



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Mother Lode Model T Club

<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

**October 2014**

## Activities at a Glance

- ♦ **October 9 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting.**  
Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn.  
Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm.  
Meeting will start at 7 pm.
- ♦ **October 21, Tuesday, LOL Lunch,**  
11:30 Am, Rubino's Ristorante,  
5015 Pacific Street, Rocklin,  
Hostess: Wanda Johnston 530-637-4960
- ♦ **October 25 - Annual Fall Colors Tour -**  
**To Alta, Dutch Flat & Gold Drift mine**  
**Museum. Lunch at Monte Vista Inn.**  
**Meet at Raley's 8:30 AM. Leave at 9 am.**
- ♦ **Dec 7 - Christmas Party, Auburn Valley**  
**Country Club - Eula Marriott**

## September Mining Equipment Tour

We met up at Raley's on September 20. The morning sky was slightly smoky from the King fire. The Marriott's had a fun day planned for us. Our destination was Ron Bledsoe's private collection of mining equipment.

We left Raley's with 14 Model T's and three Model A's. Our route took us through some country that many of us had never seen before. We toured through the Winchester Country Club area and a morning R & R break at Meadow Vista Park. Ken & Olivia had quite a spread for us. Gary sampled the first donut and declared it all eatable. Leaving Meadow Vista we toured on Dog Bar Road past last week's fire area. We continued on to Rattlesnake Road to Lower Colfax and then Sunshine Valley Road to the Chicago Park area. Here, as we entered the Bledsoe property, we could

tell from the rock walls, paved road and wrought iron gates that we were approaching a first class place.



Ron was there to direct and park us. There were artifacts from the early mining era displayed all around the property. We

walked on a trail along both sides of a creek looking at all the displays. Several hundred feet of wooden pipes, used to direct water into the huge monitors were around the property. Inside one building was a saloon, brothel, hotel, general store and many other displays depicting the days long gone. Ron related that although he has been collecting for many years, they have only been at this location 8 years. There has been a lot of hard work in a very short time building this display and museum. Check the club website for more pictures.

We then toured on into Colfax where we had lunch at Shang Garden Chinese restaurant. Here again the Marriott's found a great place to eat with good food and friendly service.

Thanks to the Marriott's, Vern, Eula, Ken, Olivia and of course, Maya and Levi for a great tour.



## Antique Autos in History Park

Seven members from our club made the trek to San Jose on September 14 to check out this event sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Club.



The park was full of antique cars and displays set in amongst buildings from the era of our cars. There Model T's, A's, Olds, Packards, Cadillac and Studebakers. Then there were cars like Stevens-Duryea, Stutz, Reo, Dodge Bros and the steamers such as White, Stanley, Prescott and

Locomotive. The steam cars were the featured car this year. They gave a history of steam cars, their performance and demise. Then they started them up and drove through the park. There were also a blacksmith shop, machine shop and a painting gallery. There was a working trolley museum-workshop that was open to walk through. Several of us were found at the candy and ice cream shop sampling the goodies. We should make this an annual trek. See all the photos on the website.



### LOL - Lunch

October 21 - Tuesday, 11:30 AM - All ladies in the club are invited to join in for Lunch at Rubino's Ristorante, 5015 Pacific Street, Rocklin.

Hostess: Wanda Johnston 530-637-4960

### Swap Meet Trailer Work Day

Save the date. A new date has been set to work on the swap meet trailer - November 1, at Jerry Moore's ranch, 3915 Moore Rd., Lincoln.

### Fall Colors Tour

The Fall Colors tour is set for Saturday, October 25. Erik and Cindy are planning a scenic route and loop around the historic communities of Alta and Dutch Flat. We have made special arrangements for a private visit at the Golden Drift museum to learn of the fascinating mining and railroad history of the area. We then plan to stop at the Monte Vista Inn for lunch before heading home. We will meet at Raley's at 8:30 and leave at 9 am. More info at the next meeting. RSVP to Erik and Cindy Lindstedt 530-878-2491

So, don't miss this last tour of the season. Get those T's tuned up and be part of it.



## For Sale

**Original Model T pickup bed including tailgate and a new wood kit. \$400. Contact Jerry in Auburn at 530-885-0278**

## 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.

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### Club Shirts

We also still have a small 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.

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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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### Cub Logo Hats

Member Jerry Anders has a limited supply of dark blue hats with the gold club logo embroidered on. They are \$10 each. See Jerry at a meeting. Contact him at 916-390-1392.

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### Club Sweat Shirts

Get ready for the cool season. We are looking to order some sweat shirts with the club logo on the back and name on the front similar design to the Tees. Styles of: hoody, crew, zipper or not. Sign up at the meeting for your style and size. Approximate price will be 25.00 depending on style and quantity. Price breaks at multiples of 12.

