

# "T" DRIVER



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

# "Next Meeting"

Tuesday, June 14 Bros. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner 4335 N. Rancho Dr.

# "T" Driver Breakfasts

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

June 4 - Peg's
June 11 - Vickie's
June 18 - NLV Airport
June 25 - Bro's

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 •

# 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

June 5 - Auburn, CA Vintage Swap Meet
June 11 - Riverside Model T Swap Meet
July 9 - Cedar City Jamboree
July 16 - Long Beach Model T Swap Meet
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 & 16 - Southwest T Extravaganza
October 28-30 - Concours Tour d'Elegance
November 5 - Goldstrom's Classic Car Show

# "Chris Trickle Classic" Race & Car Show



#### Saturday, June 11

(car show participants receive free entry to car show and race)

Car Show – 4:00 pm • Race Starts – 7:00 pm

The Bullring at LVMS

Deadline to Register June 4

Call Sheri at (702) 885-4435

#### Southern Nevada Model T Club

Minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Tom, President

**OFFICERS ROLL** PRESIDENT-TOM VICE PRESIDENT-IZZY SEC/TREAS-CHERYL MEMBERSHIP-JUDY

TOUR MASTER-JOHN MEMBERSHIP-SHERRY (absent)

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

**PRESIDENT REPORT**-Tom reported the missing Walkie-Talkie has been found, and the blanket returned to it's owner. He reminded us there is a tour of the Mob Museum May 28, and to bring your tickets that were given to us on Valentine's Day. It was discussed that a name be voted on for the National Meeting, everyone should think of names. Tom has purchased a 1926 Coupe in Idaho and was going to get it.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Izzy reported the pig was ready, bring your Model T's and A's and any friends to the Pig Roast on May 15, 11-3. She will be gone on the Golden Gate Tour starting May 28-June4.

**JUNIOR AMBASSADOR REPORT**-Carson reported on the Tulare Swap Meet. It was the first time he attended and says it turned out great. He got some good deals on parts. Carson is teaching his friend Collin how to drive a T, and Collin (age 13) might be buying Carson's speedster. Collin may be joining the club. Carson sent his water pump for repairs to NY and is still waiting for it's return.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT**-Minutes of the April meeting were voted on and approved as read. The treasurer's report was voted on and approved as read. Cheryl reported on the Duck Creek photo taken on one of our tours. The National Club was searching for it's owner, and will pay \$150 for it's use on a possible future cover.

NEWSLETTER/HISTORIAN REPORT-Terry is working on a project of compiling the photos taken at the weekly breakfasts to put in the club history books. June's newsletter will have a report about the Clark County Museum trip and a Ford Model N from 1906-1907. July will be the story of Scotty & Malinda and the 1914 Marvin car from Scotty's dad. Future stories will include a 1915 Center Door story (called a sedan by the Henry Ford Museum) built for 8 years. 500,000 were made.

**WEBMASTER REPORT**-Tom gave Ron's report. Ron is working on a program for the goody bag for next year's meeting, and needs a good AC guy for the program ads. There are 283 Facebook followers. Ron produced a facebook video on the Heritage Village at the Clark County Museum. Caffeine & Chrome has offered to pay us \$10 per Model T to set up a Saturday in September. They would like 20 cars. They are at 6580 Lindell (Sunset & Jones area) Coffee & donuts will also be provided.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-Judy reported 81 paid members, maybe 82 if Carson's friend Collin joins.

**TOUR MASTER REPORT-**John announced that Patricia Lang of Lang's Auto Parts recently passed away. He went over the rest of May's breakfasts, May 21 at Bros and May 28 at Vickie's Diner with the Mob Museum immediately following. June breakfasts are June 4-Peg's on Sahara, June 11-Vickie's and the Chris Trickel race at the Bullring from 3:30-10PM, June 18-NLV Airport Café and June 25-Bros.

OLD BUSINESS- The tour on Route 66 from Kingman to Seligman is being researched, more details later.

