



# T Diggins'

Monthly Newsletter of the Mother Lode Model T Ford Club

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**March 2015**

## President's Ramblings

Another Crab Feed is now history. Gordon and Kitty did a great job as always putting this event together - Great appetizers, very good crab and delicious desserts. I also want to thank all that brought side dishes, appetizers and desserts. Monday, President's Day we had a good showing with six cars at the American Heritage Days in Fair Oaks. The warm sunny day made it even better; Great Model T weather. Those bringing cars were Gary and Susie, Allen Koch, Rich and Julie Instness, Chris Instness and Erik and Cindy Lindstedt and John Saylor. The Charter Dinner is coming up March 7. Don't miss this time to celebrate the anniversary of the club and reminisce of the history of our club. Saturday, April 11, we will officially kick off the touring season with our annual Gil Machado Memorial Shake Down Tour. Susie has a fun day planned for us. The rest of the year's activities are filling in. Check the calendar and save the dates. If you have an idea for a tour, check the calendar for an open month and give Susie a call. We had a fun time at the February meeting. Rich Baughman brought a heavy-duty mechanical jack that we auctioned off. It stirred up a fun bidding war. So don't miss the monthly meetings. We try to have fun as well conduct the club business.



*John Saylor*

## Activities Calendar

March 7 – Annual Charter Night Dinner.  
Auburn Valley Country Club, 3pm.

March 12 – Monthly General Meeting. Sizzler Restaurant, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner at 5:30 – 6pm. Meeting start at 7pm.

March 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Model T Safety Inspection Day. Burcher residence, 10 am.

March 17 – LOLs, Pelican Roost Restaurant, RSVP Junette at 916-759-7509.

March 27-29 – “Follow the Golden Brick Road” MTFCA Golden Anniversary and 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. See details in the Vintage Ford.

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

April 11 – Annual Gil Machado Memorial Shake Down Tour.

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 – 39<sup>th</sup> 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. Santa Clara Valley Model T Club.

Oct – Fall Colors Tour – Lindstedt.

Dec 6 – Annual Christmas Banquet.





Henry Ford

### Henry's luck of the Irish...

Did you know that American industrialist Henry Ford had Irish roots? His heritage goes back to County Cork located in the Southwest region and the province of Munster. At the height of the Irish famine in 1847, his grandfather, John made the difficult decision for his family to leave the homeland and head for America in hopes of a better life. The voyage was long and hard as it was for so many immigrants. John and Henry's father, William, then twenty-one years of age made the voyage successfully. Unfortunately, Henry's grandmother Tomasine passed away at sea. Henry's grandfather and father eventually made it to Dearborn to begin farming on

an eight-acre parcel of land. Henry never forgot Irish roots after hearing many stories from his father. In 1912 he made his first visit and was inspired by the land, people and family heritage. Henry returned in 1917 and established Henry Ford and Son Ltd. that later became a formal division of the Ford Motor Company. The plant in Cork initially manufactured tractors, but starting in 1921 cars were also produced. Henry was not only able to expand the manufacture and distribution of Ford products in Ireland, he also created jobs and prosperity that added greatly to the local economy of County Cork.



William Ford, Henry's father

### And a wee bit o'trivia...

The Fairlane was a car model produced by the Ford Motor Company in North America from 1955 through 1970. The name was taken from Henry Ford's estate near Dearborn – Fair Lane, named after an area with family history in County Cork, Ireland.

### Model Ts today in Ireland

According to their web site "The Irish Model T Ford Club comprises of members in the 32 counties of Ireland and in five International countries." They reference their tours in the beautiful Irish countryside as "runs" and have many other Model T related activities as well. Check out the web site at [www.irishmodeltclub.ie](http://www.irishmodeltclub.ie)



Irish postage stamp

### Charter Night Dinner – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Just a reminder that our club's 46<sup>th</sup> Charter Night Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, you have signed up in time as it's probably too late to sign up for this year's event. Location is the Auburn Valley Golf Club, 8800 Auburn Valley Road, Auburn, 95602. Social hour begins at 3:00 and dinner is at 4:00.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Model T Safety Inspection Day – Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

There is nothing better than hanging out at Lewie's place and checking out the ole' T to make sure you are safe to go touring. There will be never ending banter, opinions, recommendations, stories and lies regarding the mechanical virtues and vices of the Model T from our club "experts". Lot's of fun for all including impromptu driving lessons and touring tips. Meet at the Burcher residence, 1360 Wesley Ln, Auburn at 10 am.

