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Fourth Sunday of the month or as voted by the club membership

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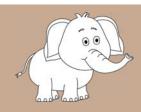
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Tucson MAFCA Annual White Elephant Sale Sunday, February 28

On February 28nd, forty-three members enjoyed a wonderful day, ending with the club's White Elephant Auction. Eighteen Model A's and a few somewhat modern cars were driven to the event.

The auction was preceded by a



chicken entrée rounded-up by Joe & Kelly Findysz. Thanks to all club members for bringing a variety of salads, vegetables and desserts to complement the meal.



Thanks to Shorty Allison, auctioneer, and to Chuck Thim and Ray Feierstein for conducting a profitable auction. Thanks also to Delena Conn, Margaret Horton and Corky Rose for collecting the auction's proceeds.

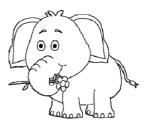
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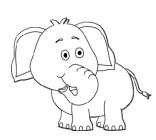
spirited bidding, which resulted in a fun and successful auction.

Respectfully submitted by Ray Feierstein, Joe Findysz, Shorty Allison, Allen Elvick, Ron Uhle and Rey Brown.

WHITE ELEPHANT PHOTOS

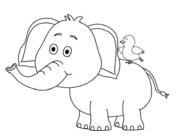












MAFCA NEWS

2016 MAFCA National Convention



At least five (5) of our Tucson families have already signed up for the 2016 MAFCA National Convention. This convention, set for June 19–24, will be hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado and will take place in Loveland, Colorado. Tons of information can be found in the January/February 2016 **Restorer** magazine and online at <u>http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/</u>. Hotel information can only be found online. If you need hotel info and <u>do not</u> have internet access, give me a call and I will print the hotel info and sent it to you via snail mail.

Mike Liebert 520-529-8662 520-444-5535 (cell)

THE RESTORER MAGAZINE

February 18 - If you've never had a chance to read a copy of MAFCA's awardwinning magazine, *The Restorer*, here's your chance - a FULL ISSUE is now available for you to read.

Go to *The Restorer* page at <u>http://www.mafca.com/pub_restorer.html</u> and click on the link to download the issue.

MEETING MINUTES March 1, 2016





- Meeting brought to order 7:30 PM by President Osterman.
- Badge money was collected.
- February meeting notes were accepted and approved.
- Treasurer's report accepted and approved. (M. Liebert)
- Refreshments provided by: Ron and Fran Sotardi, Rey Brown.

<u>Correspondence</u>: The Desert A, Holly Harris Photography.

<u>Guests/New Members:</u> Dave Tucker and Karen Benson.

Door Prizes: Thanks to those who donated door prizes: Gene Murphy, Fran and Ron Sotardi, Mike Liebert, Joe and Kelly Findysz, Bob Karn.

Old Business:

- June 19-24 2016: MAFCA 2016 National Convention in Loveland, Colorado. Don Nelson will present a Seminar on Service Stations at the National Convention. More information is in the Restorer Magazine and Mike Liebert has information on rooms. (M. Liebert)
- Report on the White Elephant sale. Thanks to all those who contributed items and to those who worked to make the event happen (R. Feierstein)

New Business:

- Holly Harris, a photographer, is offering to take pictures of club members in exchange for portraits of club members and their cars.
- Garage tour for Model A Day, September 11, 2016, at Don Vagaski's and Ernie Williams' garages.
- August fashion event (C. Laukaitis)
- April 16, 2016: Church Block Party, Craycroft and 5th St. 10AM to 1 PM. Bring your Model A and have fun.

Car Shows:

• April 17, 2016: Pima County Fair. (R. Feierstein)

Outings:

- March 20, 2016: Poker Tour with Model T Club, Meet at Hi Corbett Field. There will be 5 stops, final stop will be at Jeff Eppley's. Bring a canned vegetable for the Hobo Stew. (J. Findysz)
- Àpril 24, 2016: Progressive Dinner. Bring chairs and a side dish (J. Findysz)

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Outings:

- May 22, 2016: Breakfast in the Park (J. Beebe)
- June 19, 2016: Ice Cream Social. Bring a homemade dessert. (J. Findysz)

Adjourn: 8:10 PM. Next Meeting: April 5, 2016

EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>Tuesday March 1</u> – Regular meeting. See minutes on pages 6-7.

