



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

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**April 2013**

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## Activities at a Glance

- ◆ April 5-6 - ACCC Convention at the CAM
- ◆ April 6- Fifth Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shakedown Tour to the [Mary Aaron Museum](#) Marysville - Meet at Raley's at 8:30. Joint tour with Sac Valley T Club.
- ◆ April 11 - **Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.**
- ◆ April 12-13, 21st Annual HCCA/Model T Club Swap Meet - Bakersfield
- ◆ April 28 - HCCA Swap meet at American River College. 916-332-1357 for more info.
- ◆ May 18 - Tour to Heidrick Ag History Truck & Tractor Museum- Woodland. John Saylor
- ◆ June 9, 2013 - 37th Annual Mother Lode Model T Club Swap Meet .

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### 5th Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shakedown Tour - Saturday, April 6

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Tune up those cars. Get ready to tour. We will tour back roads to Marysville to see the Mary Aaron Museum in an 1855 restored Victorian Mansion. Meet at Raley's at 8:30. The Sacramento Valley Model T Club will meet us in Lincoln at McBean Park and tour with us. Lunch will be at the Brick House Café. RSVP to Susie 530-823-7957

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## 44th Annual Charter Celebration

On Saturday March 2, 2013 the Mother Lode Model T Club celebrated its 44th year of being a club. The event was held at the Auburn Valley Country Club. We had only 31 members attending the event and they were Junette Avey, Roger and Mary Lynn Barrett, Erik, Julie and Courtney Barrett, Lewis and Naomi Burcher, Karen Edmonds, Naomi Edmonds, Kitty and Gordon Goodell, Cliff and Norma Hyatt, Dick and Wanda Johnson, Gary and Susie Krezman, Vern and Eula Marriott, Ben Pomeroy and Lona Mitchell, Mary and Dustin Ramsey, John Saylor, Carol Scheideman, Larry Taylor and Donna Christin and Joyce and Richard Weitzel.

We had seven of our Charter members in attendance, Dick and Wanda Johnson, Cliff and Norma Hyatt, Karen and Naomi Edmonds, and Susie Krezman.

The event was held earlier in the day in the hopes that we would have more attending as driving at night has become a problem with some of



our members. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for next years event, regarding time, location or food.

Naomi brought an album that had pictures and articles of when our club hosted the National Tour. Thank you to all of you that brought old pictures to share.

We ended the day with a birthday cake with our club logo on it.

Joyce and I would like to thank everyone for joining us this year and look forward to a good year of touring.

Joyce Weitzel and Susie Krezman, Chairpersons

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## Activity Update from our Vice President

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Give me some ideas, for tours that you would like to see done. If possible, we will make it happen. Here is a rundown of what is planned so far this year.

**April**, will be the Shakedown Tour. Mark your calendars for April 5. The Sacramento Club will meet us in Lincoln. As always everyone is so supportive of our Family's Tour. We will be heading to Marysville.

**May**, The Saylor family has agreed to host the May 18 tour to the Heidrick Ag and Truck Museum in Woodland. More details at the meeting.

**June**, I am not planning any tours because of Graduations, Swap Meet and Fathers day.

**July**, we will sign up for the 4th of July Parade. Russ Purvis has volunteered to head up the July Tour. Looking forward to going out on his tour.

**August**, Larry Taylor is planning a Bus Trip to Reno to visit a car museum, no firm date yet, but Hot August Nights is the first of August, so look for maybe a later date in August.

**September**, Junette Avey is planning a Tour for September. No firm plans yet.

**October**, Lindstedt's have again volunteered to do the October tour, always a good turnout.

**November**, as of today I am not planning any Tours for November, however, if someone has an idea for November, let me know, we can always find an open date in November.

**December** 14 is the Christmas Party with Eula Marriott hosting.

Any other ideas for tours, let me know.

Thanks,  
Susie Krezman  
Vice President

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### Monthly look at Ford Trademarks and Logos

**1907**



First use of the oval with Ford script

### LOL's - April

**When:** Wednesday, April 17th  
**Where:** String's Restaurant, Auburn  
**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Host:** Mary Lynn Barrett  
**Contact:** 530 885-1069

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### Happenings at the CAM - Pint-Size Microcars...

