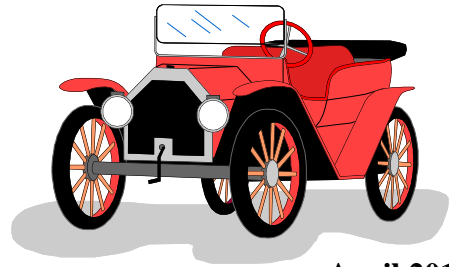


T-TIME

IN CANYON COUNTRY



April 2011

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T TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT

"In like a lion, out like a lamb." Well, one can always hope that's the case! The arrival of Spring was a little messy in Flagstaff, but it's just a small bump on the road to Summer. Which is almost here!!

Some of us didn't wait for Flagstaff summer to get our T's on the road. A migration south to Phoenix in March was a great idea for a mini-tour of The Valley of the Sun! Those who made the trip had great weather and some fun times. The Organ



Stop Pizza restaurant is always a fun evening, with that astounding Wurlitzer. This theater organ was originally built for the Denver



Theater and installed there in 1927.

"Talkies" and the Great Depression took away its usefulness, and a theater fire did a lot of damage to its relays. Organ Stop bought it in the early 70's, and began the mammoth task of rebuilding the

instrument. It was installed in their first Mesa location in 1975. In 1995, a new building was created for it at Stapley and Southern, and the grand opening was Thanksgiving weekend of that year. It's been a

"work in progress" ever since. A larger four manual console was added in 1997. Several rare sets of pipes have been added (including a



massive set of 32' wood diaphones). The organ now boasts nearly 6000 pipes! More information is at www.organstoppizza.com/wurlitzer.htm.

And the pizza is good too! We then headed back to our house for Karen's dessert-fest and coffee, and held our CCMTC business meeting on the patio. (It was not Flagstaff!)



On Saturday morning, after feasting on a breakfast spread laid out by Karen at our house, we cruised with our T's to the Heard Museum, the best Native American History museum in





Arizona. John Konwiser joined us on Saturday, so we got to see his gorgeous red 1911 Torpedo. What a beautiful car! Enroute to the Heard, we stumbled upon the St. Patrick's Day parade in Phoenix, and some of our group found themselves in it for a short time!



At the Heard, a Native American tour guide gave us a private overview of the place,



which was very interesting. One could spend a day there, but we had only a short "get acquainted" visit. Then we were off to lunch at MacAlpine's Soda Fountain on 7th Street, established in 1928. The food was OK, but the atmosphere was fascinating -- early 50's soda fountain redux!! Some of us sampled the old-fashioned yummys, which were great!



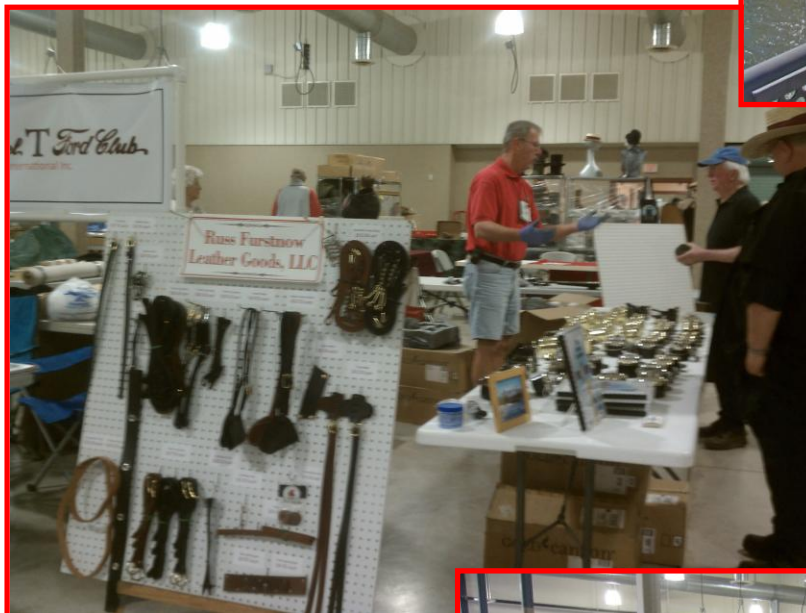
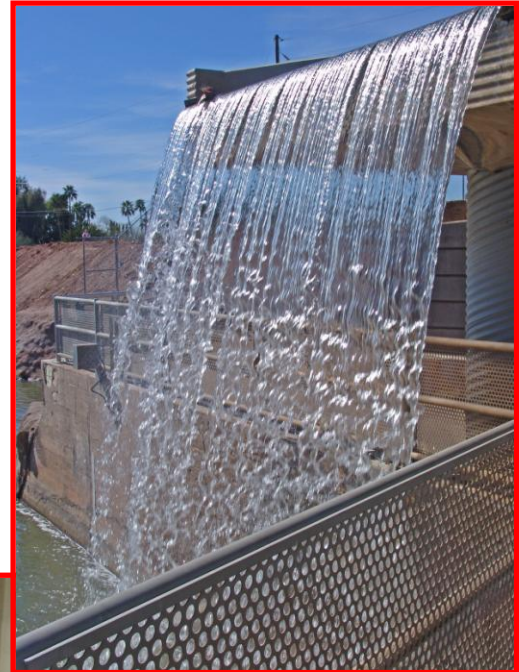
A tour of Phoenix isn't complete without a stop at the Capitol Building. We wanted a group photo there, so we made a brief stop in a no-parking zone out front and got our pix! Where there's a will, there's a way! Luckily for us, the protesters took that day off, and we had the place to ourselves.