Sunday March 20 — Poker Tour with Model T Club, meet at Hi Corbett Field. There will be 5 stops, final stop will be at Jeff Eppley's. Bring a canned vegetable for the Hobo Stew. Contact: Joe Findysz 749-0767. See page 8.

Tuesday April 5 – Regular meeting.

Saturday April 9 — Park-to-Park Hike, Tumacácori to Tubac. Free admission to both parks until Noon. Hike one way, take a free shuttle back (9:30 AM to Noon). See page 10.

Saturday April 16 — Block Party, Christ Church United Methodist, 655 N. Craycroft, 10 AM to 1 PM. Contact: Bernice Edwards 751-1226. See page 9.

Sunday April 17 — Car Show, Pima County Fair. Contact: Ray Feierstein 531-9724. See page 9.

Sunday April 24 – Progressive Dinner. Contact: Joe Findysz 749-0767.

Tuesday May 3 – Regular meeting.

<u>Sunday May 22</u> – Breakfast in the Park. Contact: Jim Beebe 760-5043.

June 19-24 — 2016 MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, Colorado. See page 5.



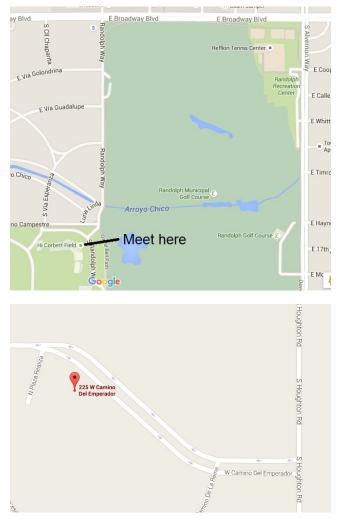
Model A & T Poker Run Sunday March 20

Hello Model A'ers and T'ers,

We are having a poker run with our antique cars on Sunday, March 20, 2016. We should meet at 9:30 AM at Hi Corbett Field. We will have a photo shoot at 9:45 and then leave at 10:00 AM. We will receive 5

cards with maps for 5 stops. The last stop will be at Jeff and Candi Eppley's place at 225 W. Camino del Emperador, Vail 85641. Please bring 1 can of vegetables for the homemade stew and perhaps some tums. If there are any questions, please call Joe Findysz at 520-749-0767.

(submitted by Ray Feierstein)



PIMA COUNTY FAIR CAR SHOW SUNDAY APRIL 17

Hello Model A'ers and T'ers,

We have been invited to spend the day, Sunday, April 17, 2016, from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Pima County Fair. We will all need to be in line off the Brekke Road vendors' entrance before 9 AM. We must all go into and out of the park together, with our antique vehicles, for security reasons. All of your guests will be invited, with free tickets to give them after 10:00 AM at the main gate. Please let me know ASAP who would like to come so I can let them know how many to expect.

Thank you,

Ray Feierstein 🙂 🙂 531-9724



Block Party – Saturday April 16

Christ Church United Methodist, located at 655 N. Craycroft, Tucson is having a Block Party on Sat. April 16, 2016 from 10-1 and everyone is invited to bring an old car. This is Bernice Edwards' church, and she appreciates all those who have supported the events in the past. You may arrive and depart whenever is convenient. There will be all sorts of fun activities for young & old. More info to follow, but in the meantime, you may contact Bernice at 520-751-1226.

