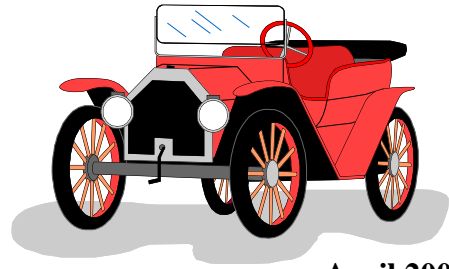


T-TIME

IN CANYON COUNTRY



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T-TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT

SEVEN YEAR ITCH!

The Canyon Country Model T Club sure has the seven year itch! Every seven years, we get an itch to put on a tour in Kanab, UT. Russ Furstnow, as tour chairman, has done a fantastic job organizing the event, and every seven years it seems to get better. The cooperation of the people of Kanab and the surrounding communities has been phenomenal. They're looking forward to seeing us in June, and are already asking if we'll be back in 2010! Russ and Kathy Furstnow, Marilyn Petersen, John and Montana Renkema, and Marti and I went on a quick work trip to Kanab last week, where we met with Gene and Reet Mitchell and Rattler Olsen. We ran the routes and met with several townspeople, who will have a big role in making the tour a success. Everything seems to be under control. On the way home, we experienced rain in Kanab, a sandstorm around Cameron, and a blizzard approaching Flagstaff, all with winds gusting to 65 mph! It made for an exciting trip back, and we were very glad we were in pickups, rather than motorhomes!

In other travels, Russ and Kathy, Marilyn, Dave and Jeanie Chance, John and Montana, and Marti and I went to the Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet the third week in March. I think everybody picked up some treasures. Russ and Kathy came back by way of Chicago, and braved the winds that the rest of the gang had experienced a couple days earlier!

We had a great first club meeting of the year on March 7th at our home in Chino Valley! It was good to see old friends and new members alike! Marti volunteered to be a clearinghouse for any information that needs to be e-mailed to club members concerning health issues, birthdays, etc., so if you need her services, e-mail her at martihays@aol.com or call us at 928-771-9640. Her goal is to have a complete list of birthdays and anniversaries, so please send her that information as well.

Kathy Furstnow made up the schedule of future tours and meetings, and we're going to be busy for the rest of the year! Our club might be small, but it sure is energetic! We'll continue to keep you informed about upcoming activities, and we hope that you'll contact the host of the event to let them know you're coming!

See you on the road,

Gary

T-TIME MEETING

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Members attending: Art Wimmer, Billy and June Bridge, Dave Chance, Dick and Joyce Erfert, Gary and Marti Hays, Gary Selig, Harold and Karen Crutcher, Jim Ellis, Jerry Jordan, Tate McReynolds, John and Montana Renkema, Russ and Kathy Furstnow, and Marilyn Petersen

Meetings have been extremely well attended. Model T lovers always have a great time visiting, discussing Model T's, admiring garages, and, of course, eating. Gary and Marti provided all these activities along with seasonal St. Patrick's day decorations and a delicious luncheon. And we actually did discuss the 2009 season. Thanks so much for your hospitality, Gary and Marti. Highlights of the meeting were:

1. A new committee, *Joys and Concerns*, will be headed by Marti. She will send cards, notes, or whatever is appropriate for events concerning CCMTC members and families. Please let her know if you are aware of a situation for which a card would be appreciated.
2. Current status of Canyonlands III National Tour preparations (179 cars, 384 people as of 3/7/09).
3. Schedule of 2009 meetings, tours, and activities.
4. Dues increase in 2010 to \$15 to cover the cost of publishing and mailing the T-Time to those for whom e-mail is not available.
5. Notify Marilyn if you are already a member of the MTFCI or would like to become a member. Join the MTFCI at www.modelt.org or contact Marilyn for a brochure. MTFCI affiliation will be completed by our CCMTC Chapter after our May meeting.

T-TIME WITH MARILYN

Canyonlands III Tour Progress: We have closed tour registration at 200 cars and 433 people; however as of today, April 10, we already have four cars on the waiting list. There has been a wonderful response to the tour, and daily we receive messages and phone calls from very excited participants.

