



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

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**August 2013**

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## Activities at a Glance

- ◆ Aug 3 - Ice Cream Social - 4pm. Toni & Jerry Moore residence, 2970 China Well Rd, Auburn. RSVP 530-823-5233
- ◆ August 8 - **Thursday, Monthly Meeting at The Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6pm. Meeting will start at 7.**
- ◆ August 21 - Wednesday - LOL, Mel's Dinner Grass Valley Hwy. 11:30 am.
- ◆ September - Tour to Ione and the Preston Mansion- Junette Avey-Brown
- ◆ October 5 - Speedster Run - Les Silveira
- ◆ October 26 - Fall Colors Tour - Lindstedt
- ◆ Dec 14 - Christmas party, Auburn Valley Country Club. Eula Marriott



## **July "Greek Tour"**

July 13

The tour was to the Colfax Greek Bistro, owned by a fellow Church goer, Elan Vitko. We left from the same old place at 9:30 am, and went on our way with 5 cars, only one "T" attending (ours). Things went a little haywire as Elan was late showing up to her restaurant, and the service was quite slow once she arrived.

Overall, I will have to chalk it up to experience, and consider this tour a learning event.

Russ Purvis

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL & POTLUCK Saturday, August 3**



This year the Ice Cream Social will be hosted by Jerry & Toni Moore. The event will kick off at 4 pm with a potluck dinner. The club will furnish cold cuts and rolls, members bring a side dish. Ice cream and toppings will also be furnished. The Moore's live at 2970 China Wells Rd, Auburn. Please RSVP to Toni at 530-823-5233.

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## **LOL August**

(Ladies Out to Lunch)

All ladies of the Model T Club are welcome to attend

**August 21 - Wednesday - LOL.** Mel's Diner on Grass Valley Hwy at 11:30am. Call Mary Ramsey for any other info needed. 530-367-3987

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**Bus trip - Please note the August bus trip to the national Auto Museum in Reno has been cancelled due to lack of interest.**

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## Monthly Look at Ford Trademarks and Logos Through the Years

This is one I have never seen. It's a unique Logo.

1955-1959



This mark was used exclusively to identify stockholders publications such as quarterly and annual reports.

**Speedster Run - Les Silveira is sponsoring this event in the Grass Valley area. Although not a club sponsored event, all speedster owners are welcome to attend.**

**GOLD COUNTRY  
SPEEDSTER RUN**



**Oct. 5 2013**

FOR INFORMATION CALL

530-272-3994

## Club Logo Items



Travel mugs with club logo are available to purchase for \$10.00 each. These are really nice, stainless steel with lid. Call Steve Short to get yours. 916-791-7087.

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### Club Shirts

We also still have a supply of shirts with the club logo. Blue Tee Shirts with the logo on the back and club name on the front. \$10. ea. Sizes M, L & XL. Polo shirts with the club name on the front above a pocket. \$22. Sizes M, L & 2XL. Call John Saylor 916-723-1613 to reserve yours.

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Embroidered logo patches both large and small are also available. These can be sewn onto jackets or other items of your choosing. Contact Kitty for these items.

## Tragic Accident on the MTFCI Canyon Lands Tour

A 1914 Model T Touring traveling near Zion National Park in Utah overturned on the last day of the International Model T Club's annual tour, killing a woman from Minnesota and injuring three other people.

The accident happened Friday, morning, July 26 on State Route 9 when the 1914 Ford Model T pulled to the side of the road to allow traffic to pass, the Utah Highway Patrol said, when the right front wheel went off the pavement, the wooden spokes of the wheel came apart and vehicle overturned, ejecting all four people.

Officials say all four people were from Minnesota. Three were transported to the hospital by ambulance, and the woman, 51, was airlifted to the hospital, where she later died.

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I am sure we will hear more about this in the national Magazines and the forum as the accident is investigated. It is not known at this time if the wood wheel was an original, reproduction or what type of wood. But it is a reminder to all of us how fragile our cars can be. We should be checking our cars for safety items as often as possible. The quality of old wood wheels can be deceiving and need to be checked and replaced if there is any doubt as to for their integrity.

**For Sale:** 1923 T Runabout. Mostly complete. All Stock. Needs total restoration.

Has new in box complete wiring system. \$2750 or reasonable offer.

Contact Jeff Instness @ 916-257-0263 or Rich Instness @ 916-726-5388

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### August Birthdays

Ben Pomeroy	5	Stephen Short	21
Julie Smith	9	Cindy Lindstedt	23
Arnold Ward	10	Grace Aldridge	26
Jeff Johnson	11	Naomi Burcher	31
Vernell Bunnell	12		
Joyce Weitzel	14		

### August Anniversaries

Brad & Annette Lusk	3	John & Leona Boorinakis	16
Bob & Mary Jane McCoy	3	Jerry & Dani Anders	23
Les & Sandy Silveira	11	Al & Sharon Stoll	24
Rich & Sherry Silva	14	Bill & Beth Finkbeiner	25
Erik & Cindy Lindstedt	15		



## Meeting Minutes -

Board meeting  
July 8, 2013

The board meeting was called to order at 6:47 pm by President Gary Krezman. All board members were present. There were no guests.

