



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

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**December 2015**

## President's Ramblings



Another great year of Model T'ing is coming to a close. I am looking forward to our final event of the year that is coming up December 6th. The yearend Christmas banquet at Auburn Valley Golf Club is a great time to enjoy good food and socialize with our fellow members. I want to thank everyone who helped with club activities this year, board members, tour leaders, event planners and helpers. Next year looks to be another great year with many activities already being planned. Several members have put T's on the road this year. Erik and Cindy Lindstedt have their '26 touring almost complete and are touring with it regularly. Dick Eddinger purchased a '15 roadster that needed some TLC and got it on the road earlier this year. Brad got his center door finished and it has been a hit. David Pava recently acquired a '15 Roadster which he tours with regularly and also

a '15 touring that had not run in 20+ years, got it running then sold it to Brad. I hear Brad has been driving it around his neighborhood. Steve Elliott has a speedster that hadn't run in a while. It's now tuned up and touring and since the last meeting, Steve found a 1917 - 1919 touring that had not run in many years. Through a lot of blood, sweat and blisters, he had it running and gave rides on Thanksgiving. There is nothing more fun than taking an old T that hasn't run in many years and getting in on the road.



*John Saylor*

## Activities - Remaining 2015 Events

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, Annual Christmas Banquet at Auburn Valley Country Club starting at 3:00pm.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, LOL's (Ladies out to Lunch), Awful Annie's Restaurant

## Great activities coming up in 2016!

President's Pizza Feed in January

Our Annual Crab Feed in February

The club's Charter Dinner in March

The Gil Machado Annual Memorial Shakedown Tour early April

Our famous Mother Lode Model T Ford Club Swap Meet in June

**And much more being planned! Check out our website and details in upcoming newsletters.**



## Tour Report

*We had a great new activity-based tour in late September that proved to be a crowd-pleaser as well as a whole lot of fun for all those participating. EL*

### The MLMTC Folsom Rail Fest Tour of September 26, 2015

The Tour was organized by Steve Short, with the crucial mentoring and support of our “Tour seasoned” President, John Saylor. As it was the first Tour to be led by myself, it soon became an uncomfortable pressure cooker the night before the big day. I had cautiously set out to lead a simple “nothing could go wrong” outing with a short drive down Auburn Folsom Road to the event site in Folsom where the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad Organization was sponsoring the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of this historic railroad in California.



What could possibly go wrong?



In the interest of successfully leading the tour, I of course did a safety inspection of my 1927 Roadster on Friday morning, and checked out all the fluids along with topping off the gas tank. By midafternoon I fired up the engine, backed out of the garage, and traveled about 50 feet before the engine sputtered to a dead halt! After numerous attempts to refire the engine, the battery gave up on cranking the engine, and I was forced to hookup my trusty charger. As the time kept ticking away, fear began to form in my head....could I really lead a tour with my Toyota Sequoia???

It seemed to my vast automotive knowledge that the problem was insufficient fuel flow to the carburetor. After a wait of 15 minutes or so, the engine would spring to life, only to “conk out” within less than a minute of otherwise what sounded to be a normal engine.

I carefully inspected the inline filter, and could see no problems, but a call to John Saylor, led me to new knowledge about my car. Who would have guessed that the fuel shut off valve on the fire wall also contained an original equipment fuel filter? Not Steve! After cleaning the “gunked” up filter, I fired the engine again, and it ran about 15 seconds before again dying a sudden death. My sense of panic was now in full glory, but using the power of deductive reasoning I removed the fancy new inline filter (recommended as an “improvement” by “unidentified Club individuals”). As darkness fell over the driveway, Steve cranked the engine one more time and it promptly purred like a kitten. After running without a hiccup for 15 minutes it was time to shut down, and hope for the best in the morning!

What ultimately went right?

My car fired up first thing in the morning and performed perfectly all day long! Ginny, my wife skipped the T car ride, and followed along as a backup, if I experienced any more trouble. The good news? Trouble never came!

John did a great job of engaging the Sacramento T Club to join us on the tour. Seventeen total cars made it successfully to the event site where our club’s cars were strategically put on public display.

