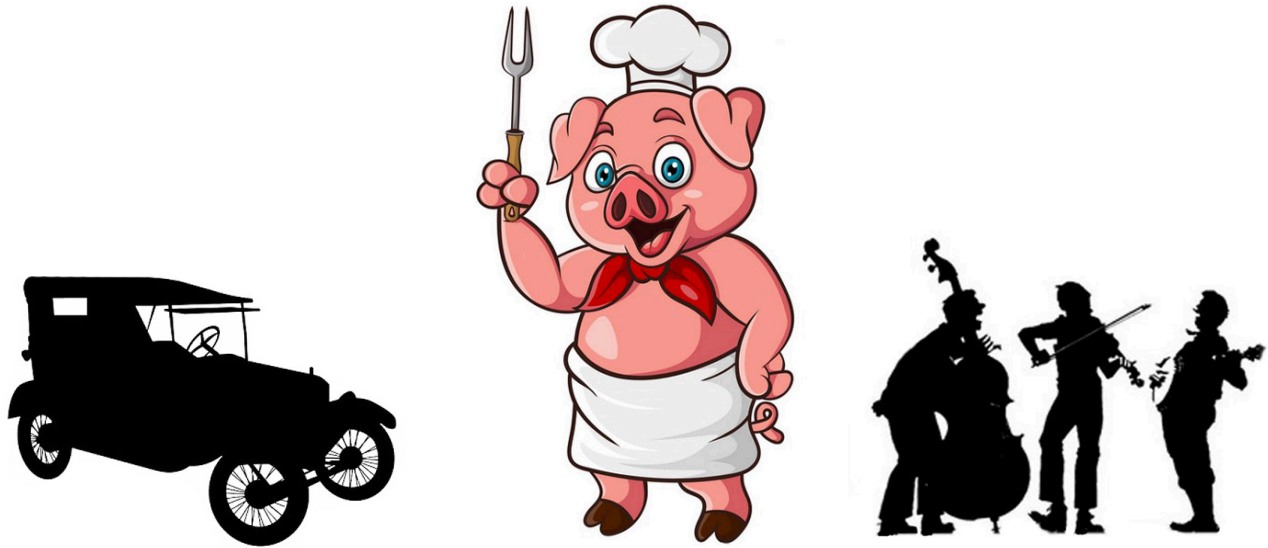


**Sunday, May 15th**

**Bluegrass Entertainment**



**Vintage Car Show**

**&**

**Piggy Roast**

**“Nevada Blue Grassers”**  
will be playing for the  
**“Southern Nevada Model T Club”**  
(and your friends and family)

**Place: Comb’s backyard**  
6545 Whispering Sands Dr.  
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**Time: 11am to 3pm (music starts at noon)**

**Details: Bring your “T” or any other old car**  
**Show cars park in backyard**

**Club is Providing**  
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**Bring**  
Dessert to share and your own drinks

***“Pool will be open!”***

Questions: 702-373-5150 Cheryl  
702-373-2321 Terry

May 2022



# "T" DRIVER



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## *"Next Meeting"*

Tuesday, May 10th  
Bros. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
4335 N. Rancho Dr.  
• dinner at 6:00 pm • meeting at 7:00 pm •

## *"T" Driver Breakfasts*

May 7th - Black Bear (Trop)  
& Mitchell Tour  
May 14th - NLV Airport  
May 21st - Bros  
May 28th - Vickie's &  
Mob Museum

*Bring your friends!*

## • T Driver Future Events •

### **"Bluegrass" @ Combs**

Sunday, May 15th

### Fall Picnic @ Spring Mountain

Sunday, October 2nd

### Cadence Car Show

Sunday, October 9th

### Kingman - Seligman Tour

Fall

### Las Vegas Poker Run

Fall

### Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10th

## 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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## OTHER CAR RELATED EVENTS

- May 1st - Team Ford/ Chevrolet Car Show
- May 21st - Boulder City Elks Car Show
- May 28th - Best Dam Car Show
- May 29th-June 4th - Golden Gate Tour
- June 5th - Auburn, CA Vintage Swap Meet
- June 11th - Riverside Model T Swap Meet
- July 9th - Cedar City Jamboree
- July 16th - Long Beach Model T Swap Meet
- August 13th - South Point (indoor)
- September 10th - Orcutt, CA Ford Show
- September 16th-18th - Mesquite Super Run
- October 7th-8th - Henderson Hot Rod Days
- October 15th & 16th - Southwest T Extravaganza
- October 28th-30th - Concours Tour d'Elegance
- November 5th - Goldstrom's Classic Car Show

