



T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

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Get ready for
the Swap
Meet!
Coming Soon!

May 2015

President's Ramblings



We kicked off the touring season with a great Shakedown! It was a nice visit with Jack and Cleona Duncan and a nice and easy tour through the countryside. Looks like there might be a new home for the feared hard luck trophy and Lewie is very willing to pass it on. (See who the winner could be on page 2. EL) We ended up in Historic Folsom where we met up with the Sacramento club, toured the historic village and of course plenty of good food at El Pueblo. If you missed it, check the website for pictures. For those of you that missed the last meeting, I was presented with a trophy for editing the best club newsletter in the MTFCA. It was announced at the 50th anniversary National Meeting in Orange County. Thanks to Gary & Susie for attending and accepting the award for me. I was quite surprised to win this award. I want to thank all of you who have submitted stories and material for the T Diggins'. Please continue to send articles to Erik (Lindstedt) as he now the editor. We have more tours coming up so be sure to watch the events calendar so you won't miss out on the fun.

John Saylor

Activities Calendar

May 11 – Board & Swap Meet Meeting. Round Table Pizza, Loomis, 6 pm.

May 14 – Thursday Monthly Meeting, Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30-6 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

May 17 – Tour. Meet at Raley's in Auburn at 9 am. Junette Avey-Brown, 916-436-4176.

May 19 – LOL Gathering. "Meat & Potatoes" Restaurant. 130 Maple Street, across from Historic Auburn Courthouse. Norma Hyatt, 530-855-9011.

May 30 – **Swap Meet set-up at fairgrounds. All hands on deck at 9 am. Club Tri-tip BBQ & Pot-Luck at 5 pm.**

May 31 – **39th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet. Auburn Fairgrounds.**

June 6 – Ford Tri-Motor fly-in. Lincoln Airport.

June 13 – Manifold Cookout Tour. Saylor

July 4 – Tour to Dutch Flat and their Annual Independence Day Parade. Burcher-Goodell.

Aug 15 – Ice Cream Social. Toni & Jerry Moore's, 2790 China Wells Rd., Auburn. 4 pm Social and 5 pm Potluck.

Sept 12 – Colfax Rail Road Days Sequential. Tour leader needed

Sept 13 – Antique Autos in History Park, San Jose. Santa Clara Valley Model T Club

Oct TBA – Fall Colors Tour. Lindstedt.

Dec 6 – Annual Christmas Banquet. Auburn Valley Country Club. 3 pm.



Seventh Annual Gil Machado Shakedown Tour

On April 11, 2015 18 cars and 36 members left Raley's for the first tour of the season. For some of the newer members, The Shakedown Tour was named after my Dad, Gil Machado, in 2009. He was one of the Founding Members back in 1968. The Shakedown was always one of his favorite tours of the year. This tour has always started out our touring season, hence the name Shakedown. So to carry on the tradition, I will be your tour leader for the Shakedown, for as long as I can climb in a Model T. I do that to honor my Dad.

We traveled to Ophir to visit two of our longtime club members, Jack and Cleona Duncan. There we had Gary's donut stop. If you have not seen the group shot that our Professional Photographer, Dominique Cogne took, it serves as a perfect salute to Jack and Cleona Duncan.

From there we took back roads to Folsom. Our destination was the Folsom Railroad Museum. Some people went shopping at the antique stores, visited the Farmers



Market and went to the Railroad

Museum. Levi and Maya Marriott (fourth generation Model T'ers) and their cousin Alexis had a great time panning for gold. We met up at the Railroad Museum with the Sacramento Group, they had sixteen members.

On to lunch at a little Mexican restaurant on Auburn Folsom Road. There we were able to have some great drinks from the bar and relax on the patio until lunch was served.

When we combined the Sacramento Group and the Auburn Group, we had 52 people and twenty six cars.

Thank you all for coming out with your cars, enthusiasm for the hobby, and being so much fun to be around. Look forward to more touring this year.

Susie Krezman

50th Anniversary of the Model T Ford Club of America

On March 27-29, 2015 in Garden Grove, California the Orange County Model T Club hosted the annual meeting of the Model T Ford Club of America.

The event started on Friday March 27 with attendees being greeted with a goodie bag and the itinerary for the next two days. There was a Hospitality Room set up for all to enjoy that afternoon.



