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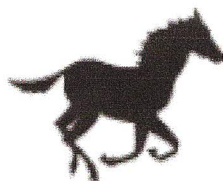
Members Ride



1917 Model T

Don & Francess Hewitt's 1917 Model T

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Welcome "LIZZIE" ...

The Hewitt's newest addition to the family

Henry Ford did not invent the automobile or the assembly line. He did, however, change the world by using an assembly line technique to produce cars which could be afforded by everyone. From 1909 to 1927, the Ford Motor Company built more **than 15 million Model T cars**. Without a doubt, Henry Ford transformed the economic and social fabric of the 20th century.

Today, Don and Frances Hewitt are proud owners of one of those 15 million Model T cars that were built by Henry Ford. "Tin Lizzie", as she is colloquially known as, entered the Hewitt family in August of 2009 after being purchased from the Horseless Carriage Museum in Escalon, CA. Lizzie, a 1917 Model T, had belonged to the same family for over 92 years until the Hewitt's brought her to her new home in Pleasanton.

Lizzie has three pedals and a unique Throttle and Timing on the steering wheel. She runs beautifully and is a big hit when driven in Pleasanton. Her three doors make her a unique vehicle, especially when the front passenger has to get out in order for the driver to get to his seat! In addition, an automatic start is in place to start her up... however if that fails (which it has its moments), then the old fashion hand cranking in the front of the car is required! Another unique feature is how to check the gas level....of course you can't depend on the gauges...there are none! So what better way than to get out, take the front seat out, unscrew the cap and stick a yardstick in the hole to see where the gas line mark is.....oh how we've come a long way!

The Hewitt's were recently seen driving Santa Claus around Pleasanton over the holidays...a BIG hit with the community. Although Don and Frances have a beautiful 1967 GT convertible Mustang, there is something about the 1917 Model T when it is driven around..maybe because it is not only a beautiful, stunning car, but also because there are not many in the area!



