



T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

November 2013

Activities at a Glance

- ◆ **November 14 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting.**
Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn.
Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm.
Meeting will start at 7 pm.
- ◆ **November 19 - Tuesday- LOL. 11:30am**
Mel's Diner Restaurant
Luther Rd and Hwy 49, Auburn -.
Host: Mary Lynn Barrett 530 885-1069.
- ◆ **December 10 - LOL. Thompson's Gold**
Rush Emporium and Tea Room for High
Tea. In the Gold Rush Mall, 884 Lincoln Way,
Downtown Auburn, (Located in the street floor of the
Mall, straight ahead to the back room). Julie Barrett
530 863-7571
- ◆ **December 14, 3 pm - Christmas Party -**
Auburn Valley Country Club.
See details in this issue.



2013 Fall Colors Tour

The plan, we thought was a good one – Tour the back roads of the Nevada City, Grass Valley, and Penn Valley communities and check out the 2013 Bridgeport Fall Festival. The weather of the northern Sierra foothills had been near perfect conditions for great fall colors – warm days and cool nights, not too much rain to speak of, and no early freezes that can turn the brightest yellow, golds, and reds to dead and very brown leaves in just a few days. But what exactly the weather would be on October 27th – the day of the festival was any “weather experts” guess. In 2010, the Fall Colors tour was rescheduled within the last day before the tour due to advancing downpours, but this year, we had only one chance to make it happen for the festival. Our club members are a hardy bunch,

tour-proven for sure, but driving around in an early-winter storm in an antique car can be quite a workout and sometimes a great challenge, but enjoyable?... safe?... Not so much.

During the days leading up to the tour, Cindy was busy traveling back-roads and verifying the final route and pondering what cookies to bake. We found ourselves continually searching for hopeful weather reports that would confirm that the tour was a good-to-go. As it turned out, we could not have asked for better conditions on the 27th - Daytime temperatures in the 70's, sunny and bright with just some slight breezes. So good, that we decided to leave the cold-weather comfort of the '25 Oakland sedan behind and opt for the open-air T touring fun of the '24 express wagon. After a new brake band, wheel bearing re-pack, a little gas, air, and oil, we were set to go. On Sunday morning, the club gathered at Raley's in



Auburn for our 9:00 launch. A great turn out of kids of all ages with 17 antique and 4 modern cars – Long-time club members,

newbie's, friends and families. We headed out through Colfax out Hwy. 174 towards Grass Valley. The air was crisp as the yellows of the indigenous oaks, broad-leaf maples, and other native species became more evident as we progressed on our route. Over the Bear River bridge and approaching our Mount Olive Road turn off, we got word of our first (minor) mishap – John Saylor was wrestling a flat-tire challenge that later in the day turned into an spare with a slow leak



dilemma. As we were waiting to get everyone caught up, out of the blue, our WWII vintage Wards Riverside S3 spare on the express wagon, while parked, decided to blow at the stem with a loud yelp just to get some long
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over do attention too!

We rolled into Mautino Park in Grass Valley for a much needed snack and rest break. We chose Mautino as our first stop this year because of its easy access and sunny exposure.



Cindy broke out the obligatory we-really-shouldn't-be-eating them-donuts, juice, fruit and her

secret-recipe chocolate-chips. We added a little 1920's period music that reminded us of just how young we all are. We then somehow regained our strength to carry on.

As we headed over Ridge Road into Nevada City, the various indigenous color-trees blended with an increasing number of Red Maples and Liquid Ambers. According to some of the locals from the Grass Valley and Nevada City area, many of these trees were introduced in the area by the early miners and emigrants who brought them from the east coast. Their beauty shared with us today in Gold Country is greatly appreciated.

