



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

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**June 2013**

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## Activities at a Glance

- ◆ June 8- Saturday morning, 8:30am. Swap meet set up at the Fairgrounds.
- ◆ June 8- Saturday evening - 5 pm, Tri-tip BBQ and potluck at the Fairgrounds.
- ◆ June 9, 2013 - 37th Annual Mother Lode Model T Club Swap Meet . 5 AM
- ◆ June 13 - **Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6pm. Meeting will start at 7.**
- ◆ June 20, Thursday, LOL -11:00 AM. Tio Pepe's Mexican Restaurant, Old Town Auburn. RSVP Mary Ramsey 530-367-3987.
- ◆ July 4 - Independence Day Parade-Auburn. Line up 5-6pm parade at 7. **Fireworks at fairgrounds at dusk.**
- ◆ July 21 - Russ Purvis is planning a tour.
- ◆ Aug 3 - Ice Cream Social - 4pm. Toni & Jerry Moore residence, 2970 China Well Rd, Auburn. RSVP 530-823-5233
- ◆ Aug 20 - Bus trip to National Auto museum, Reno - RSVP Larry Taylor, 916-955-6408.
- ◆ September - Vern Marriott Tour
- ◆ October 5 - Speedster Run - Les Silveira
- ◆ October 26 - Fall Colors Tour - Lindstedt

## May Tour to Heidrick Ag Museum in Woodland

Saturday morning, May 18 we met at Raley's to tour back roads to the Heidrick Ag History Museum in Woodland. We toured out of Auburn, through Newcastle to McBean Park in Lincoln. Here we met some more of our members and feasted on donuts. Our group numbered 10 cars plus a couple of modern iron. We left Lincoln, traveling west through rice and sunflower fields, a very flat land area.



We passed through the towns of Trowbridge, Nicolaus and Knights Landing. We arrived in Woodland shortly before noon, stopping at Red

Robin for lunch. The staff at Red Robin were ready for us and had us seated in no time at all. After a belly filling lunch we drove to the Heidrick Museum which was just around the corner. Our docent told us about the history of the Heidrick & Hayes families and the creation of the museum. The museum is divided between tractors and farm equipment on one side and vintage trucks on the other. The exhibits showcase our agricultural and transportation heritage tracing mechanization of the past, and some of the mechanical engineering feats of our forefathers.

While we were relaxing outside a local car owner driving a 1913 Buick, right hand drive touring, stopped by to see our cars. He was with his



family out for an afternoon drive. Our drive home took us along the river, a short burst on I-5 to get over the river and over to Elkhorn. We toured through Rio Linda, North

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## Ron Brown

Our beloved Ron Brown passed away May 8. I am inserting his Obituary.



Ronald A. Brown  
11/19/1916 - 5/8/2013

Ronald Brown, 96, passed peacefully in his home on May 8, 2013. "Mr. Brown," as he was fondly known, taught industrial arts at Placer High School for 30+ years and positively influenced the lives of hundreds of students who continued to show their

appreciation and seek advice throughout the years. Known for his passion in pursuing hobbies, he was active in the restoration and enjoyment of early 20th century antique cars with a specialty in the Ford Model T. In retirement he developed an interest in the preservation of North American Bluebirds and visited numerous grammar school classrooms educating and guiding children in the construction of bird houses. He personally built and distributed more than 5000 bluebird houses in Placer County. An enormously talented and creative individual, he was the "go-to" friend of many. Mr. Brown was predeceased by his son Ronald Brown and daughter Glenna Lancaster.

He is survived by his wife, Eugenia; daughter, Paula; brother, Lowell; and sister, Freda Jones. He leaves behind six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Friends are welcome to share memories and stories at graveside services on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the New Auburn Cemetery followed by a reception at the Canyon View Community Center in Auburn. Donations in Mr. Brown's memory may be made to the North American Bluebird Society.

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### Model T Ear Rings

I had several of the ladies last weekend ask about the Model T earrings Gina and I had on. They were ordered from this website is: <http://www.cafepress.com/> Once on the website query Model T Ford and go from there. I see there are some Model A earrings also, plus necklaces, bracelets, shirts and mugs. I couldn't remember the specific ladies that asked me, so thought it would be easier to share with the whole club. - Kitty

Highlands, Antelope, Roseville, Roeland and on back to Auburn via Taylor Road. I hear that Lewie's 'Henry' began slowing to a crawl in the Newcastle area. He didn't want to work on it on the road and called a tow truck, the same driver as last month! Thanks to all who came on the tour. We had a great time. John & Janice.

