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May Celebrations

Gents Birthdays:

Dirick Van Gorp 1st
Carson Combs 9th
Wayne Mims 19th
Art Goldstrom 22nd
Jon Bibbens 23rd
Bob Fleischman 28th

Wedding Anniversaries:

Karen & Ron Custer 2nd
Jennifer & Bill Mitchell 25th
Amy & Richard McGuinness 25th
Lara & Christian Kolberg 27th
Peggy Zimmer & Thomas Reich 29th
Judy & Ron Orr 30th
Colleen & Jerry Jacks 30th

Ladies Birthdays:

Libbey Sharpe 13th
Colleen Jacks 23rd
Jennifer Mitchell 30th

Officers for 2021

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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

May 22nd - Breakfast at Combs'

May 30th - Ice Cream at Sagos'

** September 25th - Sunset Park Picnic*

"Next Meeting"

Tuesday, May 11th

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:

(except for May 22nd)

Sunshine & Tailwinds Café

@ the NLV Airport

&

Bros. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

@ 4335 N Rancho Dr.

(CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES)

"things are starting to open up"

Webmaster - Ron Custer

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Newsletter Contributions

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In Loving Memory

Maxine Warren

March 10, 1940 - April 17, 2021



SOUTHERN NEVADA MODEL T CLUB

Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Izzy Combs, Vice President.

OFFICERS ROLL

PRESIDENT - TOM COLLINS (absent)
 SEC/ TREAS - CHERYL SAGO
 TOUR MASTER - JOHN WARREN
 JR. AMBSDR - CARSON COMBS
 WEBMASTER - RON CUSTER (absent)

VICE PRESIDENT - IZZY COMBS
 MEMBERSHIP - GARY COOPER (absent)
 TOUR MASTER - DEDE LAGROW
 NEWS/ HIST - TERRY SAGO
 DRAWINGS - DIRICK VAN GORP (absent)

PRESIDENT REPORT	No Report.
VICE PRESIDENT REPORT	Izzy announced that she will be glad when Tom returns.
JR AMBASSADOR REPORT	Carson reported that there were 3 cars that attended the Logandale Fair and there seemed to be a good amount of interest generated. He is getting his car ready for the Speedster Run for April 24.
SECRETARY REPORT	Minutes of the March meeting were approved as reported.
TREASURER REPORT	Cheryl reported the current balance forward of \$XXXX.XX (see separate report) Report was approved by members.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT	Terry reported that we now have 61paid members.
WEBMASTER REPORT	No Report.
TOUR MASTERS	John reported that the Logandale Fair was good. The Saturday breakfast will be at the NLV Airport café for April 17. The Goldstrom show will be on April 24, in addition to the Speedster Run in St George on April 23-25. The Utah Canyon Tour is April 26-29 in Panguitch, UT. John asked Terry & Cheryl if they could resurrect the Train Guy tour.
NEWSLETTER	Terry is working on a story of the Franklin Automobile Museum. He told about the History Channel having a show coming up Memorial Day weekend called "The Titans that Built America". He also reported that he received 24 views in postcard form of the Ford Plant that the members might be interested in. He will send a PDF file to the members.
HISTORIAN	Terry did not have too much to report, as the newsletter has been keeping him very busy.
OLD BUSINESS	DeDe talked about a Denny's that is willing to take the group for breakfasts. John commented on the Hover Dam Tour and the Logandale Fair, and said both were very good. Izzy announced the space for the picnic at Sunset Park has been confirmed. DeDe suggested a signup sheet for the potluck, and she will be in charge for our club of buying the meat and condiments and paper goods. Harold says we split the cost of the space and food with the Model A club.
NEW BUSINESS	Izzy Combs announced that they will host a breakfast at 8am on May 22, 2021 at their home, menu will be Cowboy Cuisine. Terry S. told of the Sago Ice Cream Social being planned for May 30 at 3PM at the Sago home. The upcoming Utah events were discussed, as well as the Tulare and Mariposa swapmeets. DeDe also will host a breakfast in October 2021, actual date pending.
50/50 DRAWING	50/50 was \$50, \$25 to the club and \$25 to the winner, Jerry Jacks. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.
Next Meeting date	May 11, 2021

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance (from March)	\$XXXX.XX
Reups	\$XX.XX
Raffle	\$XX.XX
Newsletter (printing & postage)	\$ -XX.XX
Balance (April 13, 2021)	\$XXXX.XX

T's Shop Talk


Greetings all! We at the club have so much going on. First of all I would like to thank Izzy, Cheryl, Terry and John for running the meeting in my absence. I will be back for the next meeting. I went on the Hoover Dam breakfast tour. I definitely am a touring person, I loved it. We had nine cars. It was a beautiful day to drive around the desert, I think we did around 60 miles. Met a couple of new folks, everyone is so nice and supportive. If you don't have a car, we'd love to see you out as a support vehicle on any breakfast or tour. **You might even get a ride!**



The booth at the Logandale fair was a huge success. We had four cars there a 2016 Mustang, 1915 Model T Runabout, 1923 Touring T and a 1920's Model T Racing Car. Lots of younger folks interested in the club. Fun visiting and talking about tours and cars with folks. Thanks to Terry and Cheryl Sago for setting up a wonderful booth with a club banner, model cars, history books and pictures of previous touring, great job! So glad Bill and Maxine Warren spent the day with us at the fair. My condolences to Bill. Maxine will be missed.