As we were attempting to leave downtown Nevada City, your humble tour leaders decided to miss the turn on Bennett street (Let's blame the beautiful fall leaves covering the sign – OK?). After a minor turn-around, we headed out Champion Mine road that included 2.5 miles of gravel road with some awesome views. Little did we



know that the Weitzel's Model A was headed out of town somewhere else to relive the glories of past Fall Colors tours. Behind the A was Allan Cook in his very cool Bugatti/VW. Allan is

a member of the Sacramento T club and soon, to be a member of ours. When Allen contacted me and asked to join us on the tour, I was very impressed to learn that he had read our touring guidelines on our web site. While admittedly lost, he did exactly what the guidelines said – follow the car in front. All good. In the end, Allan said that he had an awesome time overall! Luckily, we were able to connect with the vagabonds and head down to the Bridgeport Fall Festival at last – More miles, more sights, and more fall colors.

At the Bridgeport Festival we were able to take another breather, partake in the activities, and have some eats. After figuring out the parking situation, we strolled the modern overpass of the mighty Yuba. The original Bridgeport covered bridge, built in 1862, spans some 229 feet and remains the longest single-span wooden covered bridge still in existence in the United States. Unfortunately, the bridge is currently closed and in need

of funding for repairs, even to allow for foot-traffic. However, the bridge remains a testament of sound engineering and construction as well as a stark reminder of a simpler life in Bridgeport long ago. (Note: Please consider making a donation for the needed repairs and keep the bridge alive – the bridge is an invaluable asset



for our area's history and future.) The South Fork Yuba River Association in conjunction with the Bridgeport State Park offered a wonderful array

of activities that included living history characters (very intriguing, informative and very entertaining), tractor wagon rides, gold panning, face painting, blacksmith demonstrations, and much more. We found the wild bird rescue information along with the crows, ravens, owls, and hawks themselves to be fascinating as well as educational. The food offered by the Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce was very tasty. Hey, a cheeseburger or hot dog and chips every once in a while isn't so bad – Right? And what about that frozen yogurt vender? – Nice touch!



We headed out the same way we came in on Pleasant Valley Road (the alternative on the other side of the river can be pretty steep and challenging for a stock T). This time we headed out west and as our elevation descended, we rounded

Lake Wildwood and stopped for gas before heading home via Mc Courtney and Wolf roads. As John Saylor continued his quest for a reliable source of compressed air for his leaky spare tire that he had mounted earlier, many of us were lamenting about how come compressed air for cars is so hard to find these days? Gotta' car problem... text AAA? Really? (Three stations had defective pumps!) Whatever happened to good old-fashioned gas stations? Perhaps a thing of the past – Like the restored 1927 Shell station we just had visited at Bridgeport. Oh, and by the way, how come we are not carrying tire pumps (that work) ourselves? Luckily, Jeff Johnson driving his V8/Model A hot rod came to the rescue with a working tire pump – Flatheads forever!

By the time we were parting ways and waving good-by near Placer Hills Road and Hwy. 80 we were down to about seven or eight survivors and the time was sun was waning into the western sky. We pulled off to the side of the road and pointed the directions home as Kenny Marriot decided to add just a little last minute drama by attempting to repeatedly start the A with the ignition switch turned off. No problem – It was a long day. All good once again.

As we drove our trusty, yet admittedly slow Model T express wagon home, it was nearing 5 o'clock. We (continued on next page)

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drove into the carport, shut off the gas, and let the fuel do its wonders until there was no more. We were thankful, reflecting on the day, the experiences, conversations, laughter, and the friendships. We were especially thankful that all made it home safe and sound.

In retrospect, it was a great experience for both of us and we hope it was a good one for all who participated in this year's Fall Colors Tour. It is always important to remember what the touring experience is all about, especially given our modern-day, often busy and sometimes overwhelming lives. It is actually sometimes hard to fully understand, as there are few opportunities that relate to such an endeavor. Touring in an automobile with a group, as it was done in the early days, was much more than getting from point A to point B – It was an experience to share with family and friends exploring the world in a very special way, visiting destinations, acknowledging sights, sounds, and sensations previously unknown. Today, we are so fortunate to come together, with such a great group of people, in such a beautiful landscape, to slow down just a little, give thanks and experience something that is as magical today as it was a century ago. We truly hope that you enjoyed the ride!

