



## December 2024 President's Message

December is here, it's time to review the past year's accomplishments, finish out the year with fun and festivities, then gaze into our collective crystal ball for the year to come. 2024 was the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, along with Signal Hills Centennial Celebration. Three different Ten Model T's once again conquered Shell Hill. The city of Signal Hill has partnered with the LBMTTC on three different occasions. We were included in a display at the Signal Hill library, Signal Hill City Hall for their Centennial celebration and Touch a Truck at the Cities Service Yard. Still to be delivering Santa Claus ruck at the City's Service Yard. Still to come will be Carl Laski delivering Santa to Signal Hill in his Fire Truck, and the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce ten of our cars on display at their Christmas Gala on December 20<sup>th</sup>.



Speaking of December, we have Gunther's Yard on December 1<sup>st</sup> and our Christmas Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great time. If you haven't purchased your tickets, please get them ASAP so we have an accurate count.

Just before writing this message, I was reading the recent Vintage Ford Magazine. There were two articles that focused on LBMTTC. One article written by Leonard Glick was about the history of the Hill Climb and its revival in 2024. Although the article was good the captions had some errors. (Carl Laski's fire engine was not converted, my name is not O'Corman, and Charles Plessner was mistaken for Mike Spaziano). Oh well, LBMTTC got good press in the Vintage Ford. The other article was written by Glenn French about how he got his T and met Don Kirtley. Their chance meeting inspired Glenn to buy a Model T and created a lasting friendship. Don taught Glenn how to drive the T, mentored him through the purchase process and encouraged him to join the LBMTTC. This is one of those stories showing Don was a true ambassador of the Model T hobby. Don passed his enthusiasm for the hobby, knowledge of all things Model T, and friendship to many of us, and will be missed by many.

There were two big tours in 2024. Many members went on the National Tour in San Diego and the Barstow Ghost Town Tour. Both were big hits. There is talk of a weekend tour in the Paso Robles area in April and John Bowman is planning another tour out toward Arizona in October. We plan to keep the garage / workshops on the second Saturday of the month, so come and have some bagels and donuts (so I'm not forced to eat them).

**PROGRAMS:** If there are topics you are interested in or would like to talk about, please let me know so we can get a speaker to do a program on the topic.

Remember this is your club. Please make suggestions on stuff to do and places to go. Participate!!!

Respectfully Submitted

Tim O'G