We will finalize at the October Meeting

## Board Members for 2015

**It's time to nominate new board members. Our board has eight members that serve a term of two years. Four members serve overlapping years so only four need to be replaced each year. Those completing a four year term are Gary Krezman, Susie Krezman, John Saylor and Kitty Goodell. The nominating committee will be contacting members to find volunteers to serve.**

Below are a few pictures from the American Pickers visit to Vern and Eula's earlier this year.



If you missed the show, it can

be seen again on the History channel on line. Title is "Plymouth Rocks"



The Marriotts will be toward the end of the episode.

Just click the link below -

<http://www.history.com/shows/american-pickers/episodes>

This month I will be starting a series from member Steve Short on his families involvement in the Indy 500 and the ultimate acquisition of his 1927 Roadster. Enjoy.....

## *Do we all have a Story? Oh Boy.....We sure do!*

“Our” Story is about the Short Family’s unlikely **Indy 500** history springing from the small town of Wauseon, Ohio in the mid 1950’s.



We brothers all remember our Father (Maynard Short), a decorated combat veteran of WW II and Korea, in the dining room listening to radio broadcasts of the **500** opening with "Stay tuned for the Greatest Spectacle in Racing". In 1955 my older brother Doug remembers hearing of the tragic death of Bill Vukovich. It was a somber day for them and countless racing Fans across the Country. What we did not know was that Dad’s interest in the **500** had already been firmly planted in his head through the colorful work of Sid Collins and the IMS Radio Network.

It must be said that had our Father not survived his D-Day landing on Utah Beach, and 5 subsequent battles in WW II, our Family’s **500** Story would never have happened. Writing this Essay is my way of honoring Dad for his interest in Racing, and the remarkable impact **IMS** has provided as glue for our Family over some 60 Years.

### *Our growing family racing interest:*

**Late 1950’s:** A period of time which saw the craze of “Go Kart” racing sweep into the edge of our town with the construction of a 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile dirt track. Local “gear heads” were soon putting on great shows slinging their machines sideways, and racing wheel to wheel around the track in a cloud of dust and flying dirt clods. We packed in the bleachers and were in awe of the sights, sounds, and excitement of the regular weekend shows! My racing interest blossomed further and I pestered Dad for a Kart, but my meager savings from delivering newspapers for the Toledo Blade left me with no hope.

I never got the Kart I wanted, but Dad managed to acquire a backyard builder’s crude quarter midget ride for me and Doug. The Briggs engine was strong, but the drive train was primitive, and the paint job certainly left much to be desired. However, I managed to turn a few joyous laps on the dirt track before the belt drive failed. Doug and I sadly pushed it home to Dad’s carport where it awaited mechanical knowledge, money, and repairs that never happened. **So much for my Racing Career!**

### *My lucky turn of fate:*

**1960:** My school buddy, Ted Barnes invited me to attend my 1<sup>st</sup> Race at age 13 with his Dad. I leaped at the opportunity, and spent a mostly sleepless night in their early 50’s Pontiac in Tony Hulman’s “North Forty” Encampment! On Race Day morning we arrived through the back stretch tunnel and walked the Infield to Gasoline Alley to see all the action. I will never forget the sound of those high compression Offy engines being tuned, nor watching the start of my first Race pressed against the mobbed Turn 4 fence. As a huge fan of **Rodger Ward**, I was very unhappy when Jim Rathmann took the checkered flag!



### *The game changing day in May:*

**1961:** I spent much of the next 12 months badgering Dad to take me and Brother Doug to attend the Race. Amazingly Dad’s earlier IMS radio experiences won him over, as he finally relented! Dad bought us General Admission and backstretch bleacher tickets and we experienced the jaw dropping sight of Jim Hurtubise dusting off 32 other cars as the **field of 33** roared down the backstretch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Lap!

The sights, the sounds, and the fuel smells were incredible, and this was when I realized something special had happened between Father and Sons. At day’s end, we saw AJ Foyt chalk up his 1<sup>st</sup> Win in the 500 Golden Anniversary Race, and we never had to beg Dad again to say “**Let’s go racing!**”

Little Brother Mark joined us in 1965 when Dad and **We 3 Brothers** became a “hard core” **500 racing family!**





## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### September Anniversaries

Mike & Pat Bashore	5
Russ & Nita Purvis	7
Jack & Cleona Duncan	11
Steven & Liz Mishler	18
Bruce & Carol Fitzsimmons	21
Dustin & Mary Ramsey	27
Ken & Olivia Marriott	28

### September Birthdays

Richard Instness	2	Jeff Instness	19
Eula Marriott	9	Mark O'Connor	20
Maya Marroitt	11	Dave Barnes	26
Elizabeth Porco	15	Doug Avery	26
Vern Marriott	16	Helen Johnson	28
Paula Mikles	16	Doris Bailey	29
Al Stoll	17		



## General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club  
General Meeting Minutes,  
September 11, 2014

The September 2014, general membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Gary Krezman. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca.