*And our trophy winner is...
Vern Marriott!*

Friday night we were treated to a dessert reception. The room was divided into three sections and we enjoyed a game of Jeopardy. The prize was \$100,000.00. All answers were Model T related. I am proud to announce that Gary and I were in the winning section, along with Milt Webb and family. Our prize as it turned out was a \$100,000 candy bar. There was also door prizes for each family. Judy Burrell from the Orange County Chapter did a great job with door prizes.

Saturday morning we were taken by bus to the Lyons Airplane Museum. This museum consisted of WWII airplanes, motorcycles, jeeps, cars and one token Model T. Then it was off to the garage of Randy Emas to look at his collection of cars, and shopping at the Orange Plaza where we all had lunch and visited.

Saturday night was the banquet and Annual Awards Dinner. The theme was "The Yellow Brick Road." We had a visit from the wicked witch of the north who was a Chevy fan, she soon melted. Then we had a visit from Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Lion and the Scarecrow. They were looking for the wizard. The wizard turned out to be a recorded interview with Bruce McCalley one of the Founders of the Model T Ford Club of America.

From there they showed pictures of each past Club Presidents. Also, a picture of each Rosenthal Winner was shown. This is where our club was well represented; as we have three Rosenthal winners, Max Edmonds, Milt Webb, and Ron Brown, Sr. In attendance were five past winners.

Our own John Saylor was awarded the 2014 Newsletter Award. Congratulations to John. It was great to see his work honored at the National Level.

Sunday was the Annual Meeting.

Next year the meeting will be held in Boise, Idaho in early April 2016.

Susie Krezman

LOL Gathering for May

This month's LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at 11:30 am at "Meat and Potatoes" restaurant located across from the Historic Auburn Courthouse, near Downtown Auburn (Formerly the Latitudes Restaurant), 130 Maple Street. There is parking in the lower parking lot behind the Restaurant, with an elevator up to the restaurant - or park in front of the Restaurant. Norma Hyatt is hosting the event and can be reached at 530-885-9011.

Battery Chargers - New Technology

Car batteries are like piggy banks. If you keep taking out of the battery without putting back in, at some point you will have nothing. That is why some batteries last two years and others last as long as eight years. Sulfonation is what kills batteries. That is the white material that builds up on the plates and reduces the current flow coming out the battery. The current flow is often referred to as cold cranking amps. Some new battery chargers have microprocessors, ie computers, which can pulse the current going into the battery. This helps to reduce the sulfate build-up on the plates. Reducing sulfonation is difficult once it has started which is why battery maintenance is important. Charging frequently is helpful. Cheap trickle chargers are adequate but they don't have the pulse



technology to reduce sulfonation. I recommend 1 battery charger with maintainer and pulse technology at around 5 amps and a high amp charger with 20+ amps with boost capability to start a car with a dead battery.

Bob McCoy (*Hey Bob, Thanks much sharing for the great tech article! EL*)

General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club

General Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2015

The April 2015 general membership meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President John Saylor. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.

Greeter Report – Junette Avey welcomed long time Members, Rich and Sherry Silva who have not been able to attend Club Meetings for some time.

Sunshine Report – Susie Krezman reported that she had sent “Thinking of You” Cards to Dustin Ramsey and Pat Bashore

Secretary Report – Steve Short reported the minutes of the March 12th 2015 General Meeting were printed in last months “T Diggins' Newsletter”. As there were no corrections or additions requested, the March Minutes were declared to stand as published. Correspondence from other clubs and other miscellaneous items of interest was then passed around the room.

Treasurer Report - Kitty Goodell provided a summary overview of the Club's Monthly Income & Expense Report: for the period of February 2015. Overall, the Club remains in a largely unchanged and strong financial condition.

Vice President's Report – Suzie commented that the 2015 Touring Season was filling up nicely, and she was expecting a possible record turnout for the 7th Annual Gil Machado Shakedown Tour! Please refer to the detailed events schedule below for a complete overview. She also commented that Volunteer Tour Leaders are still needed for the months of August and September). Finally, she reminded everyone that

the Shakedown Tour planned to pay a short stop to visit Jack and Cleona Dunkin to deliver a good dose of Club Sunshine for these long time Members. (The stop will also include the always important Doughnut Pit Stop for her Husband Gary!)

Activities

LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) – Junette Avey reported that the April gathering is set for April 24, 2015 at Pete's Restaurant.

