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Moving Moderately in a Model T

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH
THE GAZETTE

To start his car, Ford Chinworth rolls up and removes the fabric cover, lifts the hood, opens the gas line, closes the hood, honks the horn to test the battery, inserts the key, steps on the passenger side running board's aluminum plate, climbs in, retards the spark, chokes the motor, turns the key counterclockwise, presses the starter button with his right heel and moves the throttle down and up. And the motor roars.

This is his routine for getting his 1927 Model T Ford on the road. The car, which he has dubbed "Mr. T," was originally owned by his Indiana grandfather, Clement Chinworth, who drove it until his death in 1949. Chinworth recalls watching the car smoke and backfire in a 1954 Warsaw, Indiana, parade in his childhood.

He and his cousins have meticulously restored it, which required extensive research to confirm the original paint color, fawn gray. It is a gleaming four-seater (some call it a "Fordor") with original cream pinstriping, crank-up windows and a running board on each side.

To keep it working, Chinworth, a Mount Vernon-area resident, drives the car once a week to Burke and Herbert Bank on Sherwood Hall Lane and various other local spots, including U.S. 1. Its maximum safe speed is 38 miles per hour. It will go 48 to 50 mph downhill, but 38 is the highest safe speed, Chinworth stresses. "The Model T is not safe. That's why you go slow. In a real emergency, you pull the hand brake," he explains.

For car shows, when travels to Centreville or Rockville, he avoids the Beltway and takes backroads like Braddock and Centreville Roads, since he is chugging along at 38 mph or slower. "It is possible to judge when you have reached and are driving at the desired cruising speed based on the sound from the engine compartment," he wrote in a driving guide.

Mass Produced

The Model T was one of the first mass production vehicles. Ford Motor Company made it on the moving assembly line in Highland Park, Michigan, between 1908 and 1927. Ford shipped one to its first customer in 1908 and priced it between \$260 and \$850, according to the company's website. As car manufacturing competition grew in the mid-1920s and gave consumers more choices, Ford ended Model T production in 1927.

Chinworth has mastered the car's operations, documented in



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Ford E. Chinworth's 1927 Model T.



Ford E. Chinworth and his cherished 1927 Model T.

Information and Events

- ❖ May 20, Antique Car Show, Fairfax, <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/antique-car-show>
- ❖ May 21, Old Town Festival of Speed and Style, Alexandria <https://www.festivalspeedstylealex.com/>
- ❖ June 3, AutoWorks Festival, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, <https://www.workhousearts.org/calendar/auto-works-festival-and-antique>
- ❖ Automobile Club of America Show, Fredericksburg, <http://hfraca.org/>
- ❖ June 18, Annual Classic Car Show and Take Apart a Car, 200 antique cars, Sully Historic Site, Chantilly, <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/>
- ❖ August 12, Nation's Capital Model T Ford Club, 50-mile tour in North Arlington, north George Washington Memorial Parkway and Rock Creek Park, <https://ncmtfc.org/>

18 pages of instructions that he penned titled "Starting, Driving and Stopping Mr. T," after having had only a 30-minute lesson when he first got the car. "Nothing is automatic," he notes. "You make everything's that going to happen, happen."

Mr. T has a four-cylinder, 20-horsepower motor, four roll-up windows and three pedals on the floor, from, left to right, the clutch,

reverse and brake. The throttle or accelerator is a stick-like device behind the steering wheel. It has no seat belts, power steering or turn signals. A ten-gallon gas tank is under the front seat. Many Model T's required inserting a stick in the tank to determine available gas, but Chinworth's car has a gas gauge.

For the driver and passengers,
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Automobiles and art abound

Alexandria cultivated art lovers and car enthusiasts last weekend. Festivities kicked off on Saturday at the 3rd annual Springtime Art Festival. Artists gathered to showcase their creations across various mediums. The festival continued at John Carlyle Square through Sunday. Meanwhile, thousands of car connoisseurs flocked to Old Town for The Old Town Festival of Speed & Style on Sunday. Rare and exotic cars were on display along with food vendors and other offerings. All proceeds benefited local charities ALIVE! and Campagna Center.



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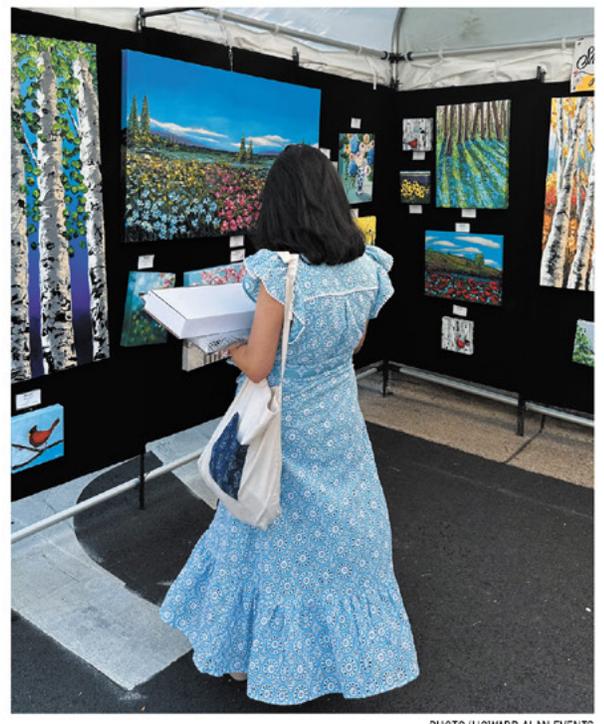




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Old Town Festival of Speed & Style



The Old Town Festival of Speed & Style



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The Festival of Speed & Style will bring together exquisite cars and motorcycles, with enthusiasts of fashion, art, music, and style, to create a one-day festival of good energy and fun.

The festival this year is Sunday, May 21 on the streets of Old Town Alexandria. Several blocks of King Street will become a parking lot of luxury, high-performance and unique, historic vehicles.

The festival is designed to celebrate the heart and spirit of the Alexandria, VA community and highlights the elegance and style of Old Town.



The Old Town Festival of Speed & Style is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization chartered to generate funds to be donated to charitable organizations. Tickets to the High-Octane Ball before the main event, the evening of Saturday, May 20, are available through Eventbrite. Proceeds from Saturday night and donations Sunday will benefit this year's chosen non-profit organizations, The Campagna Center and ALIVE!

Attending Sunday's event is free and sponsored by a variety of local businesses and organizations.

More information is available at festivalspeedstylealex.com. ✂

Old Town Festival of Speed & Style



The **Old Town Festival of Speed & Style** highlights the unique offerings of the Old Town community – history, architecture, great food, fabulous people, art, style and energy. View dozens of rare and exotic cars up close, made famous by their speed, performance and elegance. This will be enhanced by a presentation of style, fashion and live music provided by over 40 local merchants. All proceeds benefit ALIVE! and Campagna Center.

The Old Town Festival of Speed & Style, presented by Burke & Herbert Bank, will be held on the 200-400 blocks of King Street, and the 100 blocks of North Royal and North Fairfax from **10-3PM on May 21st, 2023**.





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