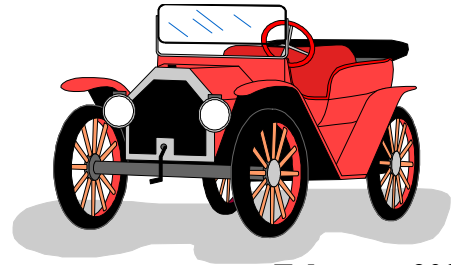


T-TIME

IN CANYON COUNTRY



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\$29 U.S.
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T-TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Kathy and I had a great holiday season with all of the grandkids and family...a wonderful time. As you have probably heard, Flagstaff is not participating in "global warming" and we have had record low temperatures and gobs of snow since December 8th. With all the cold weather, I decided to stay indoors and complete a project I've wanted to do for some time....I wrote a new speedometer book entitled "The Antique Automobile Speedometer". The book is at the printer as I write this message, and it should be done by March 3rd. All that being said, I haven't done much of anything to my cars, but I have to get them ready for the upcoming CCMTC touring season!! I'm sure everyone in warmer areas has been working hard on the Model T's, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of your progress.

I want to invite everyone to come to Flagstaff on March 15th for our kick-off event - our planning meeting and lunch. I have included a meeting agenda in this T-Time, and we are expecting some old friends to attend our first gathering. Gene Mitchell and Marion Kirby are planning to be in Flagstaff for the meeting, and it will be good to see them. We will plan the year's tours, select some officers, discuss the upcoming 2009 national tour and I will give a short seminar on speedometers (just some interesting tidbits from things I found while researching for the book). Kathy will have a super lunch following the meeting, and we will have time to visit and enjoy one another's company. See you next month.

Russ

T-TIME WITH MEMBERS

Congratulations to our CCMTC vehicles and their owners who participated in the Camp Verde Car Show on Saturday, February 9. Billy and June Bridge won 2nd place and Art and Tommie Wimmer won 3rd place in the *Antique Autos to 1951* Division. Thanks to George Lauman for reporting the car show information.

Last year, Dave Chance purchased Clayton and Rose's 1916 roadster, and he drove the car on several CCMTC tours. Since Dave is planning to drive his Model T to Indiana for the Centennial Celebration, he decided to give the car a "once-over" to insure he won't have any breakdowns. Dave is very particular about his cars (he especially hates oil leaks), so he decided to take the little roadster completely apart and do a "ground-up" re-restoration. Some of the things he has done include: installing a new Warford transmission, installing modern rear axle and pinion bearings, rebuilding the engine, recharging the magnets on the flywheel, repainting the entire car, reupholstering the car (including a new top), and installing a beautiful oak

pickup bed (so he can carry his cooler while driving to Indiana). Dave has powder coated the entire undercarriage, including the frame, and he is planning to purchase new Buffalo wire wheels for his new tires. Dave will have the only "new" Model T in the CCMTC in a couple of months!!!! We are all waiting for the debut of the car.

Clayton and Rose Chance moved into an apartment in Cottonwood late last year. Kathy and Russ drove down and had lunch with them and had a wonderful visit. Both are doing well and we hope they are able to come to some CCMTC events this year.

Young Russ Furstnow and his dad decided to find out what was wrong with the Ruckstell axle in Russell's 1921 touring. The axle was making grinding sounds and needed attention. When the axle was dismantled, the triple gears appeared to have frozen on the pins and then broke away from the housing....a real mess. Basically, the axle is toast and will not be able to be rebuilt. Fortunately, Russ's dad had a spare Ruckstell, so the car should be on the road for some tours this year. The engine was also removed and will be checked out while the car is apart.

Russ Furstnow Sr. has been working on his new book, The Antique Automobile Speedometer, rather than on his cars. The 183-page book has over 350 photos and scanned images and answers many questions about early speedometers from 1908-1927. He is going to introduce his book at

the Chickasha Swap Meet and will have it for sale there. The price is \$24.95, but if a CCMTC member wants a copy, the price is \$21. Russ said it has been fun researching the new book, but he is now ready to get back into the barn!!

T-TIME TECHNICAL TIPS

Mounting Tires

Mounting new 30X3 and 30X3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tires, especially new Firestone tires, proves to be especially challenging. A tip that worked especially well for Russell Furstnow was to take the spare tire out of his wife's car, let the air out of the spare tire and then insert the deflated spare into the middle of the new Model T tire. The spare tire was a tight fit inside the Model T tire (the size of the spare is 225/60-14, but a 185/70-14 would also be okay). Once the new tire was slipped over the spare tire, the spare was inflated to 25-30 psi, and both tires were set in the sun for about 30 minutes. The air was then released from the spare tire, and the Model T tire was removed from the spare. The Model T tire stretched, and mounting the tires proved to be very easy. The next time you need to mount new tires, try this tip!

