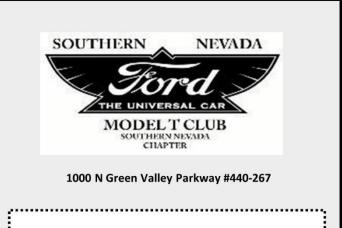






SOUTHERN NEVADA MODEL T CLUB A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE M.T.F.C.A.

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**OUR GOALS** 

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

www.southernnevadamodeltclub.org

# **Check Out Our Social Media Platforms**



# UPCOMING

NEXT MEETING: 04/11/23 ~Winchells Pub & Grill

(In meeting room) 199 E. Warm Springs Road LV, NV 89119 \*Dinner at 6pm \*Meeting at 7pm

## BREAKFASTS 04/01/23

~Fire Rock 5990 Centennial Center Blvd. LV, NV 89149

## 04/08/23

~Winchells Pub & Grill

199 E. Warm Springs Road LV, NV 89119 (Warm Springs & Gillespie)

# 04/15/23

~NLV Airport Cafe 2730 Airport Drive NLV, NV 89032

# 04/22/23

~Vickie's 953 E. Sahara Las Vegas, NV 89005

# 04/29/23

### ~Peg's Ham & Eggs

8465 W. Sahara Las Vegas, NV 89117

\*\* All information, dates, times etc. can be found on our Club Website

www.southernnevada modeltclub.org

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Don't forget to check our website. It contains lots of great info!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

04/01/23

~Brad Garrett's Maximum Hope Charity Car Show Shelby American Heritage Center 6405 Ensworth St. LV, NV 89119

April 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 ~SCMTC 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Speedster Run Arizona

April  $1^{st} - 2^{nd} 2023$ ~SCMTC 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Speedster Run Arizona

04/30/23 ~Model T/A Picnic Vivaldi Park 1249 Seven Hills Dr Henderson NV 89052 \*bring side dish or dessert to share

09/30/23 Caffiene & Chrome SNMTC Model T Gathering Gateway Auto \*more info in future newsletters





Membership renewal forms at end of this newsletter



Greetings All:

Wow! There's so much going on that I don't know where to begin. The weather is warming up and we're starting to see Model T 's show up at our breakfasts; be sure to check our calendar for the next breakfast location and we'll see you there! We just wrapped up a wonderful MTFCA Annual Meeting that we hosted on March 25th. It was a great time for all that participated.

Be sure to pencil in April 30<sup>th</sup> for the Model T picnic! We are hosting the Model A's at Vivaldi Park 10 AM to 3 PM. Be sure to bring a dish that can be shared. We will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs as usual. A great auction is planned: bring that special item that someone can't live without! We're shooting for 20 cars. A's and T's together should be great for picture taking.

The Las Vegas Magazine, "Desert Companion" finished up some photography for an article they're doing for their magazine about Model T.'s. They took lots of pictures of the 1915 Model T. The article will be out in April so you can view it digitally or get the magazine.

Coming home from breakfast two weeks ago in the Model T, I had a piston 'missing' really bad. I am so glad my neighbor John Warren was on board. He diagnosed the problem as a valve keeper that had fallen out of the spring area. He pulled the coil, and we ran on home on three cylinders (pulling the dead cylinder) so we went from 20 hp to approximately 11 or 12 hp but we made it home! The T just wants to keep on running. Got the part in and all is working well; thanks to John Warren for coming over to help as usual; thankfully he had a special tool to hold the spring out of place so we could put in the part. Hope everyone is enjoying this new warm weather and getting out and about. Hope to see you guys at an event soon.

~President Tom

Nobility, most fully resides not in success, but in trying to do the right thing, and that when we failed to do that, or willfully, turn away from the challenge, Hell follows. -Stephen King

It's that time of year to renew your membership in the Southern Nevada Model T Club.

SNMTC Dues are \$30

Make checks payable to SNMTC – Please, do not mail cash **1000 N Green Valley Pkwy** #440-267 Henderson, NV 89074 (*Renewal form at end of this newsletter*)







# A Note from our VP

I just wanted to take a minute to thank all our amazing club members who helped support the MTFCA's



58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting with their attendance, volunteer efforts and the time you committed to make this a wonderful weekend for all who attended. We had 70 out of town guests, 27 local members and 28 different chartered clubs represented! How fantastic is that??? We even sold 69 commemorative teeshirts!