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*"Farewell to our dear friend"*

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# Southern Nevada Model T Club

Minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Tom, President

## OFFICERS ROLL

PRESIDENT-TOM  
SEC/TREAS-CHERYL  
TOUR MASTER-JOHN  
JR AMBASDR-CARSON (absent)  
WEBMASTER-RON (absent)

VICE PRESIDENT-IZZY (absent)  
MEMBERSHIP-JUDY  
MEMBERSHIP-SHERRY (absent)  
NEWS/HIST-TERRY  
DRAWINGS-DIRICK

**PRESIDENT REPORT**-Tom reported on the National Model T Club meeting held in St. Louis, MO. He and John have set up a tour after the breakfast on April 30. Breakfast will be at Skyline on Boulder Hwy, then tour the Clark County Museum on Boulder in Henderson immediately following. Bring your T's and we can park by the old houses for pictures.

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**- absent

**JUNIOR AMBASSADOR REPORT**-absent

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT**-Minutes of the March meeting were voted on and approved as read. The treasurer's report was voted on and approved as read. Cheryl went over plans for a May 15 BBQ, Car Show and Bluegrass Jam. A vote was taken for the club to host and a \$400 budget was approved.

**NEWSLETTER/HISTORIAN REPORT**-Terry gave a rousing endorsement for a television show called Repair Shop the members might enjoy. Then he gave several infomercials on the Worx Drill Driver and the Worx Cordless Air Pump and demonstrated them. He then shared a Matchbox toy car, the 1949 Kurtis along with a corresponding story about Harley Earl and Madman Muntz.

**WEBMASTER REPORT**-none

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**-Judy reported 81 paid members, adding 2 new members since March.

**TOUR MASTER REPORT**-John announced the rest of the breakfasts slated for April, then on to May. May 7 will be breakfast at Black Bear on Trop, with a tour of Bill Mitchell's right after. May 14 will be NLV Airport Café. The Special Club BBQ, Car Show & Bluegrass party will be May 15, 11am-3pm at the Comb's residence. Bring your cars. May 21 will be breakfast at Bros and May 28 will be the fall picnic in conjunction with the Model A Club at the Spring Mountain Ranch. Cost to get into the park is \$10 per car, the picnic is free. Start saving your auction items! Tom took a vote for the Christmas Party to be held December 10 at Dean's Place from 4-7PM. It passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**-Stanley is working with John to try and do a tour in Kingman, AZ. Logistics of driving vs trailering the cars was discussed. John reported the Death Valley tour will be postponed until further notice. Tom attended the Logandale fair and reported it was very crowded. Carson sold his 270 pound pig for \$8.25 per pound.

**NEW BUSINESS**-Harold shared information about the Long Beach, CA swap meet, scheduled for July 16. Ron is working on a Poker Run for Fall somewhere in town, details TBD. Terry suggested a tour at the Springs Preserve, Tom will check into that. October 2 will be the fall picnic in conjunction with the Model A Club at the Spring Mountain Ranch. Cost to get into the park is \$10 per car, the picnic is free. Start saving your auction items! Tom took a vote for the Christmas Party to be held December 10 at Dean's Place from 4-7PM. It passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 10, 2022

**50/50 Drawing** Amount \$75.00 Winner: Dale \$38.00 Club: \$37.00

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55pm

## T's Shop Talk

Greetings All !!!!

It's an active and busy time of the season. The weather has been grand here in Las Vegas, not counting the wind storms of course. Terry and Cheryl Sago went to Tulare swap meet last weekend and Cheryl volunteered for the National Model T booth. Way to go Cheryl! Terry came up with a great idea to put in the monthly newsletter our progress of working on the National Model T convention next year that we are hosting. The Christmas dinner is already locked down at Dean's Place since we had so much fun there and the food was great. The date is December 10th. More news in the future. Thanks to Dave Cuddie and John Warren for helping with my AC brakes, hopefully finishing up soon. Coming up after breakfast at Skyline is the Clark County Museum tour. We have permission to park on the old street for pictures. Big get together at Clint and Izzy Combs with live music on May 15th. Hope to see you there! On May 28th, tour of the Mob Museum after breakfast. Fun Tours I'm sure. Went to Wally Bellows shop and put on chains to hold up tailgate on Model T. Picked up some 100 year old chains to weld and bolt on. Thank you Wally for your help and tutelage. At a breakfast someone asked me how I knew the chains were 100 years old? That's easy I replied, "Wally said they were." Driving around town is going swell. I put on almost 200 miles last month. Hope to see you at a breakfast meeting or tour very soon before it gets too hot!!!!