Car for Sale

I have decided to sell Lady. I have owned her since 1989. You all know the car. 1931 Deluxe Tudor Elkpoint Green/Kewanee Green. MARC/MAFCA Blue Ribbon Award, 3rd place Fine Point Judging. AACA Senior Award. I am including all my manuals, Model A tools, a complete show quality Model A Tool Set in a Oak Display Box, and all parts (ask). Easily worth over \$2000. Arizona 1931 license plates, mint. In addition, I will include a good rebuildable 1929 engine as well. The Deluxe Tudor has a adjustable driver's seat and is unmatched for driver comfort. \$21,500 firm, and worth it! Give me a call at 520-749-8659.

Ron Sotardi

Park-to-Park Hike Along the Anza Trail Saturday April 9



Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016 by hiking the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail between Tumacácori National Historical Park and the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. On Saturday, April 9, from 9:30 to noon, hikers will be able to catch a free return shuttle back to their starting point after walking the 4 mile stretch of trail between the two parks.

Participants will receive their choice of a hiking stick medallion or pin representing each of the Park units. The young and young at heart may choose to participate in a special Junior Ranger activity to become an Anza Trail Junior Ranger. All participants will receive an annotated map of the entire route of the Anza expedition from Culiacán to San Francisco, including a list of the names and ages of the settlers who made the trek. Free shuttle service will return hikers to their park of origin, and admission to both Tubac and Tumacácori parks will be free until noon.

How many places can you visit three unique and groundbreaking park units in the course of a single stroll? The Anza Trail, part of our national trail system, stretches from the Mexican border in Nogales to San Francisco, California, commemorating the founding in 1776 of that city by Tubac Captain Juan Bautista de Anza and a group of settlers from what is now Sonora, Mexico. You will be following the first walkable portion of the national trail created in 1990, the stretch between Tumacácori and Tubac. The Tubac Presidio, the site of the first European settlement in Arizona and the first Spanish fort in the Santa Cruz Valley, was also the first park in the Arizona State Park system. Tumacácori, the first mission established in 1691 by Jesuit missionary Father Eusebio Francisco Kino in what is now Arizona, was also among the first park sites established by President Theodore Roosevelt as a National Monument, in 1908 – the park celebrated its centennial eight years ago – it is older than the National Park Service!

The four mile stretch of Anza Trail is mostly level and shady. Wear good walking shoes, dress for the weather, and carry water and snacks.

For more information on the hike or other park events and activities, call Tumacácori National Historical Park at 520-377-5060, or visit the park website at <u>http://www.nps.gov/tuma</u>.





Mar 3 – Susie Beebe Mar 3 – Brandy McLain Mar 4 – Candi Eppley Mar 12 – Bob Karn Mar 13 – Emmet Zimberoff Mar 15 – Joe Findysz Mar 19 – Jeanne Mietzner Mar 21 – Kathie McWilliams Mar 23 – David Rivard Mar 25 – Bill Ellis Mar 28 – Pat Oberst Mar 29 – Carey Kent, Jr.



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday April 5, 2016

Meeting Refreshments will be provided by:

Karen & Jerry Pilcher Fred & Laura Zumwalt





Dave Tucker & Karen Benson Oro Valley 1930 Tudor Original 1930 Tudor Hot Rod



- Mar 8 Sand & Leticia Zaspel
- Mar 15 Chuck & Lynn Thim
- Mar 16 Mike & Ann Liebert
- Mar 21 David & Molly Ramsower
- Mar 22 Tom & Kathie McWilliams

Bill Ford, Jr. Is Buyer Of Oldest Ford Still In Existence

By Viknesh Vijayenthiran | HighGearMedia.com, December 12, 2012



Last October the world's oldest known Ford in existence, a 1903 Model A Rear Entry Tonneau, sold at auction for the relative bargain price of price of \$264,000 (the car had previously been sold in 2007 for almost \$700k). It's now been revealed that the lucky buyer of the red 1903 Model A was none other than Bill Ford, Jr., the current vice chairman of Ford and great grandson of its founder Henry Ford.

The car, the third Ford ever produced, will now serve as a highlight of a series of events celebrating the 150th anniversary of Henry Ford's birth on July 30, 2013. Some of the planned events include festivals, historic theatrical shows, and public appearances of the 1903 Model A.

