



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

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November 2011

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## Activities Calendar

- ◆ Dec. 3 - Auburn Festival of Lights Parade 5 PM
- ◆ Dec. 5 - Board meeting, Round Table, Loomis 7 pm
- ◆ Dec. 10 - Christmas Party, Auburn Valley Country Club

### Upcoming 2012 Activities

- ◆ Jan 2012 - President's Pizza feed
- ◆ Jan 28-29 - Turlock Swap meet
- ◆ Feb 11 - Crab feed at Canyon View Community Center
- ◆ March 16-18 - ACCC Conference
- ◆ March - Charter Celebration Dinner- Needs Chairperson
- ◆ April 12-14 - Bakersfield HCCA / Model T Club Swapmeet
- ◆ April - Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shakedown Tour
- ◆ April 22-27 - MTFCA California Dreamin' Regional Tour

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### Auburn Festival of Lights Parade

Susie has entered us in the light parade set for Saturday December 3rd. Parade starts at 5pm so you need to be there by 4 to decorate your cars and get into place. Check in on Lincoln Way near the Chamber of Commerce. Let's have a good showing to promote our club and the holiday spirit.

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### Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas banquet is all set. Saturday, December 10 at the Auburn Valley Country Club, 8800 Auburn Valley Rd. Social Hour at 3 pm, Dinner at 4 pm. Contact Eula Marriott, 530-885-5754.

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### Dues

Our treasurer, Kitty Goodell has mailed out the annual dues renewal notice. Please follow her instructions, fill out all of the renewal form and return in the envelope provided by the end of the year. Once all the renewals are in a new roster will be compiled and distributed to all members. Also don't forget your MTFCA National club renewals which includes the *Vintage Ford* magazine.

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### Board Meeting

The final year end board of directors meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 7 pm at the Loomis Round Table Pizza on Horseshoe Bar Rd. All current and newly nominated board members should attend

## Twenty cars attend the Fall Colors Tour

The October Fall Colors Tour through Colfax, Nevada City and Grass Valley was well attended. A total of 20 cars were on the tour. We toured back roads through some beautiful area with lots of trees and their fall foliage. As we came into Nevada City, Steve Short stalled with a slipping low band. Erik, using John's 15/16 wrench adjusted it up and we were on our way.

We had a fabulous lunch at the Old 5 Mile House outside Nevada City. Before heading out Bobby barrowed John's big wrench and adjusted his low band. The drive home was via Grass Valley to Colfax, where we had hoped to have ice cream at the old rail station, but it was closed. In Grass Valley Jeff Johnson's low band was giving out, Again John's 15/15 wrench was called on, but Jeff's band was totally gone. He had to call a tow truck to take his car to his trailer in Auburn. Looks like the trouble trophy now has a new home. Great job Cindy and Erik Lindstedt, for hosting the tour.



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## Finkbeiner Runs, Rides in Style

That was the headline in the Nov 4 issue of the Auburn Journal. The article told about Christian's cross country and ultra running, and of his parents, Bill & Beth who complete in the Western States 100-Mile Endurance Runs. Bill has had five top-10 finishes and also finished the Leadville 100-Mile Endurance Run in Colorado a record 28 times. The article went on to tell about his Model T hobby, which was also his parents and grandparents hobby.

Way to go Christian!



## Triva

Bob Nowack sent me the following old post card with a Model T service offer from 1928. It would be hard to turn down those prices!



Dear Sir:—  
We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.  
It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.  
The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.  
Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.  
New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.  
The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.  
A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Very truly yours,  
Bottineau, N. Dak. C. R. GLEASON CO.

## Sunshine

Fellow club members, Some of you may not have heard, I have been diagnosed with Breast Cancer again. In 1987 I had successful treatment, and hopefully I can repeat that result. My CT, Bone Scan and Blood work were all normal. After my second Chemo all my hair fell out, thank goodness for my collection of Model-T hats. Other than feeling tired I have not been sick from the chemo. This time of year I usually just want to hibernate so I guess this is the best time for me to go through the treatment. I hope to make it to the Christmas Party, but if not, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR for all of us. PS. I would love visitors just as long as you do not bring me any bugs.

Sincerely, Junette

*Editor's note: The US Mail copy of the newsletter did not have this note, so some members may not know.*

## New on the Website -

We have a new section on the website under [Photogallery](#): Members Special & Family Events. So if you have a special event or historical photos we can post some photos to share.

The first is: Steve and Virginia Short's Daughter, Rebecca Louise married Eric Vaernes at the David Girard Winery near Coloma. She was driven to the wedding site by her Father in his 1927 T Roadster, (much to the surprise of the guests!) and then walked down the aisle. The Car performed flawlessly, much to the relief of the proud Father and Mother! The Car became a popular photo site after the ceremony, and had almost as many pictures taken as the Bride and Groom (Ha....not really!)



Mother Lode Model T Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2011

The November general membership meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Lewis Burcher. The meeting was held at The Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca. There were not any new guests present. Attendance was light.

**Secretary Report** – John was not present, no Secretary report was presented.

**Treasurer Report** – Kitty reported we had income from 50-50 and a deposit return for the Manifold Cookout tour. Expenses were for bank fees, 2012 Crab Feed, October tour, and DMV Trailer renewal.

**Activities Report** – Susie gave the activity run down. There is not a tour planned for November.

**December 3** - Susie has signed us up for the Auburn Christmas parade.

**December 10** - Christmas banquet at Auburn Valley Country Club.

**Tour Report** - The October Colors tour through Nevada City/Grass Valley was well attended, a total of 20 cars. Lunch was at the Old 5 Mile House outside Nevada City, and the meal was very good. The drive home was via Grass Valley to Colfax, and some folks stopped at Colfax for ice cream. Unfortunately for Jeff Johnson, the trouble trophy now has a new home. He experienced trouble and had to call a tow truck to take his car from Grass Valley to his trailer in Auburn. Great job Cindy and Erik Lindstedt, our hosts for the tour.

