



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

**September 2012**

## Activities Calendar

- ◆ **September 13 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner 5:30 - 6 pm Meeting at 7 pm.**
- ◆ **September 16 - Manifold Chili Cookout - See Details in this issue.**
- ◆ **September 30 - CAM Founders Day.**
- ◆ **October 28 - Fall Colors Tour - Lindstedt.**
- ◆ **December 8 - Christmas Party - Eula Marriott.**

## Mark Your Calendar

### Come to the meeting Thursday, September 13

We will have a special guest speaker from the California Auto Museum. We will also have the by-law revisions for you to review and vote. Find out about the activities for the rest of the year

## Dutch Flat Tour, August 11

This tour was cancelled due to the heat wave and forecasted 106° for the tour day. Susie will see if we can do this tour later this fall.

## Ice Cream Social

**Saturday evening, August 18.** The heat wave hadn't lifted and this event was subsequently cancelled.

## LOL's

When: Wednesday, September 19th  
Time: 11:30 am  
Where: String's Italian Restaurant, 2501 Bell Road, Auburn, CA (Front section of Restaurant)  
Hostess: Mary Lynn Barrett 530-885-1069

## September 16 - Manifold Cookout Tour

Meet at Raley's 9 am, leave by 9:30. We will be touring to the Placerville area and the Gold Bug Mine Park. This year we are entertaining the idea of a Chili Cook off. This is the time to be creative. The chili is optional. We will be eating picnic style in a covered area with tables and benches. Cook you main course on the manifold or bring something already prepared. Then bring a potluck side dish to share, salad, snack item or dessert. So, let's see what we can cook up on the manifolds and exhaust pipes. We will sample the chili's and see who has the best. There is an optional mine tour available also.



Directly on the manifold



Homemade from bread pans

## By Law Update

The club by-laws have been reviewed by the board. Several updates and changes have been suggested. Copies of the updates were passed out at the August meeting. A copy of the proposed changes is attached to this newsletter. We will vote by secret ballot at the September 13 general meeting.

## \*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\*

Our 37th annual Swap Meet at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, Sunday June 9, 2013. Set up will be Saturday June 8, 2013.

**Sunshine**

Lewie Burcher fell and injured his leg and is in a full soft leg cast.

Ron Brown, Sr. recently fell and broke his right leg. He is in Siena Care Center for rehab.

**NAME BADGES**



**If you haven't gotten your new name badge yet, come to the meeting and pick them up.**

**For Sale**

For sale antique gas pump \$1500. obo.

1911 Speedster, with Livingston V Radiator and lots of Brass. \$19,000. Contact Junette Avey Brown for these two items. 530-889-0226.

**What's Happening at the CAM?  
Bust! The Cars That History Left Behind**

Runs August 11 through October 28

The California Automobile Museum's latest special exhibit, *Bust! The cars that history left behind* takes a look at what are known in the car collecting world as "orphan cars:" those built by automakers that are no longer in production. Among the dearly (and some recently) departed will be one of the most spectacular failures in automotive history, the DeLorean DMC-12! Conceived by former General Motors executive John DeLorean, the stainless steel-bodied sports car became notorious when DeLorean was arrested on charges of attempting to smuggle cocaine in a desperate bid to raise money to save his company, then later rocketed to movie stardom as the time machine in the *Back to the Future* series. *Bust!* will also attempt to put to rest a controversy that has long plagued fans of orphan cars: to be a true orphan, does the whole company have to have gone out of business, or do retired brand names (such as GM's Pontiac and Oldsmobile, Chrysler's Plymouth, and Ford's Mercury) by companies that still make cars count? Visitors will be able to cast their vote to decide by the end of the exhibit on October 21 what counts as an orphan car!

