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Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club

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April 2012

Activities Calendar

- ◆ **April 12 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm Meeting at 7 pm.**
- ◆ **April 18th, Wednesday, 11:30 am, LOLs at Mel's Diner, Hwy 49 & Luther Rd, Auburn Host, Mary Lynn Barrett.**
- ◆ **April 13-14 - Bakersfield HCCA Swap meet.**
- ◆ **April 15 - Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shakedown.**
- ◆ **April 22-27 - MTFCA California Dreamin' Tour.**
- ◆ **May 19 - Tour to Sutter Creek - Goodell.**
- ◆ **June 9 - Swap meet setup and club BBQ.**
- ◆ **June 10 - Mother Lode Annual Swap Meet.**
- ◆ **July 4 - Auburn Independence Day Parade.**
- ◆ **August - Annual Ice Cream Social - Weitzel.**
- ◆ **September - Manifold Cookout - Saylor.**
- ◆ **October - Fall Colors Tour - Lindstedt.**
- ◆ **December 8 - Christmas party - Eula Marriott.**

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Well here we are at the end of the First Quarter of 2012 and we have done a whole lot of eating so far this year. First we had the Presidents Pizza Feed where everybody got to eat a lot of Pizza and visit with friends and family. This was a big success, thanks to everybody for coming. Next, we had the annual Crab Feed, a big THANK YOU goes out to Kitty and Gordon Goodell for hosting the event. They had a large turnout, with a lot of members we only get to see once a year. Then we had our annual Charter Night hosted by Joyce Weitzel and Susie Krezman. They did a great job of old memorabilia and made our Charter Members feel very welcome. It was a well put together social event to recognize our Charter Members.

Now it's time to start cleaning our cars up and getting them ready to drive as the weather is changing. Don't let



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gas prices scare you, I wonder if Henry Ford ever thought it would cost \$50.00 to fill your Model T with gas?

Our first tour of the year will be April 15th, the Fourth Annual Gil Machado Shake Down Tour hosted by Susie Krezman and Mindy Ingram. Make sure you call them to reserve your spot as it is always a well attended event. The second tour of the season will be May 19th, hosted by Kitty and Gordon Goodell. Look for details on the web site and newsletter.

On June 10th we have our annual swap meet, which is the clubs largest fund raiser. This event is co-chaired by John Saylor and myself. Set up will be on Saturday June 9. Hope to see a lot of those once a year members that were at the crab feed there to help out on this one.

At the April meeting, Richard Weitzel will bring a movie on the Old Ridge Route to play while we are eating our dinner. So get there early to eat dinner and enjoy a good movie.

At the May meeting, John Saylor will bring a movie on the National Tour our club hosted in 1990 to be watched during dinner. Also, at the May meeting we will have Officer David Martinez with the California Highway Patrol and citizen volunteer Wayne Lyndon give a presentation on Driver Safety. Hope to see a lot of members at this Meeting.

I would also like to see some show and tell items brought to the meeting to share with everyone. Don't be bashful. A big thank you Erik Lindstedt for all his hard work on the rough draft for Tour Safety to be gone over by the Board. Larry Taylor is still negotiating a trailer deal for the club. This trailer will be used for storage of swap meet needs. Thank you Larry.

Be sure to read your newsletters for movies and guest speakers at upcoming meetings.

Hope to see everybody at future meetings and events and most of all on our Tours.

Thanks again, your President
Gary Krezman

2012 Charter Dinner

The Mother Lode Model T Club held its 43RD Annual Charter Dinner at the Auburn Valley Golf Club on March 6, 2012. In attendance were 7 of the original Charter members, Naomi Edmonds, Dick and Wanda Johnson, Cliff and Norma Hyatt Bobbi Machado and Susie Krezman.

We had 31 members attending the event with a special visit from one of our long time members that we do not get to see enough of, Vernell Bunnell.

Joyce Weitzel and myself were co chairpersons.



