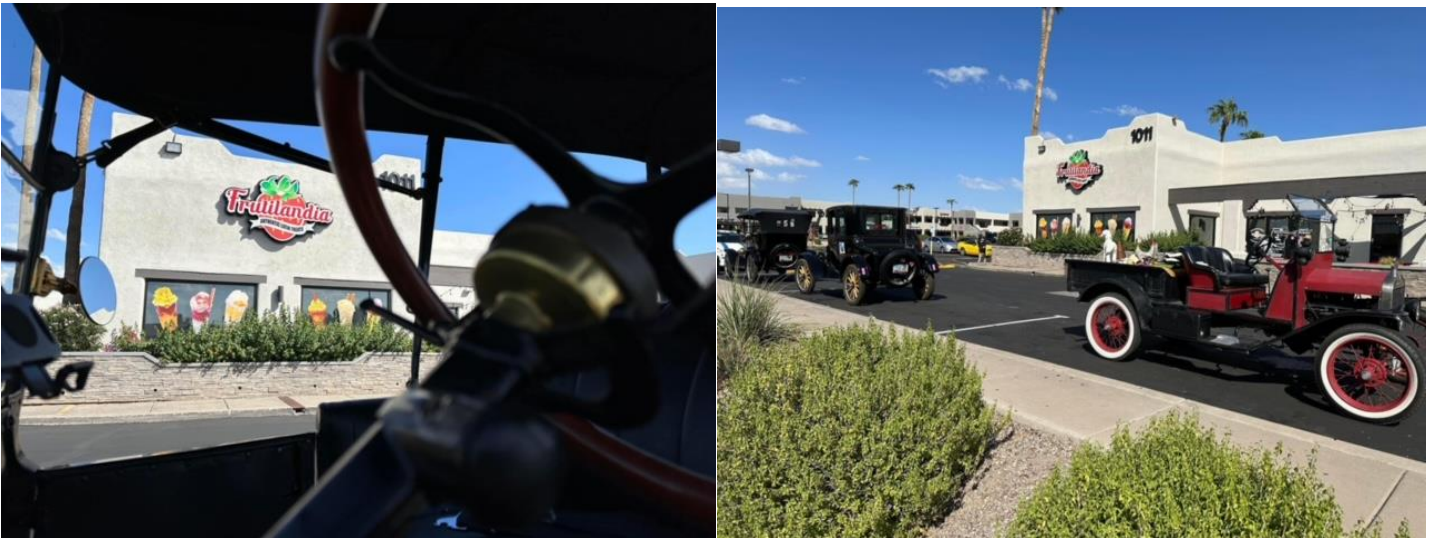
Happy Birthday!

REMINDER..DUES ARE Still Just \$20

Contact Treasurer Dave Veres at 480-480-415-3235. davidveres@aol.com

Monthly General meetings resume, at 640 N Mesa Dr. Mesa AZ, 7 pm, always, the second
Wednesday of each month

Ice Cream at Frutilandia



Annual Picnic at Usery Park



A great day for the picnic. Tom cooking the burgers and bratts. Plenty of food and fun. It was a little warm in the afternoon.



What fun!

Remember, you can see all our outing photos on our Facebook page.

Nissle's Trip to Alaska

This September Steve Nissle, Dianne and Dianne's 93 1/2 year old father Wayne Curtis had an incredible vacation taking an 11 day cruise and land trip to Alaska.

Holland America treated us like royalty and the sights and memories of Alaska were just amazing!

We spent 2 days in Fairbanks and while there we visited the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum

(<https://www.fountainheadmuseum.com/>)

It features about 95 cars, mostly with incredible restorations, from 1890's to 1936. Rare and unique cars. It was a beautiful museum!

Here are a few photos

The Ford 1907 model K roadster was a monster! The museum volunteer said he has driven it and it will cruise at 75mph!

The 1903 Cadillac looks just like the 1903 Model A Ford as Cadillac took over the factory after Ford left and modeled their car after the Ford.

Look at the rumble seat from the 1930 Chrysler Roadster!

I could have spent all day there!

Love to hear of your summer adventures!

Write up and send them to Ken for the newsletter!



1907 Ford





This 1907 Ford was a monster.





Thank you, Steve for the writeup and photos!

1930 Chrysler



1930 Chrysler

Imperial Series 80L Roadster

Boxing Legend Jack Dempsey owned an Imperial 80L just like the one before you!

The Chrysler Corporation emerged from the ashes of the Maxwell Motor Company in 1925. After a short run of their first offering, the Chrysler Six, they went to compete in the luxury automobile industry against the likes of Duesenberg, Packard, and Pierce Arrow. Launched in 1926 the Chrysler Imperial became their top of line offering for nearly 30 years. The first offering in the Imperial Line, the E-80, guaranteed a minimum 80 miles per hour utilizing Chrysler's flathead straight-six engine. The E-80 would evolve over the next two years to become the Series 80L from 1928-1930.

