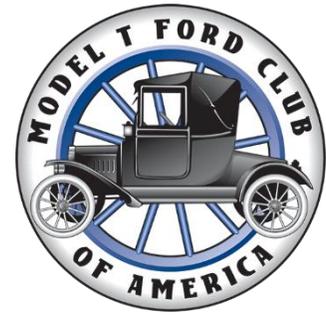




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## September 2022

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### Message From our President

Hi to All Members  
of the Mother Lode  
Model T Club.



Susie and myself,  
Rich, Julie and  
Chris Instness, and Debbie Bamber with her  
friend Rowan, just got back from the Ryan  
Ramble. The Host Hotel was Twin Pines  
Casino in Middletown, CA.

It was three days of touring over some very  
steep roads into some very beautiful  
countryside of wineries and Lakes, right  
here in our backyard. Every night after  
touring they had a social hour so you could  
get to meet everyone on the tour or fix your  
car if needed for the next day's tour. What a  
fun event, I know I had a good time and look  
forward to next year's Ryan Ramble, which I  
hear may be located in Cambria, along the  
coast, you should try to attend.

Once we got home we headed up the hill to  
Dutch Flat to attend the George, Betty and  
Bill Bamber Memorial, put on by Debbie. We  
were treated to a fantastic lunch and drinks  
and a slide show in memory of the Bamber's  
at the Monte Vista Inn. The Memorial was  
well attended by club members, past and  
present.

### *President's Message-Continued*

As Susie and I headed down the hill, we  
headed towards Auburn Valley to Elaine and  
Vern's house, where they hosted a lunch for  
the Model A and Model T's. When we got  
there they were finishing up the day, but  
Elane was so gracious and showed us her  
home and property, which is in the country  
and spectacular.

We won't be having a General Meeting in  
September because Susie and I will be on  
vacation, so at the August General Meeting  
the membership voted to forgo the September  
Meeting. We will have a Board Meeting in  
September which is scheduled for September  
20th and anyone is welcome to attend.

We will also have the CAM Tour on  
September 17th hosted by Susie and our very  
own private tour of the museum by Dennis  
Furr. Following the tour we will head out to  
lunch at Selland's Market Cafe on  
Broadway. This will be a fun day, so if you  
have not signed up yet get your name on the  
list, or just give Susie a call.

I would like to thank everyone for all your  
support and help in keeping the Mother Lode  
Model T Club active, and look forward to  
seeing you all at the next Monthly meeting.

Your President, Gary Krezman





### September Tour

We will be touring to the California Auto Museum in Sacramento, Saturday, September 17.

Dennis Fur will give us a personalized tour of the museums over 130 vehicles and special rotating exhibits.

We will then tour to Selland's Market Cafe on Broadway for lunch.

We will meet at Raley's 7:30 am leave at 8 am. We will stop 9 am, at Home Depot, Citrus Heights at Antelope & Roseville Rd. to meet up with Roseville & Fair Oaks area folks. RSVP to Susie.

### Up Coming Events – At a Glance

- ◆ September – No General Meeting.
- ◆ Sept 20 - Board Meting
- ◆ Sept. 17– Tour to CAM – Susie.
- ◆ Oct 2 – Old Auburn Cemetery Show.
- ◆ Oct 13 – General Meeting
- ◆ Oct 22 - Fall Tour – Lindstedt.
- ◆ Dec 4 – Christmas Party.



### Fall Colors Tour



Join us for the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club's 2022 Fall Colors Tour, Saturday, October 22nd. We're heading to the Grass Valley/Nevada City area in search of fall colors. We're gathering at Raley's Auburn parking lot at 8:30 and depart at 9:00. Bring your own picnic lunch and be prepared for world-class fall colors that welcome the changing seasons, friendship and memories to last a lifetime. Tour is open to all

cars - antique, vintage and modern, all who are willing to drive slowly and enjoy the ride over historic backroads. Erik and Cindy Lindstedt are our hosts. Sign-up at our next club meeting on Thursday October 13th or RSVP to Erik and Cindy at [thelindstedts@gmail.com](mailto:thelindstedts@gmail.com) or home ph 530-878-2491. We hope to see you on the tour!



Fall Colors Tour – Oct 2015

# Anniversaries and Birthdays



## Sept Anniversaries

Kent & Kristy Keyser	11
Ken & Olivia Marriott	28

## September Birthdays

Richard Instness	2	Mark O'Connor	20
Vern Marriott	16	Bobbi Machado	22
Paula Mikles	16	Kristy Keyser	27
Al Stoll	17	Helen Johnson	28



## Bamber Memorial Tour – August 20

### Fun Tour to the Monte Vista Inn Honoring George, Betty and Bill Bamber



## Ryan Ramble

This year the tour was centered in Middletown, California which is south of Clearlake, Ca in Lake County.

First day was the most challenging. The trip was 95 miles. Taking very steep and winding roads, we traveled to the outskirts of Calistoga and visited a Petrified Forest. You could walk the .5 trail and see ash flows (which looked like cement) and where the original owner of the land, Petrified Pete, had dug into the earth and exposed petrified logs. We all left the Petrified Forest to have lunch on your own at St Helena. Then it was on to a very challenging and very steep road to get back to



Middletown. 100 degrees that day and we lost four cars due to various mechanical problems. In my head I was singing the song Highway to Hell by AC/DC.

