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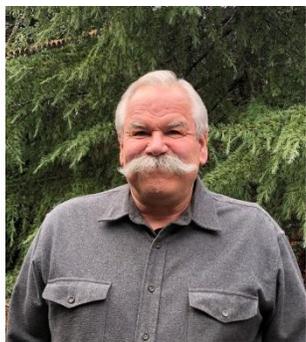
Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club  
Celebrating 50+ Years of Model T Fun

<https://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

February 2020

## Message from Our President

We got off to a good start for the year! There



was a good turnout for the January General Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made and passed that starting in March the general meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

The Friday morning breakfast get-together at Mel's Diner is going well. Everyone so far seems to be having a good time and attendance is growing. Some of the ladies in the club are joining us, which I think is great! After some discussion it was decided to start an hour later. Starting Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:00. All are welcome, so come out and join us for breakfast Friday mornings at Mel's!

The January 18<sup>th</sup> President's Pizza Feed was also well-attended and no one I know left hungry. We all had a good afternoon. John has posted photos on our website. Thank you, John for a great job of taking those photos. Thank you also to Steve Elliott for offering to pick up anyone needing a ride to the pizza feed. New members, Todd Moore and his son, Colin, were introduced and welcomed. Todd has a "T" Huckster. Another, college-age, son is building a speedster.

The Turlock Swap Meet is still a few days away as I'm writing this. Fliers for our June 7<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet have been printed and will be distributed at Turlock by our members who will attend that meet.

(President's Message Cont'd)

Gary and Susie are hosting our February 22<sup>nd</sup> Crab Feed! The Lindstedt's have offered to help. Details elsewhere in the newsletter. If you are planning to attend, fill out the form and send it in with your check to Gary NOW!

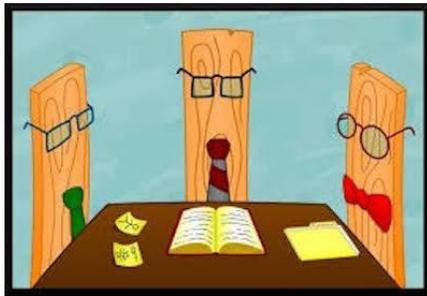
Please be sure to get your dues in to Debbie as soon as possible so John can post the new 2020 membership roster.

Let's all have fun in February!

*Phil*

## Up Coming Events - 2020

- ◆ **Every Friday Morning - Breakfast and Car Talk - 8 am, Mels, Grass Valley Hwy.**
- ◆ **Feb 10 - Board Meeting, 6 pm Round Table Pizza, Auburn.**
- ◆ **Feb 13 - General Meeting Auburn Sizzler.**
- ◆ **Feb 18 - LOLs, 11:30, Auburn Sizzler.**
- ◆ **Feb 22 - Crab Feed - See RSVP by Feb 13. Details & RSVP this issue.**
- ◆ **March 8 - Charter Celebration Lunch, @ The Ridge Golf & Event Center. 2020 Golf Course Rd, Auburn. Social 12 N Lunch 1 PM. RSVP Attached.**
- ◆ **April 17-18 - Bakersfield Swap Meet.**
- ◆ **April 25 - Shake Down Tour**
- ◆ **June 6 - Swap Meet set-up.**
- ◆ **June 7 - 46th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet.**
- ◆ **June 14 - Pava's Multi-Club Old Car Tour.**
- ◆ **July 18-23 - MTFCA National Tour - Spokane, WA. [Info.](#)**



## Board Meeting

The first Board meeting of the year will be held Monday, Feb. 10 at Round Table

Pizza, Auburn. 6 pm. We will be planning for the new year.

## LOL's

(Ladies Out to Lunch)

February 19 - Tuesday, 11:30 AM - LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch). Sizzler, Auburn. No RSVP needed.

The lunches are open to ALL ladies of the Club and we hope you will join us whenever possible.

## Chickasha Swap Meet Lives On

Yay...

Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet just announced this will NOT be the last year. Suzie Erslund, event host, said they have decided to keep it going. She welcomes any input you may offer and will accept your calls at 405-224-9090. The dates are March 19-21, 2020.

## Charter Celebration Lunch,

Save the date, March 8. We will be celebrating our 51st year at **The Ridge Golf & Event Center**. 2020 Golf Course Rd, Auburn.

**Social 12 N, Buffet Luncheon, 1 PM.** See the flyer attached. Send your reservation in or hand to Susie at the February meeting. RSVP must be in by February 27, 2020.

