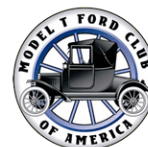




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President's Message

They say "A picture is worth a thousand words"



Our February Meeting is sandwiched between The Lethbridge Swap meet, Feb 14 and the Coil Rebuilding Workshop at Robb's Garage 9:00 a.m. on February 28th.

Our March Meeting will be held at the Chapelhow Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 284, at 606 38th Avenue NE on March 25, starting at the usual time 7:30 p.m.



Collector Car Appreciation Day, Friday, July 10, 2015

A wide range of automotive events are held on the second Friday in July to honor Collector car Appreciation day.

At the request of the SEMA Action network (SAN), HVA and SVAA , this holiday has been marked each year since 2010 by a US Senate Resolution, with the NAACC promotion in many Provinces of Canada, recognizing that the Collection and Restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United states and Canada. As this annual event continues to grow worldwide, states, provinces, counties and cities are following suit with their own recognition. The SAN encourages participation throughout the month of July to honor the classics of the past and the future.

Celebrate Your Hobby Your Way;

- attend an official vehicle event
- host your own or club meeting or cruise
- promote a Holiday sale at your business and invite a car club.
- Drive your special ride, new or old or what you have to a destination.
- talk cars and do some networking.
- write up a story accompanied by some pictures for your local newspaper or club publication.

Enjoy the day.

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Minutes of the Foothills Model T Ford Club Meeting January 28th, 2015 Aerospace Museum

President Robb Wolff called meeting to order at 7:40pm. There were 32 members in attendance. Guest for the evening was Dave Kirkby from Three Hills.

Minutes: Kristen Anderson – Robb read the minutes of the November meeting in Kristen's absence and requested they be adopted as read. Cliff Proctor seconded. Carried.

Treasurers Report: Ross Benedict – Ross presented the November and December reports and moved the report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Lawrence Gould. Carried.

Membership: Eileen Jewell – Eileen reported that we have 55 paid memberships for 2015. We have two new members Art Burgess from Red Deer and Ron Felzien from Forestburg.

Editor's Report: Chris Brancaccio – Nothing to report.

Tool Curators Report: Glen McDonald – All tools accounted for.

Librarian's Report: Jonathan Watson – Jonathan reported that Shirley Watt has donated some items to the collection.

Correspondence:

- Cochrane Activettes (Cochrane Food Bank) – Appreciation Certificate

Tour Director's Report:

- February 13th & 14th is Lethbridge Swap Meet and SVAA Meeting
- February 28th Coil Rebuilding at Robb Wolff's – There is an article on the Montana 500 website on rebuilding coils.
- June 6th President's Tour and June 7th will be Safety Inspection.
- July 12th – 18th is National Tour hub from Cochrane.
- Later July or August – Camping tour to Johnson's Canyon
- No date set yet for Fall Colours tour
- Tom wants to plan a week in Dearborn Michigan (Labour Day Weekend) perhaps

Old Business:

Bylaws: May still form committee to create new set.

Christmas Party: Should we have party catered or not? Costs would likely be \$60.00 per couple if catered versus \$35.00 for pot luck. Chapelhow Legion was \$60.00 per couple. Art will see if he can get the room at the Legion – we will also hold the Banff Trail Community Hall for now.

March 25th Meeting has to be moved as the AeroSpace Musuem is booked for their AGM. Art will check with the Legion, to see if we can meet there.

Jubilee Tour 2015:

We have 93 cars = 190 people booked to date.

Someone from Texas would like to rent a car for the tour and we will also have to have cars available to take additional passengers.

New Business:

We need a new Treasurer next year. Robb asked if there were any volunteers.

Winner of the 50/50 draw, Tom van Dijk

Thanks to Ross and Robb for picking up the donuts.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Technical / Show & Tell – Things kept under your seat. Sam needs to have all his Model T stuff out of his place in Nanton and Sam also got married!





Robb and Marge's 'Nimble' Camping Trailer

During the Model T era people knew pioneer grandparents who crossed the plains in a covered wagon. In some rural areas shepherd's wagons were still in use. With the advent of the automobile it was only natural for an innovative motorist to fashion a sleeping wagon that could be trailed behind the car for family camping trips. Adventures to places previously only dreamt of became possible and affordable. Soon a whole industry was formed to supply motor campers with camping equipment and purpose built camping trailers.



