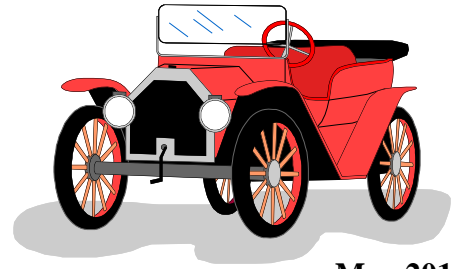


# T-TIME

## IN CANYON COUNTRY



May 2011

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### T TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT

Be sure to save May 7th for our next meeting at the Furstnows' -- 11:00 a.m. And then a tour of Flagstaff and dinner cookout with the Sun Country Club visiting from Phoenix. That should be fun!

Karen and I are just back from visiting my sister, Jane, in Sarasota. We made a side trip to Fort Myers, where we saw the Edison/Ford Museum, and their winter homes. Thomas Edison built his winter home on the Caloosahatchee River in Fort Myers in 1887. A few years



Ford home and walkway between Ford and Edison houses

later, Henry Ford bought the property next door to Edison and built a winter home of his own. The two created a botanical research lab



Edison's porch

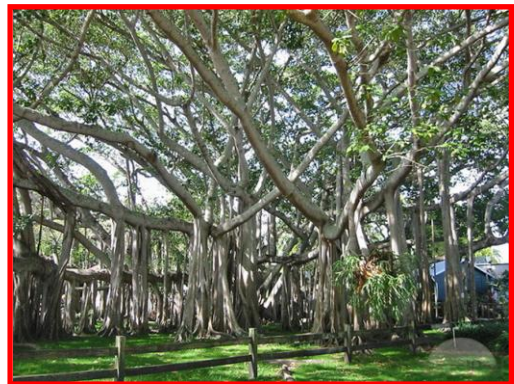


River view. Talk about location!

on the property (they had about 20 acres between them), primarily for the purpose of finding a way to produce latex for tires from local plant

materials. Ford did not like the long supply line for rubber from overseas, especially with World War I threatening. After several years of trying, they found the best local source for latex was the Goldenrod plant. They produced a hybrid which grew 12 feet tall and yielded 5% latex in its leaves. This being the best they could do, they concluded it was not commercially viable, and gave up the program.

Edison was an avid amateur botanist, however, and put together a collection of over 1000 plants from around the world in his botanical garden. Included in his collection is a Banyan tree given to Edison by Harvey Firestone in 1925. It came from India, and was the first Banyan tree planted in the USA. It was four feet tall at the time. It is now the largest Banyan tree in North America, over 400 feet wide. It shades the Edison/Ford research laboratory, which is now open as a museum, housing many of the inventions of both men.



Well, time to dust off the T's and get ready for another fun Summer of touring! See ya soon!

*Harold*

# T-TIME ON TOUR

## Karchner Caverns Tour

By Montana and John Renkema

WIND! WIND! WIND!

Four of us arrived at Kartchner Caverns State Park exhausted from fighting the wind. LeRoy Peterson, Dave Chance, John and Montana Renkema were the only ones who were willing to take on the weather. What brave souls!!

unexpected treat. There was a pickup truck in the show and none of us could figure out what it was. Maybe, one of you will have the answer from this picture. We found a cafe and had a wonderful lunch. Then it was off to Tombstone.

After Saturday morning coffee and sweet bread, we fired up the 'T's' and headed for Sierra Vista. Montana had 4 layers of clothes on, LeRoy didn't have enough layers, John wished he had more, and Dave was nice and cozy in his enclosed Model A.

