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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club
Celebrating 54 Years of Model T Fun

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September 2023

Message From our President

Hi to all Members of the Mother Lode Model T Club,

Well, the August weather has lived up to its reputation, with the hot days and hot nights.

I am so sad to say, but one of the Mother Lode Model T Clubs Charter Members has passed, Cliff Hyatt. Cliff has touched a lot of members thru the years with his kindness and giving attitude to both young and old members of the Club. If you ever needed help or a car part, Cliff was always there to help in any way he could, he was such an unselfish person and all around genuine human being. If you all could just say a prayer for the family. We all loved you, Cliff.

Our Annual Ice Cream Social was supposed to take place at Debbie Bamber's residence and hosted by Jessica Keeney on August 26, but had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. Thank you to Debbie and Jessica for volunteering to host this event. As everyone knows it takes a lot of time and planning to host an event, so as a club we the membership should do our best to try to support these events so we can keep our club active and moving forward. With that being said, we are in need of an October Tour, so if you feel like this is something you would like to host, please contact Susie so she can get it on the calendar of events.

As I brought up at the August General Meeting, I was contacted by Eryn with the Gold Country Fair Grounds that they would like to display three of our Model T's during the fair. So, Jerry Moore, Eric Lindstedt and myself will have cars on display at the Armory Building. So, if you attend this year's Gold Country Fair, come by to see the cars. The Fair runs Sept 7-10.

Susie and myself will not be able to attend the September General meeting due to attending a cousin reunion in Wisconsin. John Saylor will be in charge of the meeting in our absence, so please try to attend the meeting to support John. One of the topics of the meeting will be Board Members. John will need to form a committee of two to three members to scout out new Board Members.

I would like to thank everyone for all your support and help in keeping the Mother Lode Model T Club active, and I look forward to having everyone attend the September Monthly meeting,

Your President, *Gary Krezman*

September Picnic Tour

September 30, we will have a causal social and picnic at the country home of Vern & Elaine Marriott, 5686 Upper Ridge Rd, Auburn. We will have a Mexican themed main dish. and your potluck sides. 12 Noon.

We will meet up at Belair on Hwy 49 at 11 AM, to caravan.

Please RSVP. Sign up at the Sept meeting or call 530-885-5754.

Next Board meeting

We do need to have a Board Meeting in September which will need to be toward the end of September, so I will contact all Board Members to see what dates work for everyone. I will send out an e-mail to let everyone know when the Board Meeting will take place. Gary.

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Old Auburn Cemetery Tour

Our club has again been invited to display a few cars for this event.

Visitors will meet the ghosts of the Old Auburn Cemetery. Witnesses, law enforcement, jurors, and murderers as they rise from the grave to tell you their stories. October 1 at the Old Auburn Cemetery from 1:30 - 3:30pm. The performers stand near the graves of their characters and tell a little of their history. If you want to display a car, Sign up at the meeting.



Up Coming Events – At a Glance

- ♦ Sept 7-10 -T's on display at Gold Country Fair.
- ♦ Sept 9 - F.A.S.T. Hill Climb - Auburn Airport. 8:30 AM. [Details](#)
- ♦ Sept 9 – Antique Cars-History Park, San Jose. Click here for [Details](#).
- ♦ Sept 14 – Monthly Meeting, Black Bear Diner, Auburn. 5:30 dinner, 6:30 meeting.
- ♦ Sept 30– Tour/Social event at Marriott's.
- ♦ Oct 1 – Old Auburn Cemetery Car Display.
- ♦ Oct 11-15 - Ryan Ramble – Cayucos, Ca. [Details](#)
- ♦ Oct – Fall Tour – Leader Needed.
- ♦ Dec 10 – Christmas Luncheon at the Ridge Golf Club.

2024- Save the Dates

- ♦ June 2 – Mother Lode Model T Club, 49th Annual [Swap Meet](#).
- ♦ June 16-20 – MTFCA National Tour – San Diego

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 14

Black Bear Diner, 13365 Lincoln Way Auburn, CA, Dinner 5:30, Meeting starts 6:30. Prospective members welcome. Bring a Show and Tell.

Board Nominations for 2024-25

Its time to nominate four new Board members for 2024-2025. Per our bylaws, our board consists of 8 members who serve a two-year term with four going off every year. The following have served the previous two years and will be going off December 31, 2023: Gary Krezman, Susie Krezman, Junette Avey and Erik Lindstedt.

New board members will bring fresh ideas for tours and other club functions. We are looking for a couple of club members to serve as the nominating committee. So, if you are interested, you can self-nominate by contacting John Saylor or any board member.

Gold Country Fair - September 7- 10



We will have three Model T's on display in the Armory Building. Come on by and see the cars. This is a good opportunity to promote our club.

Anniversaries and Birthdays



Sept Anniversaries

Kent & Kristy Keyser	11
Ken & Olivia Marriott	28

Sept Birthdays

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



Clifford Dean Hyatt 6/28/1927 - 8/10/2023

A long-time Auburn building contractor and inventor, Clifford passed away August 10, 2023 at home with his loved ones by his side. He was born in Billings, Montana on June 28, 1927 to Harvey O. Hyatt and Harriette E. Keene. Soon after the family moved to a sugar beet ranch in Custer, Montana. After his mother passed away, they relocated to California and settled in Grass Valley. Cliff attended Grass Valley High School and Placer Junior College, where he was a member of the All-Star team in basketball.