On a lighter note the November 6th picnic spot is now reserved. Looking forward to that and other events in the near future. Good luck to those going on the speed race and Utah tour. Can't wait to hear all about that! All adventures start with 1 foot in front of the other.

Safe travels, President Tom



Breakfast at Carson's
 May 22nd at 8:00 am
 We're planning a visit to Carson Comb's ranch for a cowboy breakfast with all the fixin's.

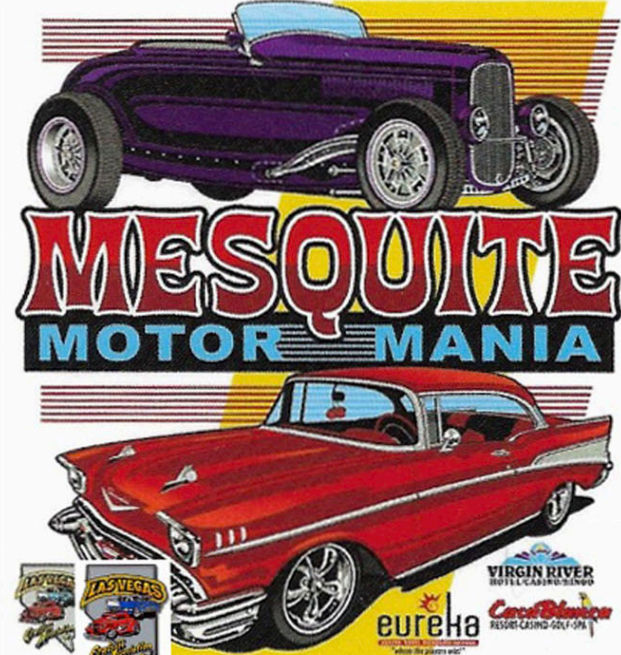
"See the Comb's collection: firetruck, horse drawn hearse, chuckwagon, old cars and even more stuff."

6545 Whispering Sands Dr. Las Vegas 89131
 (Farm & Rainbow area)



Terry & Cheryl would like to invite you to an
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 3:00 pm
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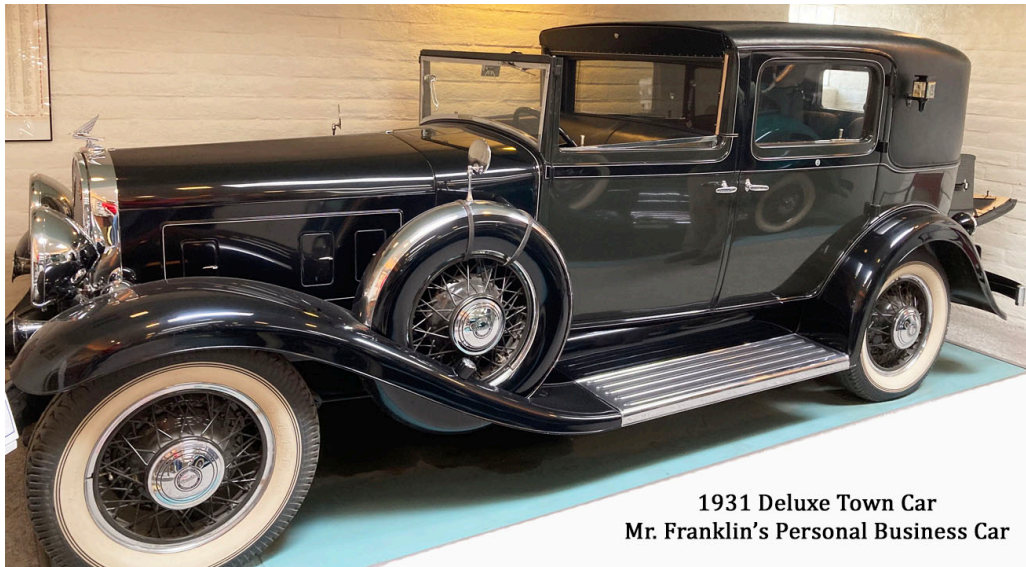


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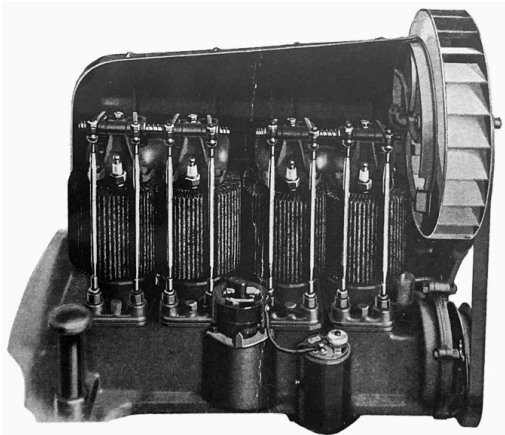
“The less you know about motor cars, the more you need a **Franklin**. And the more you know, the more you **WANT** one.”



