



T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club

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April 2014

Activities at a Glance

- ♦ April 4-5, ACCC Convention at the CAM
- ♦ April 7 - Board Meeting, Round Table, Loomis
- ♦ April 11-12 - HCCA Bakersfield Swap meet
- ♦ April 26 - Shakedown Tour Details →
- ♦ May 5 - Board Meeting, Round Table, Loomis
- ♦ May 31 - Swap meet setup and Club BBQ.
- ♦ June 1 - [Mother Lode Swap Meet.](#)
Gold Country Fairgrounds.
- ♦ July 12 - Tour by the Saylor's
- ♦ September - Tour by Junette
- ♦ September 14 - Antique Autos in History Park
in San Jose, Sponsored by SCVMTC
- ♦ October 25 - Annual Fall Colors Tour
- ♦ Dec 6 - Christmas Party, Auburn Valley
Country Club



Gil Machado Memorial Shake Down Tour

On April 26 we will kick off the touring season. Susie has made arrangements for us to visit the **Museum of the Forgotten Warrior** in Marysville. Meet at Raley's at 8:30 leave at 9 am. We will be meeting up with the Sacramento Valley Club at Mcbean Park in Lincoln where we will have a rest and snack stop. Lunch will be on your own at the Brick House Café in Marysville. RSVP to Susie at 530-823-7957 or sign up at the next meeting.

1st Annual Safety Clinic

Our first annual safety clinic was a huge success. We met at Lewie Burcher's place in Auburn. We had 5 T's, a '25 Oakland and a '17 Dodge as well as several without cars that were there to learn. Allen drove his newly acquired speedster up from Citrus Heights following John Saylor. Most of our inspections centered around Allen's car. Ralph's roadster was also looked at where we found a missing 6-32 screw in steering gear box cover and the wishbone ball cap only had cotter pins instead of the required safety wire. Both were fixed on the spot. For Allen's car there was much more as told by Allen on the next page.....



THANK YOU MLMTC

I'm taking this opportunity to publicly thank the Board of Directors and in particular the individual that came up with the idea of having an Annual Safety Inspection. I firmly believe that I would have been seriously injured or worse if I hadn't brought my Model T to the Safety Inspection. A little background information:

I purchased my 24 Model T Speedster in November but didn't take delivery until earlier this year. I fixed a couple of problems and finally got to the point where it was ready to be driven. I did two practice sessions in my neighborhood learning how to drive my T. I was finally ready to take it on the public streets and made it to John Saylor's house so we could convoy together to Auburn for the Safety Inspection. John took the lead and we headed up to Auburn doing 30 - 35 mph. As I had never driven on the road at speed before I was surprised at how rough a ride it was. My car was shaking and vibrating something terrible! We made it safely to the Burcher residence after about an hour of jostling. Lewie had me pull my car in the driveway first to be looked at. The first thing we noticed was a bolt



missing from my left rear wheel. Someone noticed another bolt was loose and grabbed the wheel and shook it. It moved back and forth at least three inches! All the spokes were loose and close to falling out! We pulled the wheel and found all but one of the 6

nuts were off. It was at this point I was thinking I was a really lucky guy! Now I've read the stories about "old" spokes clicking and needing replacing but I wasn't worried because my Speedster was built approximately two years ago and had "new" spokes. The problem was



the wheels were not assembled properly and the bolt threads were not "peened" over to keep the nuts from coming off. My car took up most of the inspection time but was put back

together properly. They also found 4 bolts that needed safety wire and my clutch linkage was installed backwards and needed adjustment. Special thanks to all that helped but especially Erik Lindstedt, Erik Barrett, and John Saylor who got their hands greasy. I am very thankful to belong to a club with such wonderful people

that are ready, willing and able to help a new guy enjoy this great hobby of ours. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Allen Koch



Allen's Speedster, ready to drive home safely!