Last week John and Montana Renkema, Gary and Marti Hays, Russ and Kathy Furstnow, and I drove to Kanab to check on final tour details. Gene Mitchell joined us to check all five driving routes for any changes, plan the parade route through Kanab, display posters in Kanab businesses, meet with the Sheriff and other law enforcement agencies, and visit the hotels and the RV park. Reet Mitchell and Rattler Olsen joined the rest of us to eat at the restaurants providing food for the tour. Kanab is ready for us!!

Shirts, cups, pins, nametag holders, and license plate car banners have all been ordered to ensure plenty of time for delivery. We have received some door prize donations, but if you are aware of any business or individual that you think would like to donate, please make contact with them. Our goal is to award one door prize per car.

T-TIME CLASSIFIEDS

2008 Open Trailer, tandem axle with four-wheel brakes. Titled and licensed, will include tie downs and new Tekonsha braking system for your tow vehicle. \$2300, Call Russ at (928) 526-1343 or 1stnow@msn.com

WANTED: New member Jerry Jordan wants to buy a Model T for the Canyonlands III Tour. Call Jerry at (928) 635-9167 or e-mail jjord@earthlink.net if you know of any for sale.

T-TIME FABULOUS FUN, TOURS AND EVENTS

- April 18-19** Sun Country Model T Club 14th Annual Speedster Run and Low Land Tour in Flagstaff. For details or registration contact Jim Martin at 602-819-2001, or e-mail martin33@cox.net
- April 25** Cottonwood area, contact John or Montana Renkema at 602.292.6592 or montanababy@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Campers can spend Friday night at Art Wimmer's shop in Cottonwood (contact Art at 928.646.9278 or artwimmer1@gmail.com regarding dinner plans if you plan to stay there). Saturday morning the group will go out for breakfast and then return to Art's shop for a meeting and "Model T driving lessons" for the ladies. Lunch and some antique-shop time will end the tour. Sounds like great fun - plan to join in.
- May 16** Meeting at 11 a.m. at the Furstnows' in Flagstaff. Contact Russ or Kathy at 928.526.1343 or 1stnow@msn.com if you plan to attend. Following the meeting will be voluntary highway clean-up on the designated CCMTTC portion of Highway 89. Bring comfortable shoes if you plan to participate in this clean-up.
- May 23-24** Laughlin Tour. More info later. Contact Russ or Kathy Furstnow at 928.526.1343 or 1stnow@msn.com if you plan to attend.
- June 21-26** Canyonlands III National Tour in Kanab, UT.

- July 24-25** Blue Ridge Tour. More info later. Contact John or Montana Renkema at 602.292.6592 or montanababy@gmail.com if you plan to attend.
- August 1** Prescott Swap Meet, then a meeting at the Hayses' in Chino Valley. Contact Gary or Marti at 928.771.9640 or martihays@aol.com if you plan to attend.
- September 11-13** Campout at Ashurst Lake, drive to Strawberry. Contact Russ or Kathy at 928.526.1343 or 1stnow@msn.com if you plan to attend.
- October 31** Phoenix area tour. More info later. Contact Harold or Karen Crutcher at 480.991.9166 or khcrutcher@cox.net if you plan to attend.
- November 21-22** Alamo Lake Tour. More info later. Contact Dave or Jean Chance at 480.507.1981 or nochance47@cox.net if you plan to attend.

T-TIME NOSTALGIA

April 1, 1989

T-Time with the President (*Russ Furstnow*)

The March tour to Arcosanti turned out to be a well-attended tour by club members. I want to thank my wife, Kathy, for planning the tour. We met at Camp Verde High School and were greeted by members of the Camp Verde old car club. It was great to see so many members out for the first "official" tour of our club. (I counted over 20 members present). There were only three (!!!) Model T's present, but I was told the Page people are rebuilding their Model T's so they can "keep up", and the Phoenix people thought it was a bit "too cold" to tour in their Fords (Ralph and Wanda English excepted). I know with warmer weather, there will be more T's on future tours.

