



Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club  
<http://www.motherlodemodelt.com>

**February 2015 – Happy Valentines Day!**

### President's Ramblings

We formally kicked off the New Year at the annual President's Pizza Feed. We had a good showing of 40+ members. There was lots of visiting and catching up on the holidays and our projects. I am looking forward to the new year of activities. Our annual Crab Feed is just around the corner and Susie is putting the finishing touches on the Charter Dinner. Time to take advantage of the weather and get those T's tuned up, safety checked and ready for the Shake Down Tour. Come on over for our annual safety check which will again be held at the Burcher residence on March 14. We still need tour leaders for May, June, and August. July 4 we will be touring up to Dutch Flat for their annual Independence Day celebration. This should be a lot of fun, a small town celebration. I understand they actually run the parade through twice since the town is so small. *John Saylor*



### Activities Calendar

Feb 7 - Annual Crab Feed, 5 pm, Canyon View Community Center, Auburn.

Feb 9 - Board Meeting. Round Table Pizza, Loomis. 6 pm.

Feb 12 - Monthly General Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at - 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.

Feb 16 - American Heritage Day, Mt Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks. 10 am - 2pm

Mar 7 - 3 pm Annual Charter Dinner. Auburn Valley Country Club.

Mar 14 - 2nd Annual Model T Safety Inspection Day, 10 am, 1360 Wesley Ln., Auburn.

MARCH 27-29, 2015 - "FOLLOW THE GOLDEN BRICK ROAD" MTFCA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY & 50th ANNUAL MEETING. See details in the Vintage Ford.

April 11 - Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shake Down Tour

May 31 - 39th Annual Mother Lode Swap Meet

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

Sept 13 - Antique Autos in History Park, San Jose

Dec 6 - Annual Christmas Banquet at Auburn Valley Country Club, 3 pm.



## “In My Little Lovemobile”

Early automotive history is filled with verse, music and song related to the virtues of the horseless carriage and its influence on relationships and romance. Just think of how the car allowed young couples to readily escape the watchful eyes of parents and chaperones, share a ride and a little well deserved intimacy ... So in the spirit of Valentines Day, here are the lyrics from that 1918 top hit “In My Little Lovemobile Auto Waltz Song” words and music by Joseph B. Carey.



“O the night is wondrous fair, the moon shines above, ‘tis the time to banish care,  
And dream sweet dreams of love.  
While the night birds bill and coo, My heart is calling you, Then let us steal in our Lovemobile , To the land where dreams come true.”

(Chorus)

“Come along sweetheart with me, For I love your company; Like a queen you’ll reign to night, In the land of heart’s delight, Where the moonbeams softly steal, Cupid waits to take the wheel, And the man in the moon, only smiles when we spoon, in our little Lovemobile.”

“O’er the hills and far a way, We’ll ride into the night, To the land where love holds away, Where hearts are ever light, Would you care if I should dare, A tiny kiss to steal, As we glide along with merry song, In our little Lovemobile?”

(Chorus repeats – Now, everybody sing!)

So, for Valentines Day, 2015, fire up that dusty T and go take your honey to the land where dreams come true in your little Lovemobile! You’ll both be glad you did.

## And speaking of young lovers...



Long time club members, Jack and Cleona Duncan welcome visits from other members. Call Jack for a convenient time to visit. 530-888-6027

## Crab Feed – Saturday, February 7th

Get ready for the big event! Kitty and Gordon Goodell are knee deep in crab pots making it all happen once again. This year’s California crab season is looking great for succulent Dungeness. Hopefully, you have signed up in time as it’s probably too late to sign up if you haven’t already done so. Social hour 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm at Canyon View Community Center,

Sierra Room, 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn, CA 95603

We look forward lots of good crab and don’t forget those appetizers and desserts! Yum!





**American Heritage Day – Monday, February 16th – President’s Day**

Our T Club President, John Saylor is celebrating President’s Day (Washington, Lincoln, and Saylor) by coordinating a showing of Model Ts at the American Heritage Day. Lots of patriotic celebration with old cars, tractors, military displays, marching, a civil war cannon and more. Lunch for those who pre-register. Cars will be on display at Mt. Vernon Memorial Park in Fair Oaks from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check with John for further details.

**LOL Gathering – Tuesday, February 17th**

Little Old Ladies?... Heck No! That’s Ladies Out to Lunch (who laugh out loud... a lot!). Junette Avery will host this month’s LOL meeting at Pelican’s Roost in Auburn, 904 Lincoln Way in Auburn. It is across from the clock tower on Lincoln way at High street. Meet at 11:30 for good food, friends and frivolity. Contact Junette for further details. 916-436-4176

**Annual Charter Dinner – Saturday, March 7th**

Oh, how time flies! Our club’s forty-sixth Charter Night Dinner is scheduled at the Auburn Valley Golf Club. See details and the sign-up sheet contained in this newsletter. Susie Kresman is coordinating this awesome event and will need your confirmation by February 20th.