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**September 29, 2012 – Model T Tune Up Class, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Call the museum for more info - 916-442-6802**

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**Founders Day - Celebrate the Museums 25th year**

**Sunday, September 30th 1:00 -5:00pm**

*Half Price Admission*

**Special Guests**

**Vic's ice cream, popcorn, open bar**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**September Birthdays**



Maxine Duarte	2
Richard Instness	2
Eula Marriott	9
Maya Marroitt	11
Elizabeth Porco	15
Vern Marriott	16
Paula Mikles	16
Al Stoll	17
Jeff Instness	19
Mark O'Connor	20
Steve Short	21
Bobbi Machado	22
Dave Barnes	26
Helen Johnson	28
Doris Bailey	29

**September Anniversaries**

Donald & Terry Schwartz	1
Mike & Pat Bashore	5
Russ & Nita Purvis	7
Jack & Cleona Duncan	11
Bruce & Carol Fitzsimmons	21
Dustin & Mary Ramsey	27
Ken & Olivia Marriott	28



# Philip John Boorinakis (1922 - 2012)

(Reprinted from the August 12, 2012 Auburn Journal)



Philip John Boorinakis  
5/14/1922 - 7/10/2012

Philip was born at the Placer County Hospital on May 14, 1922, the only child of Auburn fruit rancher George John Boorinakis and his wife Phylia Eglesiou. He passed away on July 10, 2012.

He spent his entire life, with the exception of several years in Europe during World War II, on the ranch working alongside his father producing pears and plums and later taking over the operation until the mid 60's when the area, once the premier fruit region of California, was devastated by Pear Decline which essentially eliminated the fruit industry in Placer County.

Philip attended Lincoln Way School, Placer High School (class of 1941), and Placer Junior College, where his education was interrupted by his induction into the United States Army in 1942. After Basic Training in Louisiana, he was sent to the European Theatre where he served as a Tank Commander under General George Patton in the 11th Armored Division, seeing action in France, Germany, Austria, and in Belgium where he participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

After being Honorably Discharged in 1946, he returned to ranching until the Decline forced him to seek outside employment, spending the next 30 years as an HVAC expert for Placer County. He retired from the County in 1984, having made many good friends there who knew him as "Turk", a nod to his father's heritage as a Greek in Asia Minor (Alatsata, Turkey). After retiring, he returned to "hobby" ranching, having kept up about 15 acres of the original pear orchard, and later became "advisor and consultant" to his daughter and son-in-law who revived the business in 2005 as The Boorinakis-Harper Ranch. He would check out the daily operations by traveling around the property in the official ranch vehicle, The Little Green Tractor, and man the on-site farm stand sales where loyal customers came year after year to visit with him and buy pears and other produce.

Philip was a life-long member of The Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Sacramento, also participating in The Order Of AHEPA and as a Charter Member of Zeus Cretagenis Fraternal Organization. He was a member of the Mother Lode Model T Club of Auburn and a Life Member of Friends of the Auburn Placer County Library.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Ann Judith. He is survived by his daughter, Phyllis Boorinakis and her husband Thomas Harper; his son, John Boorinakis and his wife Leona; and his grandchildren, Julia Vasilias Boorinakis Harper, Zachary Philip Boorinakis, and Nicholas John Boorinakis. He is also survived by his caregiver, companion, and friend, Meriani (Mary Ann) Kerr, who, for seven years, made it possible for both him and Ann to live comfortably and safely in their own home with her care, kindness, and a great sense of humor.

In accordance with his wishes, a private graveside service was held. Remembrances may be made to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Sacramento or a charity of choice .

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## NCRG Comstock Tour, Carson City, Nevada October 11 through October 14, 2012

Join us for a tour in and around Carson City, Nevada. We will visit Nevada's first settlement, historic Genoa, take a train ride on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, walk along the streets of fabled Virginia City and enjoy many other activities. The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

**Thursday** – Registration from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gold Dust West in Carson City.

**Friday** – Drive to historic Genoa and visit Laura Springs Ranch and the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center in Gardnerville. Lunch is provided.

**Saturday** – Drive to the Virginia & Truckee Railroad station in Carson City and board the train for the trip to Virginia City. After exploring Virginia City, doing some shopping, and having lunch on your own, board the train for the return trip to Carson City.

**Sunday** – Drive around Washoe Lake and tour the Bowers Mansion. Lunch is provided.



More details of this tour are on our website. [Deadline to register is September 10.](#) Call **Bill or Jan Charpier** at 916-916-987-5845.

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## General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club  
General Meeting Minutes,  
August 9, 2012

The August 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** - Junette reported that there are no guests present. Bob McCoy, a recent new member was introduced.

**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 and cars for sale. These were passed around for all to review.

**Treasurer Report** – Kitty, our Treasurer reported expenses for July meeting guest speaker, name badges, porta-potties for the swap meet, deposits for the September tour and bank fees.