At Placer Junior College, he majored in Carpentry and began a business with his mentor, Mr. Brewer. They milled lumber at Brewer's Mill in Blue Tent (Nevada City) and built three houses on Stoddard Hill, each selling for \$5,000, including the lot. He then built houses in Auburn on Russell Road, Kilham Road, Tierra Heights, in addition to developing Oakridge Subdivision I and II.

Cliff met Norma Scholefield at a dance at Lake Olympia in Grass Valley in 1949. They celebrated their 73rd anniversary in June. In addition to being survived by his wife, Norma, he had three children: David Hyatt, Ronald (Jan) Hyatt, and Cynthia Levesque. He was also blessed with four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Cliff is survived by his sister-in-law, Nancy Tanner, several nieces and nephews, as well as many dear friends. He was predeceased by his parents, brother Harvey, and sisters Hattie Zwysig, Thelma Soppe, and Donna Zahl.

Cliff's work ethic never diminished, whether working at his family's sugar beet farm or years later manufacturing products on his vast machinery collection. Even in recent weeks, he was tinkering, building, repairing and developing an idea for a product to design and manufacture.

He held two U.S. patents on products he designed and built. The first one was for an air-powered machine that removed bark from large logs to be used in log home construction. The second patent was created for Space Age ceramics, which was an industrial ceramic guide for commercial band saw blades.

His hobbies and passions included fishing, hunting, playing the harmonica, winemaking, machine work, antique cars, traveling, attending track meets all over the country to watch his son, Ron, and years later to watch his granddaughter, Lindsay, perform. He especially enjoyed spending time at his Sierra Mountain cabin with his wife, Norma.

One of his many joys was his antique cars. He restored a 1905 one-cylinder Cadillac, a 1913 French DeDion Bouton, and a 1915 Ford Model T, each taking three years to complete. He had fond memories touring with the Mother Lode Model T Club (Auburn) and the Horseless Carriage Club of America (Sacramento).

Cliff was a self-made man who worked a lifetime while accomplishing countless goals, yet remained humble.

At his request, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to either: placerathleticalloffame.org or mailed to Placer Athletic Hall of Fame, 1191 Auburn Ravine Rd., Auburn, CA 95603. Donations will also be accepted by Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice, P.O. Box 160045, Sacramento, CA 95816.

(From the Auburn Journal)



Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model-T Club
Meeting Minutes
August 10th, 2023
Black Bear Diner, Auburn, CA

Called to Order: President Gary Krezman at 6:30 PM

Secretary's Report: Junette reported no corrections to the July minutes. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Kitty was absent.

Vice Presidents: Susie reported that the Breakfast Tour was a great success. Thank You Kitty, Gordon and Paula!

August 26th is the **Ice Cream Social** Hosted by Jessica Keeney at the home of Debbie Bamber. Bring a dish to share and chairs. Meet Gary and Susie at Raley's at NOON to drive our Model-T's together.

Debbie shared she has Model-T and Model-A Parts for sale. Will make a deal or take all for nothing!

September 30th is a Picnic Tour to Elaine & Vern's. Meet at Belair on #49 at 11:00 am. Please bring a Salad or Dessert.

October needs a Tour Chairperson!

FYI: The Ryan Ramble is October 11th-15th.

October 7th (Corrected to Oct 1) is the Old Cemetery Event. They would like old cars to park on the Grounds. Hosted by the Docents from the Placer County Museums, and is a free Community event.

MTFCA Tour 2024, will be held in San Diego, CA **June 16th-20th**. See page 16 in the July-August **Vintage Ford Magazine**.

Old Business: Fire Chief Dave Spencer called Gary to let him know that the Fan Unit had arrived. On July 17th Gary, Kitty & Susie presented the (~~\$2,500~~ **Corrected**)-\$2,000 check that we donated from the Swap Meet. The Fan unit is electric and is on wheels so it can be placed in any room, to suck the smoke out. The old one could only be placed in the front of the building even if the fire was in the back. **Traci Newell of the Auburn Journal** wrote a nice front-page article with a picture of the group holding our donation check. She also told Gary that she would attend next year's Swap Meet to write an article about it. It was also announced that the Fire Department is getting a new Fire Truck.

Gary shared that he has been having trouble with his Model-T so he took it up to Erik Lindstedt. Erik has a garage full with interesting equipment, one item is a Scope that checked Gary's points and showed the results on a monitor.

Erik also has an interesting water pump.

Kitty sent a donation check to the CAM for our 1914 adopted Model-T which is used to teach docents and the public how to drive one.

New Business: The Gold Country Fair invited us to display some of our Model-T's in the Armory during the Fair, September 7th-10th. Members felt that they should be roped off from Fair attendees.

Gary and Susie will not be at the September or October meetings. John Saylor will be standing in for Gary.