Joyce did a fold out poster of pictures of some of our founding members. We will have that at the Swap Meet along with information about the club to

share with people attending the Swap Meet. Joyce made four gift baskets to give away at the end of our dinner. She also did the flower arrangements for the tables, and gave those arrangements away to some of our Charter Members to take home.

Thank you to everyone for helping us Celebrate our Charter. John Saylor has posted pictures on our Web Site for all of us to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Krezman

Sunshine

Joyce Weitzel's wrist is healing. She was seen at the Charter Dinner with the cast off and showing off her scars.

Les Silveira is recovering from an extended illness and surgeries. Hope to see him back on the road soon.

For Sale

1925 TT flat bed - Ruckstell, Mostly apart, cab and bed on frame, runs. Kelly Murphy (530) 389-8286



Open trailer suitable for Model T or A. Tandem axle, electric brakes \$1500 Dick Johnson (530) 637-4960.

1926 Touring - Older restored running car with Ruckstell. \$5500, June McKenzie, Grass Valley. (530) 273-9241.

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Shakedown Tour - April 15 Let's kick off the touring season in style!

The date is set for the 4th Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shakedown Tour, so get those cars tuned up. Sunday, April 15 we will tour to the California Aero Space Museum at McClellan Park. Meet at Raley's at 7:45 am and we will leave promptly at 8 AM. We will tour back



roads through Lincoln and meet up with the Sacramento Valley Model T Club in Roseville. The Museum boasts a collection of aircraft starting with a Curtiss-Wright B-14-B "Speedwing" bi-plane built in 1932. There is the Norden Bomb sight, Antique aircraft engines, flight simulators and much more. After the museum tour we will drive a short way to Jaspers Giant Hamburgers for lunch.

Please call Susie at 530-823-7957 to sign up.

Club Shirts

The club has voted to order some more shirts. This run will be T shirts the same blue color as the polo shirts. They will have the club logo screen printed on the back and club name on the front. The cost will be \$10.00 each. John Saylor will order and we should have them by the next meeting. We still have a few of the polo shirts left in sizes medium and extra large. They are \$22.00 each.

Century Old Vehicle Plaque

We have several members with Model T's that are 100 years old. Those of you with one of those "Old Cars" might want to take advantage of this program from the HCCA. You do not have to be a member of the HCCA to take advantage of this program



To obtain the 1 1/2" by 2 1/4" brass plaques, send \$4 payable to Carlton Pate at 285 Forest Lane, Glastonbury CT 06033. With payment, include a description of the vehicle (year, make, model, body style and serial numbers), photo, and some of the car's history (how it survived all these years or how it was saved).

This program is only one of the many ways that you can support an organization that tries to protect our automotive heritage. □

Swap Meet

Our annual swap meet is fast approaching. This is our main fund raiser that supports many of our club's activities.

The date is Sunday, June 10. Saturday, June 9 is the main set up day. We will be laying out the field, which includes everything from the marking space lines, placing garbage cans, barricades and setting up



the food booth tents. We may do some field layout on Friday, June 8.

Saturday evening there will be a club Tri-TipBBQ - Potluck at about 5

pm. This is open to all club members.

Sunday morning, the day of the meet we will need volunteers to man the gate, park vendors, work in the food booth where we sell everything from home made pie to tri-tip sandwiches. And then of course when it's all over we have to clean the place up. Please contact Gary Krezman or John Saylor to help prepare the field and set up and Joyce Weitzel for Food Booth help.

SWAP MEET

Sunday

June 10, 2012

Gold Country Fairgrounds Auburn, Calif.

Gates Open 5 AM – Spaces 15x25 on Grass - \$25.00

Vintage & Classic Cars, Parts and Memorabilia.

Vendor setup available after 4 pm Saturday, June 9.

All spaces first come basis. No Space reservation.

All vendors must vacate by 3 pm Sunday, June 10.

Alcoholic beverages, Firearms, Open fires & Vendor food sales are not allowed.

Club run food booth on grounds.

Contacts:

Gary (530)823-7957, or John (916)723-1613.

