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## President's Message

By Larry Coder

Hello again everyone. I hope each of you is enjoying this warmer weather we have finally gotten. It took a while but I believe summer is finally here and is screaming loudly to have Model T's traveling on our roads and trails and creating some wonderful memories.

Speaking of memories we were fortunate to be able to have lunch with several club members and honored guests Judy and Ivan Dike while they were in town. Judy and Ivan are loving the warm lifestyle and life in Arizona. These two people caused us to think of all the wonderful people we have met and fun times shared since joining this club.

I tried to scan a newspaper article to submit but was unable to make it readable so I will inform you of its contents:

Sunnyside's Best Western Grapevine Inn will be

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hosting a model A group from Beaverton, Oregon this month. Their club will be stopping in Sunnyside on June 21st and 22nd. They are coming from Grand Coulee Dam on the last leg of the nine days Selkirk Loop. Wouldn't it be fun to greet these travelers with a presentation of our Model T's? We can discuss this at our next meeting.

Remember.... you cannot create a lasting memory by letting your Model T sit in the garage..... LET'S GO DRIVING. ☐



## Birthdays in September

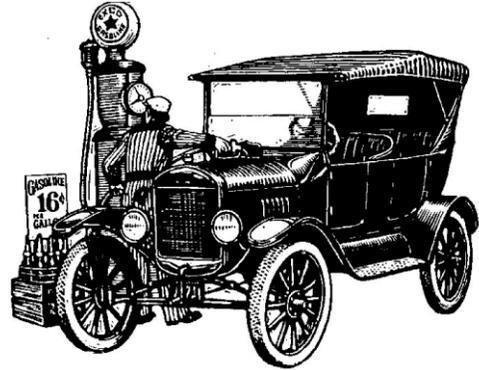
Linda Porter 9/8

## Anniversaries in September

Russ and Jane Armstrong 9/11

Paul and Doris Burma 9/7

Gary and Sandy Ellingson 9/30



## Coming Events

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| <i>June 20</i>     | <i>Monthly Meeting at Round Table Pizza on Clearwater in Kennewick 6 PM.</i> |
| <i>July 18</i>     | <i>Monthly Meeting at Round Table Pizza, Kennewick.</i>                      |
| <i>July 13</i>     | <i>Lavender Festival, Hermiston 10AM-6PM</i>                                 |
| <i>July 21-26</i>  | <i>MTFCI Kanab Tour</i>  |
| <i>Sept 12-?</i>   | <i>Grand Coulee Tour</i>   |
| <i>October 1-3</i> | <i>Chinook Pass Tour</i>   |

### Tour Change

Due to work schedule conflict the Palouse Falls Tour will be cancelled at this time, hope to get together for more touring this summer.

# June 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

May 15 the club went on a beautiful tour to Dave and Lou Ottem's fantastic ranch outside of Othello, Washington. We had 15 members present.

President, Larry Coder opened the short meeting in Dave's airplane hangar. Lou served a beautiful lunch in the airplane hangar with wonderful, delicious food. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited with a HUGE American flag on the wall of the hangar.

Mike Porter, Treasurer gave his report. We have money in the bank with \$84.00 income this past month. Joe Kuhns paid his dues and several patches were sold.

There were no minutes read. Wanda Stokes filled in for Dale Peterson, Secretary, in taking minutes as Dale was absent, on his way home from Texas.

**Old Business** - Dean Stokes asked to announce a Palouse Falls tour hosted by Dale and Sharon Peterson is June 16th. Several members pointed out that this date is Father's Day. Dean also mentioned that we are confirmed on the dates to Chinook Pass for October 1, 2, and 3 to Dean and Wanda Stokes' cabin. Several people commented that they are planning on coming.

**New Business** - Bill Sheller gave a big thank you to Dave and Lou Ottem for their wonderful hospitality and delicious lunch. Wanda Stokes will send a thank you card on behalf of our club to them. Mike Porter has patches to sell to those interested.

July 13th is the lavender festival in Hermiston. July 20th thru the 26th is the Utah trip and several members are attending this event.

With nothing more to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted, Wanda Stokes

It should be noted that Dave Ottem invited several citizens in the Othello area who are interested in vintage cars, to come and see our cars and have lunch with us. There were several other cars such as a 1957 Chevy and Stan Fast came in his Model T. Everyone enjoyed themselves and Mother Nature even cooperated by not making it so hot. It even sprinkled a little bit. Our members from Three River's Model T Club split in travelling to the Ottem's. The group from Sunnyside area left Burger Ranch at 8:30 and travelled to Hanford Gate, then to Vernita Bridge and to Othello. The group from Tri City area left from the Porter's and travelled to Ottem's through Pasco to Othello. Everyone who attended agreed that the Ottem's are very gracious in opening up their ranch to all. The airplane hangar was a terrific place to have a luncheon. The Ottem's had tables, chairs and a beautiful buffet table filled with cold cuts, cheeses, croissants, several salads and the best baked beans. There was lots of water and sodas and lots of desserts. It was very nice. They even had our pictures taken at their ranch ( a group picture with the photographers high on a lift) and individual pictures taken in front of their lawns/park area. The pictures will be downloaded to Dave's computer and hopefully will be shared with us. It was a nice Model T Day and the countryside was outstanding. □