Sincerely,

Erik and Cindy Lindstedt



November Meeting

The Sizzler has completed their remodel and is open. This month we will be bringing back two old traditions. Our car parts auction that has been on hold for several years will be held at this month's meeting. So bring automobile related item such as a usable part, tool or memorabilia you do not need. No food or white elephant items please.

We will also start up the 50-50 raffle at the November Meeting.



Christmas Party - December 14

Eula has planned another great event for us at the Auburn Valley Country Club. Festivities start with a social time at 3 pm and dinner at 4 pm. Please use the

reservation form attached to this newsletter. Reservations are needed by November 25.

Sunshine

Cleona Duncan is now recovering at home and is open to visitors.

What's happening at the CAM...

Cars of the Stars



The California Automobile Museum has several famous vehicles that were on television and cars owned by notable individuals. Vehicles include:

- 1932 Ford Hardtop (AJ Foyt)
- 1933 Lincoln KB (A.P. Giannini)
- 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr Town Car by Brunn (Clara Ford)
- 1974 Plymouth Satellite (Gov. Jerry Brown)
- 1978 Kawasaki KZ1000, the filming of *CHIPS* (Erik Estrada)
- 1982 Porsche 911SC (Linda Ronstadt)
- 1984 Ford Mustang LX convertible (Ricky Nelson)
- 1987 Lamborghini Countach 5000SQV (Malcolm Forbes)

Going Green



The California Automobile Museum presents an exhibit which explores cars built on energy efficiency. In recent years, the term "Going Green" has become a household expression among political leaders, the automotive industry, and scholars. This exhibit explores alternative energy vehicles from the early 1900's to current day. Ask one of our friendly docent staff for a free guided tour of the museum and information about this project.

Monthly Look at Ford Trademarks and Logos Through the Years

2003



In May 2003, a dimensional oval was created for use to represent both the company and the brand.

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.



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 & 2XL. Polo shirts with the club name on the front above a pocket. \$22. Sizes M, L. Call John Saylor 916-723-1613 to reserve yours.

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.

More on my flat tire

We were approaching the bridge over the Bear River when it blew with a very loud BANG!. I had to continue across the bridge to find a place to pull off. I could hear the tire and tube flapping around. Everyone came over to see the tire about to come off the rim. Richard Weitzel had a floor jack. As we were jacking it up, someone noticed a puddle of oil under the engine. A quick look and I saw the oil check petcock had vibrated slightly open. I have never seen this before. A quick twist and that was fixed. Back to the tire. The tube was wrapped around the brakes. The gang had



gone to work. They had it all off. I got the spare down and it bounced really hard indicating it had plenty of air. We buttoned things up and were on our way. I checked things out at the park only to find the oil petcocks slightly open again. I made a quick fix by wrapping some wire tightly around them. The spare tire was low, only 20 lbs. At Bridgeport, I hauled out my tire pump that worked the last time, when ever that was??. The fitting that screws onto the valve stem would not seal off! I was losing more air than I could pump in!..Jeff



Johnson to the rescue with a pump. We both pumped till the tire looked good. We stopped at three stations on the way home, all had defective pumps! A few more turns with Jeff's pump and we made it home. When I took the spare apart, I found a small nail in it. So, was the nail already there or did I pick it up after I put the spare on?

Thanks to all that helped --John Saylor

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"Car Guy" showed early signs of his affliction...



"I have Show and Tell tomorrow. Can I borrow the car?"



