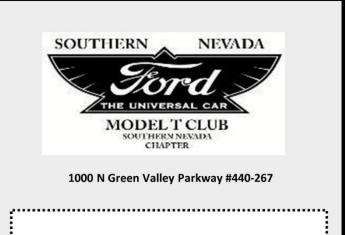






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OUR GOALS

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

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# <u>UPCOMING</u>

<u>NEXT MEETING:</u> 05/09/23 ~<u>Winchells Pub & Grill</u>

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

BREAKFASTS 05/06/23

~Dean's Place \*<u>Meet at Vickie's at 8</u> <u>Drive together to Dean's</u> 8355 Dean Martin Drive Las Vegas, NV 89139

# 05/13/23

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

# <u>05/20/23</u>

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

# 05/27/23

# ~Mustang Sally's

<u>At: Ford Country in Automall</u> 280 N. Gibson Henderson, NV 89014

\*We are doing our best to spread breakfast gatherings evenly across town.

**\*\*** 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

May 6, 2023 ~Boulder City Car Show **Bicentennial Park** 999 Colorado St. Boulder City, NV 89005

May 6, 2023 ~Cars & Coffee Las Vegas 6405 Ensworth St. Las Vegas, NV 89119

June 10, 2023 ~MTFCA Riverside Swapmeet Western Little League Regional Headquarters

6707 N. Little League Dr. San Bernardino, CA 92407 \*For Info: Don Kirtley (909) 754-2360

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!!!

As I sit here reflecting, I realize that the 58th Annual Meeting of the Model T Ford Club of America went wonderfully!!!! Our club could not have pulled it off without the leadership of Ron and Karen Custer. A huge THANK YOU to all our courageous club volunteers that helped throughout the four days, your volunteering, your support to the club, and support of our activities makes this all possible. We as a club presented Harold Mann with the first Harold Mann founders award. Which will be awarded yearly to some club member that goes above and beyond promoting Model T. 's. Thanks to Scotty Ray and John Warren, and their creative work making the 3 special trophies for this event.

It is with a very heavy heart that I'm sad to report that we lost Ron Orr this month. Please remember Judy Orr our membership chair in your thoughts and prayers. Ron was a great supporter of our Model T. club to the end. Ron will be missed by many.

This past weekend we hosted the Model A Club at our Annual Model T picnic at Vivaldi Park on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. We supplied hamburgers and hotdogs for all, and everyone was sure to bring a great side dish to share. Everyone brought auction items and we had a great auction for the club.

If you're a National Club Member, be sure to check out Vintage Ford Magazine, article on our club. Also, our local Magazine, Desert Companion has an article about the Model T and our club in the April edition.

The weather is coming along fine. Hope to see you at one of the breakfasts with your Model T or without.

Safe travels:

President Tom

"when doubt or fear, begins to take hold of your spirit, let determination cover your body like a quilt on a winter night." ~Angela Bassett

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

And just like that, all the planning for the **MTFCA 58th Annual Meeting** is in our rear-view mirror. So many expressed their appreciation for showing the MTFCA such a wonderful time and all who attended enjoyed it immensely. All I can say, is that the SNMTC put on a Vegas style showstopper that will be



hard to beat!

Congratulations again to all the award winners and an extra special congratulations to OUR Founder, the "Mann", the Myth, and the Legend, our Mr. Harold Mann for all you have done and continue to do for our club and members: **we are grateful and privileged to have you**.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and give a huge shout out to Karen for all the heavy lifting and behind-thescenes work that she did to help make the event such a success.

Time to move on and start working to catch up on all the household and T projects that have been put to the sideline.

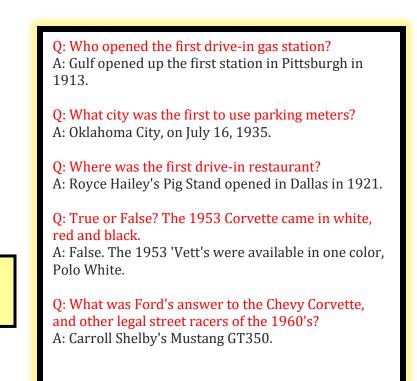
The weather this time of year is perfect for Model T's to take out for a spring drive!