**I was downtown at the CAM a couple of weeks ago. Those "Pint Sized" Micro Cars really are pint sized! You would have to be a midget to get into one!**

WIKIPEDIA - In the UK: *"economy vehicles with either three or four wheels, powered by petrol engines of no more than 700cc or battery electric propulsion, and manufactured since 1945"*.



A Peel P50, currently holding the record for the smallest automobile to go into production.

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**Our new travel mugs with club logo are in. Purchase for \$10.00 each. Call Steve Short to get yours. 916-791-7087**



### May Tour

Saturday, May 18, we are touring to Woodland to visit the Heidrick Ag History Center. The Heidrick combines the Fred C. Heidrick Antique Ag Collection, and the Hays Antique Truck Museum. We will have a docent to tell us about the exhibits and answer questions. We will then head over to Ludy's for lunch. Meet at Raley's at 8:30 am, leave by 9 am. Sign up at the next meeting or contact John Saylor, 916-723-1613.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



#### April Birthdays

Mary Lynn Barrett	1
Susie Krezman	8
Beth Finkbeiner	13
Larry Taylor	22
Carol Fitzsimmons	29
George Bamber	30

#### April Anniversaries

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



### Meeting Minutes -

Mother Lode Model T Club  
General Meeting Minutes,  
March 14, 2013

The March 2013 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. Attendance was good.

**Greeter Report** - Junette reported guests Gary Murray & Steve Elliot from Pilot Hill. Steve is restoring a couple 1925 TT Trucks. He passed around a picture of his projects and has submitted his application to join the club. Welcome Steve. Joey Ford introduced her Great Grandson Sean.

**Secretary Report** – John reported the minutes of the last general meeting (February 2013) were printed in *T Diggins'*. There were no additions or corrections. We received correspondence from other area clubs and notices of events. These were passed around for all to review. *T Diggins' page 3*

**Treasurer Report** – Kitty presented the financial report. We had the expenses for logo mugs, stamps, tour door prizes, ACCC membership, Charter Dinner and cake, and bank fees. Income was from dues mugs, crab feed & charter dinner co-pays and last month's auction item.

**Activities Report** – Our VP, Susie Krezman, reported the shake down tour is scheduled for April 6. Meet at Raley's at 8:30, leaving by 9. We will be touring on back roads to Marysville to see the Mary Aaron Museum. The museum is housed in a restored, circa 1855, Victorian mansion. The Sacramento Valley club has accepted our invitation to join us. We will meet them in Lincoln at McBean Park at 9:30 am. Lunch will be at the Bricks Café in Marysville.

**LOLs** - Wednesday, March 20, 11:30 am, Mel's Diner, Hwy 49 and Luther Rd, Auburn Hostess - Mary Lynn Barrett.

**Sunshine** - Susie sent a thank you card to Kitty & Gordon for hosting the Crab Feed, and congratulations to Russ Purvis on his retirement. Russ noted that Larry Danserau, past member, has Lou Gehrig's (ALS) disease. Susie requested that if anyone knows of members who are ill to let her know so she can send a card.

#### **Guest Speaker -**

Our guest speaker tonight was our own member Brad Derrenger. Brad gave very interesting talk on his career as an FBI Special Agent. He gave some back ground on the formation of the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover. Brad told of some of his cases where he did undercover work in trucking, chop shops and more. Brad is now retired but still does some back ground checks for the FBI.

#### **Old Business -**

**Charter Dinner** - Susie reported on the Charter Dinner held at the Auburn Valley Country Club. This year it was held mid day. Attendance was light with 31 members and guests. She thanked Joyce for her help with the gift baskets.

**Car Display** - Rich Silva gave an update on the Fountains of Roseville request for some cars on display. The Sac Valley Club may be doing a display on June 7 and invited us to join in. This is a good way to promote the clubs for no costs. June 7 is the weekend of our big swap meet and may not be a good date for us.

**Member Hand Book** - The Member Handbook was passed out. It contains a short history of the club, Safe Touring Guide, Tour Planning and the new bylaws. It is also linked on our web site.