Safe travels,  
President Tom

Pain heals  
Chicks dig scars  
Glory lasts forever

Keneu Reeves in the movie the replacements



## Model T Tires & Wheels

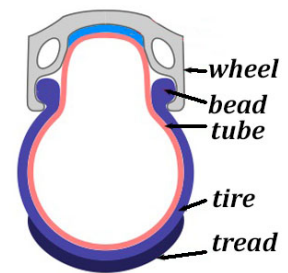
Clincher tires, demountable rims and split rims, we hear these terms at every Saturday morning breakfast, but what exactly are they? Before 1925 there were a lot of variations in tires and wheels for your Model T, especially wheels. Ford was striving to manufacture all of their own parts, but that wasn't always the case for these items. You'll find "Ford" stamped on some wheels, but it is more likely that they will say Hayes, Firestone or Kelsey. Each manufacturer's wheels were slightly different, not making their wheels identical to their competitors. Kelsey rims would not fit Hayes and vice-versa. It was not until the mid 1920's that wheel manufacturers adapted the Hayes design and rims became interchangeable. In addition, there were periods of time when both an old and new design of a wheel was being used concurrently. In the years that Model T's were painted something other than black, wood wheels were sometimes painted to match the car.



First let's talk about rubber tires. Looking to increase the rubber's wear, chemical compounds were added to the mixture for tires. The first rubber tires on cars were white or maybe a kind of white gray due to zinc oxide in the mix. Somewhere along the line it was decided that white tires weren't esthetically pleasing. Manufacturers experimented with color by placing dyes in the rubber mixture. This was an expensive process and who wanted blue or red tires? The solution was to add carbon to the rubber. Carbon, an industrial by product, was cheap and a black tire was made. Carbon also did a better job of increasing the tires longevity.



In the beginning pneumatic tires were clincher tires. The tires were made with a bead on the edge that fit into a rounded lip on the inside of the wheel. Clinchers require a higher pressure (50 to 60 psi) to keep the tires from spinning on the wheels. Clinchers inflated to these higher pressures produce a stiff, solid ride. When balloon tires, with straight sides, became available



**Clincher Tire & Tube  
Cross Section**

they would be the preferred tire. Balloon tires are inflated to between 35 and 40 psi making a much softer ride. Note: All of these pneumatic tires use rubber inner tubes.

Then there is tire size. For many years, Model T's came with 30" x 3 1/2" tires in the rear and 30" x 3" in the front. The thirty designates the outside diameter of the tire and the three is the width. With the advent of balloon tires, tires are now measured to the rim diameter. At or about 1925, Model T's came from the factory with 21" x 4.5" balloon tires. The outer diameter of this tire is approximately the same size as the 30's. Also, the front and rear tires are now the same width, no longer two different sizes.

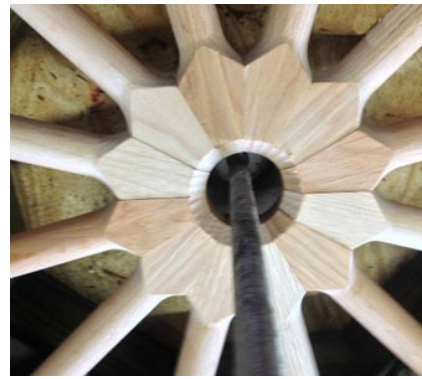


The first wheels for automobiles were adapted from artillery style wheels with wooden spokes that came from 19th century wagons and gun carriages. The wood spokes for the automobile wheels however, were fitted around a hub in a keystone fashion with miter cuts as opposed to wagon wheels that were mortised into the hub. (see picture)





*hub end of wood spoke*



*spokes "keystoned"*

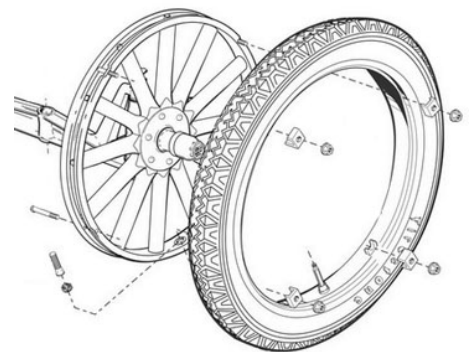
A "very" few Model T's came with dished-out wood spokes on the front wheels. The thought was that the dished-out shape would allow the finished spokes to be vertical to the ground and weight would be transferred straight down to compensate for extreme camber in the front axle. These dished-spoked wheels are seldom seen, so keep a lookout. With abundant hickory forests in Michigan, Henry Ford used hickory for the spokes which proved to be the best, but not all manufacturers followed suit. In the later years there were even steel welded-spoke wheels. Then, during the "Improved Ford" era, wire wheels were the option of choice.