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### LOL's - June

**When:** Thursday, June 20, (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FROM WEDNESDAY June 19th, the regular date)

**Where:** Tio Pepe's Mexican Restaurant, Old Town Auburn

**Time:** 11:00 AM, Arrive, 11:30 AM Eat.

**Hostess:** Mary Ramsey 530 367-3987

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### It's Swap Meet Time

**Our annual swap meet is this next weekend. All issues with the use of the grass field have been settled for this year. So we will again have the grass field for the meet.**

**Set up will be Saturday June 8. We will be setting up the Food concession stand, marking the field, and other general set up items. Vendors will be let in to start their set up about 4 pm. Gates will open Sunday June 9 at 5 am. We need help on Saturday as well as Sunday. Volunteer to help set up on Saturday, call John Saylor, 916-723-1613. Volunteer to work in the food booth - call Joyce Weitzel, 916-725-0783. All members are asked to bring a homemade pie for the food booth. These are one of our biggest sellers. Volunteer to work the gate, park vendors or clean up. Call Gary Krezman 520-823-7957.**

**We will also have our annual Tri-Tip BBQ and potluck Saturday, June 8, 5 pm in the concession area. Bring your own table service and drinks and one dish to share. The club will provide the Tri-tip.**

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### Save the Date Bus Trip to Reno



Tuesday, August 20. Larry Taylor is putting together our bus trip to Reno and the National Auto Museum. This is a mid-week trip to get the best price. Larry is arranging for pick up in Sacramento and Auburn. The bus holds 40 people, so get your name on the list. The club will be covering the cost of the buss and the museum entry fee. You don't want to be number 41! Sign up at the meeting or call Larry at 916-955-6408.

**Model T For a Wedding**

My name is Janae. My fiancé and I are getting married at the Forest House Lodge in Foresthill on October 12, 2013. We were wondering if you knew of a Model T Ford that we could rent for transportation to and from the ceremony site (Grand Sierra Pointe) about 1.5 miles away from the Lodge.

If you could please get back to me at your earliest convenience, it would be greatly appreciated. You can always reach me via email or on my cell at (916)806-2282. <mailto:jcmillmanpt17@gmail.com>

Thank you for your time,  
Janae Gregory and Eric Walters

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**\*\*\*Breaking News\*\*\***

Our swap meet storage trailer saga is over! The club just purchased a brand new 6x12 enclosed Continental Cargo Trailer. We can now off load all of the heavy field items from the over loaded concession trailer allowing it to last a few more years.



During the April Meeting our guest speaker, Sonja Vargas representing CALSTAR Air Ambulance, a private non-profit company, explained the services offered by CALSTAR and the group membership program. CALSTAR Maintains bases in Northern California and also a fixed wing transport ambulance out of Sacramento. They also are members of a reciprocal partner program that covers you in several western states. For additional info see their website at [www.calstar.org](http://www.calstar.org)

The cost to transport victims of trauma, or other emergency illness by helicopter today runs \$25,000. Through the group program the cost is covered by the annual \$35.00 fee. To start a group we would need 15 members to sign up. At last count there were 11 interested in forming a group. Russ Purvis will be the point person to establish the group if there is enough interest. Contact Russ at 530-885-2025 or sign up at the next meeting.

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**Club Logo Items**

Our new 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 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.

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**Monthly Look at Ford Trademarks and Logos**

1912



The Ford script-in-oval was used as early as 1912 for dealership identification.

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**Happenings at the CAM  
A new exhibit started May 25**

*Elegance in Motion: Cars of the Golden Age*  
From the glamorous time of the Great Gatsby, flappers, and early Hollywood comes a rare display of lavish autos cultivated by the California Automobile Museum. *Elegance in Motion: Cars of the Golden Age* will feature luxurious marques from the Roaring 20s and Art Deco Era highlighting over twenty of the most stunning vehicles ever manufactured. The superior display will include deluxe models such as Stutz, Hispano-Suiza, Duesenberg, and Auburn.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### June Birthdays

Rose Cardinal	1	Mary Ramsey	13
Erik Barrett	2	Anthony Moore	14
Mike Bashore	9	Nathan Cutler	19
Richard Weitzel	9	Karol Nowack	22
Bob Nowack	12	Elliott, Steve	22
Martin Smith	12	Cliff Hyatt	28

### June Anniversaries

Anthony & Shelly Moore	5
Cliff & Norma Hyatt	11
Wayne & Lynne Lyndon	17
Erik & Julie Barrett	20
Mark & Kendall Porco	21
Jerry & Toni Moore	24



## Meeting Minutes -

### General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club  
General Meeting Minutes,  
May 9, 2013

The May, 2013, general membership meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Gary Krezman. The meeting was held at The Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca. Attendance was good.

**Announcement** - Gary opened the meeting and announced that Ron Brown, Sr. had passed away. He will be missed by us all. Graveside service will be at the New Auburn cemetery, 10 am, Friday May 17. A reception will follow at the Canyon View Community Center.

**Greeter Report** - Junette introduced Bob McCoy's wife Mary Jane.

**Secretary Report** – John reported the minutes of the last general meeting (April 2013) were printed in *T Diggins'*. There was one correction, Junette was not the greeter since she was not at the meeting. John will correct the official copy.. We received correspondence from other area clubs and notices of events. These were passed around for all to review.

**Treasurer Report** – Kitty presented the financial report. We had the income for the Shake Down Tour co-pays and expenses for the Shake Down Tour lunch, donuts and museum donation. Also expenses for the May board meeting and banking fee. Detailed expense report is available for all to review.