Cars at Pine Hills Adventist Academy



Sunday, Oct 6, Several of us gathered at Pine Hills Adventist Academy in Auburn for the schools fall dinner. The theme was the late 1920's Gatsby era. Mark Porco's daughter is a student there.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



November Anniversaries

Dave & Trudie Barnes 18

November Birthdays

Sharon Stoll	1	Mary Jane McCoy	16
Shasta Moore	1	Julie Barrett	18
Christian Finkbeiner	3	Shawna Gelpman	18
Bruce Fitzsimmons	3	Ron Brown, Sr.	19
Gary Krezman	4	Ayden Weitzel	19
Robert Weitzel	5	Zachary Boorinakis	20
Barbara O'Connor	9	Tom Chambliss	21
Randy Johnson	10	Dick Miller	23
Earl O'Dell	12	Brad Derrenger	29
Robin Pharis	13		



Meeting Minutes - General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes,
October 10, 2013

The October, 2013, general membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Gary Krezman. The meeting was held at The Round Table Pizza Restaurant, Auburn, Ca. The Sizzler was closed for remodel.

Greeter Report - Junette reported that no guests or strangers were present.

Secretary Report – John reported the minutes of the last general meeting (Sept 2013) were printed in *T Diggins'*. Two corrections were noted. Flyer from Hart 2 Hart Vineyards about an event and those who bring an antique car get a discount on dinner. There was no other correspondence to review.

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Treasurer Report – No report this month, Kitty was on vacation.

Activities

VP report-Upcoming events -

October Fall Colors Tour Oct 27- Erik Lindstedt reported the tour is all set. Meet at Raley's 8:30 AM leave at 9 AM. We will tour to the Yuba River-Bridgeport area where there will be a festival. Club will pay the \$5 parking fee. Lunch will be on our own at various vendor food booth's or bring a picnic lunch.

LOL's will be at Mel's on Aug 21, RSVP to Mary Ramsey.

Speedster Run - Les reported the Gold Country Speedster run on October 5 had 17 cars participating. All had a good time. Erik Barrett reported his speedster began to smoke. He discovered the generator cut out cap had come loose and shorted out the wiring! He made a hasty bypass and was on his way with no other trouble. Steve Elliott told about his wild ride with Wayne Sheldon.

November - There is nothing scheduled at this time.

December- The Christmas party will be at the Auburn Valley Country Club December 14 , Eula Marriott is chairing.

Sunshine - No cards sent this month

Old Business

Gary reported the Sizzler is closed for 3 weeks to remodel. They are expected to be open in time for our next meeting.

Nominating Committee- Nominees for the 2014-2016 Board are Steve Short, Junette Avey-Brown, Lewie Burcher & Gordon Goodell.

Tour report - Junette reported on the September tour to Lone and the Preston Castle. Good drive over to Lone. The "Castle" is about to undergo a major restoration. As we were leaving it started to rain. It was a wet drive home. Eula reported that she went back for a more in-depth tour. She found there was also an antique farm equipment museum there with lots of pictures of the early days.

Christmas Party - Eula reported the prices for the dinner - \$39 for prime rib, \$27 for Chicken or Fish. She made a motion that the club pay half the cost. Motion was seconded by Junette. The motion passed. She will get info out for signing up.

New Business

Swap Meet - Gary reported he has confirmed the dates with the Fair, Saturday May 31, Sunday June 1. Gary also reported that they will not be re-seeding the grass or have any restrictions on use of it. Advertising methods were discussed. John will get the flyer setup. Advertisements will be sent to the Vintage Ford, Crusin' News classified, distribute flyers at swap meets and direct mail to area clubs.

Swap Trailer Licensing - Gary attempted to have the old trailer changed from a "camp Trailer" to a utility with PTI license. After some hassle with the DMV person it was determined that it's too long to re-classify.

Auction Night - Discussion on bringing back the annual November auction night. Motion was made by Bobby Weitzel and seconded by Dick Johnson. Motion passed. It should be car related and not "white elephant" items.

Silent auction - Discussion on having a silent auction of baked goods in January. Motion made by Junette Avey-Brown and seconded by John Boorinakis. Motion passed.

50-50 Additional discussion on the 50-50 raffle. A motion was made by Joyce Weitzel with a second by Erik Barrett. Motion passed.