More info-

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com/swapmeet>

Directions: I 80 Eastbound, exit Maple St., follow signs to fairgrounds. I 80 Westbound, exit Nevada St., cross over freeway & follow signs. Enter at 200 Fairgate Rd. from Auburn Folsom Rd.

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What's happening at the California Auto Museum

Exhibit Spotlights Germany's Premier Cars

WUNDERCARS! Exhibit - spotlight on Volkswagen. March 17 - May 12.

Experience the history of Germany's favorite people's car. From the beloved Beetle to some of the hottest hatches, the Volkswagen story is only at the California Automobile Museum.

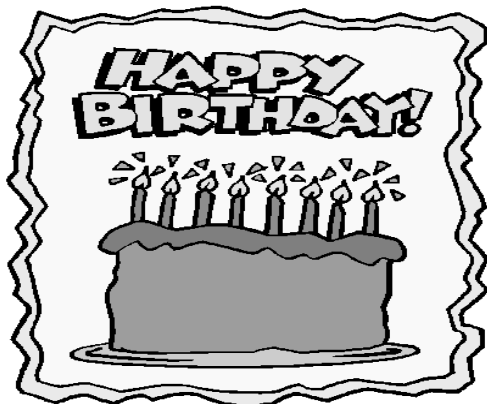


ACCC Conference

The annual Association of California Car Clubs legislative conference was held at the CAM March 16 and 17. Gary Krezman and myself attended to represent our club. This was also the 40th anniversary of the ACCC. We heard from several state legislators and officials. Most of the legislation being worked on does not directly affect us with our Model T era cars. Many of the present bills have to do with smog checks, licensing, and street rod and custom cars. But, we need to be informed and voice our opinions. Present bills in the process are SB 1224, which will extend the smog check exemption from 1976 to 1981 year model vehicles and AB 1613 which removes the requirement to have a smog check when you sell your vehicle. These two bills may be of interest to any of us who use these older vehicles for our daily driver. One thing we learned was that the best time to voice your opinion is when it is in a committee. We also found out that emails to legislators do not get much attention but *phone calls and faxes do.* We heard from two speakers on the effects of ethanol fuels on our cars. Most gas today has approximately 5% ethanol. As the ethanol amount is increased, and there is pressure to increase it to 10% and more, it could have a detrimental affect on our vintage cars. We also need to be aware of safety legislation that could unknowingly side line our cars. You can find out more about these bills on the ACCC website at www.acccdefender.org - John

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays



Mary Lynn Barrett	1
Susie Krezman	8
Beth Finkbeiner	13
Chris Borton	18
Larry Taylor	22
Carol Fitzsimmons	29
George Bamber	30
Terry Schwartz	30

April Anniversaries

Robin & Cindy Pharis	1
Mervin & Barbara Hall	4
Richard & Joyce Weitzel	6
George & Betty Bamber	11
Dick & Wanda Johnson	24
Randy & Helen Johnson	24



Shop Rag

I would like to start this column for the newsletter. A place to share those tips, advice and experiences repairing and maintaining your T. So send me you tips and I will publish in the newsletter. Doesn't have to be long, just something you did to make a repair. So here is one I recently used.

Many of us probably have those metal cone shaped shims on the rear axle. Sometimes while reinstalling the wheel and hub the shim doesn't stay put and you crinkle it up as you slide the hub on. I solved the problem by tying a piece of thread around the shim to hold it in place. - John



Correspondence

We received this letter from Harold Ellingson, our charter member who now lives in Billings, Montana. Sounds like things are going well for him.

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To The Mother Lode Model T Club.

I just want to thank you for remembering me and sending me the 2012 Roster. It brings back fond memories of the past. It's hard to believe there's been 30 president's of the club since its inception. Our Yellowstone Roarin' 20's Model T Club here is going strong with members from a wide area around here, as well as our regular car club. I have my 1914 Canadian right hand drive runabout Model T as well as my 1930 Chevy Deluxe Panel Delivery <Woody> to keep me occupied. I just want to say thanks again for remembering me.

Harold Ellingson
Harold Ellingson

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club
Board of Directors meeting minutes
March 6, 2012

The March board meeting was held at Round Table Pizza, Loomis, Ca. President Gary Krezman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All board members were present.