Enjoy and we'll see you all on the road.

Thanks, Ron Vice-President & Webmaster



Trivia Contributions by: Dirick Sergeant at Arms









This Model T Pie Truck was produced in the first year Ford started assembling trucks on their production line in 1914. It was purchased new by Henry Copperthite the Proprietor of the Connecticut~Copperthite Pie Baking Company the largest pie baking concern in the world and the second largest bakery of any kind in America. It has been in continuous service since new, moving on from delivering pies to being an ambassador for American industrial ingenuity and progress. For over 100 years the truck has been present at local and national events which benefit those in need. It was in the parade for the returning solders from the Great War in 1919, at the 1932 Olympics with the Olympic Pie Baking Co., and in multiple Rose Bowl Parades. The truck was freshened up and returned to Washington, D.C., where it was driven down Pennsylvania Avenue as part of the remembrance centennial honoring all men and women who served in World War I. This truck is an important part of American history as the replacement to the horse and wagon when manufacturing and mass production of delivery of goods to the market place were in its infancy. Once numbered in the thousands there are now less than a handful of these first production Model T trucks in existence. -Courtesy of Mike & Kim Copperthite

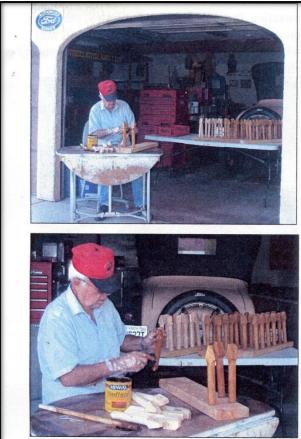








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I have been given the honor of staining and finishing the wooden spokes.

I have chosen [my favorite stain] Minwax Wood Finish Golden Oak stain 210B. This is an oil-based wood stain which provides long-lasting wood tone color. It penetrates deep into the pores to seal and protect the wood and is ideal for the Pie Wagon's artillery wheel's new Hickory spokes.



istor and fission of a size -

After the 48 spokes (twelve for each wheel) are allowed to dry overnight, they receive their first of three coats of Helmsman Clear Gloss Spar Urethane. After each coat is allowed to dry at least 4 hours, (I chose to let them dry overnight) each spoke's entire surface is sanded lightly with very fine sandpaper (220 grit) to ensure an even finish and proper adhesion of the additional coats. Helmsman Spar Urethane is specially formulated to protect wood against natures



toughest conditions because it forms a protective barrier against rain and moisture and its special oils allow the finish to expand and contract with the wood as seasons, temperatures, and humidity change. Its enhanced ultraviolet absorbers reduce the graying and fading effects of the sun.



Here Tom shows the freshly painted felloes.







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Went right to teardown of the engine and was surprised with what I found. The engine had been rebuilt but showed no use, the pistons were clean. The noises heard during the test run were thought to be connecting rods. Well the connecting rods and the main bearings were shimmed with steel shims but the excessive clearances found were not enough to cause what was heard, this was all re-shimmed using peel shims. Next stop is the transmission.



USAF (Ret.) Richard McGuinness

Into the transmission I went and this is when the fun began. After disassembling the transmission the problems began to show themselves. First, I must say this T does not use a magneto so no magnets. The splash paddles on the flywheel were homemade and beginning to crack (none of these were identical in any measurement). On the front side of the flywheel there were two mysterious bolts with large washers. These were removed but could not see what their purpose was. As I was cleaning the flywheel two of the triple gear pins were found to be loose, now the mystery of the mystery bolts with washers made sense. The mystery hardware was used to keep the two pins from creeping towards the block. The pin holes in the flywheel were wallowed, need a new flywheel. Surprisingly the only drum of use to this project was the low speed drum. After cleaning and inspecting the reverse drum it was found to have four cracks, two radiating from the center and the others running perpendicular to the first two and located near the band working surface. The brake drum was not found to be bad until assembly. This made a loud pop while assembling and a crack was discovered around half of its circumference on the front side.

