

August 2020



"T" DRIVER



SOUTHERN NEVADA MODEL T CLUB
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August Celebrations

Gents Birthdays:

Terry Sago 2nd
Ernesto Pallante 6th
Christian Kolberg 6th
Ronald Moore 9th
Frog LeGrow 19th
Tim Wilson 20th
Stanley Curtis 23rd
Bill Wieczorek 28th

Ladies Birthdays:

Maria Coon 3rd
Kathy Sullivan 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

Bill & Sharon Wieczorek 1st
Bill & Myra Carpenter 4th
Scotty & Malinda Ray 18th
Don & Theresa Reed 26th
Herb & Soux Mann 27th
Harry & Kathy Sullivan 30th
Harold & Susan Austgen 30th

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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 EVENTS

Saturday AM Tours (coming soon!)

Note: All Saturday tours meet at 7:30 AM and leave at 8:00 AM from:

White Cross Plaza (Oakley & Main St.)
Call John Warren for details 702-277-6444

Club Meetings

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM

"Meeting August 11th"

Bros. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
4335 N. Rancho Dr.

•dinner 6:00 pm• •meeting 7:00 pm•

Breakfasts

Some of us are getting together for Saturday morning breakfasts. Be there by **8:00 am**.

For now, the location is alternated between:

Sunshine & Tailwinds Café
at the NLV Airport

&

Bros. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
at 4335 N Rancho Dr.

(CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES)

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SOUTHERN NEVADA MODEL T CLUB

Minutes of the July 14, 2020 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:55pm by Terry Handy, President

OFFICERS ROLL	PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER MEMBERSHIP TOUR MASTERS JR. AMBASSADOR NEWSLETTER HISTORIAN WEBMASTER	TERRY HANDY EUGENE RAMSEY (absent) CHERYL SAGO HAROLD MANN GARY COOPER (absent) JOHN WARREN and DE DE LAGROW CARSON COMBS TERRY SAGO TERRY SAGO RON CUSTER (absent)
JR AMBASSADOR REPORT	Carson reported that he attended the local car shows near the DQ at Rancho and Craig Rd on a Friday just after the pandemic began and there was no one there, but the Sunday shows in the same location continue to have participants. Carson was contacted by a Hank Lee from Tennessee that has been giving him advice. He was also contacted by the Gilmore Museum that had a virtual car show and sent Carson a really cool Model T T-shirt. Carson also reported that someone from Australia reached out to him and will be visiting Las Vegas soon, and Carson plans to invite him to our breakfast when he arrives.	
SECRETARY REPORT	Cheryl thanked the club for her flowers sent after her surgery. No reports have been taken since the club last met due to the pandemic.	
TREASURER REPORT	Cheryl reported the beginning balance of \$3017.25 from Harold, with a July ending balance of \$2972.50.	
VP REPORT	None	
HISTORIAN REPORT	Terry reported that he put a report about the coronavirus pandemic in the Historian files so that 20 years from now the Model T Club will know what it was all about.	
MEMBER REPORT	None	
TOUR MASTERS	John announced the Saturday breakfast tours will continue to be alternating Saturdays at Bros Breakfast & Lunch and the Sunshine & Tailwinds Café until such time as we are able to meet in larger groups, dependent upon the governor's orders.	
NEWSLETTER	Terry reported that during the lockdown, the newsletter was only sent by email, but this month sent a paper copy out. He says we have 70 paid members, that he emails to 71 people and sent a paper copy to 87 people. Terry would like everyone to know that when they get the email version, it comes in color, and he adds bonus photos. Members can print out their newsletter from their emails. Terry also got permission to reprint an article about our member Carson Combs that was printed in the Model T Explorer's Club for kids 7-17, which will be in the August newsletter. He encouraged members to sign up their grandchildren for this exciting and fun publication put out by the MTFCA.	
OLD BUSINESS	It was discussed that it is the Model T's turn to host the September 19 th , 2020 Annual picnic at Sunset Park. Harold will contact the Model A club to confirm with them. DeDe asked for volunteers to help cook, and the Combs family agreed to help. There will still be an auction if you have things to donate, proceeds will benefit the club.	
NEW BUSINESS	President Handy will check with Bros Breakfast and Lunch and see if we can hold next month's meeting there.	
50/50 DRAWING	50/50 Drawing was not held this month. Meeting adjourned 7:18 pm.	

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance (from Harold)	\$xxxx.xx
5 Re-Ups	\$xxx.xx
50/50 Drawing (\$xx)	\$xx.xx
Club Supplies	\$ xxx.xx
Florist – get well	\$ xx.xx
Balance as of July 14, 2020	\$xxxx.xx

Cheryl Sago

If you have any dues to pay or financial business with the club, please contact Cheryl at
(702) 373-5150

Do you like ice cream ?



About once a week Terry Handy and the Model T gang have been hitting El Chiringuito Mexican Snacks at 4907 Vegas Dr. Care to join us ? Call one of the Terrys !

Be careful when you follow the masses
...sometimes the "M" is silent!