**Activities Report** –

### Upcoming events -

**May 10** - Kicks off the Auburn Cruise Night.

**May 18** is our tour to Woodland and the Heidrick Ag and Truck museum, John Saylor gave the details. A sign up was passed around.

**June 9** is our swap meet, job sign ups were passed around. Saturday, June 8 is setup day and a BBQ at 5 pm at the fairgrounds.

**July 21** - Russ Purvis is planning a tour. More info to come

**Aug 20** - Bus trip to Reno.

**Sept** - Vern Marriott is planning a tour

**Sunshine** - Susie reported that she helped spread a story that changed as it went around, that Courtney Barrett had appendicitis! Actually was just a stomach ache.

**Old Business** -

**Buss Trip** - Larry Taylor reported on the Reno bus trip to the National Auto Museum. The date is all set for August 20. He has arranged pickups in Sacramento at 7:15 am and Raley's in Auburn at 8 am. The bus company will provide vouchers for lunch at the Silver Legacy and gambling. The amount will depend on how long we stay after the tour. There was a short discussion and then a motion by John Boorinakis and second by Kitty Goodell for 3 hours of lunch and free time. Motion passed.

**Swap Meet Trailer** - We are looking again for a trailer but the \$2,000 that was originally authorized may not be enough. Used ones have been advertised that are more like \$2500. New ones start at around 3,000. Motion was made by Russ Purvis and second by Bob McCoy to approve up to \$3,000. Motion passed. Christian Finkbiener will check on one that he found to see if it's still available. It was under 2,000.

**Swap Meet** - Gary reported that when he went down to the fair board to sign the contracts. They were going to move us off the ball field area and into the lower exhibit area. Seems a local Youth Soccer Club has presented an offer to the fair board to refurbish the field--plow it up and re-seed and then have total control over who can use it! The fair is still reviewing the plan. Gary suggested that if we must move it then the parking lot would work. Bill has made a preliminary plan to layout swap spaces in the asphalt if it comes to that. If we can't use the ball field or the asphalt then we may have to cancel the meet. Gary is waiting to hear the outcome. Discussion on places for the future if we can't use the fairgrounds. All committees will forge ahead. Signups were passed around for the food booth, pies and the swap meet jobs. Joyce requested approval for \$1500 to purchase the food and supplies for the food booth. Motion by Junette and second by Kenny Marriott. Discussion, lewie thought we had already approved. In the interest of time we voted on it again. Motion passed. Joyce will wait for outcome of the fairground issue before purchasing supplies.

**LOLs** - **May 15, Wednesday, 11:30 AM. Northridge Restaurant** (formerly The Red Wagon Restaurant) Hwy 49 and Combie Rd, Auburn) Hostess: Toni Moore 530 823-5233.

**Cup Sales** - Steve had the cups for those that ordered them. He also reported that Jerry Anders donated a copy of *The Model T Restoration Handbook* to the club. It will be available to check out. Russ Purvis also will donate a copy of the book, *Model T Ford, Car That Changed the World*. Contact Steve to get a cup or check out material from the library..

**CALSTAR** - Russ did not have any additional information. There will be info in the next issue of the news letter.

**Show & Sell** - No show and tell or auction item this month

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Saylor, Secretary

Tenth 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". I will continue the series in Ron's memory



"T DAYS....REMINISCING"  
by Ron Brown

### **The Star of the Fleet**

One day a Model T Touring appeared in the Colonel's junk yard. It had no top and the engine was partly disassembled as if someone was grinding the valves. But, the body and fenders were pretty good and the upholstery not bad. Tires were on all wheels even tho' flat.

Back to negotiating. The Colonel finally agreed to \$2.00 (on flexible payments of course). I suspect the Colonel bought it for a dollar. Maybe it was even given to him for hauling it off or someone just dumped it off there to get rid of it.

Anyway, with Dad's help and direction (and spare parts) we "restored" it. The paint was acceptable factory original. Mechanically the car turned out to be pretty good and most reliable. We drove it mostly at one speed - wide open. It was the summer between my second and third year of high school. Dad said we couldn't drive the car on the road until we had it licensed. We managed to scrape together \$4.00 for a half year license. I'll never forget that day. At last, the open road!!

In the past with our "speedster" we had to drive in our wood lot or barn lot. Every time temptation got the upper hand of our will power, we sneaked the car out on the road. We had to drive right past our neighbor's house. We had a very minor on-going feud with the neighbor boy (older than us) and I think his dad, Joe was a little jealous of Lowell and me because we did a lot of things he wished his son could do - especially in sports. Anyway, he worked the swing shift as a telegrapher at the depot and didn't go to work until 4:00pm. Lowell and I always had to do our misdeeds in the morning when Dad was gone and Joe could see us. He'd trot right down town to report us to the town constable. The constable would come over and complain to Mom who told Dad. You can guess - we had to face the music.

Anyway, the memorable day we got our license, we drove around and around the block Joe's house was in. Sure enough, pretty soon Joe took off down the alley to town. We never learned just what happened but we imagined his disappointment.

In all fairness, I must admit Joe and all his family were really very fine people and they were always good neighbors.



Ron at the wheel of his 1909 Touring  
Ron, Jr., standing

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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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