

January 2021



"T" DRIVER



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Michael Copperthite 6th
Jimmy Ewing III 20th
Scotty Ray 23rd
Thomas Keenan 30th
Karl Elliot 31st

Ladies Birthdays:

Malinda Ray 4th
Theresa Reed 11th
Pam Keenan 12th
Amy McGuinness 25th
Kate Schlatter 26th
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- 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

"Next Meeting"

Tuesday, January 12th

Bros. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

4335 N. Rancho Dr.

• dinner at 6:00 pm • meeting at 7:00 pm •

Breakfasts

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

For now, the location rotates between:

Sunshine & Tailwinds Café

@ the NLV Airport

&

Bros. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

@ 4335 N Rancho Dr.

& occasionally at

Ichabod's Lounge

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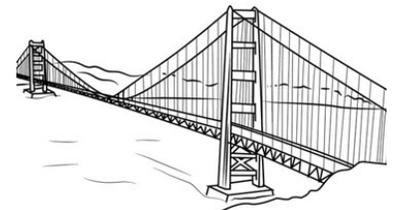
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It's that time of year to renew your membership in the **Southern Nevada Model T Club**. This year's dues are \$30, the same as last year's with one big exception, when you renew for 2021 we are going to extend your membership until the end of 2022. That is two years for the price of one! Make sure if you are mailing us a check, send it to:

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A Note From the Editor

Happy New Year! 2020 is over! There are no minutes from December, so I thought that I would use the space to tell you the "big news". It was announced on Christmas Day that our granddaughter is expecting. We already have a step-great grand child, but this will officially make us great grandparents. If Cheryl and I didn't feel old before . . .

**SCAM
ALERT**

I remember a few years ago my Dad showed me a letter that said he had won a new speedboat. All that he had to do was mail in a \$400 money order for the delivery expenses and the boat would be his. I said "Scam." He said, "But it's a \$10,000 boat!" I said "Scam."

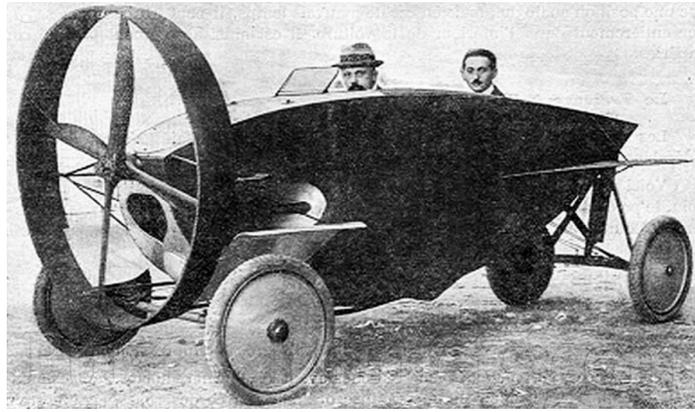
Now today these scammers are getting more and more clever. They really seem to prey on us old people, especially the men, so tell your friends to be careful. Warn them to be vigilant.

This one however, caught me off guard. Last month I became a victim of one of these scams while out shopping. I was returning to my car and loading my packages when two beautiful young women approached me with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. They both started cleaning my windshield. I had thought my windshield was already clean, but I thanked them never-the-less, and offered them a tip. They said "no thank you," but asked for a ride to McDonald's.

I agreed and they climbed into my car. On the way, they started undressing. One of them started crawling all over me, then the other one stole my wallet. You know, I ended up having my wallet stolen November 9th and 10th, twice on the 15th, again on the 17th, 20th, 24th, and the 28th. Also, December 2nd, 8th, 10th and very likely again tomorrow.

P.S. Walmart has wallets on sale for \$2.99 each. I found even cheaper ones at the Dollar Tree and bought them all!

A Most Preposterous Vehicle



In the 1920's, more than likely someone in your family owned a Model T. But if you lived in France you had other options. How about a propeller driven car? Marcel Leyat, an aeronautical engineer from Die, France, designed and built his first airplane in 1909. He soon found out that there was no market for his airplane since the French military already controlled the business. He then turned his sight to automobiles, building what he called the "plane without wings" otherwise known as the propeller car.

Leyat, along with other engineers at the time, thought that propellers were the propulsion method of the future. They thought that the design principles that made flight possible would make ground vehicles more fuel efficient. Propellers were considered for every imaginable mode of travel. Leyat's aero cars looked like something out of the steampunk fantasy world. He used "science from the sky" to design and promote his cars or "Helicycles." They were elegant and sleek autos built on an aerodynamic chassis.

The aerodynamic principles of flight design appealed to Parisians with their desire for speed. The original body was a giant teardrop shape built of plywood on a wooden frame with two aluminum wheels in the front and one in the back. The propulsion was achieved from an enormous wooden propeller in a cage at the front, powered by an 8hp Scorpion engine. There was no transmission or drive wheels. The entire vehicle was 300 to 400 pounds less than a Model T.