**Trailer Report** - Larry Taylor reported that although a deal had been made, when he went to pick it up, the owner's wife had sold it to her sister! So we will have to start looking again.

**Bus Trip** - Larry Taylor will be chairing and is planning on a mid August time frame.

#### **New Business -**

**Life Flight** - Russ Purvis gave a run down on Cal Star Life Flight service. They have a program to save a bundle of money if anyone ever needed to use Life Flight service in an emergency. Normal cost is \$20,000 per trip. There is a program where a group can be setup. Members of the group pay \$35 a year per person and have all the services at no charge. Several members have this service, have used it and had praises for it. He will have a speaker come to a future meeting to explain the program.

**ACCC Conference** - Gary asked if anyone was interested in attending the ACCC conference to be held at the CAM on April 5 & 6. The club will pay the conference fee. Gary and John Saylor will go for the Friday session.

**Tours for this year** - Susie asked for tour leaders and event chair persons for the rest of the year. This is the run down so far:

May 18- John Saylor is planning a tour to the Heidrick Ag and Truck Museum in Woodland.

June 8-9, Mother Lode Model T Club Swap Meet.

July 4 - Susie will sign us up for the annual parade.

July - Russ will work up a tour.

August will be the bus trip to the National Auto Museum in Reno- Larry Taylor.

Ice Cream Social ??? - need someone to chair this.

September - Junette Volunteered.

October - Fall Colors Tour - Lindstedt's.

December 14, 1 pm, will be the annual Christmas party- Eula Marriott.

Les Silveira is looking into a speedster run sometime in October.

**Show & Sell** - Larry Taylor has been cleaning out his shop and is bringing items to each meeting. Tonight he brought a New Day Timer and proceeded to auction it off. Bobby Weitzel was the lucky bidder. Funds went to the club.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Saylor, Secretary

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*Eighth in the series I am re-running 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



### **Lowell's Masterpiece**

One driving day, Lowell backed our pride and joy up to the west gate of the wood lot and said, "get off kids, I'm going to make a record." All the kids jumped off and he revved up the engine and put her into low. The wheels spun and she took off in a kind of snake like wiggle. He dropped her into high and pulled her ears on down. Feathers flew as a dumb chicken ran right in front of him and he was barely able to straighten up enough to get safely through the small gate to the barn lot. But there was Jones' feisty dog, a constant nuisance, in the way. The dog didn't seem to be hurt but did complain a lot and took off toward his hole in the fence and home. In his confused state, he missed the hole and ran right into the fence. His second try liberated him; I don't think he ever returned.

Lowell kept going hoping to make a spinning circle turn and back into the wood lot. But his speed was too great and he slid broadside into the barn door making splinters out of a lot of the boards. As I looked back years later, I considered this run the "masterpiece" of all because he maintained his seat on the slick round gas tank and didn't even kill the engine. He just backed the car out, shut her down and headed for the shop to get tools and supplies to patch up the barn door before Dad got home off his mail route.

It wasn't possible to hide all the damage and Dad really read us the riot act. He said if we damage one more thing, the car was going to GO!!!

The next day I backed the car through a new gate he had just made. I thought our hasty patch job went unnoticed but, many years later, when we were talking over the old times, I asked Dad why he didn't make his threat good. He said, "Well I figured if you learned to drive in those tight quarters, you could drive anywhere." Bless him!

Next Month ----- Car No. 4 - Lowell's Roadster

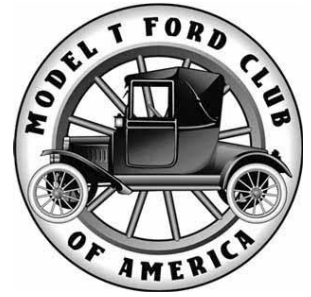
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### **Your Stories**

**Soon I will run out of Ron's stories. I am sure you all have a story or two about how you got your first car, Model T, or other interesting story. So, who will be the first, second or third or.... to send me their story. You can send it by email, US mail, or hand it to me at a meeting.**



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## T-Diggins'

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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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