Old Business

Club Trailer repair – Gary Krezman provided a brief summary of the status of the old Club Trailer to “make ready” for the upcoming Swap meet in May. He made a call for volunteers to join a small work party starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 2nd at the Barrett Family shop yard to accomplish a final cleanup and interior ceiling painting as well as a thorough cleaning of all food service and miscellaneous equipment.

MLMTC Cups - Steve Short still has Club insulated travel cups for \$10 a “pop”. Contact him directly if you would like to purchase one!

Sweat Shirts - John reported that he still had a small stock of MLMTC shirts. If you are interested, please contact John directly to see what sizes are available.

Schedule for upcoming Events – Susie Krezman, Club V.P. provided a general summary of upcoming MLMTC Events and activities for the Membership:

T-Diggins Update – Erik Lindstedt expressed thanks to those Members who have recently submitted stories to him for inclusion in the Club Newsletter. He again challenged the crowd to

keep those stories coming. No Story is too short, or to long! Erik also shared his personal interest in arranging for a Club Tour to Yosemite in the future.

Show and Tell – Steve Short then shared his Story (and his broken Roller Timer artifact) that failed him while driving his 1927 Roadster to the Club’s Safety Check. With a single broken spring (about 3/4th of an inch in length) he and his car came to a dead stop in the middle of the intersection of Bell Road and Route 49. With the able assistance of Erik Barrett, a “band aid” used Timer was installed. The Car was then checked out at the Safety Check at Louis Burcher’s home, and declared “fit to run” in the Shakedown Tour. Steve (feeling cocky) told his wife Virginia that she could go ahead and drive home. She (using the awesome powers of feminine intuition) said she would feel better if she followed me home. It turned out that our car made it about 3 miles or so where the replacement timer also failed spectacularly right in front of the Auburn Fair Grounds! Since it was now after 5:00 PM, we had no choice but to go on “the Hook” where we had a tow truck deliver us to Erik & Roger Barrett’s Shop. All in all it was a pretty long and tiring day, but we would not be deterred from further repairs, and attending the upcoming Shakedown Tour.

Gary Krezman reported on his attendance to the 2 day long gathering of the National Model T Ford Club of America in Anaheim, CA celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the National Club’s leadership in preserving the legacy and history of our cars. Among the many special events and activities that took place, was an award given to the Editor of the very best Model T Club Newsletter. Our very own T Diggins letter created and edited by John (and Janice) Saylor took 1st place from the judges of MTFCA! The crowd responded with sustained heartfelt applause (and a few inevitable wise

cracks) as pictures were taken with John and the Trophy!

50-50 – The Crowd looked dazed and confused when they realized that there is no 50-50 drawing this evening!

New Business

Swap Meet Volunteers Needed - “Sign up worksheets” were circulated for volunteers for the Swap Meet to assist in various support service activities including:

- Field Marking (already fully staffed)
- Tent and Food Service Booth Set up
- Tent and Food Service Booth Tear down & General Clean up.
- Food Booth Support (in all of its many tasks and Needs)
- Pie and Cookie contributions to be sold at the Swap Meet.
- Annual set up and support for the Saturday afternoon Club BBQ
- Vendor Gate Management & Vendor parking assistance.

The President made a call for any other New Business from the membership present. Hearing none, he gavelled the Meeting to a close at 8:00 PM Sharp!

Stephen Short, Secretary



Treasures from last year’s Swap Meet

Update on 2015 Homecoming !

Plans for the 2015 Homecoming in Richmond are in full swing and we are excited about how this annual event continues to grow and become more popular every year! The Homecoming Committee and Henry Hoosiers Chapter are hard at work recruiting, promoting, selling, and planning for the June 6 event.

Swap Meet participation is excellent this year and the Show-N-Tell displays are new and different, especially since adding the Pre-1945 All Ford aspect to the event. Highlights will include a 1916 apartment camper coming up from Florida, a 1923 Lincoln touring car, and a porcelain license plate collection. In addition to the displays of Model Ts and other vintage Fords, there is an area for demonstrations and educational opportunities for young, old, and everyone in-between.

New additions to this year's Homecoming include tours on June 4 and 5 that visit many of the favorite spots enjoyed during the 2008 Centennial. Thursday is a half-day tour starting around noon that highlights Richmond and Wayne County. Friday is a full-day tour that extends south to the scenic canal town of Metamora and beautiful Brookville Lake. There is no cost for the tours. The routes have been planned by Jerry and Kim Kramer and complete directions are provided and can be picked up at the Museum starting Wednesday evening, June 3.

