



October 2026

Hello Cruisers...

It has been a busy and active summer. Everyone has been busy attending all the car shows, and various car related activities. There are several more to fill out our year!

Club Hosted Events Coming Up Let's Give Our Support"

- San Mateo, FezOrama, Oct 4th
- Pleasanton, Stop-Drop & Roll Car Show, Alameda County Fire, Oct 24th
- Crippsmas Place Cruise will be held on Thursday Dec 3rd (Tentative Date)
- **18th Annual Cruisin For Tots Toy Drive, will be held Saturday Dec 5th (More Details To Follow)**
- **Our Annual Classic Cruisers Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 12th (More Details To Follow, Club Members Only)**

SICK CALL:

Continue to keep our Classic Cruisers family and friends in our prayers and well wishes. Even those who choose to stay silent are still part of the circle and we want to lift them up with the same love, strength, and respect.



**See you at our next meeting September 16th
Location Billy Roys**

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Check out our website classiccruisersusa.org for our monthly newsletter, gallery, and more.



Upcoming Events

- Fremont, Roses 🌹 Cars & Coffee, Lloyds Donut Kitchen, 1st Saturday Every Month 08:00-11:00
 - Oct 3rd /Nov 7th H
- Niles Flying A, 2nd Sunday Every Month 07:00-11:00
 - Oct 11th/Nov 8th
- San Leandro, Elios 2nd & 4th Thursday 3:30 until dusk
 - Oct 8th & 22nd (Last One)

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- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Manteca, Wheels of Woodbridge Car Show, see Gil
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Santa Cruz, Thunderbirds on the Wharf, see Holly
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Redwood City, Highlands & St. Matthias Car Show
- Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Pleasanton, Stop Drop & Roll Car Show
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Daylight Savings 🌙
- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Stockton, Swap-meet
- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> San Jose Classic Chevy Club Toy Drive
- Nov 14-15<sup>th</sup> Pleasanton, Goodguys
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> **Happy Thanksgiving.** 🦃



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# Rose's Model T

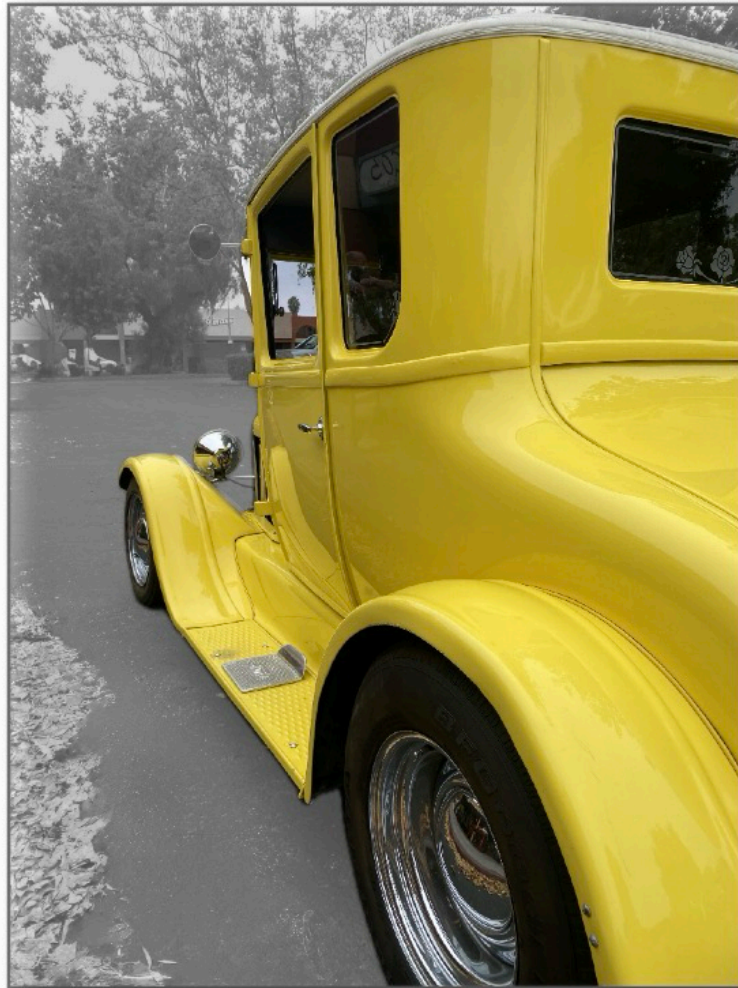


- 1927 MODEL T COUPE
- 283ci CHEVY
- TURBO 350
- RAY ZURICK CHASSIS
- BABY MOONS

BY: DONNY TOFFT

**T**he iconic Ford Model T, or “Tin Lizzie” produced from 1908 to 1927 revolutionized auto making and it is regarded as the first mass-affordable automobile which made car travel available to middle-class Americans. Powered by a 20-horsepower, 2.9-liter 4-cylinder engine, it used a groundbreaking moving assembly line that dropped the car's price from \$850 in 1908 to as low as \$260 by 1925. Ford's Model T was successful not only because it provided inexpensive transportation on a massive scale, but also because the car signified innovation for the rising middle class and became a powerful symbol of the United States' age of modernization. With over 15 million sold, it was the highest selling car in history before being surpassed in 1972 by the Volkswagen Beetle.