**NEW BUSINESS**-Izzy suggested that anyone wanting to do 2 day overnight tours of local areas for Fall. Contact her to make plans. Tom updated us that Embassy Suites for the National Meeting has been reserved. The plans for the Saturday banquet could possibly be held at Gateway Classic Cars, 6580 Lindell. Gateway would provide lanyards. Tom is working on a group rate for the Mob Museum. Tom asked anyone with connections to obtain Church or Day Care busses to use as transportation for the National Meeting let him know. Sponsorship for the program is available, contact Ron. This summer Tom will be forming sub committees to help with the meeting. Dale & Griff have already volunteered! Tom is working on a projector and PA system to use there.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**: June 14, 2022

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 pm

# T's Shop Talk

**Greetings All !!!!** What a great busy month! I'll try not to be too long winded. First of all I would like to thank Bill for the tour of his home and shops, plural. What a great experience. Several took turns on that little mini train to crank around the front yard. It was quite hilarious. I think I made 10 feet. The Clark County Museum tour was definitely well worth our while. We got to park on Main Street in front of the old houses. We had about 20 folks and 10 cars. This is definitely a repeat. The county museum folks were very welcoming and the public loved our cars.

A huge thank you goes out to the Combs family, who worked so hard putting together a great get together at their family home. We had smoked luau pig. Thanks to Clint and Vice President Izzy and family. Cheryl and Terry brought all the fixin's and Model T members brought desserts. It was wonderful. There was also a live band that played at 11:30 to 2:30 and it was great music!! Keep coming up with great ideas Terry and Cheryl. Thanks again to the Combs family for opening up their home to the whole membership. Counting the band, family and friends, we had over 10 cars of all types. We had 50+ folks. I know that is a new record!

Ron Custer is working hard and diligently on the national convention and it is coming along. We already have four volunteers. At the next meeting will definitely start a list and maybe some subcommittees to work on things. Be sure to try to come and bring your ideas.

Well I did not think this would happen, but fate is the hunter. I was not going to get another Model T, no way, no how. One is plenty. However never say never. Dennis Rutkoskie from our club came to one of the breakfasts a while back. He said a man called and needed to let his fathers 26 Model T Coupe go, that his father had bought when he was eight years old. He is now 72. If any club members could buy it, he wanted it to go to a good home. Well I thought of course, my friend in Wisconsin would jump on this. However he did not and no member at breakfast was biting. I thought it over and Margie, my wife said absolutely not, which is very reasonable and practical. I got the pics in and it was gorgeous and had been stored for 20+ years. I showed Dave and he said he would buy it if he had the room but he did not. I showed Margie the pics and told her what Dave had said. She and her wisdom said, "Honey you just need to go ahead and call that guy and buy it." Wow! So I called my good friend and next-door neighbor John and I told him about the car. He said where is it? I said Burley, Idaho and he started laughing. I said what's so funny and he said I have family there. We can just stay with them. I cannot believe I got the car with great help, So, long story short, all fell into place and we picked up the car from the guy who knew the car was going to get a great home, but he did shed one or two alligator tears. Once home, Bill supervised and John and I put in a new battery, gas and oil. She started right up! Amazing cars, they just want to run. Can't wait to fix it up, which is minimal so far, and drive it around.

Well hope to see you all at breakfast or a meeting.

Safe travels, President Tom

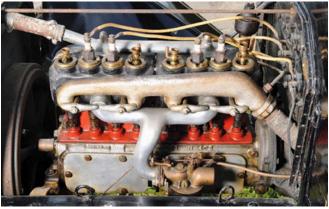
"I know where I am going. I just don't know how to get there" Flight attendant American Eagle Airlines





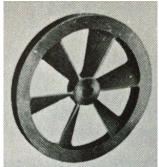
# Ford's Model N





After Henry Ford bought out his main investor, Alexander Malcomson, Ford's high end automobile, the Model K was suspended leaving the way open to manufacture a cheap car in mass quantities. In 1906 the Ford organization took a giant stride forward with the introduction of the Model N. Ford would now stake the company fortunes on manufacturing one chassis and only one. Automobiles were no longer mere novelties, the N would be a practical, usable vehicle. The Model N was hailed as the "Best Designed" car yet seen in the United States and this was when you first heard Henry Ford's expression of "A car for the ordinary man!"

It was Ford's first four-cylinder, inline engine, mounted longitudinally in the front, under the "hood." Notice that the cylinders were cast in pairs and then two pairs were bolted to an aluminum crankcase. Ignition to the spark plugs was supplied through dry cell batteries. The engine had a front mounted flywheel with fins that also served as the cooling fan. Another unique setup was two brake pedals. One operated the transmission brake and the other an internal expanding brake on the rear wheels. The pedal could then be latched in place serving as a parking brake. The transmission, operated by a lever, was a planetary gear type (a simpler version of the Model T's). Pull back for low, center for neutral and forward for high. It produced 15 hp and was said to achieve 45 mph. The entire vehicle weighed in at 1050 pounds and could achieve two hundred miles on ten gallons of gas. Fenders were simple wing-like attachments and there were no running boards, only a step. It is said that the Model N had the first trunk. The trunk with a deck lid, came to a point in a boat-tail look. Lights, tops and windshields were all extras.



