



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

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**January 2014**

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## Activities at a Glance

- ◆ January 9 - **Thursday, Monthly Meeting.** Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.
- ◆ January 15, Wednesday, LOL Lunch, String's Italian Restaurant, Auburn. 11:30 am. RSVP Mary Lynn Barrett 530-885-1069.
- ◆ January 18, 1 pm - **President's Pizza Feed.** Mountain Mike's, 2520 Bell Rd. Auburn.
- ◆ January 25-26 - Turlock Swap Meet- [Details](#)
- ◆ February 1, **Annual Crab Feed.** See details this issue.
- ◆ March - Charter Dinner Celebration
- ◆ April 4-5, ACCC Convention at the CAM
- ◆ April 11-12 - HCCA Bakersfield Swap meet
- ◆ May 31 - Mother Lode Swap meet setup and BBQ.
- ◆ June 1 - **Mother Lode Swap Meet.** Gold Country Fairgrounds.

## Pizza Feed, Saturday, January 18

Come on out and kick off the new year at our annual *President's Pizza Feed*. The club provides the pizza, you come, eat, socialize and help kick off the new year. Mountain Mike's Pizza, 2520 Bell Rd. Corner of Hwy 49 and Bell Rd. 1 pm.



## Annual Crab Feed

Check the flyer on the back page to reserve your place for our annual crab feed. The date is Saturday, February 1, 2014. The big event will again be held at the Canyon View Community Center, Sierra room, 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn. RSVP by January 24.



Photos from the Gold Country Speedster Run  
taken by Steve Elliott



## What's Happening at the CAM

### Dirt! Racing on Sacramento's Legendary Tracks

On display through February 2, 2014



The California Automobile Museum will host a wide variety of race cars from the rich dirt track racing history in and near Sacramento. This exhibit will include examples of Sprint Cars, Hardtops, Super Modifieds and more – all of which still race today!

All cars in this exhibit still race today in vintage races. Some are completely original with only safety modifications, some are replicas of specific cars in the past, and some are somewhere in between where they are the original cars but with modifications over the years as they have continued to race.

#### *A sampling of the cars that will be on display:*

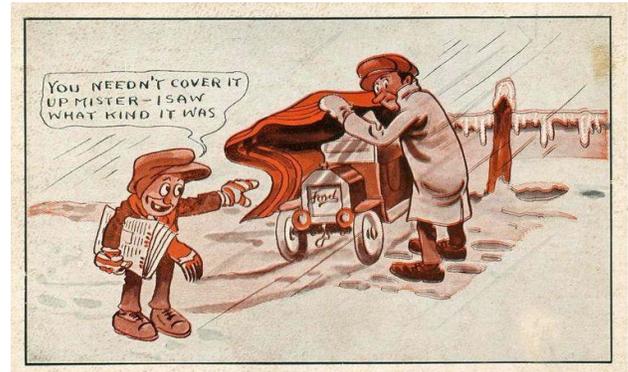
- Midget from the famous Vukovich family as tribute car.
- Hardtop sponsored by a women's beauty salon in the mid-50s.
- Supermodified that was raced by the "Manteca Terror" Johnny Brazil.
- Supermodified raced and won multiple championships at West Capital.

This exhibit was put together with assistance from the [West Capital Raceway Alumni Association](#).

Remember, every club member gets one free admission.

### Reminder- Dues are Due

Kitty has mailed out the 2014 dues invoices. You don't want to miss an issue of the T Diggins' or be left out of the roster. So, if you haven't sent them in yet, 12-31 is the deadline.



### 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.

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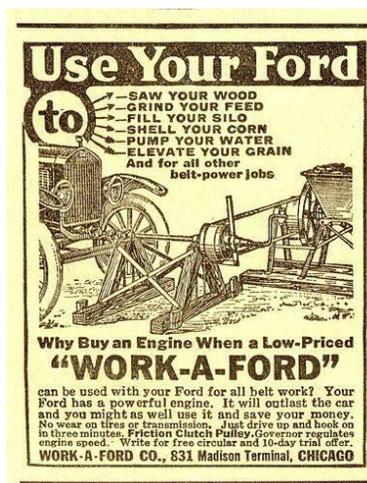


### Club Shirts

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, XL. 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.





## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### January Anniversaries

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

### January Birthdays

Julie Instness	2	Barbara Ward	18
Mark Porco	7	Mervin Hall	18
Rachel Finkbeiner	13	Nita Purvis	19
Lynne Lyndon	14	Gordon Goodell	21
Naomi Edmonds	16	Barbara Lawrence	22



## Part 5 of a short series on "The Prodigal Ford" or "Lizzy, Come Home"

by Roger Barrett.

For several years, I had been accumulating parts and supplies to restore the truck and in 1968 the work began. It was completely dismantled. The frame was sandblasted and painted and the chassis rebuilt. There were lots of new Ford parts available from Mark Auto in those days and I used them in the front and rear end. The engine and transmission were rebuilt. I had taught myself to do Babbitt work and I did all the bearing work myself by methods which today, I would consider to be very crude. The wood wheels were replaced with wire wheels. Better front fenders were used, a patch was made to cover the hole in the fire wall and a stock gas tank replaced the altered one that came with the truck.. Body work was done and it was painted black. New seat springs and upholstery and a new top and it was finished. Except for large tail lights and turn signals, it was completely stock. This was the first restoration and it was marvelous in our eyes. All of this took over three years and we were now approaching 1972.

In 1973, we moved to Auburn and in summer of 1974 went on a tour with the Mother Lode Club to the Rainbow Lodge. Half way up the hill, my truck over heated and went on the trouble trailer. The four of us were parceled out to other cars and we made a lot of new friends. The truck was unloaded at Harry Sands place at the top of the grade and ran fine after that. Unfortunately, this was to be our last Model T experience for some time. A financial crises made it necessary to sell the truck. I sold it to a friend of mine in Southern CA who had a large car collection. He agreed to give me first choice if he decided to resell it. In 1983 he called me to say that he had lost control of his collection in a divorce and that it was being sold. At this point, I lost track of the pickup.

Let us fast forward to 1989. Chris Egsgaard called me with an interesting tale. Once again, he was building a speedster. There was an upcoming tour from Texas to the Arctic Circle. He had completed the running gear

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*("The Prodigal Ford" continued..)*

but did not have time to complete the body before the tour. So, he bought a nice looking pickup, lifted the body off and put it on his speedster frame. Inside one of the body panels, he found an old registration with my name on it. He had called to ask me a question about the wiring of the turn signals. I, of course, told him that I would like to buy it when his car was finished and he didn't need the body anymore. I have a picture of Chris and the pickup in a line up at the Arctic Circle. He is the only one with the top down.

The call came in 1991 and Erik and I were on our way to Reseda with a trailer to recover the pickup. This was a good deal for Chris because he knew that he could sell the thing to me without bothering to reassemble it. Soon, it was home again after being gone for 17 years! Instead of Tickup, I should have named it cicada.

Now began the second restoration. We added a Muncie transmission which gave extra gears and an overdrive. Next were Rocky Mountain brakes. The biggest challenge was the pickup box which was never the best. I had two other boxes which we took apart and used the best parts. I bought a new front panel and new tailgate. All of this had to be riveted back together. New oak flooring was cut and fitted to the bed with new steel strips holding the panels together. It was a nasty job but it came out rather well. The body and a new hood were painted channel green and everything else black. Soon, everything was reassembled and ready to go for the 1992 touring season. I was hoping to go to Rainbow Lodge again so I could improve on the 1974 performance.

*To be Continued....*

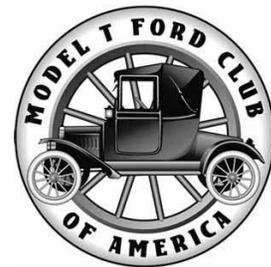
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### ***Blast from the Past.. Memorial Day, May 2006, Joint tour with HCCA to French Meadows***





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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  
Secretary ----- John Saylor 916-723-1613

## Board Members

Gordon Goodell ----- 916-334-5904 - 2014-2015  
Lewis Burcher ----- 530-885-6912 - 2014-2015  
Junette Avey Brown -- 916-436-4176 - 2014-2015  
Stephen Short ----- 916-791-7087 - 2014-2015

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 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  
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 1, 2014  
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 January 24, 2014, 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.)?