Our Club successfully rendezvoused with the Sacramento Club in a vacant parking lot at the Palladio Shopping Center. Steve and Ginny's offering of the highest quality doughnuts (from Bill's in Granite Bay) and Noah's Bagels with some great "Shmeers" set the members on fire! It certainly must have been a heavy loss for the vacationing Gary Krezman, who would have wanted to "bat cleanup" on the doughnut leftovers had he and Susie been present!

The Tour then lined up in parade style out to White Rock Road, and then back to the event site, where we were lined up in a parking spot where the public couldn't help but notice our collective presence! It was particularly interesting to see how curious many small kids were in asking questions about our cars.

The remainder of the day was a "free for all" exploration of the various railroad and antique equipment exhibits, the train rides, model railroads, and fun and games for the kids. The heat soon rose to broiling level, as many members took shelter under John Saylor's pop up tent, and nursed their frozen snow cones over lots of interesting talk.

I drove home with a tired but happy smile on my face!

Steve Short



### **Mother Lode Model T Club 2015 Christmas Party - Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**



Get ready to find out who's been really naughty this year and who's been extra nice - This great annual event is taking place at the Auburn Valley Country Club, 8800 Auburn valley Road in Auburn. Hopefully, you have signed up in time as it's probably too late to sign up if you haven't already done so. And remember, for those wanting to make a holiday donation to the Auburn Food Basket, please consider bringing along a canned good or other non-perishable food item. Social hour starts at 3:00 and dinner is served at 4:00. Eula Marriott is graciously coordinating this special occasion.

### **LOL Gathering for December**

This month's LOL (Ladies out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Awful Annie's Restaurant at 11:30 AM. Their new location is 13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603 (Formally Lou La Bonte's location). Junette Avey-Brown is hosting the event and can be reached at 916 436-4176.

### **General Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2015**

Call to Order / Welcome - The November 2015 general membership meeting was called to order at 6:59PM by President John Saylor. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA. John Saylor commented on the excellent club membership turnouts at our regular monthly meeting over this past years, as well as greeting and thanking those new board members who have stepped up to new responsibilities.

Greeter Report – Junette noted the presence of a guest by the name of "Hardy", a fellow antique car collector who was visiting from Germany. A collection of photographs was circulated around the room which displayed a remarkable variety of vehicles for our club membership during the meeting.

Sunshine Report – Susie Krezman reported that no “thinking of you” greeting cards had been sent out in the past month. However, Joyce Weitzel commented on members Al Gillming’s wife Patricia, Larry Taylor, and Susanne Weitzel, all of whom were currently experiencing some health problems.

Secretary Report – Steve Short reported that the minutes of the October 6th 2015 General Meeting were printed in last months “T Diggins' Newsletter”. As there were no other corrections or additions requested, the August minutes were declared to stand without change.

Treasurer Report – Kitty Goodell proffered two financial reports covering the months of October and November. The club remains in a solid financial position.

T-Diggins Editor Report – Erik Lindstedt again thanked those who have been providing him with interesting stories for incorporation into the newsletter and asked that the membership keep up the good work! He also provided an update on his efforts to continue lowering the costs of mailing. Please opt out of US mail delivery and use the e-mail delivery process if you can.

Vice President’s Report on Upcoming Activities – Susie Krezman, Club V.P. thanked all of the members who had taken on tour leadership rolls during 2015, making it a great year for the club. She then provided a general summary of upcoming MLMTC Events and activities for the membership:

#### 2016 Preliminary Schedule

Jan 14 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.

Jan 16 - President's Pizza Feed. (Mountain Mike’s in Auburn at 1 PM Hosted by President John Saylor)

Feb 20 - Annual Crab Feed (Location scheduled to take place at the Auburn Grange Hall this year located on Bell Road.

March - Charter Dinner: (Location and time TBD).

April 2 - Gil Machado Annual Memorial Shakedown Tour: (Tour Leader: Susie Krezman).

April 15-16, Bakersfield Swap Meet

April 24 - HCCA Swap Meet, ARC

June 4-5 – MLMTC Annual Swap Meet: (Auburn Fair Grounds, Saturday the 4th: Set up in the AM / Members Potluck in the PM) (Sunday the 5th: Event opens at 5:00 AM / clean up by 3:00 PM).

