



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

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**January 2013**

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## Activities at a Glance

- ◆ **January 10, - Thursday, Monthly Meeting.**  
**Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at - 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.**
- ◆ **January 16, Wednesday, 11:30 AM, LOL Lunch,**  
**Sizzler, Restaurant, Auburn. Host: Doris Bailey, 878-1340.**
- ◆ **January 19 - President's Pizza Feed, 1 pm,**  
**Mountain Mike's Pizza, 2520 Bell Rd, Auburn.**
- ◆ **January 26-27 - Turlock Swap Meet**
- ◆ **February 9 - Crab feed, Social 5 pm, Dinner 6 pm. See attached flyer to sign up.**
- ◆ **February 14 - Monthly meeting**
- ◆ **March 2 - Charter Celebration Brunch at the Auburn Valley Country Club.**

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## **LOL's**

**When:** THURSDAY, January 19, 2013  
**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Where:** Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn  
**Hostesses:** Naomi Edmonds and Norma Hyatt  
**Contact:** 530-885-8175 or 530-885-9011

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## **Annual Christmas Banquet Enjoyed by all**



Another fabulous Christmas Banquet was enjoyed. We arrived at the exclusive Auburn Valley Country Club, Saturday, December 8th, 2012 to a friendly staff and a nicely decorated room. A great time was had by all who attended with delicious food and visiting among fellow members. Thanks to Eula Marriott for planning and setting up this annual event.



## Message From the President



Hello Everyone. With 2012 coming to an end I would like to reflect back on the year. We started out with the Presidents Pizza feed where we were able to visit with many of our long time members and eat Pizza with them. Next we had our annual Crab Feed hosted by Kitty and Gordon, boy do they know how to feed a bunch of people, great job to both of them. We picked a new venue this year for the Crab Feed and everything went so smooth, I think we have a new spot for our Crab Feed.

Then in March we had our Charter Dinner hosted by Susie and Joyce. They always do a great job of recognizing our long time Charter members, thanks to both of you for your hard work and compassion to our long time club members.

Finally, the weather started getting a little warmer and we were able to start touring. Our first tour was the Annual Gil Machado Shakedown Tour hosted by Susie. This year we changed it up a little having the Sacramento Club join us. What a parade of cars we had. A special thanks to Susie for always putting together a great Shakedown tour to kick off the year.

Then we had a tour over to Placerville's Apple Country hosted by Kitty and Gordon. Again, great job.

June was our Annual Swap Meet. As always, everyone gave 100% to make this club fund raiser a huge success. A big THANK YOU goes out to the whole club for helping out.

Next we had John Saylor and Family host the Manifold Cookout. This year the theme was a chili cookout, boy everybody made some good chili. Thank you John for your time and effort in this event as it is always a lot of fun.

Next we ended our tours with Cindy and Erik's Fall Colors Tour to Nevada City/Grass Valley area. As always they put together a great day of touring through the Foothills. Thanks to both of you.

And for our last event we had our annual club Christmas Party hosted by Eula and Vern. Always a great event to eat, drink and visit with long time friends, thank you Eula and Vern.

Now we are ready to start the New Year 2013. The first thing we have planned is the Presidents Pizza Feed on January 19 at 1:00 pm at Mountain Mikes in Auburn. The Crab feed in February at the Community Center at Skyridge and the Charter Dinner on March 3 at the Auburn Valley Country Club. We will do something different this year for the Charter Dinner we will start earlier in the day with a 11:30 social and 12:00 lunch to accommodate some of our members that have a hard time driving at night.

For 2013 I hope to see packed Club Meetings and lots of tours. Good Health to everyone.

Your President,  
Gary Krezman

### Annual President's Pizza Feed

Come on out for Pizza. You provide the appetite, the club provides the pizza. This year's event will be held Saturday, January 19, at 1 pm. Mountain Mike's, 2520 Bell Rd., Auburn. Sign up at the meeting on January 10.

### 2013 Dues

If you have not paid your dues, they are now delinquent. Please return the renewal notice with your check for \$20. The 2013 Roster will be printed based on paid membership as of January 15, 2013.