## George Bamber

Long time member and past president, George Bamber passed away, last Wednesday, January 22. He has been in a care facility since his stroke several years ago.



## Crab Feed 2020

This popular annual event will be held Saturday, February 22 at the Auburn Airport. Sign up flyer is attached. Sign up to bring an appetizer. Cake to be provided by the club. Don't delay, dead line is February 13. Gary Krezman, Chairman.

## 2020 Dues Renewal

Dues for 2020 are due. Please send in your \$20 with updated information. A renewal form is attached. You can either pay at our upcoming meeting in January or mail to me at:

15185 Chattering Pines Rd  
Grass Valley, Ca 95945

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Regards,  
Debbie Bamber, Treasurer

## 50th Anniversary Shirts

We are circulating another order for 50th anniversary shirts. These are the gray shirts with the gold 50 logo. Sign up at the meeting.

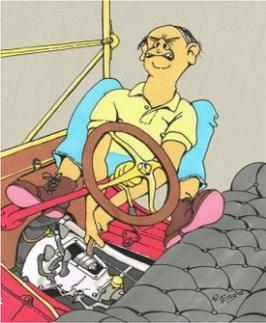
## Breakfast & Car Talk

New this Year, Breakfast & Car Talk with Prez Phil, at Mels, 1730 Grass Valley Highway, every Friday, 7 am, but starting on **Feb 7 we will change to 8 am.** Also Ladies are welcome.

Come on out and talk cars, shop, Tours, etc.

## From My Shop

by Phil Lawrence



Last month I described how I used electrolysis to remove rust from parts I'm restoring. I would like to say that the whole process is non-toxic, simple and cheap. It is slow, but you just set it up and let it do its thing. It's not time wasted, you can move on to other things while the process works. The only negative that I noticed was that it didn't seem to work well in some of the recesses on parts such as bolt holes. But those I clean up easily enough with a wire bore brush I use to clean gun barrels. They come in all diameters and can be found quite easily. Just chuck it up in your drill, insert in the hole and hit the trigger quickly a few times and you have a clean hole.

I would advise anyone interested in cleaning larger parts to start out with a plastic garbage can of a size large enough to get the job done. Remember, to best remove rust the part needs to be clean of oil, grease, and paint first. That will be the subject of a future article.

Now, as promised, a tool to help with engine work. Ever have a hard time turning over a crank shaft? Sometimes it can be difficult when working on the Model T short block mounted on an engine stand or sitting on a bench. To overcome the problem you need to make a wrench to help give you some leverage to turn that stiff crank over.

Anybody can make this wrench with simple hand tools. Let's get started! First, you need a piece of scrap metal bar. I used a piece that has been lying around my shop for years. It measured  $3/4'' \times 1'' \times 40''$  long. Anything you have would probably work even pipe or angle iron. The bar will need to be 1'' to  $1\ 1/2''$  wide and at least  $1/4''$  thick. A 24'' long bar will give you more leverage to help free a stuck engine. I cut 16'' off the bar give me 24'' total length. Find the mid-point and make a punch mark on the wider side of your bar a  $1/2''$  from either edge centering the punch mark on the bar (if your bar is 1'' wide). Next, make two more punch marks like the first exactly  $1\ 5/8''$  on each side (left and right) of the first mark, again centered on the bar.

The next step will be to drill through the bar on each of your last two punch marks. You can do this one of two ways. You can drill  $25/64$  holes then tap the holes to  $7/16-20$  (fine thread) if you are using a bar thicker than  $1/4''$ . This will save you the trouble of always looking for lost bolts when you want to use the wrench. Or, to make it simple, just drill the holes out with a  $29/64$  drill and bolt the wrench to the crankshaft flange with  $7/16-20 \times 1''$  machine bolt and nuts if you are using  $1/4''$  bar stock for your wrench. A drill press is handy, but not necessary. When drilling, use a  $5/16$  drill bit first then follow with the larger drill. If you use thicker bar stock for your wrench like I did and thread the bar, use  $7/16-20$  machine bolts  $1\ 1/2''$  long with nuts to attach the wrench to crankshaft flange. Just remember to screw the nuts back on the wrench when you're done using it so they will be ready to use next time.