**Other Old Car Happenings**

Check out the events and activities this month at the CAM (California Auto Museum) in Sacramento.

- Free admission February 7th – Annual Sacramento Museum Day
- For the kids, classes in clay automobile modeling are scheduled for February 28th.
- For the adults, Sacramento Brewers Showcase – Sac Beer Week is February 26th 5:30 – 9:00

The Studebakers are movin’ out and the Ts are movin’ in! The Sacramento Model T Ford Club will display their cars in the car club section February 7th through March 7th. Come to the CAM and support our flatlander Model T friends.

For more details on these and other activities, check out the CAM website <http://www.calautomuseum.org/>



**Famous Quotes and Words of Wisdom**

“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.” Henry Ford, American Industrialist, Detroit, Michigan circa 1914.



“Where are the donuts?” Gary Krezman, Club President Emeritus. On tour in the Northern Sierra Foothills, circa 2014.

## It was a Fine Pizza Time!

As John mentioned, we had a great turn out for the Pizza Feed on January 10th and much fun was had by all. Needless to say, many of us can no longer claim we were sticking to those dietary New Year's resolutions. It was especially nice to have Jack Duncan in attendance who shared a beautiful picture of Cleona and updates on her recovery. Thanks to Allen Koch for the pics of the event.



## Tricks of the Trades - Ah... Nuts!

While it great to use as many of the original nuts and bolts as possible when working on an antique car related project, sometimes it just isn't practical to try and save some rusted, fatigued, bent up and mangled hardware that just won't work and looks awful even when considerable "elbow grease" is applied. For those purists out there who want everything to look like it came from Henry's factory, we are fortunate that some of the antique auto suppliers are reproducing some of the unique hardware found in old cars such as thick-headed bolts, solid rivets, and hard to find oval headed screws of varying materials and sizes and even "step-bolts" (those old carriage – like bolts with big, flatter heads). Lang's, Snyder's and Mac's are some of the main ones and The Restoration Supply Company out of Escondido, California has a significant stock of hard to find items. The challenge is not everything is being reproduced and the limited production items tend to be pricy. Sometimes you might get lucky finding some surplus old stock nuts, bolts and other widgets at Blue Collar Supply in South Sacramento. Blue Collar Supply is also a great source of small quantities of metal stock for that special project. If you are willing to compromise a bit and take a realistic approach (and save some bucks), consider modern generic hardware for those unseen areas and spend the extra money and time on the period-correct hardware on those areas on the car that are more readily seen. It is surprising how just using fasteners that are at least close to "correct" can increase the perceived authenticity and value of an antique car. Simple things like filing or sanding the manufacture's marking off of a hardware store carriage bolt can make a significant esthetic improvement. If you have a lathe, the process is pretty easy for a little filing, if not chuck the carriage bolt in a hand drill, rotate and sand or grind against a moving belt sander or fine grinding wheel. Beyond a little wire wheel treatment, vibratory tumblers with abrasive media can save a lot of time removing rust and corrosion from original hardware. These "deburring machines" once only available to the professional are now readily available for the old car hobbyist. Cadmium or zinc plated new hardware can be etched in white vinegar to help the paint adhere if you don't have any commercial etching solution. If you have lots time on your hands, you can always use a Dremel tool to grind radiuses in the slots of a modern castellated (castle) nut to make it look like a Ford original. For the original bolts that you can save, a simple set of thread or die "chasers" is invaluable to reform and restore (not cut) threads. And by the way, the size used a whole lot on the Model T is the 3/8" – 24 (Fine thread or Unified National Fine in today's world). At this point it is important to mention that when it comes to hardware and old cars, there is a situation when looks are not everything. Never sacrifice

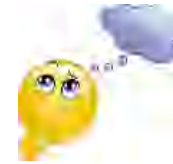
safety for esthetics of hardware that requires strength and toughness by design. For example, using low-grade modern hardware such as Grade 2 (low carbon steel not hardened or tempered) that looks nice but not strong enough for the task in your steering and suspension could lead to disaster. And to be fair, much of Ford's original hardware if in good shape can continue to do a great job as much of it had significant mechanical strength properties from factory. A final word about hardware stores... Usually, you will have better luck at finding more "correct" looking and often better quality hardware to start with at older and smaller establishments compared to the big-box-stores. Just try asking for a simple slotted oval headed wood screw, square nut or perhaps a rivet or two and see the looks you'll get at Lowes or Home Depot... and you will say... "Ah... Nuts!"

Do you have a trick, tip or suggestion to help others with their old car project? Some of us are still learning the hard way! Please submit any helpful recommendation to the editor (Erik L) and we will be happy to include in an upcoming T Diggins'.

