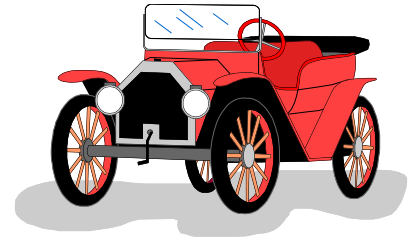


T-TIME

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T TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT

Here we are already through the first month of the new year. And what a year it has been so far. Flagstaff was buried under a reported 36 inches of snow. We will undoubtedly still have some major piles of snow piled up in parking lots by the time we meet on February 11.

As you probably know by now, we had to postpone our club meeting due to scheduling conflicts. We are now going to meet on the 11th for our yearly planning meeting at the Furstnows' home. This isn't a tour, so you don't need to bring your Model T. Just bring your ideas for things we can do as a club this year.

If you haven't paid your dues for this year (\$10 – What a bargain!) you can bring them to the meeting. By the way, you can belong to our club if you are interested in antique cars even if you don't own one. The more the merrier.

See you all on the 11th. Let's make this year the best yet!

Joyce Erfert

T-TIME FORD FACTOIDS

By Dick Erfert

The night of June 4, 1896, Henry Ford and Jim Bishop, a friend, finished putting the last few parts together on Ford's vehicle, and they were ready for a test of the machine. Jim Bishop was also a part of the test as he had to ride a bicycle ahead of the vehicle and warn any horse riders or horse-drawn carriages of the coming "menace" as it was sometimes called. As they pushed the complete machine forward they suddenly realized they missed an obvious obstacle - the doorway was too narrow to exit the building! Henry picked up a sledge hammer and began pounding the bricks around the entrance and made an opening large enough to get out onto the cobblestone alley.

It's told that Clara Ford came out bundled against the early morning darkness and rain and climbed into the vehicle. Henry started the engine and they drove out over the ruts and cobblestones with Mr. Bishop on his bicycle leading the way (rules of the road 1896). A few blocks away the machine had an electrical malfunction and after a quick repair, went back to the "garage."

The next morning Henry, Clara and this time baby Edsel Ford, climbed aboard the new machine (called a quadricycle because of its four bicycle wheels) with the flag man (bicycle guy) and drove around to show it off.

Henry's landlord saw them and was upset over the demolition of the workshop exit. But when Henry showed him the operation of the vehicle, the man decided to make the opening larger to get the vehicle in and out easier. In the next few days Henry and Jim (AKA Flagman) drove around Detroit telling anyone and everyone about his invention. On one of those first few days they knocked down a man and the vehicle rolled over him so he was caught between the front and rear wheels. Henry asked him if he should drive over him or move the car. Another man approached them and helped lift the quadricycle up and the man stood and dusted himself off. After Henry apologized, the man walked away from the first recorded auto/pedestrian accident.

Information taken from [The Fords: an American Epic](#), by Collier & Horowitz



Happy birthday to you

T-TIME FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Nancy Nelson**
- 10 Ashlee Furstnow**
- 23 Jim Warjone**
- 25 Don Meakin**
- 25 Margie Ellis**

T-TIME FABULOUS FUN, TOURS AND EVENTS

The 2017 CCMTC Touring Season schedule will be determined at the February meeting, and published in the March T-Time Newsletter. A vice president, tour chairman, and secretary/treasurer/webmaster will be elected at the meeting, which will be held at the Furstnows' home on February 11 in Flagstaff. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Drinks and chili will be provided, but please bring cornbread, salad, or dessert.

Register now for the 2017 Concours in the Hills at:
www.concoursinthehills.org
Saturday February 11, 10AM - 3PM
Fountain Park, Fountain Hills

The show is held in what is undoubtedly the most spectacular setting for a car show in the valley, on the grass around the lake and fountain. This year we had 513 cars on display.

Thanks to two entrances/exits, and a simplified entry procedure, we were able to get all the cars in and out with virtually no delays and everyone seemed to enjoy the show. In fact we have been contacted by several car clubs that have not participated before but will do so in 2017. There will be more food trucks and more washrooms.

In anticipation of even greater attendance we are making more changes to improve the show and especially to allow more space and less cramming. Plus we have some exciting surprises bound to generate a lot of interest.

This is not a formal "white gloves" concours but rather a relaxed and fun event designed to allow enthusiasts to display their own vehicles and admire others. We welcome all high-performance, sports, classic, race, muscle, hot-rods both import and domestic.

Please register now at www.concoursinthehills.org - under the Sign Up tab.