A special thank you goes out to the National Junior Honor Society students that Cathy wrangled up for us. They earned school credit for participating and did and awesome job taking on the various tasks we gave them! I also want to thank the volunteers that helped us, without you we couldn't have done this!

A very special thank you to: Gateway Classic Cars, Nostalgia Street Rods, and countless other local and corporate sponsors who helped make this event so successful. A proper thank you wouldn't be complete without thanking the amazing entertainment; thank you Sam for your beautiful guitar music and Steve for the phenomenal magic! Thank you to our photographer, Anthony who captured many highlights at the Awards Banquet.

I'd also like to take a minute to congratulate Harold Mann on being the first recipient of the: "Annual Harold Mann Founder Award". Our club will continue to bestow this honor yearly. Thank you, Mr. Mann, for helping to preserve the history of the Model T and for being an active participant with our club activities and events. You have touched each and every one of us in the Southern Nevada Model T Club and for that, we thank you with all of our hearts!





SNMTC presented MTFCA with the award on the left. Tom presented Harold with the Harold Mann Founder Award. Scotty built a special award for Harold out of all Model T









#### The History of the Southern Nevada Model T Club

About the middle of 1992 a group of (5) five men interested in Model T restoration and touring got their heads together and contacted the **Model T Ford Club of America** to find out what had to be done to become a charter member, and to form a local club. Those five people are: **Ralph Cordell, Harold Mann, Gary Cooper, Marvin Ray and Randi Petri**. Applying for a charter and National Liability Insurance with the Model T Ford Club of America. A meeting was planned and advertised for 26<sup>th</sup> of July 1992 and so the start of the <u>"Southern Nevada Model T Club"</u>. At that meeting we added our (6) sixth member, Don Cooper. We also elected officers for the club to meet National club rules. <u>President: Ralph Cordell, Vice President: Marvin Ray, Secretary/Treasurer: Harold Mann.</u> <u>Other directors were-Historian/Tour Master: Gary Cooper, Membership: Randi Petri</u>: also, at that meeting an agenda was set for forming bylaws, club name, meeting dates, times to meet, where to meet and cost to operate.

It was decided we needed to have a Newsletter, or some formal way to communicate to the members and the public our intentions to form a Club for all those interested in Restoration & Preservation of the Model T Ford.

The first tour taken was South on Las Vegas Boulevard to Fremont Street and then West to Main Street. "The Cheers and hand clapping, picture taking and video taking, crowd stopping experienced" at that tour was enough to know that great interest this city had for the old cars.

We met in Gary's workshop for several meetings. Then we went to Strawberry's Café for several meetings.

Gaining new members along the way. Dan O'Brian, Rex Welker, Dr. Koph, George Abernathy, Marvin Robinson, Joe Ballard, Gregg Dempsey, Michael Kerekes, Pete Proschold, Richard Hapiuk, Sr., Dennis Nelson, Bill Palmer, Larry Coon, Wayne Campbell, Burton Barrett, Frank Catania, Dick Aggen, LaMont Hess, Jimmy Grieco, Jim Marsh, Frog LaGrow, Val Marleau, Vic Crafton, and Bill Belter were all added to the club roster in the first full calendar year ending in 1993. All are Charter Members of the "Southern Nevada Model T Club".

We also had our first picnic February 20,1993 and started meeting at the Imperial Palace Auto Collection Deuesenberg Room September 21, 1993. We had the first Christmas party in December 1993.





# The Accessory Corner

One of the problems with obtaining extra horsepower with the Model T is the ignition system, which works great at low speeds but, is rather problematic when trying to achieve more power due to its limited rpm. One way of squeezing more power out of the T engine was to replace the troublesome coils and timer.

For the next couple articles, I'll cover a few of the different distributors made by numerous manufacturers that replace the coils/timer setup. If you want a little more pep, or a faster Model T, then you probably will need more rpm. But higher rpm isn't achievable with the stock setup of coils and timer. The problem isn't so much with the coils but more with the timer when pushing the engine to a higher speed.

I've heard stories of how a timer brush or stock timer roller would fly apart at higher rpms and timer rollers/brushes would tend to bounce around inside the timers causing uneven wear and misfires. One way to solve this is to install a distributer which eliminates the need for brushes and rollers and are now used on virtually all modern engines.