Power Boost

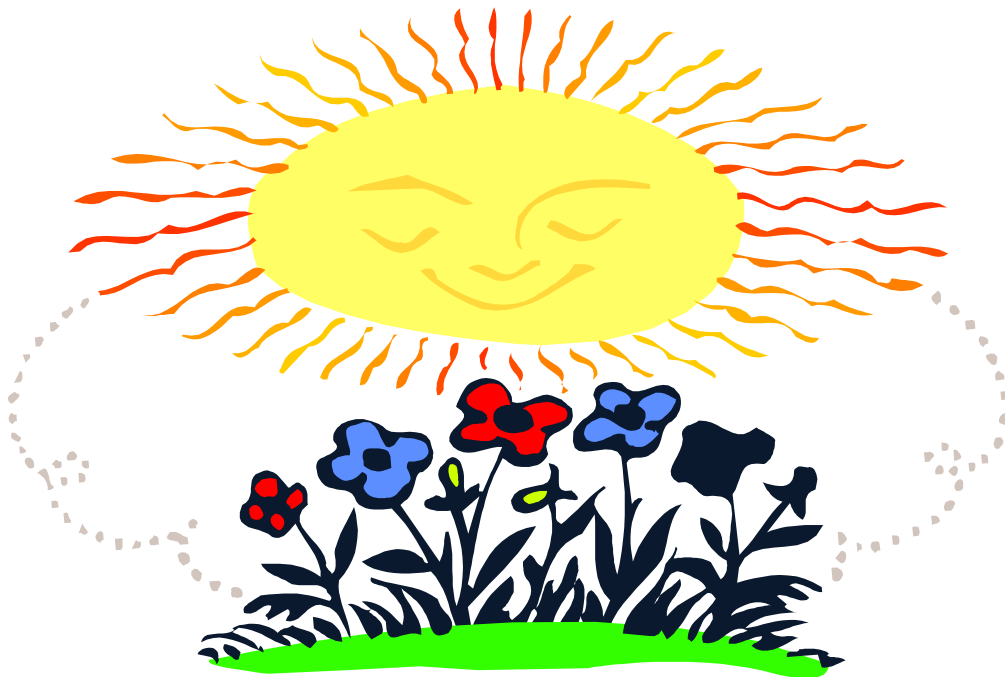
Are you interested in obtaining a boost in power for your Model T? You can get a substantial increase by installing a new, aluminum "Z" head on your car. Installation time is around 30 minutes and the power difference is really something. Jerry Petersen loaned Russ a "high" Z head to try on his red 1911 touring and now Russ is able to cruise easily at 45-50 mph in Flagstaff (elevation 7000 feet). The cost of this head is around \$350, which is a cheap price to pay for this type of increase in power. The head is a bolt-on item that is very easy to install with no modifications or alterations. One word of caution - if you have high compression pistons in your T, you may not be able to use this head. It is machined to accept a stock piston configuration.

CCMTC MEMBER PINS

Russ has CCMTC enameled pins for sale for \$2.50. Please call him at 526-1343 if you would like to purchase one (or more!).

T-TIME DUES TIME

Yearly dues have remained the same for all nineteen years the CCMTC has existed - \$10!!!! What a bargain! Please send the \$10 for your family to Marilyn Petersen, 5770 Heppel Drive, Flagstaff 86004.



Our wish after a long, snowy winter.

T-TIME EVENTS

March 15 - Kickoff Meeting and Lunch

10 a.m. at the Furstnows' home, 3545 W. Kiltie Loop, Flagstaff
Please notify Russ or Kathy at (928) 526-1343 if you plan to attend

AGENDA

1. Welcome members/make introductions
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Old Business
 - A. Reports from the November Tour - Bill Harrison
 - B. Report on the 2009 National Tour
4. New Business
 - A. Elect CCMTTC Officers
 - B. Plan tours for the year
 - C. Discuss goals of the club
 - D. Distribute Membership Roster - how to get new members
 - E. What can we do to celebrate the 100th birthday?
5. Other Business
6. Close Meeting
7. Speedometer Seminar
8. Lunch

March 22-24, 2008 - Chickasha Swap Meet

Chickasha, OK - pre-1945 Swap Meet
Call Russ if interested (928.526.1343)

April 19-21, 2008 - Bakersfield Swap Meet

Bakersfield, CA - pre-1945 Swap Meet
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July 21-26, 2008 - Model T Centennial Celebration

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY FOR THE MODEL T FORD - 1908-2008
Centerville, IN See the Vintage Ford for details.

June 21-26, 2009 - Canyonlands III Tour

MTFCA National Tour hosted by the CCMTTC