Current Exhibits at the CAM It's Electrifying! Alternative Fuel Vehicles in California

February 15, 2014 through June 15, 2014

"It's Electrifying! Alternative Fuel Vehicles in California" presented by SMUD at the California Automobile Museum opened February 15 and runs through Fathers Day, June 15, 2014. This exhibit is a historical look at the progression of alternative fuel and electric cars produced with California's trending market in mind.

From a 1911 Detroit Electric to a sleek Tesla Roadster, Museum patrons will explore and discover the technology that has driven these cars through the past and into the future. Children and adults will enjoy an enlightening display of plug-in electric, fuel cell, compressed natural gas, and hydrogen vehicles that have been influential to today's auto industry.

Vintage American know how

An electric car that can go over 200 miles on a single charge? What modern day miracle is this? What if we told you that this modern day miracle is almost 100 years old? How about a plug in electric car from the early 1900's? In 1914 a Detroit Electric went 241 miles on a single charge setting a new

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record! To be fair the car had a top speed of 25 MPH but that was almost 100 years ago and the new electric cars can go maybe 100 miles on a charge, on a good day, downhill, with a little breeze and a nice smooth road. In 1914 they were traveling over dirt roads or maybe at best cobblestone. Does this surprise you? Did you think electric cars are something new? Did you know that it is reported that in the early 1900's there were more electric cars on the road than gasoline powered cars. In 2012 Toyota was advertising "regenerative braking", the Detroit Electric started using that in 1915. The other modern invention that year was roll down windows instead of the sub way straps lift and lower windows. Most people think that electric cars are a recent phenomenon. The truth is that in the early 1900's the electric car was a common sight on the American road. Electric cars were used in a large part by women and doctors. Doctors needed a car that they could get in and go and gasoline engines were not that easy to start or reliable. Because hand cranking a car was difficult to say the least and could be downright dangerous, the electric cars were very popular with women. In fact one of the downfalls of early electric cars is that they were thought of as a women's car and men did not want to be seen driving them. In fact in the latter years the cars were built with what looked like a radiator in front. The real killer for the electric car was the invention of the electric starter or at least the first working one in 1911 by Charles F. Kettering of Dayton Electric Laboratories (DELCO). It was first used in 1912 by Cadillac.

Save the Date
Milt's Big Driveway Sale

**THE BEST NEW AND USED MODEL T PARTS,
TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT**

WHEN: Saturday June 14, 2014 9:00am until 5:00pm

WHERE: 8737 Lodestone Circle Elk Grove, Ca 95624

WHAT: Model T Parts, Tools, Shop equipment,
Bolts & nuts and much more.

Milt Webb

<http://www.milttheinstructor.com>

For Sale

1919 Model T Roadster. Completely restored. Contact
Larry Fast 916-628-5844

Show Off your Club Affiliation

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, & XL & 2XL. Polo shirts with the club name on the front above a pocket. \$22. Sizes M, XL. 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.

Sunshine

Ray Miller of Murrieta, Calif., a founding member of the MTFCA died at 90 years of age on March 10, 2014. Ray is survived by his wife Bev and five children.

Ray was the last surviving member of the group that founded the Model T Ford Club of America in 1965. Ray along with Bruce McCalley authored the book "From Here to Obscurity", one of the first detailed publications on the Model T Ford.

New Member

We welcome another new member. Please add your rosters as follows:

Philip Gardner

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Learn to Drive a Model T

During our recent Safety Inspection Day, Shelly was seen learning to drive Bobby's touring! As she found out it's not that hard. Well, this spurred some conversation to plan a day where the non T drivers in the club can learn to drive. Watch for details coming up soon.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



April Anniversaries

Robin & Cindy Pharis	1
Mervin & Barbara Hall	4
Richard & Joyce Weitzel	6
George & Betty Bamber	11
Dick & Wanda Johnson	24
Randy & Helen Johnson	24

April Birthdays

Mary Lynn Barrett	1	Philip Lawrence	19
Susie Krezman	8	Larry Taylor	22
Beth Finkbeiner	13	Carol Fitzsimmons	29
Pat Gillming	13	George Bamber	30



General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes,
March 13, 2014

The March 2014, general membership meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Gary Krezman. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca.