This month's accessory was made by one of the well-known manufacturers of radios, the Atwater-Kent Company. Most people were familiar with Atwater-Kent making radios, but few knew they were also involved in the manufacturing and designs of ignition systems for everything from stationary hit & miss engines, automobiles, and ships to aircraft.

I found this distributer called the Unisparker a few years ago at a swap meet in Iowa. Pictured next to the distributer is the hard-to-find Atwater-Kent coil. I was fortunate enough to find this coil at the Tulare swap meet last year.

Atwater-Kent designed these especially for the Model T engine. These date to about 1912-15. Years ago, I saw a T engine that had a Rajo head and this Atwater-Kent distributer/coil setup, and it worked really well.

Yet another nifty Model T accessory for the Accessory Corner!

By: Wallace Bellows



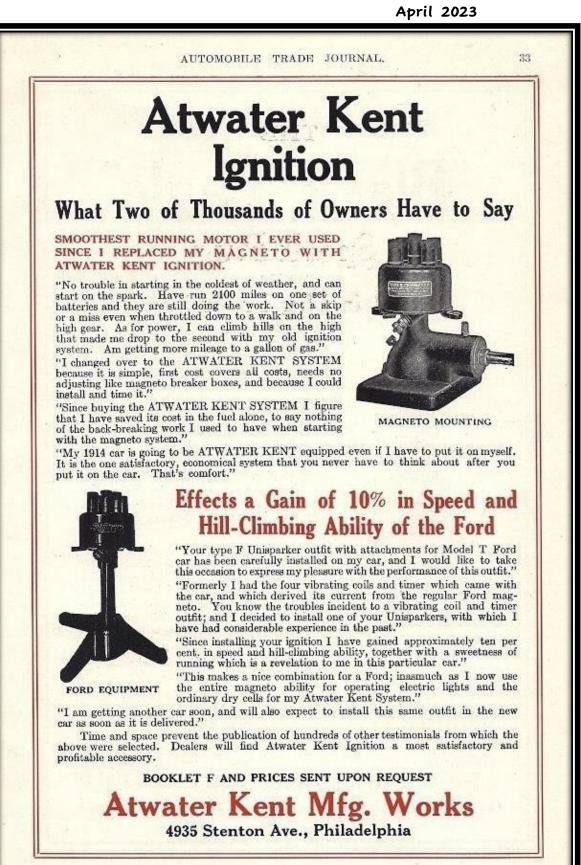








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Doesn't Wallace have the coolest stuff just laying around?









AN EXCITING ADVENTURE FOR OUR JUNIOR AMBASSADOR

# 2023 "Winter Renegade Tour"

This was the first ever tour for my Dodge and it did great! The tour was wonderful! We stopped at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, two expensive car collections and had a nice lunch at Paradise Cove after we made it over the Santa Monica mountains where my brakes went out at the bottom. I adjusted them and we were good to keep going. I even won the "Coolest Driver" Award for being pulled over at midnight while driving my parents and our friends. I forgot to turn my headlights on coming out of the McDonalds drive-thru, but the police officer was very cool and didn't give me a ticket. Nobody had any car trouble, and it was a great 3 days of touring around Thousand Oaks, California.

By: Carson Combs







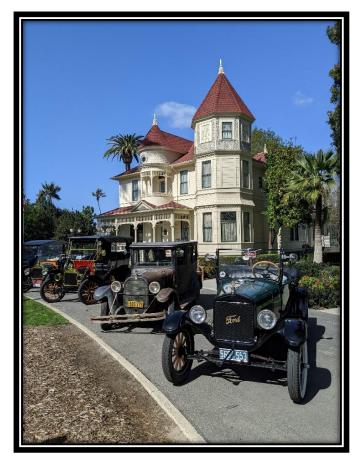
















What an exciting event to be a part of! Thanks for the great article, Carson!







A note from our editor ...

Hi Model T Family & Friends:

I just wanted to inform you all that effective immediately- I am resigning from my position as newsletter editor & selling my Model T..... **APRIL FOOL'S**!!!

*I'm just teasing you all*, but can someone please tell me how the heck it's April already??? Weren't we all just celebrating the holiday's? Time sure doesn't stand still for anyone!

No one really knows the origins of such a silly day like April Fool's Day, but there is some evidence indicating pranks being played on one another dating as far back as the 1500's. Did you know that in 1996, Taco Bell ran a newspaper ad announcing that it had purchased the Liberty Bell. The ad was a "risky thing to do" but it proved to other companies that "you get a huge bang for your buck if you pull off a stunt that everyone talks about." The ad represented a shift in the way that companies looked at April Fool's Day. Before that, it was a lighthearted gag and bit of fun, but starting with the "Taco Liberty Bell", companies began to see it to promote their brand and make money.