1931 Deluxe Town Car
Mr. Franklin's Personal Business Car

That line is taken from the advertisements of The Franklin Automobile Company of Syracuse, New York. Franklins were produced there from 1902 until 1934. Most of you probably never heard of a Franklin, but they were popular and most reliable in their day. Even today there are more than 1000 active members in The H.H. Franklin Club. Franklins gained notoriety during the annual races from L.A. to Phoenix that took place from 1908 through 1915. The race was originally proposed to demonstrate an automobile's ability to cross mountains and road-less deserts. The Franklin proved itself with its flexible, resilient construction, large wheels, light weight, full elliptic springs and air-cooled engine. They were technological leaders with the first six cylinder engines as early as 1905 and the first automatic spark advance in 1907. Franklins were, however, odd-looking cars with no radiators. They had barrel shaped and "Renault" styled hoods. Critics of H.H. Franklin agreed that he produced excellent cars, but he should build a car that looked like what the public thought it should look like. He succumbed to the pressure and in 1925 enlisted the help of outside designers, in particular J. Frank deCause, and produced some beautifully designed automobiles that included faux radiator shells and even hood ornaments. These redesigned bodies were what started the "classic" years.

The first Franklin was actually running on the streets of Syracuse in 1898. Originally John Wilkinson and John Burns designed and built a car with a 4-cycle, 4-cylinder, air-cooled, front (trans-mounted) engine. Most cars of the day were one cylinder and steered by a tiller. Franklins had a regular steering wheel system that was easy to maneuver. They were built with an Ash wood frame which gave the car flexibility on the rough roads and trails. Since one of the great drawbacks of beginning automobiles was the frequent failures of rubber tires, Wilkinson thought that keeping Franklins lightweight would reduce the punishment to the tires. This was accomplished with the extensive use of aluminum. The air-cooled engine cylinders were cast with several cooling fins to allow heat dissipation. There was no need to cast a water jacket system into the block and no need for a radiator. Since there was no commercial antifreeze for several years yet, a great side benefit to air-cooled was its ability to be used in cold weather. Doctors were especially grateful to have a ready to go vehicle for those cold-night emergencies.



Herbert Franklin was a savvy businessman that had purchased a patent process that was called "hydrostatic molding." This process was later renamed "Die-Casting." His first project in this new business was manufacturing a wall mounted match striker. In a few years his shop was big enough to take on the manufacturing of an automobile. Franklin provided the money for research and development and Wilkinson's automobile was put into production. "Franklins" quickly evolved into luxury cars. They retained air-cooled engines, and extensive air plenums and fans were added to cool the six and twelve cylinder models. Wood and aluminum were still used extensively with steel supplementing the fenders as aluminum did not hold up well to road hazards.

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Franklin had borrowed heavy in order to develop the 12-cylinder engine as the depression started. Just as other businesses didn't think the depression would last, it took its toll on The Franklin Company and the creditors soon moved in and took control of the company. The 12-cylinder project was abandoned and their existing line of cars were sold at heavy discounts. The company soon collapsed. During the 32 years the Franklin Company had produced 153,000 automobiles. However, air-cooled engines were not lost. The engineers from Franklin started their own company and started to produce aircraft engines. Long story short, Preston Tucker bought into the new company and guess what kind of engines were in the 50 Tucker automobiles?

You say, "Franklins, I've never seen a Franklin." There is a Franklin museum practically in our backyard. In Tucson, AZ there is a collection of maintained Franklins, several with some great provenance. One was even the personal town car of Mr. Franklin. Thomas Hill Hubbard acquired these autos during his years of being **THE** professional restorer of the "classic" models of Franklins. He worked for many clients, but he was best known for his work with Bill Harrah. Bill Harrah had a special place in his heart for Franklins and had a large collection of Franklins (62) within his large collection. The Franklin Museum is on the grounds of Mr. Hubbard's estate, which consists of all the shops where the restorations took place and Hubbard's family home, a classic 30's Pueblo desert ranch house. The curator and docents are hands-on people that have personal attachments to the vehicles and extensive knowledge. Our docent, Bill, grew up in the neighborhood and at 10 years old was helping Mr. Hubbard. And just to let you know, our own Scotty, from Scotty's Castle fame, was frequently seen driving a Franklin.



Before planning your trip, check in with the museum. They are typically closed for part of the hot summer.



Franklin Automobile Museum
 1405 E. Kleindale Road
 Tucson, AZ 85719
 (520) 326-8038



Do you drive a coupe?
 Just remember what
 J. Frank deCausse always said,

"It's Koo-pays! Koops are for chickens!"

"The Titans that Built America"

A three part mini-series airing 3 nights starting Monday, May 31st at 9 pm. This is an updated version of "Men Who Built America". It will detail the rivalry of American titans: Henry Ford, JP Morgan, William Chrysler, William Boeing and Pierre DuPont. These are men that fought each other and FDR to build billion-dollar empires in automobiles, airplanes, arms and skyscrapers, then they all worked together to fight Hitler in World War II.



Look for it on the "History" channel.

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