



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

May 2012

## Activities Calendar

- ◆ May 7 - Monday, Board and swap meet meeting. 6 PM, Round Table Pizza, Loomis.
- ◆ **May 10 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner 5:30 - 6 pm Meeting at 7 pm. Special Program**
- ◆ May 16, LOL's , Meet 11:30 am, Lucky Dragon Restaurant, Hwy 49 & Live Oak Lane, Auburn, Host Toni Moore.
- ◆ **May 19 - Tour to Boa Vista Orchards, Placerville - Leave Raley's 8:30 am. Goodell.**
- ◆ June 9 - Swap meet setup and club BBQ.
- ◆ June 10 - Mother Lode Annual Swap Meet.
- ◆ July 4 - Auburn Independence Day Parade.
- ◆ August 11- Annual Ice Cream Social - Weitzel.
- ◆ September 16 - Manifold Chili Cookout - Saylor.
- ◆ October - Fall Colors Tour - Lindstedt.
- ◆ December 8 - Christmas party - Eula Marriott.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Next Meeting, Thursday, May 10

This month we will kick off the dinner hour with a video of the 1990 Gold Country National Tour that we hosted right here in Auburn. We will also have a guest speaker from the California Highway Patrol who will give us some touring safety tips and updates on recent traffic codes. Come with your questions.

## May Tour to Placerville

May 19 meet at Raley's. We will leave promptly at 8:30 AM. We will be touring scenic back roads through Placerville to Boa Vista Orchards. We will have picnic lunch or you can purchase lunch. You will have time to browse their large fruit and vegetable area, canned goods and bakery.

## Model T's Go Touring

### 4th Annual Gil Machado Shakedown Tour

On Sunday April 15th, twelve Model T's left Raley's in Auburn to travel the back roads to McBean Park in Lincoln. Meeting us there were, Junette Avey, Erik, Julie & Courtney Barrett, Roger & Mary Lynn Barrett, Lewie Burcher and his daughter Gina, Bill Finkbiener, Christian & Rachael Finkbeiner, Gordon & Kitty Goodell, Dick & Wanda Johnson, Gary and Susie Krezman, Erik and Cindy Lindstedt, Bobbi Machado, Ralph Roper & Joey Ford, Steve Short and guest, and Kenny, Mia and Levi Marriott.

For a short rest break we stopped at McBean Park in Lincoln where we met Chris Instness, Richard Instness, (we missed seeing Julie) and for his first outing in his Model T, Mark Porco and his son, also John Saylor, Richard & Joyce Weitzel, and Jack & Cleona Duncan. We drove the back roads to Roseville where we met up with four of our newest members, Rich & Sherry Silva, and Mark & Barbara O'Connor and Hal & Vonnie Schedler, Wendell & Michelle Waltz, Bud & Jean Lanham and Jerry Compton of the Sacramento club. Meeting us at our destination, the



California Aerospace Museum at McClellan Park in North Highlands was Milt Webb. We were split into two groups. Our docents took us a personal tour of both the inside museum and the outside area where planes from the Air Force, California Department of Forestry and the Coast Guard were on display.

We all met up for lunch at Jaspers on Watt Avenue. It was a pleasure to meet some new faces from the Sacramento Club. We will be joining them on a tour this summer which is tentative for July 29, to the town of Courtland for their annual Pear Fair.

Our first tour of the year had a good turn out with 24 Model T's and a few Model A's and 41' people. We also got to meet Louie's brand new Great Granddaughter. Thank you one and all for coming out to start up our tour season and honor one of our Charter Members, my dad, Gil Machado.

Susie Krezman

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### Club Shirts

The new Club Tee shirts sold out quickly. They were a big hit. We need to order more. Check your size and sign up at the next meeting or call John Saylor. To get the \$10 price we need to order 24 shirts. We still have few of the Polo's left they are \$22.

### For Sale

Steve Smith, Fred Smith's son, is selling Fred's speedster using the Cal Auto Museum. Contact the Museum for more info. Ph. 916-442-6802



Swap meet is coming up soon. Come to the meeting and volunteer to 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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### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### May Birthdays



Lewie Burcher	1
Milt Webb	1
Bruce Borton	1
Ginger Barrett	2
Kendall Porco	3
Levi Marriott	5
Les Silveira	8
Pat Bashore	14
Phil Boorinakis	14
Cleona Duncan	18
Frances Smith	16
Ben Lindstedt	31

#### May Anniversaries

Martin & Julie Smith	1
Rich & Alberta Baughman	9
Mike & Ginger Barrett	12
Arnold & Barbara Ward	18



## California Dreamin' Tour

The California Dreamin' Regional Tour held in Buellton, Ca, April 22-27, was attended by six cars from our club. Those attending were Roger & Mary Lynn Barrett, Erik, Julie and Courtney Barrett, John & Janice Saylor, Gary & Susie Krezman, Ralph Roper & Joey Ford and Milt Webb and his sister Sharon Roy. Also attending from our neighboring club, Sacramento Valley were Hal and Vonnie Schedler and Harvey & Kate Bandy.