#### What monster has the most fun on April Fool's Day? PRANK-ENSTEIN!

Okay everyone, stop rolling your eyes at that corny joke-I promise, I'm done now! Just a little light humor before we all have to pay our taxes!

I will send out a separate MTFCA special edition with pictures in the weeks to come.

ALL NEWSLETTER RELATED MATERIAL CAN BE SENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW: <u>snmtcnewsletter@gmail.com</u>

Thanks, Karen

> Don't forget~ the newsletter will <u>\_</u> <u>ALWAYS GO OUT</u> on the last Tuesday of each month.





# The Ford Model T Was an Iconic Automobile

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher

Images from the National Automotive History Collection and the Robert Tate Collection

Published 7.31.2019

## PART 2 (Article will continue next month)



1926 Ford Model T brochure (National Automotive History Collection

The radiator on all Model Ts introduced a great looking design. The radiator shells on closed vehicles and headlamp rims on all models were plated with polished nickel. The louvers had extended almost the length of the hood and could permit free circulation of air for the drivers and passengers. Windshield wipers were standard on all Ford vehicles.













The Coupe was an exceptionally great looking car that could be used by men and women in business. The luggage compartment, which was located under the rear deck of the coupe, was dust free and waterproof. It had a capacity of 19 cubic feet of space.

(1926 Ford Model T Coupe Ad (Floyd Brink)

The Tudor Sedan was an ideal closed vehicle with room for five and was extremely economical to own and operate. Standard equipment included a hooded sun visor, windshield wipers, rear view mirror, dash light and a nickeled radiator shell.

(to be continued.....)







#### SOUTHERN NEVADA MODEL T CLUB

Minutes of the March 14, 2023, Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tom-at 7:22PM

OFFICERS ROLL: President - Tom Collins Secretary - Marilyn Warren Webmaster - Ron Custer Tour Master – John Warren Sergeant at Arms/Drawings: Dirick Van Gorp Historian – Wallace Bellows (absent)

Vice President - Ron Custer Treasurer - Margie Collins Newsletter - Karen Custer Jr. Ambassador – Carson Combs (absent) Membership – Judy Orr (absent)

#### BOARD CHAIRMAN/FOUNDER-Harold Mann

**President Report**: Meeting called to order and Tom shared that the "Desert Companion" Magazine contacted him about doing an article on the Model T. The issue will be out in April. President went on to say that the Annual Meeting is falling in to place and now it's down to the finishing touches. Shared that if you have any questions about the role you volunteered for; contact Ron or Karen Custer. President Tom also reminded us about the Spring Picnic at Vivaldi Park. Everyone is to bring a dish to share, and the club will be providing hamburgers & hotdogs. We will be having an auction and so you are encouraged to bring a great auction item.

<u>Vice President/Webmaster Report</u>: We now have 355 Facebook members which has really helped our club to network as well as make some great friends with the same interests as ours. Ron actively chats with other clubs around the country. Updates regarding the March MTFCA Annual Meeting: The meeting is fast approaching and much has been done to make this as seamless as possible. We have a grand total of 70 out of town guests, 27 local members and 28 different chartered clubs represented. Vice President Ron reported that the MTFCA said this will be one of the largest Annual Meetings in quite some time. We have 97 registered to attend the Awards Banquet. VP Ron also reminded us that the cost for the MTFCA membership has increased from \$40 to \$50. When he last spoke with Rachel at National they discussed preserving some memberships in a "Heritage" status to help our member roster in the future. This will be further discussed at a later time.

Secretary Report: Previous month's minutes approved.

<u>Membership Report</u>: Judy has been busy tending to personal business, so the membership responsibilities are being picked up by Margie & Karen. We now have 65 head of household members. Of course, club membership is much higher with all family members included. There are more members who say that they are renewing.

<u>Treasurer Report</u>: Financial report and increasing balance given.

<u>Newsletter Report</u>: Karen shared that she strives to continually improve the newsletter. She also shared that she has a volunteer agenda schedule made and will hand this schedule out to all are volunteering for the upcoming Annual Meeting at the end of this month. Karen will also type up a form for the NJHS Students that Cathy has organized so that they can receive proper school credit for their volunteer time.







