



T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

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July 2015 – Happy 4th!

President's Ramblings

June was a very busy month. Another great swap meet is history. We had many good compliments from both buyers and vendors. Thanks to all who helped set up and work the various jobs to make this another successful event. Next year we will need a new person to chair the Food Booth and someone to help with security Saturday night. We would also like to have a relief crew for some of the Sunday morning jobs. This is our main fundraiser and helps cover the cost of the many things we do during the year. We had a good showing at the Ford Tri-Motor fly-in and a great Manifold cookout tour. I hear we will have an early morning breakfast run to Colfax for July. I encourage some new folks to get involved. Start by asking another member to help you plan a run an event. It need not be elaborate and there is the satisfaction seeing how easy it was when it's done. It was good to see Skip Nowack at the last meeting and on the manifold cookout tour. Hope to see you all at the next meeting and tour.



John Saylor

Activities Calendar

July 9 - Thursday, Monthly Meeting. Sizzler at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at - 5:30 - 6 pm. Meeting will start at 7 pm.

July 19 - Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour to Colfax. Meet at Raley's 7 am, leave 7:30.

July 21 - LOL Lunch – 11:30 am - Sweet Pea's Restaurant Luther Road, Auburn. Naomi Edmonds 530 885-8175

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

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

Sept 26 - 6th Annual Folsom Rail Fest, celebrating the 150th birthday of the Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad

Oct 24 - Fall Colors Tour, Lindstedt.

Dec 6 - Annual Christmas Banquet.



Ford Tri-Motor Fly in



Saturday June 6, we met up at McBean Park in Lincoln and caravanned out to the Lincoln Air Port. Brad and Annette Lusk drove their maiden voyage in their beautifully restored 1919 Center Door Sedan. Brad and Annette met us at my house along with Allen Koch and we drove out to the park where we met up with Gary & Susie and Mark and his son David. Once at the airport we were met by new member Bob Wood in his 1919 Roadster, Dick & Nancy Eddinger in their 1915 Roadster.

Member Jerry Anders also met us there. My 4 year Grandson Luke was with me and he got a thrill seeing all the cars, airplanes and getting to sit in the cockpit of a MediVac helicopter. We also met up with members of the Sacramento Valley Club and the NorCal Horseless Carriage Club. Several members went for rides on the Tri-Motor. Jerry Anders took a turn in the co-pilots seat. Dick Eddinger also took a ride in the co-pilot seat and reported that as soon as they lifted off the pilot turned the controls over to him and he got to fly the majority of the flight! Harvey Bandy from the Sacramento Club also got a turn flying the Tri-Motor. There was a line waiting for rides all day. These types of events are a lot of fun and are good PR for the club and it's good to support other community activities. John Saylor

Manifold Cookout Tour

Our manifold Cookout Tour, held June 13, was a lot of fun. We had eight cars on the tour. Joining us was Skip Nowack and son with their 1930 Model A Coupe. After the ceremonial donut was eaten by Gary, we enjoyed a few ourselves. The tour took us across the Forest Hill Bridge, down the canyon and back up into Cool. It was here that some of us prepared and put our lunch on to start the cooking. I saw Bratts, Chili, and Shish Kabobs being prepared. Steve Elliott joined us, taking a few pictures. We continued on through Pilot Hill and then onto Salmon Falls Road. Next stop was the Skunk Hollow Day use where we checked our cookers, and some put on their hot dogs. We toured around the edge of Folsom and into Granite Bay Park where we finished the day. As the food came off the cookers all was pleased with their food except yours truly. The Bratts in the homemade cooker on the 27 Tudor were barely warm. Darren to the rescue... He jumped in the touring and drove to a nearby Raley's and came back with charcoal briquettes. Very shortly he had a fire going and we finished cooking the Bratts. Rich Instness was also seen sneaking a few on the fire. Every time we do one of these manifold cooking tours we learn a little about what we can cook and what works best. It turned out to be a very nice day. At first we were dreading a very hot day but the morning drive was cool and the temps never were that bad. Thanks to all the came. All cars ran well, so, Vern, the trouble trophy will just have to stay at your place for a while longer! John & Janice Saylor



Beat the Heat Breakfast Tour, Sunday, July 19th

It is great to see that summer and the fun that it brings is really here. While a cool dip in the lake or pool feels great in the afternoon, there is no denying that it's getting really hot for a non-air conditioned Model T ride these days. So, how about an early morning tour up the hill, a great breakfast with an awesome group of folks and a dash back home to avoid the heat. Gathering at 7am with a 7:30 tour start time at Raley's parking lot in Auburn.