Reassembly of the transmission went fine. The original triple gears were used their bushings needed reaming; the driven gear was kept as well as the low speed drum. All gear teeth are in good shape. A jack rabbit clutch was installed, as previously mentioned a new flywheel was sourced with new triple gear pins and the correct oil splash paddles were installed. A bronze fourth main was also fitted. This is now a very tight engine unit and I can not wait for its first start.

Once the assembly was complete I finished the engine by painting it. Rustoleum engine paints, primers and clear coats were used. The main color of the engine is called cast iron. This color compliments bodies painted in red, maroon and of course black. This engine is also accented with various brass and copper fittings and all the inspection plates, starter, generator, and intake are black. The exhaust manifold was left natural. This engine came out looking very nice and will add great value to the Pie Wagon and will gain many admirers when they have a look under the hood! +++++



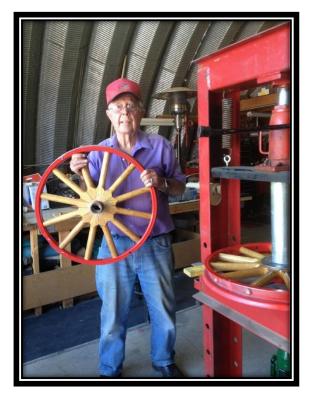




















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#### A GIFT FROM THE

**CONNECTICUT-COPPERTITHE PIE BAKING COMPANY OF GEORGETOWN** AND FROM THE COPPERTITHE FAMILY TO THE SOUTHERN NEVADA MODEL T **CLUB AND GARY COOPER FOR THEIR** WORK AND SUPPORT OF THE **RESTORATION OF A 1914 MODEL T PIE WAGON** 



Gary Cooper with Buffington folding chair

This exquisite, marvelous gift from the Michael Copperthite Family is a metal folding chair of a patented design made some time in the late 1910s by the C.A. Buffington & Co. manufacturers in Berkshire, New York. This company specialized in designing all sorts of equipment for the newfangled automobiles of the "Horseless Age", including special jacks for changing tires, luggage carriers, and special automobile folding chairs like this one.

With fifteen million of Henry Ford's Model Ts being built between 1908 and 1927 meant that at least 15 million folks enjoyed a new type of mobility and could spend their leisure hours picnicking, camping, and exploring with their new cars. A new market

developed for articles like driving gloves, much needed touring maps, and collapsible chairs. You can see from the photo with Gary holding the chair how compactly the chair folds, allowing several to fit into the limited stowage of a Model T Ford.



Gary showing members Rich and Sandy Nadzieja how this very functional compact chair unfolds.



Sandy Nadzieja models the chair

The Southern Nevada Model T Club is fortunate and honored to have been gifted this most amazing and rare Model T artifact.









#### Michael Copperthite shares:

"If you are planning your vacation travels and want to catch some local history from the family that built the largest pie baking concern on the planet at the turn of the last century, then stop by the Model T Ford Museum in Richmond, IN. Our bought new by our family new in 1914 is on loan and exhibit at the museum. There are also several historic and interesting cars on display there."

• As restored by the SNMTC

<u>\*All of these wonderful pictures and articles were submitted by</u> <u>Michael Copperthite.</u>

Thank you for sharing them with us! She's a beauty!







# The Accessory Corner

Time seems to be moving so fast, seems just like yesterday that I wrote the last Accessory Corner article, I guess time really does fly when you're having fun (or in my case really busy!).

Last month I covered one of the many Model T accessory distributor manufacturers that was made by the Atwater Kent Co.. This month is another distributor type system that is really unique, and rare!