By making your wrench with a thicker bar it will take a little pounding if you need to use some force to free a frozen block. As another option, drill additional holes starting 1'' or  $1\ 1/2''$  from one end of the bar. Layout another pair of bolt holes using the same  $3\ 1/4''$  center-to-center measurement as you did in the center of the bar. This will give you a choice of a two, 12'' handle wrench using the center bolt holes or a single handle 24'' long wrench using the end bolt holes.

Any questions? Feel free to give me a call!

Next month: tightening loose spokes on your wood wheels.

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### Drain Your Tank

As most of you know, Air Compressors will develop water in the tank as the result of the water vapor or humidity from the surrounding air condensing. This water can rust out your tank and also be forced out onto your project if you don't drain it regularly. There's nothing worse than to have a glob of rusty water spray out on to your painting project. My 60 gallon upright tank has a small drain valve in center of the underside of the tank. You almost have to stand on your heard to drain which means I don't drain as often as I should. So I made

*From My Shop ( Cont'd)*

a trip to the hardware store, purchased two 1/4" elbows, short extensions, and a gate valve. I replaced the original drain with this new setup. Now I can just reach down and easily open the gate valve and drain the tank.



The original valve.  
Small and hard to  
reach under the tank.



The new one. Large handle,  
Easy to reach

John Saylor

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**\*Meeting Minutes - Mother Lode Model T Club Meeting Minutes, January 9th, 2020  
Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.**

**Call to Order** - The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM sharp by President Philip Lawrence.

**Greeter Report** – Junette Avey-Brown noted that no visitors were present this evening.

**Sunshine Report** – Vice President Susie Krezman reported that she had sent a Christmas Card on behalf of our Club to Dick and Wanda Johnson who are now settled into their new Home in Oregon.

**Treasurer Report** – Treasurer Debbie Bamber was not able to attend and deliver an update of the Clubs Income & Expenses this evening. Our Club continues to remain in a very sound financial position.

**Secretary Report** - Steve Short reported that the November 14th General Meeting minutes were published in our Club's Monthly newsletter. Hearing no corrections by Members, he declared November Minutes approved.

**VP - Upcoming 2020 Activities Report** – Susie Krezman provided the following Tours & Activities summary:

- **The Presidents Pizza Feed** is scheduled for Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon at the usual Mountain Mikes Pizza at 2520 Bell Road in Auburn.
- **The Annual Club Charter Lunch** has been scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Auburn Country Club. Details will be forthcoming, and sign ups need to be made to Susie Krezman shortly.
- **The Annual Shake Down Run** will be held hosted by the Krezmans on April 25th, 2020! Exact details of the route have yet to be finalized but be sure to **“Mark your Calendar”** for the launch of another fun Touring Season!
- **The 46th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet**, will be held at the Gold Country fairground, in Auburn (Set up on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> / Swap Meet Event on Sunday **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Advertising flyers are being printed and ready for distribution in time for the upcoming Turlock Swap Event.
- **The “Beat the Heat Event”** will be scheduled in July (final date not yet set).

**Old Business –**

- **Club T-Shirts** are almost sold out by now. Club Members should contact John Saylor to purchase. John has been authorized to order more Club T shirts for sale and will let the Club know when our stocks have been replenished!

**New Business –**

- **Good News: The Club Crab Feed lives on!** Gary (and Susie Krezman) have taken on the leadership for the 2020 Event. It will be held on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the Auburn Airport. Their commitment for the event was promptly met by Erik and Cindy Lindstedt who graciously stepped forward to support Gary and Susie. Members attending should bring Hors D' oeuvres to the event, but please do not bring deserts this year!

(Minutes, Cont'd)

- **A Change of the Monthly Club General Meeting Schedule** was introduced by Ed Rodriguez. The Starting time of these Meetings was proposed to be moved up from **7:00 PM to 6:30 PM**. After a short discussion, the motion was seconded by Paula Mikles, and approved by a strong majority that agreed that this schedule was a worthy of benefits to all Club Members. This new schedule will be implemented in the March General Meeting.

**Adjournment** - With no further discussion, John Boorinakis moved the meeting closed at 8:05 PM, and adjournment was delivered by President Lawrence. Respectfully , Stephen J Short, Secretary.