Along with the first tour came the first official meeting of the club. At our meeting we decided on the club's logo and to purchase RED jackets for members desiring warm attire. I will get a price on the jackets soon and will be sending you more information on this item. We also discussed future tours, and it sounds like the Page tour should be a real fun day or weekend, whichever you choose. A July tour was not scheduled because we want to encourage our club members to attend one of the national tours. Already, there are eight CCMTC families attending the Rocky Mountain Tour in Estes Park, Colorado.

We are in need of tour chairmen for the August, October, and November tours. If you have an idea for a tour and would like to host an event, call Jerry Petersen at 526-9662. Also, we are in need of articles for T-Time. If you have had a successful experience restoring a particular T part, write it up and let others in on your "success".

I hope to see you in Sedona for the April tour.

T-Time Technical Tip

Tips for the Model T's "rear-end": When rebuilding a Model T rear axle, the outside rear axle bearings receive little attention. The metal cups over the ends of the rear axle, which holds the felt seal (or new neoprene seal)

often become oversized after removal and replacement a few times. The solution to this problem is relatively simple: slot the sides of the cup in four places with a hack saw (only cut about ½” into the cup) and use a strap type radiator hose clamp around the outside of the cup to hold it in place. This allows the felt or neoprene seal to fit tighter and allows for easy removal when necessary.

Another messy task when maintaining a Model T rear axle is filling the grease cups for the outside bearings, and then lubricating the bearings by screwing down the grease cups. The solution to this messy job is also quite simple. Go to your local auto parts store and ask for replacement grease fittings with a 1/8 R pipe thread (this is the same thread size as the grease cup fitting itself). Take the base of the grease cup and thread the INSIDE of the grease cup base with a 1/8 R tap. Then take the new grease fitting and screw it into the base of the old grease cup. Screw the base of the grease cup into the axle housing, grease the bearing if necessary, and screw the grease cup lid onto the base. What you have is an original-appearing grease cup with a modern grease fitting installed, which can be easily lubricated with a modern type of grease gun. The mess is over.

T-Time With the Riachs

(Editor's note: This month Pat and Clyde Riach from Page are the featured family. Pat is the Club treasurer. Above all, we must keep the treasurer happy - she controls the money!!!)

Clyde and Pat moved to Page from Ely, Nevada 10 years ago. They have two married daughters. Kelly is presently living in Forsythe, Montana and has provided Clyde and Pat three grandchildren – Heidi, Ryan, and Brad aged nine, six and five. Trina is living in Phoenix and has provided a two-month old son, Kyle, to the grandchildren pool. Clyde is an equipment operator for the Salt River Project and Pat is an Operations Officer with Valley National Bank.

Clyde's first experience with a Model T was at age 13. He took Pat out for a driving lesson and she was so busy watching her feet, she ran off the road and into the weeds. He hasn't let her behind the wheel of a T since.

Pat always wanted a Model A, so Clyde built her a 1930 coupe. They kept the car for 20 years. Pat had such a LEAD FOOT that she wanted something with a little more power. So, they sold the Model A and bought a 1940 Deluxe Coupe. The Riachs anticipate the Ford should be done within a couple of months.

Before moving to Page, Clyde sold a '25 T and a couple of years ago purchased a 1917 depot hack. The '17 needs a "little work" – a good winter project for Clyde. After that project is completed, they still have a 1928 Model A roadster under the carport in need of "a LOT of attention". According to Pat, Clyde can't seem to get interested in the '28 because his big dream is to have a brass T ---- just like the Furstnows!

T-Time March Tour, by Jerry Petersen

The Arcosanti Trek (or) It Was Kathy's Idea

Saturday, the 4th of March, marked the first tour of this 1989 season. Being a "tour chair" willing to have someone else do the tour planning, I was most happy to allow Kathy Furstnow the honor of arranging this, the first tour. Other than saving me having to do the work, it also allows me to criticize – I mean observe – others. My favorite maxim – "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem" – applies. I love being part of the problem!!!