Susie also advised the Orange County club is hosting the California Dreamin' Regional Tour for 5 days that is talked about in the Vintage Ford September/October issue. The tour, which will be April 22-27, will include time in several cities in Central California, between Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. Limited to 60, and Susie has asked for a registration to be mailed to her. She and Gary are planning on attending.

**Sunshine** - Susie has sent cards to John Saylor when he had heart problems; Lona, Ben's girlfriend, who is having surgery; Julie Instness; Grace Aldridge, who fell and broke her pelvis and is currently in Sienna in Auburn; and Junette Avey, who has started Chemo treatments. Mike Bashore also advised Pat had Thyroid surgery, and she was at the meeting and is doing just fine. Susie also shared a wonderful article in the Auburn Journal about Christian Finkbeiner, which spoke to his love and successes of running and the cars he has rebuilt and drives.

**New Business** – Gary was sent a letter from the Auburn Rec Park asking if we would want wi-fi connection or credit card connection for the next Swap meet. He asked what everyone thought. We all told him it's up to him, and the final decision was no, we don't want either.

**Old Business** - Lewie advised he had received a call from Eula Marriott prior to her mailing the Christmas Party information asking if the club would pay for half the dinner for club members. Lewie said he told Eula to send the form out with the information the club would pay. He asked if anyone would like to make a motion. Pat Bashore made a motion for the club to pay half the price for club members, and Susie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was carried when all present agreed.

The next **Board meeting** will be held Monday, December 5, at Round Table Pizza in Loomis. All are welcome, and it will be primarily held to elect officers. The information will be available at the Christmas Dinner.

**LOLs** – Pat reported she isn't sure who is hosting, but it is going to be at Tio Pepe's next week.

**Other Business** – Erik Lindstedt asked if there are any written guidelines on hosting a tour that speak to safety. He has volunteered to take on the task of putting together something after the new year, and will use references from a club he was in from Southern California. Lewie advised him he believes he has a booklet from the Nationals he will let him use, and Jack Duncan advised some of the information can also be found in the by-laws.

**50-50** – Pat Bashore and Jerry Anders both won.

There being no additional business, President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM, saying he hoped most folks would be able to attend the Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted, Kitty Goodell, Treasurer

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## **The California Dreamin' Regional Tour** (This sounds like a fun tour)

**APRIL 22-27** — Buellton, California. The Orange County Model T Ford Club is hosting The California Dreamin' Regional Tour. This is a hub tour out of Buellton, California. Buellton is a small, friendly town located in California's central costal area, between Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. The area has a large concentration of wineries, with beautiful rolling hills and scenic back roads, perfect for Model T's. Tour to the famous Pismo Beach and drive onto the beach and have your picture taken. Travel to Los Alamos. Visit the areas wonderful Wineries and Antique shops. Explore Solvang, Chumash Indian Casino, La Purisima Mission, Ja Lama Beach and more. Tour is limited to 60 Flivvers. Your registration must indicate number of people in your group. Tour cost is: \$175.00 for Flivver and driver. \$140.00 for each passenger. Tour cost must be paid at time of registration. Mail registration after January 2nd 2012 to: Barbara Moody, 331 S. Flower St., Brea, Ca. 92821. For information, call 714-529-9585 or e-mail: [dbm\\_modelt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbm_modelt@sbcglobal.net)

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### ***What's happening at the California Auto Museum***

#### ***New Exhibit Spotlights Germany's Premier Cars WUNDERCARS! Exhibit turns focus to BMW***

The Porsche exhibit is closing and BMW is stepping into the spotlight in the California Automobile Museum's ongoing *WUNDERCARS!* exhibit on November 28, 2011. *WUNDERCARS!*, which opened on October 1, highlights the long and dynamic history of the German automobile. In addition to a long-term exhibit tracing the impact of the American market on the German automotive industry - and the impact of the German automobile on America - a rotating gallery is spotlighting the histories of four of Germany's premier automakers, which began with Porsche and will continue with BMW from November 28 to January 21, 2012.

### **The James Dean Mercury**

Also on display is the 1949 Mercury that James Dean drove in "Rebel Without a Cause." Drop by and see it before it has to go back!

### ***27<sup>th</sup> Docent Training Class begins 21-Week Course on January 12, 2012***

For anyone who's dreamed of showing off a world-class car collection - without having to wipe up the drips or check the tires - the California Automobile Museum's Docent Training program is just the answer.

The 27th class will begin on Thursday, January 12, 2012, and the Museum is seeking men and women interested in automobile history who wish to become Docents. Our volunteer teachers/tour guides will interpret the Museum's story to people from around the globe, and are the Museum's personal outreach to its many visitors. This is a world-recognized docent course and is a unique and an enjoyable educational experience as well as an opportunity to get involved as a key volunteer in a fascinating arena.

A \$99.00 fee covers the extensive course materials and a year's membership in the California Vehicle Foundation, the parent organization of the California Automobile Museum. Scholarships may be requested. Advance registration is required; for further details go to [www.CalAutoMuseum.org](http://www.CalAutoMuseum.org) (look for the Education tab and Docent Training) or call 916-442-6802.

The Museum is located at 2200 Front Street, Sacramento and is open daily 10:00am - 6:00pm taking in the last guest at 5:00pm. The Museum is open every third Thursday of the month until 9 pm and is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

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## Club Website

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

The *Mother Lode Model T Club* was organized during 1967 and became a member 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 are 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 \$35.00 payable to:

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