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Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club
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April 2015

President's Ramblings

We had a great time at the annual charter dinner. Thanks to Susie for chairing this event and to Joyce for decorating. The country club did its usual outstanding job. We had a beautiful view of the golf course and spent time visiting, catching up, reminiscing and honoring those who founded our club. Our last meeting was again a lot of fun with more auction items provided by Rich. No one was interested in the old tool roll and wrenches but the mystery item, decorated in a clear box with purple bubble wrap, was indeed a good buy. Not much interest at first but before long we had a bidding war on this unsuspecting item, then we threw in the wrenches. Gary out bid everyone and upon opening the box found an original set of new Champion X spark plugs!



The Shakedown Tour is just around the corner. Looks like we have near 20 cars signed up plus a few more from Sacramento Valley Club who will join us in Folsom. Our tour schedule is filling up. We still need someone to host the ice cream social in August and maybe a tour in November. Our swap meet is coming up soon, so come to the next meeting and sign up to help. And a big welcome to our newest members, Dick and Nancy Eddinger. Hope to see them soon touring in their 1915 Roadster.

John Saylor

Activities Calendar

April 6 – Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza, Loomis. 6 pm.

April 9 – Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 135 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30-6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.

April 11 – Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shake Down Tour.

April 25 – F.A.S.T. Hill Climb. Pre-1935 4 cylinder Fords.

April 26 – HCCA Swap Meet American River College.

April 29-30 – ACCC Legislative Conference.

May 16 – Tour – Junette.

May 30 – Swap Meet set-up. All hands on deck – 9am. Club Tri-Tip BBQ & Pot luck. 5 pm.

May 31 – 39th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet.

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

June 13 – Manifold Cookout Tour – Saylor.

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

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

Oct – Fall Colors Tour – Lindstedt.

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



It's Touring Time Again! – Are you ready for the Shakedown?

For those brave souls who were with us for last year's Fall Colors Tour, our very rainy late October Saturday provided great hope for a wet winter and relief from our ongoing California draught. Even though most opted for modern cars, it is amazing what bad weather our hardy club membership will endure when there is a Model T tour... with good food involved! Unfortunately, the winter storms this season have few and far between, but many have been able to get the old cars on the road a lot more than usual this winter including a club December jaunt to Coloma and car display on President's Day. And now it's April – the weather is perfect and the club's "Shakedown" which honors one of the club's founding members, Gil Machado, kicks off our official 2015 touring season on Saturday, April 11th. Gil will always be remembered for his passion for old cars, dedication to the club and its members, and his unique wit and wisdom. Suzie Krezman, current club Vice President (and Gil's daughter) will be our tour host (with a little help and support from Gary). We will be gathering at Raley's parking lot at 8:30 with a 9:00 departure. Susie has a great route planned for the day with a lunch in Folsom - \$12 per person will be collected at Raley's before the start of the tour. If you haven't already signed up, give Susie a call at 530-823-7957. On a side note... For those new to the old car hobby or perhaps, new to our club, the term "shakedown" or "The Shakedown" may benefit from a little explanation as words do have meaning. From the Merriam-Webster dictionary come a couple of definitions that are helpful... "A thorough test of a new ship, airplane, etc., in order to make sure there are no problems or defects" Yep – That one fits! - A great opportunity to try out those new tires or that recent tune-up on the Lizzy. "The act of taking something (such as money) from someone..." Uh, sometimes it feels that way, as our cars have needs, but relative to other hobbies, old cars and especially the touring experience provide hours of enjoyment with friends and family that is beyond compare. (EL)

46th Annual Charter Lunch



Our luncheon took place at the Auburn Valley Country Club here in Auburn on Saturday afternoon, March 7. If there is any benefit to this drought California is in right now it is the beautiful sunny warm days, and we had one of those days for our charter lunch. It would have been a great day for a drive in a Model T. To start our afternoon, we had a social hour. Our group pretty much took over the bar area and there was plenty of socializing. We had 34 members for lunch, seven of whom are charter members. Those seven members are Ralph Roper, Dick and Wanda Johnson, Cliff and Norma Hyatt, Bobbi Machado and Susie Krezman. Joyce Weitzel brought photos to share that she had displayed on poster board. She also decorated the tables. Thanks Joyce. The country club had a wonderful lunch for us with choices of steak, chicken and pasta. As usual our contact person at Auburn Valley, Kimmie, did a good job of taking care of us. After dinner we enjoyed a cake that had our club emblem embedded on top, which was made out of a sheet of sugar on it for dessert. We enjoyed our day, visited with old friends and made some connections with a few of our newer members.