Gary said that Bill Finkbeiner called and said Russ Purvis is in Rock Creek Care Home 260 Race Track, Auburn. Phone # is 530 885-7051. He fell and broke his hip as well as having Parkinson's.

Show and Tell:

Steve Straw announced that on September 9th the Fast Hill Climb will take place at the Airport in Auburn. John Boorinakis brought two different Buffalo Nickels that would have been used as freeze plugs in Model-T's and would have been valued at \$1.50 in today's money.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Christian Finkbeiner Runs 100 miles.

Congratulations to Christian Finkbeiner for completing the Leadville Trail 100 in Leadville Colorado.



The course includes steep climbs of Powerline, high-altitude passes like Sugarloaf, and technical terrain on the Colorado Trail, all amounting to over 18,000 feet of elevation gain. The course reaches a peak elevation of 12,600 feet above sea level on the crux of the course, Hope Pass.



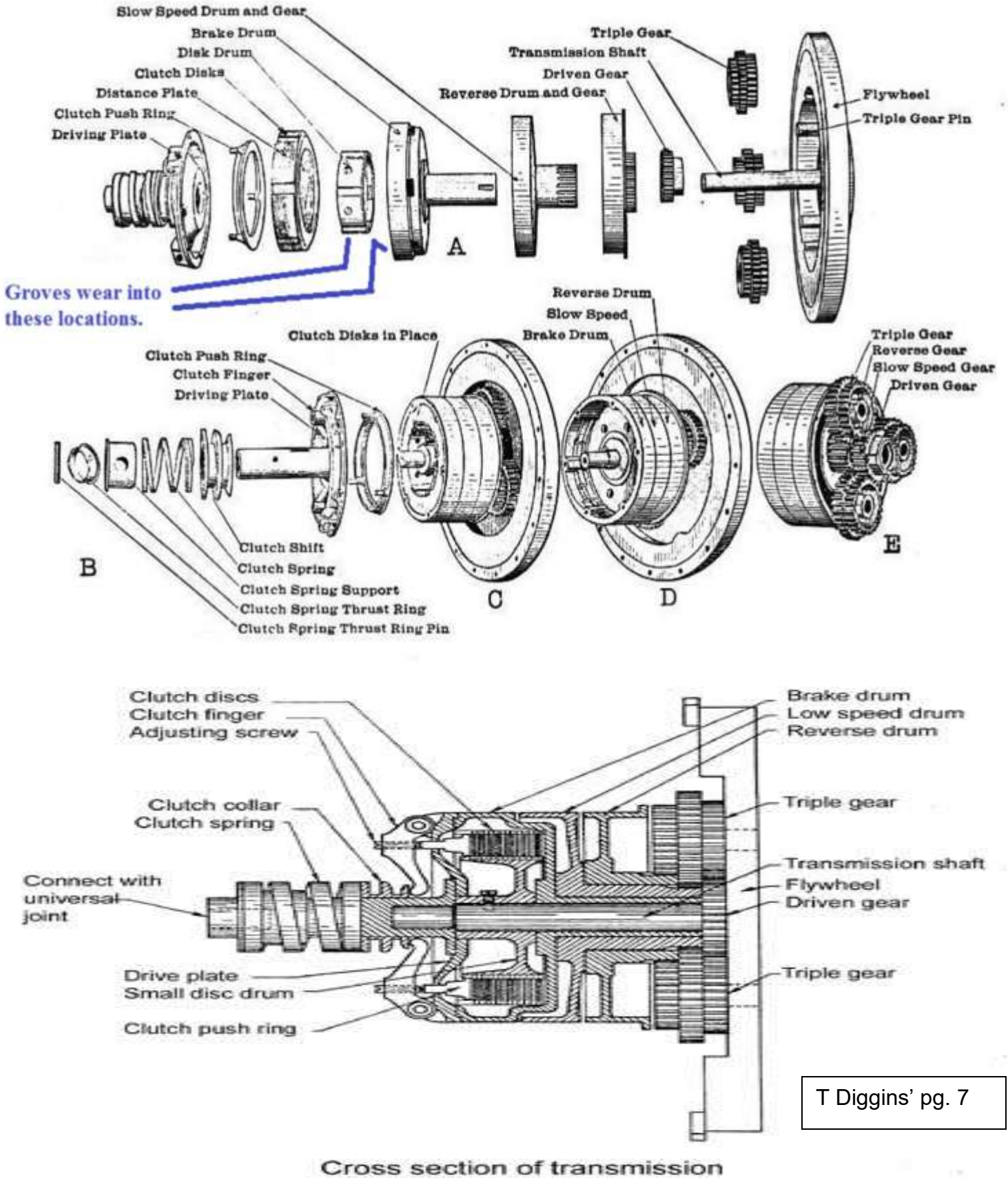


From last years' Fall Colors Tour.

We are still looking for a leader for this year.

Model T Transmission – Exploded View

Steve Straw submitted this detailed exploded view of the Model T Transmission





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Mother Lode Model T Club Membership Application

Dues are \$20. / Year

New Renewal -- Renewals Due Dec 31

Name _____ B'day Mo ___ Day ___

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Phone _____ Cell _____

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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.

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