LOL Gathering for July

This month's LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21st at 11:30 am at Sweet Pea's Restaurant located at 13498 Luther in Auburn. Naomi Edmunds is hosting the event and can be reached at 530-885-8175.

Survival Guidelines for Your Restoration Project

Whether you are rebuilding the old carburetor, refurbishing that set of back-up coils or considering a ground-up restoration on your entire car, here are some practical suggestions to help make your project a most successful one.

If it is not apart ...don't be tempted to take it apart until you're ready!

While this first point may seem obvious, it is all too common to see vintage components or even entire cars that have been disassembled years ago by some well intentioned car buff, only to have missing pieces and limited memories of how things go back together. Bottom line, keep it together until you are sure you can take on the task.



If it is already in pieces consider putting it back together before you start “fixing” it.

As a follow up to the first point, you may be the one acquiring that already disassembled or incomplete project. By reassembling or adding the missing parts first you gain knowledge and experience that is helpful in future repairs as well as insight into what challenges lay ahead. And there is always that practical reality if you need to sell... Things that are together are usually worth more than boxes of random junk to the next buyer.

Get organized – tools, space, reference materials, and your time.

Any project requires considerable coordination of the right resources and time to ensure a successful outcome. We have all heard stories of how someone rebuilt their engine while living in an apartment, but unless you're the landlord, you might want to consider your alternatives. There is an old adage that says, if you've got the time, the tools and the talent, you can do just about anything.

Do lots of research.

Lucky are those who currently own Fords and other highly mass-produced automobiles as in this day and age as there is a plethora of technical and restoration information available in print. Even if you are looking for details and suggestions for a rare or unusual vehicle, the use of car related clubs and related internet forums is a great way to find parts, gain information and perhaps a bit of well needed encouragement quickly.

Define your vision.

This point may not seem all that obvious at first, but it is important to consider and clarify what the goal is and what you are attempting to accomplish. Are you attempting to make the thing (what ever it is) work or just look nice? Or both? Are you going for a concours quality restoration or want a “driver”? By defining what you want the outcome to be, you will find it easier to move forward and move on to the next step. And it is always a good idea to revisit that vision on occasion as goals and perspectives can and will change over time.

It is a project so treat it like a project – focus on objectives and milestones.

If you are working on a complex component or perhaps an entire car restoration, break the work down into logical and manageable milestones, as distractions and excessive multi-tasking will often throw progress off course. Repair and complete sub-assemblies in logical order as much as possible and resist the temptation to work on all things all at once. Those with personal computer savvy, consider creating a spreadsheet to keep efforts on track or even consider an application like Microsoft Project to plan, monitor and guide the project along.

Pictures are worth a million words.

Keeping that digital camera or cell phone handy at all times for still shots or short videos can be a lifesaver, especially for complex and unfamiliar assemblies. Obviously, a good old-fashioned notebook with your own sketches, details and interpretations can serve as the memory jogger critical to getting whatever it is back together.

Get help when needed before you really, really need it.

We all have our unique experiences, knowledge and skills when it comes to fixing things. Obviously, we can leverage our strengths, but it is just as important to acknowledge those areas in which we need a helping hand – no one knows or can do everything perfectly. And a significant part of the old car hobby has to learning things... about the cars and how they work, the people who created them and used them way back when, how to take care of them today and how and preserve them for future generations. Perhaps one of the greatest aspects of membership into a local car club (especially the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club) is sharing and acquiring knowledge and perspectives together to keep the hobby and our related projects alive. When in doubt, reach out! You'll be glad you did! (EL)

General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club

General Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2015

The May 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 Avey noted that Skip Nowak, a long standing member was present after a long dormancy, and it was great to see him back again! It was also noted that New Member Christopher (AKA “Topher” (and his Wife Kelly) were also present, and that he had made valuable contributions with his labor at our latest Swap Meet.