*wire wheel*



Road hazards and an abundance of horseshoe nails made flat tires a common problem. Breaking down your tire to patch the tube and re-inflate the tire on the side of the road was not an easy job. Manufacturers looked for solutions to ease the burden of these roadside repairs. They came in the form of demountable rims. With demountable rims, the hub, the spokes and the felloes (the rim that the spokes are attached to) stay on the car, an outer rim is unbolted from the felloes and the tire with the outer rim slides off.



You carry one or two extra tires mounted on just the outer rims. This makes for a fairly quick change.

Next, back in the shop, getting that tire off the wheel to patch your tube can be a wrestling match. That's where split rims came in. A split rim is a wheel that has a joint in the rim that can be taken apart. Splitting the rim reduces the diameter so that you can put the tube in the tire, then the rim slides in the center with a reduced diameter. The rim is then spread apart with a spreading tool. The splice is bolted in and you're ready to inflate. However, if you don't have the spreading tool, this can be a dangerous proposition.



*using a spreading tool on a split-rim*



*Split Rim Splice*

You will find many variations with all these wheel combinations. There are even stories out there that Model T's frequently came from the factory with mismatched wheels. It's a very good chance that your Model T wheels are not a matched set. **Well, at least they worked for the first hundred years!**

## Model T Ford Club Of America 2022 & 2023 National Meetings

Tom & Ron attended the National Model T meeting in St. Louis on March 25th and 26th. They were able to meet with the national club directors and get some insight on how the national meetings are conducted. As a treat all the attendees also got to tour the St. Louis Arch and Hyman Classic Cars.



If you haven't heard, Las Vegas has been selected for the 2023 national meeting. Our club will be serving as the host. We have a year to prepare and Tom and Ron brought back some ideas on how our club can make this a successful and enjoyable event.

The proposed dates are March 23, 24 & 25, 2023. The host hotel will be The Embassy Suites. A meet and greet will be held Thursday evening. The general meeting will be Friday. There may also be a "extra" event Friday for spouses not attending the meeting. On Saturday our guests will tour The Mob Museum and The Shelby Museum. Saturday evening will be the farewell and awards banquet.

An ad to register for the event will start running in the November/ December Vintage Ford Magazine. We'll be putting together a gift bag for attendees of Las Vegas souvenirs, advertisements and coupons.

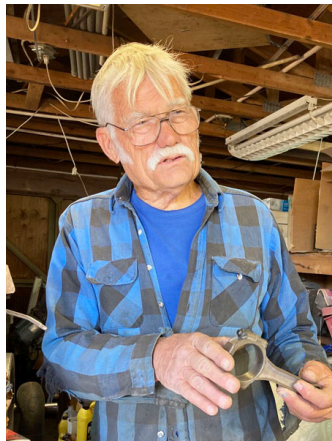
### Things that they learned to help make this event special for everyone:

A concierge table setup during the event to guide attendees and answer questions.

Have a couple of Model T's on display at the event.

Put a cap on the number of attendees.

Push for a strict signup date. (sometime in February)



Kudos to my educators when it comes to anything to do with Model T's!



Here are a few different designs of split rims.



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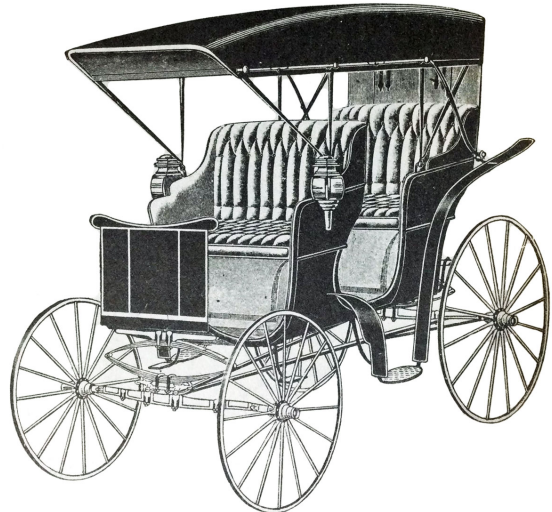
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**Gee! Do you see any similarities between a 1908 Model T and a 1908 Surrey?**  
(Surrey picture was taken from a 1908 Sears catalog)