Greeter Report - Junette introduced Darren's young friend William and also noted Julie Instness was in attendance.

Secretary Report - John reported the minutes of the last general meeting (Feb 2014) were printed in February *T Diggins'*. No corrections were noted. Correspondence from other clubs and other miscellaneous info was passed around.

Treasurer Report - Kitty gave the report. We had income from dues, cook books, coffee mugs, 50/50 and crab feed. Expenses were for name badges, newsletter, MTFCA for directors insurance and bank fees. Detailed reports were made available.

Activities

VP Susie reported the upcoming events -

Safety Check Day is March 22, 10 am at Lewie Burcher's home.

Shake Down is Saturday, April 26. Meet at Raley's, 8:30, leave 9 am. We will be touring to Marysville to the *Museum of Forgotten Warriors* Museum and then lunch at the Brick House Café. Sacramento Club has been invited. We will have a rest-snack stop in Lincoln.

Sept - Junette is planning a tour for September.

Fall Colors - Steve Lindstedt has set the Fall Colors tour date for Oct 26.

Susie asked for more tour leaders to come forward. We still need tour for May, mid June, July, and August. Steve will work up a tour in the Coloma Area and get back to Susie with dates and details.

LOL's for February will be at Chevy's in Auburn, Wednesday March 19. Junette is the host.

Sunshine - This month Susie thanked all for the cards and calls in sympathy for Gary's Mother's passing.

Old Business

Old Stuff - We all congratulated Ralph Roper for his **93rd birthday**. Ralph is lookin' good and still driving his T!

Charter Dinner - Joyce reported the Charter dinner at Auburn Valley Country Club was attended by 33 persons. We enjoyed a beautiful day with a great view out the dining room. Susie went over the cost figures.

Mt Vernon Heritage Days - John Saylor and Bill Finkbiener reported we had a nice showing at the event in Fair Oaks. Everything from Minute Men to Model Airplanes, Classic Cars and farm equipment to antique medical devices was on display. Those who pre-registered received a free lunch.

Safety Clinic - Lewie gave the details on the upcoming clinic. Bring your cars. He has tools and air, etc. We can make minor adjustments and add grease as needed.

Swap Meet - Gary has met with the fair director. They may be leaving their large tent up after the Home Show which we may be able to use instead of ours. He has to go over the contract and charges which will be more than last year.

New Business

Board meeting will be Monday April 7, 6 pm, Round Table, Loomis.

ACCC Convention- Gary asked if anyone wanted to attend the ACCC convention April 4-5 at the CAM. Club will pay the cost for 2 to attend.

Bakersfield Swap Meet - Several members will be going to the Bakersfield HCCA swap meet April 11-12. This one of the best antique car related swap meets on the West Coast. Joyce will pass out flyers for our meet.

Misc Items - Steve Elliot brought some very old gas measuring sticks that were free for the taking. ACCC decals were passed around for those who wanted one and we had some MTFCA national decals for 1.50 each.

Steve also has a DVD of a person in Georgetown area that has a model T that runs on methane gas generated by a wood burning unit on the back. There DVD player to play it here at the Sizzler. May be a subject for a tour destination.

There was no 50-50 tonight. No one sold any tickets.

Since there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

John Saylor, Secretary



A few more Safety Inspection Photos

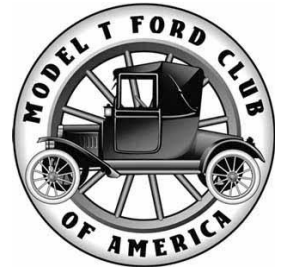
See them all and others:

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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 \$40.00 payable to:

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