**Activities Report** – Our VP, Susie Krezman, gave the upcoming tour run down:

**August 11** - Tour to Dutch Flat will be cancelled due the heat wave we are experiencing. She will try to reschedule later in the year.

**August 18** - 4 pm. Ice Cream Social and Potluck at Lakes Nursery in New Castle.

**September 16** - Manifold Chili Cook out Tour to Placerville. Meet at Raley's, leave at 9:30 am.

**October 11-15** we are invited to the NorCal HCCA tour to Carson City. Steam Train ride and tour Genoa Valley. Contact Bill at 916-987-5845. Details were passed around and is on our website

**October 28** - Fall Colors Tour. Erik & Cindy Lindstedt

**December 8** - Christmas Banquet.

Gary reported that his cousin can get us a tour of the old Opera House in Woodland for future tour.

Susie read a letter from Applebee's on Bell Road. They are having a Hot August Night car show on Aug 16.

John and Susie reported on the Courtland Pear Fair tour they attended with the Sacramento Valley Club.

**LOL** - Front Side Café, Auburn Folsom Rd. 11 am, Aug 15, Eunis Durkee.

**Sunshine** - Susie reported cards were sent to Lewie Burcher who fell and injured his leg and is in a full soft cast. Ron Brown has a bad cut on his thumb.

### Old Business

Gary reported the fairgrounds refunded our swap meet deposit. He has it reserved for next year June 9 and June 8 for set up.

**Trailer** - Larry Taylor reported that he has resumed negotiations on the swap meet trailer.

**Safe Touring Handbook** - Erik Barrett is working on the list of basic tools and spare parts we should have in our cars and is almost done with the list.

**By-Law Updates** - John passed around copies of the proposed by-law changes and described each. All were asked to contact a board member if they had questions. Per the bylaws we will be voting by secret ballot at the September meeting. Discussion on how to inform the rest of the membership of the changes. Per the By-laws we are not required to mail anything out; we only need to announce they will be available at the meeting before the date of the vote. As a courtesy Pat Bashore suggested a copy of the changes be included in the next newsletter. John will attach to the September newsletter.

### New Business - None

**Show & Tell** - Larry displayed an original engine lift used on the 1909-14 Model T assembly line. It looked something like giant ice tongs that were used to deliver block ice.. He has no use for it and proceeded to auction it off. Bob McCoy was the winning bidder.

Larry also has an engine driven sand blaster for sale. It has a four cylinder engine with 5 hours since rebuild.

Junette displayed a hair style form from the 20's called a finger wave. Cindy said she used to do them in more modern times. She also showed some very early plastic gloves.

Erik Lindstedt told of his experiences mounting his new 30x31/2 tires for the roadster. He used a technique seen on You-Tube where a plastic garbage bag is placed over the rim while it is still on the car. With a little prying and some tire lube it worked. A very thin bag works best. The hardest part was getting the bag out after mounting.

Erik Barrett was volunteered to bring a show and tell for next month.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully John Saylor, Secretary

This month I will start re-running a series of stories written by Ron Brown Sr. about his experiences" in the old days'- especially regarding the Model T since T's were current then.

## "T DAYS....REMINISCING"

by Ron Brown

### Lipperty Bus

Abe Lincoln once said, "Almost everyone has a dog; some people are so poor they have two or three". If he had been talking during my childhood he probably would have said, "Almost everyone has a Model T. Some people are so poor they have two or three." I don't know what year Dad got his first T but I'm sure it was before 1916 when I came along. As you well know that would have been a brass radiator car. Dad was a rural mail carrier; he started the service in our area. (We eventually had 3 carriers -3 routes.) It was no picnic in the beginning as this was Illinois where the weather sometimes dropped to 10 and 20 below zero. Roads were mostly unsurfaced and were referred to as "mud" roads. The soil in this area was rich black loam and very deep. Dad delivered the mail at first on horseback and later by horse and buggy. Years later Carl Lane, a contemporary of Dad's told me how Dad often had to cut across fields and streams to "GET THE MAIL THROUGH". He said he remembered seeing Dad come in off the route almost unrecognizable because he was so plastered with snow. To make matters worse Dad had lost a leg as a young man and wore a wooden leg from above the knee down. But that is another story...another column.

I don't remember Dad ever driving a brass radiator Model T as the family car. Brass radiators were discontinued after 1916-the year I arrived. However, I do remember one he had for a while that sat in the barn and only received occasional use, mostly for fun.