### Annual Crab Feed

**Another great Crab Feed is about to happen. Kitty, Gordon and Louie have another great time of feast and fellowship planned for us.**

**February 9, 2013, Canyon View Community Center, Sierra Room, 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA.**

**Social Hour 5 pm, and dinner at 6pm.  
Members \$5.00, Guests \$25.00.**

**Checks must be received by Feb 1, 2013, No refunds after that date.**

**See the complete flyer on the last page for additional information and reservation.**

**So, come on out and enjoy the event**

## Ford Trademarks Thru the Years

Each month we will take a look at the many trademarks and logos used by Ford

1903



Ford Motor Company was founded without a distinctive trademark. Above is an emblem that was used on the Model C.

## Sunshine

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Machado and Krezman families as they mourn the loss of Buster Machado who was recently killed in an ATV accident. Buster is Bobbie Machado's grandson, Susie's nephew.

Joyce Weitzel is recovering from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

## TOURS

The touring season is just around the corner. If you have an idea for a tour, call Susie at 530-823-7957 and get on the calendar. If you have never chaired a tour, volunteer to help someone else.



You will be pleasantly surprised how easy it is.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### January Birthdays

Julie Instness	2
Mark Porco	7
Rachel Finkbeiner	13
Lynne Lyndon	14
Naomi Edmonds	16
Barbara Ward	18
Mervin Hall	18
Gordon Goodell	21



### January Anniversaries

Mark & Barbara O'Connor	3
Lewie & Naomi Burcher	5





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## Meeting Minutes - No meetings during December

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### California Auto Museum - New Home Update (Reprinted from the January-February CAM Fuel newsletter)

We are happy to report that we have made great progress on our quest for a new building. The site that we are working on is where we are now - 2200 Front Street. The City of Sacramento has been working hard to help us make this happen. Years of this Board and previous Boards trying to make our site more permanent, a change in City staff, not to mention the economy, has led to a change of heart. We have been very lucky to find a partner in this project, Paul Snider, with his dream of opening a Natural History Museum in Sacramento. Thankfully, Mr. Snider has adopted us and will provide much of the funding for the building that both museums will occupy. At first, the combination of an Auto Museum and a Natural History museum may seem a bit odd, but after working together literally for years, it really seems like a good fit now. Subject to change, the current proposal has a 90,000 square foot footprint in roughly the same location as the existing 72,000 square foot building, which will be removed. The building will also have a 70,000 square foot second floor, leaving a total square footage of 160,000. The Natural History Museum expects to use 50,000 square feet of this and common areas like offices, event rooms, gift shops, café, elevators and rest rooms will take 25-35,000 square feet, leaving the automobile museum with at least as much space as our entire building today, just for display.

The current design calls for a translucent, polycarbonate, curved wall across most of the front of the building, on the North side. When you step inside, you will enter a large, 3½ story tall atrium entrance providing drama similar to the new Crocker Art Museum. That will be a multi-purpose area to hold large events in, provide the visitors a taste of what they will see in the two museum display areas and provide sit-down seating for the café'.

The Natural History Museum will feature a 35' tall mountain, a dramatic place to display some of the museum's collection. We expect that both museums will utilize both floors and we will have a freight elevator to bring artifacts to the second floor.

We will not get a free ride on the financing of this project. Although Mr. Snider has agreed to cover the majority of the cost of the new building – if these preliminary plans are finalized - we have committed to raise millions of dollars to help with that effort and to build the internal improvements for our part of the building, not to mention our intention to build dioramas in an effort to make our museum among the very best in the world. Thanks for all your support!

Joe Hensler

Board President



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*Fifth 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

### Free Movie Shows

I can't remember when the practice started or ended or how wide spread it became but I am guessing about 1920 - 1930. Free moving picture shows were put on once a week in the summer in very small towns by the combined donations of the local merchants to drum up some extra business.

The Colonel once had a Nickelodeon Theater or more likely, acquired the remains after its demise and still had the projector. Anyway, he put on the shows in our town. A screen was set up out in the street and people gathered all around. Cars were parked in the back in a semi-circle and people provided their own seating (chairs, boxes, blankets, etc.) In front. It always seemed like forever to wait till it got dark enough to start the show.