Anyway, Kathy made all the arrangements. She arranged with Russ to use the Camp Verde High School as the meeting location. She arranged for coffee and donuts. And most important, she arranged for

Hazel! More on Hazel later. Because Kathy had to be at the school to “set up” she, along with Marilyn, drove “modern”. Russ, with son Russell, insisted on driving off the hill. I had put in a new camshaft which was going to give Bondo that “extra punch” so that I might keep the Furstnows in sight for more than a couple of miles. I was anxious to stay with them or, hopefully, even pass them. I discovered, much to my dismay, that I can “go like hell” downhill, but going uphill is another matter. Since I could not find a completely downhill run (Kathy’s fault), I am again going back to the “drawing board”.

At our meeting, not only did we find 22 of our members in attendance, but also a representation from the Vintage Motor Car Club of America. The meeting allowed all to get to know one another with the subsequent tour an opportunity to further begin to solidify new friendships. As well, Bill Harrison shared with club members three excellent club logos – one of which was voted to become the logo for our club. Though Bill and Rose and Clayton Chance, who also attended, did not drive, their presence was appreciated. Clayton, get those tires put on!

The Page Contingent, including the Riaches, the Kirbys, and Clark and Larry Larson, all drove “modern”. Clyde and Pat have assured Russ that once they get that ’40 Ford completed, they will begin restoration of their T. It is hard for me to understand how one can spend time working on such a “modern” car when a T is just sitting there – but at least it is a Ford. Clark Larson informed Russ that he had spent a few bucks on his car since the initial tour last November. Word is that he has Ruckstells, Warfords, and manuals indicating how to “hop up” T’s. Clark, do you wanna buy a slightly used high performance cam??? Marion Kirby is also working getting his car ready to run this summer. Regardless, they did show up and did go all the way to Arcosanti. Other than Larry, the Page Contingent had enough sense to avoid the guided excursion (Kathy’s fault). Oh well! They at least did not have to meet Hazel!!!

The Phoenix Contingent included the Novotnys, the Giustis, and the Horstmans riding in Bob Giusti’s modern Lincoln. My understanding is that Darrell Horstman “took quite a shine” to Hazel. Marlys, if something comes of this, blame Kathy! On occasion during the tour, I had an opportunity to stand next to Susan Giusti. Darrell, Susan was not taken with Hazel. I told her to blame Kathy! Other than Ralph and Wanda English, who did drive their center-door sedan from Phoenix, the remaining all had excuses as to why they rode with Giusti. Darrell complained about a sore back, Bob complained that his original 1914-1926 T was not ready. I never determined what Dale and Dolores Novotny’s excuse was, but it has got to have been better than the others. Regardless, they as well showed up and their presence made the day successful. Oh yes! Unlike the Page Contingent, the Phoenix Contingent and the Flagstaff Contingent consisting of the Furstnows and Petersens, took the guided tour with Hazel as our tour guide. Though we might say that it was a good one-time experience, I think about half way through the tour most all of us wondered what the Page Contingent must have known that we didn’t. Kathy, do you know?

The guided tour of Arcosanti was ---- interesting. Darrell’s infatuation with Hazel was ---- more interesting! We all might anticipate that Darrell will be one of the first of the 5000 to “join up” – perhaps to help Hazel guide when Arcosanti reaches “critical mass” (Hazel’s words).

Russ and I speculated that in the first 18 years of a supposed 20-year project to create a “futuristic city”, about 22 individuals presently live there and less than one-fourth of the structure has been completed. Hazel is going to have to attract many Darrells in the next couple of years for Arcosanti to succeed. Russ and I also speculated that if they do not take some of the money made from the selling of the bells and put it into maintenance, the place is going to look like my garage!!! In fact, given that I did attempt to clean my garage recently, I think I have Arcosanti bested.

Kathy, just kidding! The day was pleasant – except for the ride up the hill where I became determined to put that standard camshaft back into Bondo. The company was enjoyed. Most important, the opportunity to see Arcosanti up close at least once, and meeting Hazel was worth it! I know that I, along with the other members of the Club, will be most willing to help Darrell should he decide to move to Arcosanti. Marlys, remember – it’s Kathy’s fault – or might that be to Kathy’s credit???? By the way – for those of you who did not have the pleasure of meeting Hazel, a brief description of her might be that she appears to be a 1960’s “flower child” trying to live in the 1980’s!