After a short stop in Sierra Vista, we continued on to Bisbee. We drove into town to find the streets blocked off and a car show going on. This was an



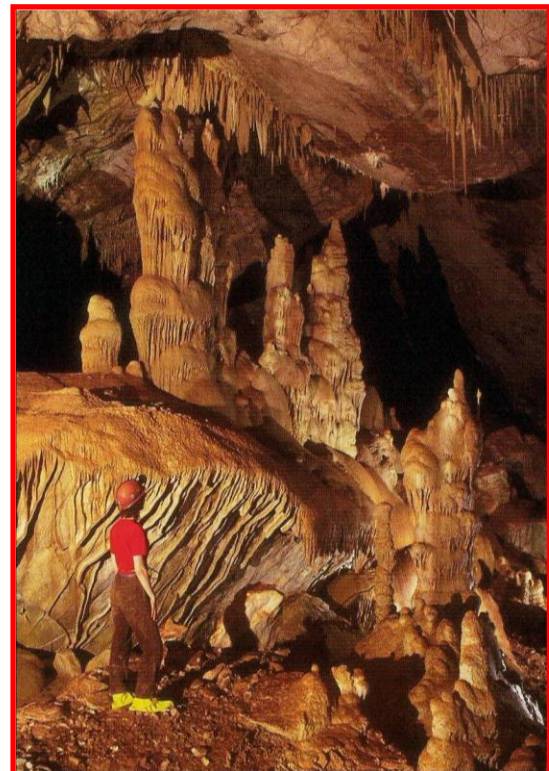


We parked in front of the Tombstone Consolidated Mine Company, and Dave and LeRoy explored the town while John and Montana answered questions of the multitude of people who came to see the cars. When Dave and LeRoy returned, Dave discovered he had a flat tire. Lo and Behold, no one had the proper tools to needed to change the tire. Luckily, a Tombstone employee came to the rescue and we were back in business. Then it was off to the State Park under ominous skies. We managed to get all of the cars tucked in before it started to rain. In spite of the wind, we had a great time. It doesn't matter what Mother Nature throws at you, as long as you are with friends. Thanks, Dave and LeRoy,

for a memorable weekend. Sunday morning the sun was out and the wind was gone. After coffee and pastry,

LeRoy said goodbye and Dave, John and Montana toured the Big Room. It was awesome. We highly recommend it to anyone who hasn't been there.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Flagstaff on May 7.



## T-TIME MAY BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to you!!!**

May 6	Judy Ward
May 7	LeRoy Peterson
May 8	Diana Kirby
May 10	Jean Chance
May 13	Gary Selig
May 14	Don Noble
May 24	Ken Kenewell
May 27	Thomas Carlson



## FORD FAMILY FACTOIDS

*by Harold Crutcher*

As the 15 millionth Model T rolled off the assembly line, and Henry was busy readying the Model A for introduction, competition in the auto industry was heating up. Chevrolet introduced a six-cylinder car in 1928. Chrysler was growing fast. But by October 21, 1929, Henry believed the worst was behind him. He sold over 1.8 million cars that year, 34 percent of the market. And on this day he was finally realizing another great dream of his life by inaugurating the Edison Institute and opening the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. It was a national moment, with President Hoover presiding over ceremonies meant to celebrate the advent of man-made power and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Edison's invention of the light bulb by dimming the lights across the country. A small problem developed when the 82-year-old inventor sat down outside the banquet hall and refused to budge, finally breaking into tears and saying that he simply couldn't face the crowd, let alone the microphones that would carry his words across the country. His wife was summoned and pleaded with him, and finally he went into the banquet hall on the arm of his best friend, Henry Ford.



Things had never seemed better, but three days later, on the day that would become known as Black Tuesday, the stock market crashed, and Henry Ford's world, like everyone else's, changed forever.

From *The Fords*

by Peter Collier and David Horowitz

## T-TIME WITH MARILYN

We have been notified of the sale of the late Bill Harrison's household items (non-garage items) such as furniture and knick-knacks. It will be held at his home at 80 Disney Lane in Sedona on May 13 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on May 14 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (CCMTC members will be allowed to enter the sale earlier than the public, at 9 a.m. on May 13). Bill's 1926 Ford pickup is also for sale.

CCMTC has extended sympathy to Donna Cody, a long-time Model T enthusiast and a member of Sun Country Model T Club. Her son, Brent Parker, passed away on Thursday, April 21 and funeral services were held on April 25.