Possible Midweek Tour in the Future: Susie again asked for the membership’s thoughts on having midweek tours in the future. A show of hands delivered strong support for the idea.



## Other Activities

Monthly Racing Report- Bobbie Weitzel and Chief Mechanic, Eric Barrett) provided an update on their latest Model T Race Car escapades at Murrieta, CA. Timed runs results were as follow:

- Run 1: 12.00 Seconds
- Run 2: 8.70 Seconds
- Run 3: 8.44 Seconds (2nd fastest car on the time trials for the Day!)

## Old Business

Fall Colors Tour Report - Erik Lindstedt expressed his gratitude for the remarkable and enthusiastic participation of 23 cars in this much loved tour to the Grass Valley / Nevada City area.

Trouble Trophy – Rumored to be some question as to who should be awarded the trophy since Junette Avey-Brown, Mark Porco, and the Louis Burcher family are all arguably recipients! It appeared that the three parties will just have to duke it out for possession!

Club trailer repair – John again reported that a work party date will not be scheduled until this spring.

Post Swap Meet BBQ Clean Up – an arrangement has been made to accomplish the BBQ equipment clean up in the immediate future

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

Club auction of antique Model T car parts - We have had numerous donated car parts and items of interest placed at auction for the benefit of the club over the past several months. Members should feel free to keep bringing their unwanted parts to the monthly club General Meetings! This month Russ Purvis donated a box of vintage auto wiring. The auction got off to a slow start then became a little lively with the winning bit going to Brad Lusk.

Tech Tips – No information was offered this evening.

50-50 – No gambling occurred this evening, leaving the members looking somewhat unfulfilled!

The president made a final call for any other New Business from the membership present. Hearing none, a motion to adjourn was offered by Junette Avey-Brown, seconded by Janice Saylor, and President Saylor gavelled the Meeting to a close at an early 7:37 PM!

Stephen Short, Secretary



*“All I want  
for Christmas  
is a car with  
knock-offs!”*



**Trading Post** - Source of some awesome Christmas gifts!

For Sale: 1913 Model T frame with running board brackets, sandblasted and primed - \$275. 1916 engine/transmission assembly, complete with early low-style head, manifolds, correct carburetor, brass hub fan assembly, narrow-nose crankcase, etc. - \$650. 1924 Mostly complete unrestored chassis – Includes a rebuilt short-block with rebuilt magneto field coil – Transmission is apart and cleaned and ready for rebuilding – This is a rolling chassis - \$1,500. Call Phil Lawrence for more details at 530-559-1440.



For Sale: 1926 Model TT One-Ton Truck - The carb and water pump have been rebuilt, transmission bands and pedal linkages adjusted Sept '15. New tires fitted. New front fenders, 12v starter, and ahooga horn installed. Starts right up, Muncie drops right into gear without drama, and away you go!

Happy (vintage) Motoring!! Price: \$10,000 203-496-6593.

For Sale: 1925 Oakland Coach - Now here is the ultimate stocking-stuffer for your favorite elf! Older restoration of a solid original and authentic car. Oakland was produced by GM and the parent company to the Pontiac. Recent rings, valves, connecting rods, tires, battery, and much more. Tour proven and parade ready for the New Year! Price reduced to \$10,900. Erik Lindstedt, 530-878-2491.



**Happy December Birthdays**

- Jack Duncan 1
- Jeffrey Nowack 2
- Leona Boorinakis 7
- Wanda Johnson 8
- Bill Finkbeiner 9
- Virginia Short 13
- Wayne Lyndon 15
- Nancy Eddinger 16
- Rich Silva 16
- Sandy Silveira 17
- Kimberlyn Saylor 17
- Harold Ellingson 21
- Murray Work 21
- Maryann Koch 23
- Courtney Barrett 24
- Dani Anders 26
- Chris Instness 27
- Junette Avey 31
- Allen Gillming 31



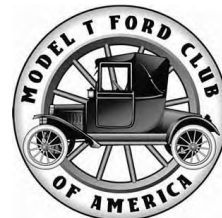
**Merry  
Christmas**

**Happy December Anniversaries**

- Richard & Julie Instness 2
- Gary & Susie Krezman 4
- Allen & Patricia Gillming 8
- Stephen & Virginia Short 31



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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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