### Anniversaries and Birthdays



#### February Anniversaries

Bruce & Mindy Ingram 14 



#### February Birthdays

|                        |    |                |    |
|------------------------|----|----------------|----|
| Darren Saylor          | 1  | John Saylor    | 22 |
| Suzanne Folsom-Weitzel | 2  | David Pava     | 23 |
| Annette Lusk           | 12 | Jerry Moore    | 25 |
| George Tuck            | 12 | Donna Christin | 27 |
| Richard Baughman       | 14 | Bruce Ingram   | 28 |
| Kitty Goodell          | 18 |                |    |

The birthdays and anniversaries listed here are based on information you have provided on your membership form. If you don't see your name on your month, please send to me at: [i99saylor@gmail.com](mailto:i99saylor@gmail.com)

#### Pizza feed Photos



Great times at our annual President's Pizza Feed.



President and First Lady Phil & Barbara



The famous "Kitty & Company"



New Members Todd & son Colin



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## 2020 Officers

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Secretary-----Steve Short 916-791-7087

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John Saylor-----916-202-5842  
Sherry Rodriguez-----530-526-4405

Sunshine ----- Susie Krezman  
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## Club Website

The Mother Lode Model T Club maintains a website at <https://www.motherlodemodelt.com>. The website keeps members informed of club activities, photos of club events and members cars. The website also provides membership information an application and introduces those new to the hobby to the club.

The *Mother Lode Model T Club* was organized and became a chapter of the *Model T Ford Club of America* in 1969. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the personal enjoyment of its members through the preservation and restoration of the Model T Ford and especially through activities involving the use of Model T Fords.

Meetings at held on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of December, at the Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Ca. 5:30 pm for dinner, 7 pm meeting.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Model T Fords. Ownership of a Model T is not necessary.

Dues - Annual Dues are \$20 per family.

Members are encouraged to join the Model T Ford Club of America. MTFCA members receive the bi-monthly publication *The Vintage Ford*, voting privileges in national club and can participate in the many national club tours and events. Annual dues for the MTFCA is \$40.00 payable to:  
The Model T Ford Club of America  
P.O. Box 996  
Richmond, IN. 47375-0996  
Telephone: (765) 373-3106  
[www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com)





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**Dues - Renewal**      Date \_\_\_\_\_      **Renewals due January each year**

Please update any information that may have changed since last year.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Cell \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAYS (Month & Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ ADDITIONAL EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR AND BODY STYLE OF T'S OWNED \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE CARRIER \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY # \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Membership entitles applicant and family (Children under 18) to participate in all club activities, discounts, voting rights and receive the monthly newsletter *"T" Diggins*.

Children over 18 that want to continue with regular club activities should pay for their own separate membership.

Club dues are \$20.00 per family per year. Checks should be made payable to: "Mother Lode Model T Club".

DO YOU BELONG TO THE *MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA*? YES \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

MTFCA Membership Number. It's on the Vintage Ford Magazine mailing label.

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MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CLUB  
51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CHARTER CELEBRATION  
BUFFET LUNCHEON

**DATE:** MARCH 8, 2020

**PLACE:** THE RIDGE GOLF COURSE AND EVENT CENTER  
2020 GOLF COURSE ROAD, AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

**TIME:** NOON FOR SOCIAL HOUR  
1 PM FOR BUFFET LUNCH

**COST** \$18.00 FOR MEMBERS      \$36.00 FOR GUESTS

*CHECK PAYABLE TO MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CLUB*

*MAIL TO SUSIE KREZMAN  
3950 TODD ROAD  
AUBURN, CA 95602*

*MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 27, 2020*





COME JOIN US FOR THE  
Mother Lode Model T Club CRAB FEED

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2020  
SOCIAL HOUR 5 PM & DINNER 6 PM  
13626 New Airport Rd., Auburn, CA 95602

COST: Members: \$15 each. Guests: \$40 per person. Make checks payable to Mother Lode Model T Club & send them to Gary Krezman. Checks must be received no later than February 13, 2020, and there are no refunds or additions allowed after that date.

Gary Krezman  
3950 Todd Rd., Auburn, CA 95602  
916-599-0059 (garykrezman@gmail.com)

Pasta, salad, bread, water, soda and cake will be provided. **NEW THIS YEAR: Cake provided for dessert by the club, so your contribution for the potluck is any appetizer.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** bring your own choice of drink if you want anything other than water or soda. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the facility, and you may bring your own.



**IMPORTANT!!** Don't forget to write below or phone Gary with the total number in your group so we order enough crab! **Also indicate how you will participate by stating what you will bring, and how you will help.** We need help with set up (putting newspapers on table, bibs at each seat, lining shell cans) and clean up.

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NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL IN YOUR GROUP ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What appetizer will you bring? How will you help (set-up, cleanup, etc.)?  
\_\_\_\_\_