What makes this so unique is that it is a three-in-one setup. It has a water pump, an oil pump, and a distributor setup all in one. If you didn't want the distributor, you could also order it with a timer riser to make accessing the timer easier.

I picked this up last year at an auction in Iowa. The auction had a ton of T & A parts and lots of farm related equipment. I got there just as the auctioneer was starting to auction the T stuff and noticed it on a pallet with a few other T parts he was auctioning, and I bought the whole pallet of parts.

Called a Tri-Unit it was made by a company out of St. Louis, MO. called the Unit Products Co. and later changed to the Tri-Unit MFG Co.. I can't find much on the company so it may have been a short run company formed just to manufacture these units. Like so many of these accessory companies... they manufacture a product for a short time then disappear.

A rare accessory, that in my years of collecting T accessories, I've only seen 2 others, with one housed in the Speed Museum in Lincoln, NE and the other in a private Model T collection.

There's a few moving parts and a lot of machining so these were quite expensive to make in the early twenties and sold for nearly one seventh the cost of an entire Model T!

Yet another nifty accessory for the Accessory Corner!

By: Wallace Bellows



Order just just once.Here's a straight prop- osition! You'd rather make one sale of \$25 to \$50 than a dozen little ones. It's casier – pays	<text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text>
Order just one TRI-UNIT—try it on your own Ford. It will prove its value at once. TRI-UNIT gives an old Ford new-car performance—makes a new one a super-Ford. Gives positive, to other device embodies these three features. Saves gas, oil, and repairs—increases re-sale value. Made for all Fords, with or without starter. Bosch automatic or manual ignition if desired. Special racing types. Big discounts insure a liberal margin. Write today for details. UNIT PRODUCTS COMPANY 202 Chestnut Street St. Louis, Mo.	<b>TRI-UNIT</b> Water – 1925 Oil – Ignition – for FORDS



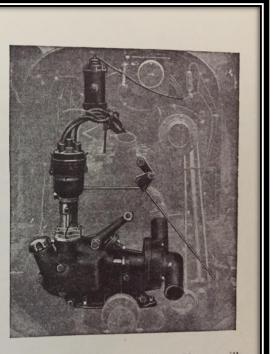




**T**RI-UNIT IGNITION, Water and Oiling System with Bosch Ignition and Coil. This unit takes the place of the Ford timer plate. No holes to drill or tap. OIL PUMP is of force feed gear type. Gives perfect, positive lubrication at all speeds on any grade. Ends danger of clogged pipes and burnt bearings. WATER PUMP is gear driven centrifugal type, and gives perfect cooling in any weather on the longest, hardest pulls. We recommend Bosch Ignition to be used with system in conjunction with the Frontenac Cylinder Head.

The Tri-Unit gives the maximum on Ford Trucks, especially where the driver has a tendency to overload.

Tri-Unit Ignition, Water and Oil Systems with Coil - - \$51.50



LIGHT WEIGHT PISTONS, complete with Pins and Rings. These Pistons will give you less vibration, less wear on all crank-shaft bearings, higher motor speeds and quicker acceleration which means greater power.



On a pallet with a few other T parts I purchased.

Thank you to our wonderful historian, Wallace! We love your fabulous articles about unique accessories for the Model T.

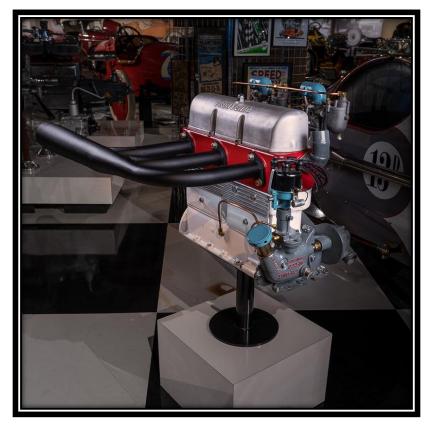












Tri-Unit mounted on a T engine with a Frontenac head at the Museum of American Speed, in Lincoln, NE.