The campers built in the teens and early twenties shared a common design: a wooden trailer box with slide out or flip out beds; all covered with a tent that draped over the assembly and hung to the ground. Later more complex designs appeared with hard tops and spring loaded mechanisms that unfolded quickly with a minimum of human intervention. A few companies even supplied motorhome conversions which were designed for the Model T Chassis.

Some of the trailers were quite heavy. Perhaps that is why almost none of the magazine advertisements displayed them with a Model T as the tow vehicle.

Years ago, after seeing an Earl Camping Trailer on the cover of *The Horseless Carriage Gazette*, I was smitten with the desire to take Model T camping trips. Constrained by storage space and horsepower I eventually chose to design and build a tent camping conversion for our 1926 pickup. After more than a decade of wonderful camping trips in Kananaskis Country and the Interior of BC I have only two complaints: It takes too long to set up and take down and once it is set up you can't easily drive around and explore the countryside.



On our camping trips I noted a few things I would do differently the next time I built a camper. Further ideas came when we attended the Model T Centennial celebration in Richmond Indiana where there was a wonderful display of vintage campers. On the way home we stopped off in Elkhart Indiana and viewed the collection at the RV Museum. I finally came up with five objectives.

I wanted a trailer that:

- was light weight and easy to tow
- was quick to set up & take down
- required no tools to set up & take down
- looked like the ones built in the 1920's
- had good brakes
- had comfortable mattresses



I used poplar and frame and panel construction to keep the weight down. It took lots of experimenting to get the proportions and ratios right. In fact, I built a prototype out of construction spruce first to ferret out some of the problems.

Credit for the unusual paint scheme goes to one of our daughters in law. I had a couple of dozen paint swatches laying on the kitchen table and asked her to pick a combination that would be memorable. She picked the one I liked but didn't have the courage choose. The paint is marine enamel from Cloverdale Paint. Glen McDonald and I spoke with the restorers at the Remington Museum to find out what they used. Glen is using the same type of paint to do the wood on his Model R.



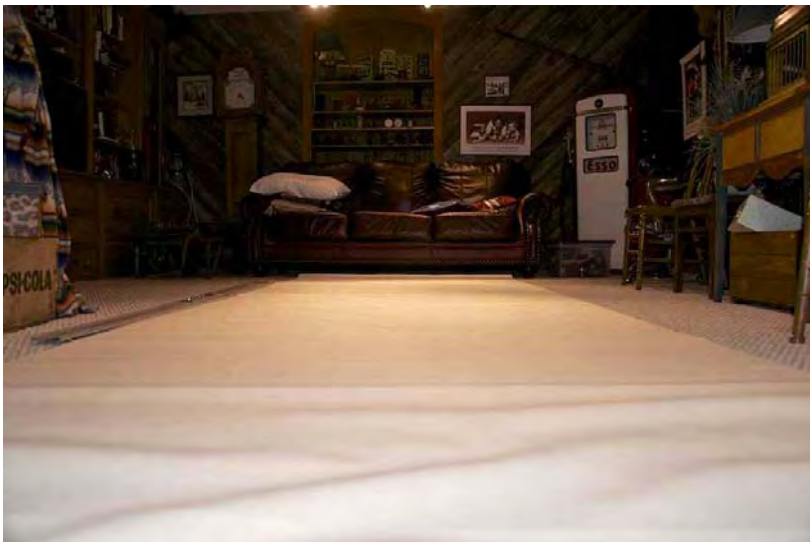
I used a Standen's axle with 7" electric brake drums that Les and I modified to fit T wire wheels. Model T front springs completed the suspension package.

It took 7 Model T rear fenders and a lot of body work to produce fenders that suited my taste. Thank you to all the club members who supplied the scrap rear fenders.

The mattresses were custom built by Sureline Foam Products here in Calgary.



Sewing the tent was a big challenge. I started with a commercial duty Pfaff but jumped at the opportunity to use Harry and Rose's industrial walking foot machine. It made sewing through multiple layers of canvass a breeze.