Problems arose as everything about Leyat's Helicycle proved to be dangerous at ground level. The extreme speed made it a hazard on the busy cobblestone streets of Paris. Leyat improved his car with a four-wheeled version, but most onlookers were frozen in terror as he traveled on the city streets. It was hardly a relaxing experience for the driver either. To begin with the forward view was obscured by a 15 foot diameter propeller. The bottom of the propeller was not shielded and threatened to slice up pedestrians. The steering was an aircraft type cable system connected to the rear wheels. This system proved to be completely unmanageable. The noise and wind tunnel effect was a total discomfort for the driver. The prototype was referred to as an un-steerable murder machine!

The car wasn't a total failure however. It was incredibly fast and achieved a record setting speed of 106 miles per hour. The improved version, the Hélice, debuted at the 1921 Paris Auto Show where Leyat claimed to have received 600 orders, but fascination of a propeller driven car was soon over and Leyat's factory only produced 30 propeller cars and only completed 23 sales.

Today, only four Hélice's are known to exist and one of those is at the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville. Leyat had succeeded in achieving speed and efficiency with an aerodynamic design, light weight and no drive train.



The Sago's Backyard Pandemic 2020 Project

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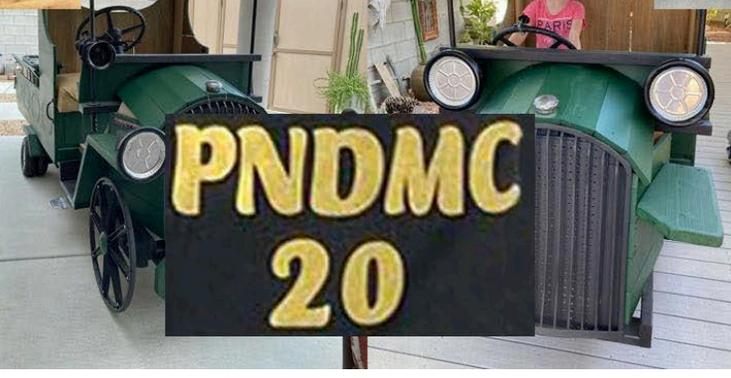
When Cheryl & I went down to Dave Cuddie's to interview him for the newsletter we noticed this wooden truck sitting next to his shop. We asked him what it was all about and he told us that Frog brought it to him. Frog's neighbor had been building it, but never finished. It's been sitting out there in the sun for some time. The wood's a little twisted and the varnish has flaked off. It's sitting on casters from a cart that once was used for folding chairs. We asked him what he was planning on doing with it. He told us that he was going to cut it up and put it in the fireplace. Both of us said, "No, You're not!"

We went home and rented an enclosed truck and came back for it. We now call it the pandemic project, but it was really a donation project. We started with a grill that came from an old tractor that had been sitting in our backyard for a couple of years. Dave had supplied a steering wheel and column initially and we later went back for a Model A dash assembly. We used a cabinet lock for the ignition, an old ammeter that looks better than the one in our Model T and we found a mirror at Denny's to fill the final hole. Visiting our friends Wayne & Jan up in Utah, we ended up with headlight bezels, a Model T lever, a horn, a Model A gas gauge and a whole bunch of odds and ends. We were on our way to Oregon, so we hauled all the parts around in the back of the Mustang for a couple thousand miles before going home. We bought riding lawn mower tires from Tractor Supply for the back and used bolts for axles. Tractor Supply also had a Brody knob that we put on the steering wheel.



There is a couple down the street from us that are building a new house and had a stack of scrap lumber that they were going to haul to the dump. Well, we hauled it to our house instead. We got a squeeze bulb horn that we put inside the big horn and the "Heavy Duty" logos from a garage sale. It then sat for a few weeks and we hadn't come up with any wheels for the front when we discovered an old-fashioned wheel chair for sale for \$20. Disassembling the chair, we salvaged the wheels, armrests, made license plates out of the sides and used the foot rests for running boards. We used the old floor boards from our Model T, making a removable floor with a secret hiding spot for dinosaurs and Hot Wheels. We used pie plates for the headlight lenses, a gas cap for the radiator cap and I scrounged all kinds of old knobs and pulls from my junk. I removed the "Ford" logo from the tailgate and discovered it was brass under the black paint, I kept that for myself.

I've always had a fascination for right hand drive vehicles and I've always liked "C" cabs. So now our grand kids have a right-hand drive, C cab playhouse on the back patio. I also like Oliver tractors, so we painted it "Oliver" green. And wouldn't you agree that our 4-year old grandson, *Octavius, did a fine paint job!*





Breakfast at Bros 11/14/20



Living in Las Vegas, did you know churches accept gambling chips?

This may come as a surprise to you, but there are more Catholic Churches in Las Vegas than casinos. Some worshippers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed. Since the chips come from many different casinos and the casinos all have their own chips, the churches had to devise a method to sort the collected chips. The churches all send their chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery where the chips are sorted then taken to the proper casino to be cashed in. This is done by The Chip Monks.

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Please list your Model T and/ or any other vintage vehicles owned:

Year	Make	Model	Body Style
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