



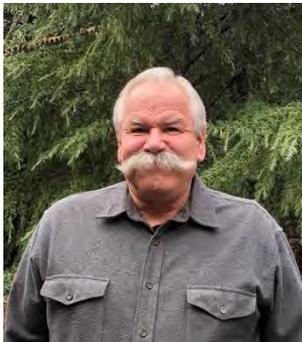
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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club
Celebrating 50+ Years of Model T Fun
<https://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

June 2020

Message from Our President



Well, we've reached the halfway point in the year and not much has happened so far—Model T wise anyway. The good news is that the Covid-19 Pandemic danger seems to be ending, or at least slowing down. Shops and restaurants are now opening with some limitations, but it's a step in the right direction.

With any luck we will soon be on the road again and enjoying our warm and sunny summer in the Model T's. We have some catching up to do with our tours and events, which I'm looking forward too, as I'm sure most of you are also

Stay safe,

Phil

Monthly Meetings

All monthly membership meetings, LOL's and Breakfast are suspended until restaurants are open and larger group gatherings are allowed.

Updates

As the situation changes between newsletters, emails will be sent to notify the membership of any events that may be scheduled as things open up.

Up Coming Events - 2020

Many activities are being suspended or canceled until the COVID-19 (Corona) Virus pandemic is under control. Best to verify before going. Those that we as a club attend and know about will be noted here and on our website. It's a fluid situation so I will be updating the website calendar as things change.

- ◆ Breakfast and Car Talk - **Suspended** until the COVID-19 Virus is under control.
- ◆ June-Sept - Auburn Cruise Night has been **Canceled**.
- ◆ June 1-6 - Golden Gate Tour, Still a go.
- ◆ June 7 - Mother Lode Swap meet. **Canceled**
- ◆ June 13-14 - Santa Clara Valley Model T Club Endurance Run - **Canceled**
- ◆ June 14 - Pava's Multi-Club Car Tour. **Canceled** for now. Possible reschedule.
- ◆ July 11 - Breakfast Tour. **Canceled**
- ◆ July 18-23 - MTFCA Nat Tour - Spokane. **Postponed** to 2021.
- ◆ Aug 5-9 Ryan Ramble Tour- NORCAL HCCA, **Postponed to 2021**.
- ◆ Oct 4 - Old Auburn Cemetery Tour - **Canceled**
- ◆ Dec 6 - Christmas Lunch. The Ridge Golf & Event Center.

The Golden Gate Tour

The Golden Gate Tour 2.0 is still on for June 1st - 6th in Coastal Marin County and the Sonoma Wine Country. We would love to have you join us "newer new (old) normal" pioneers in getting out of the house for some beautiful Northern California touring, and helping our community get kick-started back to normal.

As of this post, there are still a two spots available.

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The tour flyer is here in the General Forum titled;
Golden Gate Tour 2.0, June 1st - June 6th - "Pioneering the way Back"



For Sale - 1926 Coupe. \$9500 OBO.
New battery, 4 new tires & tubes, 5 new hub caps, new Brass Works radiator, Ruckstell, distributor, good paint & upholstery.

Contact: Jerry Dorville, 530-273-7440, Grass Valley.

Junette O'Detta Gaydon

Former MLMTC Member and Past President

Junette O'detta Gaydon passed away peacefully at home on May 1, 2020.



She was born Junette (Janice) O'detta Shepherd on January 10, 1940 in Sacramento, CA to Joseph Alfred Shepherd and Dewella (Cross) Shepherd. She was their 12th child out of 13

children. She has 2 surviving siblings. Richard (Dick) Shepherd (Foresthill, CA) and Audrey Shepherd (Anchorage, AK). She married Leonard A. Gaydon in 1959 and later divorced. She leaves behind their surviving children, Judith, Lynette (King), Karen (Hutsey-McFall) and Kristie (Conley). Her 5 Grandchildren, James (Jimmie) Helling, Sarah and Jacob Hutsey, and two additional granddaughters. Great-Grandchildren, Alexis and Cora Helling, Lillian Carlson and Noah Hutsey.

She had one employer her whole life as school secretary with Auburn Union School District for 32 years then retired at Rock Creek Elementary. She started as a volunteer at Alta Vista and belonged to PTA, 20-30 club and the **Model T club**. She lived her entire life in Auburn and there wasn't a child or parent that didn't know "Mrs. G". During summer break she loved to travel and go to the ocean anywhere on the "PCH" and spend as much time as she could with her Grandchildren.

She touched many lives and she will be fondly remembered by many. Rest in peace, we will love you always. A special thank you to Advanced Hospice Care, David and the Eveler family for going above and beyond.

Congratulations to all 2020 Graduates

A year to remember,

Like no other.