Second day we headed North around Clear Lake. Started out with some steep winding roads, but not as much as yesterday. We had a rest stop in Clear Lake at Clarkes Collectibles and Lunch Box Museum.

The lady who owned the business was a great hostess providing us with a snack and water. Then it was on to the Boatique Winery for a tour of the owner's wooden boat showroom and wine tasting. The setting was beautiful with views of the surrounding area and a cool place to sit and enjoy our lunch. The Ryan's provided a box lunch for all to enjoy, and it was the best box lunch I have ever had on a tour.



Third day, Saturday, we traveled to Six Sigma Ranch and Winery. It was a two mile drive on a gravel road from the main road to the Winery. The gentleman that owns the Ranch and Winery was amazing. The ranch is 4,300 acres in cattle, sheep and grape vines. He has mountain biking and hiking trails on the property. Then it was on to Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley. (Continued, next page)

(Ryan Ramble, Continued)

That was a 25 mile drive over some steep hills and then on to a one lane road that was clinging to the side of the hill. Made me feel bad that I complained about the steep and winding road on Thursday. I am still unsure that was even a road. We had a box lunch at the Eticuera Creek Day Use Area. From there it was an easy drive back to Middletown. On Sunday we had a Brunch at the hotel and headed home. Reminded me a lot of the Duncans and their Mountain Goat Tours. Thank you to the Ryan's for providing such a fun event.



*(Photos by Clay Ryan)*

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## Model T Parts – Backorders

Some reproduction Model T parts are beginning to be hard to find. One of these parts, copper head gaskets, are not available at this time. Apparently, the die used to make the gasket has worn out and resulted in a batch of bad gaskets. So, manufacturing has stopped. We hear from the MTFCA Forum that a new die is being made but it will be several months before gaskets are available. The cost of the new gasket may be much higher since they have to recoup the cost of the die in the final sales price. So, if you are anticipating work on your T that would require a new head gasket, ask around before tearing it down. Possibly a member has an extra they would sell. It may be possible to reuse if you are careful removing.

Many of these parts are manufactured by individuals as a side business and in their home shop. Many of these individuals are “aging out”, a term we hear a lot. The owner tries to sell the business or if no takers, just shuts it down. The [MTFCA Forum](#) is a good place to ask and keep abreast of repair and replacement techniques and parts issues. And always call the parts vendor to verify availability. Don't totally rely on the parts catalog. I have seen the gaskets on Ebay for up to \$200, Yikes!

# Meeting Minutes

**Mother Lode Model-T Club**  
**August 10th, 2022 Meeting Minutes**  
**Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.**

**Call to Order:** 6:30 PM by President Krezman.

Once again, the President called for a Moment of Silence for a club member! Les Silveira passed away in July. He will be Missed!

We were all pleased to see Allen Koch back!

**Secretary's Report:** The Minutes of the July 14th meeting, as printed in the Newsletter, were approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kitty reported the accounting for June, July & August up to this date. The Club is Solvent.

**Vice President:** Susie's tour to the CAM is September 17th. Meet at Raley's at 7:30 AM,. Leaving at 8:00 AM, meeting the Sacramento Model-T Club at the Home Depot on Roseville Road & Antelope. Our club member Dennis Furr will be the Docent telling us all about the Museum. We will have lunch after the tour at Selland's on Broadway before we head back.

Susie also sent a Sympathy card to Sandy Silveira.  
She reminded us about the Old Auburn Cemetery Tour in October.

**Old Business:** Gary and Susie attended the Ryan Ramble. Gary shared about the challenging roads they drove on. They stayed at the Twin Pines Middletown Indian Casino. One of the employees is one of the men in the Prop. 27 Ad. When they stopped for Pizza the next day and were getting back on the road, Gary could not get his car started. Chris Instness came to the rescue and helped get it started. Gary also had a problem with vapor lock. The 3rd day the road they drove on was a very narrow, rough, pothole filled experience!

If you want Tee shirts see John.

**New Business:** Gary spoke to several people on the Ryan Ramble and invited them to join our club. Both were from Nevada City. Jerry Moore had to have two stents put in. He was taken to Santa Rosa. Gary & Susie will be on vacation in September. The attending members at the meeting voted not to meet in September.

**Meeting adjourned:** With no further discussion at 7:10 PM.  
Junette Avey, Secretary

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## Model T For Sale

Nice 1915 Model T Touring up for sale. The owner is a former member of the Sacramento Valley Model T Club and is selling due to health issues. \$20,000 or best offer.

Contact:  
Rick Mitchell  
916 960 6666



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### Jerry Dorville

It is with great sadness that we just heard that member Jerry Dorville passed away August 27. No other information at this time. Jerry joined our club 2 years ago and has been touring with us in his 1920 Touring.



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## The Vintage Ford and the Model T Ford Club of America

For those of you who have recently joined the MTFCA National Club, you should have received the latest Magazine this past week. Please note the mailing label is your membership card and has your membership number on it. Keep this number handy and also send it to our club treasurer when renewing you Mother Lode Club dues this Fall.



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Meetings, normally 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, 6:30 pm meeting.

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

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