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

President's Ramblings



Our touring season came to a close on Saturday, October 24th with another great Fall Colors Tour. There were 20 plus cars. Great tour route and we did see a few golden and red turning trees. See the pictures on the website. Thanks to the Lindstedts for continuing to chair this tour every year. Looks like Junette and Mark may have to toss a coin or draw straws to see who gets to keep the trouble trophy. Meeting attendance continues to be excellent. Kitty will be sending the dues renewals out soon. Please respond promptly so you will be included in the new roster. The upcoming club events into next year are being planned and looks to be another great year. Check the calendar, we have dates through the April Shakedown. Don't forget, we do not have a general membership meeting in December. We will end this year with our annual Christmas dinner, December 6th at Auburn Valley Country Club. Get your RSVPs into Eula. You don't want to miss this festive event!

John Saylor

Activities - Remaining 2015 Events

Nov 12th – Thursday, Monthly Meeting – Sizzler Restaurant at 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn. Come for dinner 5:30-6:00 pm. Meeting will start at 7pm.

Nov 17th – Tuesday, LOL's (Ladies out to Lunch), Pottery World, 4419 Granite Drive, Rocklin. 11:30a.m. Hostess: Toni Moore, 530-823-5233

Dec 6th – Sunday, Annual Christmas Banquet at Auburn Valley Country Club starting at 3:00p.m. See enclosed flyer for further details. RSVP and mail to Eula Marriott by November 21st.

Dec 15th – Tuesday, LOL's (Ladies out to Lunch), Awful Annie's Restaurant – Newly opened (formerly Lou La Bonte's), 11:30a.m. Hostess: Junette Avery-Brown, 916-436-4176

**Great events and activities are coming up in 2016!
Check out our website and look for details in upcoming newsletters**

Fall Colors Tour, Saturday, October 24th

As Cindy, Ben and I packed up the touring car and headed down the road it was easy to be thankful for the beautiful weather, crispness in the air and the emergence of some beautiful fall colors – The day was perfect for a T ride, especially when remembering the cold and windy downpours of last year's Fall Colors Tour (A great time, but oh so very, very wet!). Our newly restored



'26 was prepared to work through a few "bugs" experienced on earlier tours, but overall, running pretty darn well (Special thanks to Les for the reminder of the importance of a good ground wire when running a distributor – simple things mean a lot!). As we departed Raley's, it was amazing to see the trail of 21 old Fords and 53 happy



travelers and friends in search of fall colors. As John mentioned in his opening, we did have a few mishaps with some cars wanting to opt for an earlier end to touring season and yes, we may need to figure out who truly is the winner of the club's infamous (and recently gender-corrected or gender-neutral?) Trouble Trophy . First out was Junette and Nate who had to send the '23 touring home with a broken transmission drum. After a re-grouping we headed out Dog Bar Road and picked a couple of more cars and happy travelers on the way. The pace was leisurely as we made it to our rest stop at Condon Park in Grass Valley to ensure that the long-standing tradition of eating donuts was fulfilled. And even though Mark's '26 coupe went down and out with what was possibly rear axle failure, Mark was determined to continue on in passenger mode, riding shotgun with Gordon. As we made our way through Grass Valley and out Bitney Springs Road, more colors greeted us as we crept along the way taking the gravel backroads into Nevada City reminiscent of auto travel in the early 1900's. We nearly had a third car casualty, but Kitty and Louie were able to limp forward in the '27 roadster-pick with the Ruxtell locked in low. We made it to the restaurant in Cedar Ridge for a bit of well-deserved rest and relaxation. Cindy, Ben, and I were touched by the club's gift of card and flowers. Unfortunately, our numbers may have overwhelmed the cooking staff and lunch came much later than hoped for. Nonetheless, our hearty club members and venerable old Fords carried on, focusing on all that was good, enjoying the beautiful day and wonderful ride home.



Sincerely, Cindy, Ben, and Erik Lindstedt

LOL Gathering for November

This month's LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th at 11:30 am at Pottery World, 4419 Granite Drive, Rocklin. Toni Moore is hosting the event and can be reached at 530-823-5233.

Annual Christmas Dinner and Party, Sunday, December 6th

Ho! Ho! Ho! Whether you have been nice or naughty make sure to plan on making it to this year's Mother Lode Model T Club Christmas Party. Eula Marriott is coordinating the festivities for the event at the Auburn Valley Country Club. Reservation and event details are in the enclosed flyer. Come one, come all and enjoy the holiday season with a great group of Santa's helpers, elves, sleigh riders, snowmen, snowwomen, nutcrackers, and just a few Scrooges!



General Meeting Minutes

Mother Lode Model T Club
General Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2015

Call to Order / Welcome - The October 2015 general membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Saylor. The meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, CA.