**D**on and Marilyn Rose's 1927 custom example of the classic model T coupe was bought at a Pleasanton Good Guys show in 2017. Growing up a self admitted “Chevy man” Don wanted a vintage car and not a muscle car and was looking for a Model A, but when he saw the 1927 Model T in the car corral it reminded him of his older brother Mike and his car and was sold. Don would help him work on it in the family garage and shared some great



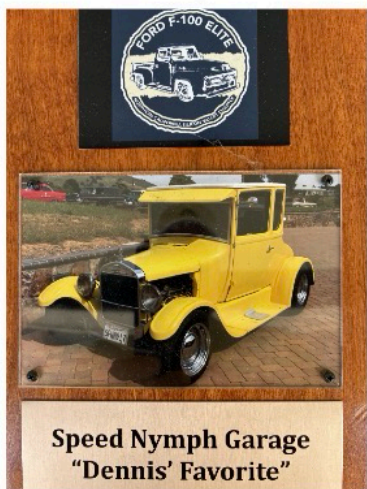
*SUNFLOWER YELLOW PAINT AND TINTED ETCHED GLASS WITH CUSTOM ROSE DESIGN*

stories of staying up late and wrenching.

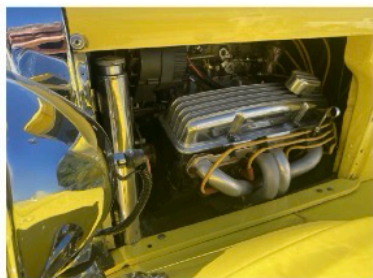
**T**he car sports a good running Chevy 283ci with mild cam and hydraulic lifters, 450 cfm Holley carburetor, mallory points distributor with excel wires, block hugger headers and finned aluminum valve covers. Keeping things cool is a brass radiator with period correct dogbone motometer radiator cap/hood ornament with mechanical fan and over flow tank, “it runs at a steady 200 degrees summer or winter” Don admits. Power transfers through a turbo 350 with electric cooling fan.

At the core is a Ray Zurich frame and suspension is handled with a 4 bar mounted tubed straight axle with 3-4” drop and disc brakes up front and a 4 bar mounted Ford 8” with highway gearing and drums brakes out back running coil overs all around to give the model T the perfect stance. 15” chrome steel rims, 6” wide fronts and 8” wide in the rear, with classy Baby Moon hubcaps wrapped in B F Goodrich T/A's, 155/80r up front and 235/70r in the rear give the perfect vintage look.

**T**he exterior body was left relatively stock with steel panels and sprayed in a bright Sunflower Yellow. Custom etched tinted glass on the back sides and rear feature a rose design and all the bright work displays a deep shine. Inside you will find gray cloth panels,



*AWARDED TO DON ON A POKER RUN*



*283 CHEVY SMALL BLOCK AND INTERIOR SHOTS.*

bucket seats with sheep skin covers that keep them “warm in the winter and cool in the summer” he continues, a tilt steering column with 14” banjo style wheel, VDO white faced gauges monitoring the vitals and the comfort of AC are a few of the details. Don recently added an overhead CD player and replaced the old speakers with quality ones. “I don’t have any future plans for the classic, just continue to drive and maintain it” he says.

**T**he Roses have been in the classic car circle for many years, but just recently joined the Classic Cruisers last year. Don enjoys the knowledge the other members have to share and just hanging out. Jamming on the electric bass is one of his other passions and has no problem standing in with a band at a local car show. One of his favorite awards was being recognized by Speed Nymph Garage as “Dennis’ Favorite” on a run with the F-100 Elite Club, as a long-time member.

This custom classic model T has come a long ways from being the old wooden spoke, hand cranking 4 cylinder auto it once was and great to see it in such great hands. To the Roses, I hope you both enjoy your classic for many years, thank you for sharing your story with me and giving me the opportunity of featuring your car.



*ABOVE: A LOOK BACK AT WHAT THE ROSE’S CAR WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE BACK IN THE DAY.*

*NEXT PAGE: CRUISING THE BACK ROADS OF SUNOL*



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Since 1997:

Our club promotes camaraderie and enthusiasm for the classics, custom automobiles, trucks to bring back the memories of the past. The pride we have for our vehicles is shared with the community, by participating in car shows for local charities and civic organizations. The Classic Cruisers help spread goodwill and friendship through the pride and passion of the classic and custom cars we own. We hold weekly car gatherings during the summer months on Fridays 3:30 – 6:30 at the corner of Newark Blvd. and Jarvis Blvd. Safeway shopping center Newark. We hold an annual car show in May of each year. We enjoy sharing interests in all types of cars. We welcome all car owners and invite anyone interested in becoming a member to ask any member for more information.

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