Secretary Report – Steve Short reported the minutes of the May 14th 2015 General Meeting were printed in last months “T Diggins' Newsletter”. As there were no corrections or additions requested, the May minutes were declared to stand as published.

Treasurer Report – Kitty Goodell delivered an initial brief financial overview followed by a detailed report on the Club's financial condition following our May 31st Swap Meet. Overall it was a solid event, and the Club is in a greatly improved place. Not our biggest year ever by any means, but not as bad as some other recent years. It was noted that the Board will consider future initiatives to improve our revenue pricing

structure, and to consider further operational cost savings opportunities without cutting our services quality.

Vice President's Report – Susie reported that she had made a new acquaintance with Diane from the Silver State Model T Club in Reno, Nevada at our Swap meet. Their Club has been reconstituting itself, and they are interested in possibly engaging in some joint tours in the future (specifically our Shakedown tour in 2016). Susie will stay in touch with Diane, and see what might be developed in the future, between our two clubs.

She also introduced Steve Short who has agreed to lead a Tour to Folsom of interested members to display our cars at the September Rail Fest that will be held by the Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad preservation organization. The owner of each car that shows up, will be awarded 1 free ticket to ride their rails. Steve is in the process of arranging for the leadership of the Railroad Club to attend our next (July 9th Club Meeting) to share information about their Mission, and their interest in our joining into their biggest Annual Event.

Sunshine Report – It was reported that long time member, George Bamber were presently living in the Eskaton Facility on Manzanita Ave. Betty is in a different facility. Contact or visitations were not presently deemed appropriate.

Activities

LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) – It was reported that the June gathering is set for May 16th, at Café Delicious in old town Auburn).

May Tour Report – Junette Avey-Brown reported that the group got separated during the run out to Lincoln, but they all eventually reunited at the restaurant, for a great lunch! The weather cooperated, and everyone was home before it got too hot!

Ford Tri Motor Event - John Saylor reported a good turnout at the Lincoln Airport, with great photo ops, interesting aircraft to look at up closely, and the rare opportunity to fly in the venerable Ford Airplane for the “Brave Ones” to experience! Member Dick Eddinger reported on he got to fly the Tri-Motor and have his log book so noted.

Swap Meet Report – Gary Krezman gave a comprehensive Summary on the results of our Swap Meet.

- The Fairgrounds offered several available dates for next Year’s Swap meet, and Gary has elected to accept the 4th and 5th of June, 2016. The only other option was Memorial Day weekend, which Gary felt (correctly so) was completely unacceptable. Our preferred dates are the first weekend after Memorial Day.
- The Fairgrounds is expecting their 2016 pricing to rise by about 10% across the Board for next year but was not prepared to discuss any details at the current time.
- The Fairgrounds advised us that our Club need not allow people with ADA needs to be parked on the Venue grass lower level. People who requested this should be properly directed to the existing designated ADA parking lot on the upper level.
- We expect to see a complete return of our \$300. Security Deposit, due to our Club’s hard work in retuning the grounds in excellent condition!
- Thanks was given to Bill & Christian Finkbeiner for the usual great job in lining the field for the vendors, as well as all of the other volunteers who were assisting, and learning the techniques necessary to get it done for next year’s event.

- Thanks was all expressed to the Members who manned the gate. It was noted however that we should consider having the gate staff be divided into two separate shifts next year to provide a better level of continuous coverage.
- Gordon Goodell and Ken Marriott offered to complete a thorough cleanup of the Club’s Propane BBQ Grill.
- A Special Thanks was given to Richard & Joyce Weitzel who had announced to our Board of Director’s that that after 15 Years of Swap Meet leadership, they will no longer be available to organize, and lead the Security and Food Booth Operations. They also made it perfectly clear that they planned to participate in supporting roles where reasonably needed in the coming years, but that it was now a time for change in their roles and level of personal commitment. They were both congratulated with a hand shake from John Saylor, pictures were taken, and a local restaurant gift card was presented as a token of Club appreciation



of the long and faith full personal efforts. A heart felt round of applause was delivered by the membership in attendance.

