



T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the
Mother Lode Model T Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

February 2014

Activities at a Glance

- ◆ February 1, **Annual Crab Feed.**
- ◆ February 13 - **Thursday, Monthly Meeting.** Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.
- ◆ February 19, Wednesday, **LOL Lunch,** Round table Pizza, Bel Air Shopping Center, 2260 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn Pat Bashore, Hostess - 530-878-1414.
- ◆ March 1 - Charter Dinner Celebration See details this issue.
- ◆ March 3 - Board meeting, 6 pm Round Table, Loomis.
- ◆ March 13 - Monthly meeting, Sizzler.
- ◆ March 22 - 1st Annual Model T Safety Inspection Day 10 am, 1360 Westly Ln., Auburn, Ca.
- ◆ April 4-5, **ACCC Convention at the CAM**
- ◆ April 11-12 - **HCCA Bakersfield Swap meet**
- ◆ April 26 - **Shakedown Tour**
- ◆ May 5 - Board Meeting, Round Table, Loomis
- ◆ May 31 - Swap meet setup and BBQ.
- ◆ June 1 - **Mother Lode Swap Meet.** Gold Country Fairgrounds.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are headed into the touring Season. To make sure that we have a safe start on we will have a safety inspection on March 22 at the home of Louie Burcher at 10:00 am. Bring your car, your tools and we will go over the safety check list with your car. April 26th is the shakedown tour. We need tours for the Following months:

May, late June (maybe an ice cream social and short tour) July, August, September and October.

Touring is vital to the club. Also it is more fun if you have another member to help out in the planning phase. It is a good way to help out the club. Please call me if you can help out this year. My phone number is 530 823-7957.

Susie Krezman

President's Pizza Feed, January 2014

We kicked off the new year honoring our club President, and officers with the annual Piazza Feed held at Mountain Mikes Pizzeria in Auburn. We devoured lots of pizza, talked about our T's, other hobbies and family. A good time was had by all.



1st Annual Mother Lode Model T Safety Inspection Day

Saturday, March 22, 2014. 10 am
Burcher residence, 1360 Wesley Lane,
Auburn, Ca.

Let's get ready for the touring season. Bring out your car. Inspect it to insure your car is safe to tour. We will be using the MTFCA safety check list found in the Member Handbook.

If you have already inspected your car, bring it anyway, a second look won't hurt! Show us what you found and how you fixed it. If your car isn't running, come on out; watch, listen and learn.

Lunch and liquid refreshment on your own.

Zits Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman



For Sale - 1913 Ford Model T Speedster

Rebuilt Engine, High Compression Head, Stromberg OF carb, Ruckstell Rear end, Rocky Mountain Brakes, starter, Most Sheet Metal original, correct original working J Brown 1913 Brass lamps with Presto-lite tank, correct working speedometer, exquisite paint and pin striping, driven about 1000 miles since restoration. Starts quickly and runs perfectly. Over \$21,000 invested, have build photos and all receipts. Will sell for \$16,000.

David Pava
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What's Happening at the CAM (California Auto Museum)

It's Electrifying! Alternative Fuel Vehicles in California

February 15, 2014 through June 15, 2014

"It's Electrifying! Alternative Fuels in California" presented by SMUD at the California Automobile Museum opening February 15. This exhibit is a historical look at the progression of alternative fuel and electric cars produced with California's trending market in mind. Join the exhibit for a grand opening celebration 12 pm – 3 pm.

Between a 1913 Detroit Electric and a sleek 2008 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, and hydrogen vehicles that have been influential to today's auto industry.

Remember, every club member gets one free admission.

Don't miss CAM's Giant Shed Sale

February 9, 2014

8:00am - 3:00pm

Free

We are getting ready early for our impending tear down! Join us on February 9 if you have an interest in anything car-related (old diagnostic machines, car parts, etc.)

OR

Vintage items such as player piano music, old phonograph machines, clothing, mannequins, computer items, auto magazines,

OR

Surplus office furniture!

We have something for everyone!!

Click here for [Online photos of some of the items](#)

45th Annual Charter Celebration Dinner

March 1, 2014, 11am

The Charter Dinner is coming up soon. This is the time we celebrate the founding of the club and being a chartered chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. Susie has a great event planned for us. Cost is \$15.00 per member, \$30.00 per guest, Widows and widowers are free.

Deadline is February 22, 2014.

See the reservation form attached to this issue.

Dues are Past Due

The 2014 Roster will be compiled from the list of members with paid up dues as of February 5. So, get that check to kitty ASAP to continue receiving the T- Diggins and club activities.

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.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



February Anniversaries

Mervin & Barbara Hall 11
Bruce & Mindy Ingram 14

February Birthdays

Darren Saylor	1	John Saylor	22
Suzanne Folsom	2	Jerry Moore	25
Annette Lusk	12	Ralph Roper	28
George Tuck	12	Bruce Ingram	28
Rich Baughman	14		
Kitty Goodell	18		



Part 6 and finale of a short series on "The Prodigal Ford" or "Lizzy, Come Home" by Roger Barrett.

The following years brought many memorable tours. The Mountain Goat, The Sierra Challenge and the Lassen to name but a few. On one tour, I burnt out a rod bearing and inherited the coveted trouble trophy. On the same tour, a man was murdered on the highway while we were having lunch. More than anything else, I remember the struggle to climb Mt. Rose. The pickup predictably overheated on every tour until I broke down and bought a new radiator from Brass Works. I soon removed the water pump and have had no heating problems for the last 14 years.