The projector never worked very well and there was a lot of vibration, clicking and flicking. The film often slipped on the drive sprockets and showed the bottom half of one picture and top half of the next picture on the screen. Or worse - stick momentarily until the heat from the projection lamp burned the celluloid film in two. Usually a short strip of (important) film was lost to rewinding and a "long"wait ensued. It always seemed to happen at the most critical part of the film. The projector was noisy but its distinctive noises were music to our ears.

The films were silent and in black and white. The dialog was interspersed with the pictures for you to read. If you couldn't read fast enough your imagination filled in. Tom Mix on his wonderful horse Tony, and Hoot Gibson routed a lot of unfortunate Indians. Usually a program began with a series of colored glass slides which were the first commercials and about as welcome. Then a one real comedy was shown. Felix the cat and Our Gang comedies were popular!

Rain was a problem but, unless it was pretty strong, the show went on. I don't remember how they covered the projector - probably a tent of sorts. Once in an unexpected rain, we fled to Dad's car which happened to be parked behind the screen. To our delighted surprise we could see the picture pretty good through the wet screen and watched the rest out of the rain.

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## Dues Renewal

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAYS (Month & Day) \_\_\_\_\_

ANNIVERSARY \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE: EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ US MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL CONTACT EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR AND BODY STYLE OF T'S OWNED \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE CARRIER \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY # \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Club dues are \$20.00 per family per year. Checks should be made payable to: "Mother Lode Model T Club". Mail to: P O Box 4901, Auburn, Ca 95604

DO YOU BELONG TO THE *MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA*? YES \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

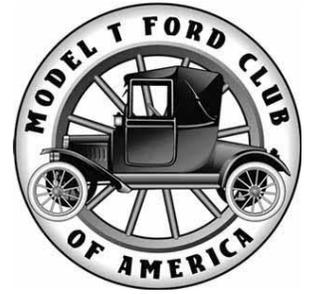
If yes, please provide membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants are encouraged to join the Model T Ford Club of America. Our club liability insurance rate is determined by the number of National Club Members listed on our roster. National Club membership includes all privileges of the National Club including six issues of the *Vintage Ford* magazine and voting privileges. The National Club can be contacted at:

Model T Ford Club of America  
P.O. Box 126  
Centerville, In 47330-0126  
(765) 855-3428  
email: [admin@mtfca.com](mailto:admin@mtfca.com)



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## 2013 Officers

President ----- Gary Krezman 530-823-7957  
Vice President ----- Susie Krezman 530-823-7957  
Treasurer ----- Kitty Goodell 916-334-5904  
Secretary ----- John Saylor 916-723-1613

## Board Members

Gordon Goodell ----- 916-334-5904 - 2012-2013  
Joyce Weitzel ----- 916-725-0783 - 2012-2013  
Richard Weitzel ----- 916-725-0783 - 2012-2013  
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:

The Model T Ford Club of America  
P.O. Box 126  
Centerville, In 47330-0126  
Telephone: (765) 855-5248  
[www.mtcfa.com](http://www.mtcfa.com) email: [admin@mtfca.com](mailto:admin@mtfca.com)



COME JOIN US FOR THE  
Mother Lode Model T Club CRAB FEED

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 9, 2013  
SOCIAL HOUR 5 PM & DINNER 6 PM  
@ CANYON VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, SIERRA ROOM  
471 MAIDU DRIVE, AUBURN, CA 95603

**COST:** Members: \$5 each. Guests: \$25 per person. Make checks out to Mother Lode Model T Club & send them to Gordon Goodell. Checks must be received no later than February 1, 2013, and no refunds after that date.

Gordon & Kitty Goodell  
6760 Maywood Way - Sacramento, CA 95842  
916-334-5904 ([gkgood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gkgood@sbcglobal.net))

Pasta, salad, bread, water, coffee, and ice cream will be provided.

**PLEASE NOTE:** bring your own choice of drink if you want anything other than water or coffee. The club will not be providing soft drinks or wine. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the facility.

**IMPORTANT!!** Don't forget to write below or phone Gordon & Kitty with the total number in your group so we order enough crab! Also indicate how you will participate by stating what you will bring and how you will help.

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NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL IN YOUR GROUP ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What will you bring (appetizers, dessert, etc.)? How will you help (set-up, decorate, serve, cleanup, etc.)?