Secretary Report - Minutes of the last board meeting, December 5 2011, were published in the January News Letter. No changes of corrections were noted. We had no significant correspondence.

Treasure Report - Kitty reported that our finances are in good shape.

Activities - Susie reported that we have tour leaders signed up most of the year. We still need someone for July.

New Business - Discussion on the Crab Feed and guest price. The new location worked out very well. Lots of elbow room and plenty of parking. Thirty percent of those attending are guests. Cost per person, guests and members was \$23+. All members agreed that guests should pay the full cost per person at future Crab feeds and other club functions. Reservation Deposits were also discussed. We have experienced some cancellations after the cutoff date. Members need to be reminded that after the cutoff date they may lose their deposit or they can arrange for a to-go-box.

Tours & Breakdowns - We have been fortunate that there have been very few break downs on the past tours. Gary suggested we prepare a list of tools and miscellaneous items that each car should have in order to make minor on the spot adjustments and repairs. Short discussion on when the club should have a trouble truck-trailer on the tour. It was agreed that on Multi day trips there should always be a trouble trailer. Erik Lindstedt has worked up a safe touring suggestion check list. Once this is finalized, it will be distributed to the membership.

Swap Meet Trailer - Larry Taylor is still negotiating the price for the trailer that he located. We may need a work day to inspect and prep it for storage. Gray also clarified this trailer will not replace the existing one. It will be used to get the heavy field equipment out of the existing trailer before it collapses from over loading.

Shirts - John asked if we need to order more shirts. We have several new members that may want a club shirt. The existing supply of Polo shirts is low and there are no more size large. Gary suggested that this time we get Tee shirts instead of Polo's. John will check with All-Awards for a price on Blue Tees with the screen print logo for the next general membership meeting.

Name Badges - Kitty reported that the person she ordered the last batch of badges from made a lot of errors and was very late getting them out and she took a trip during the process. She suggested we look elsewhere for the badges. John has checked with Staples and Office depot. They do not make the laminated style that we currently have only a solid plastic material engraved or printed at a cost of \$8 each. John will check with All Awards to see what they have.

There was no additional business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Saylor, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2012

The March 2012 general membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Gary Krezman. The meeting was held at The Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca.

Greeter report - Lewie announced that there were no visitors but Julie and Martin Smith were in attendance, whom we have not seen out and about in some time.

Secretary Report – John reported the minutes of the last general meeting were printed in the newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. We received correspondence from other area clubs and notices of events. John read a letter from Charter member Harold Ellingson, who now lives in Montana.

Treasurer Report – Kitty reported that we are solvent. Bills were paid for Newsletter and Roster expenses, Charter Dinner advance, shakedown tour advance, ACCC Conference delegates, California Auto Museum Dues, new checks, website costs, charter dinner, board meeting costs and bank fees. Income was from the 50-50, dues, crab feed co-pays and charter dinner co-pays.

Kitty presented a bill for our ACCC dues. Motion was made by Richard Weitzel and a second by Dick Johnson to pay. The motion passed. Crab Feed expenses went over the approved amount. A motion was made by Lewie Burcher and second by John Boorinakis to authorize payment. The motion passed.

Activities Report – Susie reported the Shakedown tour is scheduled for Sunday, April 15. This is the annual Gil Machado Memorial Tour. We will be going to the California Aero Space Museum at McClellan Park, North Highlands. A sign up was passed around. This will be a joint tour with the Sacramento Valley Club. We will be going to Jasper's Hamburgers for lunch. We should arrive at Raley's by 7:45 am and we will leave promptly at 8 AM. We will have a rest stop in Lincoln and meet the Sacramento group in Roseville.

The Auburn Cruise Night will be starting up again. Last year our club went and they honored Dick Johnson's 1911, for being 100 years old. Susie will work with the Cruise night and Auburn Journal to coordinate a night when we can honor several 1912 cars in our club.