We all called it the Lipperty Bus. One of the few times I remember us using the car was after a storm when Dad herded the family into the car and we set off to visit my Aunt Paula and Uncle John. Like I said, this was after a storm and .... we got stuck in the mud.

I remember another time when Lowell and I, we were very young (maybe under 8), decided we would overhaul the Lipperty Bus for Dad. (Lowell was my next youngest brother and my constant "partner in crime". We took out spark plugs and coils and removed some wiring- Naturally we didn't know what to do with them and just left it that way. Of course, that had to be the day Dad brought home a man who wanted to buy it. But that turned him off and no sale was made. Dad was really upset with us; he said with disgust, I could have sold it for twenty-five dollars! I don't remember us getting anymore than a reprimand. He was very understanding and probably realized we were just trying to be like him.

More to come ... Next Month "Car No. 1"

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### From the Achieves-

Lassen Tour July 2004 -



*1920's Motel for 1920's cars*



*Lassen National Park*



*Bucks Lake*

# THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE MOTHER LODE MODEL T CLUB

## Proposed Bylaw revisions.

\*Deleted text is **bold, Italics -strikeout - deleted.** \*\* Added or corrected text is in **bold, underlined and Italics**

### ARTICLE 1

c. For the personal enjoyment of its members through association with other Model T Ford **and vintage auto** enthusiasts and in related activities.

### ARTICLE 3

#### General Regulations

#### (Eliminate Section 9)

~~Section 9. Model T Fords using bodies constructed of fiber glass or engines that are not based upon a Model T Ford block are prohibited from participation in club activities. Other makes of antique automobiles may participate in club tours if the TOUR CHAIRMAN approves, and if the car was manufactured prior to 1928.~~

#### (Change 10 to 9)

Section 9. TOUR CHAIRMEN may allow later model automobiles and trouble trucks to participate in club tours. These drivers must satisfy the requirements in Article 10, Section 3. (Insurance)

### ARTICLE 6

#### Membership Regulations

Section 1. c. Single adult members may bring **one** guest to participate in club functions, **at Club prices.** ~~except~~ The guest shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

#### (Reworded)

f. The surviving spouse of a deceased member may continue a family membership by continuing to pay yearly dues. ~~Without payment of dues the board may confer an honorary membership to the surviving spouse and minor children. A surviving spouse who does not wish to continue paying dues may petition the board to become an honorary member and no longer pay dues.~~ All previously voted life memberships are hereby converted to honorary membership. ~~The roster of honorary members shall be a separate list at the end of the list of active family members. Honorary members shall be designated as such on the roster.~~

Section 2. Prospective members must complete the Application for Membership and shall meet all requirements outlined therein.

(Delete) ~~a. Prospective new members shall attend two meetings or activities before their acceptance shall be voted on by the Board of Directors.~~

### ARTICLE 7

#### Revocation of Membership

Section 1. c. Membership of any person may be revoked for nonpayment of club dues. If dues are not received by December 31, a notice of revocation will be mailed to that person and said member will no longer receive the club paper **and will not be included in the club roster.**

### ARTICLE 10

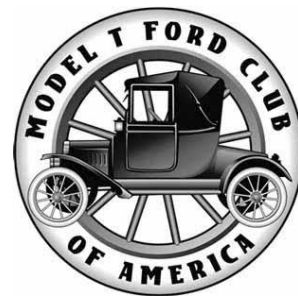
#### Safety and Insurance

Section 1. **For** vehicles to be eligible for participation in an activity, where the cars are **(reworded)** operated, **they** must be in a condition that is **legally licensed** and safe for operation on public roads. **(added) Members should use the Model T Ford Club of America's safety check list and make corrections where needed.**

Note: These changes reflect the way the club has been operating for several years. We will be voting to accept or reject these changes at the September 13 meeting by secret ballot.



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Lewis Burcher ----- 530-885-6912 - 2012-2013

Sunshine ---- Susie Krezman  
Website & Newsletter - John Saylor  
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## T-Diggins'

Published monthly to keep members informed of club activities and to promote participation in club events.

Publication copy should be sent to the editor by the 20th of the month to be included in the next issue. Send all copy to: 7304 Goldwood Way, Citrus Heights, Ca 95610 or email to [j99saylor@gmail.com](mailto:j99saylor@gmail.com)

## 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 and old 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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