More Sunshine -Larry Dansereau update - Erik reported that the ALS is really taking a toll on Larry. He is now in hospice care.

Thank you - Mark Porco thanked everyone who brought cars to his daughters' school. The kids really enjoyed the opportunity to be around the cars and have their pictures taken.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Saylor, Secretary

Third of a short series on "*The Prodigal Ford*" or "*Lizzy, Come Home*"

by Roger Barrett.

While working for The Great American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Sherman Oaks, Ca.,



I met Don DuPree who had a Model TT telephone truck. He introduced me to John McInnes, Walt Rosenthal, Bruce McCalley and others who would later go on to found The Model T Ford Club of America. I worked for Bruce McCalley's father who, even though he was the head of a local department, drove a 1934 Chevrolet sedan and carried his lunch in a brown paper bag.

These people were unhappy with the Model T Ford Club International which they regarded as wealthy elitists who busied themselves handing out awards to whoever could spend the most money on a Model T and creating cars unlike anything that was ever seen in the 1920's. Most of us agreed and very soon

The Model T Ford Club of America was, and still is, the largest in the world.

That being said, our hobby owes a great deal to wealthy influential individuals who, because they wanted one part for one car, caused them to be reproduced and made available to the rest of us. Tires, for instance, are available because somebody leaned on Firestone and others to dig out the original molds.

I soon received a call from a high school friend who told me that the pig farm had been cleared out and that the Model T was now in the Calabasas wrecking yard. Indeed it was, although all the fancy speed equipment was gone. It had apparently been gone for some time because the cylinder walls were badly rusted. I bought it for \$75 and hauled it home.

My friend Chris Egsgaard looked at the truck and wanted the shortened windshield posts for a speedster he was building. Chris was always building a speedster. I was happy to trade them for a nice set of stock posts. I had known Chris since the middle 50's when he was jogging, talking about ecology, eating health food and riding a bicycle. All of these things are common now but in 1955, they were extremely weird. Chris later became an authority on Model T racing, flew a T powered airplane, and was the subject of several Vintage Ford articles calling himself "Billy Poo Bah". When Chris was 58 years old, he rode a bicycle to his 40th high school reunion. The reunion was in Wisconsin and the trip took him 20 days.

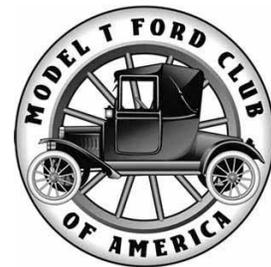
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Dutch Flat Tour July, 2004



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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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Mother Lode Model T Club 2013 Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, December 14th, 2013

Location: Auburn Valley Country Club, 8800 Auburn Valley Rd., Auburn, CA

Time: Social hour starts at 3:00. Dinner to be served at 4:00.

Menu

1. **Chicken Giselle** - Breast of chicken with artichoke hearts and kalamata olives in a basil pesto cream served with garlic mashed potatoes.
2. **Baked Salmon** - Fresh salmon filet with lemon caper cream served with rice pilaf.
3. **Filet Mignon** - Filet mignon with a peppercorn demi glaze and crispy fried leeks served with garlic mashed potatoes.

All entrees are served with a Mixed Green Salad, House Made Bread and Dessert.

Please return with meal choice and check made payable to **Mother Lode Model T Club**.

Reservations must be received by **November 25th**.

Mail to: Eula Marriott, 11320 Dry Creek Rd., Auburn, CA 95602

Indicate dinner selection and number attending below.

Name(s) _____

Chicken Picatta	_____	x \$13.50	_____	(Member Price)
Chicken Picatta	_____	x \$27.00	_____	(Guest Price)
Baked Salmon	_____	x \$13.50	_____	(Member Price)
Baked Salmon	_____	x \$27.00	_____	(Guest Price)
Filet Mignon	_____	x \$19.50	_____	(Member Price)
Filet Mignon	_____	x \$39.00	_____	(Guest Price)

Total _____

*Club is paying for 50% of members meal!