The Lindstedt's will again chair the Fall tour in October. We still need a tour leader for July. Susie reported that Charter Dinner was enjoyed by the 34 attendees. She thanked Joyce for setting up a nice display of the club's history and making the gift baskets.

LOL - Wanda Johnson reported that the LOL lunch will be at Mel's Diner on April 18 at 11:30. Mary Lynn Barrett is in charge.

Sunshine - Susie sent a thinking of you card to Vernell, and to Les Silveira who is recovering from and extended illness and surgeries.

Old Business - Safety Guide Lines - Gary thanked Erik Lindstedt for his first draft of the guidelines for safe touring. The board will be reviewing to finalize.

Crab Feed - Gary thanked Gordon and Kitty for the very successful and well attended crab feed. Kitty provided a breakdown of the costs for this event. We had 97 in attendance with 31 of those were guests. The total costs run near \$25 per person. It was agreed that for next year we would charge guests at our cost.

ACCC Conference - This year's dates are March 16-17. John and Gary will be representing or club. Gary asked if there were any one else who wanted to go. No additional indicated.

Mechanics' Day - Gary asked if anyone was interested in hosting a mechanics day where we would do safety checks and minor fix and repair. There were no takers at this time.

Swap Meet Trailer -Larry Taylor is still negotiating on the swap meet storage trailer.

New Business - Meeting Program - Gary announced that this year we will be doing some new things at the meetings. For April, Richard Weitzel will bring a DVD on the Old Ridge Route with Huel Houser and the Kern County Model T Club. We will play this during the dinner hour starting at 6 pm.

For the May meeting we will have a DVD on the 1990 National Tour hosted by our club and also a guest speaker from the California Highway Patrol.

CAM - The California Auto Museum sent us info about the Car Club Cavalcade where a member club can display a few (5-6) cars for a 30 day period at no cost to the club. We will get more info on the available months for next year, hopefully not during the touring season.

Bylaws - Gary reported that its time to review and update the bylaws. There are several items that need to be updated. The board will take a look at it after the swap meet. Contact a board member if you have any input.

Magnetic Car Signs - Last year we purchased a couple of magnetic club signs to put on our cars during events. These signs did not stick well and blew off too easily. Mike reported that the Jeep club has had good luck with theirs and Rich Silva reported the Sac Valley club has had good luck with them. Possibly we need to look into the grade or quality of the signs. John will check on a couple of places and compare. Rich will provide info on where the Sac Valley signs were made. A motion was made by Richard Weitzel and second by John Boorinakis to purchase.

Regional Tour - Gary asked if there was any interest in hosting a Regional tour. Some discussion but no interest yet.

Shirts - John reported that we still have a few polo club shirts in sizes medium and extra large. There has been requests for Tee shirts in addition to the Polo's. The Tee's would have the club logo screen printed on the rear and club name on the front. Cost would be in the \$10-12 range.

Joyce Weitzel made a motion and a second by Steve Short that we proceed with the Tee shirts. John Saylor will follow up and order.

For Sale - Dick Johnson reported he has an open car trailer for sale. Its two axle with brakes, \$1500. Kelly Murphy has a 1925 TT for sale, contact Kelly thru Gary.

Coil rebuilder - Local coil rebuilder - Clayton Jureau, Call Bill Finkbiener for more info.

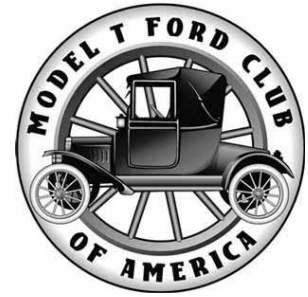
Show and Tell - Steve Short showed off a metal model of his 26 roadster made by his son in law. This was very well made and exact. Something to be proud of. Bill Finkbiener showed a trailer hitch made for Model T's. Very unique.

50-50- The winning tickets were drawn and the winners were..... Erik Lindstedt and Julie Smith. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Saylor, Secretary



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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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3rd Annual 2011 Gil Machado Memorial Shakedown Tour - Rest stop along the American River, Lotus, Ca.

Get ready for this year's shake down. See details inside