## LOL Gathering – Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

LOL's for Feb was canceled so the lunch at Pelican Roost has been rescheduled for March 17th. Location is 904 Lincoln Way in Auburn at High Street across from the Clock tower at 11:30. Junette will have a sign up at the March meeting. Please call Junette Avey-Brown at 916 759-7509 to RSVP.

## Our February happenings – Some Great times at the Crab feed and American Heritage Day

Awesome job, Kitty and Gordon!



Unbelievable weather on President's Day!

## Model T Myths and maybes.....

Common misconceptions about the Model T Ford (and other early automobiles of significance)

*"Any color - so long as it's black."* Henry Ford

All Model Ts were painted black.... Nope. This common misperception is probably based on the fact that the majority of Model Ts in their highest production years were black and because of Henry's enduring quote. Many of the earliest and the latest Ts came in a variety of factory colors. Earliest production 1909 touring cars were lacquered in bright red and the runabouts were grey. Dark (Brewster) green and black fendered cars were next followed by dark blue with black fenders that continued well into the 1913 model year. It wasn't until Ford was fully immersed into the moving production line in 1914 did the cars come only in one color – shiny black. The formulation of the black paint that Ford created was durable, easy to apply quickly, and most of all, it dried faster than the other pigmented paints of the day. As a car manufacturer if you had slow curing paint, you needed lots of space (and time) for the car bodies to dry and that added to costs. Late in the Model Ts production of the 1926-27 "Improved Car" (introduced late 1925) colors other than black once again, became available. Closed cars could be had in a new formulation of "Prolyxn" paints in maroon, several hues of green, gray and brown. The new 21" wooden wheels could be either black or natural. Wire wheels became available in a number of colors other than black (reds, green, "straw" and orange). Even some of the lower priced open cars built starting late summer in 1926 had some different options including "Gunmetal" blue and "Phoenix" brown. When the Model T finally ended its production in May 1927, more cars were in colors than in good old black. And when the Model A was first released black was not even considered a standard production color (later on, black returned). It seemed that Ford was trying to distance himself from the

old fashion stigma of producing black-only cars. On a side note, there is some ongoing speculation that dark green sedans of the late teens (1919 production) may have been available, but most researchers acknowledge that these may have been a special order done at the regional distributor or dealer level, and not as a Ford factory option.

The first Model A was produced in 1928... Not exactly. While most of us think of the Model A as that stylish and advanced technological successor to the Model T produced 1928 through 1931 (first A sold in December, 1927). Ford's first successful production car was also the Model A... in 1903! Followed by the Model B, Model C (sometimes know as the A/C), Model F, Model K, Model N, R and S and then finally the Model T released in October of 1908 with production running through May, 1927. Plants closed for a while as the company tooled up for the completely new (and Ford's second) Model A.



Starting the Model A (lol! EL)

Kerosene lamps were discontinued in production once the electric starter was introduced in Model Ts in 1919. Yes, but on those cars and trucks without electric starters, kerosene side and tail lamps were standard equipment. Surprisingly, and though quite rare, non-starter open cars (tourings, roadsters, roadster-pickups) and trucks could be ordered into the 1927 production year. For an interesting example, check out the 2009 Model T Ford Club International Stynoski award winning 1927 Gunmetal Blue, non-starter roadster with kerosene lamps, square fellow non-demountable wheels, magneto headlights and horn, and no headlamp bar just like Henry made it!