**Tour Master Report**: The March breakfasts are as follow: 1<sup>st</sup> -FireRock, 8<sup>th</sup>-Winchells, 15<sup>th</sup>-North Las Vegas Airport, 22<sup>nd</sup> Vickie's and the 29<sup>th</sup> Peg's on West Sahara. John also brought the trophies that he made for the Annual Meeting. Everyone in the club loved them!

<u>Historian Report</u>: Wallace was unable to attend but has already sent some great information to Karen for his contributions to the Accessory Corner in the newsletter.

**New Business**: Tom shared that Hal White of the Model A group is having a tour May 5-7 and invited the SNMTC to trailer their cars and join in the festivities. The tour is in Cedar City. There is room to trailer your vehicle and park at the Old Ford Dealership and then go to the car show. After that, they are all driving out to Pioche later that afternoon and spending the night at the Pioche Best Western. You can call Best Western at (855) 462-1612 to make reservations. You can Contact Hal White at (702) 655-2254 with questions. Also, the Helldorado Parade is coming up on May 13<sup>th</sup> and the Model A group is participating. It's a couple of hours of commitment and you can call Hal White for more information if you are interested in participating. Lastly, Tom will be absent from our next meeting and Ron will be out of town for work so Dirick has agreed to run our April meeting which will also be at Winchell's Pub & Grill.

**50/50 Drawing**: Dirick sold raffle tickets at the beginning of the meeting. At the end the 50/50 was won by Tom Collins \$25 to Tom and \$25 to the Club. Dirick also brought a "surprise" giveaway, and it was won by Margie.

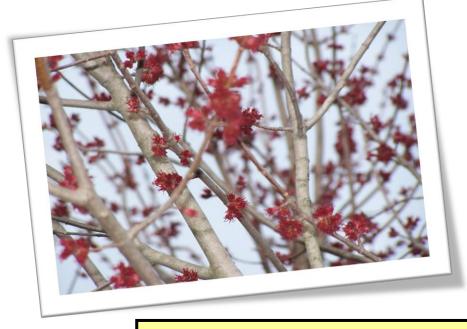
Meeting adjourned: 8:05PM











The hazel blooms, in threads of crimson hue,

Peep through the swelling buds, foretelling spring.

Ere yet a whitehorn fern leaf appears in view,

Or March finds throstles pleased enough to sing.

-John Clare (1793-1864)

Time to dust off those Model T's...it's perfect driving weather!











Happy Birthday to you,

Happy Birthday to you,

Happy Birthday dear.....

4th~Tom C.

25<sup>th</sup>~ Grant G.

28<sup>th</sup>~ Jerry K.



11<sup>th</sup>-Aaron & Eileen 14<sup>th</sup> Jon & Pam



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# Following information is for the sole interest of the Club and is voluntary:

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	Do you use Facebook YES NO
	Are you interested in participating in a Club tour? YES NO
	Would you consider organizing a Club tour? YES NO
Do you ha	ave any suggestions for future Club tours?
Able t	o participate in helping the Club put on future activities? YES NO
	Comments:

CLUB USE ONLY - Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 03-04-23 Breakfast at the AMAZING Firerock!

We loved Firerock so much that we had to go back again in March. Breakfast was fantastic and they were so accommodating. We kept Kelly running again this month!



Firerock is such a great breakfast venue. We all have such fun!





When you're late to breakfast you must sit at the kids table.









Somehow it became "selfie Saturday!"





Look at all of these handsome fella's that Karen got pictures with at breakfast!













# 03-11-23 Breakfast at Winchell's Pub & Grill

What a fabulous turnout at a lovely restaurant. The room was perfect, and we had so many in attendance. Great food, great times, great friends! We'll be sure to go back again.

Could Dave's car be any more beautiful?









Great food, great friends, and white tablecloth service to boot!







# Mr. President and Madam Secretary









Talk about a room with a view!



Bob, Harold, Bill & Dave







### 03-18-23 Boulder Dam Breakfast Tour

What great fun was had today! We all met at Skyline and toured to the Boulder Dam for breakfast! We always have such a good time driving together and get lots of thumbs up, honks and waves from the other





















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Look at that sky! What a perfect backdrop!













What an amazing picture of Dale & Griff's Model A!















What an amazing tour we had going to Boulder Dam Lodge for Breakfast. It was a beautiful day out and couldn't have been better. We all had a wonderful time!