A note from our editor...

Hi Model T Family & Friends:

Well....better late than never! It's May  $3^{rd}$  – I'm a week late with our newsletter and I just wanted to thank you for your patience. I appreciate the grace you have shown me. I'm feeling much better now, and your kindness hasn't gone unnoticed.

I'm still awaiting some photo files from the event photographer and when I received them. I will send out a separate MTFCA special edition with pictures in the weeks to come.

Thank you to all who have contributed fantastic articles and pictures for our newsletter. Don't forget, all written submissions must be in complete paragraph form. The editor will not be writing any articles on behalf of a member so be creative and have fun! Paint us a picture with your words and tell us your story. All submissions to the editor will be checked for basic grammar and punctuation and minor editing changes may be made. If the editor has a question, you will be contacted.

All submissions to the editor will become the property of the SNMTC and by submitting to us you are consenting to have your article printed in the newsletter. Article submissions are due no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Submissions will be placed into the newsletter so that time sensitive items will always pe prioritized first. Other member submissions, whether written or just photos, will be placed into the newsletter as space allows.

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

Thanks, Karen

> Don't forget~ the newsletter will ALWAYS GO OUT on the last Tuesday of each month.











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#### SOUTHERN NEVADA MODEL T CLUB

Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tom-at 7:12PM

#### **OFFICERS ROLL:**

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

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

BOARD CHAIRMAN/FOUNDER-Harold Mann

**President Report**: Meeting called to order by Dirick. President Tom asked Dirick to remind everyone about the upcoming picnic April 30, 2023, at Vivaldi Park.

Vice President/Webmaster Report: Karen reported from Ron, that at the time of the April Meeting we were still finalizing paperwork from the National Meeting. Otherwise, nothing else to report. When he last spoke with Rachel at National, they discussed preserving some members 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.

Membership Report: Judy has been busy tending to personal business, so the membership responsibilities are being picked up by Margie & Karen. Karen reports that we have a new member: Robin Peddieson.

Treasurer Report: No changes since last report.

**Newsletter Report**: Karen shared that she strives to continually improve the newsletter.

Tour Master Report: The May breakfasts are as follows: May 6<sup>th</sup> Meet at Vickie's and tour to Dean's Place, May 13<sup>th</sup> -FireRock, May 20<sup>th</sup>-Vickie's and May 27<sup>th</sup>-Mustang Sally's at Ford Country.

Historian Report: Although Wallace was absent from our meeting; make note that Wallace sends Karen a monthly contribution for the newsletter each month and is an active participant for helping to make the newsletter so educational and interesting!

New Business: No new business.

50/50 Drawing: Dirick sold raffle tickets at the beginning of the meeting. At the end the 50/50 was won by Gene- \$17 to Gene and \$17 to the Club.



Meeting adjourned: 7:19PM







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Hello, May! Open our eyes to the beauty of the world.

Pink, small, and punctual, Aromatic, low, Covert in April, Candid in May,

Dear to the moss, Known by the knoll, Next to the robin In every human soul,

Bold little beauty, Bedecked with thee, Nature forswears, Antiquity. ~by: Emily Dickinson

The weather has been perfect for Model T driving!

Make sure you join us on May 6<sup>th</sup> when we meet at Vickie's at 8 a.m. and drive over together to Dean's Place for breakfast!

Let's start spring off right by returning to our roots and start driving as a group again!

If you don't want to drive your Model T or if you don't have a Model T- meet us anyhow and be the "caboose" in our Model T train!











TT The Tour Master's are the leader of all tours unless he/she delegates this role to a designated Tour Leader.

**TT** Model T cars should stay in their assigned order, with no passing.

**TT** Model T's should not scatter out but leave a five- car length between cars so on the two lane roads they can be safely passed by people not in our group. Don't follow too closely and don't lag too far behind.

**TT** Keep your speed constant and avoid sudden spurts. Normal touring speeds will be established at the start of the tour by the Tour Master or Tour Leader.