Here is a quick one for our "bow-tie" Chevrolet friends. Chevy only made four and six cylinder cars in the early days and their first V-8 didn't come out until 1955. Not quite. Chevrolet produced their first V-8 engine in 1917!

*"It is no wonder that truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense."* Mark Twain

### Do you remember ?



Your first old car ride...

My first time at about age 12, was in 1966. I went for a ride in a vintage Ford. It was my brother's - Mike Elliott, for a few drives around the San Jose foothills, and being in the rumble seat up on toe wheels around the hairpins. Not much brakes in Mike's 1931 Model A Ford coupe. From then on it went to a full non-stop trip to Yosemite National Park, Tuolumne Meadows, which I'll always remember I was so hungry that I could not eat and my brother forcing chip-beef sandwiches down me. We had "Yosemite or Bust" on the back of both my brother's A and his friends '29 made out of white butcher paper. A life-time memory, that to plan it all over again in my T one of these upcoming days. Anyone want to sign up? Steve Elliott



*(Awesome memory, Steve. Thanks much for sharing. And a Yosemite tour sounds great! EL)*

## General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club

General Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2015

The February 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. The Meeting was heavily attended, so thanks to all for coming out!

Greeter Report – No formal report was made, except Larry Borchett (Larry was our contact person for the Auburn Airshow last Fall) was present and he took an application and signed up at the meeting. Welcome aboard!

Sunshine Report - No information was offered, therefore we assume all is well.

Secretary Report - Steve reported the minutes of the January 2015 General Meeting were printed in last months "T Diggins' Newsletter". As there were no corrections or additions requested, the January Minutes were declared to stand as published. Correspondence from other clubs and other miscellaneous was then passed around the room as Steve made his customary pitch for purchasing Club Coffee Mugs. He expressed his disappointment, with the Crowds unenthusiastic response, but his heart was gladdened when Roger Barrett stepped up after the meeting to purchase a new one!

Treasurer Report - Kitty proffered a summary overview of the Club's Monthly Income & Expense Report:  
For the period of January 2015. . She also provided a synopsis of the financial Costs and Expenses that were directly related to the Crab Feed Event. The results were dramatically improved from the records for the last several years (due to the ticket price adjustment). She reported that the Club Goal for 2016 will be to not increase attendee ticket prices unless there is some dramatic increase in projected Club expenses for this very popular event.

John Saylor extended a thank you to Gordon and Kitty for their hard work on making another successful Crab feed for the Club, and they were rewarded with another enthusiastic round of applause for their efforts ensuring another memorable Event!

Vice President's Report – Suzie Krezman gave an update on some of the current and possible new additional Touring events:

1. Junette Avey-Brown is considering leading a tour in May...schedule and route (to be determined).
2. John Saylor is considering a Manifold cook out tour in June, schedule and route (to be determined).
3. Gordon & Kitty Goodell will be leading the July 4th tour and Parade at Dutch Flat.

Suzy commented that the 2015 Touring Season was filling up nicely, and that there were several addition events in the talking stage. Hopefully we will have several additional events scheduled, so stay tuned for updates to your personal Calendars!

## Activities

LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) - Their next event is scheduled for Lunch at the Pelican Roost in Auburn at 11:30 AM on February 17, 2015.

## Old Business

Club Trailer repair - The ongoing progress on fixing up our "antique Club Trailer" was reported on by Erik Barrett. He is currently installing new wheel bearings and tires, and plans to complete any other miscellaneous repair to the undercarriage before taking it off of his lift. Once this work is completed, he will contact John Saylor to inspect and identify what remains to be completed "above the waterline". 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 cups and made a new February Pitch, but did it out of the usual order in the Agenda.....see above!

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.

#### OLD Business

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 delivered an update on his 1st Months' experience as the newly installed Editor of the MLMTC Newsletter. He and his wife Cindy were challenged by the experience, but were enjoying the fun of it all. Erik described their goals for the coming year focusing on the Membership's anecdotal stories, of any interesting personal experiences involving their T's (or other antique cars). The Theme will be called "Do You Remember?" Please submit any story to Erik that you might hold dear that you 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 too long!