From My Shop by Phil Lawrence

This month I'll show you how to make a handy little gauge for adjusting your clutch finger screws. These need to be adjusted so that the proper clearance of $13/16$ or 0.8125 thousands of an inch is obtained for the clutch to function properly. If you're not familiar with this adjustment it's described in the Ford Service Book for Model T's on page 82.

So let's get started! You'll only need two things to make the gauge. First is a #16 common nail (no coating or plating). Next is a piece of $3/8$ inch rod. If you have an old un-plated $3/8$ bolt with a one-inch section of un-threaded shank that will also work.

Cut the head off your $3/8$ bolt if that's what you're going to use. Next, measure the unthreaded shank of the bolt or rod. You'll need a $13/16$ inch piece so cut that a little longer, say $7/8$ inch long. Now, with a micrometer or vernier caliper to accurately measure with, very carefully file the ends to a smooth square surface, constantly checking the length until it measures 0.8125 , then stop.

Now you need to drill a $1/8$ inch hole centered on the length of that piece at 90 degrees. The $1/8$ inch hole will only be $1/16$ inch deep, so you have a spot for the next drill bit which is $11/32$ inch diameter. On drilling this you will need to drill at an angle of 45 degrees or so, it's not too critical. Having a drill press with an adjustable vice is a help here but you can also do it by hand. This is where that $1/8$ inch hole you drilled earlier becomes handy. Be very careful to not drill through your piece. The hole only needs to be deep enough to hold the #16 nail in place until you can fasten it permanently.

Cut or grind the point off the nail and fit it to the other piece. The nail can be welded, brazed, soldered or super-glued in place. Make sure the two pieces will not come apart. You don't want to drop anything down into the transmission. The nail makes a handy handle. If, for some reason, the angle of the nail handle is off and prevents you from getting the gauge into where it needs to go, it can easily be bent to your needs.

That's it for this month. I think you'll find it a very handy little gadget to have. In fact, if you check that adjustment on your clutch now, you may find it very well may need immediate adjustment. Well, you'll have just the right tool to do it, and best of all, you made it yourself!



Anniversaries and Birthdays



June Anniversaries

Anthony & Shelly Moore	5
Cliff & Norma Hyatt	14
Wayne & Lynne Lyndon	14
Darren & Jen Saylor	16
Erik & Julie Barrett	20
Mark & Kendall Porco	21
Milt & Dorothy Webb	29



June Birthdays

Erik Barrett	2	Mary Ramsey	13
Richard Weitzel	9	Anthony Moore	14
Bob Nowack	12	Kent Keyser	26
Carla Cox	12	Cliff Hyatt	28
Martin Smith	12		

Tech - Safety Item

While reading one of the Facebook Model T Forums, there was a thread about the need to properly safety wire the front wishbone ball socket studs - *Tie wire the two studs together instead of using cotter pins*. The conversation varied from those that said cotter pins were fine to those that said Ford never required it, to the proper and safe way - tie wire the two studs together through the castle nuts.

If you look at those two studs, they are threaded into the pan. Cotter pins will keep the nuts from coming off but will not keep the studs from backing out. Tying the two studs together will keep the studs and nuts from backing out. See Model T Ford Service Manual, Paragraph 696, *Installing Axle Assembly In Car*. And Figure 379 which is hard to see the wire but it's there. This is one of the items on the MTFCA Safety Check list. If one should come out and the wishbone came out of its socket, you will lose control of the steering!

Harbor Jack Stand Recall

Harbor Freight is recalling 454,000 jack stands because they pose a safety risk and advises consumers to stop using them immediately. According to the recall notice posted on [the retailer's website](#), with some Pittsburgh Automotive 3 Ton and 6 Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands, "there is a potential, while under load and with a shift in weight, for the pawl to disengage from the extension lifting post, allowing the stand to drop suddenly." The sudden drop could "cause serious injury for people near or under a lifted vehicle, and/or damage to property," the notice states.

STOP USING THESE JACK STANDS IMMEDIATELY



The recall is only for stands with item numbers 61196, 61197 and 56371.

Harbor Freight is issuing credit vouchers when you bring them back. Apparently the die used to make these has worn to the point the notches are out of spec.

The older orange colored stands are not affected.

Reminiscing - Photos from Past Tours
Fall Tour to Uncle Tom's Cabin - October 2018



Crossing under the Forest hill Bridge



Heading down the Canyon



Rest Stop in Cool



Vineyards on Spanish Dry Diggins Rd.



Regrouping at Stumpy Meadows.



Coming into Uncle Toms



Relaxing and eating our lunch



Manifold cooking at its best -Yummy



There is plenty of room to spread out and practice social distancing.



Let's do it again!



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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:
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