

# "T" DRIVER



SOUTHERN NEVADA MODEL T CLUB A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE M.T.F.C.A.

## "Next Meeting"

Tuesday, August 9
Bros. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
4335 N. Rancho Dr.
• dinner at 6:00 pm • meeting at 7:00 pm •

## "T" Driver Breakfasts

August 6 - NLV Airport August 13 - Dean's Place

August 20 - Bros

August 27 - Black Bear (Trop)

Bring your friends and family!

#### Caffeine & Chrome Car Show

Gateway Classic Cars 6580 Lindell Rd. "Last" Saturday of every month! 9 – 12

#### **OUR GOALS ARE:**

- To Promote The Model T Ford
- To Promote the Preservation and Restoration of This National Treasure
- To Provide Information and Assistance to All Interested People



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## • T Driver Future Events •

## **Caffeine & Chrome Car Show**

Saturday, September 24
"SNMTC is the featured car club"

Spring Mountain Fall Picnic

Sunday, October 2

**Cadence Car Show** 

Sunday, October 9

Kingman - Seligman Tour

Old Route 66 – Fall (*Proposed*)

Las Vegas Poker Run

Fall (Proposed)

**Christmas Party** 

Dean's Place Saturday, December 10

### OTHER CAR RELATED EVENTS

August 13 - South Point (indoor)
September 10 - Orcutt, CA Ford Show
September 16-18 - Mesquite Super Run
October 7 & 8 - Henderson Hot Rod Days
October 15 - Aerovault Open House
October 15 & 16 - Southwest T Extravaganza
October 22 - Armed Forces @ Craig Ranch
October 28-30 - Concours Tour d'Elegance
October 29 - Iron Mountain Parade
October 30 - Trunk or Treat Centennial Library
November 5 - Goldstrom's Classic Car Show



Doing our part for the gas crisis!

#### Southern Nevada Model T Club

Minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Izzy, Vice President

OFFICERS ROLL PRESIDENT-TOM (absent)

PRESIDENT-TOM (absent) SEC/TREAS-CHERYL TOUR MASTER-JOHN (absent) VICE PRESIDENT-IZZY MEMBERSHIP-JUDY MEMBERSHIP-SHERRY (absent)

JR AMBASDR-CARSON WEBMASTER-RON (absent) NEWS/HIST-TERRY DRAWINGS-DIRICK

**PRESIDENT REPORT**-Izzy gave report for Tom. She announced the funeral details for Bill Warren. The birthday breakfast at the Airport Café is still on. Ron had suggested we wear our red shirts in support.

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT-** None

**JUNIOR AMBASSADOR REPORT**-Carson reported that the Steam Up event was lots of fun. There were 9 locomotives brought in plus the museum's trains. There were a couple of Model T's with rail wheels on them. Dan brought his Eureka & Palisades train up from Vegas. They met up with other members Dale & Griff at the parade. Carson finally got his water pump for the Dodge and has it running!

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT**-Minutes of the June meeting were voted on and approved as read. The June treasurer's report was voted on and approved as read. Cheryl reported on the flowers for Bill Warren's passing.

**NEWSLETTER/HISTORIAN REPORT**-Terry reported that he went to Gateway where the National Club will have their banquet and got info. There will be a story coming about Center Door Model T's, as well as a story about Mercury bodies that he will get information on when he and Cheryl attend the Speedway Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. The next newsletter will have a story about the TT truck, the September newsletter a story about Peter Brock who produces the Daytona Shelby and sells parts. There will be an open house for Peter in October.

**WEBMASTER REPORT**-Izzy gave Ron's report. There are 301 visitors to the club's Facebook page. Ron will be doing a power point presentation at the next meeting to update the club about all the preparations that have been made for the 2023 National Club Meeting. Transportation has not been nailed down yet.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-Judy reported 81 paid members.

**TOUR MASTER REPORT-**John was absent. Izzy will check with John for the breakfasts for August. Members can access that information from the club's website or from the August newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS-**none

**NEW BUSINESS**-Sherry G. had requested the club consider coming up with a lifetime membership amount. Harold said it was voted on previously, years ago that you could pay in advance in one sum for 10 years and have a lifetime membership. A motion was made and a vote taken and approved that a lifetime membership will be \$300.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**: August 9, 2022

**50/50 Drawing** Amount \$50.00 Winner: Mayra \$25.00 Club: \$25.00

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 pm

## T's Shop Talk

#### Greetings all!!!

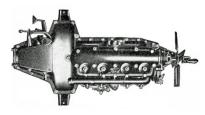
It is with great sadness to report our loss of one of our best members, Bill Warren. There are some people you will just never forget, gone from our arms, but always in our hearts. Thank you Bill for all of the memories. We will miss your happy smile and your sense of fun and the many great stories you shared with us. Our greatest condolences to the Warren family.

Lots going on as we plan for the fall. Thank you Vice President Izzy for running the July meeting. Be sure to try to make the August meeting to see Ron Custer's power point update of the spring national convention that we are hosting. Mark your calendars for Oct. 2nd Model A & Model T picnic. **Next month**, be sure to read about Todd Wheeler one of our new members, who sent in an article and pictures of his adventure taking Model T driving lessons! Try to stay cool in all the heat this summer.

Safe travels, President Tom

"Don't look back you are not going that way"

#### The Model T Engine



Model T automobiles were produced from 1908 until 1927, but the engine manufacturing continued until 1941. These cast iron, 4 cylinder, 177 cubic inch, gasoline powered engines produced about twenty horsepower. It is said that Model T engines stayed in production for exactly 12,000 days making it one of the longest manufactured engines ever produced, 33 years. After the Model T automobile, the engines were used in industrial, military, and marine vehicles,

as well as stationary motors to drive farm implements, saw mills, pumps, etc.