Susie Krezman

Model T Safety Inspection Day



The second annual Safety clinic was held at Lewis Burcher's house in Auburn on March 14. There were a total of six T's, and many members without cars were there to chat and absorb any new knowledge or lend suggestions as appropriate. The majority of the work was done on Steve Short's T. Steve showed up in his modern car stating his T was broken down and had been pushed into a McDonalds parking lot. Erik Barrett immediately advised Steve to jump into his T and they would go figure out the trouble. They left, and the rest of the group enjoyed nice weather and conversation about anything on everyone's mind. After quite a while Erik came driving back into the driveway in Steve's car, and Steve was driving Erik's. All the men gathered around Steve's car to discuss what had caused his trouble. Erik Barrett helped out with Kitty & Gordon's T, lending his expertise to the re-installation of the pistons and rods on the road to getting their car back to running order. The day was beautiful and the event was attended by a small amount of club members, but those who attended enjoyed the gathering.

Kitty Goodell

LOL Gathering for April

This month's LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 11:30 am at Original Pete's Restaurant located at the Raley's Shopping Center in Auburn. Mary Lynn Barrett is hosting the event and can be reached at 530-885-1069.

Other Local Old Car Happenings in April

As noted in the Activities Calendar, make sure to check out the F.A.S.T. Spring Speed Saturday, April 25th Hillclimb open to pre-1935 Ford cars and trucks at the Auburn Airport. Further details can be found on the F.A.S.T. website www.hotforhotfours.com or contact Les Silveira for information.

Also, don't forget the Northern California Regional Group Horseless Carriage Club's 55th Annual American River College Swap Meet scheduled for Sunday, April 26th

Do you remember?

My first experience driving a tractor... by John Saylor



It was 1950, I was 7 years old growing up on a farm in the central valley. It was a stormy day, Dad had hay ready for the bailer but the bailer guy had called and would be late. Dad wanted to get some of the hay into the barn before it rained. So, he hitched a 20-foot trailer to an old SC Case tractor and we drove to the field. Dad was to load the hay on the trailer with a pitchfork and I was to drive along as he loaded. I sat in the seat, grabbed the steering wheel and Dad got down to start loading hay when I said "how do I make it move?" Dad showed me how the hand-clutch worked and I was driving along as he loaded the



hay, for all of about 20 minutes when the handle broke on the pitch fork. As we headed back to the yard to fix the pitchfork, the Bailer guy showed up and that was the end of my tractor driving for several years.

(An awesome memory, John. Thanks for sharing! I found a pic of an old Case! EL)

General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club

General Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2015

The March 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 Rich and Nancy Eddinger to their first Club meeting.

Sunshine Report – Susie Krezman reported that she sent a get well card out to Lewis Burcher who fell and broke his wrist recently. Kitty Goodell reported that he was healing up well, but will need some follow up surgery to his hand in the near future. Susie also sent a card to the ailing Dick Johnson.

Secretary Report – Steve Short reported the minutes of the February 2015 General Meeting were printed in last months “T Diggins’ Newsletter”. As there were no corrections or additions requested, the February minutes were declared to stand as published. Correspondence from other clubs and other miscellaneous items of interest was then passed around the room as Steve made his customary pitch for purchasing Club Coffee Mugs!

Treasurer Report - Kitty Goodell proffered a summary overview of the Club’s Monthly Income & Expense Report: for the period of February 2015. Overall, the Club remains in strong financial condition. She also provided an overview of the Costs and Expenses that were directly related to the Club Founders Event held at The Auburn Golf Club on Saturday March 7th. Revenue & Expenses were within budgeted expectations.

Vice President’s Report – Suzie commented that the 2015 Touring Season was filling up nicely.

Please refer to the detailed changes in the Schedule for upcoming Events below! (Volunteer Tour Leaders are still needed for the months of August and September). She also reported that our annual Club Founding Celebration Dinner event was well attended, with 39 Members signed up (which included 6 of our original Founding Members present!). Finally, Susie reported that the upcoming Shakedown Tour looked to be very well attended this year with possibly as many as 20 MLMTC members joined possibly 8 more from the Sacramento Club!