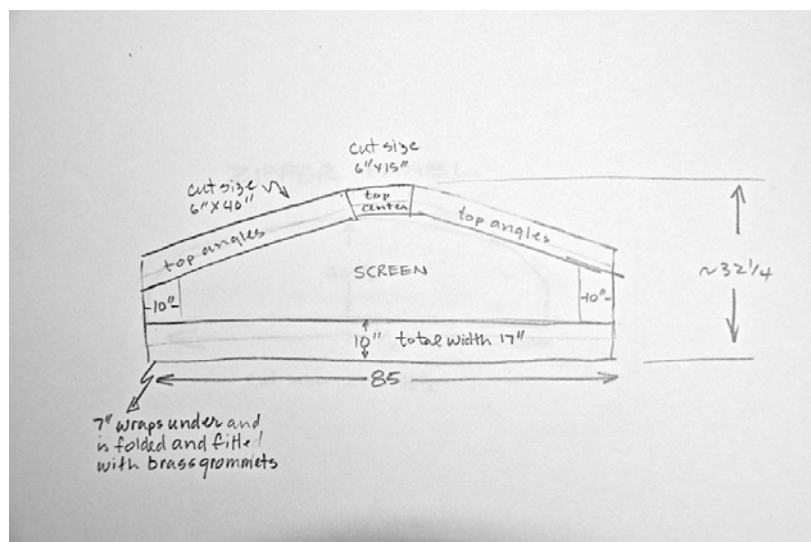


It takes a lot of canvas and a lot of room to make a tent. I chose: 100% Cotton, Sunforger, Marine Grade, Boat Shrunk, CPAI-84, Army Duck, Double Fill, 10.01 oz., Natural Color Canvas, 60 inches wide.

The windows were made from No-Seeum netting.



Early on Glen McDonald encouraged me to draw first cut second. I am not much of a draw'r but I soon realized the benefit of a few quick sketches.







Events

Feb 13-14 – Lethbridge swap meet

Feb 25 – regular club meeting, Aerospace Museum
7:30 pm

March 25 – regular club meeting

April 22 – regular club meeting, Aerospace
Museum 7:30 pm

April 24-26 – Eureka Montana Rendezvous Days

Henry Ford Museum Dearborn USA

The Henry Ford is a large indoor and outdoor history museum complex and a National Historic Landmark in the Metro Detroit suburb of Dearborn, Michigan. A few members of our club have been there in the past and I only heard glowing reports.

We are planning a multiday visit for the spring of 2015, if there is enough support. Members of the Model-A and APAC clubs also have already expressed interest. Maybe we can get a group together to discuss further details and preferences. If you are interested please contact me.

Tom tvandijk@telusplanet.net

Birthdays

February 1	Marilyn Lundquist
February 8	Mike Reid
February 9	Ed Helmich
February 15	Chris Brancaccio
February 16	Lawrence Gould
February 17	Emanuel Cohen
February 17	Danin Bodnar
February 20	Cliff Proctor
February 21	John Provost
February 22	Dorothy Gould
February 23	Lloyd Barberree
February 28	Margariet van Dijk

For Sale – For Trade

Please note: All Advertisements from club members will be published in three consecutive issues, free of charge. Non-member advertisements relating to the Model T will also be published free of charge as space permits. Send info to the editor: phone 403-271-1238, or email

ChrisBrancaccio@hotmail.com

For Sale: Warford transmission, cast case, shift lever & knob, gears are good, fits T or AA reasonable offers. Could bring it if someone is interested.

Ray Johnson 403-647-4440 Milk River AB

For Sale: 26-27 Model T front passenger door and a rear passenger door in Manitoba. Marcel 705- 242 2990. Phone call received by Ken Canning

For Sale: 1927 Ford Model T Coupe. Was restored 25-30 years ago, presently in storage, some seat rodent damage, all in reasonably good mechanical condition, Ruckstell axle, whitewall tires, front & rear bumpers. Appraised as Good to very good condition. Asking \$7500.00 Larry Gislason, 306-297-9309 Shaunavon Sask.



For sale: 1935 Ford, 5 wire wheels, tires, tubes, spindle's, backing plates.
1915/16 Engine block says made in USA.
Ford T 26/27 rear bumper brackets with original bolts for mounting. Al 403-274-4474 Calgary.



The Foothills Model T Ford Club

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you have already renewed for this year, would you please pass this renewal form on to someone who also shares in our interest of the Model T Ford.

If you have not renewed please take time now to complete this renewal form and send it along with your dues of \$35.00 to our Membership Secretary:

**Eileen Jewell,
2728 - 18th Street N.W.,
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Your Birth Month & Day

Your Spouse's Name, Birth Month & Day.....

Year & Style of T's Owned.....

I do not object to having my name printed in the Club Directory: Signed:

[Web application found here](#)

The Model T Ford Club of America

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Yes! I want to become a member of the MTFCA and receive THE VINTAGE FORD!

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