The tour was hosted by the Orange County Model T Club. Buellton, located on the coast between Santa Maria and Santa Barbra, presented us with some beautiful roads suited for Model T Touring.

The first causality was Ralph's water pump in the parking lot. It was seized up enough that the fan belt wouldn't turn it. Ralph called his son, Harvey, who would order a new pump from Vintage Ford and have it over-nighted to the hotel. Ralph & Joey rode with Gary & Susie the first day. I was also having starter issues that acted like a bad battery. A new battery did not help. So something is seized in the bendix.

The week was kicked off with an ice cream social Sunday evening on the grass at a local RV Resort. Our cars on the grass were a hit with the locals at the park. Dave Seiler, tour chairman, gave us a rundown of the weeks activities.

We left bright and early Monday morning for Pismo Beach. We toured past several ranches and wineries along country roads, passing through Lompoc, Guadalupe, Oceano, many green fields and meadows. Arriving in Grover Beach, we drove onto the state beach where we had our pictures taken. Many took advantage and drove several miles on the sand at the edge of the surf. Lots of picture taking here. We then drove a few miles to Pismo Beach where we had lunch near the pier. By this time I was having to hand crank the Tudor, which does not hand crank well. I needed a push start to get going from Pismo for the return trip. In the haste to get going we forgot to gas up. A few miles down the road we sputtered to the side of the road out of gas. After a long wait for the trouble truck to get there with gas, and a friendly visit from a curious CHP officer who entertained us with his jokes, and some more hand cranking were on our way again. By this time my main drive clutch was slipping more and more to the point the car would not move in high gear.

Now the trouble truck was behind us but already had a car on it. So another long wait for the trailer ride back to the motel. That evening several repairs were in progress. I tore into the starter bendix but needed a puller to get it off.

Tuesday the tour took us to Los Alamos. Since I did not have the starter or clutch fixed yet Janice and I drove our modern truck today. We toured past buffalo, windmills, an old tavern and a Victorian where the TV series "The Bachelor" was filmed. Several stopped at the Fess Parker Winery (Yes, Davey Crockett), a very beautiful place. Arriving in Los Alamos, we had lunch on our own, checked out an antique mall, the Old Union Hotel, a Victorian Bed & Breakfast and an old Gas Station. The return trip took us through Drum Canyon, an old stagecoach road between Los Alamos and Lompoc. The hills were green and the wild mustard was blooming bright yellow. When we got back, Ralph was finishing up his new water pump and was ready to tour. I worked on the starter bendix. I purchased a small puller at the NAPA store next door to get the seized collar off. replacing it with a spare I had. So, no more hand cranking. I think the NAPA store got a lot of our business throughout the week.



Tuesday evening was a Santa Maria style tri-tip BBQ back at the RV park.

Wednesday was an optional activity day. Some when to Solvang, visited missions, wine tasting, Vandenberg AFB and Antique shopping. My first option was to work on the slipping clutch. After tightening the three finger screws I was ready to go mid morning and off we went to Solvang and shopping.

Then, Wednesday late afternoon we caravanned down the street a couple of blocks to the [Mendenhall Museum](#) of gasoline Pumps and Petroliana. Inside the compound were room after room of highway, service station and racing memorabilia. Even complete service stations. One room had so many signs they were even on the ceiling! The late Jack Mendenhall started this collection over 50 years ago and today is carried on by his son. As we left the museum it was starting to rain.



Thursday we woke up to more light rain. There was a lot of drying out of cars that were not covered. We left in the rain, driving on beautiful back roads to Jalama Beach. By the time we arrived at the beach the rain had stopped and another gorgeous day appeared. We all ordered from the beach café known for their famous Jalama Burgers. The place was small but the wait was worth it. Many of us watched some whales as they were migrating up the coast, while some went for walks on the beach. The locals camped at the RV park came over to see our cars and of course ask a lot of questions. Jalama was made famous in 1923, when 7 Navy Destroyers thought they were in Santa Barbara Channel and ship wrecked just north of the beach!

Friday, our last day, we headed out through Solvang to Santa Ynez. Our first stop was the Quicksilver Ranch



where they raise and breed miniature horses. We had the treat of seeing a foal that had just been born 2 hours before we arrived. The little horses seemed quite friendly. This was one of the largest miniature horse ranches on the west coast. We toured on to the quaint little town of Santa Ynez. We browsed the shops and visited a Carriage Museum. Lunch was on our own. There were many places to choose from. After lunch we left town, driving past the Chumash Indian Casino and on to Refugio Rd. What a great Model T road. We "forded" creeks in 7 locations and crossed a one lane

wooden bridge. Then on to Nojoqui Falls. We had a short walk to the falls where we saw a 164 foot waterfall cascading into pristine pools of clear mountain water. It was only a little more than a trickle but a very pretty setting. From here we drove on back to Buellton to get ready for the closing banquet.