**Old business** - Discussion on this year's swap meet. All the final bills are in. Kitty will update the spread sheet and final results at the general meeting. Discussion on reasons the attendance was down from previous years. Most likely due to the high temps on Saturday. Discussions with most vendors and buyers indicated they did a good business or found things to buy. Gary has talked with the fair board about next year and the grass issue. They still cannot guarantee we will have the grass next year due to the still pending issue of re-seeding. The dates for next year will be one week earlier - Saturday, May 31 and Sunday June 1. We will not advertise grass on the flyer. John suggested we not buy the commercial add in Cruisin' News next year due to price increases the past two years. We can still do a classified for free. All agreed. Discussion on porta-potties - do we really need them and the wash station since there is a rest room at the front. Very few used the wash station. We may be able to eliminate this expense. Discussion on food: Joyce noted we had an abundance of pies that would have sold better if there had been more people. Lot of soda left over. John suggested we not have as many varieties. All agreed we may be better off with one of each main type. Coke or Pepsi not both, one lemon lime type, and diet of each. Would make it easier on the workers in the booth.

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In case we are on the asphalt next year, John suggested we attend the Chevy swap meet in September, which is always on the asphalt and make note of how they set up food, check in and parking.

**Bus trip** - As of today only 18 have signed up. Some have signed up but only out of obligation. Some do not want to have any gambling time. Unless more of the club could benefit we should probably cancel. Will discuss at the general meeting.

**Speedster Run** - Les Silveira is putting together a speedster fun run for October 5. Since this is for speedsters only and very few club members have speedsters and could not enter, it was decided the club should not sponsor as a club activity. Members with a speedster can still participate.

**Cargo Trailer** - We will plan on a work day to build some racks and shelves inside the new trailer. We also need to do some repairs to the Food trailer, removing the old AC unit and patching the resulting roof hole as well as some general maintenance on it. Gary is suggesting sometime this fall when it's cooler weather. John noted that Kenny had suggested we get some tire covers. Lewie says he has some he will donate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

John Saylor, Secretary

## General Meeting Minutes

### Mother Lode Model T Club

General Meeting Minutes,  
July 13, 2013

The July, 2013, general meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Gary Krezman. The meeting was held at Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA. Attendance was good for such hot weather.

**Greeter Report** – Junette reported there were no unfamiliar faces.

**Secretary Report** – John was on a trip. Kitty reported the minutes of the last meeting were printed (June 2013) in *T Diggins'*. There were no corrections. We received correspondence from other clubs and CAM. Kitty advised the correspondence would be placed on the table for anyone to review.

**Treasurer Report** – Kitty reported we had income from Swap Meet field deposit return. Expenses were for Swap Meet, July Board meeting and bank fees. A detailed report was available for all to review.

#### Activities Report:

##### Upcoming Events-

**Aug 3** – 4pm. Ice Cream social and potluck at Jerry & Toni Moore residence, 2970 China Well Rd., Auburn. RSVP 530-823-5233.

**Sep 21** – Tour to Lone Preston Castle by Junette

**Oct 26, or possibly Oct 27** – Fall Colors tour – Lindstedts. Possible change in date due to a festival in Bridgeport in Penn Valley, and Lindstedt's are waiting to hear back on inquiries into the festival. If all comes together for the festival the date will be changed to Oct 27. The festival includes history discussion of Bridgeport and the surrounding area, living history characters, music, wagon rides, barn tours, wildflower crafts, face painting, gold panning, pumpkin painting and games for kids of all ages.

**Dec 14** – Christmas party Auburn Valley Country Club. Eula Marriott

**LOL's (Ladies Out to Lunch)** – Mary Lynn announced the date as July 18, Thursday, at Sweet Pea's.

**Sunshine Report** – Susie sent a thank you card to the donut shop that provide our donuts for the swap meet.

**Miscellaneous** – Al Gillming told a story of growing up in Carnie Nebraska, which is the halfway point between San Francisco and New York. He remembers when the Lincoln Highway – AKA Highway 30 – was laid and that it was the first hard paved road in the nation for cars to drive for any distance. He advised it was named for President Lincoln. He had intentions at the time of the road being built to go to the festivities, but other things came up. The point of his wonderful story is to never let an opportunity pass by that may not come up again. Youth and agility is very important, and everyone should realize each day there are many important and fun things that go on in life. Don't wait for the time to be right to enjoy those opportunities, or you may not have the ability to enjoy and partake when your body no longer wants you to!

#### Old Business:

**Swap Meet** - Profit for Swap Meet was \$3157.94 this year. This was the second lowest year since the statistics have been kept, but considering the weather on Saturday not a bad profit. Next year the date has been moved up a weekend. Set up will be on Saturday, May 31, and the swap meet will be on Sunday, June 1. Decision was made not to use Cruisin' News to advertise next year due to costs increasing. We

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don't know at this time if we will be on the field or blacktop next year. We won't know until just before the meet next year because it's dependent on new turf being put down on the field. There was a decision at the board meeting not to have Port-a-Potties next year or the portable sink due to the cost, \$260.00 this year. Kenny Marriott asked if we can reconsider. The vendors at the back portion of the field rely on the Port-a-Pottie at the back of the field, and it would be very inconvenient for them to try to make it to the front of the field. Also it is felt the wash station by the food booth should be there for health reasons. Agreement to reconsider as the date comes close next year.