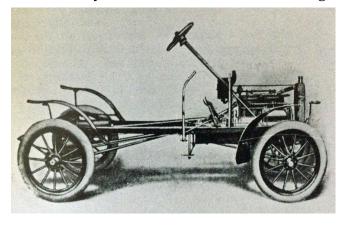


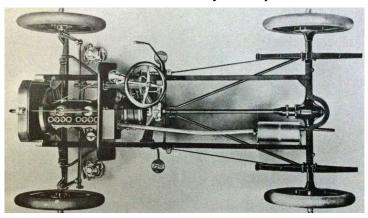


flywheel

Model N engine & transmission

cylinder pair





In 1907 Ford made the body slightly larger, changed to bigger tires and connected the fenders with running boards. It was then sold as the Model R. The R was marketed as "A Car of More Pretentious Appearance!" In 1908 a little more refining was done and a roadster version with "rumble" seat was added, hence the Model S. All three models were basically a Model N with added upgrades.





Model R Model S

The innovations were such that most carried over to the Model T. The Model N, R and S were the proving grounds for vanadium steel, which was used extensively on the Model T. The Model T inherited most of the Model N's frame and suspension design. These cars, the N, R and S, financed the development and the tooling for **your** Model T. They also made the top Ford employees extremely rich.

Less than 14,000 of these cars were built from 1906 to 1908, but these cars were the first made from standardized parts. Engines and transmissions were machined and assembled in a progressive operation that was the beginning of Ford's modernization. Goals were set to produce 100 cars per day with a price around \$500. The Henry Ford and The Piquette Museums have some of each on display. The Model T Ford Club of America has a Model R. There have been a couple seen in vintage car shows, but they are extremely rare.

There were some amazing accomplishments in a very short period of time at Ford. The Ford Motor Company started producing the first Model A in 1903, then the C, the F and the upscale Model K. The first production Model T's were completed at the end of 1908. For a comparison, take time to watch the documentary *A Faster Horse*. The redesigned Mustang that came out in 2015 had taken Ford engineers six years to design and put into production.

# **Dave's Model N**

Our friend and longtime member, Dave, has built his own personal rendition of the Ford Model 'N.' His inspiration came from a photo of a Model N that he found in a magazine. I like to think that I inspired him further by supplying him with more Model N photos during his construction. He started with a Model T chassis and running gear. His wheels were adapted from a 1928 Chevrolet. Then he hand built the rest. Take a close look at Dave's attention to detail. Compare the fenders, the hood and the trunk design with how Dave took ideas from Ford's Model N and made Dave's Model N. The end result is a beautiful car. Henry Ford never saw the quality and imagination that Dave puts into his builds.







# **Clark County Museum**

On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> our club visited the Clark County Museum in Henderson. This is one of Las Vegas' hidden gems. The museum encompasses 30 acres and features an exhibit hall highlighting Southern Nevada's history from pre-historic to modern times. The Heritage Street, which was the destination for our Model T's, is a collection of restored historic buildings from Las Vegas and the surrounding area. Besides the houses it includes the old Boulder City Railroad Depot and the Candlelight Wedding Chapel. If you didn't get to join us, I hope the following pictures encourage you to visit on your own. The museum is open everyday and the admission is just \$2.





Did you know that two of our members were instrumental in putting the Heritage Street together? Guess who?





Goumond House 1931



**Beckley House 1912** 



Giles/Barcus House 1924



Boulder City Train Depot 1931



Candlelight Wedding Chapel 1966

# After breakfast at Skyline, we headed out for the museum!











**Our Model T's became part of Heritage Street!** 











It was just a good day to hang out with friends!





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#### 2023 MTFCA Meeting Update

Plans for the national meeting are happening at a rapid rate.

Mob Museum discount tickets are being negotiated
Program advertising forms are ready
Welcome sign will include advertisers and sponsers
Meeting coming up with Gateway Classic Cars for the banquet
Gateway will be supplying lanyards
Meeting coming up with Embassy Suites for host hotel
Goldstrom's tour on Sunday for those extending their stay

Up for discussion: Buttons, souvenirs, trophies, transportation and a possible name

Name Ideas: Viva "T" Vegas, Vegas "T" Time, Lizzies in Vegas, Vin"T" age Vegas 2023

Please bring your ideas to the June meeting!