Greeter Report – Junette noted that David Pava (a new Member) was present for this evening’s meeting. He subsequently provided an interesting description of his lifelong interest in collecting antique autos, and his extensive experience at buying, restoring, and selling various collectable vehicles. He recently purchased a 1915 Model T Touring car, and is in need of picking up a Ruckstell axle, Rocky Mountain Brakes, and possibly a Warford Transmission. Members possessing any of these items were asked to contact him if they wish to sell.

Sunshine Report – Susie Krezman reported that she sent out “thinking of you” greeting cards to Vernell Bunnell, as well as Jack and Cleona Duncan. Otherwise, all is well.

Secretary Report – Steve Short reported that the minutes of the September 10th, 2015 General Meeting were printed in last month’s “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 was on vacation, so no report was provided at this meeting.

Vice President’s Report on Upcoming Activities – Susie Krezman, Club V.P. provided a general summary of upcoming MLMTC events and activities for the membership:

Saturday October 24th: The Fall Colors Tour: Erik Lindstedt reported that we will be again returning to the Grass Valley area but that he and Cindy had decided to not include a visit to the Empire Mine. The exact route has not yet been determined, but details will follow. A tour signup sheet was circulated, and at the end of the Meeting it appeared that the Club will be turning out in strong numbers for this loved event. (Meet at Raley’s at 8:30 AM /departs at 9:00 AM) Lunch will be at Apple Alley Café in Cedar Ridge.

November: No event is scheduled.

Sunday December 6th: Christmas Banquet at Auburn Valley CC (Social Hr.4 PM /Dinner at 5 PM hosted by Eula Marriott). Choice of Club preference in the meat choice was discussed between Prime Rib vs. Filet Mignon, with Prime Rib agreed to after some lively discussion! Members who plan to attend will have the chance to make their individual choices in the near future.

2016 Preliminary Schedule

January: President’s Pizza Feed (John Saylor to set the Schedule)

February 20th: Club Crab Feed has been scheduled to take place at the Auburn Grange Hall this year located on Bell Road.

April 2nd: Shakedown Tour has been scheduled and confirmed by Susie Krezman

June 4th & 5th: MLMTC Annual Swap Meet (Saturday the 5th: Set up in the AM / Members Potluck in the late PM) (Sunday the 6th: Event held / clean up by 3:00 PM).

Possible idea for scheduling a Midweek Tour in the future: Susie asked for the membership’s thought on having tour on a day other than Saturday or Sunday. No strong preferences were expressed, so Susie said that the topic will be revisited in the near future.

Other Activities

LOL (Ladies Out to Lunch) – It was reported that their next gathering for lunch will be on October 20th at Rubino’s Italian Restaurant at 5015 Pacific Street in Rocklin Auburn at 11:30 AM. Hostess: Wanda Johnson.

T-Diggins Editor Report – Erik Lindstedt thanked those who have been providing him with interesting stories for incorporation into the newsletter and asked that the membership “keep them coming” for future publications.

Old Business

Trouble Trophy – Rumored to be still in happy possession of the smiling Goodell family.

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

Post Swap Meet BBQ Clean up – No report on this activity was provided.

MLMTC Cups – Steve Short announced that he no longer had any club coffee mugs to sell.

Club Shirts - John 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.

New Business

Board Member Election – Gary Krezman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported that the following individuals had stepped forward to fill the pending vacancy of 4 seats:

- Eric Barrett / Phil Lawrence / Gary Krezman / Steve Short

Gary then called for any other members present who might wish to be added the slate. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the slate of candidates as is, which was then proffered by Ed Rodriguez, seconded by Bertie Baughman, and approved by voice acclamation by the Members present. The Board will convene in the near future to determine who will serve as officers.

Tech Tips – No information was offered this evening.

Show and Tell – Al Gillming delivered an interesting story of how he recently sold his 1929 Model A to a Movie Filming Company. It was a sweet all cash deal on the spot, and he was relieved to have finally sold the vehicle which had been on the market for over a year! The big mystery was what were they going to do with the car, and what movie it might show up in? Keep your eyes wide open if you are watching Gangster Movies!

Bobbie Weitzel (with help from Chief Mechanic, Eric Barrett) provided an update on his Model T race car escapades at the Lincoln Airport. Timed Runs results were as follow:

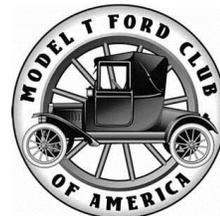
- Run 1: 10.8 Seconds
- Run 2: Mechanical Problems
- Run 3: A great promising looking run until Bobbie missed a shift, and destroyed the torque converter!

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. These auctions have been a lot of fun, and this month was exciting as ever! The following items of historic interest were donated by Russ Purvis and auctioned off:

- A small gas cylinder powered air horn was sold for \$1.00!
- A bag containing various Model T oil drain plugs was sold to Brad Lusk for \$6.00!
- A box of old Model T water pump packing cord was sold to Eric Barrett for \$5.00!



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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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