In 2006, Erik and I decided to take my pickup and his dump truck to the Model T Centennial Celebration in Richmond Indiana scheduled for July 2008. The pickup, by this time, had grown rather shabby. The top was in tatters, the paint was blistered from a botched touch up attempt, the wood I had put in the bed was curling, and the Muncie transmission was howling so much that conversation was impossible. So, we began Restoration Number Three.

The body was removed and everything was soda blasted down to bare metal. The fire wall, which still had a large patch on it, was replaced with a nice original one. The windshield, which had never fit well, was made right by carefully bending the posts. New front fenders were obtained from Rootlieb. Everything was painted and the bed fitted with new oak and stainless steel runners. Three of the wire wheels were replaced with better ones and all the wheels were powder coated. The howling Muncie was replaced with a Ruckstell rear end with hydraulic brakes and a Laycock overdrive. Erik designed and built a combination tool drawer and spare tire carrier that fit under the truck bed. 1928 stainless steel bumperettes were added to the back. The most challenging thing was the new top. Ever though I had a pre cut kit, it took two of us nearly a week of cutting stretching and tacking to get it right. By the summer of 2008, we were ready to go.

The Model T Centennial Party in Richmond Indiana was a marvelous experience. A week long extravaganza with great tours and events every day. More than 900 Model Ts were there. Together with the Weitzel's, we took four Model Ts. The thing was so well organized that I have never yet heard any negative comments. Not a small part of the celebration was a nice presentation by the International Club honoring Bruce McCalley, something that would have seemed impossible a decade ago. Roger Miller once sang "*It Don't Rain in Indianapolis in the Summertime*" We were drenched in three downpours but that did not dampen our enjoyment of this unforgettable event.

Many years, many adventures and three restorations and yet one goal was still unmet. In 1963, when I removed the engine from the pickup, I noted that the engine and frame numbers matched meaning that this was the original engine. The engine needed major work so, I put it on the shelf hoping to someday rebuild it and put it back where it belonged. That day came in 2011 when Erik and I rebuilt it with all new parts including a counterbalanced Scat crankshaft with Model A rods and a new Stipe camshaft. The job was completed in time for the California Dreaming Tour. We ran circles around the hills of Solvang with an engine that had not run since 1940!

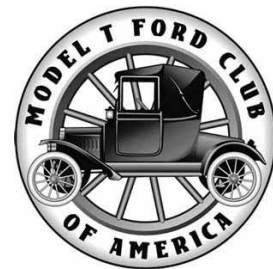
The irony of this long tale is that in the 1960s, the Model T was worn out and feeble and I was in prime shape and ready to go. Now, the Model T is in prime shape and eager to go and I have become worn out and feeble.

Roger Barrett

Editor's note: Thanks Roger for the great story of your experience with your T. Now who will be next to step up to the plate and tell us about your Model T experience? It doesn't have to be a literary work, even a short one page story would be great.



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2014 Officers

President ----- Gary Krezman 530-823-7957
Vice President ----- Susie Krezman 530-823-7957
Treasurer ----- Kitty Goodell 916-334-5904
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Gordon Goodell ----- 916-334-5904 - 2014-2015
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Stephen Short ----- 916-791-7087 - 2014-2015

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Website & Newsletter - John Saylor

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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:

The Model T Ford Club of America
P.O. Box 126
Centerville, In 47330-0126
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www.mtcfa.com email: admin@mtfca.com



**FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CHARTER CELEBRATION
SOCIAL HOUR: 11:00 TO NOON, LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT NOON
MARCH 1, 2014 AT AUBURN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB LOCATED AT 8800
AUBURN VALLEY ROAD IN AUBURN, CA.**

******PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE EARLIER TIME FOR CHARTER CELEBRATION
ALL ENTREES COME WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLE MEDLEY, HOUSE MADE
BREAD AND BUTTER AND A SLICE OF BIRTHDAY CAKE.
PICK AN ENTREE**

- (1) CHEESE TORTELLINI WITH CRIMINI MUSHROOMS AND ASPARAGUS IN AN ALFRED SAUCE**
- (2) BAKED SALMON WITH LEMON CAPER DILL BEURRE BLANC WITH POTATOES AU GRATIN**
- (3) MARINATED TRI TIP CHARBROILED WITH MUSHROOM BORDELAISE AND MASHED POTATOES**

**COST IS \$15.00 PER MEMBER \$30.00 PER GUEST
WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS ARE FREE**

**SEND CHECK MADE OUT TO MOTHER LODGE MODEL T CLUB TO:
SUSIE KREZMAN 3950 TODD ROAD, AUBURN, CA 95602 ANY
QUESTIONS CALL SUSIE AT 530 823-7957**

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 22, 2014.

PLEASE BRING AN OLD PHOTO OF A CLUB ACTIVITY TO SHARE

+++++++CUT HERE AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION+++++++

NAMES _____

TOTAL IN YOUR GROUP ATTENDING _____

CHEESE TORTELLINI _____ BAKED SALMON _____ MARINATE TRI TIP _____

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS _____

WIDOW OR WIDOWER CHECK HERE _____