**Greeter Report** - Junette introduced Larry Borchert from the Auburn Air Show

**Secretary Report** – John reported the minutes of the last general meeting (August 2014) were printed in September *T Diggins'*. There were not any corrections or additions. Minutes will stand as printed. Correspondence from other clubs and other miscellaneous was passed around.

**Treasurer Report** – Kitty gave report for two months due to her absence last month. Income and expense was the normal items. We are still solvent.

**Sunshine Report** - All is well.

### Activities

**VP Susie reported the upcoming events -**

*September 14-* Sunday is the Santa Clara Clubs event - Antique Autos in History Park. Several members are going.

*Last Cruise* night this week. Vern is getting his TT from his uncle ready for the night.

*September 20* is the Marriott's mining museum tour. Vern gave the details.

*October 25* is the Fall Colors Tour. Erik Lindstedt gave the details. This year the tour will go a different direction and will avoid Nevada City.

*October 4* is the Gold Country Speedster run. Les gave the details. Route will go to Downeyville. Open to all speedsters and any other cars that may want to participate. Run will start and end in Alta Sierra.

**LOL** will be at the Happy Wok on September 16.

### Old Business

#### **Reports**

**Breakfast Tour** - Gary reported the tour was a great success. We had a nice drive to Lincoln and good



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food. The museum was very informative on the history of Lincoln. Also, as we were leaving Raley's a bicyclist ran a stop sign, a local police car saw him and pulled him over. A last one of them got caught!

**Trailer repair** - John, Gary and Kenny have checked out the trailer and have a list of things that need to be done. The date has been moved to Saturday, November 1.

**Cups-** Steve still has cups. Call him or see him at the meeting to reserve yours.

**Sweat Shirts** - Sweat shirt order was discussed. Sign up passed around again. Discussion on sizing and quality. We have enough signed up to get the quantity price. John will get detailed pricing and sizing for next meeting.

### New Business

**Nominating committee** - Gary discussed the need to nominate new board members for next year. Those completing their two year term are Gary, Susie, John and Kitty. Erik Lindstedt, Bill Finkbiener and Phil Lawrence will be the nominating committee. If anyone can serve on the board give one of them a call.

**Auburn Air Fair** - Larry Borchert gave the presentation about the event - Thunder in the Sky, September 27. Planes will include war birds, a DC-4 from the Berlin Airlift, a Hawker Sea Fury, RC planes and many more. He is looking for 4-5 Model T's to be on display at the show. Within minutes we had several signed up. Larry will get packages together and send to the participants with instructions and passes.

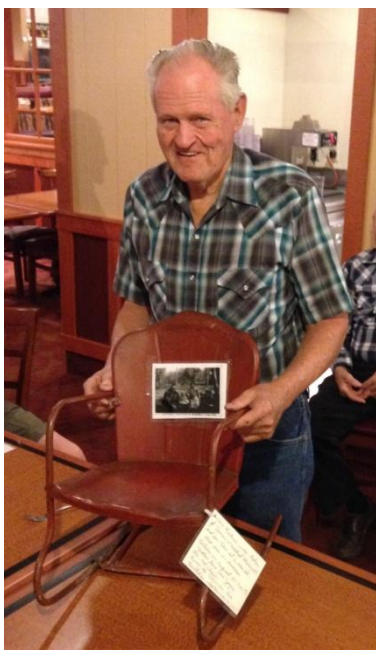
**American Pickers Celebrity**, Vern Marriott told a little more about the experience. We gave a round of applause for his very natural demeanor on camera.

**Special Birthday** - Vern's sister Joyce presented him with a special birthday gift. It was a little metal rocking chair from when he was an infant and a picture of him in it with his parents.

**50-50** -- Levi was not here tonight so no raffle tickets were sold.

Since there was no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

John Saylor, Secretary



*Vern sitting in the rocking chair with parents  
Vernon & Mildred Marriott. (They were also members of the club)*

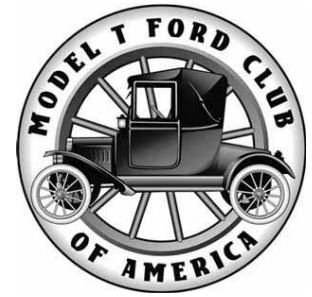


*From the Auburn Air Show, September 27*



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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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