Many thanks to the group of CCMTC members and friends for cleaning our two-mile section of Highway 89 in memory of Jerry Petersen. That particular section is kept very clean, and we are proud to have our club mentioned on the sign. Our April 23 crew consisted of members John and Montana Renkema, Russ and Kathy Furstnow, Dick and Joyce Erfert, Gary Selig, Marilyn Petersen, and friends Jim and Arnita Bohn.

The Bakersfield Swap Meet was held on April 15-16, and was very happily attended by CCMTC members Marion and Diana Kirby, Dave Chance, John and Montana Renkema, and Russ and Kathy Furstnow.



They set up a table with the MTFCI banner and applications, and visited with the shoppers about the international club.

They all went home with special purchases, but especially the Renkemas. John didn't need anything and didn't plan to buy anything, but towed an empty trailer along "just in case". Yes, you are correct! He returned with a 1913 chassis, among other treasures. Good shopping!! An unexpected special event occurred during the swap meet - among the shoppers was Jay Leno. He and Russ discussed their respective Model T's and Shelbys,



then Jay asked Russ some speedometer questions and purchased Russ's The Antique Automobile Speedometer book.

The fabulous photos appearing in this T-Time issue were shared by Harold Crutcher (Ford photos) and John and Montana Renkema (tour and swap meet photos). Thanks so much to them - we receive so many compliments from members who appreciate our photographers.

## T-TIME TECHNICAL TIPS

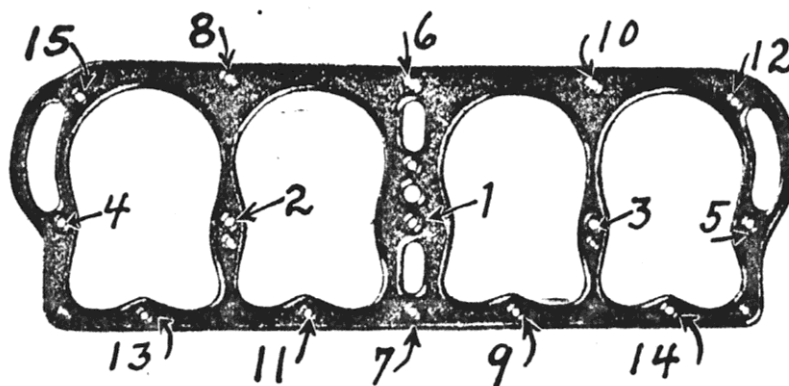
By Russ Furstnow



### Remove cylinder head and install new head gasket

When we remove the cylinder head from our T's and install a new head gasket, it is important to re-install the head properly by torquing the head bolts in proper sequence. It is important to torque the head bolts gradually, rather than go to maximum torque on the first tightening sequence.

Use the torquing sequence found in the diagram below and use 35 pounds of torque on the first go-around. The second time use 60 pounds of torque, and follow the same tightening sequence. Now run the car and let the engine warm up. This will "set" the head gasket and bolts. Allow the engine to cool overnight, and then re-torque the head bolts at 60 pounds using the tightening sequence. Your head and head gasket are now properly set. This procedure should be utilized whenever you remove the head from your T.



## 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.

- May 7** Flagstaff meeting and joint day tour with SCMTC. RSVP to Furstnows at 928.526.1343. 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 [martin33@cox.net](mailto:martin33@cox.net) for information and registration forms to attend the SCMTC Speedster Run to be held on Sunday, May 8.
- May 28-29** Reservation tour. RSVP to Erferts at 928.526.5683. See attachment to this e-mail for detailed information to date.
- June 27 - July 1** MTFCA tour in Pincher Creek, Alberta. Les Schubert, Tour Coordinator. Tour website: [www.cowboysandcoalmines.com](http://www.cowboysandcoalmines.com)
- July 18-22** MTFCI 55<sup>th</sup> annual tour in Rochester, MN. Steve Boyd, Tour Chair. Website: [www.modelt.org](http://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.
- 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/meeting. RSVP to Crutchers at 480.991.9166.
- January 20-21** MTFCI Annual Membership Meeting in Phoenix, CCMTC hosts