"The timing was perfect to bring this key part of Ford heritage back to the family as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of my great- grandfather's birth," Bill Ford said in a statement. "His vision to build cars that are reasonably priced, reliable and efficient still resonates and defines our vision today as well."

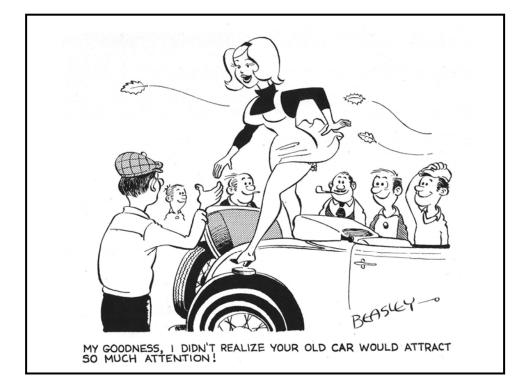
The 1903 Model A is not only the oldest surviving Ford vehicle, but it is one of the most important in the company's history, in part for being the first official Ford product and the car that kept the company from going bankrupt. Henry Ford founded the Ford Motor Company on June 16, 1903, but just one month later his cash reserves were less than \$250. On July 13, 1903, a cash infusion of \$1,320 from the deposits of three separate orders for the Model A finally arrived, helping to keep the company afloat.

The 1903 Model A Rear Entry Tonneau purchased by Bill Ford is believed to be the only one of those three initial orders still in existence. It features serial number 30 (the others had serial numbers 9 and 11) and was the third Model A to be produced. It was originally purchased for \$850 by Herbert L. McNary, a butter producer from Britt, Iowa, and whose family had been in procession of the car for some 50 years.

Harry E. Burd, a collector, was the next owner. His research led him to believe this example was car No. 3 and chassis No. 30. He sold it in 1961 to a Swiss Ford dealer, who displayed it in Cologne, Germany, at Ford's European headquarters. Burd then bought back the Model A in 2001. It was purchased by John O'Quinn in 2007 and then sold to Bill Ford this year by the estate of O'Quinn.

The 1903 Model A sits on a wheelbase of 72 inches and weighs about 1,250 pounds. It's powered by a twin-cylinder engine producing 8 horsepower and displacing 100 cubic inches. It could reach 30 mph on smooth roads, which were rare at the time of its launch. About 1,700 were produced over 15 months.

More information about the anniversary celebration of Henry Ford's birthday, including where you might be able to see the 1903 Model A, is available on a new mini-site launched for the event (<u>http://www.henryford150.com</u>). (c) 2012, High Gear Media.



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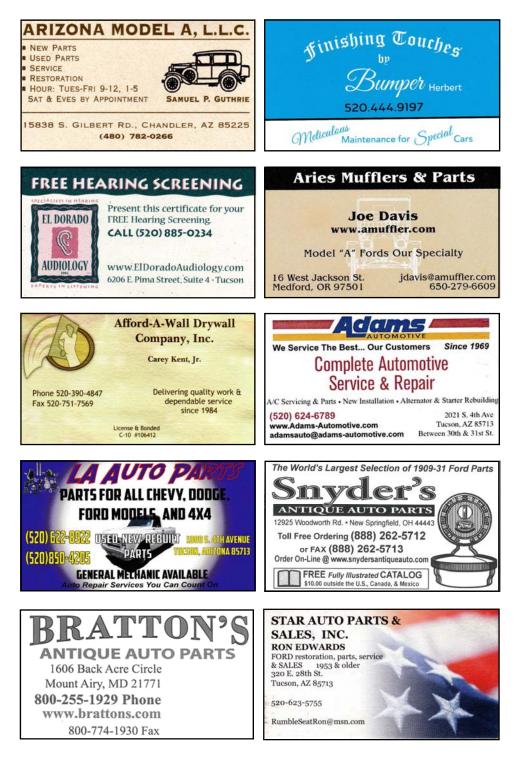
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