The fun continues to grow on the big day — Saturday, June 6. In addition to the Swap Meet, Show-N-Tell, and demonstrations, we have added a T-Treasure Hunt with a chance to win an Amazon Fire HD7 tablet, a Silent Auction, face painting, historic walking tours of the Richmond Depot District, rides in Model Ts for local attendees, music, and guest appearances by 'historic celebrities.' Of course, great food will be available throughout the day, including breakfast, provided by Tin Lizzie Café, plus fresh popcorn, and unique & yummy Ullery's ice cream.

The 2015 Homecoming will conclude with a dinner celebration on Saturday night at the Firehouse BBQ & Blues. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Cost is \$15 per person (beer, wine, liquor, tax, and gratuity not included). For reservations, email hosts Jerry & Kim Kramer: kimjkramer@gmail.com. The people and businesses of Richmond are excited to have the Model Ts back in town and look forward to providing the same friendly service seen at the 2008 Centennial event. If you haven't made plans to attend yet, we hope you do so today! If you need hotel, B&B, or camping reservations, visit the Wayne County Tourism site at:

<http://visitrichmond.org/visitors/where-to-stay> or call 800-828-8414 for assistance.

More details to come, but you can visit the Homecoming site for more details and/or to register for Swap Meet or Show-N-Tell space: <http://www.modeltfordclubofamerica.com/homecoming/>. We hope to see everyone in Richmond in June!

(Submitted by Barbara Klehfoth)

New Members

Please welcome our newest members, Larry & Margo Borchert and Richard & Nancy Eddinger. Many of us already know Larry from his part in organizing the car display at the Auburn Air Show last fall. Richard is busy getting their 1915 Roadster ready to tour. Please add them into your rosters and email lists:

Larry & Margo Borchert, 21305 Knolls Dr.
Grass Valley, Ca 95949, (916) 508-1820
lkborchert@gmail.com

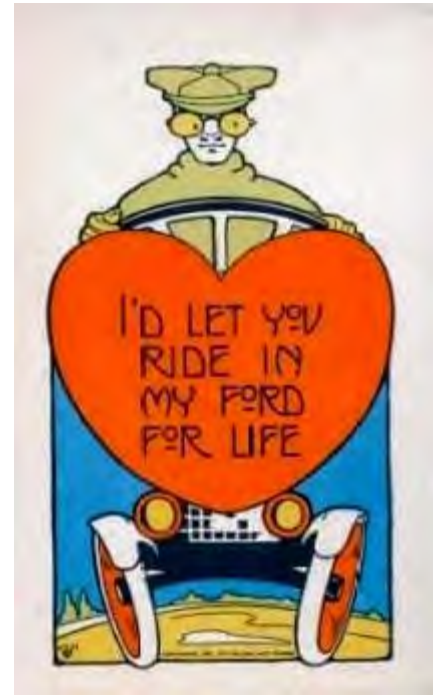
Richard & Nancy Eddinger, 8941 Sawtelle Way,
Sacramento, Ca 95826, (916) 389-08154
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Trading Post

Wanted: Doors (front and rear) for 1928 Model A Sedan Delivery. Call Sam 916-834-3036.

Happy May Birthdays

Lewie Burcher	1
Milt Webb	1
Kendall Porco	3
Levi Marriott	5
Les Silvera	8
Pat Bashore	14
Bertie Baughman	16
Cleona Duncan	18
Bob McCoy	20



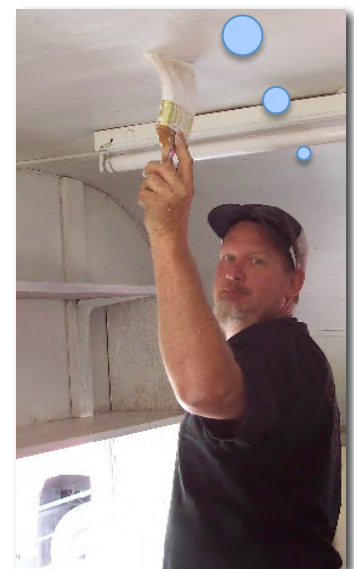
Happy May Anniversaries

Richard & Bertie Baughman	9
Arnold & Barbara Ward	18

Getting the trailer ready for the Swap Meet!

"There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something." Henry Ford

"I dream my painting and I paint my dream." Vincent van Gogh





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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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