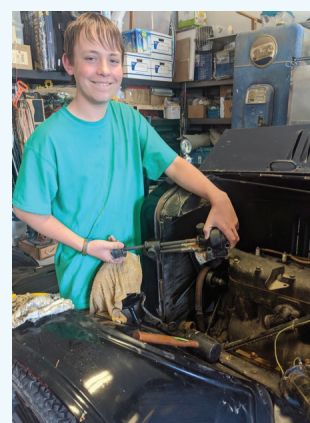
The Model T Explorer Youth Club

One of the great outcomes of last year's MTFCA meeting held in Sierra Vista, Arizona is a new organization for young Model Ter's. A little girl in the back room stood up during the meeting and suggested that there be a club for kids within the MTFCA. It looked like every single adult in the room was kicking themselves and saying, "Why didn't I think of that?" Well the powers that be at MTFCA took the idea and ran with it. We now have a Model T Club just for kids. Annual membership includes three newsletters, each issue containing stories, activities and fun ideas. Guess what? One of our own, **Carson Combs** is one of their contributing editors. His first article is being reprinted in this newsletter. If you have children in your family that are interested in Model T's, sign them up. Membership is \$15 per year. The youth club is just for kids, age 7 - 17. There is an application in The Vintage Ford magazine or call the business office at 765-373-3106.



Some of us are hanging out at the ice cream shop & some of us are just hanging out.





The Search for My Model T

by Carson Combs | age 13 | Nevada

When I was about six, my dad and I drove to see a Model TT Truck. It was in very good condition and the owner said he would sell it for \$8,000. We did not buy it, but since that day I knew I liked old cars. I taught myself to draw them and have slowly gotten better at it over the years.

About two years ago, I started looking online for Model Ts for sale. I wanted to get an idea of how much one would cost. I had saved some money I earned by selling pigs through 4-H, but it was still not enough. I contacted many sellers to ask about the price, but most of them never got back to me or just said no to my offer.



Left to Right: Mr. Jim and his wife helped Carson load the car on the trailer. | Carson and his younger brother, Wyatt, on a picnic in the 1924 T. | Carson removing the water pump on his T.

I sold a few more pigs, did chores and worked on our family's farm, Las Vegas Livestock. My savings grew to \$6,000, but I could not find one at that price.

About a week later, I looked again on the Classic Auto Trader website. Sure enough, I found a 1924 Model T Touring which was almost exactly the type of Model T I wanted. The owner, Jim Page ("Mr. Jim"), and I talked via email for months, then dad and I called to get the story on his car. Mr. Jim bought it from a guy trying to restore it, but he had it all wrong and sold it to Jim for "too much money" according to Mr. Jim.

Over the next few years, Jim put the T together until it was finished in 1987. Mr. Jim had the car for 36 years and was ready to have his garage space back. His only grandson was not into the Model T, so he said I was the next best thing.

In January, my family and I drove up to Modesto, California to pick it up. I negotiated with Mr. Jim from \$7,500 to \$5,000 over the phone before we planned to drive up there. When we got there, he and his wife were very pleased to meet us. Ms. Page made the best brownies you have ever had!

Mr. Jim taught me and my dad to drive it and we took a drive around the block a few times. Then we loaded it onto the U-Haul trailer we had rented.

The weekend after I bought it, we drove to breakfast with our local Southern Nevada Model T Club. They were so excited to meet a kid that was very interested in Model Ts. I had to teach my dad to drive the T on the way to breakfast because he forgot already. He stalled it twice!

In March, we drove the T to Lake Mead on an 85-mile journey. We had no problems, except for the muffler coming loose, so we just took it off.

With the help of another club member and my dad, I have learned how to fix the car myself, almost every time. I have had to fix the coils, the starter, the brakes, the tires, the spark plugs, and the wheels. I also took off the water pump that was on it.

My friends often don't care for older cars. But I do have a few who absolutely love my Model T, including my history teacher, Mr. Webb.

I am now a Jr. Ambassador for the Southern Nevada Model T Club. My job is to send email and text reminders each week for our Saturday breakfast gatherings. They have been postponed because of the Coronavirus.

I'm hoping we can have the club over on May 9th for a lunch my mom is making; it is also my birthday, so it will be a really special day, if it happens.

The Blue Oval

The “Blue Oval” is amongst the most recognizable car brand logos today. The Ford logo made a few changes in the early years, but the basic Ford script has been nearly the same since 1907. Ford’s original logo was a decorative green wreath with the words “Ford Motor Company. Detroit Mich.” Many people assume that the “Ford” lettering was a representation of Henry Ford’s signature, but that’s not entirely true. In 1907 C. Harold Wills, Henry’s engineer and right hand man took it upon himself to create a logo that would be standard across the product lines. Wills had a calligraphy set that he had received as a child which he used to make the script design. The script used has been identified as “Spencerian.”

You may find a few Ford Model A’s (the 1903 Model A) that were built prior to 1907 and had a script logo similar to the Wills design. There is no explanation, except that Ford had many suppliers and maybe the suppliers used the same Spencerian Script that was the style in the US from the 1850’s to around 1925. It was considered to be the standard writing style for business prior to the typewriter. Spencerian Script is also used in the Coca-Cola logo. Wills design did remain the standard until 1912.

In 1912 Ford toyed with a new logo of a blue-winged pyramid. Henry did not care for the design, but never the less it was used in newspaper and billboard advertising. The logo went back to Wills design and after 1927 during the introduction of the new Model A, we started seeing an oval outline around the text. There is also some evidence that Ford UK used an oval and a blue background on paperwork prior to 1927. The oval design continues today with a few changes through the years of modernizing the script and changing the oval outlines.

In the 60’s, graphic designer Paul Rand, who had worked on the logos for IBM, ABC, Westinghouse, Cummins and UPS was hired by Henry Ford II to recreate a new logo for Ford. The proposed design was an elongated oval with modern letters. Henry Ford II concluded that it was too radical of a change and the company would stick to the blue oval.

During the economic crisis in 2006, the Ford Motor Company chose to reject a government bailout and to seek a \$23 billion loan to stay afloat. The “Blue Oval” was one of the assets offered up to secure the loan.



1903 Wreath



Spencerian Script



1912 Winged Pyramid



1927



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1976



Paul Rand

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