On the way back to base camp, we made a quick stop at Arizona Falls. What was a natural 20-foot drop in the Arizona Canal was redone in 2003 by SRP, the Phoenix Arts Commission and the Arcadia neighborhood. It features a 750 KW hydroelectric generating plant,

several artistic waterfalls, and a visitors' viewing area. It's literally really cool!

Karen and I had great fun hosting, and we look forward to doing it again!

Some of our gang went to the swap meet in Chickasha, OK, March 17-18. We're looking forward to hearing about



that adventure! In April we're off to Kartchner Caverns in southern Arizona with John & Montana. Hope to see you all there!!

Harold

**Russ and Kathy
supplying
shoppers with
speedometers and
leather goods at
the Chickasha
Swap Meet**





**Montana and Marilyn
working the MTFCI
table at the
Chickasha Swap Meet**

T-TIME WITH MEMBERS

Jim Ellis of Flagstaff has been hospitalized due to complications following knee replacement surgery. We wish him the best, and hope to hear that he is up and swimming laps again soon.

We welcome new member James Stewart of Phoenix. He is currently working on a 1920's Model T roadster. Please see the attached roster for his contact information.

What a super group of Model T'ers attended the March tour. Dave and Jeannie Chance, Dick and Joyce Erfert, Steve and Marilyn François, Russ and Kathy Furstnow, John Konwiser, Marilyn Petersen, LeRoy Peterson, John and Montana Renkema, and Karen and Harold Crutcher with guests Burt and Betty Feingold all enjoyed the day together. Our special thanks to Harold and Karen for hosting such a wonderful tour!

Thanks so much to Dick Erfert, Harold Crutcher, and John Renkema for furnishing photos for this newsletter. What a team!

T-TIME APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to you!!!

April 4

April 6

April 15

April 26

Billy Bridge

Darrell Horstman

Barbara Meakin

Brian Petersen



FORD FAMILY FACTOIDS

by Harold Crutcher

Henry Ford's success with the Model T brought him instant fame and celebrity, which he accepted with mixed feelings. He got away when he could, and his annual summer camping trips became part of contemporary Americana. Henry liked to tell about the time their caravan stopped at a service station to replace a headlight on one of the cars. He claimed to have said to the attendant, "By the way, you might be interested to hear that the man who invented this lamp is sitting out there in my car."

"You don't mean Thomas Edison?" the man gasped.

"Yes, and incidentally, my name is Henry Ford."

"Do tell! Good to meet you, Mr. Ford!"

Noting the brand of tire in the service station's racks, Ford added, "And one of the other men in the car makes those tires -- Firestone." The attendant's jaw dropped. Then he saw John Burroughs with his flowing beard, and his voice became skeptical: "Look here, mister, if you tell me that the old fellow with the whiskers out there is Santa Claus, I'm going to call the sheriff!"

From *The Fords* by Peter Collier and David Horowitz



The men are (L to R) Harvey Firestone, Henry Ford, John Burroughs, and Thomas A. Edison

T-TIME FABULOUS FUN, TOURS AND EVENTS

Dates in red represent CCMTC sponsored or affiliated events.

Dates in black represent other special events in which you might be interested.

April 8-10

Kartchner Caverns tour. RSVP to Renkemas at 602.292.6592.