The banquet was held at Pea Soup Anderson's private party building. After dinner Dave, our tour host, gave out some table prizes and selected our own, Courtney "Vanna" Barrett to draw the lucky tickets and deliver the gifts. Ralph Roper was recognized for being the oldest driver (91) on the tour and Courtney was the youngest passenger!



See all the pictures on our website or click [here](#)

John Saylor

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### Technical Library

The conversion of our technical library from VHS tape to DVD is complete. We also have a new librarian. Steve Short will handle the checking out of the library items. The technical series covers many of the normal repairs and adjustments of the Model T Ford. The Library also has the Vintage Ford on CD, volumes 1-35, and the book by Bruce McCalley, "Model T Ford, The car that changed the world". Contact Steve to check out a DVD, CD or the book. (T Diggins' , page 4)

## General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club  
General Meeting Minutes,  
April 12, 2012

The April 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.

A pre-meeting video was enjoyed by all. It was a Road Trip with Huell Howser with a trip on the old original Ridge Route with Model T's from the Kern County Club.

**Greeter report** - Lewie introduced two visitors Dave Martin who owns several T's and Richard & Alberta Baughman who own a 1917 Touring

**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.

**Treasurer Report** – No report tonight, Kitty was absent. John presented a bill for the Roster mailing and March & April Newsletter printing. Motion was made by Richard Weitzel and second by Dick Johnson to pay the bills. The motion passed.

**Activities Report** – Susie reported the Shakedown tour is all set for this Sunday, April 15. This is the 4th Annual Gil Machado Memorial Tour. We will be going to the California Aero Space Museum at McClellan Park, North Highlands. A final 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 club in Roseville.

**May Tour** - The Goodell's are in charge of the May tour and will have details in the newsletter and the next meeting.

**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** - Erik Barrett is recovering from an infected thumb and Erik will also be having shoulder surgery in May.

**Old Business** - Gary announced that CHP officer David Martines is still scheduled to be our guest speaker at the May 10 meeting. Wayne Lyndon is coordinating. The pre-meeting video will be the 1990 Gold Country National Tour that was hosted by this club. Video will start at 6 pm.

**Program** - For the July meeting Gary is planning on having Bob Butler, owner of Historic Highway 40 Auto Care with a presentation on the effects of ethanol in our fuel.

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

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

**ACCC Conference** - John Saylor reported on the ACCC Conference and status of several car hobby related bills..

**Car Signs** - John reported that he has prices on magnetic signs that vary considerably from shop to shop. More research needed to be sure we get the best quality that won't blow off the cars.

**Cruise Night** - 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 the 1912 cars in our club.

**Regional Tour** - Gary again asked if there was any interest in hosting a Regional tour. Several of us are going to the regional tour in Buellton. This will give a good look at how they are done.

**Summer Tours** - We still need tours for July and August. Joyce and Richard are planning an evening potluck and homemade ice cream social for August 11 at Lake Nursery in Newcastle. We still would like to have a tour in August also.

**New Business - Bus Trip** - Discussion on a future bus trip to an auto museum. Possibly there is a good one in Vallejo. More checking will be needed.

**CAM** - The California Auto Museum has a Car Club Cavalcade area with a wall that has signs displayed from the various member clubs. These are about 2 feet square signs with club name and logo. We have a sign that was made several years ago as an etching but it is not the size or quality of the signs presently being used. Discussion on whether we should have a sign printed. All were favorable. Dick Johnson says just do it! All agreed.

**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.

**Shirts** - John has the new Tee shirts. They are \$10 each.

**For Sale** - Steven Smith, Son of the late Fred Smith has Fred's speedster for sale. See Gary for more info if you are interested.

**Show and Tell** - No one brought anything to show. John Saylor told about a tire pump a friend gave him. It replaces a spark plug and uses compression from one cylinder to pump up a tire. He tried it out but had a leak in one of the connections. It was an original Ford tractor accessory complete with original box and canvass bag. Some discussions on whether you were pumping an explosive mixture into your tire!.

**50-50**- Its gone! Lewie began a discussion on the need or purpose of the 50-50. With members now coming in at various times, it is more difficult to get the tickets sold. The amounts lately have been down. The club is only making pocket change, does not need the money and the winners get even less. All agreed to ax it for now.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Saylor, Secretary

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Shake Down - At the Aero Space Museum



Kenny & Levi check out the controls



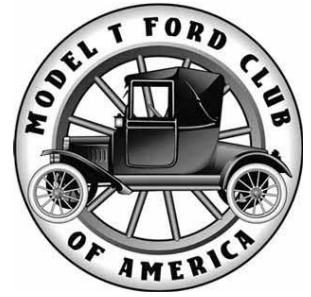
Gina and her new Granddaughter  
(Lewie's Great Grand Daughter)



Driving on the beach at Oceano



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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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