#### In Memoriam



We have lost a dear friend. Bill Warren passed away suddenly at home on July 4, 2022. He was just a few days shy of his 90th birthday. Bill is survived by his first wife, six children, 25 Grandchildren and 34 Great Grandchildren. Sons John and David are our regular members, but many of Bill's family have been active in our club throughout the years.

Bill resided in Las Vegas for the last sixty years and was active in the city's development with his heavy equipment business, grading housing developments, parks, mountain top house pads, bridges, apartment complexes, hotels, business complexes, roadways, and drainage channels. With his mechanical skills, there was nothing he could not repair, or heavy equipment he could



not operate. He loved motorcycles, boats, water skiing and sand buggies, but his passion was always flying.

In his retirement years he enjoyed driving and rebuilding Model T's and has been an integral part of the Southern Nevada Model T Club. He will be so missed by all of us.

Elden (Bill) Warren July 15, 1932 - July 4, 2022



1914 Model T

**The Brass Era** The American Brass Era ran from 1896 through 1915. In those twenty years or so, the automobiles were decked out in artistic style with large shiny brass radiators, head lights, carriage lights and horns. The brass was not only stunning, but held up fairly well against tarnishing.

The Brass Era appeared on all types of automobiles of the day, steam, electric and gasoline powered. With the rich being the initial target market, no expense was spared. But as cheaper steel alloys were becoming more available and manufacturers realizing their rich customer base was diminishing, the extravagance was greatly reduced and the Brass Era came to an end.





1906 American Tourist Roi-des-Belges

1907 Stearns

## When Did Henry Ford Make Trucks?



Henry Ford, operating under the name Detroit Automobile Company, made his first trucks in 1900, eight years before the Model T and seventeen years before the Model TT. Before Henry Ford had what he thought was a final product, Ford's investors demanded that they bring something to the market. It came in the form of a light duty,



gasoline-powered delivery truck. It was slow, unreliable and complicated to manufacture. After just twenty units, production was suspended and the company dissolved.



Model 'C' Delivery

You don't see another Ford truck until 1905. That's when the Ford Motor Company took their Model C and made a "C" cab delivery body for it. Then in 1915 Ford made a delivery vehicle from the Model T. You may see many early years of Model T's as trucks, but it wasn't until 1917 that the Ford Motor Company officially made heavy duty trucks. Up until then, many third party manufacturers took the Model T passenger car chassis, cut and extended it's frame, changed out the rear differential, springs and wheels for heavy duty options and sometimes added a secondary transmission. These trucks are known as a Model T "conversions."



Welded frame extension

Of course the first three trucks from the Ford factory were also a type of conversion. They were offered as a chassis only and the customer supplied the body. In 1918 the first production, one-ton trucks, called the TT came out of the factory. They featured a two-foot longer wheelbase, heavier frame, double layer rear springs, larger rear tires and wheels and rear axle with worm drive. It frequently came equipped with an accessory gearbox and artillery style



Worm drive differential

hood and front fenders or complete full-bodied trucks with C-cabs or closed cabs. Ford produced stake bodies, platform bodies and something called an express body that looked like a heavy duty pickup.

wheels with solid tires. Model TT's were available as chassis only, chassis with







TT's with "C-Cab" and "Closed Cabs"

There were many competitors selling trucks at the time and many of these were better than Ford's, but Henry's business plan of keeping prices reasonable made the TT's very successful. Between 1917 and 1927 The Ford Motor Company produced more than one and one half million Model TT's.

In 1920 Ford conceived a 3-ton Model T truck for the US Government at the Fordson plant, but never produced it. Many dealers across the country liked the idea and produced their own 3-ton trucks by modifying the TT's even further.

What about pickups? Everyone says, "I see Model T pickups of all years out there." Ford didn't put a pickup in the lineup until 1925. Up until then, Model T pickups were made by removing the "turtle deck" from a runabout and bolting on a pickup bed. These pickup beds came from places like Sears, Montgomery Wards, Western Auto or were even homemade. They were made of both wood and steel, however when Ford came out with their version, it was steel.







1926 Runabout Pickup

1925 Runabout Pickup

1926 Ford Advertisement

Ford marketed the vehicle as a runabout with a pick-up body. During 1925 the Model T pickup was not always shipped with the bed installed due to an "excise" tax imposed by the Federal Government, so pickups were completed at the dealer. For 1926 they were updated with the new body style and came from the factory in "Commercial Green." Ford built the runabout with pick-up body from mid '25 until mid '27, but even in that short time they produced about 100,000 units. Keep in mind that these were light duty pickups built on the passenger Model T chassis but they served the public well and looked good. Speaking of looking good, check out the photo of a pickup built from a Model T coupe.







1914 Runabout Pickup

1926 Coupe converted to pickup

TT Closed Cab Tanker





1923 Fire truck Conversion

1914 Model T "semi" Conversion





Model T's in industry and on the farm!













## 2022 MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM Annual dues of \$30.00 per household membership Make checks payable to **SNMTC** Mail to 6916 Hawaiian Sky Ct., Las Vegas NV 89131 APPLICANT (First, MI, Last Name) MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_ APPLICANT CELL# \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS SPOUSE (First, MI, Last Name) SPOUSE CELL # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_\_@ \_\_\_\_\_ Please list your Model T and/ or any other vintage vehicles owned: Year Make Model **Body Style** MTFCA NO:

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## Some of the great finds at this year's **Bandle**









Model T Speedster \$14,850

Model A Phaeton \$15,400

Model T Coupe \$16,500

My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds that I've gained since then!





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