**Bus Trip** – A decision was made at the board meeting to cancel the bus trip. There was a requirement of 40 people, and only 22 from our club had signed up. However some of the sign ups were made out of obligation, not because people wanted to attend. Due to the low turnout so far and the lower profit of the swap meet the event will be cancelled. Gary advised if anyone has any other ideas of any type of outing for the club that we would get a good response to, please don't hesitate to bring it up.

**Les Silveira - Speedster Run** – Les was asking if he could have a speedster run and use the club insurance. The decision was made by the board that the club would not sanction the run due to the limited amount of people that could participate from our club. Les can put on a run, but the club won't be involved with the event.

**New Trailer** – Decision was made that the tires should have covers in an effort to preserve their integrity. Lewie donated some, but can't find them. He will double check, but if they are not found the club will purchase some. We are going to have a work day for the trailer to add shelves, rails for stacking items upright, etc. If anyone has materials they can donate please do. Work date will be later in the year when it's not so hot.

**Old Trailer** – Gary went to the DMV to change from camp trailer status to PTA. He was advised the trailer will need to be taken to the DMV for them to see in person to confirm the change is applicable due to no operable kitchen or bath facilities, and no beds for sleeping. Gary will take care of that when he can arrange to take the trailer there.

**CALSTAR** – We need about 7 more members to sign up for the group rate to apply. Contact Russ Purvis if interested.

**Vern Marriott** - Announced he had just purchased a 70-80 year old out house and brought it home. Eula was obviously thrilled with the new addition to the yard! :0)

#### **New Business:**

**Gary** advised that the manager of the Sizzler talked to him about the Sizzler being re-modeled for a couple of weeks starting on August 15. We should be OK for our meetings in August and September, but we will see if we're impacted.

#### **General**

**Eric Barrett** –advised **Larry Dansereau**, who used to be a T club member, then moved to the A club, has **ALS** (aka Lou Gehrig's disease) and is unfortunately going downhill very rapidly. He is in a wheelchair and losing his muscle functions, but very much still Larry mentally. The family lost insurance for him when he could no longer work. **A Spaghetti Dinner benefit** for him and his family will be held on August 1 in the Sierra Building at the Canyon View Community Center, 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn, CA, 95603. The building is being donated, as well as the food, so all proceeds will go to the family to offset medical expenses. A donation of \$10.00 is being collected per plate. The dinner starts at 5:30, and runs until 8:30. You may purchase ahead of time, or at the door. For anyone who remembers Larry and his wonderful sense of humor, please come by to visit Larry and make a contribution for the good cause. Larry would love to see you. Contact Eric Barrett for additional information or with questions.

**Gary** told an amusing story about a nice weekend trip he and Susie tried to take to Pismo Beach, that ended up being filled with car trouble. It all started when he ran out of gas about 1 mile from his destination.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kitty Goodell, Treasurer

*This will be the last 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".*

**Next month I will start a short series on the "*Prodigal Ford*" by Roger Barrett.**

**"T DAYS....REMINISCING" - Cars number 5 and 6  
by Ron Brown**

Sometime during my high school year the Colonel acquired a really good Oldsmobile Touring, maybe it was about a 1920 model. I haven't the slightest recollection of what deal we made but we brought it home. It ran as nicely as a new car. The body and fenders were smooth and solid; the upholstery and top were very nice. It had one major fault. No way could we get expensive 32x4 tires and tubes. The battery was a minor fault but we managed a used one that worked. Boy, did we want to drive that car—a gear shift car! In those days it was hard to find someone who could drive a gear shift car; Most everyone could drive a Model T. Now days it is difficult to find someone who can drive either one. We did manage to get the tires up and drove it a few times. However, license also were a deterrent and we finally gave up and dealt it back to the Colonel.



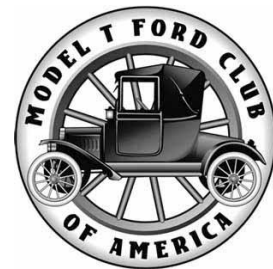
Not sure just when I acquired the model T coupe, that was in the '17 to 21' era. It, also was in really fine shape. A local young man bought it new but he didn't have it long when he turned it over going around a corner and was thrown out and killed. His devastated parents parked the car in their barn lot and never fixed the front end. It just sat there for 12 or so years. My very closest neighbor chum bought it and drove it to high school in another town his freshman year. The next year our school hired a new principal who introduced sports and my friend came back to our school.

I don't remember the circumstances but I bought it from him in a couple of years. Lowell used it a little the year I went away to college in Minnesota. That spring I sold it to an acquaintance for \$12.00. I was ecstatic over the good deal.





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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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