Activities

LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) – Junette Avey reported that last Months gathering had been canceled, so it has been rescheduled for Lunch at the Pelican Roost in Auburn at 11:30 AM on March 17, 2015. (St. Patrick’s Day---Green Beer anyone?)

Old Business

Club Trailer repair - The ongoing progress on fixing up our “antique Club Trailer” was reported on by Eric Barrett. He has completed all of the necessary Undercarriage work, and is now focused on replacing the very Old Wheels and Tires. (Secretary’s Note: Why not replace with some fine vintage wood spoked wheels?) He generously offered to keep the Trailer at his home repair shop as the place to have any future work party in preparation for the upcoming Swap Meet.

MLMTC Cups - Steve Short still has Club insulated travel cups for \$10 a “pop”. Contact him directly if you would like to purchase one! It was suggested that our Club should consider “gifting” a cup to the lead waitress at the Auburn Golf Club for her reliable and gracious efforts to assure great dinner events for many years. (Secretary’s Note: I think it is a great idea, and

the Board should discuss the time and place for this action to be accomplished!)

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.

T-Diggins Update – Erik Lindstedt reported on USPS Mailing frustration and the high costs of this form of delivery. He hopes to steam line the delivery if possible in the future. Erik repeated his request for our Members to submit any story to him that you might hold dear or would like to have told. It could be as simple of your remembrance of you first driving (or riding) experience in a Model T: Were you thrilled? Were you anxious? Or were you just plain terrified? 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 – Erik Lindstedt then took the microphone again and presented a rather rare, and odd looking Model T Tail Light. It was odd in that it had a large light designed to light up the license plate, and only a tiny little red light aimed out the rear at 90 degrees. He estimated that is placed on cars in the late Model T (1923 to 1927 period). The Crowd loved the artifact, but was disappointed that Erik did not burst into another Love Song again!

Rich Baughman then presented the Club with 2 Items to hold out for an immediate Raffle to the benefit of our Club Treasury. The first item was an antique collection of wrenches in a badly deteriorated leather “wrench wrap”. The 2nd item was a small “Mystery Box” with an unknown item(s) inside. John Saylor first started the bidding on the wrenches, which fell dead flat with nary a goose egg of interest! (It appeared that no one in tonight’s “yawning Crowd” apparently felt that they needed another addition for their overflowing tool chests?)

Then, the bidding started getting serious as a rapid fire 3 way bidding war broke out over the Mystery Box! Gary Krezman took home the prize with an offer of \$16 for the honor of satisfying his curiosity, and then added in another \$4 for capturing the unloved, but historic T tool set! The crowd expressed shock and awe when the box was opened revealing 2 brand new “Champion X” Model T Spark Plugs. Gary was grinning from ear to ear as he basked in the Crowd’s envy, and the Club Treasurer, Kitty cheerfully collected the dough for our Club’s Stash!

50-50 – The Crowd was pleased to find the rather dormant monthly tradition of the 50-50 bucket sales was back on track with the able sales efforts of Courtney Barrett. Her sales acumen was well demonstrated by the collection of \$64 (\$32 for the benefit of the Club, and \$32 Split by the Baughman and Eddinger Families.

New Business

Board Meeting – The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6th at the Round Table Pizza by Raley’s in Loomis. Major focus of this meeting will be planning for our upcoming May Swap Meet. Pizza at 6:00 PM with the meeting at 7:00 PM. Interested volunteers who wish to help out before and after the Meet are welcome to attend. Gary Krezman reported that Bill Finkbeiner will not be able to handle the duties for chalk marking vendor spaces at the Swap Meet Fairgrounds field due to a planned European trip next Year. The club needs a new volunteer to take on this important responsibility by understudying with Bill at this upcoming May event. It will be discussed further at the April Board Meeting.

Gary went on to provide a brief description of how the Swap Meet worked in answer to questions from new Members.

The President made a call for any other New Business from the membership present. Hearing none, he gaveled the Meeting to a close at 7:47 PM.

Stephen Short, Secretary

Trading Post

1923 Touring for sale - Asking \$11,000. Located in Pasadena, CA. 16' tandem axle, electric brakes, electric winch trailer available with car @\$1000. Al Lewin 818-581-8842



Happy April Birthdays

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



Happy 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
Michael & Annette McCafferty	25

Photo from the 2006 Shakedown Tour - Look at all those happy club members!





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Club Website

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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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