## **ME and the MODEL T by Bill Sheller**

### **MAKE A HAPPY SOUND!**

**Gosh, that's kind of an odd title for an article for the T-Times. Perhaps I have finally lost it, as many of you might have suspected for years anyway, but if you give me a bit of room here I might just be able to pull this off!**

**Just so you know, the "happy sound" has absolutely nothing to do with the much touted buzzing of the Model T coils as you blissfully drive down the road less traveled. I for one have only experienced that much over rated sound a couple of times in Henry and Roscoe ( the TT C-Cab), mostly from the side of the road trying to figure out which of the four coils was causing my problem. Somehow that does not equate to a happy sound, for me at least. I prefer using a distributor type ignition, which all of my T's are equipped with. For one thing, that type of ignition system makes no sound at all, leaving my senses to marvel at all of Mother Nature's other sounds, sights, and smells, as I travel along in the slow lane, in a Model T Ford. Yes, I know, I'm missing one of the marvels of Model T'ing, but ... I'm also still moving down the road! After all, it's surely the journey not the destination that keeps us behind the wheel of Henry Ford's most memorable automobile! So, ... the coil buzz is certainly NOT my happy sound!**

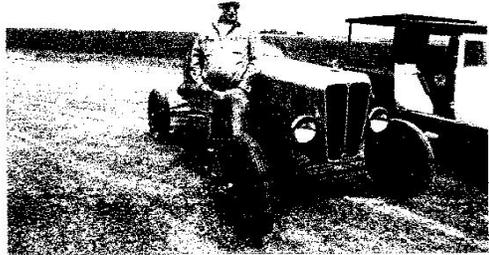
**I'm thinking more along the lines of something Walt Disney would have come up with to put a smile on the face of humanity and music to our ears! To be sure, nobody could argue the fact that Mr. Disney has accomplished that, well, ... splendidly! My Disney history isn't absolutely spot on, so just a bit of leeway here is requested. I do believe Miss Whites multiple dwarfs made the happy sound of whistling while they worked. Mr. Cricket, as I recall urged us to "give a little whistle", and of course many species of birds from blue birds to robins whistled their way across the silver screen. So,... my happy sound then is whistling. I know that I have reported to you on previous occasions that Henry now has a safety glass windshield. Well, ... ever since he has had his new vision of the road the new windshield ... whistles ... my new HAPPY SOUND!**

**Henry built a darn good car ... Yes he did!**

# Lunch Time at Ottem's

by Bill Sheller

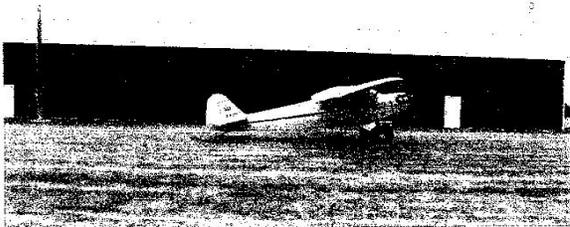
May 15, 2013 was surely a day to remember in the annals of Three Rivers Model T Club history! It shall be known in the memories of all those who attended as a spectacular event, not only for a great back country road drive, but even more so for a wonderful over the top lunch provided by Dave and Lou Ottem on their beautiful farm in Othello.



There were actually two tours getting to the Ottem Farm. One originated in Sunnyside, and

the second from Kennewick. Those touring from Sunnyside were Stokes', Coder's, Ellingson's, Huetsen's and Frye's. Those touring from Kennewick were Porter's, Langdon's, Fraser's and Me and the Model T! We arrived almost at the same time, with the Sunnyside group getting there just minutes ahead of the Kennewick group. Once there, we were greeted by another small group of car buffs and antique airplane buffs as well. For those who do not know, Dave Ottem is a pilot and owns a 1948 Piper Cub, which he refers to as his first car.

Lunch was set up in the hanger and the Ottem's provided such a wonderful spread of gourmet breads, sliced meats and cheeses, salads (all kinds), beans, and even pie and ice cream, I found it hard to take it all in! I did my best however, as did everyone else. Gosh, ... WOW comes to mind!



After lunch we all shared a photo op. Dave provided a huge man lift to get the shot from far above. Those returning to Kennewick were treated to a really back road tour lead by Dave and his speedster. Thanks Dave and Lou for all your efforts!

Henry built a darn good car ... Yes he did!



***June Monthly Meeting  
at Round Table Pizza  
West Clearwater Kennewick  
At 6:00 PM  
June 20***

***Note: Palouse Tour  
For June 16  
Has been Cancelled***

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