The new 80L models were built with Chrysler's more powerful "Red Head" engine, a higher compression version of the earlier straight-six that generated higher horsepower and better performance. Among the most desirable of the early Imperials were those custom-bodied by the coachmakers at Locke & Co. such as the example before you. These bodies were designed to be beautiful and luxurious, with a slimmed down radiator profile, vertical hood louvers, and dual cowl ventilators. These rare Locke roadster bodies also featured a unique rumble seat configuration that included a built-in windshield and side door entrance for the rear passengers! The Chrysler Imperials were well received, helping to usher in Chrysler's pre-war golden era.

- Engine	6 Cylinder Inline
- Displacement	309.3 Cubic Inches
- Wheelbase	136 Inches
- Horsepower	110
- Bore/Stroke	3 5/8" x 5"
- Transmission	4 Speed Manual
- Max Speed	Guaranteed 80mph
- Weight	4165lbs
- Production	21 Locke Bodied Roadsters
- Factory Price	\$3,575

Chrysler Motor Company (1924 - present) Detroit, Michigan

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Need a little hand with your T?
Contact President Sandy and she'll get you scheduled for a
"CLINIC"

Model T Ford Club of America Calenda

March 21, 2024 - March 23, 2024

59th MTFCA Annual Meeting

June 1, 2024

Homecoming at the Model T Museum

June 16, 2024 - June 20, 2024

MTFCA 2024 National Tour: Trails Less Travelled

San Diego, CA San Diego, CA, United States

August 15, 2024 - September 4, 2024

Adventures with Tin Lizzie in the Hungarian Landscape

Are you a member of MTFCA? If not, you are missing out on many benefits!

Adult Membership includes:

- One year (6 issues) of *The Vintage Ford* magazine which has information on all aspects of the hobby including: resources for Model T parts; repair and maintenance information; lists of tours, swap meets, and events; plus many pictures and articles for and about Model T enthusiasts;
- FREE admission to the Model T Museum, the Vintage Ford Agency Building, and the Bruce McCalley Memorial Library and Research Center;
- FREE (non-commercial) online and classified ads in magazine and on our Forum;
- Events and Tours: Join your fellow club members and relive the days of the Model T at national, regional, and local events and tours;
- Voting Privileges: Members (aged 18 and over) elect our Board of Directors each year;
- Time Travelers Perks: Your MTFCA membership card can be used at 300+ Time Travelers affiliated museums and sites for discounts and benefits.

NOTE: ***Ownership of a Model T Ford is not required.***

Annual dues are \$50.00 for U.S. members. Membership includes all the privileges of the Club for members, their spouses, and their children under the age of eighteen. One ballot for election of National Directors is issued per member-family.

To join go to MTFCA.com and click on Join or Renew. You will not be disappointed.

Bob Wildman Award Criteria

The Bob Wildman Award is the highest honor the East Valley Model T Ford Club can bestow on one of its members. Bob was a charter member of the Club. Always willing to help in any way he could at club events, he readily lent a helping hand to individual members as well, even if it was something totally unrelated to the Model T. He loved to drive his T and participated in as many events as possible. A very giving and special person. Bob was the first deceased active member of the East Valley Model T Ford Club.

The Bob Wildman Award is given each year to the member who, in the opinion of the Award Committee, has contributed the most of him or herself to the club. The recognition can be for a single highly significant event, but will more likely be for their contributions over a period of time, not specific to any calendar year. The award can be given to a member only once.

To nominate a deserving candidate, write to any of the Board of Directors outlining your candidate's contributions and telling why you think he or she is deserving of the award. Even if your candidate is not selected, just being nominated is an honor in itself. Nominations should be in narrative form and may include other documents such as pictures, news articles, etc.

Nominations must be submitted to a member of the Board of Directors not less than November 30th annually. The Board of Directors will be the Award Committee. The award will be presented at the Christmas party each year. Should a member of the Board be nominated, that member will not participate in the selection process.

For Sale

All items located in Chandler, Az

- 1) A really nice set of four 21" Model T wood wheels mounted with serviceable Goodyear whitewall tires. Includes spare rim with mounted used B.F. Goodrich blackwall tire. \$700 for all.
- 2) Like new set of four 4.40-4.50x21" B.F. Goodrich Silvertown blackwalls. It looks like they were mounted, but never saw the road. MACS Auto Parts has them for \$206.77 ea. with four of them coming to \$999.86 including tax and shipping. You can get these tires for \$125 ea.
- 3) I have three Model T wire wheels with one front hub and one rear hub. They haven't been primed or painted so there will be no surprises later on. \$350 for everything.

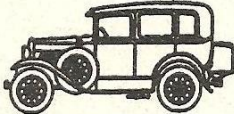
Contact Dale Guenther at dcguenther1@cox.net or 480-356-0733 for photos or info.

Looking For

Looking for a T front axle, no wish bone, spindles with tie rod and steering column.
Any year

Need new wood in your Wheels?
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