See additional information below. [1](#)

Karchner Update: Spring is here!!! Well, sort of. It will definitely be here in time for our April Tour in Southern Arizona. The drive from the Caverns to Bisbee should be quite a treat. And, of course, the Caverns themselves are awesome. We are planning a fun-filled weekend. Be sure and join us.

Saturday morning we will all meet at Kartchner Caverns State Park Campground at 8:00A.M. We will drive south on Hwy 90 to Sierra Vista and then on to Bisbee. We will have lunch in Bisbee. From Bisbee we will travel North on Hwy. 80 to Tombstone. From Tombstone we travel north to Hwy. 82, where we go west to Hwy. 90 and then north to Kartchner Caverns. Saturday evening will be a potluck dinner at the Park Campground. Please contact John or Montana for details.

Sunday morning at 9:45 A.M. we tour the Big Room. After that you are on your own.

- April 15-16** Bakersfield Swap Meet.
- April 23** Highway cleanup. RSVP to Gary Selig at 928.522.9257.
- April 29-May 1** Route 66 Fun Run. Call Russ at 928.526.1343 for information.
- April 30-May 1** 11th Annual Salinas 2011 Speedster Run, Salinas, CA. See additional information at www.wlearnest@earthlink.net
- May 7** Flagstaff meeting and joint day tour with SCMTC. RSVP to Furstnows at 928.526.1343. See additional information below. [2](#)
- May 28-29** Reservation tour. RSVP to Erferts at 928.526.5683.
- June 27 - July 1** MTFCA tour in Pincher Creek, Alberta. Les Schubert, Tour Coordinator. Tour website: www.cowboysandcoalmines.com
- July 18-22** MTFCI 55th annual tour in Rochester, MN. Steve Boyd, Tour Chair. Website: www.modelt.org
- August 12-14** Santa Fe, NM. Contact Konwisers at 480.223.2742 for more information.
- September 9-11** Ashurst Lake campout. RSVP to Furstnows at 928.526.1343.
- September 14-17** Travel to Astoria OR for Bi-Centennial. Call Renkemas at 602.292.6592 for more information about joining them.

- September 24-27** MTFCA Covered Bridge Tour in Indiana.
- October 5-8** Hershey PA swap meet
- October 22** Flagstaff Wupatki Tour. RSVP to Marilyn Petersen at 928.526.9662.
- November 5** Highway cleanup. RSVP to Gary Selig at 928.522.9257.
- November 19** President's tour and meeting. RSVP to Crutchers at 480.991.9166.
- January 20-21** MTFCI Annual Membership Meeting in Phoenix, hosted by CCMTC.

1 April 9-10 Kartchner Caverns Tour

Saturday, April 9

Tour Bisbee and Tombstone in the Model T's

Sunday, April 10

Tour the "Big Room" Cavern at 9:45 a.m. Call 520.586.2283 for "Big Room" reservations, \$22.95/person. Length $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, time $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Accommodations:

Motels in Benson: Desert Rose Inn, 866.943.4970
 Super 8, 520.586.1530
 Best Western Plus Quail Hollow Inn, 800.780.7234

Campground: Kartchner Caverns State Campground, \$25/night, register online at <https://azstateparks.itinio.com/kartchnercaverns/campground/>

2 May 7 Flagstaff meeting and joint tour with Sun Country Model T Club

Meet at Russ and Kathy's home at 11 a.m. for the meeting. Join the Sun Country Model T Club members at 1:30 p.m. for a short tour of Flagstaff. Snacks will follow at Furstnows' home. Join SCMTC for a 5 p.m. cookout at Martins' motorhome at Black Bart's RV Park - be sure to bring a dish to share for the cookout. E-mail Martins at martin33@cox.net for information and registration forms if you are interested in attending the SCMTC Speedster Run to be held on Sunday, May 8.

T-TIME TECHNICAL TIPS

By Russ Furstnow



Exhaust Leaks

One of the problems I've encountered with my Model T's exhaust system is the number of never-ending exhaust leaks in a variety of places. Recently I spotted a new product produced by Permatex called "Muffler and Exhaust Pipe Sealant". This product, when used properly, will seal an exhaust system and muffler very well, and will eliminate most exhaust leaks. I used this product where the muffler shells meet the cast ends of the muffler and where the exhaust pipe enters the muffler, both with excellent results. Gone is the black soot which accumulated under the car and the irritating noise made by the exhaust leak. This sealer could also be used on exhaust whistles, cut outs and other areas where the tolerances are close but not perfect. I **WOULD NOT** use this product on the exhaust nut or the manifold as it might make both difficult, if not impossible, to remove. But if you want to quiet your T down a little bit, try this out.