- A brief discussion followed when Joyce offered to turn over all of her historical records to the new Food Booth Leadership. Gary stated that the Board felt that we have an appropriate amount of time to consider how (and who) would be responsible for providing this needed future leadership for our remaining crew.
- It is quite evident that we will need some new volunteers to properly Staff the Food Booth in 2016 as well as the overnight Security Detail.

Old Business

Club Trailer repair – Gary Krezman reported that the May 2nd work party to prep the club trailer for the upcoming swap meet was a success, but that we will need another Work Party (perhaps in September) to complete further improvements.

MLMTC Cups - Steve Short still has club insulated travel cups for \$10 a "pop". Contact him directly if you would like to purchase one! He also reported that the membership should look at these club cups for their potential to serve other purposes than merely holding Coffee, after noticing that some members had discovered their value as undercover beer steins!

Club 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 and updates of upcoming MLMTC Events and activities for the Membership.

T-Diggins Update – Erik Lindstedt again thanked all the Members who have been providing a steady stream of stories and information for inclusion in the club newsletter. He also announced his donation of a new Model T Repair CD for inclusion in the Club's video Repair Library. Steve took possession, and it will be include in an updated Library Index.

Show and Tell – Eula Marriot made a surprise presentation of the freshly bathed and polished club "Break down Trophy". Secretary's note: I believe the trophy is now better looking than "Rosie the Riveter"! However, I did hear some grumbling that she was now too clean to display in your workshop!

Upon John Saylor's request, Steve Short delivered a quick report on his family's 56th consecutive attendance at the Indy 500. Summary report: Great weather/ crummy 1st lap crash followed by a solid race with a spectacular win by Montoya, after a great comeback from being sent to the back by the first lap crash! Steve also teased the crowd with offering to share an unusual item of racing memorabilia that he acquired this year which he hopes to share with the club once he figures out how to get it to California!

50-50 – Levi Marriott picked up the reins to restore this much loved event and it is hoped that he will continue to be our long term solution! Janice Saylor and Alan & Maryann Koch, each won \$11:00, while the club collected \$22:00. A secondary drawing followed by Brad Lutz who won a set of four new spark plugs, and then Maya Marriott won a Model T Ball Joint (with a very concerned look on her face!) (What would one possibly do with this?).

New Business

Crab feed venue - It was suggested that the Club should consider changing the Crab Feed Event from its current venue to the local Grange Hall located on Bell Road. (There could be a significant cost savings possible.) Gary Krezman indicated that he would investigate this facility option to see what were the pros and cons.

Special Request- Maya Marriott took the microphone and made two special requests of the Club:

- As an active swimmer with the Auburn Mermaids Synchronize Swimming Club she request a possible unspecified financial donation from MLLMTC to help support their organization's activities. A \$50.00 donation was made last year, and with minimal discussion, a motion was made by Louis Goodell to match the prior year's gift, seconded by Pat Bashore, and approved unanimously by membership voice vote...
- Maya then announced that she was working to raise money for herself to attend a school trip to Washington DC, next year. To that end she has been collecting used recyclable aluminum, glass, and plastic waste containers. She distributed plastic bags for interested members, to fill, and she and her brother Levi would pick them up if necessary.

The President made a call for any other New Business from the membership present. Hearing none, he gaveled the meeting to a close at 8:04 PM. Stephen Short, Secretary

Trading Post

For Sale: 1923 Model T 4 Door Sedan. At one time owned by the Hearst Family. All original. Needs a radiator, has a new interior kit ready to install. Good wood, \$10,500. Gary Dean, Yuba City, 850-554-7600

For Sale: 1925 Oakland Coach – Older restoration of a solid original and authentic car. Tour proven and parade ready! \$11,000 – Erik Lindstedt, 530-878-2491 or 530-848-5910

Happy July Birthdays

Nick Boorinakis	5
Jerry Anders	6
Jay Buscio	10
Erik Lindstedt	10
Russ Purvis	12
Skip Nowack	16
Michael McCafferty	23
Jill Jackson	25
Sherry Rodriguez	28
Trudie Barnes	31



Happy July Anniversaries

Jay & Christine Buscio	2
Murray & Harriette Work	18
Roger & Mary Lynn Barrett	27

"We promise not to tell how old you are... It's our secret."



"Hey, if you are lookin' for that extra special anniversary gift, have I got a deal for you!!! This baby is a real love machine!!!"





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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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