**TT** In case of trouble, flip on your car headlights. Watch the car behind you, if their lights come on, turn yours on also and start slowing down. The car in front of you will pass on the signal up the line, the leader will stop the tour as soon as it can be done safely. If you must stop suddenly, give the cars behind you a warning, and pull off the road as far as possible. The cars behind you will stop, the leader will stop the tour and return to see what assistance is needed. No one is left stranded on the road on purpose. If signals are given that you need help, you will probably get more help than you ever dreamed of. Some spare parts, water, tools, and gas are carried along on every tour. Try to take something along you might need, but if you don't have what you need, chances are that someone else does or will help you get it.

**TT** Cell phones shall be the primary way of communicating during tours. Please obey the law when using your cell phone by pulling over, using blue- tooth, or having your passenger make calls. The Tour Master or Tour Leader will compile a list of tour member cell phone numbers and will distribute it at the start of each tour.

**TT** Modern cars are welcome to accompany us on tour. They must follow at the rear of the tour and never pass. They must stay at the rear unless the Tour Leader gives them permission to pass in order to take pictures, set up a picnic site, meet at the next designated stop or other reasons that warrant the use of greater speed.

**TT** Arrive at the tour departure place in enough time to attend the drivers' meeting. The Tour Master of Tour Leader will/ may assign car positions and mention departure times, rest stops etc.

**TT** Pull over as far to the right as possible when traffic is backed up behind us. The last car in line will determine when to pull over. If possible (i.e. cell signal available) he/she will call the Tour Leader and let them know he/she is pulling over for traffic. If you see a car behind you pull over, but his/her lights are not on, you will know it is for traffic and not for a mechanical problem. Watch the car behind you.

TT We strongly recommend you carry a fire extinguisher in your Model T.

Tours are lots of fun and are very safe. Bring your "T" out and come along. Every member who has ever toured has needed help at one time or another, so, if you ever need help, don't be too proud or embarrassed to ask for it. Most of our members just love to tear into somebody else's Model T.









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Aı	re you interested in participating in a Club tour? YES NO
	Would you consider organizing a Club tour? YES NO
Do you have	e any suggestions for future Club tours?
Able to p	participate in helping the Club put on future activities? YES NO
	Comments:

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

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#### 04-01-23 Breakfast at Firerock!

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Such a fun breakfast we had. As always, we kept Kelly running around! They always take such great care of us.



Kelly (our waitress) was trying to talk Ron into doubling her tip! Ha Ha! Chris brought the cutest "future" Model T Members!





If you never had rent



# 04-08-23 Breakfast at Winchells Pub & Grill!

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So many members are out of town for the month of April! But never fear...we are a small but mighty group.











# 04-15-23 Breakfast at Sunshine and Tailwinds Café at NLV Airport.

Strong coffee, great food & wonderful friends turned out for breakfast.





It's a good thing that newest member Robin is so considerate! Karen did an awful job catching a picture of her at her first "official" breakfast as a member. Karen caught her wrist and the back of her head...some other member's may not be as understanding. But, since it's Karen's Mom...I think we are okay!

I'll make sure she gets her Mother's Day gift soon!







## 04-22-23 <u>Breakfast at Vickie's</u>

We always have a wonderful breakfast at Vickie's! They have the best "secret not on the menu" bowl of grits! If you like grits, you must try them! Best bowlful in town!





We always manage to take up the entire wall when we meet at Vickie's! Guess those grits aren't as secret as we thought!! We love running into Gary when we are there!









## 04-29-23 Breakfast at Peg's Ham & Eggs!

Breakfast was delicious at Pegs!! The bacon there is sooooooo good! (You'll rarely see Ron absent from a breakfast at Peg's)



If you haven't already noticed- Dirick wears the best shirts to our club breakfasts! So good to see Denny and to have Bill M. several weekends in a row! He's got the coolest T bucket!

Every day is a good day when you have breakfast with your friends!