Show and Tell – Erik Lindstedt then took the microphone and provided a story about his collection of Model T and Antique Car artwork and music. Several examples were shared with those present as he told stories about how the Model T car changed the history and culture of America by offering a place to have some privacy for the Boys and Girls (perhaps, Mom & Dad?). As he became increasingly and visibly enthused about what otherwise might have been be a dry history lesson, he amazed the crowd as he grabbed the microphone to deliver a spectacular vocal rendition of "In My Little Lovemobile". The crowd went wild with

enthusiasm and applause for his excellent singing talent!

He finished his performance with a slightly dazed look, suggesting perhaps "why did I just do this?" In spite of his promise to never do it again, the Crowd will clearly hope for a future encore, as his Show & Tell performance was arguably one of the best in Club History!

John Saylor announce that we have been invited to display our cars at the Lincoln Airport on June 6. The event being the 1920's Ford Tri-Motor airplane will be there. Rides will be offered for a fee. Erik & Roger Barrett both made a pitch for checking out the Ford Tri Motor Airplane. From their description, it sounds like a great photo opportunity to perhaps get a picture with your car, but more like a "death wish" to take a ride in! Several of us flew on a Tri-Motor that was at the Auburn Air show several years ago.

50-50 – Chaos again reigned supreme! It was reported that the 50-50 bucket sales could not be held due to a lack of available tickets. However, the night was financially saved when Rich Baughman offered to donate his antique Model T Car Jack for the Club to auction off. This generous offer led to a spectacular bidding war between Steve Short and Jerry Anders. The bids swiftly rose after Steve's initial offer of 10 hard earned bucks looked to be a slam dunk steal until the poker faced Jerry "locked his eyes" on the Prize! As the price kept rising, Bob McCoy bid a couple of times, but Jerry & Steve fought it out. A frustrated Steve finally challenged Jerry to answer the question of why he wanted this old jack. His answer: "I just like the fun of bidding on things!" Steve offered a far more compelling need for the Jack due to the fact that he had discovered a flat tire on his Roadster this very morning in the garage, and he had no car Jack capable of lifting the high axle of his T Roadster! Jerry mercifully allowed Steve to take the Prize home for \$31, thereby ensuring his ability to drive in the upcoming annual Shakedown Tour along with continued Club financial solvency!

## New Business

Food Service Regulations – It was reported that the Club Board of directors has been investigating the issues surrounding what is needed for ensuring that we remain in compliance with Placer County rules and regulations for sponsoring a Community Event with Food Service (such as our Annual Swap Meet). Several Members in the audience offered numerous information items that may be needed to achieve full compliance, and the

Board will take all into consideration. The Board will be reporting back to the Membership shortly on what changes are recommended for implementation for our upcoming Swap Meet.

Since there was no additional business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gordon Goodell, seconded by Bertie Baughman, and gavelled to a close by President Saylor at 7:47 PM.

Stephen Short, Secretary

## Trading Post

Wanted: Front pair of “pancake” style Hassler shock absorbers. These were designed specifically for the ’26-’27 Ford and are different from the earlier “beehive” spring style. Erik Lindstedt, 530-878-2491

## 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 “Do you remember?” memory, tale to tell or perspectives 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.

## Happy March Anniversaries

Vern & Eula Marriott	25
John and Janice Saylor	30

## Happy March Birthdays

John Boorinakis	2
David Porco	6
Christine Buscio	9
Toni Moore	9
Edward Rodriguez	11
Janice Saylor	15
Sherry Silva	18
Shelly Moore	18
Mary Ellen Huff	19
Nita Purvis	19
Dick Johnson	21
Philip Gardner	22
Alyssa Moore	25
Donna Christin	27
Dustin Ramsey	30



*“I told you! See what happens when you miss Lewie’s Safety Inspection Day.”*



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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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