### Do you remember? New T Diggins' feature



"Do You Remember?" is a fun opportunity for our of all ages to share their memories and experiences



club members with Model Ts.

Whether you are old enough to remember the T in its heyday, are a second or third generation "T kid" (your parents or grandparents were, or are T hobbyists), or you are just now getting into the hobby we want to hear from you. Here are our questions for February?

- Do you remember the first time you went for a ride in or drove a Model T (when, where, who was there)?
- How would you describe the experience (fun, exciting, strange, or scary)?

Please send your responses to the editor (Erik L) by email or snail mail and we will post the responses in the next T Diggins' Newsletter. We don't need a lengthy article, but feel free to share what you would like. Any pictures that may help tell the story are greatly appreciated. We hope to include "Do you Remember?" as an occasional feature in the T Diggins'.

### The Trading Post

- Bob's Antique Auto Parts in Loves Park, Illinois who has been in the T parts business since 1965 is in the process of closing out their stock of new, used, and NOS parts. You can call 815-633-7244 or check for Ebay sales (modelt2001 is the Ebay name)
- 1956 Ford Thunderbird for sale – Fiesta red convertible, three-speed manual transmission, multiple car show winner. \$45,500 o.b.o. 559-287-1345, kjdencore@gmail.com
- Parts for free: Have new '28 –'34 front hub bolts, new '26-'27 vaporizer plates and carb gasket kits, and some remaining NH carburetor choke kits. Free to deserving club members who can put them to good use. Erik Lindstedt, 530-878-2491, thelindstedts@gmail.com

### Member's Stories

We always welcome articles of choice from our members to be included in the T Diggins' publication. So, if you have a tale to tell or a perspective to share send it to the editor (Erik L). Topics can be wide-ranging, but focused on Model Ts or other old cars and/or club interests or activities.



## **General Meeting Minutes (January 8, 2015)**

The January 2015 general membership meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President John Saylor. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, Ca.

Greeter Report –Junette was not present but it was noted that no new members were present.

Secretary Report – Steve reported the minutes of the last general meeting (November 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 proffered a summary overview of the Club's Monthly Income & Expense Report:

For the period of November 2014 balance was \$9,008.74.

For the period of December 2014 balance was \$5,032.02.

For the period of January 2015 (as of 1/8/15) the balance was \$6,932.59.

Sunshine Report - All is well! (Except for a minor accidental injury to a rather sheepish looking unnamed Member)

### Activities

Christmas Dinner- Vern Marriot reported the attendees for the Christmas dinner all went home with happy full bellies. A good time was had by all!

It was also reported that one of the Country Club Table Centerpieces had gone missing. These are not MLMTC properties, and if it was unknowingly taken home, it should be promptly returned to the Golf Club.

MLMTC Donation to the MTFCA - The Club Membership had recommended that the Club make a \$100.00 donation to the Museum in

Indiana. We received a very gracious thank you letter from the staff in Centerville, Indiana

Coloma Christmas Tour – John Saylor provided a brief summary of Steve Elliott's impromptu tour to the Gold discovery site on November 28th.

LOL members spoke highly of their recent social gathering at Junette's home. Her personal cooking and efforts were greatly appreciated. The next LOL event will be at the String's Restaurant in Auburn on October 21st at 11:30 AM.

### Old Business

Club Trailer repair – The proposed November 1st Work Party had been canceled, and a new date will be set shortly.

MLMTC Cups- Steve still has cups and made a new January "White Sale" pitch for the Membership to get more cups at the deeply discounted price of \$9.00 per cup. Results? No Sales!

Sweat Shirts - Sweat shirt orders have been fulfilled to the Members who made purchase. John reported that he still had a small stock of shirts available. If you are interested, please contact John directly.

### New Business

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

Show and Tell – Steve Short decided to provide a brief story of how many disasters had befallen his household between Thanksgiving and New Years Day. The fallen trees, the computer and TV failures, and the junked vacuum cleaner were nothing

50-50 – Chaos reigned supreme as the 50-50 bucket sales were not properly solicited due to Levi’s absence leading to a crowd of eager gambler’s rushing to stuff money into the Club bucket! Kitty panicked, but eventually order was restored and the drawing went forward. Results: Janice Saylor & Doug Avery both snagged \$ 11.00 each, with \$22.00 poured into the Club coffers.

Since there was no additional business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Boorinakis, seconded by Richard Weitzel, and gaveled to a close by President Saylor at 7:52 PM.

Stephen Short, Secretary



**Happy February Anniversaries!**

Mervin & Barbara Hall	11th
Bruce & Mindy Ingram	14th



**Happy February Birthdays!**

Darren Saylor	1st
Shawn O'Connell	2nd
Suzanne Folsom	2nd
George Tuck	12th
Kitty Goodell	18th
John Saylor	22nd
Jerry Moore	25th
Ralph Roper	28th
Bruce Ingram	28th





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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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